



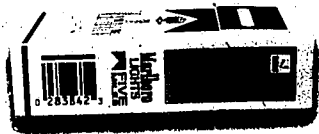
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Big tobacco will go on trial

By Tom Ijyas
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — It's a lawsuit a federal judge calls "exotic" and compares to a pointillist painting: tens of millions of light cigarette smokers seeking up to \$200 billion in damages from tobacco companies.

But in a blow to Big Tobacco, U.S. District Judge Jack Weinstein ruled Monday that despite its complexities, the case should go to trial next year as a class-action.

"Plaintiffs' proof is akin to a pointillist painting by Georges Seurat," Weinstein wrote in the 540-page ruling. "When a juror stands back from the canvas and looks at the big picture, he or she may well discern clearly enough an industry based on fraud and coverup that has taken more than half a century to begin to admit its subtle lie to the public designed to sell its product."

The suit — filed in 2004 against Phillip Morris USA Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco

Cutting back

Cigarette smoking declined sharply in the past few decades. U.S. cigarette consumption 670 billion cigarettes



Co., Lorillard Tobacco Co. and other cigarette manufacturers — alleges the tobacco companies responded to consumers' mounting health concerns with a marketing scheme to promote light cigarettes as a lower-risk alternative to regular cigarettes, even though their own internal documents showed they knew the risks were about the same.

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Council votes to raise utility rates

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Utility rates will go up in response to recent city growth and the rising cost of water, the Twin Falls City Council decided Monday night.

Due to a 4.2 percent population surge in 2005, the city will increase its water rates 7.5 percent and its sewer rates 5 percent.

The city's water budget is up 24 percent. City Finance Director Gary Evans said.

Contributing factors include reservoir and maintenance costs, as well as a recent Idaho Supreme Court decision that shortened the city's ability to fund long-term projects.

Despite an influx of new residents and money from a reserve fund to offset many costs, the changes were necessary, Evans said.

The new rates, effective Sunday, are likely to have a minimal effect on residents.

A typical four-person family that averages 15,000 gallons of

water per month will see an increase of \$1.38, according to Evans. With regular sanitation service, the increase comes to \$2.02.

In other business, the council:

- Defeated an amendment by a 3-3 vote for the city to comply with the U.S. Postal Service's request to use cluster mailboxes at new homes and duplexes, similar to mailboxes in apartment complexes.
- Approved the annexation of 9.78 acres on the west side of

the intersection of Hanks Road and Stadium Boulevard for the construction of a church by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

- Authorized the Twin Falls Police Department to create a contract that pays TRS Range Services up to \$350,000 to build a practice gun range on the site of the current one.

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HARVEST TIME



Byron Slanger threshes beans Monday afternoon southeast of Twin Falls. Slanger said Monday's low humidity and light winds were great for threshing. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley is clear skies with a high of 74.

Gruesome attacks on women seen as perverse attempts at motherhood

By Jeff Donn
Associated Press writer

It's a crime so monstrous that it surpasses evil itself. Yet its passion takes root in some of the most tender ground of human experience: pregnancy and motherhood.

What drives a handful of lies of others to steal their newborns?

Researchers have uncovered hints. "You can describe it as sort of the maternal instinct run amok," says psychologist Dr. Philip Resnick, who had written about this kind of crime.

In East St. Louis, Ill., an innocent plea was entered Monday for Tiffany Hall, a 24-year-old woman charged with killing a woman and her fetus; investigators believe she cut the mother open with a pair of scissors. Authorities say Hall told police she drowned the woman's three other children.

Such crimes are exceeding.

"Are they evil? Yeah, I guess you could call them evil: They want what they want — and they will stop at nothing."

— Cathy Nahmyr, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

ly rare in a country with more than 4 million births a year. Previously only eight similar cases have been documented since 1997 by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Yet they are frequent enough to have acquired a clinical-sounding name: newborn kidnapping by Caesarean section.

It is a variety of the more

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U.S. set to relax ban on liquids on airplanes

By Johanna Neuman
and Nina Mohammed
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Seven weeks after a foiled terrorist plot prompted the U.S. government to impose severe restrictions on what passengers could carry onto airplanes, the Transportation Security Administration announced Monday a relaxing of the rules.

The change — described by the Department of Homeland Security as "refinements to security measures" — will allow passengers to bring lip gloss and hand lotion on board, as long as the items are put in clear plastic bags. Passengers also will be allowed to purchase liquids such as coffee and water at airport stores — after clearing security — to take with them onto planes.

The relaxed rules allow passengers to bring travel-sized toiletries that are 3 ounces or less and can fit into one clear, quart-sized zip-lock bag that can be

Air travel changes

After a six-week ban, air travelers are now able to buy drinks or other liquids at shops inside airport security checkpoints and carry them on board.

Duty-free sales, 2005, in billions of dollars

Category	2005 Sales (billions)
Alcohol	0.7
Cosmetics	0.7
Perfumes and cosmetics	0.7
Luxury goods	0.7
Tobacco goods	0.7
Wine & spirits	0.7
Wine & spirits (total)	0.7

SOURCE: Gerson Group

Wine & spirits

Category	2005 Sales (billions)
Wine	1.2
Spirits	1.2
Tobacco goods	1.6
Wine & spirits (total)	2.4

SOURCE: Gerson Group

shown to the screeners. The changes were hailed by passengers and by the airline industry.

"It is clear that TSA has performed deliberate and careful risk analysis to identify which items passengers can safely

bring on board," said James May, president of the Air Transport Association, which represents companies that transport 90 percent of all U.S. airline passenger and cargo traffic. "It will reduce passenger inconvenience."



Michael McCarron, from the San Francisco International Airport, holds a bag of liquids and a gun. Products that will be allowed through security checkpoints, Monday during a news conference.

50 years later, boy's good deed is finally repaid

Boy who pawned his rifle to buy grandma a washer gets the gun back

The Associated Press

SYRINGA — It was a recouped nearly 50 years in the making. At age 6, Terry Jackson gave up his prized .22-caliber Winchester short-barrel rifle to get his grandmother a washer. Recently, the 57-year-old got the gun back through a series of chance encounters and conversations.

"I didn't even have much more money," said Jackson. "I was so dumbfounded."

As a boy, Jackson felt bad that his grandmother was too poor to have a washer. So he took the rifle he had earned money for by mowing lawns and doing other chores to a pawn shop.

"That was the only thing I had that was worth anything," Jackson told The Lewiston Tribune.

The pawn shop owner agreed to trade a wringer washer for the rifle. When the grandmother, Edna Jackson, she refused it until realizing the sacrifice her grandson had made.

"She just couldn't believe it," Jackson said.

The rifle, meanwhile, remained with the pawn shop owner, Bill Jackson. He never

sold the rifle. Instead giving it to family friend James Grow in the 1980s, recounting the story that accompanied the rifle.

"He told me the story but I never thought anything about it," Grow said. "I didn't even know who Terry Jackson was at the time, although Bill did tell me his name."

Grow said Bill Jackson told him the gun might be worth something someday. He never shot the rifle and kept it in his closet.

Grow became an attorney in Lewiston, and Terry Jackson

recently hired Grow to do some legal work. The connection might not have been made about the rifle except for a conversation Becky Bromley Terry Jackson's companion, had with Grow during a business lunch.

She told the story of Terry Jackson giving up the rifle to get the washer. "All of a sudden it dawned on me. I own the gun," Grow said. After hearing the story, Grow said he knew he wouldn't keep the gun. So he recently drove to Terry Jackson's home to return the rifle.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (High 77, Low 46, 76/47).

MINI-CASSIA Today: Mid, mostly sunny and dry, with a still breeze developing. Highs middle 70s. Tonight: Mostly clear and breezy at times. Lows near 40. Tomorrow: A mix of sun and clouds. Continued breezy at times. Highs middle 70s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BUSINESS Ribbon cutting for Serenity Funeral Home, 4:30 p.m., 502 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls, 733-0991.

EXHIBITS "Alford Weaver: Recent Paintings," Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, campus of College of Southern Idaho, no cost, 732-6655. "Key Ingredients: America by Food," a traveling exhibit hosted by the Smithsonian Institution, noon to 5 p.m., Eighth Street Center in Buhl, no cost, 543-2888.

FAMILY "Baby and Me" class, learning about infant massage, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome, no cost, 324-7262.

GOVERNMENT

Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7:30 a.m., conference room, 1120 Montana St., 934-4433. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 738-4068. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2703. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., council chambers, City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 62-24438. Burley Public Library Board, 4 p.m., library conference room, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708. Jerome School Board, 6 p.m., Carter Luther Vocational Ag Building, high school, 104 Tiger Drive, 342-8137. Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., (208) 386-7418. Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4841. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189. Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

HEALTH

Over Sixty and Getting Fit at College of Southern Idaho, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School, no cost, 732-6475. Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 737-5946. Exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2126.

MUSEUM

"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, no cost, 732-6655.

WEB READER REACTION

On 'Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course lost \$391,531 in 10 years' ...

JAMES HENRY: "The bonus is undeserved if the course is losing money and he gets all of the snack, restaurant and lessons revenue. He should have to make those amounts public since it is a city course. So in all reality he could be making a lot more than the \$81,000. If the course makes a profit give him a share of it."

CHANGE NEEDED: "This is ridiculous! Kudos to Trip Craig for speaking out on this! I enjoy golf but there is no need to pass this along to the taxpayers."

GOLFFAN: "Interesting, but not very balanced. What about the expenses?"

On 'Should students have school uniforms?' ...

WHY NOT UNIFORMS FOR EVERYBODY?: "The jailhouse mentality of the students quoted in this article is truly frightening — 'We can't help but dress like hoochie, the guards (teachers) are the ones who have to stop us!' As if teachers didn't have enough to do already. But, apparently, they're now the only ones responsible for holding the line in our increasingly decadent community. There was no mention of parents in the article. Why? Are all these kids orphans? How do they get out of the house dressed this way? And while we're at it, I think it's time to be honest and admit that the adults in this town set the poorest example of how to dress appropriately. Twin Falls women, do us a favor and find something else to wear besides your crotch-hugging, butt-grabbing leas. Men, stop dressing like fifteen-year-olds and lose the baggy shorts, t-shirts, and the wear-anywhere-and-everywhere baseball caps. Maybe we do need uniforms for everybody."

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YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Our readers give us their best shots

Our files are filling up with splendid samples of our readers' rural photography, and today we present five of our favorites. Megan Thompson, a staff photographer who helped choose today's featured photos, praised Hal Kelson's picture of the dry Big Wood river for its "nice leading line, with the people coming down the river bed. In Chad Hiler's photo of a sheep wagon, the wagon and the white horse "make the space in the middle important." Thompson liked Pete Stover's classic Idaho landscape and the striking colors in Rebecca Pascale's image. And in David Overacre's pic picture, the achievement is composition.

Twin Falls council OKs utility rates increase

TWIN FALLS — Utility rates will go up in response to recent city growth and the rising cost of water, the Twin Falls City Council decided Monday night.

Meth mom continues to fight despite illness

TWIN FALLS — If meth is the toxic, Pam Green is the hero. It was not until late in life that she decided to focus on tackling drugs. But now that she's doing it, the chapter head of Mad Mothers Against Methamphetamine says nothing can stop her, not even a near-fatal illness.

Shooting hurts Buhl man; suspect surrenders

BUHL — A man turned himself in after allegedly firing a shotgun blast into a man's leg inside his double-wide home in Buhl.

Filer High wins national excellence award

FILER — The high school has joined an elite group recognized for academic excellence.

Abstinence drive bears fruit in Mini-Cassia

BURLEY — Sex may still be on the minds of Mini-Cassia teenagers, but "No" is on their lips more often than ever, according to school officials.

Amid budget woes, Buhl chamber loses director

BUHL — The Chamber of Commerce can no longer afford an executive director, and so Charlotte Frazier has announced that Friday will be her last day.

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IDAHO/WEST



State's new drug czar calls for cooperation

TWIN FALLS — Idaho's first drug czar said the state must not fall in its fight against rising methamphetamine addiction. During the United Way campaign kickoff Monday morning, Jim Tibbs, who was appointed July 11, told local business owners and members of the community that he will submit a plan to the governor next month that will recommend changes to the state's current system of treating drug and alcohol addiction. Although Tibbs did not share details of the plan, he said a fundamental part of it is encouraging state agencies to work together to prevent and treat methamphetamine addiction.

Suspected E. coli victim to be buried today

CHUBBUCK — The father of a 2-year-old boy said tests have not been conclusive on whether his son's death could be attributed to a national outbreak of E. coli in spinach that began the middle of this month. "The fact is they may never be able to link it," Jeff Allgood told the Idaho State Journal. Kyle Allgood, who would have turned 3 in December, died Wednesday at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Seattle company recalls salad products

WASHINGTON — A Seattle company is recalling some salad products distributed in the Northwest because they may contain E. coli, the food and drug administration said Monday. The recall, by Triple B Corp., involves products with spinach that may have been supplied by National Selections Foods, a California grower. Many of the 175 people sickened in the nation's E. coli outbreak reported eating spinach supplied by National Selections.

First spaceport rocket fails to reach target

UPIAM, N.M. — The first rocket launched from New Mexico's spaceport failed to reach suborbital space Tuesday, wobbling and dropping back to Earth barely a tenth of the way into its intended journey. The unmanned, 20-foot Spacecraft XL rocket was carrying various experiments and other payloads for its planned journey 70 miles above Earth.

NATION/WORLD



Pope meets Muslim envoys to mend fences

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy — Seeking to end anger in the Islamic world over his remarks on holy war, Pope Benedict XVI told Muslim envoys Monday their two faiths must accept common historic enemies and together reject violence, saying the future of humanity is at stake. The pope also urged "reciprocity" in religious freedom, calling for preserving the rights of Christians throughout the Islamic world.

Retired officers fault Rumsfeld on Iraq war

WASHINGTON — Retired military officers on Monday bluntly accused Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld of bungling the war in Iraq, saying U.S. troops were sent to fight without the best equipment and that critical facts were hidden from the public.

"I believe that Secretary Rumsfeld and others in the administration did not tell the American people the truth for fear of losing support for the war in Iraq," retired Maj. Gen. John R. S. Baiste told a forum conducted by Senate Democrats.

Three Marines face trial in death face

SAN DIEGO — Three Marines from Camp Pendleton will face court-martial on murder charges in the death of an Iraqi man in the town of Hamdani, the Marine Corps said Monday.

The James Mattis, the commanding general in the case, said he would not seek the death penalty.

The three were among seven Marines and one Navy corpsman charged with kidnapping and murdering 52-year-old British Major David Alton in April. The other five face preliminary hearings in coming weeks.

British forces kill top al-Qaida official in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — British forces shot and killed a leading al-Qaida terrorist Monday more than a year after he embarrassed the U.S. military by making an unprecedented escape from a maximum security military prison in Afghanistan, officials said. Omar al-Faruq was gunned down after he opened fire on British forces during a raid on his home in Basra, 340 miles southeast of Baghdad, British forces spokesman Maj. Charlie Burthage said.

SPORTS



Seahawks' Alexander out with broken foot

KIRKLAND, Wash. — The Seahawks' insulation from the recent hex of Super Bowl runners-up has a crack. League MVP Shaun Alexander has a broken left foot and will be lost to the Seahawks for at least a couple of weeks. Coach Mike Holmgren said Monday that a bone scan revealed Alexander sustained a "small crack" and "displaced fracture" on a non-weight-bearing bone in his foot sometime during the Seahawks' 42-30 win over the New York Giants on Sunday. Alexander ran for 47 yards on 20 carries while carrying new shoes and orthotic inserts before sitting out the fourth quarter, which began with Seattle leading 42-3.

Griffey joins MLB's Top 10 homer list

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. moved into the top 10 place on baseball's career home run list with a three-run, pinch-hit shot in the eighth inning of Cincinnati's 5-1 victory over Chicago, Griffey, making his first appearance after missing 17 games with a toe injury, hit his 27th homer this season and 563rd in his career when taken to a hospital by ambulance. He died about 9 a.m. Monday, school officials said.

Rice player collapses and dies at workout

HOUSTON — A Rice University freshman football player died Monday a day after collapsing during a light workout. Dale Lloyd, a 19-year-old defensive back, collapsed on the field about 5 p.m. Sunday but was conscious when taken to a hospital by ambulance. He died about 9 a.m. Monday, school officials said.

Montana golf coach may leave hospital

MISSOULA, Mont. — Joanne Steele says she feels well after heart-transplant surgery at a Seattle hospital on Sept. 17, and may be released this week. "I don't have anything to compare to, but I feel like I'm doing well," the University of Montana women's golf coach said Saturday from the University of Washington Medical Center. "The just taking it one day after the other. I feel better today than yesterday." The hospital reported her in satisfactory condition Sunday.

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Mothers

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common crime of simply snatching an infant, experts say. Attackers are women of childbearing age who typically have lost a baby or can't have one. mental health professionals say they feel empty and fiercely long for a child — or another child — to cement a shaky love relationship.

"They look at these pregnant women and say 'Look at all the attention they're getting. They're complete,'" says N.G. Berrill, a New York-based legal psychologist. The attackers often fake their own pregnancies, and prepare nurseries at home.

However, at some moment they cross a boundary and descend almost Shakespearean depths of

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tragedy. "The meaning of being barren for some women is just extraordinary," says Resnick.

Fashioning elaborate cons, they may trick a stranger into letting down her guard, or they may set upon a close friend without warning. The raw violence may vent a gust of rage or jealousy directed at the pregnant victim.

In 2004, a Kansas woman allegedly drove to Missouri, strangled a pregnant woman with a rope, then cut out her baby with a kitchen knife. She awaits trial.

The assaulted women nearly always die, sometimes bleeding to death. The attackers often hide the newborns as their own, even if only as stillborns to be buried. However, the newborns often live and eventually return to surviving family when the crime is solved. At least two attackers later killed themselves. Experts believe that the macabre surgery is strangely meant to fulfill a fantasy of really giving birth to the child. Sometimes it takes on the trappings of full-blown psychosis — a delusion of

being the birth mother. More often, though, the crime grows out of a less profound disturbance, known as a personality disorder, experts say. While still in the realm of mental illness, such impulses may fail to meet the legal standard of insanity — a failure to grasp right and wrong. The attackers often hide the mother's body afterward, seemingly aware they have done wrong.

Cathy Nahrimy, who tracks such cases for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, still can't fathom them after 16 years there. She favors a simpler explanation.

"Are they evil? Yeah, I guess you could call them evil. They want what they want — and they will stop at nothing," she says.

Tobacco

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Monday's ruling pressed Altria into delaying a much-anticipated restructuring plan that includes the divestiture of its controlling stake in Kraft Foods Inc., maker of Oreos cookies, Ritz crackers and Jell-O brands.

The sale of Kraft had seemed to edge nearer after several recent legal rulings went so far as to favor tobacco companies.

In a conference call Monday afternoon, William S. Ohlemeyer, associate general counsel for Philip Morris USA, said a prerequisite to pursuing the company's restructuring plan is clarity in the overall litigation environment.

"Today's decision is not a step toward clarity. It is a step back of sorts," he said.

Smokers' attorney Michael D. Hutsfeld said the decision could clear the way for one of the largest class-action cases ever, both in number of plaintiffs and amount of damages. He estimated the class — consisting of anyone who purchased cigarettes that were labeled "light" or "lights" after they were put on the market in the early 1970s — could number up to 60 million.

"It's an extremely significant ruling," he said.

Lawyers for the tobacco companies said they would appeal.

"We obviously disagree with the ruling — strongly," said Theodore Grossman, an attorney for R.J. Reynolds. "The law doesn't support class certification."

Ohlemeyer said in a statement that manufacturers would "seek a stay of all trial court proceedings pending a decision by the appellate court."

Last year, the U.S. 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals threw out Weinstein's decision in a 2002 case in which plaintiffs filed the first-ever, nationwide class-action against tobacco companies.

The panel ruled he had stretched the boundaries of the law by allowing the plaintiffs to seek only punitive damages.

In Monday's ruling, Weinstein said the class certification was necessary because "no individual can afford to prosecute the case alone."

Any flaws in the case, he added, were outweighed by the need to put it before a jury. "Here, the case comes down to the role of the jury: Should it be permitted to decide a vexing private litigation on the basis of somewhat dubious arguments and questionable proofs when the decision has so many important overtones, or should the judges themselves decide by holding that the matter is beyond the ken of a reasonable jury?" he wrote. "Here, the fundamentals of the constitution provide the answer."

An analysis by plaintiffs'

expert witnesses concluded more than 90 percent of the smokers in the potential class purchased light cigarettes over the past three decades based on health concerns, as opposed to taste or other factors.

A separate study found that smokers, had they known the truth about the health risks, would have expected discounts of 50 to 90 percent per pack, part of the basis for a demand for between \$120 billion and \$200 billion in damages, Hutsfeld said.

Because the suit was filed under civil provisions of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, those damages could be automatically tripled, up to a staggering \$600 billion.

Defense attorneys argued that the lawsuit relied on

flawed data. Without surveying each smoker in the suit, it would be impossible to determine their motives for buying light cigarettes, they said.

The judge set a trial date of Jan. 22, 2007.

Shares of Altria Group Inc., owner of the Marlboro maker Philip Morris USA Inc., sank \$3.26, or 6.4 percent, to \$7.06 by the end of the day on the New York Stock Exchange. Shares of Reynolds American fell \$2.27, or 3.6 percent, to \$59.75, while shares of Carolina King, which is the tracking stock for Lorillard Corp.'s Lorillard unit, fell 68

cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$55.20 on the NYSE.

Analysts had expected downward pressure on tobacco shares if the class was certified, but still saw reason for optimism.

Michael Smith of JPMorgan wrote, "We would expect the stock to trade down further as a result, but believe this would create a very attractive buying opportunity for investors."

AP business writer Vinnee Yang contributed to this story.

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EDITORIAL

Student dress codes rely on right examples

Teachers are tired of watching students show navels, backside, bare feet, arms and legs, you can't really blame them. Many modern kids' fashions earn failing grades for modesty, respect and a scholarly attitude.

So a higher standard of clothing decency is needed for students, and teachers can help make it happen. Whether it be through school uniforms or a stricter dress code, educators can and should play the leading role in setting a professional attitude in the classroom.

Most educators already embrace that role. A teacher stands before a class with all eyes on gazing in his or her direction. The majority of educators come to that setting dressed properly in a way that reflects modesty and professionalism.

But there are some other educators, who, shall we say, aren't exactly dressed to the nines. Their dress reflects a casual attitude (take note, coaches) toward the business of learning and elevating the mind. If schools are in the business of teaching that respect, they should present by large part on the example set by teachers.

As anyone with kids can attest, they know hypocrisy when they see it. And if a teacher can wear flip-flops, jeans or some other casual or revealing item, students will think they can do the same.

That's not to imply that teachers bear the main responsibility for students' loose fashion sense these days. Parents should always be the frontline of inspection for tight blouses, baggy jeans, and fashions that expose the flesh. Too many of them are falling short of that task.

Furthermore, the power of peer pressure continues to absorb many of our kids, especially with the clothes they wear. Perhaps this is why an increasing number of parents, teachers, and even students, are leaning toward the idea of school uniforms or common themed colors and clothing styles.

As more schools adopt dress codes, it will be increasingly important that teachers adhere to a similar standard of clothing. Their leadership will make a vast difference both in example and in enforcement. If students know their superiors are held to a higher standard, they'll expect the same of themselves. And when teachers know the standard applies to students, they'll be more likely to enforce the rules with wayward students.

Students should know, especially by the age when they dress themselves, that the school day is for learning and not loitering. As they look to teachers with professional dress standards, that attitude should become a formality in the classroom.

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LETTER

Radical Islam be stopped for peace

There can be no escaping the facts presented to us all since 9-11. Muslim terrorists have done evil all around the globe in the name of Allah, their god. Now they scream about the Pope and his comment.

On 9-11 five years ago, we all watched in extreme horror as innocent people died for someone's misguided belief in a dead prophet, Islamic terrorists will kill anyone who does not believe. Still, there are those numbskulls, and this is the correct word for them, in Congress and our country who believe that dialogue will gain peace. It won't happen, people!

I spent enough time in Libya in 1967-1968 to know what I am talking about. They hate because it is what they are fed from birth. Kill the infidels. That's any one who does not believe their religion. Shame on the Katie Couric's, Ted Kennedy's, Hillary Clinton's, the liberal media and the numbskulls of this country who want us to believe that we can overcome this lifelong hatred with touchy-feely I'm OK, you're OK. The Islamic terrorists would just as soon see you to kingdom come as look at

you, except you are supporting their purpose by aiding their cause. We Americans must never back down from this fight. The Islamic terrorists who have become evil personified across the world must die for there to be peace. Kill them and they will kill more innocent people going off to work somewhere. Do you want to roll the dice where the next attack will be? Vote these numbskull out of office. Put people who do believe in the true God back into our Congress and let peace come from the truth. Truth is what made the Islamic terrorists so mad at the Pope. Every word was truth. Islam is evil. JERRY HUGHEN Dedeo

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Pakistan and U.S.: Axis of sketchy allies

It helps to plug your book at the White House. After Pervez Musharraf coyly sidestepped a question at a news conference with President Bush about his claim on "60 Minutes" that he had to save such juicy tidbits for his book publication next week, he shot up over 1,000 spots on Amazon.com.



MAUREN DOWD

Our view: Enforcing student dress codes requires teachers to have high standards as well. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Musharraf told Steve Kroft he found the Stone Age crack "very rude," and Armitage was on the defensive Friday, explaining that he had been tough with Pakistan just after 9/11 but had not made any Elintstones threats.

The former deputy to Colin Powell needn't apologize. That was the last time our foreign policy was on track, when we were pursuing the real enemy. It's all been downhill from there.

The Pakistan president is a smooth operator, a military dictator crushing around the capital with his elegant wife and enormous security contingent, talking about how much he likes democracy, which he won't yet allow.

He may have more respect for checks and balances than Dick Cheney, but that's not saying much.

On the subject of Osama, he's so slippery you want to



lock him in a room with the muscle-bound Armitage. The General, as W. called him in that famous campaign quiz, tried to persuade Bush that the shabby rascal he recently made with tribal Pakistani army would stay out of the wild border area next to Afghanistan - where Osama and other al-Qaida and Taliban members are believed to be hiding - "was really 'against' the militants."

The Pakistan government has, in effect, simply turned over the North Waziristan area to the militants. ABC News' Subhan Khan of Pakistan as saying that the deal was an implicit amnesty, and that Osama "would not be taken into custody" as long as he was "being like a peaceful citizen."

American officials are dubious about Musharraf's commitment to destroying al-Qaida and the Taliban. But at the news conference W. who no doubt thinks he has seen into General Gens's soul,

acted as though he were willing to believe the Pakistani president when he says he is "on the hunt" for Osama and the Taliban at the same time then - and getting huffy at the idea that American forces have the right to go into Pakistan to track Osama.

"Americans who are concerned about a recurrence of 9/11 are worried about the Axis of Evil when the real problem is the Axis of Allies - Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Bahrain," the British historian, Niall Ferguson says. "The terrorists are funded in Saudi Arabia, they're trained in Pakistan, and they organize their plots quite easily in London."

Ferguson, who analyzes exiles and despots in his new book, "The War of the World: Twentieth-Century Conflict and the Descent of the West," observes that Musharraf could not survive if he refused to break up the cozy relationship between militants, tribal leaders and some in his army and intelli-

gence service. The Paks, as W. and Vice like to call them, are at the heart of the Bushian deal the Bush administration has made. The justification for invading Iraq was that they couldn't allow a dictator who might be harboring terrorists to stay in power. In their great ally in the war on terror is Musharraf, a dictator who appears to be harboring terrorists, including the one we want most.

Hamid Karzai, the president of Afghanistan, who is coming to the White House next week to dine with W. and General Pervez Musharraf, expressed a shy skepticism about his neighbor's pretensions that he is strategizing against militants. As David Sanger reported, the Afghan leader told New York Times editors and reporters at a meeting Thursday that he had tried to get Pakistan's help in repelling the resurgent Taliban by giving the Pakistanis "information on the training ground, on operations, people, their phone numbers, their GPS locations."

"Our friends come back to us and say this information is old," Karzai continued. "Maybe. But it means they were there."

Asked where Osama was, he smiled and replied: "I said he was in Pakistan. President Musharraf would be mad at me. And if he said he was in Afghanistan, it would not be true."

We may not have Osama, but at least W. helped General Pervez get his Amazon ranking. "Buy the book," the president recommended as the two allies wrapped up.

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The penny stops here, but why not the nickel?

Two months ago, in an Olympic act of statesmanship, Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., took aim at the nation's most abused coin. He introduced a bill that would get rid of the penny. In the first half of this year alone, the U.S. government minted 4.8 billion of these useless coins, and they cost 1.4 cents to make each one and maybe two more cents each to distribute them, that robbed taxpayers of \$115 million. The Wall Street Journal's editorial page denounced Kolbe's capitulation to the sinister forces of inflation, as though recognizing reality were the same as creating it. But in truth the noble statesman should go further. He should abolish nickels and dimes.

To see why this is so, start with the time wasted on pennies. In this great country, not even the most obscure subject merits scrutiny, so I am able to report that the National Association of Convenience Stores and the Walgreens drugstore chain have estimated that handling pennies adds 2 to 2.5 seconds per cash transaction. Assume that the average citizen makes one such transaction every day, and so wastes to be conservative, 730 seconds a year. The median worker earns just over \$36,000 a year, or about 0.5 cents per second, so futzing

SEBASTIAN MALLABY

with pennies costs him \$3.65 annually.

If pennies were abolished, prices would have to round to the nearest nickel, and penny lovers suggest consumers would suffer. I'm pleased to report that Robert M. Whaples of Wake Forest University has analyzed 200,000 transactions across seven states, and he concluded consumers would not actually suffer. Purchases at gas stations and convenience stores are just as likely to round up to \$7.02 as \$6.98, so the rounding up and rounding down would cancel themselves out. On average, shoppers would lose no money. That doesn't quite settle things, however. For although they lose no money, they do fine, each individual shopper would run the risk of losing out from all this rounding. Hence the last-ditch question from determined penny partisans: Doesn't this risk undermine the case for abolishing pennies?

Thanks to the Nobel Prize winner William Sharpe, we know how to answer this question. The Sharpe ratio measures the reward you get for taking a risk divided by the

size of that risk. For example, if you put your money into Vanguard's 500 Index Fund you would have earned 7.8 percent per year more than the risk-free Treasury bond rate over the past three years. But the Standard & Poor's 500 Index's standard deviation, a measure of its volatility, was also 7.8 percent; dividing the Sharpe ratio of 1.0, if you do the same calculation for the Vanguard Total Bond Market Index, you get a Sharpe ratio of 0.3 over this period.

How does abolishing the penny compare to that? For each transaction, the rounding effect could cost the shopper either two cents or one cent or zero; or it could save the shopper two cents or one cent. If the shopper carries out 100 transactions per year, the standard deviation of all the possibilities is 27 cents per year. A benefit of \$3.65 divided over a standard deviation of \$27 gives you a Sharpe ratio of 13.5. In other words, abolishing the penny is 13 times better, on a reward-to-risk measure, than putting money in the S&P 500 over the past three years. It's 45 times more attractive than the bond index over that period.

Now what about those dimes and nickels? Assume that abolishing the nickel saves an extra second per

transaction and that abolishing the dime would save another one. Each abolition would save the median worker one inch worth \$1.43 per year, but each would also increase the risk of losing out from the rounding of prices. Yet on a risk-reward basis, both abolitions would be attractive. The Sharpe ratio for abolishing nickels after pennies works out at 2.7. The Sharpe ratio for finishing off the dime is 1.2 - not quite so compelling, but still a lot better than stashing your savings in equities or bonds.

The great thing about America is that we have smart people to analyze every conceivable problem, so we know what we should do. But there's less great thing about America is that politicians don't always care what's smartest, because they face other pressures. Kolbe is up against something called "Americanism for Common Sense," a pro-penny lobby funded partly by the zinc industry. The zinc guys have already secured a quiet victory. In 2009, the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the U.S. Mint will issue four commemorative zinc-filled pennies. Now that about those dimes and nickels? Assume that abolishing the nickel saves an extra second per

LETTERS

Voters hold the key to real change

We are just getting into the heavy part of the political season, and the fertilizer is beginning to pile up. We have borders that are sleeves and containers coming from all over the world that are not being checked. Our ports are being run from foreign countries and we are borrowing money from the most populated communist country in the world. China is in the middle of a massive military buildup; it is helping its satellites with technology and equipment. We can't get tough because they could call in the debt. Our check people, the top 2 percent,

fair share to start paying their fair share. We are chasing skunks in the Middle East while we have a grizzly bear charging up behind us.

We are the greatest democracy that ever existed and our elections are being tallied on computers that have been examined and determined to be unreliable.

The votes cast in the eastern part of the country used to come in so early that elections were decided before the western poles were closed. Now they come in after some adjustment. The really sad part of all this is that so many citizens do not care and will not take time to check the issues and vote. Good people need to feel the

interest of the voters so that they can win on their honesty and ability to do the job. All we need to do is fire the present office holders and the election will really list as an important place that the voters are back in control of the country. MATT SMITH Twin Falls

Marriage amendment places walks around Idaho

It's been a while since I lived in Idaho, but it used to be my home and it has an important place in my heart. I'm writing, as someone who still calls Idaho home, to urge my fellow Idahoans to vote against the proposed marriage amendment on Nov. 7.

This proposed amendment is a personal attack against me and all unmarried couples - both gay and straight. It calls into question basic rights such as hospital visitation, insurance benefits and inheritance. It sends a message that people like me are not welcome in Idaho anymore. How can you do us build a life and a family in such a hateful, hostile environment? When I come home, I want to come home to a state that welcomes and respects all of us. Please, vote on 11R 2, the marriage amendment. Stand up to hatefulness, and stand up for fairness. DAVID RINDSTRAFF Palm Springs, Calif.

First rocket launched from New Mexico spaceport fails

The Associated Press
 UPLAND, N.M. — The first rocket launched from New Mexico's spaceport failed to reach suborbital space Monday, wobbling and dropping back to Earth barely a tenth of the way into its intended journey.
 The unmanned, 20-foot

Spacecraft XL rocket, among the first to be launched from any commercial U.S. spaceport, was carrying various experiments and other payloads for its planned journey 70 miles above Earth.
 The rocket took off at 2:14 p.m. and was supposed to drop back to Earth about 13 minutes later at White Sands

Missile Range, just north of the launch site, but three miles from the launch site, witnesses saw the rocket wobble, then go into a corkscrew motion before disappearing in the clear sky.
 Something went wrong shortly after takeoff. Officials with UP Aerospace, the Connecticut-based company

that funded the launch, said the rocket reached only about 40,000 feet — or 7 1/2 miles.
 It was not immediately clear where the craft landed or what condition it was in. Launch logistical coordinator Trickey Larson said it was possible that the rocket and its payload could have survived the crash.
 Despite the crash, the launch still was considered a success because the rocket got airborne, Larson said. "If it was easy, everyone would be doing it," she said.
 The rocket launched from a temporary pad at a site in Upland, in southern New Mexico, which also is the planned home of a state-built \$225 million spaceport.

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Bucs' Simms has spleen removed after loss to Panthers

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press writer



Simms

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay quarterback Chris Simms is out indefinitely after having his spleen removed. However, the Buccaneers have not ruled out his playing again this season.

"We're going to do what our doctors deem is the right thing to do," coach Jon Gruden said Monday, adding he visited Simms in the hospital and found him in good spirits.

"It's going to be just fine. ... His football career is in no jeopardy," Gruden added. "There is a chance he can come back and play this year."

In the meantime, rookie Bruce Gradkowski becomes the starter. Tim Rattay will be the

backup, and the Bucs will explore signing a veteran to fill in as the No. 3 quarterback until L u c k e M e c o w n comes off the physically unable to perform list.

Simms had his spleen removed Sunday night after absorbing several punishing hits during a 26-21 loss to the Carolina Panthers. Gruden said the 26-year-old was examined repeatedly during the game and showed no symptoms of being injured as seriously as he was.

"We checked between every

series. He was in some pain. He did get hit early in the game, as a lot of players do, and return to play," the coach said.

Team physician Dr. Joe DiIorio issued a statement Sunday night saying he anticipates a full recovery.

It was not clear if Simms was hurt on a particular play or if the injury resulted from an accumulation of blows. Gruden felt the most damaging may have occurred late in the fourth quarter when Carolina's Al Wallace hit Simms on a pass play and landed on top of the quarterback.

Gruden thought Wallace should have been penalized for roughing the passer.

Simms left briefly late in the third quarter, but returned to

lead a fourth-quarter field goal drive that gave Tampa Bay a 24-23 lead with five minutes remaining. He finished the game, accompanying teammates to the locker room on his own power.

The Bucs did not immediately announce that Simms was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, a few blocks from Raymond James Stadium. Team officials simply said he would be available for postgame interviews because he was with doctors and trainers.

Gruden, meanwhile, said during his postgame press conference that Simms hurt his ribs early in the game and was also battling dehydration.

"He is hurting right now, there is no question," Gruden

said. "He left the game. I don't know that it was because of his ribs, dehydration or both."

Simms was replaced by Gradkowski for the last play of the third quarter and first play of the fourth.

Although the Bucs said Simms went to the locker room because he was cramping, the quarterback didn't appear to be the same after being hit at the goal line on a 2-yard TD run that gave Tampa Bay a 21-20 lead with just under six minutes left in the third period.

The recuperation time for a normal player is four to six weeks, though it's unclear how long it might take to be fit enough to play football.

The spleen is an organ located in the upper left side of the

abdomen, storing blood and helping down old blood cells to help the body fight infections. Many people live productive, healthy lives without it.

The loss of Simms is certainly a blow to a Tampa Bay team looking to recover from an 0-3 start.

He completed 13 of 24 passes for 139 yards, one touchdown and one interception Sunday. The Panthers sacked him once and linebacker Adam Stewart hit him hard when Simms faked a handoff to Mike Alstret and ran around left end on fourth-and-1 to score his TD.

The Bucs have a bye next weekend, giving Gruden extra time to get Gradkowski ready for his first pro start at New Orleans.

Saints go marching

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — The Superdome got a new roof after Hurricane Katrina. The New Orleans Saints did their best to blow it away.

In an exhilarating return to their rebuilt stadium, the Saints gave the Big Easy something to cheer about — an undefeated football team that made it look easy, with a 23-3 victory over the Atlanta Falcons on Monday night.

"This one couldn't have been scripted any better for a team that spent all of last season on the road, and it couldn't have come at a better time for a city that is still struggling to overcome the devastation of Katrina."

After a Super Bowl-like pregame show that included a performance by supergroups U2 and Green Day, the Saints wasted no time turning their welcome-home party into Mardi Gras. The Falcons' first drive stalled, and special teams demon Steve Gleason sliced through the middle of the Atlanta line to smother Michael Koenen's punt.

The ball sailed across the goal line, where Curtis DeLoach fell on it for a touchdown — the first given up by the Falcons this season. Just 1½ minutes into a homecoming that was over a year in the making, the Saints sent an emphatic message to the NFL and the country.

New Orleans is back.

DeLoach ran over to the stands and pointed at the crowd of 70,003, as if to say, "Take that Katrina!" Undoubtedly, many more were cheering around this waving to set up televisions outside government-issued trailers that pass for homes more than a year after the storm blew through the levees broke and the water poured through.

The Saints (3-0) poured it on against the Falcons (2-1), who fell



New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) looks downfield as Atlanta Falcons defender Rod Coleman (75) defends in the first half Monday's game at the newly re-opened Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

behind 14-3 in the first quarter and never recovered. Devery Henderson scored New Orleans' second TD on an 11-yard double-reverse, taking a handoff from Reggie Bush and cutting inside the pylon with help from a gutsy block by quarterback Drew Brees.

John Carney kicked two field goals in the second period, including a 51-yarder that cleared the crossbar and time ran out. The Saints retired to the locker room with a 20-3 lead and a rousing ovation ringing in their ears. The Falcons struggled off in the opposite direction, as if they already knew this wasn't going to be their night.

Of course, it seemed that way even before the kickoff. This was intended to be a showcase for New Orleans

rebirth, as frustrating and halting as that process has been for so many.

Fans clad in gold and black snarled around the French Quarter throughout a brilliantly lit night, ready to look forward instead of looking back at those awful scenes of suffering inside the Superdome in the days after Katrina. Those who had tickets to get inside the 31-year-old stadium found it spruced up with new scoreboards, bright video boards and plenty of fresh paint, all part of a \$105 million renovation that was designed to keep the Saints from moving to San Antonio, Los Angeles or some other NFL-deprived city.

Showing the significance of the game, former commissioner Paul Tagliabue and his successor, Roger

Goodell, were both at the Superdome. Signs were hung throughout the stadium, sending messages such as "Home Sweet Dome" and "Thank You America, New Orleans & Saints Are Here to Stay."

The Falcons, coming off a franchise-record 306 yards on the ground against Tampa Bay, managed just 105 yards rushing on the inspired Saints. Michael Vick had a miserable game, completing 12-of-31 for 137 yards.

Any hopes of an Atlanta comeback were snuffed out on the first possession of the second half. New Orleans took the kickoff and drove 73 yards in 12 plays, burning more than 7½ minutes off the clock before settling for Carney's third field goal from 20 yards.

New Orleans revels in its old self

For one day, at least, New Orleans looked much as it did before Katrina blew in and turned life upside down for anyone who's ever called this city home.

As sun was shining and streets were filled with happy people with smiles on their faces, heads around their necks and drinks in their hands, a sidewalk saxophonist delisted tourists with a rousing rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In" and business in the French Quarter was brisk.

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Everywhere you turned, lives were a scene of the making. And if ever a city was in need of a party, it's New Orleans.

The New Orleans Saints reentered the Superdome in grand fashion Monday night, with U2, Green Day and even the first President Bush stepping by. For anyone who questioned whether it was the right thing to do on this night, the resident cheerleaders would be better off in Los Angeles, the "Who Dat?" cheer that shook the dome when the Saints took the field is your answer.

It's like the rebirth," resident Clem Lescage said. "It reminds us of what the city used to be like."

Too often we make sports and the athletes who play them like they are any.

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Alexander out indefinitely with cracked bone in foot

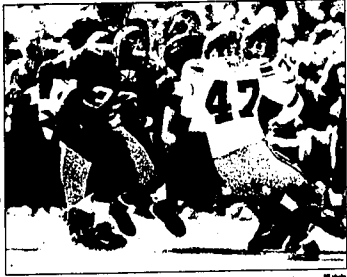
By Gregg Bell
Associated Press writer

KIRKLAND, Wash. — The Seahawks' insulation from the recent hex of Super Bowl runners-up has a crack. League MVP Shaun Alexander has a broken left foot and is headed to the Seahawks for at least a couple of weeks.

Coach Mike Holmgren said Monday that a bone scan revealed Alexander sustained a "small crack" and "displaced fracture" on a non-weight-bearing bone in his foot sometime during the Seahawks' 42-30 win over the New York Giants on Sunday. Alexander ran for 47 yards and 20 carries while wearing new shoes and orthotic inserts before sitting out the fourth quarter, which began with Seattle leading 42-3.

Alexander missed practices last Wednesday and Thursday because of soreness from a bone bruise he sustained while rushing for 100 yards on 20 carries in his Sept. 10 season opener at Detroit.

"Holmgren said last season's NFL rushing leader was on crutches inside team head-



Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander looks for an opening against the New York Giants during the second quarter of Sunday's game in Seattle.

quarters Monday, a special players' off day following their third straight win. Alexander had departed the facility by the time Holmgren made his announcement.

"You lose the MVP for a while. It's a hit," Holmgren said. "Let's face it, he's the MVP. We're not going to sugarcoat it."

The test of whether this crack becomes the gaping void that has derailed the previous five Super Bowl losers begins Sunday night in Chicago, which is also 3-0. Maurice Morris will make his fifth career start for Alexander.

Seattle is by its lone following week before playing at division rival St. Louis on

Oct. 15.

"I don't think it will be real lengthy," Holmgren said. "Now, he just has to stay off of it and let it heal."

Holmgren said he could not say specifically how long Alexander would be out.

"We're looking at a few weeks, let's put it that way," Holmgren said. "The good thing is, it's just a small, little crack — if you want to talk about a good thing."

Beginning in March, Holmgren has had a ready answer for the many who have the Giants, Rams, Raiders, Panthers and Eagles have combined to go 31-49 in the seasons immediately following their Super Bowl losses.

"All that means is, everyone has had key guys get hurt," Holmgren said, a message he gave him players more than once before this season began. Donovan McNabb, Stephen Davis, Rich Gannon, Orlando Pace, among others, all had major injuries that led to those pitfalls.

welcomed former Super Bowl MVP Deion Branch by featuring four-wide receiver formations and Matt Hasselbeck's five touchdown passes. Seattle's running game was already weakened by current injuries to starting guards Floyd Monnack and Chris Gray and the top two tight ends, Terrance Stevens and Tula Miller.

Now, it's Morris instead of Alexander. The second-round draft choice in 2002 from Oregon rushed 15 times for 18 yards against the Giants on Sunday.

"I do have a lot of confidence in Mo' Morris," Holmgren said, adding the team also has "some roster things to do" by the end of the week.

"You have only one way to go. Just plug someone in and go."

When asked how he was initially injured, Alexander said last week, "People falling on you, it is just football. Football is physical. It is just one of those things."

Holmgren said the original bone bruise led to the small crack.

Sutton headlines CSI coaches clinic

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball program will host its second annual dinner and coaches clinic on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 5-8 p.m.

Former Oklahoma State University head coach Eddie Sutton will be featured at the 6 p.m. dinner, held at the Turf Club. The clinic will feature Gregman Young University head coach Dave Rose, Southern Utah University head coach Bill Evans, Oregon State University head coach Jay Johnson, and Cal State Northridge head coach Bobby Braswell. The clinic will run from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the CSI Gymnasium.

The cost for the dinner and clinic is \$60, while the cost for the dinner only is \$30. The cost for the clinic only is \$35.

For more information, call CSI Director of Athletics Steve Gosar at 732-6498, or Jeff Renegar at 732-6476.

SPORTS

Buhl girls soccer edges Declo

By Chuck Mann
For the Times-News

DECLO — The Buhl Indians girls' soccer team took a close 2-1 victory over the Declo Hornets on Monday in their season-opening game with the win, you'd think Indians head coach Sasha Pavlovic would be happy, right?

"Honestly, this is the worst game I've ever seen this season," Pavlovic said. "I'm going to discuss it with them tomorrow in practice, and we're going to try to straighten some things."

The Indians were held scoreless by a stalwart Hornets defense, with Declo goalkeeper Kara Moss making stop after stop, including stuffing a shot at the point of contact after stumbling to the ground. Play stopped briefly for Hornets coach Lenzie Jones to check Moss for injury, but she stayed in the game.

The Hornets were the first team to score with Megan Turner finding the back of the net toward the latter end of the first half. Declo held on to finish the half with the 1-0 lead.

The lead would hold for most of the second half, but the Indians put some serious pressure on the Hornets defense as Jessica Harris and Autumn Yurbe struck to put Buhl ahead and give the Indians the victory.

"They were very aggressive," Hornets defender Nicole Knobbe said of Buhl's second half resurgence.

Pavlovic thought his team should have shown better against the determined and steadily improving Hornets.

"After two wonderful games, we cannot play like a rival of Declo. I'm disappointed," Pavlovic said. "I don't mean to disrespect Declo, but I think we're better than Declo."

Jones saw things differently.

"The girls played really well," Jones said. "We dominated most of the game. Buhl just got a couple of lucky shots."

The Hornets travel to Wendell on Wednesday while Buhl hosts Jerome.

Boys Declo 0, Buhl 0

DECLO — The Declo Hornets boys soccer team remained winless after their match with the Buhl Indians, but broke their season-long losing streak with a 0-0 draw Monday.

"It's a moral victory, where we've been thumped on and thumped on to come out here and have a chance to win the game," Hornets coach Tim Henriksen said. "We had two or three decent shots that didn't go our way."

With Declo's leading defender Chnd Christensen missing Monday's game with illness, the Hornets made some adjustments to shore up their defense, and it paid off.

"We readjusted, brought a midfielder back into his slot," Henriksen said. "We bunkered down. We were playing really a six-back with a flat-back forward and two stoppers kind of set half in between, and it was a stalemate in the first half."

Despite failing to score, Henriksen was pleased with the pressure his team put on the Indians in the second half.

"In the second half we opened it up a little bit, had some wings pushing it up and making some runs that we didn't in the first half and turned the outside backs loose a little bit," Henriksen said.

Zach Carson earned the shutout at goal for the Hornets, actively shutting down shot after shot, including fisting away a penalty kick that was heading just under the crossbar.

"To pull a clean sheet where really it's his first year playing, that's fantastic," Henriksen said of Carson's performance. "He's coming off his line well, and he's making forwards and that attacking third of the opposition think twice about coming in after him."

The Hornets travel to Wendell on Wednesday. Buhl is also on the road against Jerome Wednesday.

Twins clinch playoff berth



MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Justin Morneau and Torii Hunter's homers and Minnesota capped a remarkable turnaround by clinching a playoff spot Monday night, beating Kansas City 6-1.

Boof Bonser had another strong start in helping the Twins, who were 25-33 in early June, reach the playoffs for the fourth time in five years.

Minnesota's win, coupled with Chicago's 14-1 loss to the Indians, eliminated the defending World Series champion White Sox from contention. The Twins trail Detroit by one game in the A.L. Central.

Hunter hit career-high 30th homer and Bonser (7-5) gave up one run and two hits in 6 2-3 innings as the Royals, lost their seventh straight.

Hunter hit a two-run homer in the seventh and Morneau hit his 34th homer in the eighth, a three-run shot that gave him 129 RBIs.

Indians 14, White Sox 1

CLEVELAND — Chicago, the defending World Series champions, were eliminated from the postseason with the loss and Minnesota's win over Kansas City.

Casey Blake hit a grand slam — Cleveland's major league record-tying 14th this season — to highlight an eight-run sixth inning.

Chicago's Jon Garland (17-7) gave up 12 runs — eight earned — and 12 hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Yankees 16, Devil Rays 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Bobby Abreu and Hideki Matsui hit three-run homers in a wild six-run first for New York, which had a season-high 20 hits.

Abreu and Matsui homered off Jae Seo (1-7) during the 26-minute half inning that also saw Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon and pitching coach Mike Butler ejected.

Jaret Wright (11-7), bidding to be the Yankees' fourth starter in the postseason, gave up one

run, five hits, four walks and struck out four in six innings. He is 7-7 all-time against Tampa Bay.

Blue Jays 5, Red Sox 0

TORONTO — Shaun Marcum and Jason Frasor combined on a two-hitter and Toronto moved into second place in the A.L. East.

Alex Rios and Bengie Molina, homers for the Blue Jays, who are a half-game ahead of Boston.

Marcum (3-1), a rookie, allowed two hits and struck out a career-high 10 in eight innings. Frasor pitched a perfect ninth to complete Toronto's sixth shutout of the season. The Red Sox were blanked for the seventh time.

Reds 5, Cubs 4

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. moved into a tie with Reggie Jackson for 10th place in home runs with his eighth in the eighth inning of Cincinnati's 5-4 victory over Chicago.

Griffey, making his first appearance after missing 17 games with a toe injury, hit his 27th homer this season and 563rd of his career off left-hander Scott Eyre (1-3). It was the fifth pinch-hit homer of his career.

Scott Schoeneweis (2-0) got two outs in the eighth for the win. David Weathers pitched the ninth for his team-leading 12th save.

The Cubs took advantage of Cincinnati errors on consecutive batters to score four unearned runs on two hits in the first inning off Bronson Arroyo.

Padres 6, Cardinals 5

ST. LOUIS — Mike Piazza's

RBI-single snapped a seventh-inning tie and San Diego beat sagging St. Louis 6-5 in a matchup of NL division leaders.

Brian Giles hit a three-run double in a five-run second and the bullpen allowed three hits in 5 2-3 innings to help the Padres win for the 10th time in 13 games.

San Diego has a two-game lead in the NL West over six Los Angeles with identical records.

The Cardinals lost their sixth straight and saw their Central lead cut to 2½ games by Houston, which beat Philadelphia 5-4. St. Louis led by seven games before its skid, but its magic number remained at five for the third straight game.

Astros 5, Phillies 4

PHILADELPHIA — Pinch-hitter Mike Lamb's infield single drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh, lifting Houston to its sixth straight victory.

The Phillies dropped into a tie with Los Angeles for the NL West lead. Both teams have six games remaining in the regular season — all on the road.

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Shoshone volleyball sweeps Bliss, Murtaugh at home

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SHOSHONE — The Shoshone Indians displayed dominance at their triangular, besting Bliss and Murtaugh for a sweep on Monday.

Shoshone took down Bliss 25-17, 25-6 for a Magic Valley Northside Conference victory before defeating Murtaugh 25-21, 25-10.

Against the Bliss team, Shayne Gulliford and Kori Bingham each had 11 kills. Taylor Astle had 12 service points, and Shubby Buzzuto had 10. Head coach Larry Messeri said that Tressa Mitchell had a good game on the front and back row, picking up 11 and service points in both matches.

Bliss also beat Murtaugh 25-16, 25-20. Shoshone (10-4, 7-1) travels to Gooding tonight.

Academy junior varsity squad defeated the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind victory 25-18, 25-17 in Gooding on Monday. No other information was available.

Boys soccer

Gooding 5, Twin Falls JV 1

GOODING — The Gooding Senators picked up a win over the Twin Falls junior varsity 5-1 on Monday as they prepare for their Class 3A District IV game against the Filer Wildcatters.

Julie Ledesma and Bob Faethoff each scored a pair of goals along with one from Daniel Lopez. Josh Bashline scored for the Bruins JV.

The Senators (7-3-2, 5-3-1) travel to Filer for the conference match on Wednesday.

Girls soccer

Wendell 2, Twin Falls JV 2

WENDELL — The Wendell Trojans and Twin Falls junior varsity battled in a 2-2 stalemate in the first half of the Magic Valley on Monday.

Blanca Alfeche scored for the Trojans in the first half, while Whitney Sums put one in during the second half. Scorers for the Bruins JV were not available.

Despite the fact the Trojans didn't get the much-needed first win, head coach Chris Huffman said that it was the best game the girls has played all year.

Wendell (0-7-3, 0-6) hosts Declo on Wednesday.

Dietrich 3, Wendell 0

DIETRICH — The Dietrich Blue Devils got the best of Wendell 3-0 on Monday night.

The Blue Devils won 26-24, 26-24, 25-10. Jesse Dill had 11 kills. Angelina Sorenson had 12 assists and Tobi Anderson had 17 service points. Head coach Traci Perron said Shasta Towne, Tatiana Weber and Lindy Bingham played "super defense" in the sweep.

Dietrich (5-4, 4-3) travel to Richfield to take on the Tigers tonight.

Twin Falls Christian JV-2, ISDB 0

GOODING — The Twin Falls Christian

Saints

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Players refer to the games they play as wars. Fans who won't return home after a game, and whom five years depend upon as the outcome of a game.

Sometimes, though, sport does transcend the hype and show the best of both sides can be. This game — indeed, everything about this whole Saints season — is one of those rare times.

While there are parts of New Orleans that don't look any different than they did before Katrina hit on Aug. 29, 2005, most days remain a struggle. The Lower Ninth Ward, one of the areas hit hardest, remains a wasteland, with piles of rubble where houses once stood and spray-painted utility poles passing for street signs.

In places where the cleanup is further along, there is an emotional fatigue that comes with the endless rebuilding.

"We need this team," said Dawn Murray, dressed head to toe in black and gold bandana. "It crosses all lines. It's not Democrat or Republican. It's not rich or poor. It's not black or white."

"It's black and gold." After decades of delighting in what sets the city apart, the citizens of New Orleans are revealing in the one thing that pulls them together.

Aside from the few Atlanta

Falcons fans, it seemed as if everyone was wearing Saints colors Monday. Fans in Reggae Bush, Drew Brees and Joe Horn jerseys. People sporting "Rebuild New Orleans" T-shirts. There was even a baby decked out in Saints paraphernalia, right down to his bibs.

On any other day, there's little traffic in the neighborhood around the Superdome. Several buildings remain shuttered, the mall next to the arena is like a ghost town and there isn't much else to entice anyone to visit.

On this day, though, the place was party central. Bands played and fans milled about happy to be killing time again before a game. Scalpers paced the sidewalks, asking if anyone had extra tickets.

They're ground to a halt, and not even Brees was spared the hassle. He finally made it to the Superdome two hours before kickoff, only to find he didn't have a spot to park. He pulled over and his car up on an island and appeared ready to leave it there until police and parking officials yelled at him.

They eventually found a place for him to go, and he drove off to the cheers of fans. Inside the Superdome, it was more happy bedlam. Every seat was filled 30 minutes before the game began, and fans danced and sang while U2 and

Green Day rocked out. A high up on the facade below the top deck, a simple black and white banner read, "Thank You American New Orleans & Saints Are Here To Stay!"

"Tonight the word homecoming will take on a new meaning and will forever be redefined by what is happening here in the Superdome," former NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "Most of the credit for that redefinition of the term 'homecoming' goes to the people of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast region who have been, and continue to be, New Orleans Saints fans."

One game doesn't mean, of course, that all of New Orleans' problems are solved. The rebuilding will go on for many more years. Even the good will surrounding the team and owner Tom Benson will surely be tested.

There's no guarantee fans will continue to sell the Superdome out as they do year after year after year in Green Bay, New England and Indianapolis. It remains to be seen, too, if there will be the wealth to fill the luxury boxes that are the lifeblood of pro sports.

Those are problems for another day. For one night, the Saints let New Orleans forget its troubles and feel like the glorious Big Easy of old.

Boise State more concerned about Utah than national ranking

BOISE (AP) — Boise State's first four opponents have posted a combined three wins, but the next few look far tougher.

On Saturday the Broncos will face Utah (3-1). The challenge of facing the Utes in Salt Lake City is of far more concern to Boise State coach Chris Petersen than a national ranking at this point.

The Broncos (0-0) moved up to No. 22 in this week's Associated Press poll after holding off Hawaii 41-34 at home on Saturday and now face their second Mountain West Conference team on the road this season.

"If you asked me going in, 'Who is the best team on the

schedule?' it would have been Utah," Petersen said Monday. "Our whole focus isn't on a great ranking, but playing a great Utah team."

Boise State escaped Wyoming with a 17-10 win on Sept. 16. The Broncos are 10-0 against Mountain West teams since 1996.

Only one of Boise State's previous opponents this season has a winning record — and Oregon State's two wins have come against Division I-AA Eastern Washington and Idaho.

Boise State is facing increasingly better opponents, culminating with Utah, Petersen said. "I think that it's been good

that we've gotten a new challenge each week," he said. "Neither team is in a Bowl Championship Series conference, but a high enough national ranking at the end of the regular season could earn either a berth in a BCS game."

"We haven't gotten so caught up in that BCS bowl situation," Petersen said. "For us it's so early, but our players definitely know about Utah."


After Utah, the Broncos have a relatively favorable conference schedule, with their biggest hurdle a Nov. 1 matchup with Fresno State at home, where the Broncos have lost only twice in their last 50 games.

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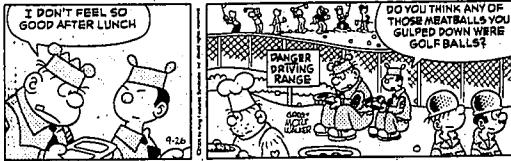
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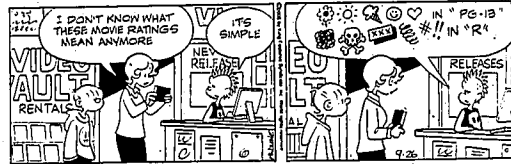
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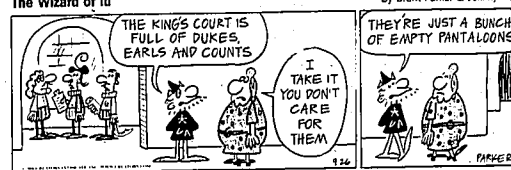
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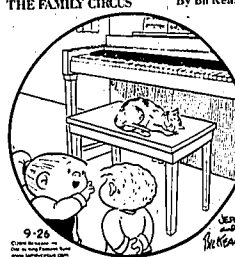
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Mother's desperate plight arouses concern in readers

DEAR READERS: On Thursday, Aug. 24, I printed a letter from "Going Crazy in San Diego," the 26-year-old wife of a member of the military. In it she stated that she had never wanted children, had failed to bond with her baby girl, and that her husband refused to allow her to be placed for adoption — although he "couldn't stand" the baby either. She said that she was afraid she might hurt her infant. Her letter was handwritten on ruled blinder paper with no contact information such as name, address or phone number.

If that young woman is reading today's Dear Abby column, please write me again at P.O. Box 68440, Los Angeles, CA 90069 or www.DearAbby.com. Please give me a number where I can reach you, and trust me enough to let me help you. Your confidence will not be violated. Through the entire history of Dear Abby, including the many years I worked beside my mother, we have never received offers of help from our readers like those generated by this young woman's letter. Readers, your outpouring of love and concern has been overwhelming. I have received letters and e-mails from men and women nationwide saying it was your mother's predicament brought them to tears.



Childless couples and women wanting to expand their families have described their "arms aching" to adopt this child and give her the loving home she deserves. Women in the San Diego area have volunteered to provide respite care, baby-sitting services and emotional support.

William Fenton, chief of clinical services of the Family Support Center in San Diego, wrote to say that help is available from the New Parent Support Team, which provides in-home assistance and counseling in many areas. These services are free and can be accessed by contacting the FFSC at the nearest naval base.

Navy families can also get assistance by contacting their sailors' command chaplain or by contacting Military One Source at 1-800-342-9647 — 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

I'd also heard from Tracey L. Jones, the team leader for the "New Parent Support" program in San Diego. She asked me to let

"Going Crazy" know that her staff and colleagues have a unique understanding of the stresses that come with military life and that they will make every effort to help her and her husband. Tracey can be reached at (619) 558-8825 and traceyl@nmc.mil.

Also struck me the most about this young woman's letter is how completely isolated she feels. Motherhood can be a challenge. Even when the baby is wanted. Overwhelmingly, my readers have asked me to convey to her that help is available if she only reaches out for it.

Many communities have emergency nurseries for parents in crisis. A new mother who feels she has reached the breaking point should contact her clergyperson or child protective services.

Many states, including California, allow a newborn to be left at a fire station, hospital or police station if the mother is in danger — or if the mother is a danger to herself.

I want to thank the many thousands of my readers who wrote to me with offers to help for "Going Crazy." You are the most warm-hearted friends I could wish for. If the young woman in San Diego contacts me again, I promise to let you know.

— LOVE, ABBY

The American Express card wasn't always green; at first it was purple

This day in history: On Sept. 26, 1872, the New Jersey government became the first in America to license medical practitioners. The law exempted those who did not charge for their services, or whose practice was limited to bleeding patients or pulling teeth.

Worldwide doggie DNA testing and archeological evidence indicate that our domesticated dogs originated in Asia at least 15,000 years ago (and possibly much earlier).

Hans Christian Andersen was deathly afraid of being buried alive, so he left notes around his bed saying that he "only seemed dead."

The green American Express card wasn't always green. For its first eleven years, it was purple. If you're looking for the proverbial No. 2 pencil in England, often required for standardized tests, you might not be able to find one. They use a different grading system there. Look for a pencil marked 1B ("hard black").

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Spanish village finds Florida boy's message in bottle

NAPLES, Fla. — Dennis Davis has reached celebrity status in a Spanish village he's never visited.

Three years ago, the 16-year-old put a message in a bottle that eventually washed up on a beach near Naples.

Now, thanks to an article about the bottle published in a Spanish newspaper Aug. 26, the whole town knows more about one American who lives more than 4,000 miles away than he knows about them.

The bottle was part of a project at Oak Ridge Middle School. Teachers there had students bring glass bottles with cork tops to class. On one side of a paper, the teachers wrote a note about themselves, with contact information.

On the other side, students wrote things about themselves, including their ages, where they went to school and what their lives in Naples were like.

Dennis would like to read the Spanish article that features him. But before he can understand it, the teen needs to finish the Spanish I class he's enrolled in this year.

"I thought it was kind of weird that I've never been there, and I see my name in their newspaper," Dennis said. "It's like I'm famous in another country."

Man arrested after taking marijuana for a walk

DESMOINES, Iowa — Aaron Janssen apparently made it way too easy for police to nab him.

Janssen, 36, was arrested on marijuana charges Thursday after he was spotted taking a leisurely stroll through downtown, carrying his recently har-

vested pot plants, police said.

Paul County Chief Deputy Matt Burdick said he did a double-take when he looked out his office window at the county jail and saw Janssen walking down the sidewalk with the plants.

"It was carrying it like you'd carry a bundle of presents. It was tall enough where he was looking over the top of them, and he's just walking like nothing's going on," Burdick said.

Burdick said he went outside and yelled at Janssen, who walked right over to him, still carrying the plants.

Janssen said the plants were part of his marijuana grown near the Des Moines River, but wouldn't say exactly where, Burdick said.

Deputies also found two two-pound bags of processed marijuana strapped to each of Janssen's legs, and a third wrapped in a sweater.

"He didn't seem intoxicated or anything of that nature," Burdick said. "He was just kind of proud of his grow."

Bounce seemed to agree, setting bond for \$50,000 for Criswell, who is accused of stealing his mother's car and checking out. Criswell remained jailed in lieu of bond.

Detective David Vinton said that Criswell and two others — Amanda Garis, 19, and Ashley James, 21 — used forged checks to buy surveillance equipment, cell phones and stereo equipment.

New York school searches for escaped python

HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. — Students at a Long Island school have more than the three BS to deal with these days. They're hunting for a reptile running loose.

Silencing, actually. The 2-foot serpent's name is Slim, a ball python who escaped from his tank in the sixth-grade science room at Haysman Fletcher elementary in parents in a letter.

Otis was caught. Slim was not.

The principal promised that the school is "making every effort to locate the snake." To entice the critter, the school has set up heating lamps and traps filled with crickets.

— The Associated Press

SUPER JOB WEEK

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This position would be scheduled to work Mon-Fri, evenings with a rotating on-call schedule for Saturday mornings and Holidays (approx. 16 hours per week). Responsibilities include customer service via telephone and walk-in traffic, customer retention, dispatching newspaper redelivery, redelivering newspapers as needed, and other tasks as assigned. Ideal candidates will possess good verbal and written communication skills, good computer skills, and have a good telephone presence. We are looking for people who enjoy working with the public, are detail-oriented, self-motivated, and comfortable doing out-of-office calling. All candidates must have a valid driver's license and be able to work weekends and holidays to be considered. If you are interested in being part of your community newspaper, please submit a completed application (resume optional) Attn: Jeni Busiek Circulation Director South Idaho Press 230 E. Main St. Burley, ID 83318

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolf

"The end may justify the means as long as there is something that justifies the end."
— Leon Trotsky

After West opens with a weak two hearts, South ends up in four overtrumps or balancing with an intermediate jump overall — not a weak jump.

West leads out the king and queen of diamonds, and East overtakes the second honor to switch to a heart. Declarer hops up with the heart ace and knows that he needs to ruff hearts in dummy. However, with the bidding marking East with no more than a singleton, care needs to be taken.

Cashing the heart king would lead to East's ruffing it away. Later on, East would be able to over-ruff dummy unless two rounds of trump were drawn — which would leave declarer with a heart loser in a different fashion.

However, South can do better. After taking the heart ace, he cashes one top trump from hand and enters dummy with the club ace to lead dummy's second heart.

If East ruffs in, South's king will remain intact. So no trumps can be drawn and the last heart loser ruffed in peace. Suppose, instead, that East discards. The heart king holds, but with two heart ruffs needed, there is still the danger of overtrumps. The way forward is to ruff a heart with the spade king, return to hand with a club ruff, then ruff the fourth heart with the spade nine. East can overruff, but South can ruff the return with the spade eight, draw the last trump, and claim 10 tricks.

NORTH (10-25-A)
▲ K 9 2
♦ 4 2
♥ 10 8 7
♠ A 9 4 3 2

WEST (10-25-A)
▲ J 9 8 6 3
♦ K 2
♥ Q 8 7

EAST (10-25-A)
▲ J 7 4
♦ 5
♥ A J 9 5 3
♠ K 10 6

SOUTH (10-25-A)
▲ Q 8 5 3
♦ A K 10 7
♥ 6 4
♠ 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

The bidding:
South West North East
3♥ 2♥ Pass Pass
3♠ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

BID WITH THE ACES (10-25-B)
South holds:
▲ J 7 4
♦ 5
♥ A J 9 5 3
♠ K 10 6

ANSWER: Jump to four spades. If partner has enough to bid at the two-level, you have enough for game. Indeed, you are not far short of a jump to four hearts, a call that would suggest some interest in a spade slam with short hearts. Change a low club to the queen and you might try that.

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A canyon...

Our readers' best shots

Our files are filling up with splendid samples of our readers' rural photography, and today we present five of our favorites.

Meagan Thompson, a *Times-News* staff photographer who helped choose today's featured photos, praised Hal Kelso's picture of the dry Big Wood River for its "nice leading line, with the people coming down the river bed." Off-center composition makes good use of the fascinating rock texture, Thompson said, "and it's a good moment — where the people aren't completely aware of the photographer is there."

In Chad Hafer's photo of a sheep wagon, the wagon and the white horse (whose color is crucial) polarize the picture and "make the space in the middle important," Thompson said.

She liked Pete Stover's classic Idaho landscape and the striking colors in Rebecca Pascale's image.

And in David Overacre's pig picture, the achievement is composition — with the lines of the road drawing the viewer farther into the photo, Thompson said.

If you're eager to see your own rural photo on this page, send it in for our no-prize contest. (For details, see page D2.) We'll keep printing photo pages in *Country Roads* as long as you keep the submissions coming.

— Virginia S. Hutchins



Photo courtesy of HAL KELSO

Wanda Yamagata, front, Diane Hohnhorst and Debbie Kelso walk a dry section of the Big Wood River on Aug. 13 north of Shoshone, where the river raged during spring flooding. "We are old friends who enjoy exploring the beauty right in our own backyards," Yamagata says. "We see so many awesome, breathtaking sights." Hal Kelso of Eden captured this one on camera.

...and a cowboy

Find out how to see your own pictures in the pages of *Country Roads*.

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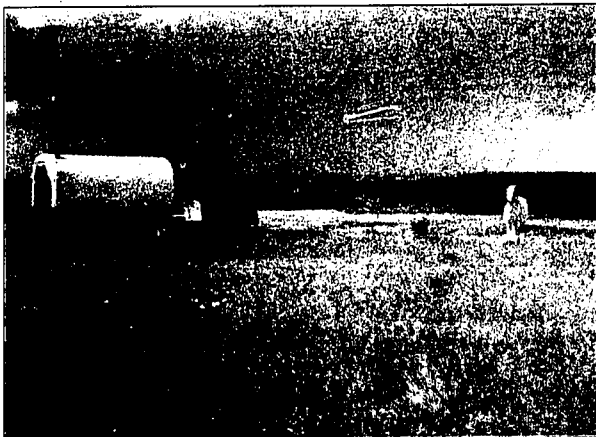


Photo courtesy of CHAD HAFER

Chad Hafer of Twin Falls photographed this sheep herder's campsite northwest of Castleford's Balanced Rock in May 2005.



Photo courtesy of PETE STOVER

Randy Corgatelli and horses George and Snort hunt for cows during fall roundup in Copper Basin, west of Mackay and up the east fork of the Lost River drainage, in 2005. Pete Stover of Twin Falls — owner of Snort, the paint mare — took the photo.

Rebecca Pascale of Shoshone photographed an abandoned house dubbed "the pieces" east of Dietrich, near her childhood home. "My brothers and I used to play in and around the house all the time, except at night when it was spooky," Pascale says. "There were also fruit trees and berry bushes around it, and the wild yellow rosebush you see in the foreground used to be very big. I would pick flowers off of it to put on my horse's bridle."

Photo courtesy of REBECCA PASCALE



Photo courtesy of DAVID OVERACRE

Miranda Overacre of Kimberly walks her 4-H pig and her brothers' pigs at the home of her grandparents, Fred and Helen Barnhill, north of Kimberly, in August 2005. Miranda's dad, David Overacre, captured the moment.

Minidoka abstinence program shows success

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Sex may still be on the minds of Mini-Cassia teenagers, but "No" is on their lips more often than ever, according to school officials.

The Minidoka County School District has decided to continue offering an abstinence program and the Cassia County-Joint School District will vote on it today.

The program, called Peers Encouraging Abstinence Kids, or PEAK, is offered in both dis-

tricts to junior high and middle-school students. High school students serve as mentors.

"We believe when kids take a class like this, they make good choices," said Scott Rogers, superintendent for Minidoka County School District. The program's effectiveness was measured at Burley, Declo and Oakley junior high schools, and East and West Minidoka middle schools.

The average age of students in the combined counties was 13 years old and 53 percent

were male, 47 percent female. Sixty-three percent of the students were white, 26 percent Hispanic and 9 percent classified as other.

Twenty-six percent of the students were in seventh grade and 74 percent were in the eighth grade.

In Cassia County, 316 eighth-graders participated in the program along with 42 high school mentors. In Minidoka County, 249 seventh-graders participated with 18 high school mentors.

Students were asked ques-

tions to measure changes in behaviors and attitudes about early sexual involvement and using assertiveness techniques for saying no.

The surveys were sent to Boise State University for analysis.

Eighty-seven percent of the students said they had gained new information about the risks of sex and 85 percent said they felt comfortable saying no.

Eighty-six percent said they gained new information about sexually transmitted diseases

and pregnancy. Ninety percent of the students said they now had new ways to resist social and peer pressure and 94 percent said they now know several ways to say no.

Ninety-two percent of the students who participated said the information they received will help them make decisions regarding sex in the future and the same percentage said they will find it easier to say no to sex.

The Cassia School Board meets at 7 p.m. today at 237 E. 19th St. in Burley.

Buhl man shot; suspect in custody

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

BUHL — A man turned himself in after allegedly firing a shotgun blast into a man's left leg inside his double-wide home in Buhl.

Rick Nickelson of Buhl was shot below his knee in the alleged shooter's home at 1728 B East, 4200 North, said Nancy Howell, a spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Nickelson had already been taken to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for treatment when deputies arrived about 1 p.m. His status is unknown.

Gregg N. Bedke, 28, also of Buhl, showed up at the sheriff's department late Monday afternoon and was arrested.

More information was not available by press time Monday.



Gregg Bedke

Fighting addiction

Drug czar asks for cooperation among agencies

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho's first drug czar said the state must not fail in its fight against rising methamphetamine addiction.

During the United Way kickoff on Monday morning, Jim Tibbs, who was appointed July 11, told local business owners and members of the community that he will submit a plan to the governor next



Jim Tibbs, the new drug czar for Idaho, speaks Monday during the United Way of South Central Idaho kickoff fundraising effort at the Herritt Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

Despite illness, mom is still fighting meth

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If meth is the tortoise, Pain Green is the hare.

It was not until late in life that she decided to focus on tackling drugs.

But now that she's doing it, the chapter head of Mad Mothers Against Methamphetamine says nothing can break her course.

Not even a near-fatal health attack from which she is recovering.

The recently appointed Idaho Drug Czar Jim Tibbs spoke in Twin Falls on Monday morning. While Green listened to him, her brain fried from a 103-degree temperature.

Even if that fever does not break today, Green, the mothers and all interested members of the public plan to meet this

Mothers meeting

What: Mad Mothers Against Methamphetamine meeting.
When: 7 p.m. today.
Interested: Call Pam Green, 212-0283, or her secretary, 423-6409.

evening at their new location in Twin Falls.

"I wasn't going to miss meeting the drug czar," Green said. "I can't afford to just sit alone here. I've got to be with the Iron is hot... isn't that how it goes?"

New plans are on the rise.

The mothers are pushing for Meth Watch to come to Idaho.

According to its mission statement, Meth Watch is "designed to help curtail the theft and suspicious sales of pseudoephedrine products" and other ingredi-

ents and "to promote cooperation between retailers and law enforcement to prevent the diversion of legitimate products for illegal use."

"I'll every politician with the (idea) that was at the fair," Green said.

Eighteen states have incorporated models that resemble the Meth Watch prototype developed in Kansas. Idaho has taken some measures of its own. On July 1, House Bill 530 went into effect restricting the sale of products containing pseudoephedrine. Green said the program has reportedly been effective in other states.

"But it's got to be in the whole state to work," she said.

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United Way

United Way of South Central Idaho serves eight counties. To learn more about the organization or donate, visit: www.unitedwayid.org

Filer High earns national recognition for quality

By John E. Swartz
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The high school has joined an elite group recognized for academic excellence.

Earlier this month, at an assembly attended by Idaho State Board of Education dignitaries, Filer High School Principal Leann Madsen presented the student body with the 2006 High Schools that Work Gold Award for Educational Achievement.

"This award represents a partnership between the administration, your parents, the teachers and students," Idaho State Board of Education President Laird Stone said. "In numerous meetings over the last few weeks, I've had the opportunity to refer to what Filer High School and the Filer School District has accomplished."

Buhl chamber loses director due to budget problems

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The Chamber of Commerce can no longer afford an executive director, and so Charlotte Frazier has announced that Friday will be her last day.

"Perhaps in the spring or early summer they will be able to hire someone, but it is hard to say," she said. "Although I am sorry to go, it was a very positive experience working for the community of Buhl."

The extent of economic hardship by the chamber was not released, but John O'Connor, chamber president, said, "We are facing

some financial challenges with next year's budget."

The chamber will meet today to discuss how to best fill the position and to plan for their next fiscal year, which begins Sunday.

"This is important news and I feel it best to get the chamber together to discuss the challenges," O'Connor said. "For now, I am grateful to Steve Kaniz, who has agreed to fill the position as interim director on a part-time, temporary basis. We are also grateful to the service Charlotte gave us and thankful for all she has done for us."

Kaniz, of Buhl, is a retired Air Force colonel and has long

been active in the Buhl chamber scene. He has volunteered as executive director before and is looking forward to volunteering again.

"I have been actively involved with the chamber for many years, serving as chamber president for a year and I was also on the executive board for three years," Kaniz said. "In 2001, the director at

that time had a stroke and I volunteered in the position for a couple of months. With my past experience, we are hoping the chamber doesn't miss a beat."

This time it was slower for the chamber, said Kaniz, who hopes to take the time to reconnect with business members.

"We only have two more events this year and it really slows down. I hope to go and meet with member businesses and get a feel for what they want the chamber to do in order to better meet their needs," Kaniz said.

"Another area I will be working on is to grow mem-

bership and continue to have the chamber be a voice for Buhl economics."

Moving on so soon has Frazier planning what to do next.

"I was only with the Chamber for a year but I think I saw this coming," she said. "I am not very good at staying home and being lazy, although I plan on doing some of that. I have been out in the business world for many years and I don't plan on staying out long."

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OBITUARIES/MAGIC VALLEY

Edith May Tinker

TWIN FALLS — Edith May Tinker, 95, passed away Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at SunBridge Care Center.

Edith was born to Milton Moore and Ethel May (Hutchinson) Moore on March 25, 1910 in Columbia County, Kan. They, along with brothers Morris and L.W. (Bill), moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1930.

Her brother, M.D. (Don) Moore, was born here in Twin Falls. She attended Bickel Grade School and Twin Falls High School, graduating in 1934. Edith worked at the Idaho Department Store until 1933, when she moved to Los Angeles and worked for the two Doctor Handalls, M.D. in 1934, she met Eddie Kline Tinker, fell in love and married him in Los Angeles on Dec. 22, 1944. They returned to Twin Falls to live. On Feb. 21, 1946, she gave birth to Thomas Edward Tinker, and on March 15, 1948, gave birth to John Michael Tinker.

She was a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church and enjoyed singing in the Methodist choir. For many years, she used her artistic talent to decorate the church for Sunday service. She was a volunteer at the Twin Falls Senior center and took art classes at CSI, where she enjoyed painting and pottery. She enjoyed pressing and drying flowers and making arrangements, and cards with the flowers. She was a very good seamstress and made most of her

own clothes, as well as a lot for friends. She was an election judge and a voter registrar for many years. She was one of the first members of Jan Mittleider Center on Sept. 23, 2006.

Lavern was born in Pineville, Mo., on March 9, 1933, to Jess and Hazel Wagers Laughlin. He was the fourth of eight children. Lavern spent his early childhood in the Ozark Mountains and had a traditional "hillbilly" childhood that he loved, spending a great deal of time hunting, snuffing rabbits and "pigging" for fish. When Lavern was about 11 years old, his father and oldest brother, Earl, traveled to Idaho to look for work. They saved enough money to then send for Lavern, his mother, brother and sisters Mildred, Lillian, Johnny, Norma, Wanda and Carol. They traveled by train to join them, settling in the Clover and Filer area. Lavern attended school in Clover through the sixth grade and learned to work right alongside his father, throwing logs into a warehouse in Filer. On April 22, 1953, Lavern enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Germany during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1955. He continued to serve on active reserves status until he was honorably discharged in 1961.

Lavern worked for Haney Seed Co. in Twin Falls as a mechanic, and he remained with Haney Seed until his retirement 36 years later. During that time, on Nov. 28, 1955, he married Ruth Clark, and they were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Jerrita and Janette. Lavern and Ruth were later divorced. Lavern married Ida Marie Johnson on June 21, 1986. They spent some wonderful times together camping in the hills, fishing, hunting, raising cows, raising Lavern's pet pig Susie, tending his dog "Pepper" and gardening. Lavern was very down-to-earth and would give the shirt off his back to help anyone out. He was free with his garden produce, venison, and extra fish and enjoyed helping others along their way.

Lavern was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters. He is survived by his wife, Marie; his daughters, Jerrita (Paul) Cooke, Janette (Randy) Huff, all of Meridian; granddaughters, Hannah, Alyson, Brian and Tanner; his four stepchildren, Kenneth (Heidi) Johnson, Barb (Joe) Simmons, Donley (Rikka) Johnson, all of Idaho, Wash., and Duane (Andrea) Johnson of Raytown, Mo. Lavern also has eight step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Lavern will be held on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," with Minister James Hughes presiding.

Lavern Laughlin

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DEATH NOTICES

Ricky L. Ring

JEROME — Ricky Lee Ring, of California and formerly of Jerome, died Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, in California.

A memorial service will be conducted at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, at the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hawthorn Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Lowell D. French

SHOSHONE — Lowell D. French, 71, of Shoshone, died Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

Davis T. Hammond

HAILEY — Davis Thiel Hammond, 51, died Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum. Arrangements are pending under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

Wendell Lemmons

BUHL — Wendell Lemmons, 82, of Buhl, died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, at his home in Buhl. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

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Ruth Rossback Halford

TWIN FALLS — Ruth Rossback Halford, 95, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Ruth was born March 24, 1911, in Roberts, Idaho, the daughter of Gordon and Anna Whitlatch Rossback. She was raised in Roberts, Idaho, and married Robert James Halford in Idaho Falls on April 21, 1945. They lived in Roberts, Idaho, in Latack, Nev., for a few years, and in 1972 moved to Lake Havasu, Ariz., where they lived until the passing of Mr. Halford. Ruth then moved to Twin Falls, where she has since resided. She enjoyed animals,

doing embroidery work, traveling and, with her remarkable memory, was very good at working puzzles. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was an extremely witty person up until the time of her death.

She is survived by her two daughters, Janice Lee Gilbert of North Las Vegas, Nev., and Karen Ruth Lewis of Twin Falls; one sister, Hazel Bailey of Idaho Falls, Idaho; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at 12 noon Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." Family and friends are all invited to Melissa's home at 1:30 p.m. following the service. Her address is 153 Phensant Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

SERVICES

Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Terry Ann (Christensen) Funk of Kingston, Wash., and formerly of the Magic Valley area, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Pleasant Memorial Gardens, 2864 S. Fifth Ave. in Pocatello; celebration of life will follow at the Arthur Lumber Temple, 456 N. Union Ave.

Pearl Laverne Holler of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

Guitarist Etta Baker dies at 93

MORGANTON, N.C. (AP) — Etta Baker, an influential blues guitarist who recorded with Taj Mahal and was awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts, died Sunday; her family said she was 93.

No cause of death was given, but her health had been falling for years. The News & Observer of Raleigh reported on its Web site, Baker died in Fairfax, Va., while visiting a daughter who had suffered a stroke.

"She just had to go, she just

had to see my sister," said Darlene Davis, another daughter. "She was a great mother and a tower of strength for the family. We always looked up to her."

Baker was raised in a musical family in western North Carolina. She made her first mark in music in 1956, but worked for 28 years at a textile mill in Morganton before quitting at age 60 to pursue a career as a professional musician.

Baker was a hit on the international folk-festival circuit.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BURLEY TRACK DONATION



The Burley Kiwanis Club presented a check for \$1,000 to the Burley High School track team Wednesday. From left are Kiwanis president Gary Bristol, The Johnson, Diana Elsner, Burley High School track coach Eugene Krazer and Kiwanis treasurer Eric Fonesbeck.

monitor a classroom. Anyone who can help should call school counselor, James Boock at 837-6611.

The first student-led conferences will be held Wednesday.

This is an opportunity for parents to visit the classrooms and check on their child's progress.

There will be free food, a demonstration of the school Web page, parent access to student grades and a drawing for a \$50 savings bond.

There will be no school Oct.

5, 6, or 9 for teacher training.

Bar-J Wranglers to perform for scholarship program

TWIN FALLS — The Bar-J Wranglers from Jackson Hole Wyoming will entertain with a night of fun and western music on Friday, Oct. 13 at the Roper Auditorium in a show sponsored by KMYT and Magic Valley Bank.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with a pre-show performance by local fiddling talents. All seats are \$15

Proceeds will go to the O'Leary Junior High Band instrument scholarship program.

The O'Leary Band department has an instrument scholarship program that gives students an instrument to keep for life.

This program is available to sixth-grade students who will be in the seventh grade at the end of the school year or Robert Stuart Junior High.

Tickets are Available at Everybody's Business, O'Leary, TJ's (across from Gem Veterinary clinic in Gooding) and Magic Valley Bank's Twin Falls locations.

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AROUND THE WORLD

Retired military officers criticize Rumsfeld at hearing

WASHINGTON — Retired military officers on Monday lambasted accused Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld of bungling the war in Iraq, saying U.S. troops were sent to fight without the best equipment and that critics' facts were hidden from the public.

"I believe that Secretary Rumsfeld and others in the administration did not tell the American people the truth for fear of losing support for the war," said Gen. Paul Eaton, assessed Rumsfeld as "incompetent strategically, operationally and tactically."

"Mr. Rumsfeld and his immediate team must be replaced so we will see two more years of extraordinarily bad decision-making," Eaton added at the forum, held six weeks before the Nov. 7 midterm elections, in which the war is a central issue.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a member of the Armed Services Committee, dismissed the Democratic-sponsored event as "an election-year smokescreen aimed at obscuring the Democrats' dismal record on national security."

said, Farouq's death was announced during another tumultuous day in the genocide trial of ousted president Saddam Hussein, culminating in the expulsion of the former dictator from the courtroom for the second time in as many sessions.

CALIFORNIA

Three Marines to face trial in Iraq's death

SAN DIEGO — Three Marines from Camp Pendleton will face courts-martial on murder and kidnapping charges in the death of an Iraqi man in the town of Hamdania, the Marine Corps said Monday.

Gen. James Mattis, the commanding general in the case, said he would not seek the death penalty.

The three were among seven Marines and one Navy corpsman charged with kidnapping and murdering 52-year-old Hashim Ibrahim Awad last April. The other five face preliminary hearings in coming weeks.

Pfc. John J. Jodka, 20, Cpl. Marshall L. Magincaida, 23, and Lance Cpl. Jerry E. Shumate, 21, will also face charges including conspiracy, breaking and wrongfully seizing and holding a victim against his will. No dates were set for the courts-martial.

Since the start of the Iraq war in 2003, at least 11 members of the U.S. military have been convicted in connection with the deaths of Iraqis. Two received sentences of up to life in prison, while most others were given little or no jail time.

ITALY

Papal gathering aims to staunch controversy

ROME — Pope Benedict XVI brought together diplomats from more than 20 Islamic countries Monday and told them that Christians and Muslims must overcome historical enmities and join to reject all forms of violence and intolerance.

The extraordinary gathering at the pope's summer residence just south of Rome was the latest effort by Benedict to quell the furor stirred two weeks ago by controversial remarks about Islam. He is attempting to channel the enmities into what he calls an authentic and respectful dialogue.

Expressing his esteem and profound respect for Muslim believers, the pope said world peace and the future of mankind depends in large part on the ability of Christians and Muslims to build bridges of friendship and engage one another as they confront danger and challenges.

AFGHANISTAN

Gunmen kill women's activist in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A teacher for more than three decades and an advocate for women's rights, Safia Ama Jan ran an underground school for girls during Taliban rule. On Monday, two men on a motorbike gunned her down as she left for work — identifying their target despite her full burqa.

The assassination underscored the increasingly brazen attacks by militants on government officials and schools in Afghanistan. President Hamid Karzai, who was visiting Washington, condemned the killing as an act of radicalism.

Ama Jan, a provincial director for the Ministry of Women's Affairs, was slain outside her home in the southern city of Kandahar, said Tawfiq ul-Uhlikim Parant, senior adviser to the woman's

ILLINOIS

Patients quit taking pills too early, study finds

CHICAGO — Many patients stop taking their medicine far sooner than they should, researchers say, and that decision can be deadly when the drugs treat heart disease or diabetes.

It took only one month after leaving the hospital for 1 out of 8 heart attack patients to quit taking the lifesaving drugs prescribed to them, a study of 1,521 patients found.

"One month is very surprising," said study co-author Dr. Michael Ho of the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The heart patients who stopped taking their three proven drugs — aspirin, beta blockers

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Pentagon extends combat time for 4,000

WASHINGTON — In the latest sign of pressure on troop strength from violence in Iraq, the Pentagon said Monday it has extended the combat tour of 4,000 U.S. Army soldiers, the second of three in six months that an Army brigade has seen its year-long deployment lengthened.

The 1st Brigade of the 1st Armored Division, which is assigned to Ramath, the capital of volatile al-Anbar province, will remain in Iraq an additional 46 days, defense officials said.

Originally scheduled to leave Iraq in January 2007, the brigade is now due to return to its home base in Germany in late February.

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