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Judge bans snowmobiles to protect caribou

The Associated Press
SPOKANE, Wash. — A judge has declared nearly 470 square miles of national forest land in northern Idaho off-limits to snowmobiles in an effort to save the last mountain caribou herd in the contiguous 48 states.
In a 31-page ruling Friday, U.S. District Judge Robert H.

Whaley banned snowmobiles throughout a caribou recovery zone in the Idaho Panhandle National Forests until the U.S. Forest Service develops a winter recreation strategy taking into account the impact of the loud, exhaust-spewing devices on the herd.
"Estimates of the herd in the Selkirk Mountains, which

extend into southeast British Columbia, form around Priest Lake, run to about three dozen animals, a "precarious finger-hold" on survival, Whaley wrote.
Citing aerial photographs that show snowmobile tracks crisscrossing caribou routes to vital feeding areas, the judge added, "The court chooses to be underprotective, rather than

underprotective."
The ban does not apply to hundreds of miles of state-owned land east of Priest Lake and offers a slim chance that limited snowmobiling might still be allowed in part of the recovery zone. Whaley gave environmental groups and the Forest Service a week to develop a proposal for a more trail-spe-

cific approach. Many experts believe that not all snowmobile trails within the 300,000-acre recovery area cross key caribou habitat.
The ruling was the second in less than a year by Whaley against snowmobilers who have provided a vital wintertime economic boost in an area many have viewed as a powder para-

dise. Owners of businesses on the west side of Priest Lake said the grooming ban put a severe damper on winter tourism, and the new snowmobile prohibition "will probably be pretty devastating," said Mike Sudnikovich, a lifelong area resident and member of the Priest Lake Trails and Snowmobile Association.

Hospital annex request put off

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Still unsure about how a new hospital in the northwest section of Twin Falls might affect traffic patterns, the city's Zoning and Planning Commission last night postponed a request by St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to annex 40 acres.

Also postponed was a request by North Pointe Park to annex 15.4 acres adjacent to the hospital after the group's representative said the two properties are directly related.

The earliest both items can jointly appear before the commission is Oct. 24, the city said.

"This is a delay but it's not troubling," said Jeff Hull, the medical center's chief architectural planner.

The \$120-million, 172-bed hospital and medical center — which voters approved by 88 percent in May — would sit on 40 acres on the southeast corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive.

The land, however, is situated in a predominantly residential section of Twin Falls that must be re-zoned commercial.

How such transitions, including other commerce like the opening of a nearby Wal-Mart, will affect traffic led the commission to determine a decision Tuesday would be premature.

"I don't want to artificially flood the emergency room with a big traffic problem," commission member Tom Frank said.

Three traffic plans were presented Tuesday to the commission by the hospital, although the first two had been submitted for review in June.

* One plan connects Poleline Road with Cheney Road by crossing the hospital property.

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Small kid, big heart



Father Victor Manuel of St. Edward's Catholic Church listens to 5-year-old Ozzy Brennan on Tuesday before the kindergartner gives him a donation from the prize money he won when a chicken pooped on (his) square during a church raffle.

Twin Falls kindergartner donates \$200 to charities

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sometimes big things come in small packages.

In this case, it is the big heart of a 5-year-old named Ozzy Brennan.

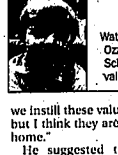
Ozzy won \$290 in a raffle at St. Edward's Catholic School, where he attends kindergarten. He was obviously excited when they placed a large fold of bills in his little hand, but Ozzy was even more excited about what he could do with the money.

"I wanted to help the orphans because it feels good," Ozzy said matter-of-factly.

What seems like a surprise to most people is just common sense to Ozzy.

On Monday morning, Luke Schroeder, the principal at St. Edward's, found an envelope on his desk. Schroeder's name was written on the envelope in large, tilted letters, and inside the envelope was \$200.

"I called his mom, and asked her if she knew that Ozzy was giving away the money, and she said that she knew Ozzy wanted to give it to the orphanage," Schroeder said. "I would like to say that



Ozzy Brennan, a kindergartner at St. Edward's, works on coloring shapes Tuesday morning. Brennan gave away most of his prize money to charity.

See it online

Watch an interview with Ozzy and principal Luke Schroeder at www.magicvalley.com



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we instill these values here at the school, but I think they are really instilled at the home."

He suggested that the parents — Debbie and James — put the money in a savings account for college, but they said Ozzy had his heart set on charity.

So Schroeder gave Ozzy some options, and then little Ozzy spent the next couple of days handing out envelopes filled with money to various charitable groups.

He gave to an orphanage in Tijuana, so "the kids could buy new parents," and to three other charitable funds. Ozzy also saved \$90 for himself so he could buy a new bike. His old one was getting too small to ride.

"I think he's more excited about giving the money away than he is about a new bike," Schroeder said. "He just gets a real charge when he hands out the money."

It's not that Ozzy doesn't have other things to spend money on, but apparently he feels that giving to charity brings a better return on his investment.

"I like to go shopping with my mom," he said. "But I feel good doing this, and my mom has money."

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Snakepit:

Hundreds of snakes turn Idaho house into reptilian home

The Associated Press

WILFORD — The Hepworths knew the house would require some maintenance. But they never thought they'd need a snake charmer.

Shortly after Lyman and Jeanine Hepworth began working on a rundown property outside of town, they experienced a snake more fit for Samuel L. Jackson's character in "Snakes on a Plane" than a pair of eastern Idaho do-it-yourselfers.
Snakes fell on Lyman Hepworth's head when he opened the door to a pump house near the small house the couple planned to buy.
"When it warmed up, we walked onto the yard and the whole yard moved," Jeanine Hepworth told the Rexburg Standard Journal.

Last March, the Hepworths were having money troubles. Struggling to pay off their medical bills and make house payments, they sold their old home.

They planned to buy a home and a couple of outbuildings from an acquaintance on a few acres outside tiny Wilford.

Then they found the snakes — in the lawn, in the living room and in their hair.

Taras out the property was a winter snake sanctuary, where snakes gather in large numbers to hibernate for the winter, said Lauri Hanauka-Brown, a biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

In the spring and summer the snakes fan out across eastern Idaho, but as the days get shorter and cooler, the snakes return to the resting place — in this case, the Hepworths' new home — where they ball up for heat.

The snakes are likely a terrestrial garter snake, Hanauka-Brown said.

The Hepworths so far have not moved in, but Lyman Hepworth's brother, is still making payments, though the seller offered to refund their money.

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Rumors, fruitless leads have marked the hunt for bin Laden

By Paul Haves
Associated Press writer

He was blown up in the caves of Torn Born. He was on dialysis and dying of kidney disease. He was in the hands of Pakistani intelligence and about to be turned over to the United States.
Rumors of Osama bin Laden's death or capture go back years, and they have always proved greatly exaggerated. The latest came Saturday, when a leaked French intelligence document citing a "usually reliable" source said the Saudi secret service was convinced the 52-year-

old al-Qaida terror chief had died of typhoid last month in Pakistan.

Officials from Riyadh to Paris to Washington rushed to insist they had nothing to substantiate the report, but not before news of it reached every corner of the globe and renewed the debate about why the world's largest dragnet has failed to get its man.

"There has been a grave failure five years after 9/11 that the true leaders of the attacks are still free, and that they are still robbing research at Singapore's Institute of Defense and Strategic Studies.

Gunnarata cited comments by bin Laden's no. 2, Ayman al-Zawahiri, released on the fifth anniversary of the attacks, as evidence the French report was erroneous.

"Ayman al-Zawahiri issued a statement on Sept. 11 in which he specifically refers to Osama bin Laden being alive," Gunnarata says. "There is no reason for al-Zawahiri to lie, since he wants to keep his credibility within the movement."

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Thursday
Mostly sunny skies and seasonal temperatures	A little warmer than normal	Mostly sunny, breezy and very nice
High 77	Low 47	80 / 50

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Sunny and beautiful with comfortable temperatures. Highs in the lower to middle 70s.
 Tonight: Mostly clear skies and dry conditions. Lows in the middle 40s.
 Tomorrow: Warmer than normal temperatures and sunny skies. Highs near 80.

Complete weather report: See page B8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Magic Valley Arts on Your "Big Band Broadcast," with Holly Larocque and the 13-piece Mark Ferguson orchestra, 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, Twin Falls. \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and children, 732-6288.

CHURCH EVENTS

"Fam Jam," a family-vaue production that uses music, drama and storytelling for children in fifth grade and younger accompanied by their parents or guardians, 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. for activities, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Ave. N. (on the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive North), \$3 for 34 for the meal, 733-6128 or visit www.trc.org.
"Living Beyond Youthful," a twelve-week, non-denominational Beth Moore Bible study for women of all ages and faiths, 8:30 to 9 p.m., Eastside Baptist Church, 204 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 733-5763.

EDUCATION

Block Fest, a seminar teaching the power of blocks in childhood education, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (one-hour sessions), the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6870.

EXHIBITS

"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.
Albert Weaver: Recent Paintings, Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, campus of College of Southern Idaho, no cost, 732-6655.

FAMILY

"Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13-19, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8720.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 Cassia Regional Medical Center Board, 5 p.m., hospital board room, 1501 Hilland Ave., Burley, 678-4444.
 Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., city hall, 941 18th St., 679-8158.
 Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W., 733-6900.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Blaine County Campground and File Elementary, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.

WEB READER REACTION

On 'Council raises utility rates'...

READY 2 MOVE: "Two increases in the past few weeks! The school board passes emergency levy after we pass bonds to build new schools. Then utility rates go up effective 6 days after passage. I think the city needs to look internally and see where they can tighten the purse strings. We lose money on the golf course so go hire someone who can turn a profit. Sure the increase is only a couple of bucks a month but it all adds up!"

On 'Despite illness, mom still fighting meth'...

MESSANGER: "Fighting 'meth' is a dead-end effort. Meth is an ineliminable substance. Meth addiction is the problem and that starts with a decision and a desire in someone's mind to ingest the substance. In other words, it's a people problem, not a substance problem. The drug war has to be won in the minds of individuals."

TO PAM: "Good luck to you. You have the support of the entire community. When you are ready, you should plan some sort of fundraiser that is a high profile event and includes a silent auction. I think you will find that many people will support this cause. The health and vitality of the community depend on it. Law Enforcement are doing what they can but need the help of every citizen to combat this public health and safety threat. Keep up the good work."

GARC: "Well said, messenger. Limiting access to the materials needed to manufacture methamphetamine is great, but the issue will remain of needing to treat the individuals addicted to it."

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The Magic Valley's best home improvers

Dozens entered and few were chosen as finalists in our informal champion do-it-yourselfer competition. Here are what we deemed the best from improvement projects of 2006. These winners scored points for creativity, quick work and cost control: Franny Florence's wine cellar, Dale Petersen's shelving unit, Judy MacLean's paint job and Mary J. Inman's desert oasis. SEE PAGE C1

P&Z delays decision on new hospital annex

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The boy who gave ... and gave some more

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Buhl man charged in shotgun shooting, injury

TWIN FALLS — A Buhl man who turned himself in Monday after allegedly firing a shotgun blast into a man's leg inside his home has been charged with aggravated battery. SEE PAGE C1

CSI's new recreation center proves popular

TWIN FALLS — The college's new recreation center may be one of the best-kept secrets on campus, as many people hope it stays that way. SEE PAGE C1

Hagerman chef takes on local bank over dough

HAGERMAN — Beware! A man with a sharp knife and a sharper wit, Kirk Martin, owner/chef of the Snake River Grill in Hagerman, possesses both and he's ready to use at least one of them in his fight with a local bank. SEE PAGE C1

Fire crews begin making more room for aspens

STANLEY — Conifers and undergrowth will be burned this week in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area to make way for aspens. SEE PAGE C1

OBITUARIES

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CORRECTIONS

Name, high school incorrect in notice

An engagement notice in the Family Life section Sunday contained incorrect information. The groom is, Matt Henriksen, son of Janet Sutte of Nampa, formerly of Rupert, and Dan Henriksen of Casper, and the bride is a graduate of Micalo High School. The *Times-News* regrets the errors. Please see page D2 for the corrected engagement notice.

IDAHO/WEST



Odds-defying triplet calves born in N. Idaho

PRINCETON — Odds-defying triplet calves, a heifer and two bulls, that were born on a north-central Idaho ranch are healthy and growing, said the rancher and Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine veterinarian who found them in his pasture. Experts at the school in neighboring eastern Washington say the odds of triplets born to beef cattle are about 1 in 105,000. "I couldn't believe it," said Miles Carver, who with his wife, Gayle, raises registered Simmental beef cattle about four miles south of this Latah County town. SEE PAGE D1

Brady, Otter speak out on canned hunts

BOISE — The debate over so-called canned elk hunts in the state has Idaho's candidates for governor exchanging fire. Democratic candidate Jerry Brady called for a ban on the hunts of big game animals on fenced-in grounds. "Canned hunts are ruining the American heritage of public access to wildlife," Brady said in a statement. "They signal a return to an elitist, European system of land ownership where people have to pay to hunt. This is not a trend Idaho should follow." SEE PAGE D4

Sewage treatment plant gets a makeover

COEUR D'ALENE — Officials of this northern Idaho city decided its sewage treatment plant needed a makeover. The plant was built in 1939 along the lakefront city's shoreline. The lowest elevation available. At that time, it fit in with the working waterfront of lumber mills. But the last rebuilding was expected to close within three years, and the waterfront has been transformed into some of the city's ritziest and most desirable real estate. The new plant will cost \$11 million extra in being spent as part of a \$16 million expansion needed to meet the needs of the growing city. SEE PAGE B6

Microsoft rushes out Internet Explorer fix

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. rushed out a fix Tuesday for a security flaw in its Internet Explorer Web browser after attackers had begun exploiting the vulnerability to take control of computers. The Redmond-based software maker said the fix ahead of the next scheduled security fix release date on Oct. 10 because of the severity of the problem. SEE PAGE D4

NATION/WORLD



Travelers struggling with new security rules

ATLANTA — Happy that new security rules have cleared their liquids and gels for takeoff, air travelers presented small, clear plastic bags filled with toiletries for inspection Tuesday, but long lines grew at some airports as others confused about the changes filled trash cans with containers that were too large. Most toiletries can be in containers no larger than 3 ounces, and they must be stowed up in plastic bags that are quart-sized or smaller. SEE PAGE A5

Bush orders release of intelligence report

WASHINGTON — A declassified government intelligence report says the 'war in Iraq has become a 'cause celebre' for Islamic extremists, breeding deep resentment of the U.S. that is likely to get worse before it gets better. SEE PAGE A4

Former Enron exec fastow gets 6 years

HOUSTON — Andrew Fastow, one of the executives behind financial schemes that doomed Enron Corp., was sentenced to six years in prison by a judge who felt he deserved a more lenient term than the decade he had accepted in a plea bargain. SEE PAGE B5

Dow industrials enjoy second-best day ever

NEW YORK — Wall Street surged higher Tuesday, carrying the Dow Jones industrials to their second-best close ever as positive economic data further buoyed a growing sense of optimism among investors. The Dow closed just 53 points away from its record high, the highest closing particularly the blue chips, rose after the Conference Board said its consumer confidence index for September rose more than expected, reaching 104.5 from a revised reading of 100.2 in August. SEE PAGE B5

Two Sago miners kill selves in past month

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Two miners whose jobs included watching for safety hazards inside the Sago Mine before the deadly explosion last January committed suicide in the past month. Neither man had been blamed for the disaster by the 12 of their comrades, and neither one's family has definitively linked the suicides to the accident. But those who knew the men say there is little doubt the tragedy haunted them. SEE PAGE A5

SPORTS



Raft River holds off Lighthouse surge, 3-1

TWIN FALLS — Down 2-0 in their match with Raft River, Lighthouse Christian seemed to find something extra and came out fighting in the third game to extend the match to four games. But the Trojans ended up winning the fourth game and the match 25-17, 25-22, 19-25, 25-9 in Magic Valley Southside Conference, play Tuesday night. SEE PAGE B1

Lighthouse Christian gets full membership

TWIN FALLS — Teams that play football in the Class 1A Magic Valley Conference might want to make sure their conference records are correct, because it's official — Lighthouse Christian Academy is eligible for the postseason. It's been coming down the pipeline for months, but on Tuesday, the Idaho High School Activities Association unanimously voted to extend full-membership status to Lighthouse Christian as part of program that the IHSAA sanctions and the school offers. SEE PAGE B1

Burley girls soccer team blanks Minico

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Golf great Byron Nelson dead at 94

IRVING, Texas — Byron Nelson, golf's courtly "Lord Byron" whose 11 straight tournament victories in 1945 stand as one of sports' most enduring records, died Tuesday. He was 94. SEE PAGE B1

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bin Laden

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A Pakistani counterterrorism official with intimate knowledge of the hunt also dismissed the French report, saying nothing was known about bin Laden's health or location. He spoke, on condition of anonymity, citing the sensitivity of the matter.

The denial was echoed by a purported spokesman for the Taliban, the former Afghan regime that sheltered bin Laden after the 9/11 attacks. He also asked not to be named.

The French report is not the first to allude to bin Laden suffering from a life-threatening illness.

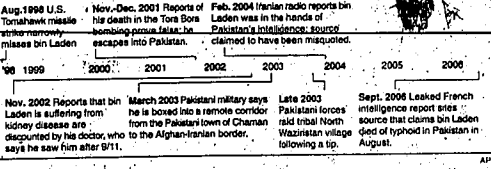
For years, intelligence services took seriously assessments that bin Laden might be suffering from kidney disease, and there were even reports he was forced to log a dialysis machine from one mountain hideout to another.

But in 2003, Amer Aziz, bin Laden's former doctor in Afghanistan, shot down the reports. He told The Associated Press he gave bin Laden a complete physical in 1999, and saw him again in November 2001 while he was on the run from U.S. forces, and found no sign of illness on either occasion.

The latest video featuring fresh footage of bin Laden came out in 2004, just before the U.S. presidential elections. In it he appeared healthy and relaxed, particularly for a man who was believed to be hiding in the rugged mountains between Pakistan and Afghanistan, or possibly in Afghanistan itself, in the remote, forested eastern province of Nuristan.

Truth and rumors

Reports of Osama bin Laden's death or capture have appeared sporadically over the years of hunting for him. Officials have denied the latest.



The U.S. has conducted hundreds of search-and-seizure operations in the region but has been stymied by an increasingly unfriendly local population.

A number of audiotapes of the terror leader have come out since the 2004 video, the latest in June, and a video that featured what appears to be older footage of bin Laden was released in September.

His decision to appear only on tape could be his way of heightening his mystique, or denying his pursuers visuals that might reveal his whereabouts. Or it could be an effort to hide his state of health.

The years of false hope and genuine close calls have contributed to the aura that bin Laden enjoys among his followers. They have also added to the frustration of those charged with bringing him to justice. In 2004, following the bombing of two U.S. embassies in Africa, the U.S. launched 62 Tomahawk cruise missiles at two al-Qaida training camps in

Afghanistan. It was believed bin Laden was at one of them meeting with several of his top men, but left shortly before the missiles struck.

Following the Sept. 11 attacks and the fall of the Taliban, Afghan militiamen fighting on behalf of the United States felt certain they had surrounded bin Laden at Tora Bora.

Villagers reported seeing him hike into the mountains, and accounts of devastating airstrikes on the caves prompted rumors that bin Laden was dead.

He wasn't. In the end, one of the Afghan warlords the United States was relying on for ground operations betrayed the others. Afghan fighters told the Associated Press, and bin Laden escaped into Pakistan.

In 2003, Pakistani forces raided the village of Lattaka, near the border with Afghanistan, on intelligence that bin Laden might be hiding there. In 2004, U.S. Lt. Gen. David Barno said from Afghanistan that he

expected to bring bin Laden to justice that year, and Pakistani intelligence officials described him as being boxed in, but he was never captured.

Since then, the trail of the world's most wanted man has gone cold, but that hasn't stopped the rumors.

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Annex

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Another proposal, and the one favored by the hospital, extends a street from Poleline Road to Cheney Street but avoids crossing the hospital's property.

The third proposal, which the city asked the hospital to draw up Sept. 12, has a street from Poleline Road going completely through to North College Street. This also avoids crossing the hospital property.

The last proposal, however, was not reviewed before Tuesday's hearing by either the commission or City Planning Department because its details were submitted Friday and a diagram was not seen until the hearing.

Frank, who said he preferred the third proposal, agreed with the rest of the commission and said he needs time to study the proposals.

"To me, (the second proposal) is a really unsafe situation," he said.

How traffic in school zones would operate with the possibility of hospital vehicles, such as ambulances, was not included in the traffic study, a

hospital representative said.

The county, which owned Magic Valley Regional Medical center for 88 years, sold it to St. Luke's in June. Under the agreement, St. Luke's would give \$15 million for a health trust overseen by the county and a local board. Over the next decade, St. Luke's will contribute to the trust an additional \$5 million each year.

The hospital agreed to pay the county \$10 million over

five years to rent the old building on Addison Drive; \$3 million to renovate and expand county offices; and \$1.5 million to renovate the old building.

It also covering any debt the hospital accrued under county ownership.

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Part of Iraq intelligence report released

By Michael A. Fletcher
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration Tuesday released portions of a classified intelligence estimate that says the global jihadist movement is growing and being fueled by the war in Iraq even as it becomes more decentralized, making it harder to identify potential terrorists and prevent attacks.

The war in Iraq has become a "cause celebre" for jihadists, breeding resentment of U.S. involvement in the Muslim world and drawing new adherents to the movement, the assessment says. The growth in the number of potential terrorists is also being fed by corruption, slow-moving political reform in many Muslim countries and "pervasive" anti-American sentiment, according to the report.

The jihadist movement is potentially limited by its ultra-conservative interpretation of Islam and could be slowed by democratic reforms in the Muslim world, said the document, which rejects the conservative judgment of the nation's 16 intelligence agencies. In addition, it asserted that if jihadists are perceived to be defeated in Iraq, "lower fighters would be inspired to carry on the fight."

Still, terrorists with experience constructing roadside bombs and other deadly devices in Iraq "are a potential source" of leadership in attacks elsewhere, the report said. President Bush took the extraordinary step of releasing portions of the classified report, which was completed in April, to counter assertions made after information from the document was leaked to media outlets over the weekend. Reports based on those leaks said the report blames the war in Iraq for worsening the global terrorist threat — an interpreta-

tion that the administration calls a distortion of its contents. Speaking at a White House news conference with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Bush angrily called the leak a political act intended to effect the upcoming midterm elections. "Somebody has taken it upon themselves to leak classified information for political purposes," he said. The president added that it is

naive to think that terrorism would be any less pervasive if the United States had not invaded Iraq, repeating his criticism that extremists attacked U.S. interests around the world long before the start of the war.

"My judgment is, if we weren't in Iraq, they'd find some other excuse because they have ambitions," Bush said. "They kill in order to achieve

their objectives." Bush said he reluctantly ordered release of the National Intelligence Estimate so people can form their own conclusions about it. "You can read it for yourself," he said. "We'll stop all the speculation, all the politics about somebody saying something about Iraq, somebody trying to confuse the American people about the nature of this enemy."

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Jury rules in favor of Merck in Vioxx suit

By Becky Bohrer
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — A federal jury ruled in favor of Merck & Co. on Tuesday in a lawsuit finding there was not enough evidence to link the drug to a Kentucky man's heart attack.

The jury, made up of six women and two men, deliberated for only about three hours before reaching a verdict. The jurors left the courthouse without commenting on their decision.

Herbert Garry Smith, 56, claimed in U.S. District Court that the drug contributed to a heart attack he had 3½ years ago. He said he had taken Vioxx for knee pain for about 4½ months but didn't realize at the time of the heart attack that Vioxx may have been a cause for concern.


But the drugmaker's defense lawyer argued there was no medical testimony indicating Vioxx had anything to do with the heart attack that Smith suffered in 2003.

Vioxx went on the market in 1999. Merck pulled it two years ago, after a study found a greater risk of heart attack in those who had taken the drug continually for at least 18 months than in those who had taken placebos.

Including the verdict, Merck has amassed a five-and-four record in state and federal courts in Vioxx-related cases. A sixth case Merck won was overturned by a judge and is set to be retried. At least 14,200 cases are pending nationwide, according to a Merck spokesman. Chris Seeger, co-lead counsel for plaintiffs involved in Vioxx-related federal cases, told The Associated Press that Merck chose the Smith case and that the plaintiffs knew it would be difficult to win for several reasons, including the relatively short period Smith said he took the drug.

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Two workers from Sago Mine commit suicide

By Vicki Smith
Associated Press writer

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Two miners whose jobs included watching for safety hazards inside the Sago Mine before the deadly explosion last January committed suicide in the past month.

Neliter man had been blamed for the disaster that killed 12 of their comrades, and neither one's family has definitively linked the suicides to the accident. But those who knew

the men say there is little doubt the tragedy haunted them.

"I'm not sure anybody ever gets over it," said Vickie Boni, the ex-wife of one of them, "You live with it every day."

Both men were working at the Sago Mine on the day of the blast and had been questioned by investigators along with dozens of other witnesses. One former co-worker said at least one of the men felt investigators were treating him as if he had done something wrong.

John Nelson Boni, whose job

that day was to maintain water pumps, shot himself Saturday at his home in Volga, State Police said.

William Lee "Flea" Chisolm, the 47-year-old dispatcher responsible for monitoring carbon monoxide alarms and communicating with crews underground that morning, shot himself at his Belington home Aug. 29, authorities said Tuesday.

State and federal mine-safety agencies have not determined the cause of the Jan. 2

blast. But a spokeswoman for both agencies said that both men had been thoroughly interviewed and there had been no plans to talk with them again.

Mine-owner International Coal Group has said it believes a lightning bolt somehow ignited methane gas that had accumulated naturally in a sealed-off section of the mine. Boni, who was certified as a fireboss and occasionally conducted pre-shift inspections to ensure the safety of incoming

crews, told investigators he had detected low levels of methane in that area five days earlier and reported his findings to a supervisor, who was not alarmed.

As for Chisolm, he told investigators that a carbon monoxide alarm had sounded about 20 minutes before the explosion. Following ICG procedure, he alerted a crew inside the mine and asked it to verify the alarm because the system that had a history of malfunctions.



Transportation Security Administration officer Carmella Jones holds sample plastic bags with containers for liquids and gels that are now accepted as carry-ons to show passengers waiting in security lines Tuesday.

Air travelers have trouble adjusting to new rules

By Daniel Yee
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — Happy that new security rules have cleared their liquids and gels for take-off, air travelers presented small, clear plastic bags filled with toiletries for inspection Tuesday, but long lines grew at some airports as others confused about the changes filled trash cans with containers that were too large.

Most toiletries can be in containers no larger than 3 ounces, and they must be zipped up in plastic bags that are quart-sized or smaller. Those limits threw off passengers who scrambled at security checkpoints to toss out bottles of shaving cream and hand lotion or to find the proper plastic bags.

"It's an inconvenience," said Ginnat Dewberry, whose husband finally found a bag to carry a small bottle of lotion after asking several fellow travelers in a security line at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

"If they're going to stand there and ask you to have plastic bags, they should give them out. They're not that expensive," she said.

Trash bins outside airport security checkpoints filled up with forbidden items, though not as much as they did last month when a broader ban was put in place. Many travelers were grateful for the relaxed rules, which allow them to carry drinks, makeup and other items on board their flights.

"I was glad to see (the changes)," said Vicki McGowan, a professional meeting planner at Oakland International Airport for a flight to Reno, Nev. "How can lipstick

or mascara put people at risk?"

The new rules, announced Monday by the federal Transportation Security Administration, allow travel-sized toiletries to be carried aboard flights in a quart-sized clear plastic bag. Some items are permitted in any amount: saline solution, eye drops and prescription and nonprescription medicine, according to Transportation Security Administration spokesman Christopher White.

"Drinks, liquids and gels purchased in airport stores inside security checkpoints can be carried into passenger cabins. Baby formula is allowed but must be inspected.

The rules replace an outright ban on liquids, lotions and gels ordered Aug. 10 after an alleged plot to bomb U.S.-bound jetliners was foiled.

TSA chief Kip Hawley said the stricter ban is no longer needed, and that he was pleased Tuesday's transition to the new rules went as smoothly as it did.

"I woke up scared to death this morning," Hawley told reporters in Washington. "It went great today."

Parents were some of the happiest beneficiaries of the new rules, glad to have regained some of their tools in the challenging job of keeping young children content on a plane.

Leslie Walker of Plano, Texas, was planning to carry drinks for her 5-year-old daughter and 18-month-old son onto their flight from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport to El Paso.

"It was really a relief to know that I didn't have to get here this morning and repack everything. It saved me a little time," she said.

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EDITORIAL

Even in Sun Valley, homes can be too big

Only in a town such as Sun Valley would the lap of luxury be too close for comfort. Earlier this month, the Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission approved a proposal that would limit the size of houses in the resort town to 12,000-square feet. Houses built on hillsides would be even smaller. That's right, a 12,000-square foot home just isn't big enough for some folks in the Wood River Valley. And you thought you had problems. City Council members will weigh the proposal and hear public comment before making a decision. But the plan was supported by Sun Valley Mayor Tom Thorson who wants to preserve the geography of the Wood River Valley, just as other resort towns in the West have done. That didn't sit well with some critics who say curbing home sizes infringes on private property rights. The biggest opponent is Sun Valley Co. and its general manager Wally Huffman, who called the idea "a travesty" that would pull down property values. The company's objection is also connected to its future plans for the new Sun Valley Gun Club Nine golf course, which is under construction on the hillside above the old gun club. Limits on sizes would mean curbing the largest, and most profitable, properties on that development. There's nothing you're providing Mr. (Earl) Holding day as saying about the Sun Valley owner in The Wood River Journal. "You're taking away from him." Not really. The intention of this plan isn't to take away from one property owner, but rather to preserve the natural feel of a community for all property owners. The town's comprehensive plan hearings revealed how homeowners' want homes to have a smaller size. Most of those homeowners and city officials want the integrity of the land preserved. That's what brings people to live in the resort town, not the largesse of their neighbors' mansions. Most jarring of all is the idea that a 12,000-square foot house just isn't big enough for the booming Sun Valley crowd. In fact, city officials actually boosted the limit to 12,000 square feet after deciding that 10,000 square feet was too small — even though Jackson Hole, Wyo., has a similar limit of 10,000 square feet. Obviously those who cry out against limitations on property rights have an argument, but only to a certain point. Sun Val.'s elected officials have reason to act when the specter of real estate has absorbed the aesthetics of the town.

Our view: Sun Valley officials have a good case for limiting the size of houses. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

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Bill's fury helps fuel Hillary

Who's winning the domestic political war over the international war on terror — Bill Clinton, President Bush or Hillary Rodham Clinton? Bill Clinton is fighting hard, for himself and his legacy, for his wife and her possible presidency. In his novel "1984," George Orwell wrote, "He who controls the past, controls the future." That is, the memory of past events, specifically, the history of past events, shapes the understanding of the future. So if Bill Clinton can convince Americans that he did a good job fighting terror during his presidency, it might seem all the more likely to voters that his wife, Hillary, can be counted on to do a good job fighting terror in the future.



JAMES P. PINKERTON

Committee Chairman Howard Dean or, for example, issued a statement praising Clinton for opposing "the right-wing propaganda machine." But a look at the transcript shows less of a war and more of an ambush. Clinton ambushing Wallace. The Fox newsmen began by chastising Clinton for his presidential efforts in international humanitarianism. Some press interviews might be tempted to ask whether Clinton was seeking to cleanse the various stains on his reputation through good works yet the mild-mannered Wallace attempted no such psychologizing, sticking to neutral questions such as "What drives you in your effort to help in these developing countries?" Only after a while did Wallace turn to questions of terrorism. Whereupon Clinton also turned — dramatically.

Practically leaping out of his chair, the former president interviewed "false pretenses," asserting that the interview was supposed to be only about the present, not the past. But Clinton was obviously eager to talk about the past; he was pressed with facts and figures, as well as digs against the Bush administration. The entire transcript is available, among other places, at ThinkProgress.org, under the helpful headline "Clinton Sets the Record Straight on Terrorism, Smacks Down Fox News." That Web site is, in fact, a creation of the Center for American Progress, a think tank run by John Podesta, a former chief of staff to President Clinton.

So perhaps there is a pattern to be identified here. Perhaps Clinton planned his time against Fox News, confident that the liberal echo chamber would stand ready to chorus its support.

Clinton's leaning enthusiasm would be good for the memory of the Clinton presidency, but it would also be good for the "future memory" of another Clinton presidency — Hillary's. At the middle of it all is George W. Bush, the man leading the war on terror in the meantime. He doesn't have anyone as Orwellianly clever as Bill Clinton strategizing for him, and it shows.

James Pinkerton is a columnist for Newsday.

LETTERS

Kramer will provide stewardship over county

Terry Kramer needs your vote for county commissioner. As you evaluate each candidate's experience and qualifications, consider the results and impact of their decisions. As county taxpayers, we will benefit from his ability to listen intently, grasp diverse facts and clearly communicate his opinion to those he represents and works with. This will result in open and honest discussion of issues, leading to well-founded decisions that are good for our county. The county recently finalized the sale of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Some of the money received has been put into a special account that is restricted to paying for indigent medical care. Other unrestricted money is being received as a condition of the sale. With a new state of county commissioner being sworn in on Jan. 7, 2007, it is imperative for the sitting county commissioners to refrain from spending, or obligating, those funds between now and Jan. 7, 2007. This is similar to the next four months will impact our county for several years. Simply put, the incoming county com-

missioners should not have their hands tied by the outgoing county commissioners. Terry Kramer has proven leadership skills and sound maturity which will be tremendous assets to successful governance of our county. That's why I am voting for him on Nov. 7, and recommend you do the same. Let's unite behind proven leadership! LES PRAEDER

Buhl (Editor's note: Les Praeder is treasurer of the Kramer for Commissioner Committee.)

Seek more land options for Acquia school

I would like to voice my concerns over the proposed building site for the new Acquia Elementary School. Whether it be my family's property or some other site. Thank you, MARTY ROCHFORD Rupert

Just so you know, my family has property that was considered for the site but was turned down so you might think I am biased in my opinions. I just believe there are better locations for the new Acquia Elementary School, whether it be my family's property or some other site.

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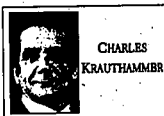
Such Hurd is a native of Gooding County, raised on a farm north of Gooding, and understands the contributions and concerns of agriculture. He also loves the quality of life Gooding County has for him and his family. Troy is forward-looking and knows we must work with the agricultural industry and maintain clean air and water quality. He also knows we must plan for future growth by making wise decisions today. Troy believes he can represent the total population and is not beholden to special interests.

Troy is a family man with three school-age children. He's been involved in coaching, youth groups and raising his children with a fine set of values. Troy knows decisions that are made today are vital for the welfare of the people of Gooding County today and in the future.

Troy Hurd is a hard worker and good listener. He is walking the talk and is a bid for your vote. He will walk the extra mile as commissioner from District 1. He has my vote. KATHIE BOIAN Gooding

Everyone's roots eventually lead back to Israel

Strange doings in Virginia. George Allen, former governor, one-term senator, son of a famous football coach and in the midst of a heated battle for re-election, has just been ousted as a Jew. As a result of events, given the fact that his having Jewish origins has nothing to do with anything in the campaign and that Allen himself was oblivious to the fact until his 83-year-old mother revealed to him last month the secret she had kept concealed for 60 years. Apart from its political irrelevance, it seems incredible in the extreme that the cowboy-boot-wearing football icon of Southern manner and speech should turn out to be, at least by origins, a son of Israel. For Allen, as he is quipped to me, it's the explanation for a lifelong affinity for Hebrew National hot dogs. For me, it is the ultimate confirmation of something I have been telling friends with for 20 years and



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

now, for the advancement of social science, feel compelled to publish. Krauthammer's Law: Everyone is Jewish until proven otherwise. I've had a fairly good run with this one. First, it turns out that John Kerry — wind-surfing, French-speaking, Beacon Hill aristocrat — had two Jewish grandparents. Then Hillary Clinton — methodical Methodist — unearthed a Jewish step-grandfather in time for her run as New York senator. A less jaunty case was that of Madeleine Albright, three of whose Czech grandparents had perished in the Holocaust and who most improbably contended that

she had no idea that they were Jewish. To which we can add the leading French presidential contender (Nicolas Sarkozy), a former supreme commander of NATO (Wesley Clark) and Russia's leading anti-Semite (Vladimir Zhirinovskiy). One must have a sense of humor about these things. Even Fidel Castro claims he is from a family of Marranos. For all its tongue-in-cheek irony, Krauthammer's Law works because when I say "everyone," I don't mean everyone — I mean personally. Depending on the history and ethnicity of your neighborhood and social circles, "there may be no one you know who is Jewish. But if "everyone" means anyone that you've heard of in public life, the law works for two reasons. Ever since the Jews were driven out of the ghetto and into European society at the dawn of the Enlightenment, they have peopled the arts and sci-

ences, politics and history in astonishing disproportion to their numbers. There are 13 million Jews in the world, one-fifth of 1 percent of the world's population. Yet 20 percent of Nobel Prize winners are Jewish, a staggering hundredfold surplus of renown and genius. This is similarly true for a myriad of other "everyones" — the household names in music, literature, mathematics, physics, finance, industry, design, comedy, film and, as the doors open, even politics. But it is not just Jewish excellence at work here. There is a dark side to these vast surpluses of Jewish emancipation and achievement — an unrelenting history of the other more somber and poignant reason for the Jewishness of public figures being discovered late and with surprise: concealment. Look at the Albright case. Her distinguished father was

Jewish, if tenuously so, until the Nazi invasion. He fled Czechoslovakia and, shortly thereafter, converted. Over the centuries, suffering — most especially, the Holocaust — has proved too much for many Jews. Many survivors simply resigned to assimilation. For some, the break was defiant and theological: A God who could permit the Holocaust — ineffable by his reasons — had so breached the covenant that it was no longer to him, or his faith. For others, the considerations were far more secular and practical. They subject one's children to the fear and suffering, the stigmatization and marginalization, the prospect of being hunted until death that being Jewish had brought to a new era of public figures being discovered late and with surprise: concealment. In fact, that was precisely the reason Ety Lubrosko, Allen's mother, concealed her identity. Brought up as a Jew

in French Tunisia during World War II, she saw her father left imprisoned in a concentration camp. Coming to America was her one chance to leave that forever behind, for her and for her future children. She married George Allen Sr., apparently a wealthy and successful businessman's family, her own children or anyone else of her Jewishness. Such was Ety's choice. Multiply the story in its thousand variations and you have Kerry and Clinton, Albright, and a whorled past. People's mother I feel desperately sorry for. In response to published rumors, she finally confessed the truth to him, adding heartbreakingly, "Now you don't love me anymore" — and then swore him to secrecy.

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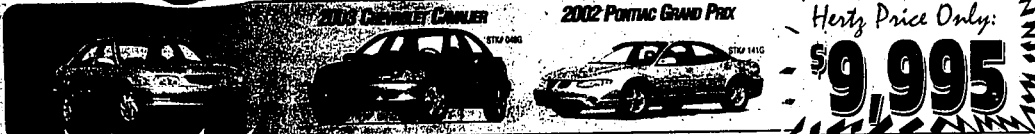
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Lighthouse Christian voted in as full member of IHSAA

By Brad Gaire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Teams that play football in the Class 1A Magic Valley Conference might want to make sure their conference records are correct, because it's official — Lighthouse Christian Academy is eligible for the postseason.

It's been coming down the pipeline for months, but on Tuesday, the Idaho High School Activities Association unanimously voted to extend full membership status to Lighthouse Christian for any program that the IHSAA sanctions and the school offers. The District IV board approved sending the matter to the state-wide board just a few weeks ago.

It means the Lions football squad (2-1 in conference play) has a shot at the Class 1A Div. I state championship. It means the volleyball and cross country teams can participate in Magic Valley Southside Conference postseason play. It means that the students' season won't end when other schools can advance.

For athletic director and head football coach Nick Karavedas and the students, full membership with the IHSAA was the last piece of the puzzle.

"It means a lot to us," senior captain and safety Joe McCullough said. "Since we can compete with teams in our conference, it allows us to be even stronger. Summer workouts, all the practice hours we've put in over the season. Everybody's working hard to be better."

"Our kids can shoot high," Karavedas said. "It's not, 'Well, you had a nice season, but you're done.' This is big."

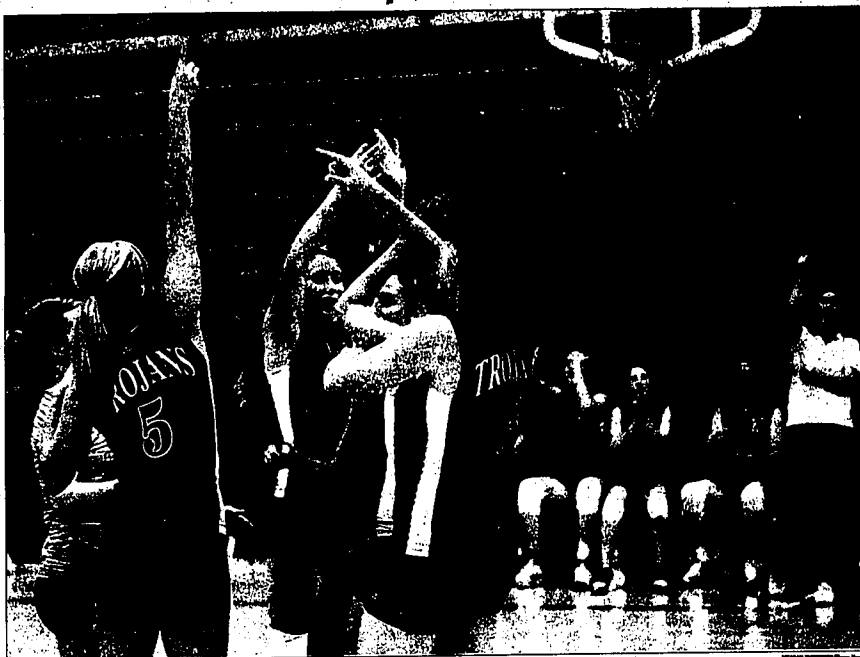
The status of full membership with the IHSAA benefits more than student-athletes. Students who choose to participate in the speech arts, competitive cheering or music performance can also reach the heights of state competition.

Back in August, the school achieved dual accreditation through the Association of Christian Schools International and the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools.

"As a school, we're very excited. There's a lot of people to thank — teachers, parents, a lot of people were involved," Karavedas said. "The most gratifying thing is the kids can go as far as God allows."

"When we are behind and are fighting, we seem to play better."

Lighthouse Christian coach Tobie Helman on her team's four-game loss to Raft River



Raft River High School girls volleyball team celebrates a point Tuesday night during their match against Lighthouse Christian at Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls. The Trojans beat the Lions in four games.

Trojans best Lions

Raft River gets four-game win over Lighthouse Christian

By Diane Phibbs
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Down 2-0 in its match with Raft River, Lighthouse Christian seemed to find something extra and came out fighting in the third game to extend the match to four games.

After losing Game 3, the Trojans won the fourth game and the match 25-17, 25-22, 19-25, 25-9 in Magic Valley Southside Conference play Tuesday night.

"When we win a game, then we kind of let our guard down in the next game," said Lighthouse coach Tobie Helman. "When we are behind and are fighting, we seem to play better. We worked so hard in the third game and then we were standing and kind of stuck on our heels in the fourth game."

Lighthouse was in control of Game 3 from the first point as there was no Raft River return of Emma Aardema's serve.

The Lions' largest lead was six points at 10-4. Most of the game the two teams stayed within reach of each other.

"We seemed to let down in the third game," said Raft River coach Cami Schumann. "We made some mental mistakes and Lighthouse fought back. Lighthouse is coming on. They will be a force in the conference."

The Lions (4-6, 3-6) were led by Aardema with eight kills, 12 digs, and two serving aces. Junior setter Kaitley Borchardt dished out 12 assists and senior Ambur Ulrich chipped in 12 digs.

"We continue to grow as a team," said Helman. "It is easy to forget how far the girls have come in four years. They have progressed, physically and now they just need to work on the mental part. Raft River is a good team, well-coached and they are very efficient."

Raft River (11-1, 9-1) was led by senior Lindsay Hutchison with 13 kills and two

blocks. Senior Jayme Manning added 10 kills and setter Kimberly Harper passed for 35 assists.

"We play better when we communicate well," said Schumann. "We are doing well and hope our level of play continues to pick up as conference play goes on. Lindsay Hutchison played great at the net."

Lighthouse senior Vanessa Wendland was injured in the first Lions match of the year and sits on the bench encouraging her teammates.

"At practice, I can serve," said Wendland. "After matches, I point out what needs to be worked on. So far, there has been amazing improvement. This team has a lot of potential and by conference tournament time, we should be tough."

Raft River hosts Castleford and the Lions visit Magic Valley Christian on Thursday in conference play.

Legendary golf great Byron Nelson dead at 94

The Associated Press

Byron Nelson Bio

BORN: Feb. 4, 1912 in Waxahatchie, Texas.
DIED: Sept. 26, 2006.
TURNED PRO: 1932.
BEATERS: 1946.
AWARDS: AP Male Athlete of the Year in 1944 and 1945. Vardon Trophy in 1939. PGA Tour leading money winner in 1944 and 1945.
HONORS: Elected to the PGA Hall of Fame in 1953 and to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1974. Received the USGA's Bob Jones Award in 1974.
VICTORIES: 52 PGA co-sponsored and/or approved tournaments.
MAJOR WINS: 1937 Masters; 1939 U.S. Open; 1940 PGA Championship; 1942 Masters and 1945 PGA Championship.



Byron Nelson is photographed at his home in Rosalia, Texas on March 3, 1995. Nelson died Tuesday. He was 94.

IRVING, Texas — Byron Nelson, golf's courtly "Lord Byron" whose 11 straight tournament victories in 1945 stand as one of sports' most enduring records, died Tuesday. He was 94.

His wife, Peggy Nelson, told family friend Angela Enright that her husband appeared fine as she left for Bible study Tuesday morning. As she left their Rosalia home, he told her, "I'm so proud of you," something he often said about her church involvement. When she returned, she found him on the back porch facing his woodworking shop.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said he died of natural causes.

Known for his graceful swing and gentle manner, Nelson had the greatest year in the history of professional golf in 1945 when he won 18 tournaments. He captured 31 of 54 tournaments in 1944-45. Then, at age 34, he retired after the 1946 season to spend more time on his Texas ranch. "When I was playing regularly, I had a goal," Nelson recalled years later. "I could see the prize money going into the ranch, buying a tractor,

or a cow. It gave me incentive." That incentive pushed Nelson to become one of the best players of his era. He won the Masters in 1937 and '42, the U.S. Open in 1939 and the PGA Championship in 1940 and '45. He also finished second once in the U.S. Open, twice in the Masters and three times in the PGA. Nelson

played in British Open only twice, finishing fifth in 1937. Nelson's long, fluid swing is considered the model of the modern way to strike a golf ball and his kind, caring style with fans and competitors made him one of the most well-liked people in sports. "I don't know very much," Nelson said in a 1997 interview with The Associated Press. "I

know a little bit about golf. I know how to make a stew. And I know how to be a decent man."

Arnold Palmer called Nelson "one of the greatest players who ever lived."

"I don't think that anyone will ever exceed the things that Byron did by winning 11 tournaments in a row in one year," Palmer said in a statement. "But I suppose that is not the most admirable thing that he did, although it was certainly tremendous. He was a fantastic person whom I admired from the time I was a boy."

Nelson's second British Open was in 1955, when he was no longer a serious competitor, although he did win the French Open on that trip for his last professional victory. His prize money, however, was not enough to pay the hotel bill.

"I had to put up another \$200," he told the AP with a huge smile. Nelson was born Feb. 4, 1912, on the family farm and started in golf in 1922 as a caddy at Fort Worth Country Club in Glen Worth. One year, he won the caddy's championship, defeating Ben Hogan in a playoff.



Tigers stay in front of Twins in AL Central

Pitcher Jeremy Bondaram, pictured, and the Detroit Tigers won Tuesday to stay in front of the Minnesota Twins in the AL Central. Read more on page B4.

SPORTS

Late goals send Burley girls past Minico

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BURLEY — Burley scored twice in the final six minutes to break a scoreless game and take a 2-0 victory.

Burley coach Tom Schmitt said the Minico defense played deep, causing a stalemate for most of the match. The Bobcats were awarded a penalty kick in the 94th minute, where Claudia Rios had the honors of putting the ball in the back of the net. A few minutes later, Jaymee Thurston scored to put the match out of reach.

Burley (3-3-0 district) travels to Pocatello on Thursday. Game time is 4 p.m.

Skyline 4, Twin Falls 1

IDAHO FALLS — Skyline handled the Bruins, winning by the score of 4-1. The Skyline initiated the scoring with a goal in the eighth minute. Twin Falls would counter that with a goal in the 15th minute by Marissa Sanchez off an assist by Amanda Yardley. Skyline would rebound that lead seven minutes later, and the half would end 2-1 in favor of Skyline.

The second half did not fare any better for the Bruins, as Skyline tacked on two more goals.

"The team played a lot better against the Bruins tonight, more so than our previous attempts. But of course we have more work to do," Bruin coach Katie Kauffman said.

Twin Falls (16-6-1, 2-4-0) will host Idaho Falls on Saturday morning.

Burley 2, Minico 0

MINICO — Burley defeated Minico in a low-scoring affair, 2-0. The Bobcats led 1-0 at halftime thanks to the work of Gabriel Rios of Burley. Three minutes into the second half, Dan Greener kicked in a goal to double the lead. Despite the loss, Minico coach Dennis Haymes was pleased with his team's defensive effort.

"Our plan was to not let Eduardo (Anguliano) beat us, and we accomplished this," said Haymes. "But Rios was incredible. Our defense, especially goalkeeper Miguel Guillen, was good, but we had no offense at all."

Minico (8-12-0, 1-4-0) travels to Halley Thursday night, taking on Wood River.

Skyline 2, Twin Falls 1

IDAHO FALLS — Skyline scored two goals in the first nine minutes, and held on for a 2-1 win. Phillip Menni scored in the fourth minute, and Nathan Jones scored another in the ninth minute for Skyline.

Twin Falls finally scored in the 78th minute. Andy Lake made the score on an assist by Ricardo Nunez. This gave the Bruins some momentum, and in the final minutes they were able to take eight shots on goal, but could not find the equalizer.

"The game was a really good one," Bruin coach Trent Felton said. "Everyone is in form, ready for the playoffs next week. We have been playing better of late, and we have two big conference games coming up, that will hopefully propel us into the playoffs."

The Bruins (7-6-1, 0-4-1) hosts the final Idaho Falls Tuesday at 11 a.m. Their final game is Saturday against another conference foe Madison.

Bliss 4, Wendell 0

WENDELL — Bliss and goalkeeper Michael Faulkner saved Wendell 4-0. Brian Rojas provided a hat trick for the Bears, while Eli Gough tacked on a goal



Minico's Shalom Frank, right, tries to put a foot on the ball as Burley's Jenna Williams closes in during the game.

for Bliss. Bliss' coach Daniel Knapp commended his team's defense, especially Faulkner, Adam Burk and Jaime Altmann. Knapp said, "It was close in the first half, but we finally were them down in the second half, where we scored three goals."

Wendell coach Brent Keseman also praised the play of Faulkner. "Mike did a fantastic job of keeping the nets clean. He played outstanding," according to defensive breakdowns, and that lost us the match."

Wendell (4-5-1) will host Declo today, while Bliss (10-0-1, 8-0-1) will host Filer on Friday.

Volleyball

Richfield 3, Dietrich 0

RICHFIELD — Richfield controlled Dietrich, sweeping the matches 25-23, 25-11, and 25-14.

Offensive standouts for Richfield were Kimber Swainston with 18 service points, and Cassie Wood with 13 kills. Defensively, Swainston and Dana Naylor "played outstanding," according to Richfield coach Norm Rock.

Richfield (10-3, 8-0) travels to Fairfield tonight, taking on Camas County.

Magic Valley Christian 3, Hansen 2

HANSEN — In a see-saw battle, Magic Valley Christian beat out Hansen 25-17, 19-25, 25-18, 14-25, 15-13.

Generating the offense for Hansen were Charlotte Freestone with 21 kills. Defensively, Swainston and Dana Naylor "played outstanding," according to Magic Valley Christian (4-15-3-6) plays against Lighthouse Christian, Friday night, at the Nazarene Church in Twin Falls.

Hansen (6-3-6, 6-6) travels to Murtaugh on Thursday night.

Hagerman 3, Murtaugh 0

HAGERMAN — Hagerman overpowered Murtaugh 25-12, 25-5, 25-4. Hagerman coach Luanne Axelson said,

"Murtaugh just could not handle our serving tonight." This proved evidence as Christine Regnier had 21 service points and Kaita Madrigales added another 17 points.

The Hagerman junior varsity (9-0) also fared well, winning both matches against Oakley.

Hagerman (13-2, 9-0) next travels to Oakley on Thursday night.

Buhl 3, Declo 0

DECLO — Buhl defeated Declo by the score of 25-16, 25-15, 25-6.

According to Declo coach Sheila Wheeler, "We flat-out did not hit the ball. We had many hitting errors tonight. Our defense was great, but offensively we could not capitalize."

Declo had a total of 11 blocks on the night — seven by Emily Ramsey and two by McKell Webb.

Declo (4-0-0-5) will host Kimberly on Thursday night.

Castelford 3, Oakley 1

CASTLEFORD — Castelford lost the first set, but then won three straight, defeating Oakley 21-25, 25-17, 25-21, and 27-25. Castelford's Rikki Wiggins had 22 service points, while Jessica Elser had 15 and Rachel Rodgers came up with eight digs to lead the team.

Castelford coach Oscar Flores was enthusiastic with the win. "This is a huge win for us," he said. "A lot of people have written us off, but we have been improving all year. Oakley is a tough team, and we managed to earn the win."

Castelford (2-7, 3-7) travels to Malin today on Ida River on Thursday.

Filer bests Jerome, Wood River

HALLEY — Filer dominated this tri-met, defeating both Wood River and Jerome. Filer beat Wood River 25-20, and 25-21. Filer also took two of three from Jerome, 20-25, 25-19, and 25-17. Filer missed only three points on set serves. Emily Hughes had six aces on the night.

Erica Kober and Hughes had great nights passing, each with ten and eleven perfect passes respectively. Filer had 22 total kills, with Shanane Askel knocking down seven of those.

Woodhead coach Ed Richards was proud of his team winning both games. "It was really played with the team

"tonight," he said. "Filer will host American Falls Friday night."

Bruins fall in tri-met

POCATELLO — The Twin Falls Bruins dropped their fifth Region Four-Fives game of the season as they fell 3-1 to Highland. The Rams won 25-16, 23-25, 25-19, 26-24.

The Bruins also fell to 4A Century 25-21, 25-19.

Twin Falls (4-7, 0-5) travels to Burley Thursday to again face Century along with the host Bobcats in another triangular.

Gooding 3, Shoshone 0

GOODING — The 3A Gooding Senators swept the defending 1A state champion Shoshone Indians 3-0 in Gooding on Tuesday.

The Senators won 25-21, 25-13, 25-20. Junli Jensen picked up four aces and 30 kills, while Jordan Braga had three aces, 11 kills and 23 digs. Libero Megan Peterson had 29 digs. Statistics for Shoshone were not available.

Shoshone hosts Valley and Rockland Thursday. The Senators (7-4, 3-1) host Filer for Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference play on Monday.

Valley 3, Glens Ferry 2

HAZELTON — The Valley Vikings remained undefeated in the 2A Canyon Conference with a close 3-2 victory over the Glens Ferry Pilots in Hazelton on Tuesday.

Valley went up 29-27 before dropping the next two games 25-27, 22-25. They rallied in the fourth and fifth games 25-16, 15-11 with better passing and setting.

The last two sets, (passing and setting) made the difference. During the earlier two games, they were tentative and not passing well. After a while, they settled down and got their momentum back. Valley head coach Julian Escobedo said,

Katie Hall picked up 24 kills, 24 service points and four blocks for the Vikings. Sarah Callen had 10 kills. Natalie Hanson had seven kills. Melissa Barlow had 19 service points and Shannon Sizemore had six blocks to aid the Vikings' effort.

Valley (7-6, 2-0) travels to Shoshone Thursday for a triangular with the Indians and Rockland. Glens Ferry hosts Dietrich on Thursday.

Burley 3, Minico 0

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats evened out their Great Basin Conference West record with a 3-0 shutout of Minico on Tuesday.

The Bobcats won 25-12, 25-10, 25-13. Jessica Brite had six kills and six digs. Alex Haynie had six kills. Ryan Cooper had seven digs and Kaitlin Robins had 20 assists for the match.

Burley (6-6, 2-2) hosts a triangular with Century and Twin Falls on Thursday.

Camas County 3, Carey 2

CAREY — The Camas County Musershurs found themselves in a tight battle with the Carey Panthers, but pulled it together for a 3-2 Magic Valley Northside Conference win on Tuesday. The Musershurs won 25-23, 12-25, 17-25, 25-22, 15-13.

For Carey, Emylie Olsen had five kills, while Corey Bingham and Allison Shaffer had four kills apiece.

Carey (4-12, 1-5) travels to Bliss on Thursday. The Carey junior varsity won 27-25, 25-9.

Idaho judge dismisses claim against Karl Malone

BOISE (AP) — A judge in eastern Idaho has dismissed a claim that accused former Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone of offering a business partner a \$25,000 bribe to take the blame for an illegal elk hunting trip.

Judge Norman Randy Smith of Idaho's 6th District, tossed the accusation recently from a lawsuit filed by Springs Ray Davis of Soda Valley.

Malone's lawyer Randall Call ended the ruling a vindication.

"The scurrilous and quite frankly irresponsible claims that were made about perfidy and bribery by the news have all gone away," he said.

Davis had alleged that Malone's brother-in-law, Ken Kenney, "threatened physical violence" if Davis didn't make a federal investigation into the illegal elk hunt "go away."

According to the complaint, Kenney made the threats over lunch in Logan, Utah, in 1998. The suit alleges that the two-time NBA most valuable player again offered the \$25,000 payment during a private meeting at an event for Navajo Salsa, a charity for American Indians.

The judge allowed Davis to continue pursuing a \$95,000 breach of contract claim against Malone's Salt Lake City-based property management firm.

Malone has filed a counter-suit against Davis for more than \$100,000, Call said.

In 1997, Malone bought a commercial elk hunting business and hired Davis to manage the company to buy snowmobiles and make renovations at Davis' Trail Creek Lodge, a sportsman cabin on the hunting property, said Jon Blat, Davis' attorney in Hillsboro, Ore.

Davis alleges Malone broke their business contract. "The (bribery) claim is out, but the behavior is not," Blat said.

"Any time you lose claims, it's not what you're hoping for. But the bulk of our claims will go forward."

Malone's lawyer Call said earlier that Malone and Davis met at a hunting expedition and became friends. Malone, a licensed Davis, at one-time in Carey County, for winter elk hunting trips.

On at least one outing, in the fall of 1998, Davis did not have a state-issued elk tag for Malone. Davis later pleaded guilty "into the snow" at a bull elk, but never hit an animal, Call said.

Enforcement officers from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and federal officials interviewed Malone, who said, he thought Davis had proper outfitter permits.

Malone was never charged in the incident.

The day after: City savors a sweet victory but issues remain

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The bells at Cafe Du Monde tasted especially sweet. A French Market musician pounded out a mopey tune on his keyboard. Smiling — if somewhat weary — revelers strolled through the narrow streets of the French Quarter in their Reggie Bush jerseys and "Home Sweet Home" T-shirts.

"What A Show!" the local newspaper blared across its front page.

Life in New Orleans had an air of normalcy Tuesday, the morning after the New Orleans Saints returned to the Superdome with a rousing, inspiring victory.

But plenty of difficult questions remain for this team and its hurricane-ravaged city.

The population is still less than half what it was before Hurricane Katrina. Who knows if enough deep-pocketed companies will return to buy up those primary club seats and luxury boxes. And the Superdome is still a 31-year-old stadium — all spruced up, to be sure, but ancient in the what-new-stadium-have-you-built-for-me-lately NFL.

In terms of the Saints' future, we've got a ways to go," acknowledged Doug Thornton, who runs the Superdome and oversees its \$185 million renovation.



A sign still hangs on the Louisiana Superdome a day after it's re-opening in New Orleans Tuesday. The New Orleans Saints defeated the Atlanta Falcons 23-3 on Monday night which helped to celebrate the grand re-opening of the Hurricane Katrina-damaged facility.

"There's no doubt the public will support the team. But there's always that issue of the economic base, the corporate base."

The support was certainly there Monday night. An capsulizing crowd of 70,000 packed the Superdome for the Saints' 23-3 victory over the

Atlanta Falcons in a showdown of unbeaten NFL South rivals.

New Orleans (9-0) has first place all to itself and a reason to feel proud of just how far it's come since Katrina flooded the Big Easy nearly 13 months ago.

The Superdome is the most noticeable

symbol of the halting rebirth. A scene of misery and shame in the days after the hurricane, it now has a new roof, improved scoreboards, larger video screens and several fresh coats of paint. The second phase of the renovation will take place after the season with the construction of four 19,000-square-foot lounges for club-seat holders.

"New life has been breathed into this place," Thornton said. "Out of the destruction came opportunity. You never know how things will turn out. It's an ironic twist of faith."

For now, there's no talk of moving the Saints to another city, not with the NFL's commitment to being the team serve as a catalyst for the massive rebuilding job and the fans' overwhelming show of support in the wake of the storm. The Superdome is sold out for the season — the first time that's ever happened — and over-enthusiastic owner Tom Benson seems to have made an uneasy truce with the team's passionate fans. He even broke out his parrot and did the "Ben on top" on his way out of the stadium after the Saints' dominating victory.

"This stadium has got to be as good as many stadiums around the NFL," Thornton insisted. "It's not the best, but it's somewhere in the middle of

the pack."

Even so, the refurbished stadium isn't likely to squelch talk of the need for more money-generating improvements. Before Katrina, Benson argued the fans buy the stadium's new stadium or a much more profitable deal with the Superdome if he was to keep the Saints in New Orleans. The storm didn't totally blow away all those thorny issues.

Thornton is already making plans for a new round of renovations that might address some of Benson's long-term concerns. He wants to widen the concourse around the lower deck to create a better sightline and more space for concession stands, restrooms and other amenities. He looks toward the towering, largely barren walls above each end zone and envisions several decks of profitable new, luxury suites.

"We still face challenges in rebuilding our homes and businesses, but this game ... is proof of what we can accomplish if we work together," said Benson. "I'm proud to be the executive vice president. The Saints have been a unifying force in this community for 40 years now, and we are proud to use this occasion to announce to the world that New Orleans is open for business."

SPORTS

Tigers win to keep edge on Twins

DETROIT (AP) — Placido Polanco drove in three runs, Jeremy Bonderman pitched six solid innings and the Detroit Tigers held off the Toronto Blue Jays for a 4-3 victory Tuesday night, keeping their lead in the AL Central.

Detroit began the day with a one-game lead over the Minnesota Twins in the division and the Tigers remained tied with the New York Yankees, who beat Baltimore 5-4, for the AL's best record (95-62). The Tigers have won eight of 11 after a prolonged slump.

Polanco hit a two-run, two-out single in the second inning, and his squeeze bunt in the sixth gave the Tigers a 4-1 lead. The Blue Jays pulled within a run in the seventh on Frank Catalanotto's single and when Alex Rios scored on a passed ball.

Bonderman (14-8) gave up an unearned run, three hits and three walks in the seventh. He has won three straight starts after going 0-4 in his previous nine. Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his 37th save.

Toronto's Dustin McGowan (1-2) gave up two runs in both the first and second start of the season. McGowan, who has 12 relief appearances, made his previous start on July 29.

Red Sox 5, Devil Rays 1

BOSTON — David Ortiz hit his AL-leading 54th homer to help Curt Schilling earn his first victory in almost eight weeks, and the Boston Red Sox snapped a three-game skid.

Schilling (15-7) allowed one run, six hits and four walks, striking out nine for his first win since Aug. 4 — also against Tampa Bay. Red Sox manager Terry Francona sent him out to the mound for the first of the eighth, then removed him before he threw a pitch.

The move gave the crowd a chance to cheer for the star of the 2004 World Series in what might be his final appearance of the less-gratifying '06 season. And Francona gave them their cue with some applause of his own before he took the ball.

Indians 6, White Sox 0

CLEVELAND — C.C. Sabathia tied a career high with 11 strikeouts and Ryan Garko homered and drove in a career-high five runs to lead the Cleveland Indians.

Sabathia (12-11) improved to 4-0 this season and 12-3 in his career against the White Sox. The left-hander allowed four hits over eight innings without a walk to win for the second time in five September starts. He retired the last 10 batters he faced.

Chicago starter Javier Vazquez (11-11) struck out 12, surpassing 110 in a game for the fourth time in five September starts. But the right-hander dropped to 0-5 in eight starts since beating the New York Yankees on Aug. 10. He allowed six runs, six hits and two walks over seven innings. Chicago lost for the ninth time in 12 games.

Yankees 5, Orioles 4

NEW YORK — Cory Lidle pitched neatly into the seventh inning in a playoff audition, Bobby Abreu and Robinson Cano homered and the New York Yankees held off the Baltimore Orioles for their 95th win.

Yankees manager Joe Torre is still trying to pick a fourth starter for the postseason. The choice seems to be between Lidle and Jaret Wright, with the odd man out likely to wind up in long relief.

Lidle (4-3) gave up solo home runs to nemesis Jay Gibbons, Ramon Hernandez and Corey Patterson in 6 2-3 innings. It was Lidle's longest outing since Philadelphia traded him to the Yankees on July 27 for the Phillies — with Abreu on July 30.

Scott Proctor pitched the ninth for his first major league save, giving up left Florentino's RBI single before stranding two runners.

Twins 3, Royals 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Johan Santana pitched eight strong innings in his final start before the playoffs, earning his 13th win and leading Minnesota to a victory over Kansas City.

The Twins clinched a spot in the postseason by beating Kansas City on Monday night, and now they are set for the AL Central title. Detroit beat Toronto 4-3 Tuesday night, maintaining its one-game lead over Minnesota.

Pinch-hitter Luis Rodriguez drove in the second run with a sacrifice fly in the eighth. Santana (19-6) scattered seven hits, struck out five and retired 15 of his final 17 batters.

The AL Cy Young Award favorite improved to 16-0 over his last 23 starts at the Metrodome. The Twins haven't lost one of his home starts since Aug. 6, 2005.

Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said Santana will make his next start in Game 1 of the division series next week. He would then be ready for a potential Game 5.

National League Nationals 4, Phillies 3

WASHINGTON — Ryan Zimmerman went 3-for-4 and drove in three runs Tuesday night, leading Washington to a



Detroit Tigers reliever Todd Jones pumps his fist after the Tigers defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 in Detroit, Tuesday.

victory over Philadelphia, which is trying to reach the postseason for the first time since 1993.

The Phillies dropped a game behind the Dodgers in the NL wild-card standings, Los Angeles beat Colorado 11-1.

Also Chase Utley's RBI single — his third hit off Nationals closer Chad Cordero drew Philadelphia within a run with two outs in the ninth. Jimmy Howard filed out to deep center to end the game. Cordero earned his 29th save.

The Phillies left 10 runners on base.

Zimmerman lifted his RBI total to 107 with a run-scoring groundout in the first and a two-run double in the third, both off Brett Myers (12-7).

Padres 7, Cardinals 5

ST. LOUIS — Mike Cameron's two-run double capped San Diego's four-run, seven-inning victory over the Cardinals as Chris Carpenter, and free-falling St. Louis saw its lead in the NL Central shrink to 1/2 games.

San Diego's magic number to clinch the NL West is down to four after its sixth straight win.

Ronnie Bellard homered twice and led three RBIs for the Cardinals, who also got a two-run single from Jim Edmonds in his first start in a month after being sidelined with post-concussion syndrome. It didn't prevent them from losing their seventh in a row.

Wandy Williams (11-5) won his fourth straight game with six solid innings for the Padres, who have a two-game lead over the Dodgers with five games remaining. Cameron had two hits and three RBIs and Josh Bard, a late substitution at catcher when Mike Piazza decided to weather a day off Tuesday instead of Wednesday, was 3-for-4 with a two-run double in the seventh.

Braves 12, Mets 0

ATLANTA — John Smoltz pitched eight sharp innings for his 15th win, and Andrew Jones became the first Atlanta hitter with consecutive 40-homer seasons, and the Braves, extended the Mets' late-season slump.

The NL East champions began their final six-game road trip before the playoffs. They have lost three straight and six of seven overall.

Smoltz (15-5) gave up six hits and walked two, reaching 15 wins for the first time in eight years. He struck out six.

Mets left-hander Oliver Perez (3-13) gave up homers to Jones, Willy Aybar and Matt Diaz. Aybar had three hits and Edgar Renteria hit a three-run double in six, eighth.

Reds 5, Marlins 3

MIAMI — David Ross hit two home runs into the upper deck and the Cincinnati Reds struck within striking distance in the NL Central.

Third-place Cincinnati is now 2 1/2 games behind division-leading St. Louis, which lost to San Diego. The loss eliminated Florida, which has lost four straight, from a wild-card berth.

Reds second home run of the game, an RBI, came in the third of a two-run shot which bounced off the seats in the

upper deck in left and gave the Reds a 4-0 lead in the third.

Matt Belisle, making his first start of the season after 28 relief appearances, pitched 3 2-3 innings for the Reds and gave up one run and three hits.

Belisle was lifted after allowing Donnell Williams' two-out RBI single in the fourth that made it 4-1.

Ryan Franklin (6-7) relieved Belisle and worked 1 1/3 scoreless innings for the win. Scott Schoeneweis pitched one inning for his third save.

Willis (12-12) gave up five runs and seven hits, struck out three and walked five in five innings.

Astros 7, Pirates 4

PITTSBURGH — Craig Biggio drove in three runs and Andy Pettitte pitched the stinging Houston Astros to their seventh straight victory.

The win moved the Astros to 79-76, the first time the team has been over .500 since June 22 — the day Roger Clemens made his initial start of the season in a loss to Minnesota.

Mike Lamb scored three times for second-place Houston, which is now 1 1/2 games behind fading St. Louis in the NL Central.

Jason Bay and Jose Bautista homered for the Pirates, who had lost five in a row but had won eight of nine at home. Pittsburgh's Freddy Sanchez went 4-for-5 to raise his NL-leading batting average to .346.

Houston jumped on Ian Snell (14-11) in the first inning. Luke Scott's single scored Lane who walked with one out. Aubrey Huff singled home Lance Berkman two batters later, and Biggio followed with a groundout that scored Scott.

Dodgers 11, Rockies 4

DENVER — Normar Garciaparra homered and drove in three runs, Russell Martin hit a bases-loaded triple and Greg Maddux won the 332nd game of his career as the Dodgers took over the NL wild-card lead.

Murton Anderson singled, doubled and homered for the Dodgers, who moved a game ahead of Philadelphia in the wild-card race. They're two games behind San Diego in the NL West race.

Maddux (14-14) allowed three earned runs on seven hits with no walks and three strikeouts in six innings.

The best part about the rout for L.A. was that Maddux threw just 76 pitches, so his manager Garry Little can bring him back on short rest this weekend at San Francisco, if needed.

Cubs 14, Brewers 6

CHICAGO — Henry Blanco had four hits and four RBIs to help Sean Marshall get his first win since July 5, and Jacque Jones and John Mabry homered for the Cubs.

Beginning what might be manager Dusty Baker's final home stand — his four-year contract runs out after the season — the Cubs, with the NL's worst record (64-94), ended Milwaukee's five-game winning streak.

Blanco's two RBIs and Mabry hit a three-run homer to cap a five-run sixth inning off reliever Geremi Gonzalez.

With Ryder Cup over, golf turns focus to majors

CHANDLER'S CROSS, England — Now that the Ryder Cup is over, golf returns to normal.

Of the 19 flags that rippled in a cool breeze Tuesday morning at The Grove, none was a blue banner with 13 gold stars. They were from Northern Ireland and South Africa, Canada and Australia, the United States and England.

Chick Campbell, Brett Wetterich and Jim Furyk walked down the first fairway as friends, but not teammates. Phil Mickelson has gone back on vacation, if he ever left. No one will pick up a flag from anywhere but the bottom of the cup.

Everyone is responsible for his own golf. Only one player gets the trophy.

The winner gets \$1.3 million.

The only winning streak anyone is talking about involves Tiger Woods, the best in the world when his playing is for himself. While his streak ended two weeks ago at the World Match Play Championship about 30 miles down the M25 at Wentworth, a victory in the American Express Championship would be his sixth in a row at PGA Tour events.

Ah, this is more like it. Sure, Woods successfully defending his title at this World Golf Championship would only emphasize that Americans care more about their own achievements than winning a 17-year golf trophy named after an English seed merchant.

But that's how it should be. Golf is an individual game. Legacies are built on personal success, not team play that happens once a week out of the sky. Think of the players who are linked with their performance in team events, and you'll find guys who, have never won a major, some who have never won many tournaments at all.

Christi Montemore, Sergio Garcia, Chris DiMarco.

No one has won more points for Europe than Nick Faldo, but that's only a postscript on the resume of a six-time major champion who won back-to-back at the Masters and once made 18 puts in his final round to win the British Open.

The Europeans are not just winning the Ryder Cup —

it's match play over 18 holes, and anything can happen in an 18-hole sprint.

Woods said, "You play for the trophy. It doesn't make the Americans a bunch of choppers, nor does it make the Europeans a world power."

Perhaps the most telling match was Garcia and Luke Donald defeated Woods and Furyk in a four-man match Friday afternoon. Garcia played in the final round at Woods at the British Open and got knocked. Donald was tied for the final round at the PGA Championship and fell apart.

As partners, Garcia and Donald tied 4-0 in foursomes play at the Ryder Cup.

"It's match play over 18 holes, and anything can happen in an 18-hole sprint," Woods said. "You play for the trophy. It doesn't make the Americans a bunch of choppers, nor does it make the Europeans a world power."

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NASCAR may change All-Star race format

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR's championship-deciding system isn't the only thing about it to be changed.

The annual All-Star race is also being examined by series officials for tweaks to its format. The Associated Press, has learned.

Love's Motor Speedway president Timmy Calkins confirmed Tuesday that talks are under way to make changes to the Nextel All-Star Challenge. The race has been run at the suburban Charlotte track for its 21 years.

"We're getting together in the next few weeks with NASCAR and Nextel to discuss some ways to tweak this thing," Wheeler said. "The bottom line is we are trying to find a way to put together 2 1/2 hours of absolutely great racing."

The All-Star race currently is a 90-lap invitational, non-points race for Nextel Cup drivers. The winner gets a \$1 million payout.

The field is currently determined by drivers who have won races in the current and preceding year, past All-Star Cup winners and Cup champions from the last 10 years. The winner of the Nextel Open — the race held before the main event for all drivers not otherwise eligible — advances, and a fan vote was recently added to get another driver in.

Now NASCAR is considering

tying in the race with its Pit Crew Challenge, but is undecided on what to award. One idea being discussed is giving the pole position to the winner of the Pit Crew competition.

Wheeler would like to see the field widened. He'd like more than one driver to advance out of the Open, and said he might piggy-back on the top drivers from the Busch Series and Truck Series into the event.

"I'd like to get more cars in the field, and it's the All-Star race, so I don't want to get stars from the other series can't compete," he said. "At the same time, we are walking a fine line because it is the All-Star race and where do we draw the line of who should be in and who shouldn't?"

The format is also being examined and will likely change from its current three-segment form. The race currently starts with a 30-lap segment, followed by a 10-minute break in which teams are allowed to work on their cars.

That's followed by a 30-lap yellow flag pit stop, and a final 20-lap dash for the check.

"We might end up shortening the segments some," Wheeler said. "We like that final 20-lap dash, the racing gets a little more exciting and a fan vote was recently added to get another driver in. Now NASCAR is considering

Market Watch

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Dow Jones Industrials	+93.56	11,669.39
Nasdaq composite	+12.27	2,261.34
Standard & Poor's 500	+9.97	1,336.34
Russell 2000	+25.52	729.61

Stocks of local interest

Con Agri	24.27	▲ .28
Dell Inc.	22.72	▲ .56
Idecap	38.40	▼ .02
Libra Motors	25.06	▲ .63
Miron	17.73	▼ .15
Supervalu	29.70	▼ .19

Commodities

Nov. Oil	61.01	▼ .44
Light sweet crude by barrel		
Live cattle	91.15	▲ .42
Sept. gold 591.20	▲ 1.30	

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Airline pilots lobby to fly past age 60

WASHINGTON — Dozens of veteran airline pilots, some on the verge of forced retirement, urged lawmakers Tuesday to lift a federal rule that grounds them at age 60.

The Federal Aviation Administration now requires passenger and cargo pilots to quit flying at 60, with no exception for those in good health. That means an estimated 1,631 pilots for U.S. airlines will be forced to retire this year. By 2017, the tally will reach about 35,000.

On Tuesday, about 20 pilots launched a two-day lobbying blitz to let Congress know that they feel perfectly capable of staying on in the cockpit until they're 65.

"Safety is no longer an issue for discussion, it's far beyond concern from all parts of the world here, for many years; demonstrated that they have been able to safely fly to age 65," said United Airlines pilot Allan Engelhardt, 59.

FAA spokesman Les Dorr has said there is "no compelling scientific or medical evidence that would cause us to reconsider the current age limit."

Government spending to be posted online

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday that Americans will now be able to "Google" their tax dollars, as he signed a law to create an online database for tracking about \$1 trillion in government spending on grants and contracts.

The law is aimed at preventing wasteful spending by opening the federal budget to greater scrutiny. The information is already available, but the Web site would make it easier for those who aren't experts on the process to see how taxpayer dollars are being spent.

"Information on earmarks will no longer be buried in the pages of a federal budget bill, but just a few clicks away," Bush said in a signing ceremony. "This legislation will give the American people a new tool to hold their government accountable for spending decisions. When those decisions are made in broad daylight, they will be wiser and they will be more restrained."

The law calls for the Web site to go online by Jan. 1, 2008. It will list federal grants and contracts greater than \$50,000, except for those classified for national security reasons.

"The Web site will allow our citizens to go online, in the name of any company, association, or state or locality and find out exactly what grants and contracts they've been awarded," Bush said.

— Compiled from wire reports

Dow has second-best session ever

Investor optimism grows on positive economic data

By Tim Paradis
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Wall Street surged higher Tuesday, carrying the Dow Jones industrials to their second-best close ever as positive economic data further buoyed a growing sense of optimism among investors. The Dow closed just 53 points away from its record high close.

Stocks, particularly the blue chips, rose after the Conference Board said its consumer confidence index

for September rose more than expected, reaching 104.5 from a revised reading of 100.2 in August. Analysts forecast the index would rise to 103.

Also bolstering investor enthusiasm was a report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond that showed the region's economy strengthened this month. The bank's leading index came in at 9.3 versus 8.1 in August. Jack Albin, chief investment officer with Harris Private Bank, said the market's advance reflects widespread investor enthusiasm and a realization that the Federal Reserve might have room to ease short-term interest rates. The yield on two-year Treasury notes rose to 4.58 percent from 4.54 percent late Monday. The dollar was

inixed against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

The Dow gained 93.56, or 0.81 percent, to 11,669.39, its 11th advance in a row. The Dow's advance put it within range of its high of 11,722.98 set in January 2000.

Broader stock indicators also jumped sharply. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose to a five-and-a-half-year high, gaining 9.97, or 0.75 percent, to 1,336.34 and the Nasdaq composite index rose 12.27, or 0.55 percent, to 2,261.34.

Bonds fell after a sharp rally Monday in what was perhaps some profit-taking. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 4.58 percent from 4.54 percent late Monday. The dollar was

inixed against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Light crude oil settled down 34 cents at \$61.01 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The slide in oil prices this month has given Wall Street investors optimism that consumer spending will hold up even as the economy slows and therefore help protect corporate profits.

Investor sentiment has strengthened since the Fed's August decision to leave interest rates unchanged after a two-year string of 17 straight increases. That enthusiasm became more widespread after the central bank held off again last week, signaling to investors that inflation remained within reasonable limits.

Bringing in the grapes



Schramberg winemaker Craig Roemer demonstrates how to properly pick Chardonnay grapes during the Schramberg harvest camp in Napa, Calif., Aug. 26. Camp Schramberg was started by winery co-founder Jamie Davies as a chef's symposium aimed at food industry leaders. The program has been broadened to include consumers.

Harvest camps put vinophiles in the crush of things

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press writer

CALISTOGA, Calif. — Standing on the sunny crush pad of the Schramberg winery, Lon McEachern was in vinophile heaven.

He'd raised a glass of bubbly to the start of the 2006 harvest and now was sipping fresh-pressed juice gleaned from tubs of glistening green grapes he helped pick in the post-dawn chill.

"Fabulous," he said with a high-wattage grin.

Welcome to crush camp, the dirt-under-the-fingernails experience for the wine lover who wants to be there for the birth of the bottle.

"It's really eye-opening," said McEachern, one of more than two dozen people who recently took part in the annual harvest camp run by Schramberg, a Napa Valley producer of premium sparkling wines.

Camp Schramberg goes back nine years. It was started by winery co-founder

Jamie Davies as a chef's symposium aimed at food industry leaders, but now has been broadened to include consumers.

It is one of a number of behind-the-scenes programs offered in wine country that vary from the luxe Napa Valley Reserve, a year-round club with a six-figure initiation fee, to a first-come, first-served chance to jump in a tub and stomp a few grapes at the Grapes Hills winery during harvest weekends.

For wineries, the programs are a chance to build customer relations. For participants, it's a chance to see the inner workings of harvest.

"It's the excitement of being out in the vineyards and actually doing the work that makes crush camp so much fun," said Wayne Ryan, national education manager for Diageo Chateau & Estate Wines, which runs a four-winery crush camp that includes crushing and blending at the scenic Sterling and Beaulieu vineyards.

"This isn't a seminar about viticulture. It's everybody gets a picking box and a

knife," he said.

Typically, campers also spend time with a winemaker and learn what happens to the grapes after they get picked.

At Schramberg, campers learn how to "riddle" the bottles (turning them to loosen sediment) and make up their own "dosage," a blend added during finishing, for a bottle they'll take home with them. They also get lessons on knowing the cork out of the bottle with a saber, an Old-World tradition.

The program is run in concert with the Culinary Institute of America's California division and had the fee for the three-day event (\$995) fall as a tax-deductible donation for hosting scholarships.

Harvest camps draw all kinds, said Michaela Rodoto, chief executive of St. Supery winery, which runs one-day camps that start with picking and end with blending.

"They seem to be very mixed groups of people who do it for fun, size, shape, basically they do it for fun," she said. "People have such a good time."

Former Enron exec Fastow gets 6 years in prison

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — Andrew Fastow, the mastermind behind financial schemes that doomed Enron Corp., was sentenced Tuesday to six years in prison by a judge who felt he deserved a more lenient term than the decade he had agreed to accept in a plea bargain.

Fastow, the former chief financial officer who cooperated with prosecutors in other cases related to Enron's 2001 implosion, had agreed to serve a maximum 10-year term when he pleaded guilty in 2004.

But the judge said he deserved a lighter sentence because Fastow has been per-

secuted after Enron's failure and because his family has suffered enough. Fastow's wife already has served a year for her role in the scandal.

"Prosecution is necessary, but prosecution was not," said U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt. "These factors call for mercy."

Fastow was taken immediately into custody after he rejected his request to turn himself in later. The judge did allow him to hug his wife, who was seated in the front row of the packed courtroom. They embraced for several seconds before he was taken away in handcuffs.

"I know I deserve punishment," said Fastow, who cried before the sentencing while telling the court he was sorry for what he had done. "I accept it with no regrets."

Fastow must serve all six years because there is no parole in the federal system. He also was sentenced to two years of probation after his release from prison.

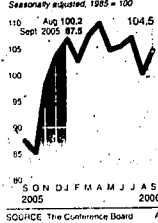
Fastow's attorneys had asked for a lighter sentence, citing Fastow's admission of guilt and his help in the successful prosecution of Enron founder Kenneth Lay and the former chief executive, Jeffrey Skilling.

Enron, once the nation's seventh-largest company, crumbled into bankruptcy proceedings in December 2001 after years of accounting tricks could no longer hide billions in debt or make inflating ventures appear profitable. The collapse wiped out thousands of jobs, more than \$60 billion in market value and more than \$2 billion in pension plans.

Fastow was originally indicted on 98 counts, including fraud, insider trading and money laundering. He pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy, admitting to running various schemes to hide Enron debt and inflate profits while enriching himself. He also surrendered nearly \$50 million in cash and property.

Consumer confidence

The consumer confidence index from a survey of 5,000 U.S. households



SOURCE: The Conference Board

Consumer confidence rises higher than experts expected

By Anne D'Innocenzo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Falling gasoline prices helped ease American shoppers' worries in September, sending a gauge of consumer sentiment higher than analysts expected.

The New York-based Conference Board said Tuesday that its consumer confidence index rebounded to 104.5 from a revised reading of 100.2 in August. Analysts had expected the index to rise to 103. The reading, the highest since July's 107, followed a big dip in August, when employment worries dragged down consumer sentiment.

The private research group's Present Situation Index, which measures how shoppers feel now about economic conditions, rose to 127.7 from 123.3. Its Expectations Index, which measures consumers' outlook over the next six months, rose to 89.0 from 84.4 last month.

"What we are seeing is an easing of concerns. People are becoming less pessimistic, not significantly more optimistic," said Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board Consumer Research Center.

Lower prices at the pump have helped boost consumer sentiment, economists said. Over the past month, the retail price of gasoline fell by 50 cents, or 17 percent, to average \$2.38 a gallon nationwide, according to Energy Department statistics. That is 42.5 cents lower than a year ago, when, which means consumers' outlook over the next six months, rose to 89.0 from 84.4 last month.

Even more important than lower gas prices, according to economists, is that the job market is steady, though consumers still showed some concerns about jobs in the latest consumer survey. Franco said. The government's latest report on employment showed that the jobs bounced back in August, which eased fears that the economy might be slowing too much.

The sentiment was reflected in the stock market on Tuesday, when the Dow gained 93.56, or 0.81 percent, to close at 11,669.39. The Dow's advance put it within range of its high of 11,722.98 set in January 2000.

Falling gasoline prices and a steady job market are good news for retailers as they prepare for the critical holiday season.

In general, shoppers have remained resilient throughout the year — even when energy costs were higher — through some chains like Wal-Mart Stores Inc. that cater to low-income shoppers have blamed higher prices at the pump for slowing sales.

Franco cautioned, however, that although consumers' concerns have eased "there is little to suggest a significant change in economic activity as we enter the final quarter of 2006."

MONEY

As Scenic makes last flight, Elko looking for replacement airline

By Marianne Kobak
For the Times-Herald

ELKO — Scenic Airlines' last flight out of Elko took off for Las Vegas today but the city remains optimistic it will one day entice another airline into providing flights to Reno.

Scenic announced in May that it would discontinue its commercial air service. It had been flying to Reno and, using a federal subsidy, it also was flying to Ely, Nev., and Las Vegas.

The airline discontinued air service to Reno in May. Its flights to Ely and Las Vegas ended today.

The Las Vegas subsidy was recently awarded to Mesa Airlines but Mesa did not include Elko in its flight plan for serving Ely.

Following the loss of the air service, Elko Regional Airport Director Trent

Moyers said the city is working on bringing another commercial airline to Elko.

"They offered a valuable service to Elko," Moyers said. "We hope we can get that service established again in the very near future."

The city has been talking with Big Sky Airlines for service to Reno and Las Vegas.

"Right now we're just in the talking stages," Moyers said. "There is an interest but they're looking at the numbers. It hasn't gone any farther than that."

Moyers said Elko, City Manager Curtis Calder also has been contacting local companies, Northeastern Regional Hospital and the mines to be involved in a task force to assist the city in efforts to reestablish commercial air service between Elko and Reno and other potential markets.

Coeur d'Alene remodels sewage plant to better blend with ritzy neighborhood

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — Officials of this northern Idaho city decided its sewage treatment plant needed a makeover.

The plant was built in 1939 along the lakefront city's shoreline, the lowest elevation available. At that time, it fit in with the working waterfront of lumber mills.

But the last remaining mill is expected to close within three years, and the waterfront has been transformed into some of the city's tizziest and most desirable real estate.

The area includes pricey condos, and plans are to make it into a regional educational hub where, four schools — North Idaho College, the University of Idaho, Idaho State University and Lewis-Clark State College — will offer resources and different levels



Workers build a cover for a clarifier recently at the Coeur d'Alene Wastewater Treatment Plant in Coeur d'Alene.

of degrees to students.

To make the sewage treatment plant fit in, about \$1 million extra is being spent as part of a \$16 million expansion

needed to meet the needs of the growing city. The plant's newest structure looks like a college building with V-shaped windows.

"It doesn't really cost much more" to do nice work, than something without any aesthetic merit," said Donn Hogan, an architect who is designing the sewage plant see that is the expensive part. You can wrap it in anything."

Sid Fredrickson, the plant's wastewater superintendent, told The Spokesman-Review that the expansion includes odor control measures and roofs to keep out birds.

A large berm has also been built to hide the plant from the nearby Harbor Center, where students take classes from the University of Idaho.

"The biggest thing they've done is odor abatement," said Jack Dawson, dean of the University of Idaho Coeur d'Alene. "We have more odor from the mill."

In Montana, cottage industry springs up to help Californians dodge RV tax

By Evan Halper
Los Angeles Times

MISSOULA, Mont. — In addition to its wide-open skies, roaming grizzlies and world-class fly fishing, Montana has another lure for Californians: the prospect of a tax dodge.

Much to the displeasure of California law enforcement officials, Montana has become a haven for motor home owners who prefer not to pay the Golden State's sales tax when they buy their costly coaches. Montana has no sales tax, and recreational-vehicle aficionados are taking a break from their road maps and AAA TripTiks to set up shell corporations in the state.

Doing so allows them to take advantage of loose registration laws — without having to set foot in Montana — and shave perhaps \$20,000 off the cost of

a luxury motor home. Enough Californians are doing it to support a cottage industry in Missoula, where a dozen or so people make a living creating tax avoidance plans for RV owners.

Officials at the California attorney general's office say they believe as many as 10,000 Californians have put Montana plates on their motor homes over the last few years. They base their estimate on comparisons of Montana vehicle records with California addresses.

"We estimate that California has lost over \$160 million to this particular type of fraud," said Deputy Attorney General Robert Morgestor.

And a new law signed by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger last Wednesday, Morgestor said, might make it harder to catch

the cheaters.

Most states make it difficult for nonresidents to get license plates. But Montana lets out-of-staters register vehicles if they own a local limited liability corporation. Setting one up merely requires some simple paperwork and about \$1,300 to cover incorporation costs, registration and attorney fees.

In the riverside university town of Missoula, lawyer John

Bennett is a pioneer in the field of helping Californians avoid their home state's sales tax — as high as 8.75 percent, depending on where the buyer lives. A gregarious Montana native who often brings his Shetland sheepdog to a storefront office on Main Street, he is the nemesis of the California Highway Patrol.

"Every time we get one of these Montana RVs, he was

always the one who set it up," said CHP Officer David Constantini, who runs the California government's CHEATERS Web site. The acronym stands for

Californians Help Eliminate All The Evasive Registration Scrofflaws. Anyone can use the site to report people they believe are driving any vehicle in California illegally.

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THIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Light winds, mostly sunny skies and warm temperatures. Highs in the upper 70s.

Tonight: Mostly clear skies and warmer than normal temperatures. Lows in the middle to upper 40s.

Tomorrow: Continued warm and sunny. Highs near 80, lows near 50.

THIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Light winds, mostly sunny skies and warm temperatures. Highs in the upper 70s.

Tonight: Mostly clear skies and dry conditions. Lows in the middle 40s.

Tomorrow: Warmer than normal temperatures and sunny skies. Highs near 80.

BOISE

The next several days will be very warm and sunny with light winds.

Temperatures will be several degrees above normal with sunny to mostly sunny skies and light winds.

Gregg Middlekauff's quote of the day: "Please understand my friend, that where you find yourself tomorrow is a function of the positive decisions and actions you take today."

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies and warm temperatures. High 77.

Tonight: A little warmer than normal. Low 47.

Thursday: Mostly sunny breezy and very nice. High 80/50.

Friday: A beautiful autumn day. High 79/49.

Saturday: A great day to view the fall colors. High 75/48.

Sunday: Turning breezy and a little cooler. High 71/46.

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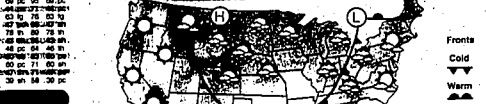
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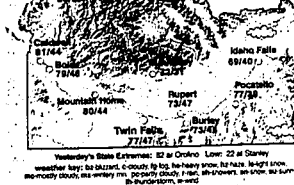


SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.

Building high pressure will make for wonderful autumn weather today, tomorrow and Friday.

Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the middle 40s.

Mostly sunny and mild with light breezy wind and generally clear.



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Cali Cartel leaders enter guilty pleas

WASHINGTON — Two brothers who headed Colombia's powerful Cali cocaine cartel pleaded guilty Tuesday to drug trafficking charges in Miami and agreed to face billions in assets.

The brothers' guilty pleas effectively signal the final blow to the powerful Cali cartel.

In exchange, half a dozen of the brothers' relatives will face prosecution.

But drug trafficking experts and U.S. law enforcement officials say the cartel's defeat began at least a decade ago.

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Supreme Court jumps into dispute over labor-union fees for politics

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to decide whether public employee unions must get special permission to spend some workers' dues on politics.

Among the new cases the Supreme Court announced Tuesday it will consider: What standard to apply when consumers want to hold insurers, banks and other businesses liable for failing to notify them about adverse information.

The dispute is one of nine matters Justices agreed Tuesday to add to the list of cases they will consider in their next term.

The union is the state's largest teachers union, representing teachers and other employees of public schools and colleges.

While some disagree, study favors being disagreeable

It also suggests that those dismissed as grumpy old men and feisty old ladies are often smarter in some ways than the young.

People are just intrigued by the fact that disagreeableness can be a good thing, particularly in old age.

Yet a third group of those over 60 posted results that were superior to their counterparts in age as well as to the younger group.

Yet that doesn't mean that if you're 60 or younger and prone to be pushed around, standing up for yourself more often will ensure you'll hold on to your smarts.

Not everyone is comfortable with the findings. The unfortunate interpretation of Bickel's study is that it's good for older people to be cranky, and I feel that it reinforces those aged stereotypes.

Still, Bickel stands by his findings. In response to Whitehouse's ageist stereotypes assertion, she said, "I would have to disagree. It's just the opposite. The fact that disagreeableness can be viewed as a good thing negates the stereotypes."

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Do-it-yourself champions

Some of Magic Valley's best home improvers

Dozens entered and few were chosen as finalists in our informal champion do-it-yourselfer competition. Here are what we deemed the best home-improvement projects of 2006. These winners scored points for creativity, quick work and cost control.



First place wine cellar

KIMBERLY — A wine aficionado he is not. Franny Florence leaves the tasting to his wife, Betsy. His passion is building things, so it made sense to combine his love of handiwork with her taste for fine wine.

The result: a wine cellar fit for the French countryside. Franny spent about five months building the cellar — a project that took a bit longer than expected. The cellar is detached from their Dierkes Lake-area home, so first Franny built a staircase from the house to the build site. Then the outdoor patio. Finally, cellar construction began, and Franny finished earlier this summer.

The airtight cedar storage room is built against rock that helps keep the temperature inside a near-constant 58 degrees. A temperature-control system serves as backup during extreme heat and cold.

The back wall is entirely exposed basalt. Franny carefully cut the cedar planks to angle around each curve in the protruding rock.

His tools for the project included a saw, a shovel and a hammer. All the labor was manual, except when he rented a small tractor to move dirt. The roof of the cellar is covered in soil and native grasses.



Inside, hooks hold about 125 bottles of wine, though there is space for about 100 more. A chandelier dangles over a small table and chairs. Track lighting showcases bottles on the west wall.

The space is intimate, secluded, cozy — a bit like a homey private cave.

"It's kind of like a man-fort," Franny said last week as he leaned into the cellar from the patio overlooking Hidden Lakes. He spends more time in the cellar than his wife, though not for the wine. The other half of the building is home to Franny's chukars — small, partridge-like birds that he breeds.

"I'm not really a wine connoisseur," he said. "I don't have a sophisticated palate like my wife does. Basically this is my hobby: to physically do stuff."

Honorable mention desert oasis

TWIN FALLS — Mary J. Inman downsized her backyard in 2004 when new watering regulations went into effect in Twin Falls.

Half her yard is Kentucky bluegrass; the other half is desert gravel and dirt.

This summer, Mary finally got serious about landscaping the whole yard. She enlarged the desert area in the backyard's eastern half. She transplanted flowers. She installed two berms.

Mary toled an entire ton of gravel into her backyard using nothing but eight tiny plastic buckets. Next, she installed several dozen feet of black-plastic edging to keep the gravel in place.

Her additions, which cost less than \$200, turned an already cool garden into a backyard oasis. There's a wildflower garden, two large sage bushes, raspberries, strawberries and an aspen stand. In one corner, Mary grows potatoes, beets, carrots and beans in a vegetable garden.

Two compost piles are hidden behind the berry bushes.



In the desert portion, varieties of sage, yucca and agave intermingle with drought-resistant grasses.

The touch-ups were added between March and September, and Mary did all the work herself.

It's paid off, Mary said the new additions attract several species of birds and butterflies that she spies from a porch swing on a patio near the house.

"It's beautiful," she said, "and I love it."



Second place shelving unit

TWIN FALLS — Dale Petersen had a problem.

His wife, Conie, likes to watch TV in bed but has trouble seeing when the TV is on the dresser. To remedy the situation, Dale considered a factory-made shelving unit designed to hold TV sets. But he didn't want to see the cord dangling.

His solution? Custom build a shelving unit that could disguise the cord and was high enough for Conie to see the set.

For just \$36, Dale bought all his materials: a 24-by-24-inch piece of laminated pine, an 8-inch-piece of base pine and two decorative wood brackets. Dale salvaged another piece of pine from his home wood pile.

Dale attached the salvaged piece to a corner in the bedroom that created a slot for the cords to fall through without being seen. He

used the laminated pine (which he routed to match the bedroom's decorative trim) to make the two shelves. The wood brackets became support pieces.

He even had enough wood left to make another shelf for knickknacks.

"It turned out to be a two-week project," Dale said, though he could have finished it in less time. A trip to visit relatives extended the effort to two weekends and a few evening hours.

But the extra time was worth the wait for Conie.

Now she can watch TV without craning her neck. And because it was a custom job, Dale was able to build the shelving unit to match the bedroom decor. The shelves blend in flawlessly without drawing extra attention.

This project was low-cost, practical and creative.



Third place paint job

TWIN FALLS — White is a color Judy MacLean can't stand.

Unfortunately for her, every wall in the Twin Falls home she and her husband, Scott, moved into early in the summer was, indeed, white.

The month after all the furniture was in the house, Judy was at the paint store. Between late May and late August, she coated nearly every room in the home, spending about \$300.

"I went crazy with the paint," Judy said last week.

Green in the entryway. Yellow in the office. Tan and orange in the bedroom. Tan in the bedrooms' vanity area and in a stairwell. And a brownish color called Cookie Crumb in the sitting room.

The most labor intensive — and

scary — space was the kitchen. Judy had the paint store recommend a custom color to match her dishes. The paint pro said she could create the color using a double roller and two paint hues: purple and green. Reluctantly, Judy dipped her double roller into the paint and coated the wall in green and purple stripes.

Horried, she called her mother, who told her that it would look OK after a bit of blending. Judy set to fusing the stripes, and when she was done, the kitchen was coated in an earthy, welcoming tone.

"I actually hated it," she said. But her mother, Scott and a few friends convinced her that the color was just right.

Now, it's her favorite room.

Stories and photos
by Matt Christensen

FOOD & HOME

First-year win

Brothers Derek (pictured in front) and David Jentsch took a leaf from their father's book and a cue from their mother's Utah cousin. They've taken a modest leap into produce. They chose an acre for their test spot and raised some Crimson Sweet watermelons that live up to their name. The melons are slightly smaller, which has been a delight to many customers who can't finish a 20-pounder before it spoils. The brothers' cantaloupes followed right behind, and by now the pumpkins and winter squashes are ready for savory fall meals.

Derek, 18, works on them each weekend when he comes home from BYU-Idaho, where he is majoring in agriculture business. David, 16, attends Minico High School and gets the mid-week duties. They used a greenhouse to get an early start on the season, then black plastic mulch and floating row covers. The row covers act as a mini-greenhouse and protect against certain insects and frost.

The brothers pick pumpkins and winter squashes in several varieties every couple of days, as they are ordered, for maximum freshness. The watermelons are over now, and business has been lively. The Jentschests decided to increase their acreage next year to commercial levels, so watch for news.

—Coreen Hart



Where to buy

You can drop by the Jentsch home at 20106 Fifth St. in Acequia, just a block from the LDS Church. You may place special orders by phoning the brothers at 436-1226 at least a day in advance. They have a bench in front of the house and a drop box for payment. All squashes, pumpkins and cantaloupes are priced by the piece, and purchases are by the honor system. Bring change. Be honorable.

- **Sweeten's Markets** at 723 F St. in Rupert and 113 E. Ellis St. in Paul and Twin Falls. SwenMart at Addison and Washington carry the brothers' products. Stores are open six days a week, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and closed Sundays.
- **John's Market** at 1555 Overland in Burley also carries their products, and cantaloupes usually sell for 89 cents per pound. Store hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Prices fluctuate weekly.
- **Farmer's Corner**, at 202 S. Highway 27 in Burley, carries their pumpkins. The store is open 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

This feature appears weekly in Food & Home. To nominate an individual who produces food in Magic Valley for sale to local consumers, send an e-mail to virginia.hutchins@tee.net with "Local foods" in the subject line.

LOCAL FOODS

The recipe for Fig and Peanut Salad With Arugula and Mint, created by chef Frank Sitt, calls for 12 ripe black, brown or green figs.



Photo: Rick Wenzel/Photo Art

Figs, peanuts bring salad to fruition

The Washington Post

This salad, created by Frank Sitt, the chef-owner of three restaurants in Birmingham, Ala., combines mellow figs and crunchy peanuts with an equally adventurous mix of tender, sweet and peppery greens. The variety of textures and flavors is rounded out by a fruity vinaigrette and fresh mint.

For best results, use a neutral-tasting peanut oil, rather than one made with toasted or roasted nuts.

Adapted from "Frank Sitt's Southern Table" (Artisan, 2004, \$40).

FIG AND PEANUT SALAD WITH ARUGULA AND MINT

4 to 6 servings

- 1 shallot, minced
- 1 scallion, white and tender green parts, finely chopped
- 8 sprigs mint (4 finely chopped, 4 left whole)
- 1 tablespoon raspberry vinegar
- 1/4 cup peanut oil or mild extra-virgin olive oil

Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 bunch arugula, torn into bite-size pieces
1 head Bibb lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces
12 ripe black, brown or green figs, stemmed and sliced crosswise into 4 or 5 slices each
3/4 cup raw peanuts, toasted

In a small bowl, combine the shallot, scallion, chopped mint and vinegar and mix well. Whisk in the oil. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Set the vinaigrette aside.

In a large bowl, combine the arugula and Bibb lettuce. Add the vinaigrette and toss to coat. Arrange the salad on individual plates and top with the figs and peanuts. Garnish with the whole mint sprigs. Serve immediately.

NOTE: To toast the peanuts, spread them on a baking sheet and place them in a 350-degree oven, shaking the pan occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes. Watch carefully because they will burn quickly.

Bakers love this Orange 'Kiss Me' Cake

By Julie Rothman
Special to The Baltimore Sun

Shirley Logosz of Monmouth, Ore., has been looking for a recipe for many years that she thinks originally may have appeared in a Gold Medal flour recipe booklet in the 1950s.

It was for a "most delicious" coffeecake that was made using orange juice concentrate. It had a common crumb-type topping of cinnamon and sugar.

Margaret Powers of St. Augustine, Fla., sent in a recipe she believes may be what Logosz has been looking for. She says it is a very old recipe. This is a simple, moist ney-yeast cake with a nice hint of orange flavor. I recommend using a toothpick to poke holes in the surface of the cake when it is removed from the oven. Then the orange juice concentrate will permeate all the way through and not just sit on the surface.

ORANGE "KISS ME" CAKE

Topping:
1/3 cup sugar

- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

- Cake:**
- 6-ounce can frozen-orange juice concentrate, thawed (divided use)
 - 2 cups flour
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup shortening
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 cup raisins
 - 1/3 cup chopped walnuts

Mix topping ingredients and reserve.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 12- by 5-inch pan. Combine 1/2 cup juice concentrate with other ingredients, except raisins and nuts, in a large bowl. Mix on medium speed for 3 minutes.

Fold in raisins and nuts. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 35 to 40 minutes.

Drizzle the rest of the juice concentrate (1/4 cup) over the warm cake. Sprinkle with the prepared topping.

Cool and cut into squares. Serves 12.

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CSI class on home organization takes place Oct. 11

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is offering a class dubbed "Organize Your Home" from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 11 in Room A06 of the Evergreen Building.

Christy Youd, a professional organizer, will teach students how to organize their homes and everything inside with demonstrations on how to organize paperwork, clothing, games, toys and the like. Participants will be able to be free of clutter and chaos, along

with hours of maintenance, as they cut the time spent dealing with those things by 50 percent, according to class promoters. Youd's seven strategies are meant to ensure things will stay organized.

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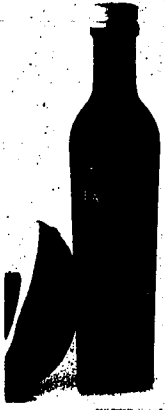
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Beans, mushrooms combine in dish

By Marcia Kramer
The Washington Post

The tenderness of the portobello mushrooms is countered by earthy, plump butter (lima) beans in this vegetarian entree, which finishes with a burst of citrus.

The recipe originally called for fava beans, whose season is short; butter beans make a convincing substitute. Serve with creamy polenta or angel hair pasta.

Adapted from "The Ethical Gourmet," by Jay Weinstein (Broadway Books, \$17.95).

ROASTED PORTOBELLO MUSHROOMS WITH FRESH BUTTER BEANS

- 4 servings
- 1 cup skilleted butter (lima) beans (about 1 pound unshelled) or 1 cup frozen beans
 - 2 tablespoons peanut oil or other vegetable oil
 - 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
 - 4 large portobello mushrooms (each 4 to 5 inches wide), stemmed
 - 1 tablespoon soy sauce (may substitute low-sodium soy sauce)
 - 1 teaspoon honey
 - 1 lemon, quartered

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Have ready a medium bowl of ice water.

Bring a large pot of water to a rapid boil over high heat. Add the beans and cook for 5 to 10 minutes or until tender. Transfer with a slotted spoon to the ice water to stop the cooking. Keep the hot water on the stove to reheat the beans later.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, add the oil and garlic and stir to combine. Place the mushroom caps in a roasting pan or baking dish and brush both sides with the oil mixture, reserving any leftover oil. Roast the caps, gill side up, for 10 minutes or until they begin to sizzle. In a small bowl, combine the soy sauce and honey. Brush the mixture over the gill side, reserving any remaining soy-honey glaze. Roast the mushrooms, keeping the gill side up, for 5 more minutes or until the mushrooms are tender and the cap side has browned.

Just before the mushrooms are done, return the beans to the reserved hot water to warm them through, about 30 seconds.

To serve, place the mushrooms on serving plates, with the cap side up. Drizzle with any remaining garlic oil and soy-honey glaze. Scatter the beans over the mushrooms and squeeze lemon over all. Serve warm.

Best way to make rice pudding

By Leigh Lambert
The Washington Post

Questions: What is a good way to make rice pudding? Every time I make it, it is too hard and not liquidy enough. I add milk, but then it's like rice floating in milk, and if I cook it over the stove it just evaporates.

Answer: My favorite way to make rice pudding is in a crockpot. Take 3/4 cup long-grain rice, 3 cups milk, 3/4 cup sugar and a pinch of cinnamon and salt. Add all ingredients to the crockpot and set on high for 3 1/2 hours. Serve with a dollop of butter or whipped cream.

New and noteworthy

The Washington Post

This summer, we liked cooking with the buttery-tasting extra-virgin avocado oil by Olivado of New Zealand and its four infusions: Chili & Bell Pepper, Lemon, Basil and Rosemary; 250 milliliters, about \$11.99 to \$13.99. See www.olivado.com.

Do you set table with style?

If you bring out the china and the crystal for your dinner parties, we want to hear from you.

As the high season of entertaining approaches, the

Times-News is preparing a story about formal table settings. We want to talk to people who know the right places for the fish fork and the red wine glass — and actually put

them there. If that's you, call Times-News correspondent Blair Koch at 316-2607 or send e-mail to blairkoch@gmail.com.

Cuban cuisine in the spotlight

Times-News

TWIN-FALLS — Sun Valley Resort chef Don Wise will teach a cooking class titled "Cuban Cuisine" from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$40.

"From the Afro-Caribbean-influenced eastern region of Santiago de Cuba to the Spanish-influenced western region of Havana, Cuba's people are as diverse as its food," Rudy's class announcement says. "A truly culturally and racially integrated society, its cuisine draws upon its regionally abundant crops and resources — simple and straightforward yet vibrant and diverse."

The class menu: Cuban black beans, picadillo, arroz con pollo, plantains (various ways) and bread pudding with Key lime caramel glaze.

Wise is a 1972 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America at Hyde Park, N.Y. He spent years working for large resort companies, learning many cuisines. He and his wife owned and operated their own restaurant on the Southwest coast of Florida, and in recent years he was executive chef for the St. Mary Resort at Glacier Park.

"Cuba's people are as diverse as its food." — Rudy's class announcement

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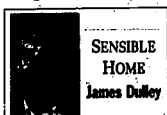
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Check your home's efficiency math

DEAR JIM: I probably need to make energy-saving improvements to my home, but how can I be sure? Also, what are the most common areas to check for inefficiencies in the typical home and can I do it myself?



Close a door on a dollar bill and then pull it out to see how tightly the weatherstripping seals. Test each door in several locations.

DEAR JERRY: If your home is built using typical construction methods and more than 20 years old, you can be pretty certain it is not as energy efficient as it should be. Investing in some energy-improvements would be wise and probably provide a reasonable economic payback.

You can do a simple rule-of-thumb calculation to estimate how energy efficient your home is. If it is inefficient for heating, it is generally just as inefficient when cooling during the summer. This calculation determines how many Btu of energy your house uses per

square foot of floor area adjusted for your climate.

Total all the energy you have used for an entire year. Use your gas and electric utility bills, oil or propane deliveries, firewood; etc. Use the following factors to convert to Btu equivalents: 1 kilowatt-hour of electricity — 3,414 Btu; 1 cubic foot of natural gas — 1,025 Btu; 1 gallon of propane — 91,000 Btu; 1 gallon of oil — 138,700 Btu and 1 cord of wood — 19 million Btu.

Divide the total Btu used by the square footage of your house. Next divide this by the

sum of the heat and cooling degree days for your area. Your local weather service can give you these figures. If the final result is 10 or less, your house is reasonably efficient. If it is between 10 and 20, there is room for improvement. If it is more than 20, your house needs major improvements.

Each house is unique, but in general ceilings account for 15 percent of losses (gain during summer); windows/doors — 26 percent; walls — 13 percent; basement/slab — 11 percent; and air infiltration (leakage) — 35 percent.

Tightening up a home, meaning reducing air infiltration, is a good place to start. Check the weatherstripping on the doors by closing each door on a dollar bill. You should feel some resistance when you try to pull it out. Try this in several locations on each door because resistance will vary.

Check the airtightness of your window weatherstripping. Wait for a windy day and hold a lit candle in several locations around each ceiling penetration, any ceiling paddle or exhaust fans, recessed

lights, etc. If you have a basement, check where the walls rest on the foundation.

Make sure your attic insulation thickness is up to current recommended levels for your area. Since heating and cooling equipment account the majority of your utility bills, have them serviced regularly to be sure they are operating at their maximum efficiency. If they are old, have your contractor do a payback analysis for installing new higher-efficiency models. This will save energy and generally improve your comfort level.

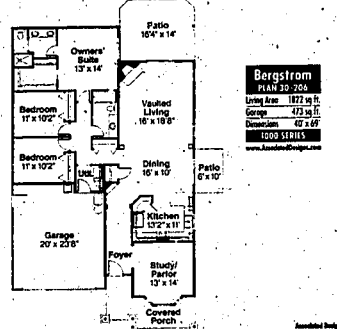
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Heart of the Bergstrom is open and informal

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Square wooden columns resting on tapered river rock bases give a distinctive look to the Bergstrom. Its wide window bay and trio of gables heighten the image of warmth and welcome. The covered porch is more open than most, and practically erect for installation of an old-fashioned wooden swing on the right-hand side.



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That bayed front room can be furnished as a study, parlor, library or whatever suits your fancy. If having a home office fits into your plans, adding interior and/or exterior doors would make this space ideal.

The kitchen is both large and efficient. Sink, stove and refrigerator form a tight work triangle, while counter space wraps around three sides. A step-in pantry boosts storage space, and the short peninsula could be outfitted as an eating bar, if desired.

Sliders in the dining area open onto a small side patio around columns with a high display shelf above, mark the boundary between the dining room and the spacious, vaulted living room. The gas fireplace, nestled in a rear corner, provides warmth and color on dreary days and long dark nights. Nearby sliders access a larger, partially covered patio, also accessible from the owners' suite.

The Bergstrom's centrally located bathroom and laundry room provide sound buffering between sleeping areas and gathering spaces. The pass-through utility room doubles as a mudroom and comes in handy for unloading groceries in the dark or in inclement weather.

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What's the small idea?

More furniture scaled back to fit into tighter spaces

By Annie Greer
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — One of the big trends in today's furniture is small.

Sofas are shorter and chairs are armless. Console tables that fit snugly in hallways or behind couches open up to seat eight for dinner. Beds are being shown with headboards but no footboards, or resting atop storage units. Major furniture chains are promoting lines with names such as Small Spaces and Loft 21 to catch the latest home decor wave.

"We absolutely, positively have scale-sensitive furniture," says Dixon Bartlett, senior vice president of Atlanta-based Storehouse, which last week launched a collection designed specifically "with smaller spaces in mind. Even in the suburbs, there is always that extra small room."

And what's not getting smaller is getting more versatile: pieces designed to work as a kitchen island or a desk, wine storage units that open into buffets; ottomans, which already double as cocktail tables when closed, flip open to reveal a mattress for sleeping or empty space for storage.

Small can mean the vestibule of a Washington condo too tiny for his sofa to pass all the way through, says graphic designer David Hazleton. "The movers finally pulled it out. We ended up taking it back to a friend's house, and I practically had an auction on the porch."

In the past year, the home furnishings industry has responded to those in tight quarters, be they young urban pioneers or downsizing suburbanites, says Cheminne Taylor-Smith, editor in chief of *Interiors*, a monthly magazine that tracks industry trends.

"Baby boomers are almost all becoming empty-nesters, and they look around and say, 'Who needs this space? Who will clean it?' Not only do they have too much furniture, but it's too big to move," Taylor-Smith says.

Savvy manufacturers are shrinking sofas, tables, chairs and chests in several styles, she says: contemporary, traditional but with "less carving and sleeker arms," and transitional, which bridges the two.

"The small-is-not trend" is not coming at the expense of grand furnishings, she notes. "You still have people who want gigantic homes with luxury. Century Furniture last year showed an 18-seater dining table plus a condo line."

That is because "American homes are getting bigger and smaller at the same time. What's going away are the houses in the middle," says Ed Tashjian, marketing vice president for high-end Century in Hickory, N.C.

The company's maiden C11 condo-size collection, which appeared in stores last spring, features 20 scaled-down upholstered pieces, including three sofa styles. To Tashjian, a small couch is 60 inches long and seats three. Standard size



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is 100 to 110 inches and also seats three. "so you are not really giving anything up when you buy a small sofa."

But Douglas Burton, co-owner of Apartment Zero in Washington, offers a narrower definition. "If you are talking about really small spaces, maybe 500 to 600 square feet, then 80 inches might be pushing it," says Burton.

In Burton's terms, small is "a two-seater, which is about 58 inches wide, give or take a few inches. A loveseat is around 44 inches wide, and that holds two very close people — two

lovebirds."

Jackie Hirschhaut is spokeswoman for the American Home Furnishings Alliance in High Point, N.C. "There really is no official barometer that a sofa needs to be a specific number of inches wide to be considered small, medium or large," she says. "In a small space, a loveseat can double as a sofa, and McMansion size can be 100 inches."

Century's best-selling small piece, says Tashjian, is not a sofa at all, but a swivel rocking chair. "It screams condo. You end up having a smaller space:

The dining room and the living room come together without a wall between them. So instead of having two sofas flanking a fireplace, you have four swivel chairs and a large coffee table. The primary reason is to have a conversation pit; the secondary reason is to be able to swivel toward the flat-screen TV."

Those in tiny quarters can trick the eye by using glass-top tables to expose more floor and putting sofas on slender wooden or metal legs so they look less massive, says Jason Claire, co-owner of Vastu, which sells modern furniture in Washington.

Sometimes, vintage pieces work better than new ones, says Lindsay Bierman, executive editor of *Cottage Living* magazine. "A lot of the mid-century modern furniture is well-suited for the small home."

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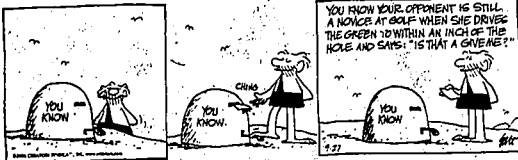
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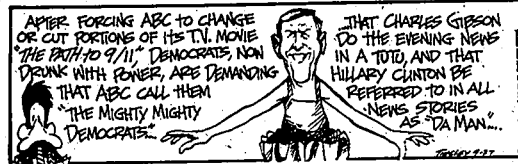
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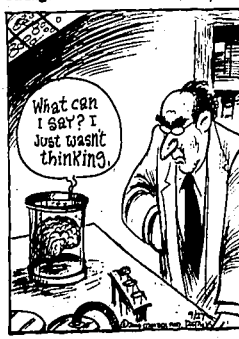
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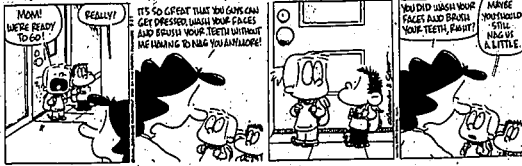
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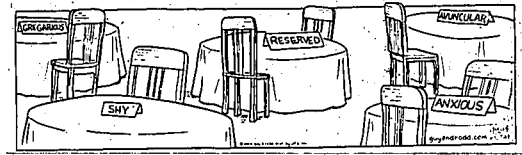
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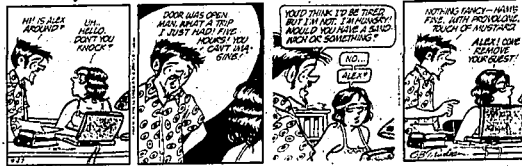
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Some dreams may be too big, Scorpio

IF SEPT. 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You seem to be the "it" kid of the zodiac right now. People only seem to notice your best side and easily overlook your faults: You continue to enjoy favorable reviews and popularity through November, so use this time wisely to interview for a new job, make key changes or commit yourself to a new lifestyle. Relationships rekindled with trust and sincerity, so bind an old love just a bit tighter or make a firm commitment to a new love. Benefit from someone's generosity, ask for favors or receive an unexpected chance to make huge improvements in your life in January.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get psyched! You have the daring-do to accomplish great things. This is an ideal time to seek a firm commitment from a loved one or get a business agreement signed on the dotted line.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Juggle balls in front of a crowd. Your efforts in the career arena will receive notice and those small, necessary touches and details that you add to every project will gain loud applause.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use affirmations. Stand in front of the mirror and say 10 times:

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"I will have fun"; "Everyone loves me"; and "I look great." Amazingly enough, a few minutes of this will probably change your day.

CANCER (June 21-July 23): The world is roiling. Economists may tell us that technology makes it flat, but the fact is if you start marching forward, eventually you will wind up back where you started.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Play your part. The empty theater is just waiting for the lights and actors. Draw the curtains on a new romance, or make a heart-felt commitment. Someone you meet might have star quality.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Trust makes the world go around. When you emit confidence in someone else's abilities, he or she is more likely to prove you right. Make a solid, lasting deal with a handshake.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Run rings around the competition. You might be the wind beneath someone's wings or the light that brightens someone's darkest hour. Love can move to a higher level of commitment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pipe dreams are what spawned the saying, "Put that in your pipe and smoke it." Some of your dreams might be far-fetched, but those that depend upon trustworthily family members could manifest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't despair, panda bear. This is a fine time to make a resolution, meet someone hungry for a long-term relationship or ask for a raise. The sky is the limit on attaining your dreams.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put a positive spin on money matters. Impulsive buying might bring you the perfect thing at the most beneficial time. Get someone's promise while the stars guarantee results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Bring about a long-awaited change. Maybe it's only a lateral move, but at least the water isn't stagnant beneath your feet. You possess more charm than a charm bracelet, so use it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You've got rhythm. If you can embrace your guy or your gal, who can resist anything more? Perfect stars are in place for meeting prospective in-laws, important customers, or for starting a new job.

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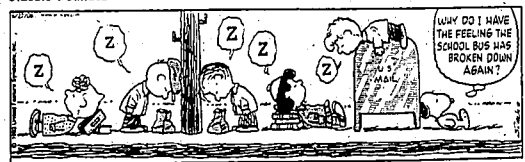
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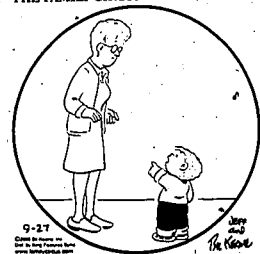
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Woman with sex addiction gets wrong offer of help



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 27-year-old female who has been in numerous relationships in the past. All ended with my being unfaithful or having an overwhelming desire to be. I can't seem to maintain a relationship for more than a short period of time due to this.

I recently sat down and admitted to myself that I am practicing sexually destructive behavior. I know what I'm doing is just plain crazy, but I can't seem to stop. I did some research on sexual addiction and have considered attending meetings to help me get this under control.

The problem is, I told a (male) friend of mine about my problem. It was someone I care about and had a previous relationship with. I was shocked by his response. He said maybe my problem is I've been trying to stifle my desires and I should explore them more — by attending sex parties with him! Was that an appropriate response? Frankly, I don't know. I do know who else to ask about this, as I have not confided in anyone else. Should I cut him out of my life or forgive his ignorance?

—**LOST IN TEXAS**
DEAR LOST: Cross this "friend" off your list immediately. Instead of supporting you, he is attempting to take

advantage of your illness. You had it right the first time. Joining a group that will help you to overcome your compulsions will be a giant step toward healing. Please don't wait, and don't look back!

DEAR ABBY: I am 46 and the mother of two adult children, ages 27 and 29. I am on disability because of multiple sclerosis (MS). I am doing well, but I'm weak and tire easily, and it's important that I avoid stress. Both my parents died within the last five years.

My kids know I inherited money from my parents, and they throw it in my face when I don't pay for things for them. My married daughter believes it is my responsibility to provide money for her to go to college. She has been very nasty to me, including vicious name-calling and screaming. Each phone call ends in a request for money. Now she's refusing me access to my grandkids, and even drove to my house to rip their picture from my walls.

Abby, I have been on disability for several years. I need the money to take care of me. What do you think about adult children who hate me for inheriting? I have no intention of giving into the strong-arm tactics of a married woman.

—**HURT IN ST. LOUIS**
DEAR HURT: Good! Because you shouldn't. Neither of your children has a "right" to a penny of your money — particularly in light of the fact that you need it for your own support. As to your daughter's outrageous behavior... has she always behaved like this? If so, remember this: it is the core of her personality. Giving her money won't change it.

DEAR ABBY: This is the first time I have ever written you, but I'll give your opinion about something. Do you think that good and moral qualities in a person are taught, instilled, or just come naturally to people? I'm talking about things like honesty, optimism, sincerity, tidiness, consideration, charity, fairness, etc.

—**CURIOS IN TEHACHAPI, CALIF.**
DEAR CURIOS: I believe the qualities you mentioned are taught, modeled by parents who set examples for their children to follow. And they are instilled when a child is very young.

Writers have long history with post office

Writers Charles Bukowski and Richard Wright had both been mail carriers. William Faulkner did them one better — that southern man of letters was the postmaster of Oxford, Mississippi.

This day in history: Glenn Miller disbanded his famous big band after a last performance on Sept. 27, 1942, in Passaic County, N.J., shortly before Miller entered the Army Air Corps. Three years later, his plane disappeared over the English Channel and neither he nor his trombone were heard from again.

Although most moon craters are named after famous mathematicians, physicists or astronomers, some recent additions have included famous literary and arts names like John Milton (poet), Louis Daguerre (photographer) and Benvenuto Cellini (artist).

Poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was a direct



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Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

Walter spelled his last name "Telegah."
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In his time, pirate and tobacco-pusher Sir Walter Raleigh was also a renowned poet. Historians also note that

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Teddy bear found at fault in 2,500 trout deaths

MILFORD, N.H. — A teddy bear has been implicated in 2,500 deaths — trout deaths, that is.

State officials say a teddy bear that fell into a pool at a Fish and Game Department hatchery earlier this month clogged a drain. The clog blocked the flow of oxygen to the pool and suffocated the fish.

Hatcheries supervisor Robert Fawcett said the bear, dressed in yellow raincoat and hat, is believed to be the first stuffed toy to cause fatalities at the facility.

"We've had pipes get clogged, but it's usually with more naturally occurring things like a frog or even a dead muskrat," he said. "This one turned out to be a teddy bear and we don't know how it got there."

The deaths prompted Fawcett to release a written warning: "RELEASE OF ANY TEDDY BEARS INTO THE FISH hatchery water IS NOT PERMITTED."

Repo man picks up car and 4-year-old girl

LEAD, S.D. — A 4-year-old girl who slept in a car while her mother ran an errand was taken for a ride when a repo man who didn't notice the child in the back seat claimed the vehicle, police said.

The mother thought the car was stolen and quickly called 911, said Police Chief John Wainman. Officers investigating the case learned that the car had been repossessed. Police contacted the repo company, and the girl was returned to her mother. Wainman said the

Odds & ends

seizure on Wednesday was legal, but repossession companies are supposed to notify police before taking a vehicle to avoid unnecessary phone calls and investigation. He said the repossession company employee did not check the vehicle thoroughly before taking it.

Similar incidents have been reported before, most recently

in Pennsylvania. In September, a mother reported that her car had been stolen from in front of her home and that her son was inside the vehicle. Authorities said the woman had strapped the child into his booster seat, then went back inside her home to make a phone call.

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FOOD & HOME

You can adjust the heat in this curry dish

By Marcia Kramer
The Washington Post

There's only a small amount of garam masala in this curry dish, and, as is customary, it is not added until just before serving. But many of the spices that constitute garam masala are included in a paste that infuses the chicken with its pungent flavor. For convenience, we've substituted prepared coconut milk for grated, soaked and strained coconut.

We're giving a wide range of chili peppers so you can achieve a sweet-heat balance you're comfortable with. If you can stand the heat, use all 10 chili peppers and don't discard the seeds from some of them.

Too much heat? Dilute the sauce with water.

Serve with basmati rice. Adapted from "50 Great Curries of India," by Carollina Panjabli, a 1986 book that has just been released in paperback by Kyle Books.

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4 to 6 servings

- 5 to 10 red chili peppers, seeded and coarsely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1 teaspoon coriander seeds
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds
- 3 whole cloves
- 6 black peppercorns
- 1-inch cinnamon stick, broken into pieces (may substitute 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon)
- 3 cardamom pods
- 3/4-by-1/2-inch piece ginger root, peeled with a spoon

- and coarsely chopped
- 4 large cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
- 3/4 cup onion, coarsely chopped
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 6 skinless, bone-in chicken thighs (about 1 3/4 pounds)
- 2 medium tomatoes, seeded and finely chopped

- Salt
 - One (13 1/2-ounce) can unsweetened coconut milk
 - 1 teaspoon cider vinegar
 - 1/2 teaspoon garam masala
- Place the chili peppers, cumin, coriander, sesame seeds, cloves, peppercorns, cinnamon stick, cardamom, ginger, garlic and onions in a food processor.

Pulse, scraping down the sides as necessary, to form a paste (don't worry if it isn't smooth), adding 1 to 2 table-

spoons water if necessary. Set aside.

Heat the oil in a medium pot over medium to medium-high heat. Add the spice paste and cook, stirring, for about 5 minutes. Add the chicken and cook for 5 minutes, turning once, until brown on both sides. Add the tomatoes and salt to taste and cook for 5 minutes.

Add the coconut milk and reduce the heat to medium-low so that bubbles just break the surface.

Cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 to 15 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through (an instant-read thermometer inserted into a piece of chicken should register 165 degrees). Add the vinegar and garam masala. Taste and adjust seasonings. Serve immediately.

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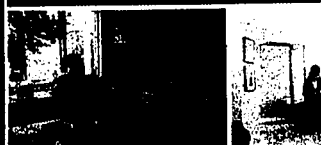


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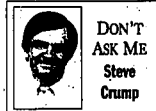
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Wait 'til he gets the bill

I was sitting in a French restaurant with my wife last weekend, enjoying a glass of wine. A couple walked in and the maître d' seated them at the next table.

She was gorgeous — and dressed to the nines. He was tucked out in baggy jeans and high-topped Nikes with the laces untied. His shirttail was out and he was wearing an International Harvester baseball cap with a sweat-stained brim.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

They ordered wine, and then frog's legs — an appetizer that is internationally renowned as the essence of Gallic 'ude. For the main course, he called for boeuf bourguignon (braised beef in red-wine sauce); she had moules marinières (mussels in wine sauce). For dessert, they shared tarte aux abricots et aux mandarines (apricot almond tart) and some tawny port.

Their tab must easily have come to \$150. And the International Harvester cap stayed on the fellow's head the whole time.

Their tab must easily have come to \$150. And the International Harvester cap stayed on the fellow's head the whole time.

So as a lifelong Idahoan and a onetime resident of Chubbuck, I put this question to you: Is a Spudhead ever required to take off his hat?

Am I thinking not. If a guy can't bring himself to go bareheaded in a snooty French restaurant, then why should he take off his hat at a funeral — even his own?

Certainly a wedding is not just cause for doffing one's Stetson. I've been to cowboy weddings — so have you — at which the hats obviously cost more than the wedding dress.

But those were Western hats — considered semiformal attire in Idaho. Are there actually guys out there tying the knot while wearing seed-company caps?

It's a distinct possibility. Here in Rockchuck Acres, I've encountered emergency room doctors on duty wearing caps, barbers wearing caps, vendors of tuxedos wearing caps.

I used to think such behavior was simply a ruse for disguising impending baldness, but the reality is that a substantial percentage of Idaho men under 35 — and guys between 14-35 are the prime cap-buying demographic — have already shaved off most of their hair.

I got to thinking there must be a more insidious influence, like — say — country music. So I called up the Billboard magazine Web site and looked up the Top 10 male Nashville record-selling artists at the moment. Then I went to Google, the Internet Search engine, and did an

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— Scott Rogers, campus recreation coordinator at CSI

A gem of a gym



People are reflected in the window of the basketball court and running track as others use the weight room at the new student recreation center on the campus of CSI. The center is already at capacity only six months after opening.

CSI's new recreation center attracting more students, community members

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The college's new recreation center may be one of the best-kept secrets on campus, and some people hope it stays that way.

The new Student Recreation Center at the College of Southern Idaho opened about six months ago, and CSI officials are surprised at the number of students and community members already using the facility.

"Previously, we didn't have any statistical data of what the number of people would be using the center," said Scott Rogers, campus recreation coordinator at CSI. "But we now have a computer system to track those numbers, and by far, those numbers have surpassed what we thought."

In August, when many students were still returning to school, the center reported more than 2,000 visits, and in this month, the center's attendance more than doubled with more than

Joining the gym
Residents also can join the gym. Cost is \$200 a year or \$100 a semester. Other prices apply for couples, children and seniors. For more information, call 733-9554, ext. 3477

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4,200 visits as of Tuesday. And this year, 175 faculty and staff members are using the center. Last year, there were less than 20.

Rogers said with winter approaching, the busiest months are still ahead.

"The first day of the year is going to be busy with people moving their workout indoors, students returning to school and all the New Year's resolutions," he said.

There are 1,300 people with memberships to the recreation center, which includes more than 70 non-students.

The 24,000-square-foot facility has one full basketball court, an elevated track, two racquetball courts, various exercise rooms and both cardio and weight-training equipment.

The college recently bought \$60,000 in equipment, which will replace

some of the older equipment — especially now that they are not sharing the facilities with CSI athletic teams.

"The biggest benefit is that you don't have to wait for the teams to leave before students can start lifting," said Damien Mitchell, a sophomore at CSI who uses the recreation center at least six days a week.

"Before, you had to either wait for the (players) to finish, or ask the coaches for permission to use the weights."

But with all the benefits of the new recreation center, Rogers said the college doesn't want to make it for fear of overcrowding.

"This is still a place for students that is paid for with student fees, and we're not going to take that away," he said.

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Accused shooter charged

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Buhl man who turned himself in Monday after allegedly firing a shotgun blast into a man's left leg inside his home has been charged with aggravated battery.

Gregg N. Bedke, 28, was arraigned in court Tuesday afternoon on one count of aggravated battery with a weapon, a misdemeanor.

A judge set his bond at \$250,000.

The victim, Nick Nickelson, also of Buhl, was reportedly shot below his knee and was taken to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Aggravated battery with weapons enhancement is an appropriate charge for a non-fatal shooting, said Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb. The charge carries the same maximum punishment as an attempt to murder charge.

Bedke's preliminary hearing is scheduled for Oct. 6.

Triplet calves born, defying longshot odds

The Associated Press

PRINCETON — Odds-defying triplet calves, a heifer and two bulls, that were born to a north-central Idaho ranch are healthy and growing, said the rancher and Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine employee who found them in his pasture.

Experts at the school in neighboring eastern Washington say the odds of triplets born to beef cattle are about 1 in 105,000.

"I couldn't believe it," said Mike Carpenter, who with his wife, Gayle, raises registered Simmental beef cattle about four miles south of this Latah County town near the north slopes of Moscow Mountain.

Carpenter is also a herds manager at the vet school at Washington State.

"I don't want too many of these," he said, after finding the calves last week. "Once is enough."

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Chef pledges to fight bank fee

By Matthew Brady
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — Beware a man with a sharp knife and a sharper wit. Kirt Martin, owner/chef of the Snake River Grill in Hagerman, possesses both and he's ready to use at least one of them in his fight with a local bank.

It all began with a \$5 fee U.S. Bank began charging his employees to cash their paychecks, even though they are drawn on a U.S. Bank account.

"It really hurt my feelings, to be honest with you," Martin said. "Good Lord, people. Come on."

The bank is the only one in town. "We run all our payroll, all our business through them, which is a lot for us but probably not for them," he said.

A U.S. Bank spokeswoman was friendly but immovable Tuesday about the fee.

"If they become customers, it's free," said Jennifer Wendt from U.S. Bank's corporate office in Minneapolis. An account can be opened with \$100, with no minimum balance after that, she said. That's not good enough for Martin.

"We run all our payroll, all our business through them, which is a lot for us but probably not for them."

— Kirt Martin, Snake River Grill owner

"Why should they have to when I'm in a little town and there's only one bank?" he said. "They've got us cornered."

Wendt said the fee helps cover the risk of cashing a bad check.

"We don't know if it's a fraudulent check or not," she said. "Even if it's drawn from us, we don't know for sure."

Martin, a Paris-trained chef who moved to Hagerman about 12 years ago, has 26 employees and a loyal customer base.

"He's going to keep fighting the fee. 'I'm going to push this all the way,'" he said. "Just because I'm a little guy in a little town with a little business."

Matthew Brady is city editor of the Times-News. He can be reached at (208) 735-3234 or mbrady@magicvalley.com.

Forest Service fans flames to help Sawtooth's aspen

Times-News

STANLEY — Conifers and undergrowth will be burned this week in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area to make way for aspens.

As early as Friday, the Forest Service will conduct a controlled burn one mile southeast of Smiley Creek in the Pole Creek area.

"Of course, this all depends on weather conditions," said Matt Filbert, fuels planner for the SNRA. "Our plan is to burn an area approximately 230 acres in size. We want to kill most of the conifer trees and old aspen in this area. Doing this will result in profuse sprouting of aspen, leading to a stronger, healthier stand of aspen trees."

Last October, weather conditions allowed fire managers to successfully burn approximately 80 acres within the designated area. The area burned has had one full growing season and

according to Filbert, "the sprouting of grasses and forbs is impressive."

People traveling through the Sawtooth Valley in the vicinity of the burn are advised that smoke could affect visibility on Highway 75. This will be especially true in the evening and early mornings when smoke may blanket low-lying areas.

The Forest Service encourages people who plan on hunting in this area to avoid the area during the time the fire is being ignited. The area is very small and should not affect many hunts.

Aspen trees are an important part of the forest. Aspen is used for nesting by 13 different species of birds.

In addition, aspen is used for forage by deer and elk. Grouse also feed on aspen buds. One of the most common benefits of aspen is the magnificent color they display in the fall.

OBITUARIES

Verle Nelson Anderson

BRIGHTON CITY, Utah — Verle Nelson Anderson, 86, died peacefully in Brighton City, Utah, on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006.

She was born on April 18, 1920, in Mantua, Utah, the 11th child of Ferdinand and Christina Olsen Nelson. She married Carlyle H. Anderson on Aug. 24, 1937.



Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple on July 30, 1943. Carl died Oct. 20, 1995 in Elma, Idaho. She was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Surviving are two daughters, Gayle McMill and Karla (Gary)

Ferguson; three grandsons; one great-grandson; three great-granddaughters; two stepchildren, Sylvia Knight and Gregory (Doby) Hogue, one brother-in-law, Keith (Cloc) Anderson; two sisters-in-law, Madge Anderson and Eloise Marineau; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased in death by her parents; one son, Lamonte; four brothers; six sisters; and one stepister.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at the Gillies Funeral Home, 634 E. 200 S., Brighton City, Utah.

The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel. Interment will be at the Mountain Cemetery.

You may e-mail condolences to the family at www.gilliesfuneralchapel.com.

Marlene Hutchinson

BUILI — Marlene Hutchinson passed away Sept. 23, 2006, at her home after a struggle with cancer. She was 39 years old.



She was born March 15, 1976, to Joseph A. and Marjorie C. Hutchinson.

Marlene was a member - all her life of Buhl 1st ward in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was the unofficial greeter to everyone at church with her ready smile and friendly way. Officially, she assisted in the nursery and supervised the hymn books in Relief Society.

Marlene especially loved birthdays, and she had a special gift of remembering everyones birthday with great joy. Likewise, she welcomed the newborn calves into the world

and enjoyed caring for them. None of us will be able to watch NFL football without thinking of Marlene and her passion for the game. She enjoyed the local football games, as well. She loved a good competition in just about every sport. Marlene is the youngest of 12 children.

Survivors are her father: sisters, Debra (Hutchinson) Richards and Janee (Hutchinson) Graham; and eight of her nine brothers, Monte, Marshall, Wesley, Bob, Roland, Jeff, David and Wayne Hutchinson. She has numerous nephews and nieces, whom she dearly loved. She was preceded in death by her mother; a brother, Nell; and her grandparents, William and Edith Hutchinson and Roy and Nona S. Crow.

The service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, with a final viewing preceding the service beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Buhl LDS Chapel on Main Street.

The family wishes to thank Visions Hospice for their fine care of Marlene.

Jeffrey David Swain

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Jeffrey David Swain, 27, died unexpectedly on Monday, Sept. 18, 2006.



He was born March 21, 1979, in Pocatello, Idaho, the son of David Jordan and Nancy Ruth (Neale) Swain.

Jeff was a graduate of Union High School in Tulsa as well as Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. He was employed as a systems analyst for Advanced Alarms in Broken Arrow, Okla.

He is survived by his fiancée, Julia Peck, and her daughter, Jaylynn Peck; his parents, Dave and Nancy Swain of Twin Falls, Idaho; his brother, T.J. Swain of Tulsa, Okla.; his grandmother, Mrs. Edith H. Swain of Twin Falls, Idaho, as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Church of the Ascension or the charity of your choice.

Ricky Lee Ring

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



Ricky served in the U.S. Army for 20 years. He fell in love with his wife, Shirley, in 1954. They were married on March 2, 1965.

They were blessed with 23 years of marriage and four children.

Ricky loved to ride the open road on his Harley Davidson.

He loved to joke and have fun with his family and many friends.

He is survived by his children, Erica Ring, Jay (Brandt) Ring, Robyn (Kenneth) Mullins and Tony (Sonja) Ring; 11 grandchildren, Camden, Bailey, Autumn, Dan, Sierra, Taylor, Shelby, Danna, Ricky, Keaton and Savannah. Ricky was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley.

A memorial service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the Jerome Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Melba 'Lucille' Wolff

RUPERT — Melba 'Lucille' Wolff, 71, of Rupert, passed away Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at Country Side Care and Rehabilitation in Rupert.



Lucille was born Aug. 23, 1935, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Gerald Alson and Melba Irene Ambrose.

Lucille was a lady that enjoyed life, especially with grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She had a unique hobby of collecting antique dolls and making porcelain dolls. She has been a great wife, mother and grandmother, which was her greatest honor, and she will be greatly missed.

Lucille is survived by her

husband, Elmer Wolff; one son, Mike (Chris) Wolff; sisters, Darlene Parker, Janine (Jim) Gordon, and Sharel (John) Kerr; one aunt, Doris Yost; grandchildren, Phillip (Nicole) Wolff, Stephanie (Patrick) Williams and Ty Grant; great-grandchildren, Aleiya and Aedin Wolff and Kadince Williams; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gerald Alson Ambrose and Melba Irene Hyde (Anderson); grandparents, George and Josephine Hyde; and six aunts and uncles.

A graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Rupert Cemetery, with Pastor Jerry Steele officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Owen S. Sheen

PAUJ — Owen Scott Sheen, 55, of Pocatello, died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, at the Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello after an extended illness.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at the Hansen Mortuary & Burial Church, 127 S. 950 W. in Paul, with Bishop Stephen officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, at his home in Buhl. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Calvary Assembly of God Church on Fruitland Avenue in Buhl.

Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Lee C. Fillmore

SALEM, Ore. — Lee C. Fillmore, 90, of Salem, Ore., and formerly of Burley, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006.

Arrangements were under the direction of the V. Gill T. Golden Funeral Service.

Wendell Lemmons

BUILI — Wendell Lemmons, 82, of Buhl, died

SERVICES

Lavern Laughlin of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Terry Ann (Cristina) Olson Funk of Kingston, Wash., and formerly of the Magic Valley area, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Resdown Park Memorial Gardens, 2854 S. Fifth Ave. in Pocatello; celebration of life will follow at the Union Labor Temple, 456 N. Arthur Ave.

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ENGAGEMENT

SEVERE-HENRIKSON

BURLEY — Boyd and Thelma Severe of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Isha Severe, to Matt Henrikson, son of Janet Suttle of Nampa and son of Janner of Rupert, and Dan Henrikson of Cascade.



Michelle Isha Severe and Matt Henrikson

Severe is a 2001 graduate of Minico High School. She graduated with honors in May from Boise State University with a bachelor's degree in health information management and a general business minor. She is employed with Saint Alphonsus Medical Group - Internal Medicine in Boise.

Henrikson is a 2001 graduate of Minico High School. He is employed at Air Van Logistics, a company contract-

ed through Hewlett Packard in Boise. The wedding is planned for 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Burley Baptist Church. A reception to honor the couple will be held immediately following the ceremony at the same location.

Assisted living center holds Alzheimer's Awareness Fair

BURLEY — Rosetta Assisted Living at 1919 Hilland Ave. will hold an Alzheimer's Awareness Fair at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday.

The cost is \$10 per person. Those planning to attend should call ahead to 677-5451. The center is still in looking for vendors who want to come

sell their crafts or baked goods at the event. There will be no booth fee. Classes will also be held on Alzheimer's disease.

Advertisement for Sunset Memorial Park & Cemetery: 'We're More Than Just a Cemetery'. Chris Baker, Curma Hamby. Sunset Memorial Park & Cemetery, Twin Falls • 733-5743

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Crump

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Imagine search of those 10 men.

I found lots of pictures of Nashville artists in cowboy hats, but only one — of Rodney Atkins — in a baseball cap.

So are young men just fans of the cap-wearing sports? Not that you'd notice.

According to a 2005 Harris Poll, 14 percent of American sports fans say baseball is their favorite pastime; 4 percent say it's golf.

Clearly, males — and young Idaho men in particular — simply wear baseball caps everywhere because they can.

Which is not to say that they should.

Remember the guy in the French restaurant who was so intent on protecting the top of his head from all that subdued, atmospheric lighting? I walked right past him in the parking lot, and apparently he enjoyed his beef hour-guignon so much that he was still wearing most of it on the bill of his cap.

Hope he changed hats before breakfast.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at crump@magicalvalley.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

GOODING REUNION



The 50th class reunion for Gooding High School was held Sept. 8-10 with 67 classmates and spouses attending. The event included a social get-together, dinner, memorial services for 15 deceased classmates and a farewell brunch. Pictured from left to right in the back: Ed Mintun, Clyde Pettit, Jack Roy, Larry Robertson, Al Michaels and Ron Hoodenapple; fourth row: Jim Wright, Royce Chigbrow, Walter Bickett, Joan Muffrey, Carol Bliss Hayes and Lawrence Calkins; third row: Gary Osborne, Donna Simonton Lancaster of Idaho Falls, Mary Lou Graves Roy of Wendell, Sharon Copeay McCall of Junction City, Ore., Elaine Brown Walker of Boise, Carma Young Allen, Betty Shindlerfeldt, Thelma Stevens Owings and Donita Adams Lawcraft; second row: Virginia Laughlin Harding, Karen Oelkey Blair, Carol Lee Dille, Colleen St. Clair Carlson, Donna Vary Lawson and Coral Bliss Clemens; front: LeRoy "Burr" White, Lynn Gaskley Dyer, Louise Becker Eirin, Eileen Maestas Varin, Mary Asplatter Fields, Jeanette Carlson Moline, Peggy Gee Laruse and Shirley Becker Beisel. Not pictured was Wayne Croce.

Hospital foundation starts planning for holiday event

GOODING — The Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation is presenting the 2006 Festival of Trees beginning Dec. 7 at the Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind, Round Building at 202 14th Ave. W. All proceeds from the festival are used by the foundation to help with scholarships, tuition assistance and to enhance hospital services.

The theme for the 2006 gala is "Christmas Memories." Festival Chairman Cyndi Hoekstra has planned a meeting for committee chairmen at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 3 at the Gooding Hospital Conference room.

"A lot of planning has already been done. Some new things have been added and some old things have been changed," said Hoekstra. One new addition is a wreath-making class on Dec. 8.

Those interested in volunteering in any capacity are asked to call Hoekstra at 934-5760.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge results announced

GOODING — Gooding Duplicate Bridge released its results for Sept. 22.

Section A: First, Riley Burton and Joe Blackford; second, Henry Robinson and Barbara Burk; and third/fourth: (tie) Jeanne McCombs and Max Thompson and Don and Lorna Barn.

Section B: First, Don and Lorna Barn and second, Carma and Cecil Davidson. Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. For partnership information or directions to the Senior Center, call Kathy Rooney at 934-9732.

Community School parents sponsor annual barn sale

SUN VALLEY — The parent's association of the Community School of Sun Valley is holding its annual barn sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 30 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Sagewillow Barn.

Held in a converted barn with more than 20,000 square

feet of space, the sale features thousands of items, including antiques, furniture, collectibles, designer clothing, toys and many other bargains.

Admission on Sept. 30 is \$2. Sunday features the bag sale, with each bag of items costing \$5. Proceeds go to the Community School Scholarship Fund. Call 622-3551 for more information and directions.

Planning meeting set for people wanting to tour NYC

BUHL — David A. Blazkiewicz of the West End Theatre Co. will host a meeting for anyone interested in taking a tour of Broadway and New York City during spring break 2007. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Buhl High School Auditorium. The tour is open to high school stu-

dents, family, friends, and teachers. For more information, call 490-1992.

Quick Books classes offered in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center is offering two types of Quick Books classes for entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Quick Books Point of Sale will help participants understand point of sale systems versus simple cash register to help track inventory, customer history and vendor information.

Class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday in Room C93 of the CSI Evergreen building. Cost is \$25.

Quick Books Pro 2006 Level 1 is designed for beginners

with little or no knowledge of the program. Participants will learn how to set up a company, navigate the program, use lists, pay bills, invoice customers, reconcile bank accounts and pay employees.

Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 5 to 19. The fee is \$75.

For more information, contact Sherry Hult at 732-6455 or at srstue@csi.edu.

Calves

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Neighbors are visiting with cameras. Professors at the vet school say they've only seen triplets in dairy cows.

But that's not the most amazing thing about last week's phenomenon, says Ahmad Tibary, a professor of large animal breeding and obstetrics at WSU.

"The most exceptional thing about these triplets is that all are doing well," Tibary said. Keeping the newborn animals alive wasn't easy, Carpenter said.

When the Carpenters found them, two of the triplets had apparently already nursed on

their mother, but the third was lying down and needed help.

They fed it frozen colostrum, or early mother's milk, colostrum pills, milk from other cows — and did their fair share of worrying over the tiny, 30-pound heifer calf — to keep it alive. They let this smallest of the triplets nurse on an obliging young cow with a single calf of her own.

But the heifer calf, named "Yesterday," will start to bawl within a few minutes of being separated from any of her triplets, the couple said.

"Today" and "Tomorrow," the two bull calves, will be kept as potential breeders, Mike Carpenter said.

The outlook isn't so rosy for "Yesterday," because heifers, when part of a multiple birth involving bulls, are very often sterile, he said, and such "freemartins" shouldn't be kept as breeding stock.

AUCTION CALENDAR

Auction calendar listing various events through October 7th, including Mustard Auction Yard, Musser Bros. Auctioneers, Idaho Auction Barn, KLAS Auction Barn, and Masters Auction Service.

BAR Wranglers advertisement for a performance at Roper Auditorium on Friday, October 13. Proceeds will benefit the O'Leary Jr. High Band Instrument Scholarship Program.

ESTES ASSOCIATES AUCTION advertisement for a Marcotte Living Estate Auction on Saturday, September 30, 2006. The auction includes a tractor, pickup, and various household items.

Keep up with the auctions. You never know what you'll find! Advertisement for Times-News Magic Valley Classified sections, including contact information for Jill Hollon and the website magicvalley.com.

WEST/IDAHO

Microsoft scrambles to release fix for Internet Explorer flaw

By Allison Linn Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. rushed out a fix Tuesday for a security flaw in its Internet Explorer Web browser after attackers had begun exploiting the vulnerability to take control of computers.

The Boston-based software maker said it was putting out the fix ahead of the next scheduled security fix release date on Oct. 30 because of the severity of the problem. The flaw carries Microsoft's highest "critical" rating.

The vulnerability in Microsoft's browser is particularly worrisome to security experts because computer users could come under attack just by visiting a Web site that had been manipulated to take advantage of the flaw. That, in turn, would give an attacker complete control of a user's computer, including access to e-mails, personal information and other data.

Johannes Ullrich, chief technology officer with the security research organization SANS Institute, said it appears that a couple of thousand Web sites have already been manipulated to launch such attacks. The attack also seems to be spreading via e-mail, he said.

Steven Toussaint, senior product manager in Microsoft's security technology unit, said Microsoft had only seen very limited attacks since the flaw became public a little over a week ago. But he said the activity was enough to prompt the company to release the update ahead of schedule.

"What we're seeing from our end are very specific, limited attacks," he said.

Suburban California homes turned into high-tech marijuana hothouses

By Don Thompson Associated Press writer

ELK GROVE, Calif. — Leon Nunn stepped out his front door one recent afternoon only to be waved back by a squadron of drug agents using a battering ram on a neighbor's home.

The half-million-dollar home in the quiet subdivision was found to be stuffed with high-grade marijuana plants, growing in soil-free trays under bright lights.

More than 40 similar busts have been reported over the past two months in neighborhoods in and around Sacramento, exposing what has become a new battleground in California's battle against marijuana cartels.

Pot growers with suspected ties to Asian organized crime in San Francisco have been buying suburban homes to the east because of the anonymity the neighborhoods offer, and because the houses are relatively affordable by California standards. The owners then they close the blinds and convert the homes into marijuana hothouses.

"We had no idea. I was shocked," said Nunn, an associate minister at Elk Grove's Progressive Church of God in Christ. "We never saw them or heard from them. It was just a real quiet house on the block."

The Nunn's have since installed security lights and cameras and said some of their neighbors are talking about moving away.

"Now we're just suspicious every time we see something around here," said the minister's wife. "Some people with this much money, you don't expect those things to happen."

Until now, West Coast law enforcement agencies have been more concerned about large-scale outdoor marijuana gardens, which often are planted in public forests or parks by Mexican drug cartels.

The Drug Enforcement Agency saw a 50 per-cent



Tom and Marilyn Smith on Wednesday describe living across the street from a home that was used as a site for growing marijuana in Elk Grove, Calif.

increase nationwide in indoor operations in 2005 from the year before, said Candon Taylor, who heads the Drug Enforcement Administration region in central and Northern California.

Growing marijuana indoors has certain advantages. The operations cannot be spotted by an airplane or a hunter, and the plants can be grown year-round.

Police from Sacramento to Stockton, about 10 miles to the south, are busting in dozens at homes virtually every day as they develop new leads or are tipped by suddenly wary neighbors.

"I've been doing this almost 20 years, and I have never seen this many indoor grow operations in such a small area in such a short period of time," Taylor said. "Some people might characterize it as an epidemic."

The home on Elk Grove's Mainline Drive had 1,000-watt lights, as well as high-tech hydroponic growing systems.

Walls and ceilings were smashed to allow for complex ventilation and filtration systems that vented the telltale odor of pot through the attic. A web of extension cords and makeshift electric panels was used to illegally tap into the outside grid to avoid detection and save thousands of dollars in expenses.

Most of the targeted homes

were bought for between \$100,000 and \$200,000. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent to convert each of them to grow millions of dollars worth of marijuana.

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Brady and Otter speak out about canned elk hunts

BOISE (AP) — The debate over so-called canned elk hunts in the state has Idaho's candidates for governor exchanging fire.

Democratic candidate Jerry Brady called a news conference Tuesday at the Boise Zoo, calling for a ban on the hunts of big game animals on fenced-in grounds.

"Canned hunts are ruining the American heritage of public access to wildlife," Brady said in a statement. "They signal a return to an elitist, European system of land ownership where people have to pay to hunt. This is not a trend Idaho should follow."

He also gave time at the news conference to former Fish and Game Commission Chairman Fred Christensen, who accused Otter of flip-flopping on the issue.

"Otter is talking out of both sides of his mouth; he told sportsman groups that he is opposed to canned hunts, but also told game farm people he will support them," Christensen said.

Otter, meanwhile, issued a statement Tuesday afternoon saying that he would support a ban but wouldn't push for it, and that private property must be protected.

"In the case of elk hunting operations, my position has never been to seek their closure. However, I would support the Legislature if it came to that conclusion based on the potential risk to our wild elk herd," Otter said.

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Shinzo Abe, Japan's new leader, to bolster U.S. ties, repair relations

By Hans Grønland
Associated Press writer

TOKYO — Japan's new nationalist prime minister Shinzo Abe pledged to repair tattered relations with China, bolster his country's long-standing alliance with the United States and overhaul the pacifist constitution after cruising to an easy victory Tuesday in a parliamentary vote.

Abe's roadmap takes Japan down a path toward a more robust military and more assertive foreign policy, delineating a fresh direction for a leader who, at 52, is Japan's youngest premier and his first born after World War II.

While Abe envisions a confident Japan that can step from

Abe proposes 'more assertive' Japan

Key policies of Shinzo Abe, elected prime minister of Japan on Tuesday.

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the shadow of decades of postwar guilt, he conceded the country's foreign and security policy will still rest firmly on Tokyo's half-century alliance with the United States.

It is a friendship that Japan

increasingly hopes will help counter growing threats from a nuclear-armed North Korea and a burgeoning China.

"It is necessary to buttress mutual trust and strengthen bilateral relations," Abe said in his first news conference after

being elected by parliament to succeed Junichiro Koizumi as prime minister.

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Key to Abe's push will be revising the constitution, which renounces war as a means of solving international disputes and has formed the cornerstone of Japan's post World War II identity.

"To make Japan a more 'normal country,' conservatives want the constitution overhauled to give Japan's military, euphemistically known as the Self-Defense Forces, greater leeway in contributing to international peacekeeping operations.

Changes would also clarify

under what situations Japanese forces might come to the aid of an ally under attack.

"As prime minister, I must protect the peace, and the lives of our citizens," Abe said.

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Thai military uses beauty queen, women soldiers to soften image

By Ayesha Akram
Associated Press writer

BANGKOK, Thailand — Thailand's new junta is trying to soften its image, using a former beauty queen to make announcements, assigning female troops to help keep the peace in Bangkok and telling its soldiers to smile.

The public relations push follows criticism by Western governments and human rights groups of last week's overthrow, particularly after military leaders began restricting freedom of assembly and speech. Even some Thais who initially welcomed the bloodless coup are growing concerned about the military's ultimate goals.

"The Thai military is not media savvy so they're having to learn a lot of things quickly," said Thitinan Pongsathorn, a political scientist at Chulalongkorn University. "Hence, the smiles. Hence, the beauty queens."

Thavanan Khongkran, who wore the Miss Asia crown in 1987, had a low-profile public

relations job at army-owned Channel 5 for several years. Since the coup she has personally been making announcements for the military.

"I consider it an honor," she told The Associated Press. "I did the best job I could."

Thavanan didn't want to comment on why she thought the military had chosen her, but Karuna Buakamsri, an anchor for public Channel 11, said it was easy to guess the logic behind the decision.

"They are trying to tone down their messages," she said with a laugh. "By using a woman instead of an old guy, they hope to soften their image."

On Friday, the council instructed soldiers to be friendly and cheerful toward the public, announcing the order on army radio.

Mark David, 32, a British tourist, says that now, every time he approaches a guard, there's a "big grin" on the soldier's face.

"They're all positively beaming," David said.

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EU entry a prize for Romania and Bulgaria

By William J. Kole
Associated Press writer

BUCHAREST — Romania (AP) — Romania and Bulgaria won clearance Tuesday to join the European Union on Jan. 1, capping an arduous journey from the chaos of communism's collapse but still facing some of the toughest terms ever for membership in the bloc.

The recommendation from the EU's administrative body to add the two nations was expected to be the last for some time, leaving Turkey, Croatia and other hopefuls on the sidelines.

EU membership, if formally approved as expected next month, will be a lucrative prize for both Romania and Bulgaria — two of Europe's poorest and most corrupt countries — rewarding them for a struggle over a decade and a half to forge open

democracies and market economies.

"We will enter a period of certainty, Romanians will be certain, Romanians will be the Britons, the French and the Germans, with the same rights and the same obligations," Prime Minister Calin Popescu Tariceanu said after the EU Commission declared the two Balkan neighbors ready to join the 25-nation bloc.

Bulgaria's premier, Sergei Stanishev, hailed the decision as "the final fall of the Berlin Wall."

But the mood was muted. The EU report said both countries still fall short of Western standards and urged the bloc to make economic aid conditional on continued progress in stamping out corruption, cracking down on organized crime, improving justice and ensuring better food and aviation safety.

Both countries will have to report back to the EU every six months to make certain they stay on track.

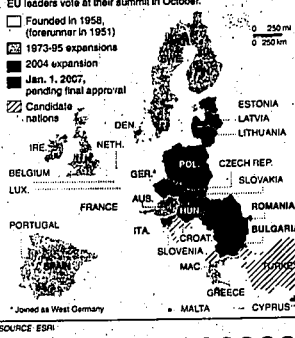
"It would be a typical Romanian mistake to say we have our bags already in the cart and we no longer have obligations," Tariceanu cautioned. "I promised the Europeans that we would fulfill our pledges."

And workers from Bulgaria and Romania also will face restrictions in gaining access to other EU markets. Britain, Sweden and Ireland, which opened the door to workers from 10 states that joined the bloc in 2004, are likely to set the strictest conditions.

Britain has seen about 300,000 Poles flood into the country since the last expansion — a development that has helped invigorate the economy but is rapidly leading to pressures to close the door to more immigrants.

EU recommends Bulgaria and Romania

Having fulfilled the criteria to join the European Union, Romania and Bulgaria are expected to gain final approval for entry when EU leaders vote at their summit in October.



Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo attends Pope John Paul II's weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican in this Dec. 6, 2006 photo. Milingo has been excommunicated for installing four married men as bishops, the Vatican said Tuesday.

Vatican removes controversial Archbishop

By Tracy Wilkinson and Maria De Cristoforo
Los Angeles Times

ROME — Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, the provocative and colorful African prelate known for exorcisms, mass healing ceremonies and temporarily breaking with the church to marry a Korean acupuncturist, was excommunicated Tuesday by the Vatican.

Pope Benedict XVI signed off on the most serious punishment the Roman Catholic Church can mete out, apparently the final chapter in Milingo's bizarre, tumultuous story spanning more than two decades.

The rare edict came after Milingo presided over the "installation" in Washington, D.C., of four married men as bishops earlier this week. The ceremony was intended to dramatize Milingo's campaign, called Married Priests Now!, to end celibacy rules for Catholic priests. Neither the archdiocese of Washington nor the Vatican recognized as bishops the men who Milingo held a ceremony to consecrate.

That act was the final straw for Vatican officials who have scolded Milingo over the years. Tuesday, the Vatican announced the excommunication, the first of a senior prelate in nearly 20 years, and asked for prayer in "these moments of ecclesiastical suffering."

By advocating an end to mandatory celibacy for priests and with his long history of defiance, Milingo was "spreading division and confusion among the faithful," the Vatican said, adding that the bishop was guilty of "irregularity and of progressively open rupture of communion with the church."

Technically Milingo, 76, who was named a bishop in Zambia in 1969, can restore himself to good standing with the church if he repents and disavows his actions.



British auction house sells landscapes attributed to Hitler

By Thomas Wagner
Associated Press writer

LOSTWITHIEL, England — Watercolors and sketches attributed to Adolf Hitler sold for twice their estimated price at an auction Tuesday — but the sale in a tranquil English town was interrupted by a noisy protest by two self-styled "comedy terrorists."

The works, reputed to have been created by Hitler as he served in the German military during World War I, sold for \$220,000 after security staff removed the gatecrashers — one of whom dressed as the Nazi leader and shouted "Third Reich!" after making a mock bid.

A second protester, Aaron Barschak, previously gained notoriety by dressing up as Osama bin Laden and crashing Prince William's 21st birthday party in 2003.

The protest exposed sensitivities over the sale of Hitler's artwork in Lostwithiel, a sleepy tourist town in Cornwall, a county in southwestern England.

for Jefferys Auctioneers, said the 21 watercolors and two sketches, most of them landscapes, sold individually for prices from \$6,000 to \$19,975, the highest price was for a painting titled "The Church of Preux-au-Bols."

Auctioneer Ian Morris said none of the successful bidders wanted to reveal their identities or speak to journalists.

"There may be a stigma attached to buying Hitler art," he said.

Barschak's wife, Tamara, said her husband and Peter Cunningham, who dressed as Hitler, had considered the sale offensive.

"It's not a surprise that when they did decide to hold it they chose a quiet village in Cornwall," she told reporters outside the sale.

"If it was in London, there would have been protesters. Adolf Hitler was a mass murderer and to make money from that is wrong."

works, depicting scenes of cottages, churches and pastoral hillsides.

Historians claim Hitler, then a struggling artist, painted during breaks from the front while stationed in Belgium during World War I.

The works were later found in a farmhouse in Flanders. The anonymous owners had the paper tested to determine its age, confirmed the signature and matched landmarks in the paintings to sites where Hitler had served. It cannot be proven if the works are genuine, Walton said.

"Some people would consider the sale somewhat controversial, but the pieces were executed so long ago — nearly 100 years ago — that they now just represent something of the past," Walton said.

"I don't have any trouble with the auction at all," said Terry Betts, a 52-year-old Lostwithiel resident. "It's part of history, not good history maybe. But we live with dictators like that now — don't we?" — the Saddam Husseins of the world."

A gaggle of around 50 military buffs and curious neighbors gathered in the small Cornwall town to bid for the

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Russia agrees to ship fuel for Iranian nuclear plant by March

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia will ship fuel to a controversial atomic power plant it is building in Iran by March under an agreement signed Tuesday — a deal that should allay Iranian suspicions that Moscow is building the fuel as a bid to Western fears over Tehran's nuclear ambitions.

With the European Union's foreign policy chief slated to meet Iran's top nuclear negotiator soon for talks on a stationing incentive package, the agreement signed by senior Russian and Iranian nuclear officials represents a small victory for Iran, which insists its nuclear efforts are peaceful

and aimed solely at generating electricity.

Iran says it needs enrichment to produce fuel for electricity-generating nuclear reactors. Enrichment can also create weapons-grade material, however, and the United States and other nations have accused Tehran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons.

Britain, France, Germany, the United States, China and Russia are hoping Tehran will agree quickly to suspend uranium enrichment after it missed an Aug. 31 Security

Council deadline and return to negotiations. But they are considering U.N. sanctions if it does not.

Russian news agencies reported that Sergei Shmatko, head of the state-run company Atomstroexport, and Mahmoud Hanatani, vice president of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, signed an additional protocol setting out a time frame for starting up the \$800 million Bushehr plant — Iran's first.

"The document provides for supplying Russian fuel for the

atomic energy plant in March; physical startup in September 2007 and electric generation by November 2007," Hanatani was quoted as saying by ITAR-Tass.

Shmatko said about 80 tons of fuel would be supplied, according to Interfax and ITAR-Tass.

Western nations fear Tehran could try to divert nuclear fuel used at the Bushehr plant and seek to enrich it further for potential use in a weapon.

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Blair delivers final address to party conference

The Washington Post

MANCHESTER, England — Prime Minister Tony Blair, addressing his Labor Party's annual conference for the last time, warned Britain that if it retreats from Iraq and Afghanistan after he leaves office, "we will be committing a craven act of surrender."

In an emotional hour-long address, Blair spoke of a continued need for a strong alliance with the United States and British commitment to a global fight against terrorism that "will last a generation and more."

Blair, 53, recently said he would resign within a year. Pressure in his own party has been building for him to make way for a new leader. Since he became prime minister in 1997, his sky-high popularity ratings have plummeted because of domestic scandals, fatigue with a third-term government, his backing of the Iraq war and his closeness to President Bush.

But Blair won a sustained standing ovation after a televised address that seemed like the beginning of the country's goodbye to him. "Of course, it's hard to let go," he said. Many in the audience dabbed tears. One held a handwritten sign that said "Too Young to Retire."

"In what some interpreted as a reference to his much-criticized decision to go to war in Iraq, Blair said: "The British people will sometimes forgive a wrong decision. But you know something, they won't forgive not deciding. They know the choices are hard."

"Yes, it's hard sometimes to be America's strongest ally," Blair said, "but believe me there are no half-hearted allies of America today." He said going ties are needed with both Europe and the United States even though "at the moment I know people only see the price of these alliances."

"Nothing we strive for, from the world trade talks to global warming to terrorism and Palestine can be solved without America or without Europe," he said. Give up these alliances, he said "and the cost in terms of power, weight and influence for Britain would be infinitely greater."

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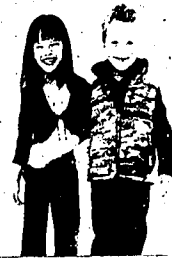
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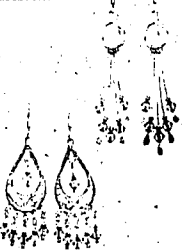
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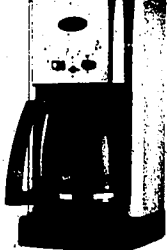
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Ideal candidates will possess good verbal and written communication skills, good computer skills, and have a good telephone presence. We are looking for people who enjoy working with the public, are detail-oriented, self-motivated, and comfortable doing outbound 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) to:

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To apply send or e-mail cover letter and resume to:
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 Attn: Teresa Gerrard
 828 S 1700 E
 Eden, Idaho 83325
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EDUCATION
 Twin Falls School District has immediate openings for the following certified positions:

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 — Physical Education Teacher (half-time) at Lincoln Elementary. Must meet Idaho certification and be endorsed in Elementary K-8 or PE (K-12) endorsement.

4th Grade Classroom Teacher
 at Morningside Elementary. Must meet Idaho certification and be endorsed in Elementary K-8.

To apply contact:
 Twin Falls School District
 Human Relations Department
 201 Main Ave W
 Twin Falls, ID 83301
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Please contact **Janie Castleberry 208-788-3238** to setup appointment. All applicants will need to submit resume. Fax 208-788-3273, and be willing to fill out the appropriate application for employment.

GENERAL

Lamb Weston.

ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston Twin Falls Plant has immediate openings for the following positions:

Processing Maintenance Mechanics. Essential duties include plant-wide maintenance on processing equipment, installation of equipment and fabrication of support equipment. Qualified candidates will possess a minimum of one year's experience in maintenance or three years in food processing equipment operation. A working knowledge of mild and stainless steel welding, plumbing, hydraulics and basic electricity (single-phase and three-phase) is also required. Demonstrated maintenance and trouble shooting skills are highly preferred.

Boiler/Refrigeration Operator must be able to operate and maintain our boiler and refrigeration equipment and systems. Successful candidates will have an Associates degree or equivalent from a two-year college or technical school or have NETA certification. Applicants with 3 months - 1 year of related experience and willingness to enroll in accredited program will be considered.

Packaging & Processing Machine Operators: Prior food processing machine operation experience preferred. Must possess good computation skills, verbal and written communication skills. Required to complete operator training program.

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Openings available on swing shift (3 pm to 11 pm) or graveyard shift (11 pm to 7 am)

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GENERAL

Inventory and Freight Management
 Position for Steel Pipe Sales and Fabrication Business in Jerome, Idaho

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 Seasonal Cashier and Customer Service Help. Nights & weekends are required. Please pick up an application at Customer Service.

Sportsman's Warehouse is also looking for a Non-Profit Organization to raise money Gift Wrapping Dec 1st-24th. Please send your Organization's information and the times you are willing to wrap to:
 1940 Bridgeview Blvd, Twin Falls, ID 83301 or Fax 206-727-0901
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SALES

Agromony Sales

Progressive Southwestern Idaho agribusiness is seeking an aggressive self starter to market agronomic products and services. Candidates must have a thorough understanding of potato, sugar beet and small grains, crop production and a desire to work with producers to grow the business through farm planning, crop selection and chemical recommendations. Job duties will include marketing and sales, soil sampling, crop scouting, potato agriculture is desired or a minimum of 3 years experience sales and marketing of agricultural products. Competitive salary, performance incentives and excellent benefit package.

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The City of Twin Falls is accepting applications for **AIRPORT MAINTENANCE OPERATOR**. Beginning monthly salary is \$2160. Under the general direction of the Airport Operations Supervisor, perform a variety of maintenance, janitorial, and equipment operation tasks at Magic Valley Regional Airport. High school diploma or GED equivalent required as well as a Class B CDL obtained within one year of hiring. You may obtain a City employment application at www.tfd.org.

For additional information contact the Personnel Office located in City Hall, 321 2nd Avenue East, Twin Falls, or phone (208) 735-7262. Closing date is 09-28-06.


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Legal

ADVERTISING FOR BIDS

Sealed bid proposals will be received to the attention of Mike Mason, Taylor, Building, College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, by 2:00 p.m., revealing local time, on October 5, 2006, for:

REBID

South Central Head Start
800 East 16th Street
Burley, Idaho 83702

A description of the work of this project can be summarized to consist of the removal of the existing S.U.R. and the installation of a new single-ply-roofing system and asphalt shingles; new curbs, flashing, gutters and downspouts along with other work not on drawings. Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date.

Bids—specifications, proposal forms, and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:

Mitchell Smith Architects
270 N. 27th St., Suite A
Burley, Idaho 83702
(208) 538-1212

Boise Building Exchange
2006, at 1150 N. 4th St., Suite 3
Fossilville, ID 83201
(208) 232-3432

Twin Falls Plan Room
124 Blue Lakes Blvd. S., Suite 6
Twin Falls, ID 83401
(208) 734-7525

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110 North 27th St.
Boise, Idaho 83702
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4020 Chinden Blvd., Suite A
Boise, Idaho 83714
(208) 326-1339

AGC
984 Adams Adams
Idaho Falls, ID 83401
(208) 529-2322

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount, including any add alternates, is required.

One set of documents may be obtained by licensed general contractors and by licensed roofing subcontractors from the Architect for a refundable deposit of \$50.00. Others may obtain documents at cost, non-refundable.

A pre-bid conference will be held September 28, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. at the front entrance of the job site, South Central Head Start Building, 800 East 16th Street, Burley, Idaho. Bids are encouraged to attend.

A Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho is required to bid on this work.

Estimated Cost: \$45,000

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ADVERTISING FOR BID

Sealed bids for the specified project will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, at the College of Southern Idaho, College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, and then publicly opened.

The scope of the project can be summarized as furnishing and installing a new precast spray boobying room. This includes but not limited to a new precast concrete unit, interconnecting ductwork and duct fittings, and assembly of the booth and mix room. All electrical wiring integral to the booth, fire protection, compressed air piping, and gas piping will be included under Add-Alternate #2.

Bids must be sent or delivered to the above address on or before the above listed date and time to be accepted. The outside of the envelope should clearly indicate [SEEALED BID ENCLOSED].

The College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formalities, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the College.

Plans, specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:

College of Southern Idaho
P.O. Box 1238
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303

McClure Engineering, Inc.
507 Main Avenue West
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

Intermountain Contractor/AGC
110 North 27th Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

Bid proposals must be accompanied by an acceptable security, in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Bid. The security may be in the form of a Bond, Certified Check, or Cashier's check.

One set of documents may be obtained by licensed general contractors and by licensed mechanical and electrical subcontractors from the Engineer for a refundable deposit of \$50.00. Others may obtain documents at cost, non-refundable.

A prebid walk through can be privately scheduled through Allan Scherbinzke at the College of Southern Idaho, Maintenance Department, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 or telephone 208-732-6910.

A Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho will be required of the successful bidder in award of a contract.

Estimated Cost (Base Bid): \$60,000

Mike Mason, Vice President of Finance
College of Southern Idaho

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Legal

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COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO
ADVERTISING FOR BID
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CONVERSION REMODEL PROJECT

Sealed bids for the specified project will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2006, at the College of Southern Idaho in the office of the Vice President of Finance in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, and then publicly opened.

A description of the work of this project can be summarized to include the removal and installation of new kitchen equipment in the Desert building kitchen.

Bids must be sent or delivered to the above address on or before the above listed date and time to be accepted. The outside of the envelope should clearly indicate "SEALED BID ENCLOSED". Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date.

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Boise, Idaho 83702
(208) 734-7525

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount, including any add alternates, is required.

One set of documents may be obtained by licensed general contractors and by licensed roofing subcontractors from the Architect for a refundable deposit of \$50.00. Others may obtain documents at cost, non-refundable.

A pre-bid conference will be held September 28, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. at the front entrance of the job site, South Central Head Start Building, 800 East 16th Street, Burley, Idaho. Bids are encouraged to attend.

A Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho is required to bid on this work.

Estimated Cost: \$45,000

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Twin Falls U-Haul Center located at 1757 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 notifies customers renting storage with "Personal items" and household goods will be sold to satisfy the rent & late fees past due. The auction will be held at the same location on October 10, 2006 on or after 11:00 AM. The following rooms will be sold unless past due amount is satisfied:

Room 234 - Robert Olson, 990 Trotter Drive, North Apt 1, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Room 254 - Stephen Dellich, 2163 Elizabeth Street, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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Room 223 - Maxine Olson, 990 Trotter Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO
ADVERTISING FOR BID
CABLE TV AND INTERNET SERVICES

Sealed bids for the specified cable and internet services for Eagle Hill Dormitory and Northview Apartments will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, in the office of the Vice President of Administration in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, and then publicly opened.

Bids must be sent or delivered to the above address on or before the above listed date and time to be accepted. The outside of the envelope should clearly indicate "SEALED BID ENCLOSED".

For complete bid specifications, procedures, bid forms and additional information contact Graydon Starkey at the College of Southern Idaho, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1238 or telephone 208-732-6225.

The College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formalities, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the College.

Mike Mason, Vice President of Administration
College of Southern Idaho

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101 - Lost and Found

FOUND puppy, female, black, brindle color on leg, white chest, 1 white patch, Fought 208-736-1747, on 27th & West, Call 208-404-3727 - Scott or Vanessa.

LOST garage w/locking case, first entrance of Macons on 9/18, Reward offered. Call 208-735-9748.

LOST Chinese Pug, male, neutered. Last seen on Miller St in Burley on 9/18. Reward offered. Call 208-308-0922.

LOST Chow, black, spayed, female, mild, medical history. Last seen on Addison north towards Blue Lakes. Reward offered. Call 208-330-0388.

LOST OGD German Shorthair, white with black and liver spots, female, location lost. N. Travelers Office, Call 208-732-2286.

LOST Gold Bull, Sun, 9-24 at Thousand Springs Festival, dogtags, benches, bracelets and much more. \$10,500. Call 208-731-1216.

LOST Golden Lab cross pup north of Rupert on Sept. 197-1. Reward offered. Call 208-536-3646.

LOST yellow Lab adult male, born in Oregon, black collar, wearing a cammo collar. Reward offered. Call 539-2520 or 727-734-3538.

LOST/STOLEN Mens wedding band. Wide gold band w/diamond row of diamonds. Lost either in Burli or Gooding area. Please call 208-453-0669 or 308-3184.

104 - Personals

COCKER Spaniel male, with blue collar, flea collar, leather. Found 9/20 by Colter Pharmacy near hospital. Debby at 208-735-2299.

105 - Personals

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