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Idaho water law in question

It will face a legal test in Gooding County

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

GOODING — Idaho's water law will stand trial in Gooding County following a district court judge's recent decision not to dismiss a case brought by surface water users against the state.

"Given the time sensitive nature pertaining to the administration of water rights, it makes little sense to further delay resolution of this issue," wrote 5th

District Court Judge Barry Wood, in an order issued late on Friday.

In deciding not to drop the case brought against the Idaho Department of Water Resources, Wood took on the task of evaluating the constitutionality of conjunctive management — a major principle of state water law. Wood's decision in the case will impact water users across Magic Valley, inevitably determining who gets the rights to the area's most precious resource.

The conjunctive management rule recognizes the relationship between surface and groundwater and allows the two to be managed jointly. Surface water users claim the rule "flies in the face" of the prior appropriation doctrine — another facet of Idaho water law. Prior appropriation allows users with the older or more senior rights, such as surface water users, first dibs on water over the claims of groundwater pumpers, or those

Groundwater users may face curtailment.

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with junior water rights. "We're gratified the court is going to take a look at these rules," said Tom Akosch, who represents American Falls Reservoir District No. 2, one of the five surface water parties involved in the case. "Our ultimate intention is to heal this aquifer."

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News

- **Last we know:** Surface water users sued Water Resources in a case that challenges one of the major tenets of Idaho water law.
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SOMETHING BIGGER?



Kim Vanderbark, a Hansen Elementary School fifth-grade teacher, works with Jose Martinez Tuesday morning during math class. The Hansen School District is placing a \$1.77 million bond on the ballot to build additional space at the elementary school.

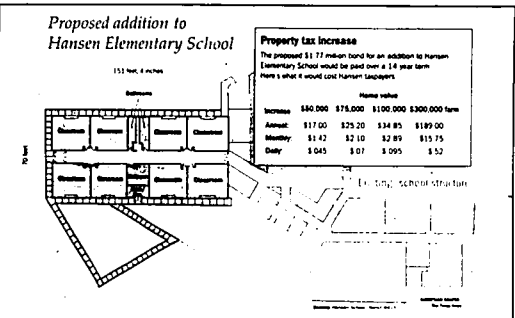
Hansen will seek \$1.77 million bond issue

The elementary school would add eight classrooms

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

HANSEN — Hansen Elementary does not have enough space for the existing building, which will provide eight new classrooms. Hansen Elementary Principal Tom Standley said the additional classrooms will provide enough space for teachers to separate classes into smaller groups, as well as provide space for students with specific needs.

Currently, couches and desks situated in hallways serve as makeshift classrooms for individual student instruction. The school has three mobile classrooms that provide additional class space; however, two of the mobiles lack insulation and still do not



provide enough space for classes with more than 30 students.

"The library is usually full so we can't go there, and the mobiles are always full so we can't go there either, so the hallway is the only place we

can go," said Barbara Packer, an English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor.

Hansen Elementary has enough teachers to maintain the district teacher to student ratio, but class space is

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Down to a coin toss

Three tie with 41 votes in Dietrich

By Terry Smith
Times-News writer

DIETRICH — The race for two city council seats in this small southern Idaho town will be settled by coin toss — but it's going to take more than one coin, as the city finds itself with the unusual situation of a three-way tie.

"Some people said we ought to submit this to the Guinness Book of World Records to see if it's ever happened before," Council President Wanless Southwick said Wednesday.

Thursday's election results left incumbents Southwick and Don Heiken and newcomer Fred Hill with 41 votes each. Under the city's election rules, the top two candidates were to be the winners for four-year terms on the council.

Specifically, the law determines those needed to be settled by a coin toss, said Gooding attorney Craig Hobbey, the city of Dietrich's legal counsel.

He said there are a few different options, such as a three-way flip with the odd man out. Or sort of a double-elimination coin toss.

The option used will be determined by the present City Council within the next week.

"I have not seen a situation where there's two seats open and three people tie for them," Hobbey said. "I've never seen that before."

Southwick said voter turnout was quite high for the small Lincoln County town, which lists a population of about 200.

He said the votes were recounted several times to make sure there were no mistakes. The total of 41 for each candidate came out with each recount, he said.

"Forty-one was the magic number," Southwick said, referring not only to the two four-year council terms but also to a two-year council position that was up for election.

There were no official candidates for the two-year term, but two citizens received write-in votes. Jene Jennings got nine votes and Anne Eichlman received — 41, of course.

Sparks fly when oil executives appear before Senate

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Oil company executives faced tough questions Wednesday about their industry's record profits at a Senate hearing that gave lawmakers a chance to vent about high energy costs.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, an industry ally, told the executives that the No. 1 question asked at his recent town-hall meetings was "about you and your profitability. And I must tell you, it's not terribly fun defending you."

But at a joint hearing of two Senate committees, the executives of five major oil companies made no apologies for their profits — more than \$30 billion in the third quarter of this year. Sparks flew from the beginning, when Democrats demanded that the executives testify under oath. Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of

the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, denied the request, saying that forcing the witnesses to raise their right hands to be sworn in was unfair, since they appeared voluntarily, and unnecessary.

"There is nothing in the standing rules of our committee or the Senate which requires witnesses to be sworn," he said. "These witnesses are aware that making false statements and testimony is a violation of federal law, whether or not an oath has been administered."

The political potency of the energy-price issue was evident as about a third of the Senate showed up at the televised session — also sponsored by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee — to grill the executives of ExxonMobil, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, BP America and Shell.

The only place where energy prices were discussed Wednesday, House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., met with ExxonMobil's chief executive, House Democrats demanded their own hearing into oil industry profits and White House spokesman Scott McClellan said that President Bush wanted oil companies to be "good corporate citizens" by investing in construction of refineries and doing more to assist low-income energy users.

"During their 3 1/2 hours before the Senate panel, the executives said their earnings should be measured over time and against the large investments they make in energy projects."

"Petroleum company earnings go up and down," said Lee Raymond, the chairman and chief executive officer of Exxon.



Oil company executives, from left, David O'Reilly, chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Chevron Corporation; James Mulva, Chairman and CEO, Conoco Phillips; Ross Pillant, President and CEO, BP America Inc.; and John Holmeister, President and U.S. Country Chair, Shell Oil Company, testify Wednesday on Capitol Hill before a joint Senate Energy and Commerce Committee hearing.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Scattered clouds and mainly dry. Highs near 60. Tonight: A few clouds. Lows, 30s. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny. Brief and mild temperatures for November. Highs, level 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A few clouds and quite mild. Highs, lower 60s. Tonight: Partly cloudy and remaining dry. Lows near 30. Tomorrow: A few degrees cooler, but still above average. Highs near 60.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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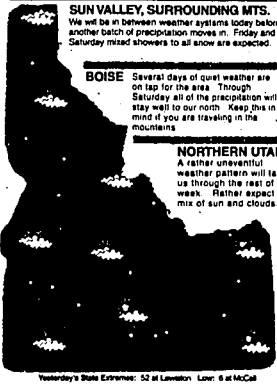
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BOISE

Several days of wet weather are on tap for the area. Through Saturday all of the precipitation will stay well to our north. Keep this in mind if you are traveling in the mountains.

NORTHERN UTAH

A rather uneventful weather pattern will take us through the rest of the week. Rather expect a mix of sun and clouds.



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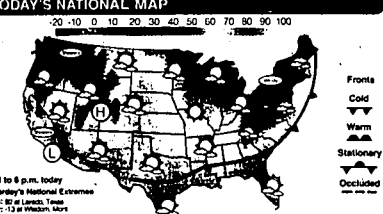
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Water

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After negotiations between water users went nowhere, seven Magic Valley canal companies and irrigation districts, called the Surface Water Coalition, asked Water Resources Director Karl Dreher to fulfill their senior rights by curtailing junior users in their January water.

Dreher's answer called by determining that the coalition suffered an injury of 133,400 acre-feet of water in 2005 and ordered groundwater users to come up with the first 27,700 acre-feet of replacement water during the 2005 season.

In August, five members of the Surface Water Coalition, who felt Dreher's offer was unsatisfactory, filed a lawsuit against Water Resources in district court — challenging both Dreher's application of conjunctive management and the validity of the rule in general.

Hansen

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pushed to the limits and the school does not have room to separate classes.

Administrators are concerned that a wave of residential development in the surrounding area will soon bring even more students to the elementary school.

During the 1996-97 school year, 213 students were enrolled at the elementary school. In 2004-05, enrollment reached 252 students.

"We try to maintain a ratio of 16 students for each teacher in grades first through third," Standley said. "And this ratio is a large part of our academic success, but in grades fourth through fifth, where we try to keep class sizes down to about 22 students, we're falling miserably because we don't have anywhere to put them."

The community has been supportive of the district's bond requests, and Standley hopes this election will follow precedent. Some parents — whose children are enrolled at Hansen Elementary — have

calls into question whether the administrative hearing will proceed, given that Dreher used the conjunctive management rule in issuing his order. This Court finds little reason to delay an inevitable constitutional challenge to the conjunctive management rules," Wood wrote in his order.

In an interview on Wednesday, Mike Creamer, an attorney for the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, said he was disappointed with Wood's decision to take on the case. Creamer said that his clients invested a significant amount of effort and money to meet the director's order which is now up in the air.

A spokesman for Water Resources declined comment on the case.

"There were some people saying the only reason the addition was being added was to bring more people to the subdivisions," Brown said. "Which certainly isn't true."

The Hansen School District will hold an informational meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in the elementary school to speak with the public before the Nov. 15 bond election.

GOP removes arctic drilling from bill

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — House GOP leaders agreed Wednesday night to strip plans to permit oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and in the offshore continental shelf from the massive \$54 billion budget-cutting measure, probably securing the votes to pass the measure today.

Oil

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Mobil, whose \$9.3 billion third-quarter profit was up 75 percent from a year ago. But he said the company pours money into projects to increase fuel supply when earnings are high as well as when they are low.

Shell Oil Co. President John Hofmeister added, "True, the total dollar numbers are large, but so are the billions of dollars that petroleum companies have invested to supply energy to U.S. consumers."

Their explanations failed to ease the political anxiety among lawmakers in both parties over high prices. Several vowed to press ahead with legislation, such as a windfall profits tax and a prohibition on price-gouging when measures are seen as having little chance of passing a GOP-controlled Congress.

Lawmakers from both parties — some of whom waited hours for the opportunity to ask questions within their allotted five minutes — expressed frustration with the executives' answers.

When Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., told the executives that she wanted "just a yes-or-no answer" to whether their companies exported fuel prior to Hurricane Katrina, Raymond responded, "Well, Senator, there are no easy yes-or-no answers in this business."

Some tensions stemmed from disputes among the senators over Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., displeased with Stevens' decision not to swear in the witnesses, sought to submit a picture of Sen. Henry "Scoop" Jackson, D-Wash., swearing in oil company executives during hearings in the 1970s, Stevens snapped, "We don't put photographs in the record."

When Boxer held up a chart listing the executives' compen-

return after House and Senate negotiators hash out a final measure. Even then, several moderate Republicans have said they still would oppose the bill, which would allow states to impose new costs on Medicaid recipients, cut funds for student loans and child support enforcement, trim farm supports, and restrict access to food stamps.

Those measures and others would save \$54 billion over five years, but moderates have complained that those savings would be more than lost if the House moved forward with a

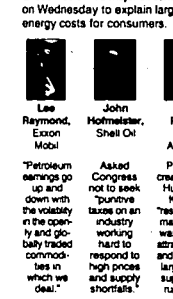
870 billion tax-cut bill next week.

In exchange for stripping the energy provisions, however, GOP moderates promised their votes Wednesday night to all but ensure passage, said Sarah Chamberlain, executive director of the Republican Mainstream Partnership, the moderate coalition that led negotiations.

Chamberlain said the members of her coalition stressed again Wednesday night that they would vote against any final agreement that reinstated the drilling provisions.

Oil companies defend big profits

Executives of five major oil companies appeared at Senate hearings on Wednesday to explain large third-quarter profits amid rising energy costs for consumers.



Third quarter profits, in billions of dollars

Exxon Mobil: 8.8, Chevron: 5.7, Conoco Phillips: 5.4, and two unnamed companies: 4.5 and 4.5.

*Earnings for Royal Dutch Shell PLC, the parent of Shell Oil. **Earnings for BP PLC

SOURCES: The companies

as the company attempted to ask about their salaries, Stevens interrupted her, saying, "We're permitted to have charts to show information that pertains to our issue. This chart is really helpful."

But Boxer still was able to scold the executives: "Working people struggle with high gas prices — and your sacrifice, gentlemen, appears to be nothing."

Although pump prices have eased from a high of more than \$3 per gallon for unleaded regular after Hurricane Katrina damaged Gulf Coast energy facilities, both Republican and Democratic lawmakers are still getting a carful from consumer anger over expected increases in cost of home heating.

ConocoPhillips chief James Mitchell acknowledged "public distrust" of the industry, but added that consumers are "mistaking the size of our earnings for a windfall, not realizing the enormous levels of investment

required to achieve those earnings and bring new energy supplies to the market."

The CEOs spoke out against a proposal pushed by mostly Democrats to impose a windfall-profits tax on oil industry earnings that it would discourage investment to increase energy supplies.

The executives also rejected a bill by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, for oil companies to contribute 10 percent of their profits to a federal program that provides home-heating subsidies for low-income households.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., who requested the hearing, issued a statement after the hearing that the executives did not "adequately answer the question of whether the sky-high gas prices we saw earlier this fall were entirely justified, and whether their companies, in addition, they are embracing for consumer anger over expected increases in cost of home heating."

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Suicide bombers strike in Jordan

More than 50 die in attack likely carried out by al-Qaida

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Suicide bombers carried out nearly simultaneous attacks on three U.S.-based hotels in the Jordanian capital Wednesday night, killing at least 57 people and wounding 115 in what appeared to be an al-Qaida assault on an Arab kingdom with close ties to the United States.

The explosions hit the Grand Hyatt, Radisson SAS and Days Inn hotels just before 9 p.m. One of the blasts took place inside a wedding hall where 300 guests were celebrating — joined by a man strapped with explosives who had infiltrated the crowd. Black smoke rose into the night, and wounded victims stumbled from the hotels.

"We thought it was fireworks for the wedding but I saw people falling to the ground," said Ahmed, a wedding guest at the five-star Radisson who did not give his surname. "I saw blood. There were people killed. It was ugly."

Jordan's deputy prime minister, Marwan Muasher, said there was no claim of responsibility but that Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian-born leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, was a "prime suspect."

A U.S. counterterrorism official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing, said the strong suspicion is that al-Zarqawi was involved because of his known animosity for Jordanian monarchy and the fact that it was a suicide attack, one of his hallmarks.

In February, U.S. intelligence indicated that Osama Bin Laden was in contact with al-Zarqawi, compelling him to conduct attacks outside of Iraq. Jordan has arrested scores of Islamic militants for plotting to carry out attacks and has also sentenced many militants to death in absentia, including al-Zarqawi.

Its capital has become a base for Westerners who fly in and out of neighboring Iraq for work. Amman's main luxury hotels downtown are often full of



A Jordanian policeman stands guard outside the Radisson hotel in Amman after three explosions rocked hotels in Jordan's capital last Wednesday. Suicide bombers simultaneously attacked three hotels frequented by foreigners, killing at least 57 people.

American and British officials and contractors enjoying the relative quiet of the city.

"Obviously this is something Jordan is not used to," Muasher told CNN. "We have been lucky so far in avoiding those incidents." He said most of the casualties appeared to be Jordanians and that authorities had sealed the country's land borders.

A State Department official said there was no information on any American casualties. A Jordanian security official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to address the media, said the dead included at least three Asians, possibly Chinese.

The first blast was reported at about 8:50 p.m. at the five-star Grand Hyatt. The explosion took place in the lobby and shattered its stone entrance.

Steve Olderman, a businessman from England, was

attending a business dinner at the Grand Hyatt, where an information technology conference took place earlier in the day.

"Suddenly we heard an explosion and the whole hotel filled with smoke, and suddenly we found ourselves outside the hotel," said a startled-looking Olderman, who was on the ground floor at the time of the attack.

"We saw bodies lying as we were coming out" of the hotel, said Olderman, who had been staying at the Radisson. "It was pretty horrible. We were sitting beside a huge plate glass window and it just exploded beside us. ... We were lucky to get out alive."

A few minutes after that attack and a short distance away, police reported the explosion at the wedding celebration, which took place in a special reception hall on the ground floor of the Radisson. At least five people

were killed and 20 wounded. The Radisson is popular with American and Israeli tourists and was a target of several foiled al-Qaida plots, including a conspiracy to attack U.S. and Israeli tourists during the kingdom's millennium celebrations. There were no reports of Israeli casualties.

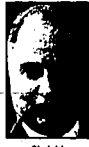
Amin Omar, a concierge at the Radisson, said Jordanian security forces later took over the hotel and that all foreign and local guests have been accounted for and returned to their rooms. He had no details on how many casualties were sustained in the blast.

"This is a terrible, terrible situation. The explosion took place during a local Jordanian wedding and caused a lot of damage. Broken chairs, shattered glass, thrown tables," Omar said. "Everything is still in a great fix."

Deputy prime minister invites Senate scrutiny

The visiting Iraqi official attempts to smooth relations with Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Chalabi offered Wednesday to be questioned by the Senate on his role in prevent Iraq but refused to apologize for fueling allegations that Saddam Hussein had "hidden" caches of weapons of mass destruction.



Chalabi

Accorded a warm reception by the Bush administration, Chalabi lined up Vice President Dick Cheney and five Cabinet officers, including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, for meetings "this week and next."

Chalabi, whose reputation in Washington has soared, fallen and now revived, was welcomed by administration officials whom he briefed on Iraq's reconstruction efforts, particularly on energy and financial issues.

But on Capitol Hill, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Rep. George Miller, D-Ind., urged the Senate and House intelligence committees to subpoena Chalabi regarding allegations that he provided false information about Saddam's weapons and leaked U.S. secrets to Iran.

Sens. Durbin, Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., told Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales that Chalabi should be sitting down with FBI investigators

rather than meeting with Cabinet secretaries.

"Will the FBI interview Mr. Chalabi during his visit to the United States?" the senators asked in a letter. "If not, why not?"

And on the House side, Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., wrote Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., that if allegations that Chalabi leaked intelligence to Iran are true, he has betrayed U.S. interests, caused incalculable damage to our national security and contributed to the death of more than 2,000 troops.

Waxman asked Shays, who is chairman of a House national security subcommittee, to cancel a private briefing Thursday with Chalabi and instead hold a public hearing in which Chalabi would testify under oath.

At a news conference, Chalabi denied giving Iran information that compromised U.S. security.

But he said he had offered last year to be questioned, and added, "I am prepared to go the Senate and respond to questions."

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Texas appeals court upholds ruling allowing new trial for Andrea Yates

HOUSTON (AP) — The state's highest criminal court on Wednesday upheld a lower court ruling that threw out Andrea Yates' murder convictions for drowning her children in a bathtub in 2001.

Harris County Assistant District Attorney Alan Curry said the case will be retried or a plea bargain considered. Jurors rejected Yates' insanity defense in 2001 and found her guilty of two capital murder charges for the deaths of three of her five children.

A lower court ruling in January had thrown out the convictions because of erroneous testimony that prosecutors used to suggest that Yates had gotten the idea for the killings from an episode of the television show "Law & Order." The episode was found later not to exist.

Curry said if the case goes back to trial, he is confident Yates will be convicted again. She was sentenced to life in prison.

"Andrea Yates knew precisely what she was doing," Curry said. "She knew that it was wrong."

Yates' attorney, George Parnham, said that although he wants to avoid another trial for

his client, he doubts he and prosecutors can reach a plea agreement that addresses Yates' mental health needs.

Yates has been treated for years for severe depression and other disorders that require anti-psychotic drugs.

"We will examine all possibilities and hopefully arrive at a resolution that could prevent Andrea from going through the torment of being subjected to

the evidence of this case. We all know how horrendous it was to hear this evidence," he said.

Russell Yates, who stood by his wife throughout the trial but later divorced her, said she never should have been tried for their children's deaths.

"I think everyone would lose again if they brought her back to trial," he said. "Although, if she does go back to trial she could be found not guilty by reason of insanity."

Russell Yates said he visits his former wife once a month in prison. He said she belongs in a state hospital, where "the primary emphasis is on care and not security."

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Food marketers look to chronic disease to shape message

The Associated Press

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If that sales pitch sounds a little sick, that's the point. Aging baby boomers and rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health conditions have marketers looking to chronic illness as the new must-reach demographic.

It's part of a cultural shift that increasingly sees health problems as lifestyles rather than diseases. Now the food industry is realizing those lifestyles can have a major influence on spending habits.

It's easy to see why this is a fast-growing trend. For people like Karen Merrill, her lifestyle has become a matter of life and death.

The 49-year-old Barrington, N.H., woman had a heart attack and quintuple bypass in 2002.

She credits the chronic disease-pitch — which gives good-for-you branding everything from menu items to entire supermarket shelves — makes it easier for her to eat a shop.

During a recent trip to her local grocer, she was thrilled to spot several new whole-grain breakfast cereals — foods she's supposed to be eating more of — displayed in a special "heart healthy" section of the cereal aisle.

"I never would have known that this cereal existed if it wasn't for that display," said Merrill. "By coupling things like that, it introduces me to new things. Normally I would have been headed to the health food store to get it."

And there's plenty of incentive for these efforts.

Americans with heart problems — there are more than 70 million of them — represent \$71 billion in annual buying power. The nation's nearly 21 million diabetics command around \$14 billion. And don't forget that about two-thirds of American adults are overweight or obese.

People with chronic health conditions also are two to three times more likely than their healthy peers to follow special diets, making them prime targets for low-fat, low-sugar and other specialty foods, according

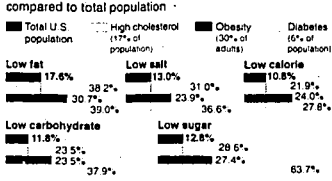


Karen Merrill of Barrington, N.H., asks a grocery store employee if the store carries an item. Merrill has changed her shopping and eating habits following quintuple bypass surgery after a heart attack in 2002. Food producers are increasingly marketing for people who have adjusted their diet due to chronic illness.

Marketing towards chronic ailments

The food industry is realizing that the cultural shift of seeing health problems as lifestyles rather than diseases can have a major influence on spending habits.

Dietary habits for common ailment sufferers



SOURCE: IRI Healthcare

to a report by IRI Healthcare, a Chicago-based marketing research firm that recently studied the disease-marketing trend.

There's also a spillover effect. "If Mom comes down with something, the entire household's diet changes," says Bob Doyle, a senior vice president at IRI.

Merrill, for example, shops not

just for herself, but also hopes to prevent her husband and 11-year-old daughter from suffering her fate.

Some critics accuse the industry of trying to profit off sickness, but American Dietetic Association spokeswoman Dawn Jackson Blatner says anything that makes it easier for consumers to make healthy choices

is a good thing. Marketing good-for-you foods is nothing new, but the tactic is becoming increasingly sophisticated and ailment-specific.

Broad healthy living campaigns are being replaced with efforts that narrowly target foods to people with particular conditions, says John Stanton, a food marketing professor at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

Along with those heart-healthy sections that appealed to Merrill, grocers increasingly are introducing shelves of sugar-free items for diabetics and gluten-free foods for people with wheat allergies.

The Maine-based Hannaford Bros. Co. grocery chain, for example, recently added gluten-free and dairy-free sections to its 140 stores in the Northeast and is developing plans for additional health-inspired sections.

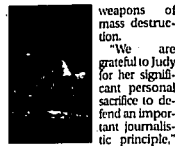
It absolutely is a question of making a grocery store more user-friendly," says Hannaford spokeswoman Karen Epstein, who notes that the typical grocer offers 35,000 items these customers otherwise would need to comb through.

Judith Miller retires from New York Times

NEW YORK (AP) — Judith Miller, the New York Times reporter who was first lionized, then vilified by her own newspaper for her role in the CIA leak case, has retired from the Times, the paper announced Wednesday.

Miller, 57, joined the Times in 1977 and was part of a team that won a Pulitzer Prize in 2002 for reporting on global terrorism. She said in a letter to readers that she left because she had "become the news." She had been negotiating a severance deal with the paper for several weeks.

Miller spent 65 days in jail over the summer for refusing to testify about her conversations with a confidential source. But after her release, she was criticized harshly and publicly by Times editors and writers for her actions in the CIA leak case and for her reporting during the run-up to the Iraq war, later discredited, indicating that Saddam Hussein possessed



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weapons of mass destruction. "We are grateful to Judy for her significant personal sacrifice to defend an important journalistic principle," Times publisher Arthur

Sulzberger Jr. said in a statement. "I respect her decision to retire from The Times and wish her well."

The Times declined to disclose details of the severance package, but said the paper had agreed to print a letter from Miller in which she defended herself and explained her reasons for leaving.

She said she could no longer function as a reporter at the paper, given her unwanted status as a news figure.

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Rioting losing steam in France

PARIS — The French Riviera cities of Nice and Cannes, best known for glitz and film festivals that attract Hollywood stars, were among areas that imposed curfews for minors Wednesday even as rioting abated.

The government toughened its stance against those involved in France's worst civil unrest since its 1968 student riots. Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy said local officials have been told to deport the 120 foreigners convicted so far for their roles in the violence.

Although rioting persisted in some places for a 13th night, car burnings led by nearly half and reports of violence dropped. Nevertheless, rioters and vandals defied a state of emergency imposed by the government Tuesday, with attacks on supermarkets in northern France and a subway warehouse and a subway station in the south.

Nine arson attacks broke out

Nation/World in brief

Wednesday evening in the southern city of Toulouse, France, was hit earlier this week. Vandals set four cars ablaze and rained a burning car into a primary school, damaging its entrance, the local government said.

Congress considers curbing Patriot Act

WASHINGTON — Congress is moving to curb some of the police powers it gave the Bush administration after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, including imposing new restrictions on the FBI's access to private phone and financial records.

A budding House-Senate deal on the expiring USA Patriot Act includes new limits on federal law enforcement powers, and rejects the Bush administration's request to grant the FBI authority to get administrative subpoenas for wiretaps and other covert devices without a judge's approval.

Even with the changes, however, every part of the law set to expire Dec. 31 would be reauthorized and most of those provisions would become permanent.

Under the agreement, for the first time since the act became law, judges would get the authority to reject national security letters giving the government secret access to people's phone and e-mail records, financial data and favorite Internet sites.

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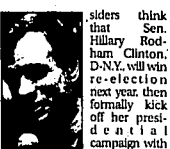
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Victory raises profile of Virginia's Democratic governor

By Steven Thomas
Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — One of the biggest winners in this week's elections wasn't on the ballot. Virginia Gov. Mark Warner propelled himself into the top ranks of potential Democratic presidential candidates for 2008 by helping his chosen successor, Tim Kaine, win the governor's seat, showing his party for the second time in four years how to win in a conservative state.

Virginia hasn't voted for a Democrat to be president since 1964, but thanks to Warner it elected two Democrats governor since George W. Bush became president.



Warner

Warner faces plenty of obstacles, of course. He's not well known outside his state. That would make fundraising harder. And his support for abortion restrictions, the death penalty and gun rights wouldn't sell well with the liberals who dominate many state primaries.

Warner pushed through the tax increase after the previous governor, former Republican James Gilmore, left him with a fiscal mess. After cutting state spending sharply for two years, Warner enlisted business groups and key Republicans to back a tax increase in the name of maintaining the state's bond rating and strong higher-education system.

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Elections results have Republicans worried

Bush, Schwarzenegger lost big on Tuesday

By Ron Foulmer
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — This week's elections underscored three trends — all of them worrisome to Republicans.

President Bush's political life seem contagious. Democrats can win values voters. Republicans have no momentum in the nation's fast-growing suburbs.

Republicans were especially alarmed at the defeat of gubernatorial candidate Jerry Kilgore in Virginia after Bush personally endorsed him Monday. Polls showed the race tight before the president's visit.

It's too soon for Democrats to celebrate. Nor should Republicans panic. Bush has a year to rebound politically, and there is no evidence that the president was a major factor in Tuesday's elections. In fact, there is ample reason to believe he wasn't.

error candidate Bill Bolling from winning by about 23,000 votes.

There were factors far beyond Bush. New Jersey is a Democratic-leaning state, and multimillionaire Corzine was heavily favored from the start.

Kilgore played into Kaine's hands when he ran an ad that said the Democrat's opposition to the death penalty meant he would not have executed Adolf Hitler. Kaine, a Roman Catholic, pledged to enforce the death penalty despite his personal opposition.

Schwarzenegger suffers defeat

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a stunning rebuke from voters who elected him two years ago, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's efforts to reshape state government were rejected during a special election that risked his prospects for a second term.

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EDITORIAL

Tighten crosswalk safety until CSI spotlight arrives

When a string of accidents years ago jeopardized the safety of Twin Falls High School students crossing Filtr Avenue, Twin Falls officials acted quickly with lower speed limits and more patrol enforcement.

Some of those students are now at the College of Southern Idaho. Unfortunately, the pedestrian crossing problems have followed them.

Last week, a CSI student was hit by a car in the pedestrian crosswalk stretching over Falls Avenue, directly in front of the campus. It wasn't the first accident involving a pedestrian on that busy street.

Unless changes are made, it won't be the last. CSI administrators and security officials have had major concerns about the increasing flow of east-west traffic on Falls Avenue. With no traffic light between Washington Street and Blue Lakes Boulevard, drivers are likely to ignore the 35 mph speed limit — which supposedly goes down to 25 mph when children are present.

Even more troubling is how drivers tend to ignore pedestrians altogether in the crosswalks. These pedestrians must go over five lanes to reach the other side. Drivers frequently whiz through the heavily marked lane without slowing down. Last week's accident involved a driver who was cited for failing to yield to a pedestrian.

Adding to the quick pace

on Falls is the heavy stream of commuting drivers entering and exiting the CSI campus. School officials expect those issues to grow in future years, which has led to a new plan for safety.

CSI hopes to build a new campus entrance in 2006, with a spotlight at the intersection of Falls Avenue and Quincy Street. Additional illumination on the crosswalks may also be possible.

Our view: Plans for a spotlight crossing in front of the College of Southern Idaho won't come a day too soon.

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

The safety renovations will be possible through federal grant appropriations. Twin Falls City Council members voted this summer to help sponsor the plan. That's a good sign for CSI students and other pedestrians and drivers on Falls Avenue.

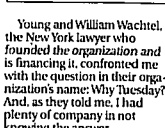
An actual spotlight with a pedestrian crossing is a much safer alternative for a pedestrian than waving an orange flag. But the project may be delayed because of the grant application process. And drivers need to be reminded now — with citations or other means — about pedestrian safety. More enforcement seemed to work well at Twin Falls High — even if it was a parked patrol car.

CSI officials are understandably cautious about the traffic problem, and police have already made valid attempts to enforce traffic laws at this spot. But if the college's renovation project is going to require more time, pedestrians shouldn't have to wait. The city should tighten down enforcement now before more accidents happen.

A farewell to election Tuesday?

Andrew Young has his way, never again will we have a Tuesday election. The former mayor of Atlanta and ambassador to the United Nations wants to switch the nation's voting to the weekend.

Young is the co-chairman of a newly formed group called "Why Tuesday? Let's Move the Vote." A veteran of the civil rights movement which lobbied for the Voting Rights Act, he came to Washington this week to express his frustration that so few Americans — especially young people — exercise the right to the franchise for which so many of his generation struggled so long.



DAVID BRODER

Young and William Wachtel, the New York lawyer who founded the organization and with the question in their organization's name: Why Tuesday? And, as they told me, I had plenty of company in not knowing the answer.

Thursday is also a school day, and since many communities (including mine) use schools as most polling places, they either have to cancel classes or arrange for the buses to discharge and pick up students from parking lots crowded with the cars of voters.

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day was market day for many communities, so Tuesday it became by process of elimination.

What was a matter of convenience in 1845 is hardly the same today in our urban society. It is a working day for most Americans, which means that they have to leave early for work (as I did Tuesday) in order to vote in Virginia) or stop by the polling place at the end of their day. That means, among other things, that polls tend to be crowded in the early morning and the late afternoon and early evening, delaying or frustrating many would-be voters.

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listened some significant bipartisan support for his effort. Jack Kemp, the former Republican vice presidential candidate, called a member and congressman, he found former Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, a one-time Democratic presidential hopeful, in backing the effort.

Young's goal at this point is simply to start some discussion of the idea. A bill sponsored by Wisconsin Sen. Herb Kohl of Wisconsin to shift voting to the weekend has gone nowhere in Congress.

Young's group commissioned a poll on the issue of voting time by Republican Ed Goetz and Democrat Gelinda Lake, and found a very mixed picture. On one hand, more than nine out of 10 of those surveyed said they regard voting as an important civic duty and, additionally, believe everything possible should be done to make voting as convenient as possible.

On the other hand, three out of four said they favor keeping Election Day on Tuesday, while only 45 percent said they like the idea of moving the voting to the weekend.

The survey found broader support for allowing vote-by-mail for several weeks before Election Day and for allowing early voting at designated locations with no reason required for casting a ballot ahead of time. Only one voter in six said he or she had difficulty finding time to vote because of other commitments. But three out of 10 said they would be more likely to vote if Election Day were moved to the weekend.

That last measure was much higher for some groups who generally lag in voter turnout. Among African-Americans, 52 percent said they would be more likely to vote on the weekend; among Hispanics, 48 percent; and an identical 48 percent of 18- to 34-year-olds. Singles, working women and residents of Texas and California were also notably high in saying that weekend voting would bring them to the polls.

All of which suggests that Young is right in seeing this as an important issue of rights and voting rights efforts.

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LETTERS

Simpson plan violates prior SNRA promises

I represent a coalition of 15 retired Sawtooth National Recreation Area professional land managers and one retired Stanley conservation officer of 37 years. We are strongly opposed to Rep. Simpson's Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act.

CIEDRA dictates unacceptable sways of between 4,000 and 5,000 acres of public land in Custer and Blaine counties. Under Public 92-400 establishing the SNRA in 1972, 565 million from taxpayers have been prudently invested in scenic and conservation easements to prevent visual blight and destructive commercial development.

Happy homes would be built on the 80-acre "Parcel B" adjacent to Stanley. All of this is adjacent to the legal limit of a PL-240 and holds down to a blanket forfeiture of our public lands. These are not Rep. Simpson's lands to cavalierly dispose of.

CIEDRA locks in place high volumes of motorized use transacting three wilderness islands. As former SNRA Ranger Carl Beck testified in Washington, D.C.:

"My primary concern is the dedication of some 370,000 acres to primarily serve motorized recreation, specifically OHV use. The SNRA does not need an 'overlay' of expensive legislation — it needs bold managers and adequate congressional support. Carl also points out that there will be no forest Service funds to implement this expensive bill with an estimated tab between \$20 and \$25 million. The fiscal allocations made by the bill will result in lowered standards of maintenance, enforcement and public service. CIEDRA transfers federal reserved water rights (needed for

fisheries in particular) to the state of Idaho. There is no legal limit on the amount of new water uses the state could then grant. With increased give-away water, increased development and water demands would increase, perhaps dramatically.

No unmitigated trust exists. This week certified Sawtooth National Forest Land Management Plan has solid protections in place for the White Clouds. The bulldozers and chain saws are not rambles to the border.

Were CIEDRA to pass, every other county in the western United States would predictably line up at the park held through saying, "Where is our free 5,000 acres?" The potential free fall in the horrific unraveling of public lands nationwide would be excruciatingly painful to watch.

CIEDRA is egregiously detrimental for federal water rights, fish and wildlife, and unspoiled SNRA landscapes previously protected and paid for in perpetuity. It is fiscally unsound.

Please contact your congressional representatives and tell them resounding NO to CIEDRA.

SCOTT PHILLIPS
Halley

Idaho cannot wait for more electricity

We need action. We all agree Idaho needs more power with all the new residents and the new businesses coming into Idaho. Those who believe wind power is the answer to our power problems should step up to the plate form a company, hire people and invest their money in plant and equipment. They could enjoy the process of finding the financing, making a profit every penny, and the stress of wondering if all of your efforts and risk taking are going to pay off.

KAYTIZ
Eden

Parents take another hit on culture wars

Parents increasingly at war against a culture that is finding aggressively sexualized sex just lost another battle. This time against the local school board.

In a recent ruling, a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals (that is the Left Coast) determined that parents do not have a fundamental right to control when, where and how their children are taught about sex.

Rather the state — in its far greater wisdom about what's right and wrong — has ultimate power over your kids. This is not a new battle, of course. Parents and school boards have argued for years about sex education. But this decision is especially offensive because the children involved are so young.

The ruling stems from a case filed by a group of California parents whose elementary school children were given a questionnaire of dubious content. In their complaint, the parents said they would not have allowed their children to participate in the survey had they known of the sexual nature of some of the questions.

Kids ages 7 through 10 were asked, for example, to rate the desirability of activities according to how often they experienced the thought or emotion:

- Touching my private parts too much.
- Thinking about having sex.

Craig should come and take in dairy smells

So Sen. Craig is up to his dirty warts of exempting industrial ag operations of federal regulations (as per Oct. 25, Times-News).

As seen on PBS about mining in northern Idaho's Silver Valley, the operations were fine at the time of the mining they days. Look at it now — heavy metals and chemicals have polluted the water, soil, air they breathe and created health hazards. For the 20th century, this mistake, the costs are astronomical for



KATHLEEN PARKER

Chief among the parents' arguments was that they were deprived of their fundamental right to "control the upbringing of their children by introducing them to matters of and relating to sex in accordance with their personal and religious values and beliefs."

Sounds reasonable to any attentive parent. Who else should decide when a child learns about something so intimately bound to moral values? Apparently, the state should.

Even though the Supreme Court has ruled that parents have a constitutional right to make decisions about the care, custody and control of their children, the judges in this case ruled that parents do not have an "exclusive" right.

(Not to worry. Those hot flashes you're feeling are perfectly normal. Anger is an appropriate emotion under the circumstances, even if it's not constitutionally protected.)

In other words, the state can determine what's appropriate for your children based on what the state decides is good for society. Given that we're all concerned about sexual abuse and domestic violence, we should be permitted to ask children questions that might shed light on such problems, right? So goes the thinking.

But as parents know, children are notoriously unreliable little scamps when it comes to answering questions honestly — especially questions they're

not emotionally or intellectually equipped to understand. The most chilling piece of the ruling was this assertion: "We further hold that a psychological survey is a reasonable state action pursuant to legitimate educational as well as health and welfare interests of the state."

Really. So now the state is in the business of psychoanalysis. Never mind that posing phase-inappropriate questions to children might create psychological complications that didn't exist before the helpful questionnaire was administered.

While legal experts argue about whether the ruling is constitutionally correct, common sense tells us that the superior right of parents to instruct their children about sex is among the most fundamental of parenting concerns.

The idea that the state knows best is not only ludicrous, but also dangerous. But by hit, with rulings like this, the state gains greater power over family autonomy and, inevitably, over personal freedom.

As the implicit message sinks in that the state knows best and parents aren't to be trusted, advocates for private schools and voucher programs should have no trouble finding new recruits.

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

LETTER

No cost at all, out of your pocket. Yes, there is a catch — shed the windows. Your parking, gagging and green complexion will be well worth the fumigation cost I'll have to pay for after you leave. My, the animal waste irrigation smells wonderful.

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My definition of your job is: To protect the state of Idaho and serve its citizens. Maybe we should ask you, what's your job description? Sure hope "show results" money" isn't listed.

I'd be anxiously awaiting your standard from reply stating "how great thou art" — nothing more and nothing less. Be a man and save the human livestock aren't eligible to vote.

TOM ANDERSON
Hagerman

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Senate cuts programs, saves its salaries

The headline and lead story in the Friday, Nov. 4, issue of *The Times-News*, first paragraph reads in part: "The Senate on Thursday narrowly approved the first cuts since 1997 to benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and farm subsidies."

The second paragraph states, in part: "The bill ... makes mild cuts to the health care programs for the elderly, the poor and disabled, but leaves the food stamp program untouched."

I'll make a serious bet with anyone who cares to take me up on it that not one cent of a congressman's salary, health care or retirement package was even considered in these benefit spending cuts. The absolute insanity of the whole thing is that these congressmen don't contribute one penny to any of their benefits packages. The general population feels that bill, but they don't hesitate to take a whack at the elderly, poor and disabled. Many, if not most, of these elderly, poor and disabled have worked their whole lives, paid their taxes and contributed to these programs.

The government would save many millions of dollars if congressmen had to retire and live on Social Security and Medicare benefits plus whatever they have been able to save like the rest of us working stobs are forced to do.

BILL STRANGE
Jerome

The raised medians will cause a loss of income for some types of business — just think about the poor auto repair and body shops, parts houses and wrecking yards who won't have the collision leftovers to work with after the left-turn cowboys (and cowgirls) leap out of driveways across three lanes of traffic and don't quite make it. Or meet head-on in the center turn lane (yes, that does too happen).

Then, too, the first responders — fire, police, and ambulance — and the insurance adjusters — will all have to find something else to do. As for the other merchants: You have already lost our business. We gave up the demolition derby and traffic jams some time ago and travel on other parallel streets whenever we can, just for our own safety. We would love to have the

protection of raised medians, just as we have experienced in other states. Legal U-turns controlled by traffic lights worked just fine when we wanted to go to the other side of the street. And by the way, right-turn-only exit driveways don't work — people turn left anyway, just look at the fire marks at the exit curb and watch the traffic out of the Sonic Drive-In. **NORMAN TILLEY**
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WORLD

Panel: Let females take throne in Japan

The Yomiuri Shimbun

TOKYO — A government panel on imperial succession is leaning toward letting the government to give priority to the eldest child in the Imperial family regardless of gender in determining the order of succession when the emperor dies, the panel's report says.

The panel, chaired by former Tokyo University President Hitotoki Yoshikawa, is a private advisory body to Prime Minister

Junichiro Koizumi.

At the 15th meeting of the panel Monday, Yoshikawa presented a draft that proposed granting female members of the Imperial family, as well as those from the female line of the Imperial family, the right of ascent to the throne.

As for the order of succession, the main point of contention, the panel discussed two options — giving priority to the eldest child of the Imperial family regardless of gender or giving priority to the

eldest male child, in which case a younger brother would be given priority over his elder sisters.

According to sources close to the panel, many panel members supported the first option, saying it is easy to understand and can decide quickly on the order of succession.

Despite the format being a departure from the current system that limits succession to princes from the male line of the Imperial family, most panel members

said such a change would be supported by a majority of people.

After the meeting, Yoshikawa told reporters that the panel had not reached a conclusion on the order of succession, but it was collating various opinions.

Regarding the extent of the Imperial family, the panel plans to revise the current system that requires female members to leave the Imperial family after they marry so that they can stay in the family within the Imperial family.

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Europeans launch craft toward Venus

DARMSTADT, Germany (AP) — A European spacecraft left Earth orbit Wednesday on a five-month, 220 million-mile journey to Venus, an exploratory mission that could help spur a new space race.

The European Space Agency said the unmanned Venus Express lifted off from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, and mission control in Darmstadt activated the probe's instruments and immediately picked up a signal to hearty applause in the observation room.

The Europeans then received another signal — a congratulatory note from the President. Quito-based Planetary Society, which had monitored the launch from NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab.

"The mission is an outstanding success," Gaelle Winters, director of ESA's operations in Darmstadt, told reporters. "We had a perfect launch, the instruments are switched on, the solar panels are deployed, everything is working."

The Venus mission is the latest sign that competition in space is heating up even as NASA is reassessing its own exploration plans.

NASA is cutting some of its programs to focus resources on developing a replacement for the space shuttle.

The space shuttle Columbia tragedy in 2003 caused NASA to ground its fleet for more than two years. Flights resumed in 2005, but the dangerous loss of a chunk of its insulation during launch has put future missions on hold until at least May, and possibly even next summer. NASA plans 18 shuttle flights to the international space station and possibly one to the Hubble Space Telescope before the fleet is retired in 2010.

"NASA has really dominated in planetary science and missions for the last 40 years," having seen off the challenge from the former Soviet Union, said Spas Baradash of the Swedish Institute of Space Physics. "But now Europe is catching up."

Last month, two Chinese astronauts spent five days in orbit last month on that country's second manned mission.

Japan and India also are ramping up their programs, and despite close cooperation between scientists and agencies, "maybe we are witnessing the beginning of a new space race," said Baradash, who worked on the instruments aboard Venus Express.

David Southwood, ESA's science director, said the Venus mission "once again illustrates Europe's determination to explore the different bodies in our solar system."

European scientists plan to apply next month for funding for new ESA missions to Mars and the moon.



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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

When the guy is wide open, you kind of give him a nod and throw to somebody else.

— Joe Montana to talk show host Jim Rome on how he might have handled Terrell Owens as a teammate.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson also won a championship in the CBA in 1984. For what team did he coach?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Coca Cola Classic, CSI Eastern Arizona vs. No. 14 Midland College, 5:30 p.m.
No. 10 CSI vs. South Mountain, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Jr. Olympic XC finals are Saturday

BOISE — The 2005 Snake River Association Cross Country Junior Olympic Championships will be held at 10 a.m. Nov. 12 at the Camels Back Park in Boise.

This will be a qualifying meet for the National Junior Olympic Championships held Dec. 10 in Providence, Rhode Island.

The top 10 finishers in each age group as well as the top team in the association championships will qualify to compete in the national championships.

The event is open to youth 18 and under with participants grouped into several different age divisions determined by their age as of Dec. 31, 2005.

There will also be an open men's and women's divisions for adults.

For more information, contact the Treasure Valley YMCA at 344-5501 or e-mail timesynca@idahoh.org.

Kimberly sports fund-raiser planned

KIMBERLY — A dinner to help raise funds for the Kimberly High School Sports Complex will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Kimberly High School commons.

The dinner will feature a roasted pig, baked potatoes, salad and rolls. Cost is \$25 per person and tickets can be purchased at the door.

The sports complex committee's plans are to raise funds for an all-weather track facility plus new stadium bleachers and restrooms.

For more information, contact Kimberly High School at 423-5541.

MV Speedway driver honored in Nashville

NASHVILLE — Magic Valley Speedway Pepsi Premier division driver Rob Vest of Twin Falls, who placed 13th in the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series Division III standings for the 2005 season, was honored at the 24th annual NASCAR awards banquet held November 5 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

Vest, sporting a tuxedo, was honored on stage and presented with a trophy for his achievement this season.

Vest will also receive more than \$7,000 in cash winnings along with a custom Bell helmet for capturing the 2005 championship at the Magic Valley Speedway.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Jackson led the Albany Patroons to the title.

T.F.'s Jardine signs with Utah State

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Those hours of practice and long AAU road trips paid off Wednesday for Twin Falls senior Brady Jardine. After verbally committing over the summer, the 6-foot-7 inch senior forward made it official by signing a national letter of intent to play basketball for Utah State University.

The future Aggie will receive a full-ride scholarship, valued at up to \$80,000, to attend the Western Athletic Conference school in Logan, Utah. It is the biggest basketball signing in Twin Falls since Andy Toolson signed with BYU in 1994.

His father, Jeff Jardine, was more than happy to sign the paperwork.

The signing drew about 15 people to the Twin Falls High School's coaches office Wednesday afternoon. Many were current and former coaches who helped the 6-foot-5.5-inch senior develop into a Division I talent that caught the eye of scouts far and wide. It started with a good work ethic, said Twin Falls High coach Matt Har.

"I did all the little things you do in the offseason," Har said. "A lot of guys go to the church

gym and shoot. He hit the weight room and ran. His offseason workouts were for real. He earned every penny he got."

His father Jeff and mother Janelle made sure he got to work, reminding him to workout during the offseason. On Wednesday, Brady was grateful.

"Dad's always been there pushing me," Brady said. "Mom's always been supportive. I'm grateful for what they've done."

As a junior, the second team all-region player averaged 8.3 points, eight rebounds and three assists per game.



Brady Jardine

Brady started playing AAU basketball in fifth grade, dropping other sports during junior high to focus on basketball, Jeff Jardine said.

"He had a lot of good coaches who taught and encouraged him," Jeff Jardine said. "Being from Twin Falls, it isn't easy to get noticed. But Jardine made the most of his chances with numerous AAU tournament and showcase appearances."

"I was lucky to always play well whenever someone was watching," he said. During a two-day camp in Logan, Jardine stood out, prompting head coach Steve

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An ESPN comeback, of sorts

Two years after being forced by the NFL to pull the plug on his campy soap opera, "Playmakers," ESPN has finally managed to fill the hole in its programming schedule and get some revenge in the bargain. It's a spin-off called, "The T.O. Show."



JIM LITKE

Tuesday's episode found the front-on-his-luck superstar in front of his house reading a three-minute apology that wasn't worth the lawn it was delivered on. That was followed by a 10-minute testimonial from agent Drew Rosenhaus — what, Don King wasn't available — that was so twitchy you expected Owens' bodyguard to subdue him at any moment.

"Terrell is a great person!" the agent screamed at no one in particular. "I believe in him!" An aside: After all is said and done, here's hoping Rosenhaus donates his body to science. Think how much we could learn about future generations by examining this guy's wiring. Or his toenails, at the very least. But I digress.

What Rosenhaus didn't believe in, unfortunately, was answering questions. For example, whether he gave Owens bad advice.

"Next question." Or whether ESPN shared any responsibility for the success Owens found himself in. Since August, when he and Rosenhaus began appearing on the network to press their contract demands, separately and together, they totaled enough face time to make even Dickie V blush.

"Next question." On and on it went, through a half-dozen more "next questions" and at least that many "I'm not going to get into that's). And then, there was this curious unsolicited bit near the end.

"I would also like to add, there have been erroneous reports about my relationship with Terrell, people questioning my loyalty to him. That is absurd," Rosenhaus said, yelling yet again.

"I love this man! I am behind him 100 percent! I will do everything that I can possibly do to back him and support him, to make sure he wins, which is for him to play football. For the fans, for the people in this city, for his teammates, for the coaches. They deserve that. They deserve to have this man on the team."

A week ago, most of America would have agreed with that statement: either the NFL, its general manager Owens is such a transcendent talent that he deserved a showcase somewhere; or about Philadelphia in particular, because the Eagles knew T.O. was a cancer when they signed them and so deserved every disruption he's caused. Now those same people are not so sure.

Whatever goodwill Owens engendered by playing in the Super Bowl last February against a doctor's advice — likely risking his career — has long since been squandered. But that won't prevent him from finding ways to get paid. It just won't be with the Eagles, no matter how much smoke Rosenhaus blew. And despite all the other rambling the agent did, we won't spin on this assessment.

"There are a lot of people in the NFL that respect him and appreciate him. ... Do not write him off."

Just as there were plenty of NBA suitors pursuing Latrell Sprewell after he tried to choke his coach, there will be NFL general managers lining up for the chance to rehabilitate T.O. Speculators already point in the direction of the Falcons, Broncos and Vikings, just about anywhere, really, where a player who never would come in handy. And then there's the wayward "Boys Town" operation still being run by the Raiders in Oakland. And as Rosenhaus noted at the end

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2005-06 CSI WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bratvold's big jump



Amy Bratvold holds onto a loose ball Tuesday during a scrimmage for the CSI basketball team at the CSI gym in Twin Falls.

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Big jumps don't always have to cover long distances.

Take, for instance, the distance between Twin Falls High School's Baun Gymnasium and the College of Southern Idaho Gymnasium. It's only a 1.5-mile trip from Baun to CSI, but Golden Eagles freshman Amy

Bratvold has found her experiences at each of Twin Falls' hoops hot spots to be light years apart.

Bratvold, six of the 6-foot frame and high-arcing jump shot, parlayed her hoops talents into a standout high school career at Twin Falls High. As a senior, Bratvold led the Bruins to a 22-5 mark and a third-place finish in the Class 5A state tournament in 2004-05. She averaged 15.3 points, 6.7 re-

bounds, and 2.8 assists per game, garnering all-state honors and the attention of CSI head coach Randy Rogers. Though she worked hard to help the Bruins to their solid 2004-05 finish and a consolation title the previous year, playing for the hyper-demanding Rogers would prove to be a greater — but welcome — challenge.

"It's way different, just the intensity, college level and the whole," Bratvold said. "Coach

Rogers expects perfection and I strive for that. It's awesome, just becoming a better player. It's a whole different coaching style, and that's what I wanted. It's a whole different learning experience, and I enjoy that."

The big adjustment has come from going from Bruins head coach Joe D. Shepard's controlled, measured offense to the run-and-gun intensity that Rogers demands of his team.

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Hoping for a strong start

CSI women open season with Coca Cola Classic

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Perception is everything.

Take, for example, the start of the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team's 2005-06 season. The Eagles' fast-approaching first step to defending their two-year run atop the Scenic West Athletic Conference standings will come with tonight's opening-round game of the 2005 Coca Cola Classic against South Mountain Community College (Ariz.). For the 13 players on the CSI roster, it's the much-awaited, much-



Clara Christian makes a lay-up Tuesday during a drill at a CSI basketball practice in Twin Falls.

needed first chance to show their wares on the CSI Gymnasium floor. For fourth-year head coach Randy Rogers, it's the

dreaded moment of trial by fire for a young team.

"They're chomping at the bit to play," Rogers said of his team.

"Sometimes you have to be careful what you wish for. I'm more like, 'jeez, we're 6-8 weeks away from being ready to play.' But we need to play."

Tonight's 7:30 p.m. tipoff will see the Eagles hold court against a South Mountain team that finished 13-17 last year and 9-13 in the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference. It may be a favorable matchup for a team taking its first steps together, as an inexperienced Cougars team is still learning under first-year head coach Cassie Sawyer. The No. 10 Eagles are hoping to get a good feel for each other before Saturday's important game against No. 14 Midland College (Tex.).

"Basically, it would be really good to get into games so we can learn to read each other better and learn what we can do better and what we can't do."

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Fresno State's season, pride on line against BSU

The Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — For all of Pat Hill's remarkable successes during his nine seasons at Fresno State, the coach knows there's a blue-and-orange cloud hanging over the last five years.

The 20th-ranked Bulldogs can only chase it away with a victory over Boise State on Thursday night in the most anticipated Western Athletic Conference game in many years. The stakes are big and stark: The conference title prob-

ably will be decided in front of Bulldog Stadium's screaming sellout crowd and a national television audience.

And the losing school will take a big hit — particularly if Fresno State again fails to complete its toughest task.

Hill, no stranger to hyperbole, is betting the house on his Bulldogs' one big chance to erase a four-game losing streak and a burgeoning inferiority complex.

"There hasn't been a bigger game in Bulldog Stadium in my nine years. I'll tell you that," Hill

said. "We're going to have the greatest crowd we ever had, and we're going to need them."

Sure, Hill's Bulldogs (7-1, 5-0 WAC) own a respected national profile, a regular top-25 ranking and one of the nation's best success stories for a mid-major school.

But Boise State has owned the Bulldogs ever since it traveled to Fresno in 2001 and ruined the Bulldogs' breakout unbeaten season.

Hill, the ebullient architect of Fresno State's renaissance,

turns melancholy when he recalls that 35-30 defeat, which catapulted coach Dan Hawkins' club to prominence while sending then-No. 8 Fresno State into the first of four straight midseason tailspins.

"They came in and took something from us, and we've never got it back," Hill said.

Three more victories in the rivalry followed for the Broncos, who also won the last three conference titles. Boise State (7-2, 5-0) has won 31 straight confer-

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SPORTS

Unknown dynasty

Wake Forest vies for fourth straight field hockey title

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — As a field hockey player, even at Wake Forest, Lauren Crandall is accustomed to anonymity.

Sure, the Demon Deacons have won three consecutive NCAA titles, and she and two teammates played for Team USA in the Junior World Cup in September. Yet those achievements often go unnoticed at a school where basketball rules.

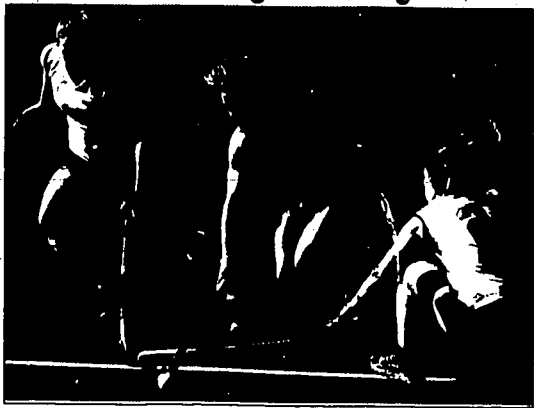
That might be changing, just this week, one of Crandall's teammates actually admitted watching one of her games on TV.

"Coming into the sport, you're not doing it to become famous or to make a career out of it," Crandall said. "We play for ourselves and we play for our teammates. So just for one student to watch, I guess that was pretty amazing."

Field hockey essentially is a niche sport, probably known mostly for the quirky attire worn below the waist (originally called kilts, most people in the sport now refer to them as shorts), around the country. The NCAA has 17 Division I programs, with another 180 spread among the lower classifications.

That total of 257 is highest in 22 years, according to statistics provided by the NCAA.

"That shows the commitment to the sport at the Olympic level," said Howard Thomas, the communications manager for USA Field Hockey. "We want to expose as many people as we can to the sport."



Wake Forest's Tracey Scott, left, pursues Maryland's Paula Infante along with Wake Forest teammate Marsha Fager during the ACC Championship, Nov. 6 in College Park, Md. Maryland won 3-2 with a shot in the last minute of the second half.

But we also understand that it's a traditional game. It's played in a few hotbeds around the country.

That includes mostly the Northeast and the mid-Atlantic regions of the United States. The Division I champ has come from these areas in 22 of the 24 years since a national tournament started in 1981, and Old Dominion leads the way with nine.

Michigan and Iowa are the only two schools to break the domination, which continues with Wake Forest.

Jennifer Averill took over as coach in 1992, and the Demon Deacons reached the NCAA tournament for the first time in

1999. They won their first championship three years later and added two more.

They were undefeated during this regular season for the first time, then lost to Maryland in the final of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament. Wake Forest (19-1) still secured its seventh consecutive NCAA bid and will host the first two rounds of its region beginning Saturday.

And Averill insists she doesn't feel any pressure to extend the streak.

"Those were different teams in a different year," she said. "I think we're in elite company, and having said that, it gives me great pleasure. I will cherish

these moments and feel extremely blessed."

She paused for a moment, then added with a devilish smile: "Selfishly, I want to go after more."

After working so diligently to get the program to the top, Averill now faces the challenge of keeping it there. She doesn't appear fazed by the task.

"When I originally came here, I envisioned this place as a gold mine," Averill said. "I'm also knowledgeable enough to know that there are colleagues of mine who have been in this profession for 20 years and haven't won one yet."

Guillen, Cox voted managers of the year

NEW YORK (AP) — Ozzie Guillen of the World Series champion Chicago White Sox was voted AL Manager of the Year, and Atlanta's Bobby Cox won the NL award for the second straight year Wednesday after leading the rookie-laden Braves to yet another division title.

Guillen received 17 first-place votes, five seconds and five thirds for 105 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Eric Wedge of the Cleveland Indians was the runner-up with six first-place votes and 71 points, while Joe Torre of the New York Yankees finished third with 43 points.

Cox became the first manager to win two years in a row, listed first on 28 ballots and second on the other four to win by a whopping 100 points. He beat out St. Louis' Tony La Russa,

who also finished second last year.

Voting for all BBWAA awards takes place after the regular season and excludes the postseason.

In his second season as manager, the outspoken Guillen guided the White Sox to the best record in the AL (99-63) and a World Series sweep of Houston for their first title since 1917. His small-ball approach was a big hit in Chicago — he loved to bunt and hit-and-run all season.

Cox, whose Braves have won a record 14 straight division titles, was honored for the fourth time, tying La Russa for the most ever.

The banged-up Braves were forced to use 18 rookies this year but still extended their streak of division titles. They were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by Houston again.

Bratvold

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Still, Rogers wouldn't have added Bratvold to his team if he didn't think she could handle the transition.

"I think people are going to be excited with what they see from Amy," Rogers said. "I think they're used to seeing her in high school at a certain speed, and I think she's understanding that all along she could have gone harder. And she is now, because she has to."

Though the quiet, unassuming Bratvold often played the control game with the Bruins, she did show moments as a senior that undoubtedly caught Rogers' eye. In particular, Bratvold's 33-point, 7-rebound, 3-assist, 4-block breakout in a 64-62 triple-overtime win over Skyline after Bruins post Hannah Heidenreich left the game with a first-quarter ankle injury.

To capture that kind of lightning in a bottle, Rogers has challenged Bratvold to play a more aggressive game. The benefits have been most evident on defense, where Bratvold has greatly improved her rebounding and shot-blocking ability.

"When she goes hard and gets aggressive, those skills come out," Rogers said. "She's a great rebounder, and she's learning the four (power forward) spot. We like fours that can step out and shoot threes, and nobody shoots the ball quite as pure as Amy does."

After playing a hybrid type of small-forward, point-forward position for the Bruins, the student to playing post defense and offense has been a challenge. It's meant putting on more muscle and worrying more about playing a good position than just relying on her natural quickness.

"It's taken me a while, but I feel like I'm getting stronger and sturdier," Bratvold said. "I'm still quicker than the stronger posts, so I can get around them. I'm working on post moves and just becoming an overall player — learning different positions and stuff — and just learning how to get around those obstacles."

As she clears those hurdles, Rogers can see Bratvold working

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ing into a solid supporting role as a freshman. While he likes having a local product to help draw fans to games, he likes seeing his teammates work together to help his team win those games.

"I talk to her a lot about, 'Don't make me the bad guy because you're sitting on the bench,'" Rogers said. "You're the local kid and everybody wants to see you in the game, but I'm not going to put you in because you're the local kid. She's not a local kid that should be sitting on the bench, watching the whole game. She's a local kid that should be out on the floor, because she's got that kind of skill."

Though Bratvold knows playing collegiate hoops in her hometown will be a different experience than most players have, she's ready for tonight's start of the season in the 2005 Coca Cola Tournament.

After years of paying to get into Golden Eagles games, she's happy to have a free spot on one of the best seats in the house — the Golden Eagles' bench. Of course, no one — including Rogers — expects Bratvold to get too comfortable sitting.

"I've been coming to games since I was a kid, watching, and I'm excited to be watching. Bratvold said, 'Now I'm excited to be on the court and playing. It's a different college experience still being at home, but the support is awesome. I can't wait for people to come and watch us.'"

WBC champion Vitali Klitschko retires

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — WBC heavyweight champion Vitali Klitschko has retired because of a knee injury, a statement on his former promoter's Web site said Wednesday.

The 34-year-old Klitschko pulled out of Saturday's title defense against Hasim Rahman in Las Vegas because he tore ligaments in his right knee last week in training. The WBC said earlier this week that Rahman would be given Klitschko's title should the Ukrainian fail to defend within three months.

The knee injury would require six months to heal. Klitschko's statement said the knee was examined Tuesday, and that he underwent surgery in Inglewood, Calif.

"Unfortunately, I've been fighting injuries recently more than facing rivals in the ring," Klitschko said in a statement released by Universum Promotions.

"The decision to end was

hard to make, but I would like to end my career on top."

The 6-foot-8 fighter sometimes had an awkward, stiff style, but packed a powerful punch, especially in his right hand.

Vitali, who hadn't fought since stopping Danny Williams in his first defense, of his title last December, was first supposed to have met Rahman in April.

But the fight was postponed when Klitschko pulled a thigh muscle, and initial attempts to reschedule it were stopped when he sustained a back injury.

WBC president Jose Sulaiman said earlier this week that the latest cancellation was the fourth time Klitschko (35-2, 34 knockouts) has backed out of a fight with Rahman (41-5-1, 33 KOs), and hinted that he might be looking for excuses to stay out of the ring with the American.



Vitali Klitschko, right, lands a right to the head of Corrie Sanders in the seventh round of their WBC heavyweight championship bout in Los Angeles, in this April 24, 2004 file photo. Klitschko won the fight by TKO in the eighth round.

Klitschko is the second WBC heavyweight champion in a row to retire while holding the title. Lewis was the first reigning world heavyweight champion to quit since Rocky Marciano

in 1956. The only other fighter to do so was Gene Tunney in 1928.

Klitschko stopped Corrie Sanders in the eighth round in April 2004 to win the WBC belt.

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and can't do against other teams, sophomore guard Jaleel Williams said. "That's what I'm looking forward to, just to come together more, because then we need to set the tempo for the rest of the year after the first game."

That tempo will likely be fast, as Rogers won't hesitate to ferry the depth of his roster in and out of games in who he presumes to be. Though he has a general idea of who he will start in Game 1, there are no guarantees that starting lineup won't change often throughout the season.

"Right now, we're dumb-founded," Rogers said. "We'll probably flip a coin for three spots."

The two spots that are most solidified are point guard and power forward. Freshman Maria Moore is the odds-on favorite to take care of most of the Eagles' ball-handling duties, and reminds Rogers of last year's standout point guard, Nakeya Isabell.

"I think Maria and Nakeya bring so many similar things to the table," Rogers said. "The only difference is Nakeya wanted everybody to score but herself. Maria wants to score. She's not trying to shy away from trying to get to the basket and score."

The only player Rogers has officially penned as a Game 1 starter is 5-foot-10 freshman post Ashley Thompson. A tireless worker in the low block with good ability to finish, Thompson earned her place during Monday's practice.

"I tell her (before) I only have one starter, and she's it."

out on that. I never saw a teammate go out and just sit down and pout. They'd turn around and cheer for their teammate going in, and that's what I'm hoping for this year. I hope this team supports each other all the way through, whether they're on the court or not on the court."

After facing South Mountain, the Eagles will take on Eastern Arizona College on Day 2. Freshman Cara Jones is the Arizona team that finished 8-19 last year, but returns five sophomores that played supporting roles a year ago.

Freshman Cara Jones is the Gila Monsters' tallest player at 6-0. The real test will come on Day

3 against a huge Midland team that carries much of its strength in the post. Aysun Akova, a 6-6 freshman from Istanbul, Turkey, is the tallest player in Chaparral's history, while 6-2 Caroline Adnanawiz of Surinam and 6-3 Lyza Koubitch of Cameroon return after playing for last year's 23-9 team. Guard Rachel Brazzell also returns after averaging 9.7 points per game last year.

The Eagles will play the late game each of the tournament's nights, immediately preceded by the Region 16A tournament volleyball match between CSI and Snow College on Friday, and the Region 16A tournament championship on Saturday.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Sempra will host three open houses

JEROME — Idaho Valley Energy, the subsidiary of Sempra Generation that has proposed a \$1.4 billion, 600-megawatt power plant in Jerome County, will host three community open house events Tuesday and Wednesday.

The project team and technical specialists will be on hand to answer questions involving regional power requirements, air quality and environmental studies, water use, electric transmission, economic benefits and community involvement.

The open house schedule is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn, 2653 S. Lincoln in Jerome; 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Best Western Burley Inn, 800 N. Overtland Ave. in Burley; and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

The proposed project would be situated on 640 acres about nine miles east of Jerome. Construction could begin in late 2008 with startup slated for 2012.

The open houses provide opportunities for the development team to meet with the community, provide the latest information and answer questions.

Veterans Day to bring several closures

TWIN FALLS — Many offices and facilities will be closed Friday for Veterans Day. Here's a rundown of what will be closed or open.

- Twin Falls City Hall and most city offices will be closed. A few local city offices will be open, including in Jerome and Shoshone.
- County offices will be closed.
- State and federal offices will be closed.
- Social Security Administration office will be closed.
- U.S. post offices will be closed.
- Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
- Local banks will be closed.
- The College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
- The YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be open from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Trash collection will follow the regular schedule.

Cowboy poetry event starts today in Rupert

RUPERT — The 10th annual Mini-Cassia Snake River Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering will be held today through Sunday at the Wilson Theatre, 601 F St.

The event will be sponsored by the Cassia Backcountry Horsemen Association, Cowboy Poetry and Music Association and the Wilson Theatre.

The Band Scramble will be held at 7 p.m. today. The event is free and a contest for former, as well as the audience.

The public day sessions of cowboy poetry and music are three and will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

A show featuring poets and musicians from Idaho, Utah, Oregon, Montana and Nevada will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$6 at the door.

Saturday noon is a chill cook-off contest, which is a fundraiser for theater renovations.

For more information, call 436-2787.

— compiled from staff reports

House passes funding bill for INL

The money includes \$40M for experimental reactor

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The U.S. House passed a \$30.5 billion energy and water appropriations bill Wednesday for the next fiscal year that includes \$40 million to begin development of a new experimental nuclear reactor to produce electricity and hydrogen at the Idaho National Laboratory.

The U.S. Senate was expected to clear the measure Thursday and when it is signed by President Bush, it will direct at least \$80 million in "carmarked" federal money specifically requested by members of Congress to projects at the eastern Idaho nuclear research compound northwest of Idaho Falls.

Spending on U.S. Department of Energy nuclear programs at the 890-square-mile site is \$50 million more than what the White House sought in its DOE budget request to Congress earlier this year. It underscores the Idaho facility's role in creating the next generation of nuclear power reactors, said Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho.

"Most of the Department of Energy labs either received fairly level funding or a decrease, but the INL budget went up substantially," said Simpson, who with Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, was part of the House, and Senate conference committee that wrote the final bill that the House approved 399-17 Wednesday afternoon. Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter, R-Idaho, joined Simpson in voting for

the spending package. By a 397-19 vote Wednesday, the House also approved a \$61.8 billion 2006 spending bill for U.S. Department of Justice and other agencies. Language sought by Craig and Sen. Mike Caproni, R-Idaho, was inserted into that spending bill requiring Justice to report to Congress on potential eligibility changes in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to include Idaho residents who suffer from certain forms of cancer that may have been caused by nuclear bomb fallout during Cold War-era tests in southern Nevada.

That bill, which will be voted on in the Senate in the next few

days, also includes \$2 million for the water center in compliance with the space agency's budget. "Overall this budget, in terms of INL is the best since I have been in Congress," said Simpson, who was first elected in 1998. "It's a recognition of what INL is doing and the importance that the president and Congress is placing in that." The highest-profile part of the INL funding package is the \$40 million for the Next Generation Nuclear Plant Initiative to begin selecting a preferred design for a new nuclear reactor that scientists say would be safer and produce less radioactive waste.

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LIGHTS OUT



A Magic Valley Regional Medical Center ambulance received extensive damage when it was involved in an accident Wednesday at Blue Lakes Boulevard and Pole Line Road.



Emmett Lambeth, far right, sits in his Toyota Avalon after being involved in a multi-vehicle collision Wednesday that included a Magic Valley Regional Medical Center ambulance at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Pole Line Road.

Ambulance crash sends medic to hospital

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — An ambulance on an emergency run experienced an emergency of its own when it collided with a Toyota Avalon Wednesday afternoon on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Twin Falls Police Traffic Officer Lou Coronado said the accident occurred shortly after 2 p.m. when the northbound Magic Valley Regional Medical Center ambulance, "responding to a crash with lights and sirens activated" collided with the car driven by 88-year-old Emmett Lambeth, of Gooding, at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Pole Line Road.

Coronado identified the ambulance driver as 32-year-old Jeri West, of Twin Falls. A passenger in the ambulance, Jan Taylor, a 37-year-old para-

medic from Twin Falls, received minor injuries and was transported to MVRMC, he said. Damage estimates were not available. Coronado said the accident remained under investigation Wednesday evening with citations pending. "We're still looking into it and trying to contact further witnesses," he said.

Rupert voters pick former employees for city council

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

RUPERT — A 12-year stint on Rupert's council ended for Bowers and McGhie in an upset victory for two former city employees who vowed to make changes if elected.

Bowers and McGhie ran for council seats backed by promises to provide more open communication with the administration if elected. "We are absolutely ecstatic with the results," McGhie said this morning. "I am so proud of the people in the city who took a stand. We made some vows to the residents here and we are going to have to deliver. We may have a long road ahead of us, but I think I and I are up to the task."

Bowers received 305 votes and McGhie 297. Barras was not far behind, with 284 votes. The results come following the suspension of four city police officers and three electric department employees beginning in July 2004. Investigations by Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden's office and

the Garden City Police Department resulted in the resignation of all seven employees, but no criminal charges were filed. Bowers said he and McGhie ran for council seats backed by promises to provide more open communication with the administration if elected. "We are absolutely ecstatic with the results," McGhie said this morning. "I am so proud of the people in the city who took a stand. We made some vows to the residents here and we are going to have to deliver. We may have a long road ahead of us, but I think I and I are up to the task."

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PIECES COMING TOGETHER

Castleford gets closer to securing water funds

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — Sixty-one percent of Castleford's 82 registered voters came out on Tuesday, with nine additional residents registering at the polls. "We had an excellent turnout," City Clerk Patsy Kinyon said. The city overwhelmingly voted for the \$106,000 revenue bond for the water system, with only one out of 59 voters opposing the proposed bond. The bond only needed a simple majority, 50 percent and one vote, to pass. City leaders can now breathe a little easier knowing that they are that much closer to securing the entire \$1.6 million needed for the water system

Council will be down one member

Even though councilmen Robert Ombas Ramos and Oscar Flores were re-elected Tuesday, come January there will still be a vacancy to fill. Councilman Herb Runyan decided not to seek reelection and nobody stepped up to take his place. Once his term ends, the Castleford City Council will be appointing a citizen to fill the post. For more information call 537-8544.

at 22 parts per billion. In order for the water to be in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, arsenic levels will need to be at or below 10 ppb. Castleford's economic development division met with Region IV Development, explained to the Council Tuesday evening that the project hinges on Castleford passing the bond and carrying some of the cost. "Nobody is going pay 100%. It is very important that the bond pass," she said. Now that the bond has voter approval, Castleford has an even better chance at getting the next funding planned. That last piece of the funding puzzle is the \$100,000 Community Development. Please see CASTLEFORD, Page C3

Ground water users may face curtailment

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

GOODING — When water runs low for two fish producers in the Hagerman Valley, ground water users in the area may find themselves shut off.

At least, that is if a district court judge's decision last week in a lawsuit against the Idaho Department of Water Resources is allowed to stand.

In his order, 5th District Court Judge Barry Wood disagreed with much of the logic used by Water Resources Director Karl Dreher in administering the water rights of Clear Lakes Trout Co. Inc. in siding with the trout producer, Wood shifts the curtailment of water use from Clear Lakes to groundwater pumps in Water District 130 near Thousand Springs.

"The director can't cherry-pick which water users he's going to curtail," said Daniel Steenson, an attorney for Clear Lakes. "He's curtailment on trial. See page A1"

Steenson's client claims that Dreher unfairly curtailed its right to meet a call for water made by fellow trout producer Clear Springs Trout Co. Inc. in 2002. Since one of Clear Lakes' rights is newer or junior to that of Clear Springs, Dreher ordered that junior right be shut off.

In June 2005, Clear Lakes filed a lawsuit in Gooding County against the department asserting that Dreher should have looked to curtail groundwater pumps with rights even more junior.

"When the water supply is short, junior rights are curtailed until senior rights are filled," Steenson said.

Steenson's comment echoes the prior appropriation doctrine, a major component of Idaho's water law. In administering rights, Dreher, however, also used another facet of water law called conjunctive

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MAGIC VALLEY

CSI professor co-authors-history book

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A co-author of a newly released history book will sign copies Saturday.

College of Southern Idaho history professor Russell M. Tremayne, who wrote "A History

of the Twin Falls Canal Company, 1905-2005" with J. Howard Moon, will sign copies from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Second Time Around, 659 Washington St. N. The large, soft-cover book sells for \$14.95.

In the 1980s, Moon wrote

about the canal company's early years. Tremayne recently wrote the latter portion of the book to mark the canal company's centennial. The newly released volume combines both parts.

For information, call Second Time Around at 734-6008.

Idaho Power seeks approval of four state wind projects

The Times-News

BOISE — State regulators will consider contract between Idaho Power Co. and the developer of four wind projects scheduled to be built in southern and eastern Idaho.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is taking public comment on the proposed contracts through Nov. 28. James Calkins of the Montana-based Energy Development Group serves as the developer of all four projects. If approved, the projects would start producing energy in November 2006, and be in full operation by May 2007. Idaho Power and Energy propose to enter into 20-year contracts in which the projects would be paid for delivering 100 kilowatts — the size of projects that could qualify for a rate published by the commission for renewable projects under provisions of the federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. Passed by Congress in the late 1970s, the act encourages the development of renewable energy technologies as alternatives to burning fossil

fuels or building new power plants. The federal act requires that electric utilities offer to buy power produced by small power producers who qualify. The published rate to be paid project developers is set by state commissions and is to be equal to the cost the electric utility avoids if it would have had to generate the power itself or buy it from another source.

Those wishing to submit comments must do so no later than Nov. 28. Comments can be submitted online via the commission's homepage at <http://www.puc.idaho.gov>, by mail at P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074, or by fax to (208) 334-3762.

SERVICES

Violet Olive Baker-Hawk of Lewiston and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the New Life Apostolic Church in Lewiston (Mountain View Funeral Home).

Arlieh M. 'Petie' Craner of Murtaugh, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley (Burley Funeral Home) from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. before the funeral.

Ansel Dakin Banfill of Wendell, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Shirley Marie Winter of Warrenton, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Herkula Funeral Chapel in McCall.

Blanche Ruby of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Wendell United Methodist

Church (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Max Raymond Durk of Castle Rock, Colo., visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Vivian Estella Brittain of Twin Falls, rosary service at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of the rosary at the chapel. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 139 Sixth Ave. E., Twin Falls.

James 'Jim' Bernard Rolf of Halley, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Charles

Catholic Church in Halley (Wood River Chapel).

Bonnie Louise James, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the chapel.

LaVern Arthur Murphy of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary; visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Gideon William Sperle of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A.E. Amy Elvren of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at Serenity Funeral Chapel, 2158 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

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Charles Dean Dayton

DAUL — Charles Dean Dayton, an 85-year-old resident of Paul, passed away Monday, Nov. 7, 2005, at his home.

He was born Dec. 29, 1919, in Wilford, Idaho, the son of Charles Augustus and Edna Irene Birch Dayton. He was the second of five children. Dean received his education in Wilford and Sugar City, graduating from Sugar City High School.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army Corp of Engineers for four years where he traveled throughout the United States and Europe.

He married Bernice Hlatt on Oct. 4, 1946, in St. Anthony, Idaho. Their marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple in June of 1951. They turned their backs on life and worked for the J.R. Simplot Company for 23 years. Dean was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and enjoyed serving in various capacities, including counselor in the Wilford Ward hishopric.



He loved farming and also enjoyed reading and gardening. He was an avid fan of his grandchildren's sporting events and enjoyed being involved in their activities. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and loved visiting with his family, friends and neighbors.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bernice of 59 years; his children, Kristine (Dan) Stapelman, Regina (Ron) Mingo and Reed C. (Trudy)

Dayton, all of Paul, Brent Dean Dayton of American Fork, Utah, and Dennis H. (Kim) Dayton of Dublin, Calif.; his daughters, Edna Miller of St. Anthony and Max (Carol) Dayton and Marilyn (J.T.) Beeds, both of Wilford, Idaho; 25 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Earl Dayton.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005, at the Emerson First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 127 S. 950 W. of Paul, with Bishop Coody Morgan officiating. Burial with military rites will be at Paul Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Farnsworth Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

The family expresses their heartfelt appreciation to HHC Home Health & Hospice for the compassionate care given to Dean.

Eugene Edward Morrow

Gene was born Nov. 25, 1918, in Glens Ferry, Idaho, to George and Molly Hill Morrow. He joined his beloved Virginia and son, Dale, in Heaven on Nov. 8, 2005.

Gene grew up in Glens Ferry with nine brothers and sisters. In high school, "Huey" was a star athlete in football. He received a scholarship for his abilities as a full back.

Gene entered the Air Force, Aug. 8, 1942, at Fort Douglas, Utah. His military training included radio operator and mechanic and military school. In 1943, he joined the 15th Bomber Maintenance Squadron in Salina, Kan. His career took him to Africa, India, China and Guam. All through hard work and sacrifice, he made their dreams of becoming entrepreneurs come true.

They owned two restaurants in West Yellowstone and



the A&W in Twin Falls. Gene was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved gardening and tending his flower gardens. He was also loved to spend time in Yellowstone. Gene and Virginia had two children, Linda and Dale.

Surviving Gene is his daughter, Linda (Allen) Sanderson; grandchildren, Curt (Fern) Sanderson, Kim (Wade) Hansen, Paul Sanderson, Jeanna (David) Brown and Michael Morrow; seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.



His parents, all his siblings; beloved wife, Virginia; and son, Dale, preceded him in death.

A funeral for Gene will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005, at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Interment will follow the service at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, at the funeral home, Roy Enola, Alexis and Aysia. Also surviving are Darrell's uncle, aunts, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy L. Boyer; and his nephews, Larry L. and Roy Alan Carpenter.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday Nov. 11, 2005, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery.

Leaf disposal program continues

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The city of Twin Falls and PSI Waste Systems are continuing the leaf disposal program.

People have several options for leaf removal in Cassia County. 1. Compost the leaves. For more information on home composting, call Sherry Jeff, city sanitation inspector, at 735-

2. Drop the leaves at the new drop-off location, 170 Maxwell Ave. (No yard waste or garbage). Maxwell Avenue is off Shoshone Street. Turn left just before crossing the Old Towne Bridge. The site is east of the Parks and Recreation Department building on Maxwell Avenue.

Please deposit leaves close to the site. If the leaves are in bags, please empty them at the site. 3. Bag the leaves and leave them at your regular curbside site for PSI to take to the landfill.

The city of Twin Falls will use the leaves left at the drop-off site to improve soil conditions on city property. The drop-off site will be available until Dec. 4.

DEATH NOTICES

Helen L. Knoblauch
RUPERT — Helen L. Knoblauch, an 89-year-old Rupert resident, died Nov. 9, 2005, at MMH Countryside Care & Rehab.

Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Hazel Buxton
BURLEY — Hazel Buxton, a 98-year-old resident of Burley, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005, at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center.

Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

Mayo Don 'Smoker' Kelso
JEROME — Mayo Don "Smoker" Kelso, 82, of Jerome, died Nov. 8, 2005, in Jerome. Arrangements will be made by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Dorothy Alice Ackley
JEROME — Dorothy Alice Ackley, 80, of Jerome, died Nov. 6, 2005, in Jerome. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Vernette E. Chronister
BUHL — Vernette E. Chronister, 94, of Buhl, died Nov. 9, 2005, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, 2005, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave., in Buhl. A viewing will be held one hour before the funeral at Farmer Chapel.

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Darrell Lee Boyer
and then the Air Force, serving all across the United States.

Darrell attended Evergreen State College in Washington where he graduated with a B.S. and a B.A. Degree in Mathematics.

Darrell is survived by his mother, Maudie Boyer; his sister, Carolyn Carpenter; his niece, Carrie (Todd) Suttler; three great-nieces.

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Teaching standards become an issue in contract talks

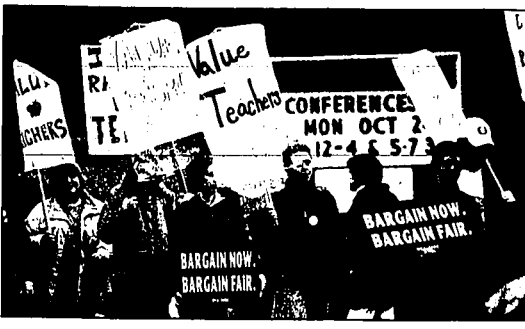
SANDY, Ore. (AP) — The homecoming game has been canceled and parents are running out of ways to keep cranky kids entertained, because of a teacher strike in which a key sticking point is more than just a local issue: the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

In school districts around the country, the Bush administration's centerpiece education law is beginning to emerge as an issue at the bargaining table. In Sandy's 4,200-student Oregon Trail District, where the strike is in its third week, teachers are afraid they will be replaced, transferred or otherwise penalized. If they, their students or their schools fail to measure up under the law, which sets stringent new standards for performance.

While salary and benefits are also stumbling blocks in the dispute, the 216 striking teachers and the school board in this city of 5,400 people about 40 miles from Portland are wrangling over contract language related to No Child Left Behind. Several marathon bargaining sessions have stretched into the wee hours.

"No Child Left Behind is creating issues we didn't expect four or five years ago," said Larry Wolf, who heads the Oregon Education Association, the state teachers union. "The law's approaching deadlines raise flags for both sides."

Under No Child Left Behind, schools must bring increasing percentages of children from all backgrounds up to scratch on reading, math and writing tests. Schools that repeatedly fail to make enough progress face a se-



Teachers walk the picket line in front of Sandy High School on Oct. 25 in Sandy, Ore. In Sandy's 4,200-student Oregon Trail District, where the teacher strike is in its third week, teachers are afraid they will be replaced, transferred or otherwise penalized if they, their students or their schools fail to measure up under the law, which sets stringent new standards for performance.

ries of sanctions, the most serious of which include school closure and takeover by a private company.

The law also includes says that by the end of this school year, teachers must be "highly qualified" in the subject they teach. That definition varies from state to state but generally means the teachers must have majored in the subject they teach, must be certified by the state and must pass an exam in the topic.

Teachers in some places are pushing for contract language to protect themselves.

In Oregon, unions are asking for the right to take part in developing new curriculums required under No Child Left Behind, and want assurances that staff members will not be replaced or transferred if a school fails to make enough progress under the law.

Teachers also want to make sure that student performance on tests is not the basis for negotiating action against an employee. And they say school systems should not be able to take into account whether a teacher has been deemed "highly qualified" during layoffs or recalls.

School board officials, though, say that laws like No Child Left Behind affect what can and cannot go into the contract.

"We can't incorporate things that would violate or conflict with those laws," said Oregon Trail school board member Wayne Kuechler. In Philadelphia, where the public school system is now run by the state, the teachers union conceded some seniority hiring rights in the latest round of contract talks to give

the district more options in hiring teachers to staff schools that are marked as low performers under the federal law. "At every turn in the contract negotiations, the press and demands of No Child Left Behind were always present," said union spokeswoman Barbara Goodman. "The bottom line is, there were a lot of changes made in seniority."

In Warwick, R.I., teachers and the district have been negotiating a contract for three years without success, in part because of No Child Left Behind. "Any time you add additional duties, teachers expect to be paid, which is reasonable," said John Thompson, chairman of the school committee in Warwick. "But with pension and health care costs going through the roof, we can't afford things like higher pay for more work."

Idaho AG announces expanded probe into gas prices

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's elected officials are investigating the state's gas prices.

Attorney General Lawrence Wasden announced Wednesday that he was expanding his inquiry into gas prices to try to determine why the margins between wholesale and retail gas prices have been growing.

Before Hurricane Katrina, gas retail prices were about 5.3 cents per gallon higher than the wholesale prices. After the hurricane, that margin grew to nearly 16 cents per gallon and by the end of October it was slightly more than 42 cents per gallon.

"Idaho consumers deserve to

know if there is an economical, if sound explanation for this margin pattern, or if they are being taken advantage of in violation of Idaho law," Wasden said in a prepared statement.

Meanwhile, U.S. Senator Larry Craig questioned oil executives during a joint hearing before the Energy and Natural

Resources Committee and the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.

"When gas is cheaper on Capitol Hill than it is in Idaho, I'm frustrated. Idaho consumers are paying through the nose for gasoline, diesel and natural gas, and we need some answers," Craig said.

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management, which allows for the joint management of surface and ground water.

Water Resources maintains that because Clear Springs made a call on another surface user, Clear Lakes would need to ask the department to curtail groundwater users under the

conjunctive management rule. Surface water users have challenged the constitutionality of that rule in separate case that Wood presides over in district court.

"A delivery call would trigger administration in priority... a delivery call does not trigger a water resource call," Wood wrote in his decision to deny

the department's motion to dismiss the case.

The curtailment has yet to be determined. Yet, it will go above and beyond mitigation already provided by groundwater users for other calls in the Thousand Springs area, said Lynn Tominga, spokesman for Idaho Ground Water Appropriators.

Water Resources will likely file a motion for reconsideration, said Michael Keckler, a spokesman for the department. However, Keckler could not comment further on the case.

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Idaho mayor logs 37 years in office

WEIPPE (AP) — In winning his 10th term as mayor of this timber town on Tuesday, Norm Steadman became Idaho's longest-serving mayor.

Steadman, 67, has occupied the Weippe post for 37 years since being appointed in 1968. John Cotant, Chubbuck's mayor, has just a year less, after first taking that job in 1989.

This cross-state rivalry — some 500 miles separate Weippe on the forested slopes of north central Idaho from Chubbuck on the arid Snake River plain — has ended. The 81-year-old Cotant's name was on his city's ballot, following his decision earlier this year to retire.

Steadman says his biggest challenger in the next election in 2009 might be old age. "I don't know if it's going to be a life-long appointment," Steadman told the Lewiston Tribune recently, of taking the job nearly four decades ago when that brother, Water Steadman, the elected mayor, moved away and left the position vacant.

Steadman and the other 400 residents of Weippe have lived on, even as half the town's population trickled away since the

1980s as the timber industry toppled and folks left to find their fortunes elsewhere.

Still, Steadman, a U.S. Forest Service engineer has overseen a significant expansion of town services. It now has a city Hall and a water and sewer system.

Weippe's elected leaders aren't paid — a cent — never have been, and Steadman says that fine by him.

"Nobody has ever been paid a salary," he said. "They talked about paying us \$25 a month, but it isn't worth the paperwork. I don't mind working for nothing, but I don't like to work cheap."

Only once in the past 37 years has Steadman faced opposition.

And not counting an ongoing flap over whether the town should repaint a gorilla — the mascot of Weippe's now-defunct high school — on a water tower that's due to get its next hearing on Nov. 14, Weippe has avoided the kind of brouhaha that has afflicted most other, small towns in the region.

In Lapwai just to west, Mayor James Angle, who has been under fire since the cancellation of the municipal insurance policy, was ousted on Tuesday.

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needing a change in city government. I feel very honored to be asked to help bring that about."

Bowers also thanked his campaign workers. "I can't say enough about how tirelessly my committee worked to get support for me. I really want to thank them, and I agree with Todd. We are ready to give the city what they are asking for."

Both said they will honor their commitments to the people to facilitate a change in the city's way of doing business with the public.

Council members gathered Tuesday night at City Hall, as city administrator Roger Bagley read the resolution canvassing the votes, declaring Bowers and McGhie winners of the two open seats.

Bowers and McGhie will fill four-year terms.

Barras took the defeat in stride.

"Hey, it's OK," he said, as Mayor Audrey Newerth shared an emotional moment. "This is how our democratic process works and now I'll have time to pursue other ventures. None I can be the one to do the complaining."

Barras said he wasn't going to worry about it yet, because he still has six weeks to serve and there are things to do in that time.

Newerth would only say,

"No comment," when asked about her reaction to the election results.

Slightly more than one-third of the city's registered voters turned out for the election, according to city records.

Other results were Carlos Rounty, 221 votes; Brad Bell, 186 votes and Dale Dayley, 77.

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the waste than current reactors, they yield commercial quantities of hydrogen along with electricity.

The Next Generation Reactor has been one of the key prongs of the Bush administration's energy policy to prepare for a future 20 years away when most vehicles will run on hydrogen-powered fuel cells.

But after successfully re-

questing nearly \$40 million the first two fiscal years, the Bush administration dropped the project from the fiscal 2006 budget after voicing concerns over the estimated \$2 billion construction cost by the time the reactor is scheduled to be up and running in 2017.

Any reluctance by the administration faded after Craig summed Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman for a tour of

the Idaho site in June.

Larry has clearly established a forward mission," Craig said in a statement. "This bill strengthens our national nuclear career portfolio and ensures the stability of the lab long-term."

But the leader of an Idaho nuclear watchdog group saw less cause to celebrate the hefty appropriation for the desert complex, arguing that many of the INL research programs are

aimed at aiding nuclear weapons production "rather than nuclear energy."

The bill also appropriates \$8.5 million to prepare INL as the Energy Department's site for consolidating production of plutonium-238 batteries for national security applications and space missions rather than the current system of producing the long-lasting fuel cells at various federal nuclear labs.

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blocking. Herring explained that next week the application will be submitted and that it is highly probable Castleford will get the funds it needs.

"I am going out on a limb here," Herring said. "But I don't know how they could turn you down."

Castleford will find out in April if they have been chosen to receive the grant.

If all goes as planned, the funds should be available by

May and the city can then work on ordering equipment and breaking ground on the massive project.

However, some citizens in Castleford are still upset that any water treatment is being required.

"I have lived here my whole damn life," Eloy Keen said. "And I don't know of anyone who has died from arsenic poisoning. I still don't understand what the problem is."

Don Acheson, an engineer with Riedesel & Associates in

Twin Falls — the firm hired by the city to help fix the water problem — agreed with Keen.

"It is hard to tell you as an engineer that the water is bad for you when the data isn't there to back it up but the problem is there and we need to fix it," Acheson stated.

Mayor Rita Ruffing was also understanding of the concerns but said, "We went through the why's of the problem from two years ago. But now our focus is getting the water into compliance."

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Priest builds cultural bridges

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

HOME — Led by his parish priest, the congregation of St. Jerome's Catholic Church is building bridges between the Anglo and Hispanic communities.

The congregation boasts a healthy and growing Hispanic population — 600 registered Spanish-speaking families. The new sanctuary, with a seating capacity of 1,200, is often filled to overflowing during the Spanish service on Sundays. Membership at St. Jerome's runs about 60 percent Hispanic and 40 percent Anglo, reports the Rev. Father Ronald Wekerle. St. Jerome's pastor, And, he expects the Hispanic population will continue to grow.

Wekerle acknowledges a conflict between the Anglo and Hispanic communities in the Magic Valley at times, but attributes it to "fear of the unknown. It is a hesitation to approach the stranger," he said.

For instance on a recent Sunday morning in the parish hall, several Anglo women were at one end of the kitchen making coffee and donuts for the Sunday morning coffee hour and visiting with one another in English. At the other end of the kitchen, a group of Hispanic women were making tamales for the Sunday after-church luncheon. They were speaking Spanish.

The Anglo women thought the Hispanic women were talking about them — the Hispanic women thought the Anglo women were talking about them. After he introduced the two groups, several of the women became good friends, Wekerle said.

Although Wekerle is not Hispanic, he speaks fluent Spanish. He was ordained in Rome in 1990 and spent five years there, went to Columbia for two years, to Rome for two years and to Jerome in 1999.

"I only open doors — get people together," Marino Perez (a catechist and Victor Gonzalez (a catechist), they are the real workers. They deserve the credit," Wekerle said.

Most of the people from Mex-



Father Ronald Wekerle, right, and Deacon Marino Perez share a laugh in the courtyard at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. The priest says the congregation is trying to bridge the gap between Hispanic and Anglo cultures at the church.

ico who come to the Magic Valley to work are from the rural ranchos area deep in Mexico — the Jalisco, Guanajuato and Zacatecas provinces, said Gonzalez, who is a native of Mexico.

"The ranchos area of Mexico has little or no industry. The homes may have running water — many do not. There might be electricity to the homes and there might not. Very few people there have telephones. Not many people in the rural area own cars and there may be a local bus that runs into the nearest town once a week, then again, there may not," Wekerle said.

"The rural people from Mexico are very poor, have had little or no contact with other cultures and Magic Valley is very foreign to them. They are scared and shy," Perez said.

Anglos may misunderstand this shyness and think it stands offishness, or being unfriendly. Nothing is further from the

truth, the parish priest says. "These people (Mexicans) are respectful and polite. They are friendly and love to have a good time. They also have a very strong work ethic."

"Also remember, not all Hispanics are Mexican," Perez said. Hispanic members of St. Jerome's congregation come from Peru, El Salvador, Columbia, Guatemala and Mexico.

Wekerle wants to bridge or blend the two cultures because each culture has its own unique customs. "Becoming bilingual or learning to speak more than one language enriches a person's life. If you do not speak a second language or understand another culture, you miss out on so much. In English, we say 'Good morning.' In Spanish an expression used with close friends and family 'Como amaneciste?' translates to 'How did the dawn greet you?' Wekerle said.

Holidays are often celebrated

differently. "At Christmas, the Anglo decorates in what they consider a tasteful manner. The Hispanic celebrates and thinks they are overdone or garish," Wekerle said.

To encourage biculturalism, St. Jerome offers Spanish classes for the English speakers and English classes for the Spanish speakers of the community. Both English- and Spanish-language Bible study, prayer groups, youth groups and mass are offered at St. Jerome's.

St. Jerome used to celebrate October Fest. But to bridge the gap between cultures, the parish now celebrates October Fiesta with singing, dancing and feasting on Portuguese, American, Mexican and German food.

Commerce, labor reps speak at gathering

TWIN FALLS — Representatives of the Idaho Commerce and Labor department will speak at the Hispanic Business and Professionals Network at noon Monday at the Azulan Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard.

Carlos Hernandez, assistant manager, and Jude Anderson, union supervisor, will give an overview of services provided to business leaders or employers, such as unemployment insurance.

Anyone is invited to the no-host lunch. For more information, call Leticia Coronado at 733-0931.

Group offers free training on domestic violence

MERIDIAN — Idaho Network to End Domestic Violence & Trafficking Against Immigrants is offering free training on domestic violence and immigration laws from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Idaho POST Academy, 705 S. Stratford.

Speakers will be Robert Mather, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and United States Immigration Services; Monica Schurman, professor at University of Idaho College of Law; Wendy Olson, U.S. Attorney's Office; Kathryn Balshaw, attorney; and Anna American, Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Immigration Program.

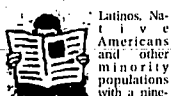
Topics include multicultural awareness, immigration process overview; determining a client's immigration status, 1-360 Self-Petition under the Violence Against Women Act, visas, waiver of joint removal of condition on permanent residency, gender-based asylum and intersection of federal statutes and immigration.

The event is free, but reserve a space by e-mailing Kelly Miller at kmiller@idvsa.org or call 384-0419.

Minority youth encouraged to apply for internships

Washington, D.C. — Congressional internships on health care issues targeted to minority ethnic groups are now open, according to Sen. Mike Crapo.

The Kaiser Family Foundation's Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program is designed to provide African-Americans,



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learn more about how health-care policy is developed and implemented.

"Minorities in Idaho, as well as throughout the nation, face significant health challenges," said Crapo, R-Rep. "Health studies bear out the problems: African-American men suffer from prostate cancer in greater numbers than other groups; Native Americans suffer a disproportionately higher mortality rate from a number of diseases; and Latinos are more likely to contract immunization-preventable communicable diseases. This scholars program focuses on helping provide minority ethnic health care workers with an innovative opportunity for understanding and knowledge."

"I encourage those who are proud among Idaho's tribes, and Latino and African-American communities to review this information and take advantage of this opportunity."

During the nine-week program, which runs from May 23 through July 28, 2006, scholars will learn about federal legislative procedure and health policy issues. They will be placed in congressional offices and participate in seminars and site visits to enhance their knowledge of health care issues, transportation and from Washington, D.C., lodging during the internship, daily expenses and a stipend are available to successful applicants.

Eligible applicants must be U.S. citizens who will be seniors or recent graduates of an accredited U.S. college or university in the fall of 2006. They must be a member of a population that is adversely affected by racial or ethnic health disparities and have experience working in or with programs that address such health disparities.

For more information, visit <http://www.kff.org/about/jordan> or <http://scholars.cfm> on the Internet. All application materials are available on-line.

Mexico university is free with right number

The Dallas Morning News

MEXICO CITY — There are no entrance exams at the Autonomous University of Mexico City. No checking of school records. No interviews. No financial aid forms, since attendance is free.

Prospective students need only a high school diploma, proof of residency and a little luck. Applicants are assigned a number that is fed into a computer, which randomly selects the new freshman class. The fall term began in mid-October.

The university and its system of 16 feeder high schools were launched in 2001 by then-Mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who resigned in July to run for president. Supporters

say it is an example of his vision for Mexico, in which bad neighborhoods have good schools and poor kids go to university. Critics see the university as a diploma mill and a return to the failed mill-and-governor policies of the past.

The city university, or UAGM for its initials in Spanish, is a factory producing the future unemployed, said Salvador Alvarado, a former City Council member from the conservative National Action Party, or PAN, who opposed the debt-financed project.

"It is also an ideological factory of Marxism-Leninism," part of a plan to swing impressionable voters to Lopez Obrador and his vision of big government. Alvarado said.

"I think this is populism gone mad," said Peter Ward, a professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Austin. "To open a university where you take a number and are admitted through a lottery makes no sense whatsoever."

The slogan for Lopez Obrador's 2000 mayoral campaign was, "The poor come first." He established city pensions for the elderly and disabled and has promised 200 new high schools and 30 new universities should he become president in 2006. He is the leading candidate in early polling.

Supporters of the university project insist that, just like Lopez Obrador's highly popular downtown renovation, double-

decker highways and public transportation improvements, the UAGM is well thought out.

"One of the policies of the university is to help those who need it the most rather than those who seem like they deserve it the most," said the university's director, Manuel Perez-Rocha. "That's the point of democracy."

Even for poor Latin America, he said, Mexico is seriously backward in sending its young people on to higher education. Just 20 percent of college-age students actually go to college, Perez said, citing government figures.

For decades, Mexico's official policy was to direct young people toward vocational and technical schools.

USE YOUR HEAD



American's soccer player Irano Suarez, right, from Brazil fights for the ball with Cruz Azul's Diego Rivero at the Aztec stadium in Mexico City, Mexico, on Sunday during their Mexican soccer League championship match. America defeated Cruz Azul 1-0.

Center: Hispanics attend neediest high schools

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hispanic children are much more likely than white or black students to attend the nation's largest and poorest public high schools, a new analysis shows.

More than half of Hispanic teens, 56 percent, attend schools with enrollments of roughly 1,800 students — schools that rank in the 90th percentile in terms of size. Only 32 percent of black children and 26 percent of white children attend schools that large according to the Pew Hispanic Center, a nonprofit research group that studies the Latino population.

At the same time, Hispanics are more likely to be in high schools that have the highest concentrations of poverty and largest ratios of students for every teacher. Hispanics can be of any race, but in this report, the groupings of whites and blacks included no Hispanics.

The study also found that almost four in 10 Hispanics go to

high schools with a student-teacher ratio of greater than 22 to 1, while less than two in 10 white students or black students go to such schools.

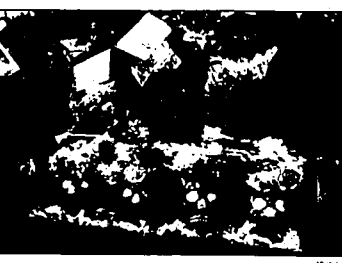
"Hispanic teens are more likely than any other racial or ethnic group to attend public high schools that have the characteristics of extreme size and poverty," said Richard Fry, senior associate at the center and the author of the new research.

The Pew Hispanic Center's data are from an Education Department survey that collects data on every public high school in the country. The figures come from the 2002-03 school year.

School size matters, Fry said, because research shows students in large schools have higher dropout rates and more trouble making academic gains.

As the president, Congress and governors give more attention to high school, Fry said, Hispanics may have the most to gain by efforts to reshape schools into smaller environments.

CELEBRATION OF SKULLS



Hundreds of people carry human skulls at the General Cemetery in La Paz, Bolivia for a Catholic blessing Tuesday. The celebration of the skulls, known as natitas, showing the connection between life and death, has long been practiced in obscurity in Bolivia but has been growing in popularity in recent years. The tradition reflects the force of pre-Hispanic belief in Bolivia whose population is majority Indian — so powerful that the Roman Catholic Church has chosen to recognize this and other non-Catholic traditions as a way of retaining its influence.

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DOING SOME HOMEWORK?

NEED ANY HELP?

ACTUALLY, THIS ALGEBRA PROBLEM IS KILLER.

UH... IS THAT THE DOORBELL? I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

WELL, FIRST YOU HAVE TO IDENTIFY THE COMMON DENOMINATORS.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

CAROL, DON'T LET THE UNDERLINGS OF MY UNDERLING COME INTO MY OFFICE.

I CAN'T LEARN ANYTHING USEFUL BY LISTENING TO THE LITTLE PEOPLE.

I RENEW MY VOW TO LURE YOU INTO A DEADLY ACCIDENT!!

WHOA! UM... TELL IT TO MY UNDERLING.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Tomorrow's Veterans Day. Any of you boys serve?

Sure did in the galley of a submarine in the Pacific.

The galley? You mean you're in the kitchen?

That's right. In the early part of the war I was all they allowed a black man to do in the Navy.

Oh, well. No offense, my friend. I serve.

Seems like you served up a real can of worms for yourself there, General.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

DON'T WORRY -- IT'S WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE.

Mustard Funnore By Bruce Tinsley

REMEMBER DURING THE GREAT CO-WARRERS SELLING THEIR KIDS' SCHOOL FUND-RAISER PRODUCTS FOR THEM OFTEN DEMONSTRATE WILDLY EGOTIC BEHAVIOR.

THEY CAN BE EXTREMELY AGGRESSIVE ONE MOMENT.

I KNOW YOU CAN AFFORD JUST ONE.

IF CONFRONTED IN AN OFFER HALL OR CONFERENCE ROOM, THE BEST DEFENSE IS OFTEN TO PLAY DEAD.

AND PROPERLY GUILT-TRIPPING THE NEXT.

LOOKS LIKE NO BONUS PRIZE FOR MY LITTLE GUY.

Pickles By Brian Crane

HOW'S THE PRINTING COMING, PAUL?

I'M JUST PUTTING ON THE FINAL TOUCHES.

WHEN I STARTED THIS I WASN'T SURE WHAT IT WAS GOING TO BE A PICTURE OF.

JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, WHAT DID YOU FINALLY DECIDE?

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

MY MICH BOLDLY HE THE WALK BELT THE OTHER DAY?

DO YOU WANT IT?

NO THANKS I DON'T DO BELTS.

I COULD NEVER FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH A PIECE OF LON AROUND MY WAIST.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL PSYCHIC

COMING SOON OCEAN FRONT PROPERTY!

Lethal Doses By John Deering

MEMO

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

I'M TELLING YOU NO!

WELL, I'M TELLING THAT YOU'RE TELLING! MOM HATES THAT TATTLETALE!

THEN I'M TELLING THAT YOU'RE TELLING THAT I'M TELLING, SO YOU'LL GET IN TROUBLE TWICE!

NEVER SAY YOU'RE TELLING ME!

SURE TELLING ME!

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

SEVEN, THAT'S YOUR LUCKY NUMBER? BOY, I REALLY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SOME SORT OF FRACTIONAL, OR AN INTEGER THAT CAN ONLY BE EXPRESSED ON THE MOON... OR I DON'T KNOW... SOMETHING. I MEAN, SEVEN?

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

DON'T LET YOUR DAD FEEL YOU'VE GONE SOBER. YOU'VE JUST STOPPED DRINKING.

BACK IN THE DAY, WE'LL BE HOPING MARYANN WILL BE WITH US. YOU'VE BEEN DRIVING LIKE A MANIC.

WELL, BEAT AT LEAST YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU'VE GONE SOBER.

COULD YOU PLEASE STOP DRIVING LIKE THAT?

WELL, I'M TRYING TO BE A RESPONSIBLE DRIVER.

SO, YOU'VE STOPPED DRINKING. THAT'S GREAT.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

CLICK YOUR HAIR CLIP OFF! I THINK IT'S MY SHOES.

YOUR SHOES ARE TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM YOU.

DOES YOUR SISTER KNOW YOU WEAR A HAIR CLIP?

NOT YET.

BUT, IF WE WERE DOING A PROBABILISTIC STUDY, I'D SAY THERE'S A 90% CHANCE SHE'LL BE REALLY INTO IT. A 20% CHANCE SHE'LL HAVE A POSITIVE REACTION AND A 10% CHANCE SHE'LL WANT TO TAKE CARE.

WHAT IS INTERESTING THIS YEAR, TANTY?

TOTALY!

Luann By Greg Evans

TELL YOU WANT WE'LL TAKE THE KITTEN TO THE VET SO WE CAN CHECK FOR A MICROCHIP, IF THERE'S NO CHIP IN IT.

THANK YOU!

WINK YOU THANK YOU?

DO YOU WANT TO TAKE THE BEST?

NET REALLY, YOU'LL JUST SAY IF THERE'S NO CHIP, WE'LL CONSIDER IT A B.A. SO I'M GOOD FOR NOW.

JUST SO WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

DEAR BART, I CAN'T DO IT.

YOU'D BETTER GO. YOU'VE GONE YELLOW.

I DON'T GET NO ARMS, BUBB.

SPAGHETTI WESTERAS ARE SOOOOOO OBERATED.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

WHENEVER I'M NERVOUS OR ON EDGE, I RETURN TO MY TRUSTY BE-BEE TREE.

I LEAN AGAINST THIS TREE AND I'M ABLE TO LET TANGLES BE.

LETTING THINGS BE IN A COLD NOVEMBER REQUIRES A RUNNING-IN-PLACE LEAN.

Fog lifts for Taurus – way ahead is clear

IF NOV. 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, helpful opportunities could pave the way for a more serene existence in March when, buoyed by a fresh bloom of confidence, you can expand your influence in positive ways. Since Neptune will begin to vibrate in your area of the cosmos about the same time, you may become more romantic and tender than usual as the year progresses. Your character may be tested in July and early September, so wait to initiate new plans in late September or October when success is more certain.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Sometimes inaction is better than the wrong action. Be sure to research all the rules before beginning a new plan. A surge of vitality will help you get many balls rolling in several directions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The fog is lifting and the way ahead is clear. Rely heavily on facts and figures if an important decision must be made. Cooperation will be easier to achieve if you are frank about objectives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be an enthusiastic team player. You could be surrounded by well-wishers and helpful advisers today. It is easy to find the

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cooperation necessary to deal with projects on the back burner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): "He who hesitates is lost" may be true. But being deterred by valid concerns can save lots of work later on. Use your noggin and look for possible loopholes in a partner's plan.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Swallow your pride. A bit of disillusionment may cause you to come down hard on yourself. Concentrate on fixing what is wrong and making things right instead of starting all over again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Honesty is the best policy. Misunderstandings can be seen for what they are. It is better to admit to an error than to perpetuate a feud. Work hard as the boss may be watching closely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down. Issues that are already confused may be seen in a harsh light or blown out of proportion. Try to be forgiving and overlook errors or mistakes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

The tough had better get going. Shake off a lackadaisical attitude and get your show on the road. If you miss important deadlines you will be forced to deal with complaints and aggravations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The good opinions of others make a difference. Take time out to be sociable, but don't push your luck. If you don't put your best foot forward someone may complain behind your back.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Objectivity is better than subjectivity. Where business is concerned, emotional or personal concerns could cloud your judgment. Too much chatter can keep you from necessary routines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Ride the seasaw. Be kind and considerate with individual people and tough as nails in business negotiations. The human touch will give you an advantage on the career playing field.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): With the moon passing through your sign you may be prone to daydreaming or reminiscing about the past. Chitchat about memories might lead nowhere and keep you from needed tasks.

Anonymous phone call tips wife's world upside down



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

On my wedding announcements, my son's birth announcement, legal documents — even plane reservations — they have either given me my husband's last name or hyphenated my name. I have called and begged them to stop doing it. (It caused problems with the plane tickets, and all of my wedding announcements and birth announcements were wrong.)

Every time I ask them to stop, they tell me I am the one causing the problem, and then they either get angry or promise not to do it again — and then go ahead and do it.

Obviously, I am hurt and frustrated by their refusal to honor my decision. How should I handle this without causing a huge family fight?

DEAR JANE: You can't control what your parents call you, but you can control how they refer to you. But you know how they place an order for formal announcements and make the reservations for you. As to legal documents, I would think you would have to be correctly identified in order for the document to be valid.

The best place to start is to stop relying on your parents to do things for you and take control of your life. You don't have to be confrontational — but you do have to be independent you are, the less that they do can affect you.

counseling, because you have been the victim of an assault — an emotional assault. In a sense, you have been violated. A wise person once told me that depression is "anger turned inward." A therapist can help you direct your anger where it belongs — at the anonymous caller.

Please don't let the venom some stranger attempted to spread poison your marriage. You know rationally that your husband loves you and demonstrates it in every way he can. Whoever made that call may be angry at you or your husband for some perceived slight. She may be a jerk. She could even be a high school student who was dialing randomly for kicks. It's not as unusual as you might think.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married three years. After the wedding, I chose to keep my maiden name for both personal and professional reasons. Everyone in my life has honored my decision with one glaring exception — my parents.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

BEETLES: "TELLING A JOKE AND I THINK IT WILL BE FUNNY"

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

"I'D HOLD MADAME OR MONSIEUR CARE FOR A DISCRET THE BISHOP?"

"I'LL HAVE THE CHOCOLATE CAKE"

"AND COULD YOU PLEASE PUT THE OTHERS IN A TAKE-ALONG CONTAINER FOR ME?"

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

"EVER BEEN MARRIED, RALPHA?"

"THREE TIMES!"

"ANY KIDS?"

"OF COURSE NOT! THEY WERE ALL ADULTS!"

Garfield By Jim Davis

"OH MARRIE! I COULD NEVER LIVE WITHOUT YOU!"

"NOR I YOU, TEP! LET'S GET MARRIED!"

"OOOOOAAA... LET ME JUST CHECK MY SCHEDULE..."

"MUHWE! COME MACK! COME MACK! MUHWE!"

"IT'S TOUGH TO TALK WITH A NOSE PLANNER UP YOUR NOSE"

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

"PERFECT!"

"HOW WAS THAT?"

"THAT SHOULD SOLVE OUR NICE PROBLEM ONCE AND FOR ALL!"

Hi and Lo By Chance Browne

"AH-CHOO!"

"HELP!"

"GOTCHA!"

"NO 'GNEZZE TAG' DURING COLD SEASON!"

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

"SEE THAT SKY? THAT SKY IS YOURS!"

"YOU'RE A BIRD! SOAR AS HIGH AS YOU WANT!"

"YOU CAN OWN THE SKY."

"SORT OF."

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

"I'VE COME UP WITH A GREAT NEW PRODUCT MADE ENTIRELY FROM SAWPUST"

"WHAT'S IT CALLED?"

"SCRAPPLE-HELPER"

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

"ONE THING'S FOR SURE... WHEN IT COMES TO MARGARITAS AN ME, OPPOSITES DON'T ATTRACT."

"Boy! This is a really OLD picture of me. It's from last year!"

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my college sweetheart, "George," for 20 years. He's a great husband, a good father, and we are very compatible. He's the kind of man who brings me flowers for no reason, and who would rather be home cooking dinner with me than almost anywhere. Recently a woman called to tell me that George was "screwing around" all over town, and she thought I should know I was married to a "pervert." She hung up before I could comment. Abby, George swears he is not having an affair and has always been faithful. He insists that she's just a crazy person.

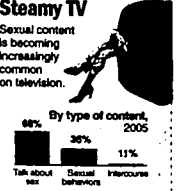
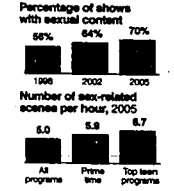
Of course, I have to believe the man I have known for 24 years over a complete stranger, but this has been devastating. It has made me question my choice to be a stay-at-home mom, and made me nervous in crowds thinking that someone is watching me — or us — when we are out together.

George is trying hard to be there for me and says he'll go to marriage counseling with me or whatever I need. I know he loves me and our three children. But I can't feel healing violated and depressed, and I'm resentful that this stranger has the power to make me question my own happiness. Please help me.

DEAR THREATENED: Like your husband up on his office of

What's on television? A lot of sex

TV executives say they're not pushing it onto children



WASHINGTON (AP) — "The OC," "Desperate Housewives" and other TV shows popular with teenagers generally have more sex than other programs, a study says.

TV executives say they're not pushing sex on children and that if parents don't want their kids to see certain shows then they have all the tools they need, including the "off" button.

According to the study released Wednesday by the Kaiser Family Foundation, the vast majority of TV shows — 70 percent — include some sexual content, with an average of five sex scenes per hour. On the top teen shows, the number is higher — 6.7 scenes an hour.

The study examined programming on ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, WB, PBS, Lifetime, TNT, USA Network and HBO. Sexual content could be anything from discussions about sex to scenes involving intercourse.

The number of scenes involving sex has nearly doubled since 1998, the study said, from 1,830 to 3,783.

Examples of sexual content cited in the study included scenes of sex on the WB's "Gilmore Girls" and "Jack & Bobby" to depictions of oral sex on NBC's "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit" and sexual intercourse on Fox's "Stargate." The study did not offer an opinion on whether sex on TV is harmful to children. But lead researcher Dale Kunkel said it is generally acceptable that TV influences kids.

"Their sexual knowledge, attitudes, behaviors are all shaped in part by the characters in stories that television conveys," he said.

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

Kaiser released the study's findings at a news conference with Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., followed by a panel discussion with executives from NBC and Fox. Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy of the Federal Communications Commission and others.

Obama, the father of two young girls, said he shares the concern of many parents about what their kids are exposed to on television.

"We don't teach our children that healthy relationships involve drunken, naked parties in a hot tub with strangers — but that's what they see when they turn on 'The Real World,'" he said, citing a show on MTV.

"When they're fed a steady diet of these depictions over and over again from the time they're very young, this behavior becomes acceptable — even normal," he said.

Obama said the television industry needs to do more to help parents better navigate the ever-growing number of channels and programs. Making TV ratings easier to understand is one way, he said, adding that broadcasters and cable don't do more than they are inviting Congress to act.

Tony Vinciguerra, president and chief executive of Fox Networks Group, said parents

already have the controls they need on cable and satellite to block channels or programs they deem inappropriate.

Parents with regular over-the-air TV can use the V-chip technology that's built into televisions and works with an electronically coded rating system to identify programs that contain sex, violence or crude language.

Michelle Obama also said network executives are aware of parents' concerns. "We have debates every minute of every day about what goes on television," she said.

Vicky Ridenout, a vice president at Kaiser, said the number of shows that included a message about the risks and responsibilities of sex is still very small and has remained flat since 2002.

About 14 percent of the shows with sexual content also had discussions of contraception, waiting to have sex or other "safe sex" messages. While that figure is about the same as it was in the last study, it's up from 9 percent in 1998.

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation is a philanthropic group that funds health care, including reproductive and AIDS-related issues. It is not affiliated with the Kaiser medical organization.

Famous greeting got its start today in 1871

This day in history: On Nov. 10, 1871, New York Herald reporter Henry Stanley found wandering missionary and explorer Dr. David Livingstone on the shores of Lake Tanganyika in the village of Ujiji. Stanley uttered his famous greeting, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume!" (Thanks to reader and Livingstone expert Jim Owens.)

A study of prominent American writers showed that poets lived an average of 66.2 years, compared to 72.7 years for non-comparitor writers.

One out of five prominent poets studied killed themselves. This compares to the 1 percent suicide rate of the general population.

Herds of elephants sing to each other. Although the tones are too low for humans, other elephants can hear the songs from up to five miles away.

Australian cowboy outlaws were called "bushangers." The most famous were the Kelly

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Gang, led by Ned and Dan Kelly. They're most interesting contribution to the art of bank robbing was suits of armor fashioned from stolen gold blades. Unfortunately, the armor left their extremities exposed to bullets. Ned Kelly was shot in the legs, and all four members of the gang were captured and hanged.

Elephants love sweets. Alas, they are also susceptible to tooth decay.

Did the Dutch make a good investment when they paid \$24 for Manhattan in 1627? It was OK, but it wasn't earth-shattering. One estimate of the

difference between that price and what Manhattan is worth now is that the investment earned only about 53 percent annual appreciation.

It is being reported that Mrs. Effie Ross Satter, Elizabeth, died as the result of spending two days in a ditch. The 29-year-old presidential sibling apparently thought it was the best place to stay after a massive, rare earthquake struck Virginia.

To publicize Betty MacDonald's book, "The Egg and I" in 1946, dedicated public relations agent Jim Moran sat on an aircraft egg for 19 days, four hours, and 32 minutes until it hatched.

In 1930, the average American ate 25 pounds of margarine and 17.6 pounds of butter each year. Today, it's 8.3 pounds of margarine and 4.2 pounds of butter.

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The Canada lynx.

Canada lynx might get critical habitat in Idaho

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Habitat critical to the future of the Canada lynx belongs in a category that in some cases could restrict logging or other activities on those lands, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Wednesday.

The agency proposed a critical-habitat designation for parts of Washington, Idaho, Montana, Minnesota and Maine, but did not specify details.

Lori Nordstrom, a Fish and Wildlife Service wildlife biologist in Helena, said the agency doubts the effectiveness of the designation, but seeks to implement it to satisfy

legal requirements.

"That's pretty much been their policy for some time and they include boilerplate language to that effect in virtually every designation," said Michael Sematore of Defenders of Wildlife in Washington, D.C. "We don't agree with it."

After a lawsuit by Defenders of Wildlife and other groups, the lynx in 2000 was listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act. The critical-habitat designation is required as part of that status. A notice published Wednesday in the Federal Register opened a three-month public-comment period.

In determining critical habitat, the Fish and Wildlife Service considers places with features essential to conserve a species. In the case of the forest-dwelling lynx, a cat weighing 18-23 pounds, those features include piles of woody debris for dens and the presence of snowshoe hares as prey.

Federal agencies that contemplate conducting, funding or authorizing activities that could affect the habitat would have to consult the Fish and Wildlife Service, which would decide whether the proposed action threatened the lynx.

Besides logging — which the service said may harm or benefit lynx, depending on the project — such activities could include road work on federal land, expansion of government-regulated ski areas, and work that is on private land but involves Army Corps of Engineers permits. Private action on private land would not be affected.

In many instances, the consultation required under the habitat designation already occurs through other requirements of the Endangered Species Act, the Fish and Wildlife Service said.

About 27,000 square miles of federal, state, private and tribal land fall within boundaries of the proposed critical-habitat areas, a number that stands to fall after some U.S. Forest Service lands are removed because they are covered by an agreement to reduce lynx risks, the Fish and Wildlife Service said.

The largest critical-habitat areas for lynx are in northern Montana and northern Idaho, which together have 10,760 square miles, and in Maine, with 10,633 square miles. Minnesota has about 3,500 square miles and Washington about 2,000.

Lawsuit on Yucca Mountain dismissed

LAS VEGAS (AP) — An Indian tribe will try again to get a federal judge to stop plans for a national nuclear waste dump in Nevada based on a 19th century treaty after its initial lawsuit was dismissed, a lawyer for the tribe said Wednesday.

The Western Shoshone National Council will appeal a ruling that the U.S. District judge had sovereign immunity from the tribe's lawsuit, the Las Vegas federal court lacked jurisdiction, and the case was premature because the Yucca Mountain project has not been built, said Robert Hager, a Reno-based lawyer who represents the tribe.

The U.S. government has spent \$2 billion and hollowed out a sacred mountain, yet the court found that the government's actions are still merely hypothetical," said Hager, who received notice of U.S. District Judge Philip Pro's ruling this week.

A spokeswoman for the Justice Department, which had denied the government's suit, declined immediate comment.

An Energy Department official in Las Vegas said Yucca Mountain project administrators welcomed the ruling.

"It came two days after congressional lawmakers agreed to slash the 2006 budget for development of the repository to \$450 million from \$577 million — just the latest in a series of setbacks that have included a required court-order rewrite of radiation safety standards and the request into possible falsification of scientific data."

The tribe filed suit March 4, citing the Ruby Valley Treaty of 1863. Tribal members said the treaty allows only specified uses of Western Shoshone ancestral lands — including settlements, mining, ranching, agriculture, railroads, roads and communication routes. They maintained that eradicating 77,000 tons of the nation's most radioactive nuclear waste was not among the approved uses.

The same judge in May denied the tribe's request for an injunction to stop the federal government from applying to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for an operating license and planning a railroad line across Nevada to reach the \$38 billion repository.

"In his ruling filed Nov. 1, Pro rejected outright the tribe's contention that it had standing to sue the government because the two parties were equal signatories to the 1863 treaty. The treaty recognized vast stretches of territory in present-day Nevada, California, Utah and Idaho as Western Shoshone tribal land."

However, an Indian Claims Commission decided in 1946 that the tribe lost the land through "gradual encroachment."

"The date for opening the Yucca Mountain project 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas has been pushed back from 2010 to 2012 or later."

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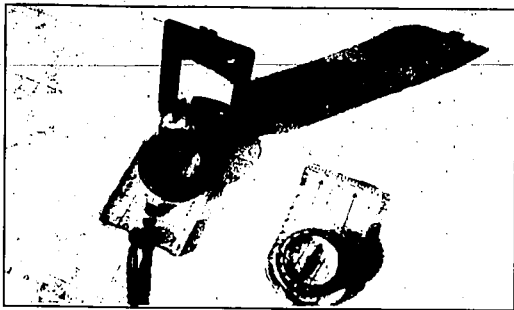
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Topographic maps and compasses still have a place in outdoor navigation.



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Eyes from the Skies

GPS units add new kick to outdoor activities

By Mike Cothran
Times-News correspondent

Electronic technology seems to now exist in almost all aspects of life, and our leisure outdoor time holds no exceptions. With Global Positioning System (GPS) technology originally being developed for and by the military, it now has a wide variety of applications in the outdoor arena.

Uses vary from fun to serious or a combination of the two. Many recreationists enjoy simply recording their routes and later reliving their journeys. Others rely on these small electronic devices for serious navigation in locations and weather that are sometimes conducive to getting lost.

Hunters can download previously visited locations in the field (or potential spots from a map) and return precisely to the area during the current season. Fishermen on large lakes and reservoirs utilize the technology to easily relocate productive spots on big open water.

On a more non-consumptive level, hikers and backpackers employ GPS units to navigate trails or pursue cross-country routes. Motorists in the outdoors rely on them to sort through the unsigned two-track roads. And the increasingly popular sport of geocaching revolves entirely around the technology.

Of course, those diminutive receivers are just part of the system. The driving force consists of 24 satel-



Searching for a local landmark? Enter the coordinates 42 degrees, 32 minutes, 52 seconds North; 114 degrees, 57 minutes, 27 seconds West — then start navigating.

lites, each orbiting the earth twice a day and continually transmitting signals. The number of satellites, their arrangement in the sky, and strengths of individual receptions determine the accuracy on the ground.

While it's not overly important to know that usually four satellites are needed for reasonable accuracy, users searching for good recreation do need to be aware of obstructions between their receiver and those satellites. Trees, canyon walls, steep hillsides, or even one's own head can block clear

signals. (So here's one time that slowly turning around in a tight circle won't raise eyebrows.)

GPS can be used in several different ways to navigate. The most basic probably consists of taking a waypoint at the journey's onset, and then navigating back to it. Similarly, a track can be recorded of the initial journey and then be used as the return route.

Oftentimes one will have a predetermined destination downloaded into the unit. This point could be calculated off a topo-

Getting your gear
Basic GPS receivers start at around \$100, but may not have all the functions or the ability to store the amount of data desired. The price also increases if extra memory is needed to download additional maps, and for this map software itself. To learn more about the use of GPS in outdoor recreation, the Web site gpsnuts.com is an excellent source. Locally, the Sportsman's Warehouse periodically offers informal instruction at evening classes, and CSI has in the past offered a continuing education course.

graphic paper map, derived from computer software, recorded from a book, or received from a friend. It's then fairly simple to navigate from one's starting point to the destination by monitoring the screen, which indicates the direction to travel and distance between present location and objective.
But while a GPS performs these and many other functions, don't be too quick to leave those "old-fashioned" compasses and paper maps behind. The best strategy for serious navigation combines modern technology and traditional tools.
Most GPS receivers don't have a

magnetic compass, but base direction on the most recent travel calculated from satellite data. This means that to get a good directional fix, the user must remain on the move. And while rare, GPS receivers can break down, and more problematic, are at the mercy of charged, available batteries.

A GPS receiver's small screen also cannot furnish the broad overview that a good paper map provides. In addition, the maps available for download into a GPS won't show the same detailed contour lines that a 1:24,000 scale topographic map exhibits.

Tradition can't match the home-computer software aspect of GPS technology, however. While most GPS receivers require map programs unique to the manufacturer if more than the base map is desired, no limitations exist on the computer. Many software programs offer a variety of means to organize and download waypoints and track data to those preferred 1:24,000 maps.

With the technology and versatility that GPS offers, it's hard for many people to not use them. In the field, experiences range from low-key enjoyment to serious navigation. And at home, those outings can be re-created, and just as importantly, new excursions planned.

Snowbird drilling Euro-style ski tunnel in Utah

Mike Gornell
The Salt Lake Tribune

The light at the end of Snowbird's tunnel is still a year away.

But mining crews are nearly finished excavating a 595-foot tunnel between Peruvian Gulch and Mineral Basin back bowl, the most intriguing of a busy off-season of projects for the Little Cottonwood Canyon ski resort.

Of more interest to government regulators and environmentalists was the re-configuration of the resort's lower parking levels and the construction nearby of a day lodge with large bay windows and a heated deck. Those projects will serve customers and reduce silt and salt runoff into Little Cottonwood Creek, a drinking water source for Salt Lake City.
"Customers didn't like the muddiness (of the old parking lot). We didn't like the potential for adding sediment to the stream," said Steve Scheidt, a snow ranger with the U.S. Forest Service, which has authority over those portions of the resort on public land. "This will improve the riparian area and water quality, which have been problems."

The tunnel, by contrast, is a more fanciful idea that emerged less than a year ago and left Jim Baker, Snowbird's director of mountain planning and devel-

opment, initially skeptical. "The more we got into it and got into the ground, the better it seemed. Next thing we know, we're standing at the end of a tunnel at Mineral Basin," he said.

Six feet from the end, technically, Snowbird is leaving that much ground uncut until summer to let a related improvement catch up. Down in the Salt Lake Valley, Doppelmayr CTEC is building a \$5.6 million high-speed lift that will replace the creaky, vintage Peruvian chair lift, which is on its last winter moving skiers to mid-mountain.

The new chair will be longer and rise 2,600 vertical feet to the base of Gorrilla Ridge, just south of a series of hairpin turns winding down from Hidden Peak. It will deposit skiers at a staging area for the 10-foot-wide, 12-foot-tall tunnel, where they'll board a 30-inch-wide conveyor belt for a four-minute ride to Mineral Basin at a brisk walking pace.
"Beginners can get on, kids can get on. You don't have to go through the learning curve of getting onto the lift and getting off of it," said Baker, who acknowledged it might not be for the claustrophobic. "Some people won't want to come in."

But Snowbird was sold on the idea, which if nothing else will

be a curiosity for North America.

The tunnel will provide easier passage for skiers to Mineral Basin than Snowbird's signature 125-person aerial tram, which can develop long lines on busy days and has to be shut down when winds are howling.

And by staying off the ridge, Snowbird is steering clear of Salt Lake County's foothills protection ordinance and a confrontation with Save Our Canyons and other opponents of the resort's plan, now on hold, for a lodge atop Hidden Peak.

Snowbird also satisfied Salt Lake County Fire Department concerns about a tunnel fire. Its slope was moderated to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and dampen a "chimney effect" that would funnel oxygen to any blaze.

A nonflammable belt will be required when Snowbird chooses between two vendors bidding for the deal: SunKid Skiffs from Austria and Denver-based Magic Carpet Ski Lifts. Snowbird also is investigating ways to minimize wind velocity through the tunnel, possibly by using slatted fencing at one end to block the flow of wind.

A drainage system will be installed next spring after it becomes clear how much snowmelt will seep into the tun-



Snowbird employee Dave Fields shines his flashlight on the wall of a new tunnel that will connect Peruvian Gulch and Mineral Basin on Oct. 25, at Little Cottonwood Canyon ski resort in Utah. The light in the background is the tunnel entrance nearly 600 feet away.

nel. Then it will be time for Boise-based Small Mine Development, LLC to finish its excavation work.

"We're doing it for the glory and not the money," said the company's owner, Ron Gull.

"We're underground mine developers. We work with Barrick, Newmont, all the mine people in Nevada. This was just a little side-light. We used it as a reward for a couple of our key people who had done a good job for a

lot of years."
Because last winter's abundant snowfall was slow to melt, Gull's crew of a half dozen miners were not able to haul boring and blasting equipment to the tunnel site until Aug. 17.

OUTDOORS

F&G commission will meet in Jerome

JEROME — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission will meet in Jerome Nov. 16-18.

The meeting will be held in the Magic Valley Regional Office at 319 South 471 East. A public hearing is set for 7 p.m., Nov. 16, in the same building.

Among the items set for commission action, the 2006-2007 fishing rules will be up for final approval. Rules for fishing contests will also be proposed for commission action.

The commission is expected to act on tag quotas for nonresident big game hunters and set-aside rules for nonresident out-fitter elk tags.

The commission will elect a chair and vice chair for 2006.

Idaho Rivers United sponsors annual auction

BOISE — Idaho Rivers United will present its 11th Annual Auction for the rivers from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Boise Train Depot, 2603 Eastover Terrace.

Outdoors in brief

The event offers a silent auction, door prizes and a raffle. Beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be available.

Hot items this year include a new whitewater raft from AIRE; a wilderness systems touring kayak from Idaho River Sports; a week of paddling and boating in Costa Rica with Costa Rica Rios; a week's stay in Akumal, Mexico (south of Cancun); and a Middle Fork of the Salmon trip with Mackay Wilderness River Trips. Other items include fishing gear, outdoor gear, original framed art, photography, sculpture, weekend getaways, river trips, spa care and more.

All proceeds will benefit Idaho Rivers United, a nonprofit organization working to protect and restore the rivers of Idaho.

For more information, call Jessica at (208) 343-7481 or visit www.idahorivers.org.

Snow assures resort will open on Thanksgiving

SUN VALLEY — A series of snowstorms over the past week has dumped a total of 26 inches on top of Baldy and 16 inches on mountain, bringing the season total to 33 inches.

This early season accumulation of natural snow will assure Sun Valley's traditional Thanksgiving Day opening, Thursday, Nov. 24.

Snowmaking and grooming continues on both Baldy and Dollar Mountains.

Sun Valley's 70th winter season opens with the traditional Thanksgiving Package complete with all the trimmings beginning Wednesday, Nov. 23 through Sunday, Nov. 27. The package includes four night's lodging and three days of skiing, topped off with a lavish Thanksgiving feast.

For dated snow reports please call 800-635-4150 or visit sunvalley.com.

reservations, please call 800-786-8259.

Association will host dinner, auction fundraiser

SUN VALLEY — Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited will hold its 2005 dinner and auction fundraiser Nov. 20 in the Lighthouse Room at the Sun Valley Inn.

Social hour will be from 4 to 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

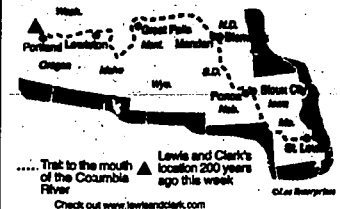
Five dinner packages are available starting at \$35 per person or the opportunity to sponsor a table for eight and receive annual memberships. Early bird tickets purchased a week before the event will be put in a special prize drawing. Other prizes will be raffled.

To purchase tickets or make a donation, call (208) 720-1256. Tickets also are available at Silver Creek Outfitters, Sun Valley.

For dated snow reports in Halley, Guffy's, Bob's Sports and Lost River Outfitters. — compiled from staff reports

'Ocean in view!'

The Lewis and Clark Expedition made its way down the Columbia River toward its mouth on the Pacific Coast. The men were cold and wet, but close to bridging the continent.



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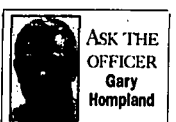
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Most landowners follow correct protocol

Question: "As a landowner and farmer on Bell Rapids I was extremely upset with one of your columns. You insinuated landowners were unlawfully posting public land on Bell Rapids, Magic Water, and Blue Gulch. I hope you will further explain landowners' rights and hunter obligations related to unlawful trespass."

Answer: I meant no disrespect to the majority of landowners and farmers in the Magic Valley or Idaho. Being bold and raised in a farming community I understand many of the issues related hunting trespass.

The vast majority of landowners and farmers are only concerned with protecting their property, their equipment and livestock. Benign activities on adjacent public land are of



ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

little consequence to most of these folks.

When activities on public land threaten private property there is a "rub" between users of public land and adjacent landowners. This is when some of the landowners lalluded to in an earlier column were posting public land or destroying public access signs.

Fire was a real threat to landowners early this fall from activities on public land. Sportsmen must be extra careful to

avoid igniting a fire. Special care by sportsmen should be given to vehicle travel to avoid igniting fires from catalytic converters or exhaust systems. In some of the forest agencies, ban open fires or campfires on private property.

As discussed in a previous column, crossing onto the private property of another without permission, including shooting onto private land is a trespass that can result in loss of hunting privileges, compensation to the landowner for damages, or even incarceration in the county jail.

If a landowner denies a hunter access to his private property, the hunter has met his obligation to make every effort to retrieve an injured game animal or bird. Hunters knowing they have no access to adjacent private property must not shoot at game

likely to be lost on the adjacent property. Failure to exercise restraint could result in a citation to the hunter for waste of game.

In summary, sportsmen may access most public land, if they trespass onto private property or their activities harm an adjacent landowner they can be prosecuted for trespassing and required to compensate landowners for private property. To identify private property landowners are obligated to "post" their land unless it is cultivated for agricultural crops.

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Courses will provide avalanche safety training

The Times-News

STANLEY — Sawtooth Mountain Guides of Stanley is once again offering a variety of avalanche courses under the guidelines established by the American Avalanche Association.

The Level I Backcountry Skier and Snowboarder Avalanche Safety Course is a three-day course based at the Williams Peak Hut in the Sawtooth Mountains. The goal of this course is to give the backcountry skier the practical knowledge to understand snow avalanche phenomenon, skier preparedness and how to travel safely in avalanche terrain. This course focuses on winter weather, snow pack, terrain and route selection. The Level I is being offered Dec. 9 to Dec. 11, Jan. 6 to Jan. 8 and Jan. 13 to Jan. 15.

The Level II Tour Leadership and Avalanche Hazard Course is

a four-day comprehensive course based in and around the Stanley Basin. This course combines the thorough curriculum of a field-based avalanche course with additional considerations for guiding and leading ski tours in high mountain terrain. The Level II is excellent continuing education for those who have completed a Level I field course and is being offered February 2-5.

With a reputation of being comprehensive and the best suited to meet the needs of the serious backcountry skier or snowboarder, Sawtooth Mountain Guides' avalanche courses fill to capacity early in the season. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information on course reservations and sign-up contact Sawtooth Mountain Guides at (208) 774-3324, email: getaway@awt00thguides.com, website: www.sawtoothguides.com.

State Trail Cat program keeps trails clear

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Trail Ranger program, funded by the registration fee for off-highway motorcycles and ATVs, maintained 1,435 miles of trail last summer on 25 Ranger Districts in eight National Forests located throughout Idaho, keeping Idaho trails cleared for public access.

The crews removed 3,434 downed trees, cleaned or installed 1,687 water drainage structures, and established tread on 4,385 miles of trail. The program also reconstructed 99 miles of trail using Trail Cats

Parks and rec

cleaned 630 drain ditches and constructed 539 additional ditches.

The Trail Ranger program is organized into three two-man crews. Each person carries a chainsaw, pulaski, and shovel along with tank bags that carry gas, oil, and tools for the saws mounted on a trail bike.

Idaho has one of the largest trail systems in the United States (18,000 miles), and many of those trails are open to off-

highway vehicles. Keeping those trails accessible to users is a coordinated task.

"Our program is only one part of the overall maintenance effort," said IDPR Off-Highway Vehicle Program Manager, Dave Claycomb. "Many of Idaho's trails are managed by the United States Forest Service. Unfortunately many of the National Forests in Idaho lack the funding and manpower to adequately maintain all of those trails. To help off set a potential maintenance backlog we provide the Forest Service support through the Trail Ranger and

Trail Cat Programs

Every spring, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation invites land management agencies around the state to participate in the program. There is no cost to the agencies that utilize the Trail Ranger and Trail Cat programs. The only thing IDPR requires is for the participating agency to provide temporary housing. Housing is usually rustic - a Forest Service Guard Station; but includes a sheltered sleeping area, cooking area, a clean bathroom, a source of water, showers, and refrigeration for food.

Sawtooth Society plans spending on projects

The Times-News

BOISE — The Sawtooth Society has committed financial aid totaling \$36,541 to 15 projects in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in 2005. Projects supported this year include:

- \$10,000 to the Forest Service to maintain trails in the Boulder, White Cloud, Sawtooth and Smoky Mountains
- \$5,900 to the Stanley Emergency Medical Technicians for medical equipment for volunteer emergency medical technicians
- \$5,000 to the Forest Service for interpretive programs at the Redfish Lake Visitors' Center
- \$5,000 to Blaine County to fight noxious weeds
- \$5,000 to the Mountain Mamas, a community service organization, for landscaping the Highway 75 and 21 entrances to the City of Stanley
- \$4,900 to the Forest Service for a mounted ranger to patrol the Sawtooth Wilderness and be a resource to hikers and horsemen
- \$4,866 to the Forest Service for signs that inform and educate visitors to the area
- \$3,700 to the Salmon River Clinic for medical equipment
- \$3,000 to the Custer County Sheriff's Department to for communications materials to

promote whitewater safety on the upper Salmon River

\$3,000 to Friends of the Sawtooth Forest Avalanche Center for daily avalanche reports that warn backcountry users of snow conditions

\$2,400 to the Retired Smokejumpers' Association to maintain trails and construct log water fences

\$2,275 to the Salmon River Emergency Clinic for capital improvements to its facility in Stanley

\$1,000 to the Forest Service for a portable public address unit and stipends for volunteers at the Redfish Lake Visitors Center

\$1,000 to the Forest Service for infrastructure repairs at the Grandjean trailhead

Bob Hayes, president and executive director, reported the Sawtooth Society has improved more than \$300,000 to invest the SNRAS infrastructure since 1997. Funding benefits those who live or work in and visit the area. The Sawtooth Society is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization. For more information, call (208) 387-0852 or log onto www.sawtoothsociety.org.

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A CHANCE ENCOUNTER

Conversation on airliner leads to big poaching bust

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — It started on an airplane. Four men from Tennessee flying into Bozeman were talking with a Gallatin County man who was flying home, and telling him they were planning to hunt bull elk in the Gardiner area.

But there was a problem. The conversation took place in January 2004 and the general hunting season had been closed for weeks. The local guy knew that drawing a late-season bull tag took incredible luck.

The Tennesseans told him they didn't need luck. They had "ranch tags."

There's no such thing as a ranch tag in Montana, and the local man knew it. When the plane landed, he picked up a phone and called wardens at the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

That call ignited an investigation that has consumed at least a thousand man-hours of investigative time. It has sent wardens to Tennessee, to Michigan, to California.

Late last month, John Daniel "Danny" McDonald pleaded guilty in an ongoing commercial poaching operation. A plea agreement with federal prosecutors, which has yet to be approved by the judge, calls for him to serve a year in prison, pay a \$25,000 fine and give up hunting and gun ownership for the rest of his life.

McDonald lives in Cinnabar Basin, an incredibly beautiful bowl in the mountains just north of Yellowstone National Park. The area is filled with all kinds of wildlife. McDonald owns about 1,100 acres there, part of an ancestral ranch, and had outdited on the property for years. For some of his clients, licenses and seasons were ignored.

Five of McDonald's clients have pleaded guilty to poaching charges and paid thousands of dollars in fines. Wardens say their work isn't done.

"More charges and federal indictments will be coming," said state game warden Capt. Sam Sheppard.

The call from the anonymous

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informant got immediate attention at FWP headquarters in Bozeman.

Wardens in the Gardiner area had been suspicious about McDonald's operation for some time, Sheppard said. From the informant, they figured out roughly how long the Tennesseans planned to stay and the wardens planned a stakeout.

"We sat on the airport, all the flights going out, for three days," Sheppard said.

Then they found their prey. McDonald drove his clients to the airport, and after he left, wardens, Gallatin County sheriff deputies and airport security pulled them into a room. Three of them admitted to killing elk, and wardens found elk teeth and digital cameras with photographic evidence. Each of them posted bonds of \$1,000 before they could get on a plane.

McDonald was pulled over on his way home, arrested, questioned and released.

Then wardens came to his house with a search warrant and seized documents, computer records and more photographs. They compared calendars to pictures, and started putting names to faces. They figured out that the Tennessee men weren't the first illegal out-of-state hunters who paid McDonald to poach on his place.

"We decided to go federal from there," Sheppard said.

Crossing state lines to hunt illegally is a federal offense. It gets serious. It can mean jail time, major fines, loss of some rights, a lifelong stigma.

"Federal indictments get

people's attention," Sheppard said. More search warrants were issued in Michigan and California, and more evidence was seized.

So far, wardens have collected 14 bull elk heads or racks, one deer and one mountain lion. They say they expect to collect a lot more.

"This is a big deal and we're going to treat it as a big deal," Sheppard said. "Even though it's taken over a year, we're going to continue until we're finished."

McDonald, 38, is a father of three. He runs a tourism business on his property, at the end of the road in an isolated area. He offers log cabin rentals and a variety of recreation, like horseback rides and target shooting. His Web site offers all kinds of pictures of people posing with dead elk, bison, moose and deer, but no further information.

McDonald is now out of the hunting business now.

"You're done with hunting," U.S. District Judge Richard Cebull told him after he pleaded guilty to two federal Lacey Act violations.

Cebull stressed during McDonald's court appearance that he doesn't have to comply with the plea agreement when he sentences McDonald in January. And the length of the sentence could depend on McDonald's cooperation between now and then.

Maximum criminal penalties under the Lacey Act are five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each felony violation.

"To be honest with you, there are things that are more impor-

tant to him than hunting," said McDonald's attorney, Chuck Watson. "Nobody with a happy family wants to go to jail. But he realizes the gravity of what he did. He's going to step up to the plate and take responsibility for what he did."

The three Tennessee hunters who killed elk — Oddie Graves, David Hughes and Mark Calveit of the Nashville area — were ordered to pay fines and restitution totaling \$13,210.

The fourth man in that group, Joe Link, didn't kill an elk, but was the organizer of the party, Sheppard said. He paid \$1,070 in fines and lost his hunting privileges for five years.

Despite their conversation in the airplane, the men had been told not to wear hunting clothes on the trip, not to discuss hunting, and to bring no guns. McDonald provided the weapons, Sheppard said, and was arranging to have their illegal trophies shipped home.

A Grand Rapids, Mich., man, Roger Driesenga, paid \$2,500 in fines and restitution for hunting on McDonald's ranch after the season closed in 2002. He didn't even kill an elk. Rather, McDonald gave him one for him, then killed him a sled and sent the sled to the man, spelling out the lengths to which some people will go to put a trophy on the wall.

"There are some people out there who really go nuts about it," Watson said. Two California men are accused of poaching a deer in December 2002 and three elk in February 2003, according to the U.S. attorney's office. They'll also be facing federal charges, Sheppard said.

And other charges are pending, he warned. The court papers cite only seven dead elk. Wardens have already seized 14 heads and racks, some of them trophy chisels. They say they'll be getting more, citing more people. Whether people face state or federal charges depends in part, Sheppard said, on the level of their cooperation.

And he offered advice to any other guilty parties: "If you're involved with this, come talk to us — before we come talk to you."

Bear breaks into tent for toothpaste

PROVO, Utah (AP) — A Utah County bear knows its important to brush before hibernating.

Troy Larsgard was camping with his younger brother in the mountains above Provo last month when a bear slashed through his tent, pawing at a bag containing toothpaste.

The 26-year-old Brigham Young University student said he was awakened around 3 a.m. on Oct. 21 by something pressing against his leg from outside the tent. He sat up and shouted "Hey!" to scare it away. The shadow lumbered off.

The brothers thought it was a cougar, and they had scared it off. The animal came back nearly six hours later and nudged Larsgard's shoulder through the tent. He sat up and saw the black bear through the tent's mesh window. "Fully expecting to see a cougar, I was surprised to finally see a bear," Larsgard said. "That fact alone caught me off guard."

The bear ripped through the screen window, a second swipe created a large opening, which it climbed through and into the tent.

The bear sniffed Larsgard's brother who was lying motionless in his sleeping bag then turned to Larsgard, who curled up into a ball in his sleeping bag. The bear swiped at Larsgard's leg, seemed to look interested in the campers and backed out of the tent.

As Larsgard tried to get out of his sleeping bag, the swishing of the bag caught the bear's attention and the animal pounced again on the end, trying to pull it out the makeshift door.

Larsgard wriggled loose and got out of the tent through the door. He grabbed a rock and threw it at the bear, which had climbed into a tree about five feet away.

He and his brother threw rocks until the bear ran off and carried more with them as they made their way down three miles of trail to their car.

At the BYU Health Center, Larsgard told his story and showed skeletal employees his clawlike puncture wound and a 3 1/2-inch scar.

As a precaution, he got a tetanus shot and antibiotics for 10 days. His left thigh was also bruised, he said.

As with any sighting or attack, the U.S. Forest Service notifies the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, which posts notices near a campground or area where the bear was seen. If the bear continues to frequent the campground it will have to be trapped, said Forest Service spokesperson Lloyd Clark. "I'll be a little more careful," Larsgard said about future outings. Although he had tied up his tent properly, he didn't really think about the toothpaste. "It was a 14-hour excursion that turned into a lot more than we bargained for."

Old toilets find new use on park's nature trail

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Old toilets have found a new use outdoors.

The crushed remains of hundreds of cleaned and recycled porcelain toilets top off the Calaveras Park Nature Trail, officials said.

The material lightens up the area so the trail is visible even in the dark, said Kenny Fletcher, park operations superintendent

for the San Antonio River Authority.

"I've heard good comments about the material," Fletcher said. "It's properly recycled, so I can't back when I tell them where we got it."

The San Antonio Water System has been collecting the old toilets, which often have been exchanged for water-saving newer models.

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GETTING RID OF THE NEWCOMERS

Idaho urges anglers to catch more trout to save salmon

By James Hagengruber
Spokesman-Review

SANDPOINT (AP) — Newcomers are overtaking long-established residents, changing the very way of life at Lake Pend Oreille.

No, this isn't a story about out-of-state investors and the real estate market. This is about crushing kokanee salmon populations and how the balance between fish species is being changed in a single human generation. To restore Idaho's Fish and Game Department officials say, quick action is needed.

"The kokanee population is literally on the very brink of collapse," said Ned Hornor, the department's manager of Panhandle fisheries. "We just can't keep going on like this."

Native to the Northwest but introduced to Idaho, kokanee have been in the state's largest lake since at least the 1930s, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Native cutthroat trout populations are declining and the small landlocked salmon soon filled an important role as the backbone of a multimillion-dollar sport fishery.

In recent years, they've become a favored food for exotic predators, namely mackinaw, which are also called lake trout and were introduced into the lake in 1925, and rainbow trout, which were introduced in 1919 and again in 1941, according to a government report. Large tracts of kokanee spawning grounds have been wiped out by dam operations.

Hornor and others worry that if the trend isn't reversed soon, Lake Pend Oreille could go the way of other large Western lakes overrun by mackinaw, including Priest, Flathead and Yellowstone lakes.

On Priest Lake, for example, anglers once spent about 150,000 combined hours a year fishing for the lake's abundant kokanee and cutthroat trout. Those two species are still present, but in much lower numbers, and the lake now attracts only about a third of the total fishing hours, Hornor said.

"When it's dominated by lake trout, fewer people fish. It becomes a very specialized fishery," Hornor said.

Dam operations have recently been altered to boost kokanee spawning success. Winter lake levels will be kept 4 feet higher this year in an attempt to provide kokanee more access to gravel spawning beds. During a trial run last year of the higher winter levels, spawning success jumped from less than 3 percent to nearly 10 percent, Hornor said.

"When you're talking potentially millions of fry, it can make all the difference in terms of kokanee recovery," Hornor said. But he said the extra kokanee fry might simply end up in the guts of predator fish. "All of that benefit, if you will, is getting eaten up."

That's why the state wants anglers to start catching and eating more rainbow and lake trout. In coming months, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will hold meetings to discuss the situation and to help develop a

strategy for saving kokanee by boosting the catch of predator fish. There's no current limit on lake trout, but anglers are limited to taking six rainbow trout per day. Kokanee fishing has been closed since 2000.

In recent years, some anglers have objected to the state's targeting of lake and rainbow trout. Hornor insisted the goal is not to eliminate the species, but merely keep them under control. Hornor pointed to Yellowstone, where lake trout have become the equivalent of termites in a wooden mansion.

In the 1980s, the national park has launched an all-out war on the fish, using nets and hooks to prevent further losses of the lake's cutthroat population, said park spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews. A recent government study estimated that lake trout will cause about \$1 billion in lost cutthroat fishing revenues over the next 30 years if the trend isn't reversed.

Most anglers and lake lovers agree there's trouble below the waters of Lake Pend Oreille, but there's also some skepticism about Idaho's push to further target predator fish, said Jim Watkins, a longtime fisherman and board member of the Lake Pend Oreille Idaho Club, a nonprofit group with about 1,000 members.

Although a 24-pound rainbow trout was caught in a fishing derby recently, some anglers now go 50 or 60 hours without hooking a rainbow. "It's nothing like it used to be," said Watkins. A Sandpoint real estate agent.

Watkins supports turning up

the heat on predator species, but he doubts sport fishing could keep lake trout numbers in check on the 80,000-acre lake. The state needs to have solid evidence before it can convince anglers to put more pressure on predator species, Watkins said. "I personally don't think they have a clue what the actual population is."

The state hoped a commercial lake trout fishery might help keep the population in check, but federal food safety laws have made it difficult for small-scale anglers to sell their catch to restaurants and stores. Ten commercial hook-and-line fishing licenses have been issued, but so far only one license holder has gone through the expensive process of a federally approved fish processing business.

Ten Sharp, a middle school teacher from Oakesdale, Wash., spends weekends and summers catching and smoking trout. He also buys lake trout from other anglers and has produced a video that he sells, in which he shares his fishing secrets. Last year, his business, Oakley Smokes, smoked 2,400 pounds of fish. It is sold for about \$20 a pound at the Moscow Food Cooperative and the Country Mart in Pasco, Wash. The smoked mackinaw is also on the appetizer menu at Sandpoint's Dock of the Bay Restaurant.

Lake Pend Oreille's lake trout have a deep red flesh and taste better than "any smoked salmon," said Sharp, who smokes his catch over wood from nearby apple orchards.

Get yourself and your gun ready for this winter hunting season

By Eric Sharp
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — Guns aren't unlike the people in our lives. Who would you trust more, someone you see two or three times a year, or someone proven to be reliable day in and day out?

You can see that relationship illustrated at this time of year at any public shooting range. The people whose guns are a routine part of their lives shoot a lot better than people who let most of a year pass and pick up their guns only a couple of days before the opening of the firearms deer season.

If you're one of the latter, you have time to rectify things. A box of 20 shells for most rifles costs about the same or less than the food you'll eat on the first day of deer camp, and shotgun slugs don't cost much more. So there's no excuse for not running a box through your deer rifle or shotgun before the Nov. 15 opener.

Shooting regularly will give you a lot more confidence in the gun, and confidence translates to better accuracy. And that will mean more dead deer rather than disappearing bucks that give you the whitetail finger.

If you're shooting a rifle, pick one brand of cartridge, get it sighted in and stick with it. I've found that most rifles shoot

one or two cartridges more accurately than others, but the difference is usually quite small.

However, shotguns, especially smoothbores, can show as much as a six-inch variation in accuracy — at 100 yards with different slugs. So it would be smart to run maybe three types of slugs through the shotgun and stay with whichever works best.

Let's address something that for most men is as painful to discuss as intimate relations: problems involving the reproductive organs or wallpaper selections for a new kitchen.

I'm talking, of course, about flinching, and whether you should really be shooting a gun of the caliber you've used for 20 years. You will not lose any machinery if you admit that you find the recoil of a 7mm magnum or a 30-06 so unpleasant that it affects your accuracy. You will not lose points toward induction into the Men's Hall of Fame if you switch to a .243 or .257 Roberts.

In fact, the increased accuracy you'll achieve by making the switch might get you that 10-point buck that scores 163 and will have all of your friends green with envy. Now that's worth big-time points toward the Hall.

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Kayaking in the Baja is adventure with catered meals

By Justin Pope
Associated Press writer

ISLA CARMEN, Mexico (AP) — Across the channel, the setting sun turned the sharp, desert mountains of the Baja Peninsula a dusty red as they plunged into the placid blue and turquoise waters of the Gulf of California.

Darkness brought a brilliant, starry sky and perfect conditions marred by artificial light and sound.

This was why I had traveled so far from my home in Boston. This was truly getting away.

Money was an issue, but this was a good time to formally close the book on the bare-bones, broke-recent-college-grad chapter of my travel history. Camping was fine — it's the only way to get the best price — but I was willing to pay a premium to upgrade to a cut above nice and beans, and to avoid the stress of planning a trip in a foreign country.

In short, I was ready to graduate to a category of travel I'll call "camping plus," and after a fair amount of research settled on the Baja's sea kayaking trip in Mexico. No, we didn't get massages or piñot gris with dinner; we paddled ourselves, slept in tents on rocky beaches and shared an outdoor bathroom behind a boulder. But we ate well and didn't have to cook, or worry about missing the best sites.

I settled on Sea Kayak Adventures, which runs trips in the Pacific Northwest during the summer and advocates to Baja for whole-watching and sea-kayaking trips during the winter. Other companies seemed to offer comparable trips and deals — we paid \$1,185 per person for a week-long trip — but Sea Kayak's schedule worked best. I was probably also swayed by the company's emphasis on good food in the promotional materials.

My girlfriend Maria and I arrived on a flight from Los Angeles on a Sunday afternoon in Loreto, a dusty but pleasant and unpretentious town on the Gulf of California about 700 miles southeast of San Diego. There, we met our guides and our group: six gabby but contagiously enthusiastic California smoothboaters on a mid-afternoon spring break; ourselves, and the Sikorskys, a delightful Wisconsin family of four. Six days later, they will all feel like close friends. Sharing an outdoor bathroom has a way

of bringing people together.

We savored our last restaurant meals and showers, and on Monday morning drove south to the put-in. There, we stuffed the company's two-person kayaks with their tents, sleeping bags, food and water, plus three small sacks of clothes and personal items we were allowed. Our Canadian leader, Mary Anne, and two local guides, Mario and Alex, gave the safety lecture and led an icebreaking game. And we were off.

Sea kayaking can be hard work, especially when the wind is stiff, but we never felt unduly exerted (and we were hardly a group of jocks). On long stretches we stopped to rest frequently, and even on the busiest days were out for no more than a few hours.

The routine was leisurely. Moving around an area protected as a national park between Isla Danzante, just a few miles from the peninsula, and Isla Carmen, a larger island still farther out, we woke up early, took coffee and breakfast and then would paddle or hike to another beach. There we would set up the sun tarp, relax, follow the guides on an exploratory hike — my cactus knowledge expanded exponentially — and snorkel in the brilliantly clear water of the Sea of Cortez (as tourists call the gulf). After lunch, we would head to camp in time for happy hour and dinner.

This was the time of day when the "plus" in "camping plus" became most evident. I wouldn't order tequila and Kool-Aid in a bar back home, but it tasted mighty fine on Isla Carmen. Even medicine that seemed to taste better outdoors, but Mary

Anne, Mario and Alex stuffed us with grub I would have been pleased to eat most anywhere: breakfasts of pancakes and oatmeal, dinners of fish and chicken the first two nights, and after that, vegetarian dishes that were satisfying even to a skeptical carnivore like me. Succulent tomatoes and avocados were part of practically every meal.

We visited too late for the area's whale-watching season of January through early March. But we settled for dolphins and colorful tropical fish in the water, and a lovely assortment of gulls, pelicans and more exotic birds above.

To me, eager to escape harried office life, the setting's greatest virtue was its utter emptiness. Here and there during the week, we encountered another kayaking group, and every day saw a handful of boats in the distance. But mostly I was amazed by the emptiness of such a beautiful place.

If you go ...

Sea Kayak Adventures:
<http://www.seakayadventures.com> or (600) 616-1943. Guided kayaking trips in Baja, Mexico, late December through early May. Seven- and eight-day trips, including camping gear, guides, meals and two nights in a hotel, \$1,095-\$1,280, per person, double occupancy. Single supplement, \$65. Some shorter and longer trips available at lower and higher rates. Some trips include whale-watching or yoga.

Getting there: Alaska, AeroCalifornia and AeroMexico airlines fly to Loreto from Los Angeles or San Diego. Delta and other airlines also partner with these airlines. Some flights operate only certain days of the weeks.

One can only hope the quiet persona. The national park status offers some protection from development, but Isla Carmen is privately owned, and there are some plans to develop it as a hunting destination. We gathered for a final dinner with the group at a restaurant in town. My vegetarian tolerance had run its course; I ordered a 16-ounce rib-eye, medium rare. The next day we were off, our plane turning and banking as it took off from Loreto to offer one last view of Isla Carmen — utterly, wonderfully empty.

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Section E

**BRIEFLY
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**Home-buying
sessions slated**

TWIN FALLS — The next two sessions of "Finally Home" will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 14 and 15, from 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Speakers for these sessions include lender Deb Drake of First Horizon Mortgage, home inspector Glenn Theberge of Eagle Eye Home Inspections, appraiser Shane Black from Mayer Appraisal and Home Inspection, closing officer Fred Ball of Twin Falls Title and Escrow, insurance agent Shay Cheney of Farmers Insurance Group and Realtor Penny Johnson of Century.

Participants who complete the two-evening course may qualify for reduced mortgage insurance premiums, down payment closing cost assistance and other special lender programs.

The program is funded largely by state and federal grants and is aimed at helping homebuyers looking at getting into their first home. Sessions are held at various locations.

Cost is \$10 per person for both classes, which includes the manual. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. For more information or to sign up, contact Penny Johnson at 732-6287 or pjohnson@csi.edu.

**Macy's sponsors
coat trade-up event**

SEATTLE — Macy's is sponsoring its annual Coat-A-Year Coat Trade-Up Event now through Sunday.

Customers are invited to bring their clean, gently used coats to their local Macy's gift wrap department in exchange for a coupon good for \$10 off any men's or women's coat purchase of \$75 or more.

All coats exchanged for the \$20 off coupon at Macy's stores in Bozeman, Mont. and Idaho Falls and Twin Falls will be donated to the Salvation Army. Other stores will donate their coats to Goodwill Industries.

Last year, more than 3,000 coats were donated to Goodwill Industries and the Salvation Army in Macy's communities through the trade-up event.

**Amtrak president fired;
controversy erupts**

WASHINGTON — Amtrak's president was fired Wednesday by the company's board of directors, said David Gunn did not drive the decision, but will service fast enough toward major changes.

Democrats criticized Gunn's ouster and questioned whether the move was legal, contending it was part of a Bush administration effort to kill national rail service.

As Amtrak's president and chief executive, Gunn struggled to maintain service in the face of a sinking financial picture and a push by the White House and some in Congress to transform the railroad into a group of companies offering regional service.

Gunn was offered the chance to resign, he refused. Amtrak's board chairman, David Lane, praised Gunn's effort to put Amtrak in good working order, but said the company's needs went further.

"That is not acceptable. We're more ambitious than that," Lane said. "We just need to change gears."

Delta pilots plan rally to defend contract

ATLANTA — The pilots union at Delta Air Lines Inc. is organizing members to pack a rally on Nov. 15 to defend their contract from management's attempt to void it in bankruptcy court.

Holiday airfares will rise

Knights Rider News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — Travelers can expect full airfares, long lines and higher airfares in the upcoming holiday season, as demand swells and airlines continue to grapple with high costs.

That's the forecast of several travel experts and airline executives who said Tuesday that the 2005 holiday travel season is likely to be the most hectic since 2000.

"It's going to be very, very busy," said Greg Wagner, a spokesman for Fort Worth-based American Airlines, the world's largest carrier.

For example, he said, American flights are likely to be 90 percent full on average the Sunday and Monday after Thanksgiving.

But for the major carriers, higher prices and heavier traffic

aren't likely to translate into profits. Most analysts expect the big hub carriers to post steep losses for the fourth quarter.

American, for example, is forecast to lose about \$300 million for the quarter, according to a survey of Wall Street analysts by Thompson First Call Financial.

In some ways, the holiday travel season is likely to mirror the summer of 2005, when airlines posted record-breaking passenger loads as demand swelled.

But most airlines continued to report losses, thanks to heavy competition and high fuel prices that erased most revenue gains.

Last year, about 110 million people flew domestically during November and December, said Dean Headley, an associate professor of marketing at Wichita State University who studies the airline industry. He predicts that 2005 will top last year's turnout.

Tippler said travel is unlikely to be affected by the recent bankruptcy filings of Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines. He said past cases have shown that U.S. travelers are willing to fly on bankrupt airlines.

Ed Stewart, a spokesman for Dallas-based Southwest Airlines, said bargains remain available, but he acknowledged that many seats on his airline are sold.

"Bookings are very strong," he said, "but there are still cheap seats out there."

Experts said heavy demand and higher prices are likely to persist into next year.

No surprise Homeowners lock in prices for energy

The Associated Press

There will be no unpleasant surprises or scrambling for change when Paul Hietapelto opens his heating bills this winter.

Unlike most Americans, the local machine operator from Geneva, Ohio, knows exactly how much he will pay for natural gas, and it won't be a penny more than the year before.

Since agreeing to an energy marketer's offer of a three-year fixed price for natural gas back in 2003, when the fuel was about half as expensive as today, Hietapelto has been immune to rising costs.

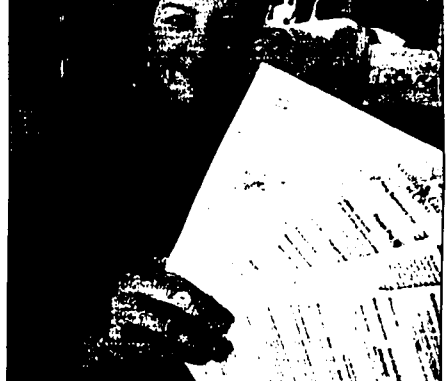
Contracts such as these may appeal to those seeking price certainty for budgeting purposes, but there is no guarantee that a roll of the dice will pay like it did for Hietapelto, who lives on a pension and Social Security checks.

"The (fixed-price) offers in the market now are pretty high," said Ohio Consumers' Counsel Janine Migden-Ostrander. That said, "nobody has a crystal ball to know where gas prices are headed, so everybody gambles whether they switch to another supplier or not."

Consumer advocates say homeowners looking to save money should instead take concrete steps to reduce their energy consumption, whether it means adding insulation or turning down the thermostat a few degrees. Moreover, those seeking less volatility in their monthly natural gas bills should consider level-billing plans, which spread out estimated annual expenditures over 12 months.

Hietapelto is one of about 4 million consumers in 18 states and the District of Columbia who buys natural gas from a supplier other than his local utility. According to the Department of Energy, more than half of the country's million residential natural gas customers have access to so-called customer choice programs, an outgrowth of deregulation.

Under these programs, the local utility is still in charge of



delivering the fuel and billing, so homeowners notice no change in service. The only difference is that the price they pay for the fuel is set by an energy marketer rather than the local utility, which charges customers a regulated rate that can change on a regular basis.

For example, natural gas supplied by Hietapelto's local utility, Dominion East Ohio, will cost \$13.79 per 1,000 cubic feet in November. That's 47 percent higher than the \$7.25 per 1,000 cubic feet Hietapelto has paid since May 2003 under the terms of his agreement with MxEnergy of Stamford, Conn.

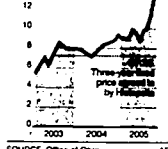
Companies like MxEnergy are careful not to promise savings. Instead, they say their primary goal is to give homeowners' certainty about their monthly energy costs, while capping their potential liabilities.

"Locking in today's prices is a pretty frightening thought because prices are at all-time highs. But the problem is we don't really know whether the price is going to go up or down," said Irwin Popovsky, Pennsylvania's consumer advocate.

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Locking In

Paul Hietapelto of Geneva, Ohio, agreed in 2003 to a three-year, fixed-price contract for natural gas, avoiding the sharp increases that occurred since.



POPPOVSKY said he is a proponent of consumer choice, but that better energy efficiency and conservation at home "is the best way of saving money, and question about it."

Energy marketing executives say the best analogy to what they offer is a fixed-rate mortgage, which protects homeowners from fluctuating interest rates.

"Our principal reason for being is to help people budget their energy needs," said MxEnergy founder and CEO Jeffrey Mayer, who previously worked on Wall Street devising energy supply contracts for large industrial and commercial users.

However, consumers have other motivations and some may not fully understand what they're signing up for. In May 2004, Owen Dorsey of Cumberland, Md., signed a three-year contract with MxEnergy because he figured natural gas prices would rise steadily from year to year, as they have since 2003.

"It was just like a little gamble," explained Dorsey, a 68-year-old retired facility manager for CSX Corp.

So far, Dorsey's decision to switch has worked out. He's paying \$8.50 per 1,000 cubic feet, compared with today's regulated rate from Columbia Gas of Maryland of \$12.82 per 1,000 cubic feet.

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Gates pushes for Internet-based software

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates wants his managers to "act quickly and decisively" to offer more Internet-based software and services to the computer giant can beat its competition.

Gates compares the push toward such services — ranging from online business software offerings to free Web-based e-mail — to the changes he saw nearly a decade ago. Then, he wrote a now-famous memo, called "The Internet Tidal Wave," that prompted a massive shift in Microsoft toward Internet-based technology.

"The next sea change is upon

us," Gates wrote in an e-mail to top executives, dated Oct. 30 and obtained late Tuesday by The Associated Press.

Gates also warned the company must be thoughtful in building the right technology to serve the right audience.

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Ozzie concedes in the memo dated Oct. 28 that Microsoft has not led the pack on Internet-based software and services, and now faces intense competition from companies like Google Inc. Ozzie said Microsoft needs to focus on key features of the new model, including a shift toward offering free, advertising-supported offerings and more sophisticated, Internet-based methods of delivering products and services.

"I believe at this juncture it's generally very clear to each of us why we need to transform — the competitors, the challenges, and the opportunities," Ozzie wrote.

Tax plan would limit charity write-offs

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Congress is pushing nonprofits under a microscope.

Scandals at such name-brand organizations as the Nature Conservancy and the United Way are spurring an effort on the Hill to crack down on some charitable practices.

This week, senators are expected to propose rules that would limit a number of charitable write-offs.

The proposals are the latest in a series of efforts in recent years by Congress and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to rein in what some legislators view as abusive practices among some of the nation's 1.8 million tax-exempt entities.

Last year, Congress tightened rules for donations of vehicles and gifts of intellectual property.

This week, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, is expected to propose amendments to the tax-reconciliation bill — set to go to the Senate floor this month — that would limit a number of charitable write-offs.

One proposal would tighten rules on appraisals of non-cash charitable donations, such as artwork and collectibles. Another would limit deductions for donations of easements that protect the outward appearance of historic buildings, Senate aides said.

And those who donate clothing and household goods to charities will no longer be able to guess at their value. Under a Grassley proposal, they would have to consult a guide, to be published by the Internal Revenue Service, to determine the value of the items.

"Let me be clear," Grassley told attendees at the annual conference of the Independent Sector, a coalition of 500 nonprofit groups, in Washington in October, "we're seeing serious abuses in parts of the charitable sector. It's taken action when and where I can to deal with those abuses."

The news isn't all grim for charities and their contributors. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., is expected to offer a proposal allowing taxpayers to withdraw money from their individual retirement accounts and donate it to charities, a provision long sought by nonprofit organizations.

And a new hurricane tax-relief law enacted in September, individuals can write off cash contributions equal to up to 100 percent of their adjusted gross income, compared with the usual limit of 50 percent of income. But those contributions need to be made between Aug. 28 and Dec. 31, 2005.

Another provision in the hurricane tax-relief law gives a bit of a tax break to Hurricane Katrina volunteers, allowing them to write off 34 cents a mile if they use their own cars for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, instead of the current 14 cents per mile.

Congress isn't done yet, however. In the coming months, it is expected to consider proposals that would expand charitable deductions for charities and modify the way they govern themselves.

BORDER HEALTH CARE

California HMOs decide to send some enrollees to Mexico

By Sonya Gels The Washington Post

TIJUANA, Mexico — There are world-class hospitals in San Diego, not far from where Luis Gonzales lives. But when he or a member of his family needs their routine health services, they drive 50 miles south to a clinic in Tijuana.

The Gonzaleses are members of a Blue Shield of California HMO that provides all of the

family's nonemergency care in Mexico. They are among 20,000 Californians who are dependent in health plans that cost 40 to 50 percent less than comparable care in the United States because the doctors visit across-sourced south of the border.

With health care costs in the United States continuing to rise, many employers in Southern California are turning to insurance members of their family, their workers to Mexico for routine care, plans that are growing by nearly 3,000 people a year. And Gonzales, for his part, is happy about it.

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—scrapped from staff and wire reports

MONEY

Kimberly Clark raises product prices 6 percent

Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — Citing increases in costs for raw materials and energy, Kimberly Clark said Wednesday it is raising prices on its consumer tissue products.

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Further denting them was the uptick in costs for materials used in their wipes will.

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"They have everything I need," Gonzales said. "They're clean. You don't see a difference between a doctor over here and over there."

Despite Gonzales' satisfaction with the quality of his family's care, the new trend has some medical professionals in the United States worried that care is being sacrificed to low prices.

There are quality standards that we are developing and implementing in America that are not going to be implemented there for a long time," said Jack Lewin, chief executive of the California Medical Association.

Lower costs in Mexico. Lower-priced labor, malpractice insurance and overhead in Mexico mean both basic and sophisticated medical procedures can be performed at a fraction of the cost.

The movement of U.S. health care across the border has sparked a boom in hospital construction in Tijuana, with clinics and pharmacies opening a short walk from the border.

On a recent weekday, half the cars in the parking lot bore California license plates. On top of the clinic's six floors, a new surgical center and a dentist's office are under construction.

"Things are moving very fast," Carrillo said. "We're growing."

both sides of the border. At a small hospital in Tijuana, he charges one-third as much as he does in San Diego.

"The medicine is the same, and to me, whether I do it here or there, it's the same," Castillo-Rios said. "Only the price changes."

The difference can translate into the kind of affordable monthly premiums most American businesses have not seen in a decade. At Health Net, the cost of insuring a family of four whose treatment was covered in the states is \$631 a month.

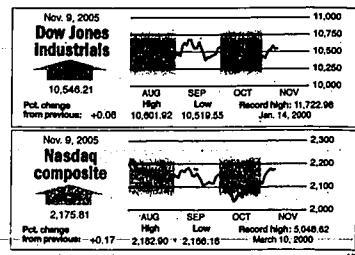
At the Santaluz golf resort in San Diego, where Gonzales supervises golf course maintenance, workers can sign up for a Blue Shield of California plan called Access Baja. Their doctor visits are covered in the United States or Mexico, while their families are covered only in Mexico.

Offering Access Baja saves the resort about \$1,000 per month in premiums, he said. This year the club used the savings to offer vision coverage to all employees for the first time.

Shield of California and Health Net, both of which offer cross-border HMO plans in California, said the quality of care is comparable in both countries. Their doctors are credentialed in Mexico, and the HMO operations are subject to California oversight. The insurance companies audit Mexican clinics themselves, and then report to the California Department of Managed Health Care.

Company officials emphasize the warmth of the Mexican medical culture. "Mainly, the patients that come here are searching for more attention," said Juan Carlos Helu Vazquez, a gastroenterologist in Tijuana who sees Mexican and U.S. patients. "They want the doctor to talk to them, be warm to them. There are a lot of patients who like the old-time medicine. They like the doctor asking about your family, your work."

Gonzales said he had better care in Mexico than in his San Diego region. "I went to the doctor over here and he never called me a problem, he never gave me a physical. He never sent me to a specialist. He never cared about my health," Gonzales said. "The doctor I went over there, the first doctor I saw, he sent me to a specialist. He wasn't just going to say, 'Take this and go home.'"



Gains on Wall Street narrowed by bombings

NEW YORK (AP) — Bombings at three hotels in Jordan erased most of an afternoon rally on Wall Street Wednesday, leaving stocks with only marginal gains as fears about terrorism resurfaced.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 6.49, or 0.06 percent, to 10,546.21. The Nasdaq composite rose 0.17, or 0.01 percent, to 2,175.81. Investors had spent the morning worrying about consumer spending after PepsiCo Inc. reduced its year-end forecast and said it would restructure.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Summary tables for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, including Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

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There are the S&P 500 and other indices on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 best stocks on the Nasdaq National Market, and the 1,000 most actively traded stocks on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists American Stock Exchange stocks.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

MARKETS

Table of livestock and grain futures prices, including soybean meal, soybean oil, and various grain contracts.

La Quinta Corp. to be acquired for \$3.4 billion

DALLAS — In the end, the acquirer became the target. Long-Term Capital Management's Texas-based La Quinta Corp. has sold for two years that it was seeking to broaden its base by buying other hotel companies, said Wednesday that it and its subsidiary La Quinta Properties Inc. have agreed to be acquired by The Blackstone Group in a \$3.4-billion deal.

Officials said Blackstone would pay \$1.25 per paired share in cash — a 37 percent premium over Tuesday's closing price of \$9.22. In addition, the firm will assume La Quinta's \$800 million in debt and spend some \$100 million in renovations and upgrades during the next year.

Shares in La Quinta responded, rising as high as \$11 before closing at \$10.89. The deal is subject to shareholder approval and is expected to close during the first quarter of next year.

Analysts called the deal "generous," saying La Quinta's relatively low stock price was attractive to buyers looking to add hotels. "This is really a big win for them," said Raymond Mathis, a real estate investment analyst at a publicly traded company.

BEANS

Table of bean futures prices, including soybean, navy bean, and lima bean contracts.

GRAINS

Table of grain futures prices, including corn, wheat, and soybean contracts.

CHEESE

Table of cheese futures prices, including cheddar and mozzarella contracts.

POTATOES

Table of potato futures prices, including russet and red contracts.

Energy

Continued from E1. Both Dorsey and Hietapeto said they were initially mistaken about the terms of their contracts. Dorsey said he originally thought he had signed a lifetime contract, while Hietapeto believed the price was quoted by MxEnergy included the cost of piping the fuel to his home, which it does not.

"I didn't realize that they were adding all this other stuff onto it," Hietapeto said. Kathy Meyers of Westerville, Ohio, in July signed a two-year contract with Direct Energy to pay \$11.30 per 1,000 cubic feet. In contrast, her local utility, Columbia Gas and Electric, is currently charging \$12.91 per 1,000 cubic feet.

But the 56-year-old Meyers, who manages grants for non-profits from a home office, said she didn't do it to save money and acknowledges that the regulated price may fall below what she's agreed to pay.

"I don't know," she said. "I'm just getting ridiculous with it costing," she said. "It's just getting ridiculous with it costing," she said.

METALS/MONEY

Table of metals and money market prices, including gold, silver, and various metal contracts.

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Table of sugar futures prices, including various sugar contracts.

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Table of mutual fund prices, including various equity and bond funds.

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Snake River Corvette Club's efforts benefit Safe Kids

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Safe Kids received a \$10,000 donation from the Charly Challenge rally by the Snake River Corvette Club.

The gift was presented to Safe Kids Director Page Geske by Randy Steadham of the Snake River Corvette Club and Con Paulos, owner of the Con Paulos dealership, at a Twin Falls Today Chamber luncheon.

The Corvette Club sold raffle tickets for a 1978 limited edition "Anniversary Pace Car" Corvette at public events throughout the

summer. The Corvette, which had 5.6 miles on it and a factory window sticker still in place, was donated to the Corvette Club by Con Paulos of Jerome. Con Paulos' dealership was also instrumental in helping the club with advertising and promoting the raffle, the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation reported. A Twin Falls man won the car.

Safe Kids was one of three local charities that benefited from the club's efforts. The Safe Kids' mission is to prevent and

reduce preventable injuries of children in the eight-counties of south central Idaho and the Elko County, Nev., by providing education and training, including the distribution of thousands of bike helmets and child safety seats.

For more information on how club fund-raising can benefit the Safe Kids program, call Page Geske at 737-2430, or to support other local health care wellness and children's programs, call foundation director, Larry Baxter, at 737-2468.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Veterans Day open house takes place Friday

JEROME — A Veterans Day open house will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday at the Snake River Elks Lodge. Veterans and friends are welcome to tour the facilities and visit with the member veterans.

All veterans will receive a free cocktail from the Veterans Committee.

For more information, call Bill Ogata at 324-4926.

Cowboy poetry gathering starts today in Rupert

RUPERT — The 10th annual Mini-Cassia Snake River Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering will start today with a Band Scramble at 7 p.m. at the Wilson Theatre, 501 E. St. The event is free and a contest for performers, as well as the audience.

The gathering goes through Sunday. For more information and a schedule of other events, call 436-2787.

Knitting class benefits CASA this weekend

TWIN FALLS — Sheep to Shovel and the Knitting with Purf Guild is having a charity fundraiser for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Magic Valley Mall, 1455 Pole Line Road E. The cost is \$10.

Participants will learn how to cast on, knit and cast off.

CASA is a volunteer organization that helps children in the social welfare and court system.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 735-8425.

People for Pets hold pet adoption Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The People for Pets - Magic Valley Humane Society will hold a mobile pet adoption from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at D & B Supply, 2964 Addison Ave. E.

For more information, call the Humane Society at 736-2299.

Buttans and Bows Dance Club sets event

TWIN FALLS — The Buttans and Bows Square and Line Dance Club will hold its Thanksgiving potluck dinner and dance on Saturday at the Moose Lodge, 855 Falls Ave.

The meal will be at 7 p.m. with the club furnishing the meat and rolls. Dances should begin at 8 p.m. with no pre-rolls. All dances are invited.

DAR learns about American flag at event

TWIN FALLS — The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at noon Saturday at Idaho Joes Restaurant, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., in a violin performance at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She placed first in the national Federation of Music Clubs Young Artists Competition and in the American Spring Teachers Association Competition, among her other honors.

Violin students and teachers are welcome to attend.

Methodist church holds 65th annual bazaar

TWIN FALLS — The United Methodist Women will have its 65th annual bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the church bazaar tent on Granada, a small island country in the West Indies that was heavily damaged by Hurricane Ivan, will also be included. Cocoa, coffee, teas and spices from Granada, Guatemala and tote bags designed by a Grenadian artist will also be sold with proceeds going to a mission trip to Grenada in January. All proceeds will go to missions.

For more information, call Charlene Jones at 733-8458.

Jerome student receives Eagle Scout Award

JEROME — Johnathon M. Mulder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson and Jeff Floyd, will receive his Eagle Scout Award at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome United Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan.

The Jerome High School senior earned 31 merit badges and qualified for a bronze and gold palm. He is in Troop 139 under the lead of Carol Conde.

For his Eagle project, he worked with Larry Pennington of the Northside Canal Company, other troops and adult volunteers to transplant willows and collect information at a conservation site for a federal study.

Mulder enjoys jujitsu, camping, fishing, hunting and hanging out with his friends.

Burley woman celebrates 80 years on Saturday

BURLEY — Ruby Gochmour of Burley will be honored at an open house for her 80th birthday from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave.

Birthday greetings and well-wishes can also be sent to her at 1819 Conant Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

Ruby Fullerton was born Nov. 17, 1925, in Brown County, Minn. She married Ted Gochmour on Dec. 24, 1945. They met in 1944 after he came home from World War II.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, has visited all 50 states and worked for Dr. Ernest and Dr. Hayden Ellingham for many years. She plays bridge and pinocle and is active in her church.

Her children include Kathy (Ray) Fullerton, Gail (Walter) Fisher of Burley, Susal (Miller) McCall of Rupert, Jani (Lyle) DeMond of Caldwell and Mary (Erle) Monroise of Boise.

She has 11 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Harvest Hoe-down takes place at school

RUPERT — St. Nicholas Catholic School will present class projects at the annual fundraiser, the Harvest Hoe-down at 7 p.m. Friday at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

This is the school's biggest event of the year with a live auction, raffle and silent auction. For more information, call the office at 436-6320.

Violin workshop takes place next week

TWIN FALLS — A free violin workshop will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, 315 Falls Ave.

Carrie Kennedy will be the clinician. Her performance will be the highlight with the Magic Valley Symphony at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Kennedy is from Houston, Texas, and is pursuing a master's degree in violin performance at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She placed first in the national Federation of Music Clubs Young Artists Competition and in the American Spring Teachers Association Competition, among her other honors.

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Castledorf FCCLA slates Families First Night

CASTLEDORF — Castledorf families are invited to the Castledorf High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Families First Night at 7 p.m. Friday in the school cafeteria.

The purpose is to explore the benefits of strong families and the benefits of the strength provides for everyone in the family and to celebrate Veterans Day.

The chapter will provide an indoor picnic and play bingo.

CSI M-C Center offers 'Photos of People' class

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center for Community Learning is offering a "Photos of People" course from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Nov. 14 to Dec. 5. Participants can use digital cameras or a camera with aperture and f/stop settings. Students will learn a variety of skills for lighting and using light sources and setting up the photo studio. The course includes field trips to local film processing centers and photography sets.

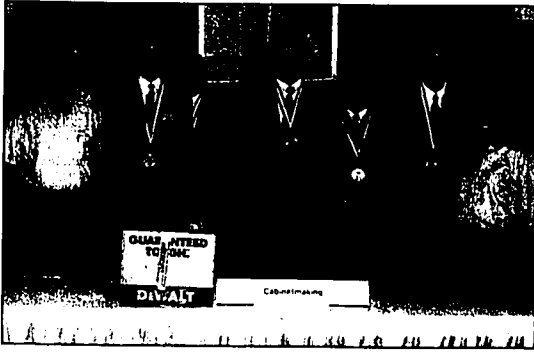
The cost is \$40. For more information, call 678-1400.

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CABINET CREATIONS



College of Southern Idaho cabinetmaking student Brian Loosli, third from the right, won second place in the nation in the 2005 Skills USA Cabinetmaking Championships in Kansas City, Mo. About 4,800 secondary and post-secondary students competed in 80 different trade, technical and leadership fields. The competition required students to work against the clock for time and against each other for job expertise.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Generosity shows at auction to help victims

The employees of Costco recently held a silent auction to raise funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Our success in this venture would not have been possible if it were not for the open-hearted generosity of individuals and businesses in our community who gave donations without hesitation or reservation.

Our sincere thanks goes to Master Harwell of Intercommunity Martial Arts, Petsmart, Srata Vineyards of Napa Valley, Bryan Matsuka of the College of Southern Idaho Judo Club, Shumiter Taekwondo, Adventure Archery, Pam at Spa Manicure and Native Skin, Blue Lakes Country Club, Chris Hartman of the John Birch Society of the Magic Valley, Fatt Katt Tattoo and Body Piercing, Magic Valley Fitness Center, Success Martial Arts, Garden Cafe and Bakery, Stuart Farms and Sportsman's Warehouse.

It fills my heart to know there is such goodness and fellowship in our community. We are our brother's keeper.

Thank you,
TODD WILLIAMSON
Twin Falls

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Thank you also to very much, BRUCE CAMERON
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Our annual dinner and auction is our major fundraiser and we would not be able to operate without your generous support.

Next year's event will be on Sept. 30, 2006. Anyone interested in working on the board or seeking other ways to donate is encouraged to call 734-7736.

LORI L. BERGSMAN
Vice President
Valley House Homeless Shelter
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Youth collects thousands of cans of food for needy

The Christmas Counts Jubilee and grateful for the heartfelt response from all the youth of the Mini-Cassia schools and all other participants who helped to donate 23,000 cans of food for the needy in our area.

We deeply appreciate your kindness in making this charitable event a success. Some 5,000 additional cans were contributed over last year's total. We now have the quantity to supply families with additional food products during this Christmas season.

The Souper Bowl surely adds a touch of friendly competition to this local school rivalry. Thanks to all of you for your selfless contribution to such a worthy cause.

Also, if you have toys, clothing or other items in good condition you would like to donate to the county, bring them to the Valley Warehouse at 500 E. 10th St. between 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturdays or 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Thank you,
VIRGIL G. POST
Mini-Cassia Christmas Council
Burley

Widow appreciates job well done at car center

I recently had an oil change on my car at OK Systems Center, 556 Fourth Ave. W. I want to thank Tim Tarter and the gang for the excellent service I received. They always go the extra mile and check everything. If only they had gas, it is the one job I find so difficult to perform.

Thank you from a very grateful widow,
LIZ REMER
Twin Falls

Man thanks those who brought rose bush

This is a letter of thanks to Virginia and to all of the Pink Ladies and all of the people and employees of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for the bench and the rose bush that they brought in the memory of my sweetheart and best friend, Cecilia Sharp.

Valley House appreciates dinner, auction supporters

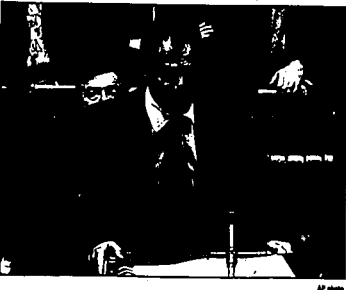
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Blair loses crucial vote on anti-terrorism bill



Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair speaks in London's House of Commons on Wednesday. He said British police had foiled two terrorist plots since the July 7 terror bombings in London, although he provided no further details.

LONDON (AP) — In a political blow to Prime Minister Tony Blair, British lawmakers on Wednesday rejected tough anti-terrorism legislation that would have allowed suspects to be detained for 90 days without charges.

The House of Commons vote was the first major defeat of Blair's premiership and raises serious questions about his grip on power. Blair had staked his authority on the measure and doggedly refused to compromise.

Lawmakers, including 49 members of Blair's Labour Party, opted instead for a maximum detention period for terror suspects of 28 days without charge.

Michael Howard, leader of the opposition Conservative Party, said Blair's authority had "diminished almost to vanishing point" and said he should consider resigning.

"This vote shows he is no longer able to carry his own party with him. He must now consider his position," said Howard.

But Blair was defiant. He ruled out resignation and insisted lawmakers had been wrong to put the civil liberties of a small number of terrorists ahead of the "fundamental civil liberty of this country to protection from terrorism."

"The country will think that Parliament has behaved—in a deeply irresponsible way today," he added.

Lawmakers voted 322 to 291 against 90-day detentions and backed the 28-day period by 323-290 votes.

The result is a humiliating blow to Blair. For eight years, his Labour government commanded an unassailable lead in the Commons and easily swatted aside opposition to its legislation.

But Blair's popularity has plummeted in the wake of the divisive Iraq war, and his party was punished in national elections earlier this year. Labour's huge 161-seat advantage in the Commons shrank to just 66, making the government vulnerable.

In the immediate aftermath of the July attacks on London's transit system, Blair had considered cross-party support for new anti-terrorism legislation.

He drafted the Terrorism Bill, which aims to tackle Muslim extremism by outlawing training in terrorist camps as well as encouraging acts of violence and glorifying terrorism.

But the political consensus broke down over the plan to extend the period terror suspects can be held without charge from the current 14-day maximum to three months. Authorities argued more time was needed in complex cases

where suspects have multiple aliases or where the help of foreign intelligence agencies is needed. But critics countered that extending it to 90 days would erode civil rights.

Blair took a considerable political gamble in refusing to back down and had called in every supporter to shore up numbers. Treasury chief Gordon Brown was called back from an official visit to Israel only two hours after arriving there. Foreign Secretary Jack Straw cut short an official EU visit to Russia, while Labour Party chairman Ian McCartney, who is recuperating from heart surgery, volunteered to return for the vote.

The prime minister has said he will not seek a fourth term in office. He could serve until 2010, but pressure for a quick quiter may intensify following Wednesday's vote.

Insurgents getting more sophisticated

Their killing prowess is growing with technology-fueled bombs

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — U.S. and British troops are being killed in Iraq by increasingly sophisticated insurgent bombs, including a new type triggered when a vehicle crosses an infrared beam and is blasted by armor-piercing projectiles.

The technology, which emerged during guerrilla wars in Lebanon and Northern Ireland, has been used in recent roadside bombings that have killed dozens of Americans and at least eight British soldiers.

The alarming efficiency has led many British and a few U.S. officials to argue that rogue groups in Iraq and perhaps Lebanon are giving expertise to Iraq's insurgents. But others caution against that idea, saying the technology is available to those who know where to look.

Either way, the Pentagon is scrambling to find countermeasures, says Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, a senior U.S. military officer in Iraq.

Technology-fueled Infrared bombs



Insurgents arm bomb via radio or telephone ahead of an approaching military convoy.

Explosives are locked in a single infrared motion sensor trigger.

The sensor transmits a common burglar alarm.

Multiple bombs are camouflaged to blend in with surroundings.

Most bombs are a cone-shaped plastic explosive with a steel or copper projectile effective up to 15 meters.

"We're studying very hard where this technology is coming from and what we can do to combat that technology," Lynch said in a briefing in Baghdad last week.

The deadly munitions mark a steady improvement in the roadside bombs that debuted in 2003 in Iraq, often as simple as a single artillery shell wrapped with detonator cord linked to a battery.

The new bombs are a deadly marriage of stealthy camouflage, shaped explosives that propel metal projectiles through four inches of armor and infrared motion-detector triggers that can't be blocked by electronic jammers.

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— Amyas Godfrey, former British intelligence officer

just tapping a pool of common bomb-making technology, none of which requires special expertise.

There's no evidence that these are supplied by Iran," he said. "A lot of this is just technology that is leaked into an informal network. What works in one country gets known elsewhere."

Last month, the London-based independent newspaper quoted a British intelligence official as saying the Irish Republican Army was first to use infrared triggers in bombs aimed at British troops 15 years ago.

The ballistics technology behind the bombs' shaped charges dates to World War II anti-tank munitions.

The insurgent variety uses a cone-shaped plastic explosive charge that concentrates its force on a steel or copper projectile. The projectile is fired at high velocity and stretched into a molten slug that can burn through four inches of armor, Cordesman said.

Infrared triggers are easily obfuscated, said Godfrey, the former British intelligence officer. He said they are identical to motion sensors used to open elevator doors or set off burglar alarms.

The new bombs also contain simple radio-controlled receivers that allow insurgents to

arm them by radio or cell phone ahead of an approaching military convoy.

"Usually they'll place an array of explosives locked to a single infrared sensor," Cordesman said. "What you get is an array of shaped charges, so you're not going to get hit with just one."

He said the clustered projectiles are accurate — and effective — against armored Humvees and light armored vehicles at up to 50 feet. Heavily armored Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles are better able to withstand the blasts, although some have been destroyed.

Even if a blast doesn't penetrate a vehicle's armor, "the impact will blow off shanks of armor inside the vehicle that are red hot and cut people to ribbons," said Bruce Jones, a London-based intelligence expert who advises NATO.

Perhaps most worrisome for the Pentagon is that infrared triggers cannot be blocked by electronic countermeasures, such as devices that emit a radio beam to jam signals from cell phones, garage-door openers and other remote-control devices used to detonate bombs.

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Asian terrorist thought to have killed himself

Suspect died in explosion during raid of his hideout

MALANG, Indonesia (AP) — One of Southeast Asia's most wanted terrorists apparently blew himself up Wednesday to escape capture when an elite security unit attacked his hideout, the national police chief said. Two other suspected militants were thought killed in the blast.

Known as the "Demolition Man" for his expertise with explosives, Azahari bin Istin was a key figure in Jemaah Islamiyah, a terror network with links to al-Qaida that has been blamed for a series of deadly bombings as well as failed plots in Indonesia, the Philippines and Singapore.

His death would be a blow to the group, which former members say is motivated by anger at U.S. foreign policy in the Muslim world and a desire to establish an Islamic state across the region.

But security experts cautioned that even if Azahari died, Jemaah Islamiyah remained capable of staging attacks. They said at least four of its senior leaders were at large in Indonesia and the Philippines.

Azahari, a native of Malaysia, was accused of masterminding bombings that killed hundreds of people in Indonesia the past three years, but long eluded police by moving from one rented house to another in densely populated areas.

Police spokesman Aryanto Budihardjo said the raided house in Malang was rented by Azahari's group three months ago and authorities started surveillance 10 days ago after being tipped off by a recently arrested terror suspect. The town is about 530 miles east of the capital, Jakarta.

Police, Sutanjo, the national police chief, told reporters that Azahari realized he was trapped when members of an elite U.S.-trained anti-terrorism unit moved in on the house Wednesday, backed by snipers stationed on nearby rooftops.

The suspected terrorists inside shot at police and set off at least 11 explosions.

"The last one, the big one, was a suicide blast. That is the one who is believed to have killed himself," Sutanjo said to hundreds of onlookers crowded behind a yellow police tape for a glimpse of the smoking, bombed-out building.

Sutanjo said police feared the house was booby trapped, so would wait for the bomb squad to clear the site before retrieving the bodies Thursday.

Forensic experts will run DNA tests on the remains, he said. "The suspicion is that (Azahari is dead), but we will confirm it tomorrow."

Officials had described Azahari, said to be in his 40s, as Jemaah Islamiyah's bomb-maker expert.

Together with Noordin Mohammed Top, another Malaysian, Azahari was accused of direct involvement in at least four terror attacks: the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people, most of them foreign tourists; two bombings in Jakarta in 2003 and 2004 that took 23 lives; and the Oct. 1 suicide attacks on Bali that caused 20 more deaths.

Sutanjo said Noordin was not believed to be among those killed Wednesday. Officials say the two men had taken to traveling apart. The pair are thought to have left a rented house near Jakarta in July 2004 not long before a police raid that found traces of explosives.

Ken Conboy, a Jakarta-based analyst who wrote a recent book on Jemaah Islamiyah, said Azahari's death would weaken Jemaah Islamiyah but the group was still dangerous since other leaders are free.

"It's a huge success if they got him," Conboy said. "Unfortunately, if he's been shot dead, there would be nothing to exploit unless they found something in his safe house."

Azahari, a native of Malaysia, fled his home country, leaving behind his wife and two children, when police uncovered his role in Jemaah Islamiyah during a crackdown after the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States.

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

Case No. CV-05-4483
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of DARRRELL F. SWEET, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate.

INVITATION TO BID

Twin Falls Rural Fire Protection District will receive sealed written bids for the construction of a 40' x 50' storage facility building at Fire Station #3 on Washington St. S. Building specifications and forms may be picked up at Fire Station #1 office on 345 Second Ave. E. Twin Falls, Idaho. The bidding ends at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. Awardee of successful bidder is within 7 days after opening.

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The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced tract than the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on November 28, 2005, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock, P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at 205 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by the CITY OF TWIN FALLS to amend Twin Falls City Code, Title 10, Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

113 Child Care
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200 Employment
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, AMENDING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AREA OF IMPACT AND ZONING DISTRICTS MAP AMENDMENT.
WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, held a Public Hearing as required by Districts Map amendment on September 29, 2005, to consider the Zoning Designation and necessary Area of Impact and Zoning Districts Map amendment...

THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO
SHERY LYNN SMITH-PAPPAS

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

A Public hearing notice is attached, has been filed in the above-notified matter in the Magistrate's Division of the District Court of the State of Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, along with the proposed child protective Act. You are notified that you are personally for a Review Hearing at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, on January 20, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

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In the interest of SONYA TREVINO, d.o.b. 06-02-90
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When a lead has all the hallmarks of being a singleton, the most natural line of play may have to be abandoned, and an alternative approach adopted.

When West led the club three against the spade slam, declarer saw no reason not to insert dummy's queen. The king, and a club return, ruffed, saw the contract quickly down.

That club lead should have set off an alarm, as West's natural lead had to be a heart, with a diamond (the unbid suit) his second most likely choice.

Under normal circumstances, the club suit would be worked on to generate diamond discards. Here, however, declarer should have risen with dummy's club ace at once. Then should come the heart ace, a heart ruff, then a trump hand for a second heart ruff. Now another trump, overtake, would have allowed declarer to complete the drawing of trumps, whether they split or not.

Although dummy was now ruff and discard could no longer be one of declarer's options, the bidding had marked East with at least three hearts, and all of them would now have been extracted.

That being so, East would have only minor-suit cards left, and a club to the queen and king would leave East on play. (Ducking would have him no good.) A club return would allow declarer to establish two discards for his diamonds, and a diamond would permit the queen to score, the other losing diamond going on the club jack.

NORTH 11-10-A
 ♠ K 8 7 3
 ♥ 4
 ♦ A 9 7
 ♣ A Q J 9 5

EAST 5-2
 ♠ J 8 2
 ♥ K 10 5
 ♦ K 10 8 6 4

SOUTH 11-10-B
 ♠ A Q J 10 9
 ♥ A 7 3
 ♦ Q 8 3
 ♣ 7 2

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: West

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
3♥	2♥	Dbl.	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♠	All pass

Opening lead: Club three

BID WITH THE ACES

11-10-B

South holds:

♠ 5 2
 ♥ J 8 2
 ♦ K 10 5
 ♣ K 10 8 6 4

South West North East
 1♥ 1♥

ANSWER: A simple raise to two clubs is sufficient here, though you may choose to compete to three clubs if necessary. A jump to three clubs immediately would be pre-emptive (the same hand without the diamond king perhaps). As it is, you have a fair hand and decent defense, so there is no need to simulate weakness.

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