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Baby sitter kills bear to protect toddlers

The Associated Press

POROTHILL, Idaho — A northern Idaho baby sitter shot and killed a 425-pound black bear that broke into a backyard where three toddlers were playing. The bear was likely drawn

to the yard by the scent of food from a barbecue, said Idaho Department of Fish and Game Conservation Officer Greg Johnson. "We've not had a single incident in Idaho of a black bear attacking a person," he told the Bonner County Daily

Bee newspaper. "If you have a bear, you probably have food out." The baby sitter did not want her name revealed and could not be reached for comment. She was baby-sitting for her sister, Becky Henslee.

Henslee said her 3-year-old daughter Brooklyn and twin 2-year-old sons Clio and Charles were playing in the backyard of their home on the Canadian border early last week when Brooklyn

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Judge: Child can testify in murder trial

By Nicholas K. Geranos
Associated Press writer

COEUR D'ALENE — An Idaho judge on Thursday ruled that 9-year-old Shasta Greene can testify in the trial of Joseph Edward Duncan III, a registered sex offender charged with killing three members of her family.



Duncan

First District Judge Fred Gibler interviewed the girl, the sole survivor of a massacre at

her family's home last year, under a state rule that makes it necessary for him to decide if a child under age 10 can testify. Duncan's trial in this northern Idaho city begins Monday.

The interview occurred outside the courtroom and was not open to the public.

"The minor witness is competent to testify," Gibler said when he returned to court. Shasta is expected to provide key testimony about the attack in May 2005 that left her mother, older brother and mother's boyfriend dead.

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Small & PROUD



Shoshone High School seniors Berenice Pinos, left, and Marifin Perez say that school spirit and childhood friendships contribute to the cultural camaraderie among the students.

Homecoming pride lasts year-round in Shoshone

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Things seemed a little backward Wednesday night in the Shoshone School District.

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"We have a different type of school spirit," said Lucas Carnohan, a senior at Shoshone High School. "When you're in a larger school, one small group might have school spirit and all the other students don't."

About 500 students in kindergarten through the 12th grade attend school in the same building. And although some

Shoshone homecoming

- The game will begin at 7 p.m. at Shoshone High School.
- Sho-Ban 'n' Shoshone High School.

"One thing that I marveled at when I got here is how well the Hispanics and non-Hispanics get along. I don't see that division among them ..."

— Joe Hendrickson, principal

students do not speak the same language, most have gone to school with each other since kindergarten.

Students and teachers both say the small-school atmosphere helps with many problems that are prevalent in larger school districts.

While bullying is now a major concern to educators across the nation, the Shoshone school district had only one

reported case last year. Administrators said it was an isolated incident that led to the expulsion of the student.

But what may be more revealing is the social interaction between white students and the district's nearly 40 percent Hispanic student population.

"One thing that I marveled at when I got here is how well the Hispanics and non-Hispanics get along," said Joe Hendrickson, principal of the high school. "I don't see that division among them, and I see a lot of dating between the two groups."

So what's the secret to the school's success?

Many administrators cited statistics and new school programs, but finally admitted that they still don't know. Students gave a much simpler answer: School spirit.

"We don't really think of each other differently, so I don't think those things are much of a problem," said Devonna Stanhope, a high school senior.

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NYC HIGH RISE CRASH

What about air defense?

Military air patrols have tightened security above U.S. cities.

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Politicians: NYC skyline needs more regulation

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A day after the fiery plane crash that killed Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle, politicians expressed alarm that, five years after Sept. 11, small aircraft are still allowed to fly right up next to the New York skyline.

"I think everyone is scratching their head, wondering how it is possible that an aircraft can be buzzing around Manhattan," said Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., who has been lobbying for rule changes since 2004. "It's virtually the Wild West. There is no regulation at all, other than 'Don't run into anything.'"

The single-engine plane that carried Lidle to his death was flying over the East River, which separates Manhattan from Brooklyn and Queens and is lined on the Manhattan side by the United Nations and scores of other skyscrapers.

It is one of the city's busiest and most popular routes for sightseeing pilots, traffic helicopters and executives hopping from one business deal to the next, and it is largely unmonitored, as long as the aircraft stay below 1,100 feet.

Lawmakers have tried for years to close the corridor for reasons of safety and security.



Flames and smoke are seen coming out of windows where a small plane crashed into a 50-story apartment building in New York, Wednesday.

Gov. George Pataki said Thursday that the Federal Aviation Administration "needs to take a much tougher line" about private, or general aviation, flights over the city.

However, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a recreational pilot for decades, said he believes the skies are safe under the current rules.

"We have very few accidents for an awful lot of traffic," he said. "Every time you have an automobile accident, you're not going to go and close the streets or prohibit people from driving."

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Fireball across western skies brings meteorite hunters running

By Bill Hethcock
The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Imagine searching for marble-size rocks in a 50-mile strip of Colorado. That's essentially what meteorite hunter and collector Robert Ward was doing Tuesday.

One of the brightest meteors reported in recent years slow-danced across Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado the night of Oct. 1, possibly dropping meteorites toward the tail end of its trip.

Ward said he has chased fireballs worldwide for 20 years, and that this is the most impressive.

"This one traveled amazingly far, amazingly

low, and amazingly slowly," he said. "It was a very big, very bright fireball seen by a lot of people."

Jeff and Pam Holmberg are two who watched it come to Earth.

The couple was watching television at home west of Canon City when Jeff looked out the window and saw the fireball soar over the Sangre de Cristo mountain range.

Pam was dozing off after a full day of football watching.

"I started hootin' and hollerin' and she came out of the chair like a shot," Jeff Holmberg said.

He and his wife ran outside in time to see the main fireball break into three or four pieces.

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Meteorite hunter and collector Robert Ward holds up a piece of a meteorite, Oct. 9, 2006, in Ellicott, Colo. Ward, has chased fireballs worldwide for 20 years and travels with samples of real meteorites to educate people on what kind of time to look for when meteorite hunting.

IN TOMORROW'S EDITION: BLM to use giant crane today to remove illegally dumped trash from Snake River Canyon.



TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Saturday
Mostly sunny and mild temperatures
Mostly clear skies and a light breeze
Mostly sunny and very nice

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Pleasant temperatures and sunny skies. Highs in the upper 60s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and cool. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies and continued nice fall weather. Highs in the upper 60s.

Complete weather report: See page B8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"Sweeney Todd," Stephen Sondheim's musical presented by the College of Southern Idaho Theater Department, 8 p.m., the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Theater, \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens, 732-6788.
"The Sound of Music," a musical presentation by the Magic Valley Little Theater, 7:30 p.m., O'Leary Junior High School, Twin Falls, \$10, 736-7136.
The Bar-J Wranglers and local fiddlers, a night of fun and western music to fund the O'Leary Junior High Band instrument scholarship program, 6 p.m., Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls, \$15, 733-2155.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Pennies for the Inch Campaign continues, to benefit families who go to the Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, still includes the need for tying many quilts made by Desert Sage Quilters for local donation, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Magic Valley Mall Center Court in Twin Falls, donations and helping hands, 734-3421.

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.

FESTIVALS

The 10th annual Trailing of the Sheep Festival, with valley-wide lamb dine-around, special workshops and historical displays and featuring afternoon, CS-registered cooking classes in Ketchum and "An Evening with Mark Kurlansky," 7 p.m., nextStage Theater, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum, \$10, 208-725-2103.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

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 Campus Gym and Filer 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.

HOBBIES

Bingo, sponsored by the Gooding County Historical Society, 6 to 9 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, no cost, 934-4412.

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

WEB READER REACTION

On 'YMCA bans swim coach from pool' ...
SOUNDS LIKE: "If Mike is intimidating employees at the pool ... then Ms. Jachimowski is absolutely correct in removing him from the property in order to maintain a safe and harmonious environment for staff and visitors. In today's world there is no place for aggressive behavior toward pool staff or members of the public by any adult. Especially a coach."

On 'Howling wolves prompt evacuation' ...
RW: "I wonder how you train to read the mind of a wolf. Are they going to attack or are they just howling?"

On letter to the editor 'Scandal reveals even greater weakness in GOP' ...
CAMERON: "The latest scandal? You're absolutely right. It's only the latest in over 200 years of scandals. But it is telling how each party generally handles its scandals. Dems are re-elected, Reps are fired."

TO CAMERON: "Granted. But only under this administration has the dream of America been destroyed. Starting fire, because we'll all be dealing with it for years, as will our children."

For more comments

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Waterfowl hunters can expect the usual

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game says the Idaho waterfowl season should be about the same as last year in terms of hunter harvest. Local nesting production was relatively the same as last year with the exception of Canada geese, which was down slightly in the Magic Valley area.

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SHOSHONE — Things seemed a little backward Wednesday night in the Shoshone School District. The girls were warming up for a football game, the freshman boys were preparing their cheers and some other kids were painting graffiti on the school grounds as parents passed by. But what was taking place at the school's annual event was more profound than a community barbecue and a backward football game. In rural schools such as Shoshone, school spirit is more than pep rallies and homecoming dances. It's a mutual respect for the one thing all students have in common — each other.

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County treasurer's duties are many and varied

TWIN FALLS — When a deceased body goes unclaimed in Twin Falls County, the county coroner typically makes an appearance. But the county treasurer, too? Debbie Kauffman, whose primary duty is to collect taxes, is also on the rare occasion responsible for liquidating the assets of dead people without family members. "It's just part of what they tag on to being a county treasurer," she said. Kauffman, a Republican, is likely to field a few more estate cases as she faces her second untested election Nov. 7.

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Family restores mine house rich with history

BURLEY — A life-changing experience caused a Burley woman and her husband to buy the old Melcher Mine property. Deborah Jones said she had always wanted to visit the mine with her family but routinely put the trip off.

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Fortune cookies for dogs set to take off

KETCHUM — Fortunate Dog Cookies have lucked out with publicity this month. People magazine spotted the healthy fortune cookies for dogs in Los Angeles, and told local owners Lyn Stallard and Terry Tischer they planned to feature the goodies in the Oct. 27 issue.

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OBITUARIES

Steven Frank Glowacki Jr., 68
L. Duane Johnson, 84
William "Bill" L. Allen, 62

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CORRECTIONS

Merchants 1 player was misidentified

Kevin Tetz, a football player with Merchants 1, was misidentified in a photo on Thursday's front page. The Times-News regrets the error.

IDAHO/WEST



Rules preventing use of jetliner to fight fires

LOS ANGELES — Federal rules are preventing the take-off of a major advance in firefighting — a jetliner modified to unleash enough flame retardant to coat up to a 34-mile-long stretch of ground in a single pass. The DC-10 first flew this fire season. Screaking several hundred feet up, the roaring jets belly opens and a torrent of pink liquid cascades earthward, creating a 100-foot-wide fire line. Those spectacular drops helped halt fires in California and Washington.

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Ex-prosecutor faces trial for 13 felonies

IDAHO FALLS — Former Idaho Falls Prosecutor Kimball Mason, sent to prison earlier this year for stealing weapons from a police evidence locker and falsifying a judge's signature, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to 13 new felony charges. Seven of the new charges allege Mason had four guns that investigators had tried to locate before his first criminal trial but that Mason had said he'd destroyed, as well as three additional guns, all taken from the Idaho Falls Police Department evidence locker.

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Mexico looks for ways to stop illegal migrants

MEXICALI, Mexico — As the United States focuses on limiting immigration through strengthened border security, top Mexican leaders say they want economic growth and job creation at home to stem the continuous northern flow of illegal migrants. President Vicente Fox and Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim were among those expected to brainstorm such measures for the border region during the two-day Northern Frontier Forum.

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Prop 1 advocates raise more than \$1 million

BOISE — Advocates of a ballot measure to boost state public education funding by \$219 million a year have enlisted the help of teacher unions from California to Connecticut to raise nearly \$1.4 million for their campaign. "A financial report filed by the 'Invest in Our Kids' Education" group with the Idaho secretary of state this week shows the group behind Proposition 1 has raised \$1 million since May.

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E. coli outbreak traced to California ranch

WASHINGTON — The same strain of deadly bacteria that sickened dozens of people nationwide has been found at a cattle ranch in California's Salinas Valley, investigators said Thursday.

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Militiamen kill 11 at Iraqi TV station

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Suspected Shiite militiamen, some dressed as police, broke into a television station and gunned down 11 Iraqi executives, producers and other staffers Thursday — the deadliest attack against the media in this country. At least 81 other journalists have been killed in the past three years.

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U.S. trade deficit jumps to new record

WASHINGTON — America's trade deficit unexpectedly jumped to a new record in August, providing ammunition for Democrats to attack Republican trade policies in the closing weeks of the fall election campaign.

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Mark Warner bows out of White House bid

WASHINGTON — Mark Warner's decision to bow out of the early Presidential race Thursday leaves a crowd still split with Democrats competing to be the most attractive alternative to front-runner Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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Madonna clears hurdle in adopting Malawi boy

LILONGWE, Malawi — Madonna and husband Guy Ritchie took custody of a motherless 1-year-old boy from Malawi on Thursday after filing adoption papers and receiving a judge's interim approval.

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Turkish author wins Nobel literature prize

NEW YORK — Novelist Orhan Pamuk, an international symbol of literary and social conscience whose poetic, melancholy journeys into the soul of his native Turkey have brought him the many blessings and burdens of public life, won the Nobel literature prize Thursday. Pamuk, a fellow at Columbia University, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that he was overjoyed by the award and accepted it not just as "a personal honor, but as an honor bestowed upon the Turkish literature and culture I represent."

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SPORTS



Hagerman unbeaten in regular season

HANSEN — Hagerman ended its regular season Magic Valley Southside Conference play with a 14-0 record as the Pirates swept Hansen Huskies 25-15, 25-17, 25-9 on Thursday. The Pirates will be the top seed in the conference tournament that begins Saturday in Hansen.

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Twin Falls girls on win from state berth

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Bruins (8-8) swept a 'D' yet there was a large 'D' present at the Sunway Soccer Complex on Thursday as the Bruins girls soccer team played stout defense to stifle Idaho Falls 2-1. The win keeps Twin Falls in contention for the second Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six seed to the state tournament in Meridian next week. The Bruins still need to defeat the Highland Rams on Saturday for the berth. (Skyline defeated the Rams Thursday for the conference title and the No. 1 area seed.)

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Burley boys soccer wins Great Basin title

BURLEY — The Burley soccer team just keeps on rolling. Next stop: State. "These kids are amazing," said Burley coach Wes Burtch after the Bobcats' 5-0 win over Century Thursday. "I'm just along for the ride." Burley earned its fourth consecutive District IVV Great Basin Conference championship and a No. 1 seed entering the state tournament, which gets under way Thursday in Boise.

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Glavine leads Mets to win in NLCS opener

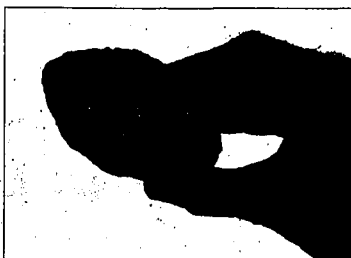
NEW YORK — Tom Glavine tossed another gem. Carlos Beltran rocked Shea Stadium with a homer that crushed off the scoreboard and the New York Mets lived in front of St. Louis in the NL championship series. Glavine shut down Albert Pujols and extended his postseason shutout streak to 13 innings, pitching the Mets to a 2-0 victory over the Cardinals in Game 1 on Thursday night.

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Meteorite hunter Robert Ward holds up a piece of a meteorite, Oct. 9, in Ellicott, Colo.

Meteorite

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Jeff Holmberg scrambled up a ladder to the roof and watched the meteor pieces disappear into the northeast horizon toward Colorado Springs.

"It was a big, bright light with a smoke trail behind it," he said. "It looked like the landing light on a big jet."

The Holmbergs estimated the fireball took 20 seconds to pass from horizon to horizon.

"It was just incredible how close it seemed," Pam Holmberg said. "It was floating across, so bright, it seemed like you could just reach out and touch it."

Eye witnesses and cameras that capture the whole sky in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona caught the fireball at 11:16 p.m. on Oct. 1, said Chris Peterson, an astronomer and a researcher at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Witnesses also reported hearing the sonic boom, a sound similar to thunder. The sonic boom is heard several minutes after the fireball is seen because it takes sound that long to travel to Earth from more than 20 miles in the air, Peterson said.

The fireball traveled generally southwest to northeast, beginning northeast of Phoenix, cutting across north to south New Mexico and ending east of Colorado Springs.

It was captured by sky cameras at the Guffey School and at Cloudcroft Observatory north of Guffey, which Peterson runs, as well as sky cameras in New Mexico.

Camera data suggest the fall flight possibly lasted 45 seconds — an eternity for a meteor, Peterson said.

"It was very, very long," he said. "It was going about as slow as a meteor gets. To see a meteor that goes on for more than half a minute is remarkable."

Witnesses and cameras show the meteor breaking into multiple pieces in a long train extending at least 70 miles from southern Colorado to Colorado Springs, Peterson said. He described the breakup pattern as "extremely unusual." Usually meteors fade out, but videos show this one split into a long string of individual fireballs, Peterson said.

Meteorites may have dropped over the central San Luis Valley, in the Sangre de Cristo mountains, across the Wet Mountain Valley and continuing to Ellicott, 20 miles east of Colorado Springs.

Ward, who is from Arizona, is focusing his hunt for space

rocks between Penrose and Ellicott. He started by asking people at fire stations, gas stations and convenience stores if anyone had seen or heard anything unusual.

Ward found Jeff Holmberg at the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District, where Holmberg volunteers. Holmberg had told his skeptical fellow firefighters about what he'd seen.

"The boys at the fire station just kind of grinned and shook their heads and asked me about aliens and stuff," he said.

A couple of days later, Ward walked in and asked if anyone had seen a possible meteor. Holmberg invited Ward to his house for breakfast and told him his story over biscuits and gravy.

The men climbed on Holmberg's roof. Ward took compass readings and gathered other information he'll use to estimate the fireball's flight path.

Meteorites are typically black rocks with rounded surfaces, Ward said. They're usually heavier than other rocks the same size, and 90 percent are magnetic.

He finds about 80 meteorites a year, some of them hundreds of years old. It's rare and more scientifically significant to find meteorites that have just fallen.

"This was in space a week ago," Ward said. "It's extremely fresh. It's important to get it into a lab as soon as possible so it can be analyzed."

While Ward concentrates on where meteorites might have ended up, Peterson is more interested in where the space rocks came from.

With good reports from several locations, scientists can estimate the orbit of the meteor before it entered Earth's atmosphere. Then, if meteorites are found, they can be tested to provide information about the parent body.

They can also be valuable to dealers and collectors, who base their worth on factors such as where the meteorite is from and whether there were witnesses to its fall. A witness fresh fall that turns out to be from the moon or Mars might be worth \$1 million or more. Other meteorites have little monetary value.

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Trial

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Shasta and her 9-year-old brother Dylan were abducted from the home and held for seven weeks before Shasta was rescued. Dylan's body was found a few days later in Montana.

Gibler has not yet ruled on a motion by Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas that the girl be allowed to testify with special circumstances, such as not having to look directly at Duncan, or having a

comforting person sit next to her.

Public defender John Adams has objected to those considerations, saying they might prejudice the jury.

Duncan, 43, is charged in state court with three counts of first-degree murder and three counts of kidnapping in the slaying of Brenda Greene, her fiancé, Mark McKenzie; and Greene's 13-year-old son, Slade. He faces the death penalty if convicted.

Federal prosecutors are expected after the state case ends to file charges against Duncan in the abduction of Shasta and Dylan Greene, and the slaying of Dylan.

Court documents allege Duncan, a Tacoma, Wash., native who spent most of his adult life in Washington prisons for sexual crimes against children, committed the slayings so he could kidnap the two children for sex.

Apparently concerned about

recent news articles in which lawyers for Duncan discussed a plea bargain proposal, Gibler on Thursday issued a gag order on the parties in the case.

"We are just trying to preserve everyone's right to a fair trial, and to not be tried in the press," Gibler said.

Federal public defender Roger Peven, who would represent Duncan when federal charges are filed, objected to the gag order.

Bear

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alerted their aunt by shouting "Bear! Bear!"

Henslee said her sister looked up and saw the bear running out of the woods toward the backyard. She grabbed the three children from the yard and ran inside the house, shutting the door.

After taking the children into a bedroom, the woman loaded a 7mm hunting rifle and returned to the back door, where the bear had pawed the screen door and broken the door frame.

When the bear looked away from the door, Henslee said her sister opened the door slightly and shot twice, killing the bear instantly.

Henslee said her sister

had a valid Idaho bear hunting tag.

Wild berries, the main food source of bears in the region, have been less abundant this season than past, prompting

the animals to look for other food sources in residential areas, Johnson said.

In April, a 6-year-old Ohio girl was killed and her mother and younger half

brother seriously injured when a black bear attacked the family at a swimming hole in the Cherokee National Forest in southeast Tennessee.

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NATION

Military air patrols tighten security above U.S. cities

By Lolita C. Baker
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Moments after the single-engine plane slammed into the New York City high-rise, military and other federal officials were assessing the situation on a conference call. Fighters soon were circling about a half dozen cities, ready to shoot down an attacker if ordered. The kind of swift, coordinated response that could not have happened before the Sept. 11 attacks. But analysts said Thursday that it was not a real test of the country's upgraded defense system.

"There was nothing unique about yesterday's event. I don't think it showed us anything at all," said Richard Aboulafia, a defense analyst with the Teal Group. "Unfortunately it falls in the category of traffic accident rather than terror."

Wednesday's single-engine plane crash killed New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle and flight instructor Tyler Stanger. The crash also put the city on edge with scenes of a high-rise building aflame and fragments of an aircraft tumbling to the ground.

Because the plane was not hijacked or reported missing, Aboulafia said there was no test of the coordination and communication needed to identify, prevent or possibly fire on a pilot set on attacking the U.S.

Defense officials, however, said the incident reaffirmed the military's nimble reaction

to what could have been the beginning of a terrorist attack.

"The purpose of that deployment was to be prepared in the event that the initial crash was not an accident but rather the first wave of a follow-on series of terrorist attacks," said Paul McHale, assistant defense secretary for homeland defense. "I think, by any measure, that deployment of fighter aircraft went very effectively. That was

a capability we didn't have on September 11, 2001."

The changes since then have focused on improved communications and coordination among the federal agencies responsible for homeland security.

As an example, in a regional command center 20 miles west of Washington, D.C., incidents and potential threats in and above the Capitol are monitored

by the officials from the Federal Aviation Administration, Transportation Security Administration, the military and local law enforcement agencies.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command's headquarters in Colorado has communications links with air traffic controllers at a number of FAA facilities.

The FAA has more than 20 people at NORAD and at regional centers in New York, Florida and Washington state.

On Sept. 11, 2001, NORAD's radar formed a ring around the U.S. coastline facing outward. Now, it also looks inward.

"We integrated the long- and short-range radar so they are now looking at the internal airspace of the U.S.," FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown said.

From Otis Air Force Base on Massachusetts' Cape Cod, Ellington Field in Houston, Selfridge Air National Guard Base near Detroit, and March Air Reserve Base east of Los Angeles, F-16s roared into the air Wednesday afternoon, minutes after the order from NORAD. Other aircraft also responded, but military officials would not provide those details.

Former Virginia governor won't run for president in '08

By Bob Lewis
Associated Press writer

RICHMOND, Va. — Democrat Mark R. Warner, the former governor of Virginia, has decided not to run for president in 2008, saying he wanted "a real life" and feared the impact of a drawn-out campaign on his family.

"This is the right time for me in my life to have a life for a little while," Warner told reporters at a downtown Richmond hotel.

The Democrat, 51, would not rule out running for the Senate or seeking the governorship again; the state bars incumbents from seeking re-election. He also left open the possibility of a future presidential bid, but conceded: "Things will probably never be as aligned as they are right now."



Mark Warner

Warner said he arrived at his decision over several weeks. He said neither his wife, Lisa Collins, nor his daughters, ages 12, 15 and 16, discouraged him from running. In a written statement, he said he made the decision after celebrating his father's 81st birthday and taking his oldest daughter on a college tour.

"I know these moments are never going to come again," Warner said. "This weekend made clear what I'd been thinking about for many weeks — that while politically this appears to be the right time for me to take the plunge, at this point I want to have a real life."

And while the chance may never come again, I shouldn't move forward unless I'm willing to put everything else in my life on the back burner," he said.

Since Warner left the governor's office in January, he has busily toured key states in the Democratic nomination process, including New Hampshire and Iowa. His political action committee, Alexandria-based Forward Together, has raised money for Warner's exploratory effort and for other Democratic candidates in this year's midterm elections.

"This is no choice that was made based on whether I would win or lose," Warner said in his statement.



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Demolition crew razes Pennsylvania school where five girls were killed

The Associated Press

NICKEL MINES, Pa. — Ten days after the Amish schoolhouse shootings, a demolition crew using heavy equipment tore down the bloodstained building Thursday, removing nearly all traces of the place where five girls were killed.

Only a bare patch of earth was left behind, and it was planted with grass seed, so that eventually—even the footprint of the one-room schoolhouse will be gone, too.

Any kind of plaque or memorial is unlikely. Members of the plain-living Amish community said it would be too showy and would attract too many visitors.

"They do not want to make it a tourist attraction," said the 27-year-old brother of two of the 15 boys sent out of the schoolhouse by the gunman before the shooting.

"It's definitely a little heart-wrenching to see it go down, but it sort of finishes things off,"



The Amish school in Nickel Mines, Pa., where a gunman shot 10 girls last week, killing five of them, is demolished by private contractors before dawn Thursday.

said the Amish man, who like most members of the community did not want to be identified in any news accounts.

The Amish are known for constructing buildings by hand, without the aid of modern technology, but for this job they arranged for private contractors with heavy equipment

to end a painful chapter for their community.

Construction lights glared in the mist as a large backhoe tore into the overhang of the school's porch before daybreak. Then, knocked down the bell tower and toppled the walls.

"They do not want to make it a tourist attraction."

— The brother of two of the boys sent out of the schoolhouse by the gunman before the shooting

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Florida man charged with keeping 9-year-old son locked up for 3 years

By Ron Word
Associated Press writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A father was arrested and charged with keeping his 9-year-old son locked in a bedroom for much of the past three years and watching his every move with surveillance cameras.



Randall Piercy

The home of Randall Warren Piercy, 41, was like a prison that had cameras in almost every room, with the father monitoring the boy on TV and computer screens, sheriff's Lt. Anthony Smith said Thursday.

Over the past three years, the boy did not attend school, receive medical attention or have contact with people outside the family, Smith said. Authorities said the boy was home-schooled but could not read children's books.

Relatives told police that the boy was usually allowed to use the bathroom only once a day because his father was teaching him to control his body.

Piercy was arrested Wednesday on charges that included aggravated child abuse. He was jailed on \$1 million bail. Social workers took

the boy from the home. As Piercy was led off to jail, he said he was wrongly accused and was the victim of a vendetta by his in-laws. He told authorities he kept the boy in the room for his own good, Smith said.

The child's mother, Michelle Piercy, who was not immediately charged, told WTVT-TV that her son was not abused and that the cameras allowed her and her husband to make sure he did not hurt himself.

She said the boy was hyperactive and was locked in his room at night to prevent him from going outside and getting hurt.

"We are very protective," she said.

Police said they were still investigating the mother's role. According to a police report, investigators were told Michelle Piercy allowed her husband to make all the decisions regarding the boy. The report said her husband let her see the boy only at certain times and usually for only an hour a day.

The arrest came after an investigator posing as a real estate investor went to the home earlier this month with the boy's maternal grandfather, a real estate broker.

The undercover officer found the boy in a locked room, sitting on a bed in his underwear.

Father of boy accused in Missouri school shooting faces gun possession charge

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) — The father of a 13-year-old who fired a shot inside his school in a bloodless shooting was arrested Thursday and charged with being a felon in possession of a gun, authorities said.

Gregory Lynn White, 44, appeared before a federal magistrate in Springfield after being arrested without incident outside his Joplin home, federal agents said.

White did not enter a plea and was released on \$5,000 bond. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison or fines up to \$250,000.

He has two felony convictions on his record: one for burglary in Florida and one for possession of a controlled sub-

stance in California, said Martin Vidoli, assistant special agent from the Kansas City office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

He said federal law prohibits felons convicted of crimes punishable by more than one year in prison from possessing firearms.

White's wife, Norma White, told investigators that the firearms belonged to her husband, Vidoli said. According to court documents, the boy told authorities the assault rifle he used belonged to White.

Police found five rifles, two shotguns and one pistol during their search of White's home Monday, Vidoli said.

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EDITORIAL

Dedication in classroom will trump all wins, losses

While the homecoming dance, the pep assembly and getting stuffed into a locker (if you're a freshman) may be rights of passage in high school, being on an extra-curricular club or team certainly is not.

Membership on the club or team is a privilege for high school students. The same goes for students at the junior high level, as well. The Twin Falls School Board reaffirmed that standard this week.

By requiring students in extra-curricular activities to maintain a 2.0 grade-point average, Twin Falls trustees and administrators are sending an important message to students. No longer will participation be allowed by passing a low standard in the classroom.

The board approved a recommendation to increase minimum GPA from 0.75 to 2.0. For those who have been out of school for a while, a 2.0 GPA is a "C" average; a GPA of 0.75 is between a "D" and "D-minus."

The new requirement will go into effect next fall for all high school students and ninth-graders. Not only will it require more from students, but also from athletic directors, coaches and faculty representatives who will need to monitor students' progress in the classroom, the playing field and the performance stage.

"We're being told by the (athletics advisory) committee that the coaches are supportive," said board member Rob Atkins. "There's coaching representatives on the committee that helped develop it. They did a written survey to coaches to get their feedback on an increase of minimum GPA."

"Many will still ask why such a low standard was accepted by Twin Falls for so long, when other districts and other states have kept the bar at a 2.0 GPA. The inaction goes back years, but the important thing is that the district is going forward in the right direction. In a similar note, perhaps it's time for the Idaho High School Athletic Association to start holding student-athletes across the state to similar high standards, since it only requires a 0.75 GPA."

To Twin Falls' credit, the district is making sure students who struggle in the classroom aren't thrown into the deep. It will provide a peer tutoring program to help students hit the books. Students interested in a future career as an educator can take a dual-credit course through the College of Southern Idaho that trains them as tutors.

The district's decision to boost the standard was the result of many efforts, by trustees and members of the athletics advisory committee, both past and present. They are all to be applauded for pushing through and making this happen.

Excellence in the classroom can and will pay off for students who compete and perform for Twin Falls schools. That dedication will also pay off long after they leave for college and their careers.

Our view:
Twin Falls trustees scored big by advocating higher GPA standards for activities. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

What's eating us and our health

Recently, while on vacation at Yellowstone National Park, my wife and I made the mistake of ordering separate meals for lunch instead of sharing one portion.

RICHARD SELDIN

We have come to understand that in most eating establishments across our spacious land, ordering separate meals means being presented with outside quantities of food that one person, even a stylishly overweight person, could not reasonably consume. Thus, we asked our waitress to bring us children's portions. Fifteen minutes later, we stared in amazement as she transported to our table gargantuan, triple-decker BLT and tuna-fish sandwiches, the separate dinner plates loaded with potato chips, and the two "small" sodas that filled quart-size glasses to the brim.

Overeating has become a critical national issue. According to Dr. Julie L. Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "If you've looked at any epidemic — whether it's influenza or plague from the Middle Ages — they are not as serious as the epidemic of obesity in terms of the health impact on our country and our society." Data from the National Center for Health Statistics indicate that 30 percent of Americans 20 or older are obese — more than 60 million people — and another 35 percent are overweight.

Health officials have long maintained that weight issues lead to significantly more health problems, not to speak of the high financial cost of dealing with them. According to the CDC, being obese, or even just overweight, increases the risk of numerous serious ailments, including coronary heart disease, stroke, typically diabetes, osteoarthritis and some cancers. Other studies have described a link between obesity and depression.

Despite this evidence, our march toward obese superpower status only seems to quicken. What other country in the world could offer a competitive tour, like the PGA, that consists of winning big prize money for eating the most grilled cheese sandwiches, asparagus, pulled pork, tacos, matzo balls, hot dogs or fried chicken wings?



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What are the reasons for this modern-day, biblical-proportioned plague? Professional and academic studies emphasize greater food availability at ever-lower prices as one of the primary causes.

Many studies also point to the continuous replacement of physically intensive labor by deskwork, and the decreasing levels of exercise in our choices of leisure activities.

These factors no doubt contribute significantly, but it seems to me that increased availability of food is not, in itself, the primary cause of obesity. Rather, it seems that the ubiquity of food provides a readily available antidote for coping with widespread and profound emotional hunger. Problems in family stability, a harshly competi-

ve society and an overly fast-paced life have often been blamed for creating a kind of hunger that medical, religious and civic institutions cannot seem to abet. These stress-related problems have led to a rampant consumerism that demands "more" of everything we can take in — and "more" now rather than later. Because of food's connection to our survival and the people we were mostly dependent upon as young children, eating becomes a primary vehicle for satisfying a hunger that has little to do with survival or even with eating enough to live well.

The answer to reducing our obesity problem is not simple. We are all familiar with the mantra of eating less and exercising more, but its truth has had little effect. A friend who counsels people

on the gamut of weight-related and substance-abuse problems told me that getting people to sustain weight loss is more difficult than having them kick a drinking or drug habit.

What else then? Certainly, a vigorous national education campaign, emphasizing the connection between emotional hunger and overeating (as well as the obvious dangers to health that overeating can cause) could be quite helpful. Some efforts have been made along these lines, but they have lacked the energy and intensity of the anti-smoking campaign and haven't lowered obesity rates.

Restraining food purchases through use of regulations and taxes might have some effect, but, like other supply-control measures, I don't think they would work very well.

What is most important is for all of us to try and come to grips with what there is in our family lives, our relationships, professional activities, and social institutions that contributes to our compelling need for excess food, despite the obvious dangers. This can be a painful process, but one hopes that we as individuals and as a society can tolerate this kind of inquiry, and, by understanding obesity's deeper causes, gradually deal with it.

Richard Seldin is a writer and former Government Accountability Office analyst.

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Wolves are chasing off out-of-state hunters

I am an Idaho native and an avid archery hunter. I have archery hunted around the Alturas Lake for the last seven years (hunted in Idaho for more than 30 years).

I hunt with two out-of-state cousins that come down every year. Last year we saw one wolf trailing an elk herd up Beaver Creek. This year in the same area, I witnessed a pack of three wolves persistently following an elk herd, and at one point in the early morning, they managed to carve off a tail. One of the wolves took off after it, while the other two pursued the spooked elk herd. I also ran into fresh sign above the Alturas Lake inlet.

These wolves are constantly pressuring the elk, waiting for an opportunity to carve one off from the herd. These elk are on constant high alert and will spook at the slightest instance. They are afraid to budge for fear of giving up their location. It makes for a situation that is almost impossible to effectively hunt them. It appears that the elk numbers are way down and if something isn't done very soon, they won't be enough elk left to hunt.

After this year's experience, my hunting partners are giving up on Idaho and told me

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that after this year's experience, they will choose another state to hunt. This is a real serious situation that must be addressed immediately. The state of Idaho is going to suffer drastically from reduced hunting license and tag revenue if something isn't done. Our representatives need to stop playing games with the state of Idaho and take action to reduce and more effectively control this out-of-control wolf problem.

TONY MAVER
Twin Falls

Harris has skills to serve Jerome Co. well

I have known Sam Harris for many years. He has served as Lincoln

County's building inspector and has done an excellent job in that position. He is meticulous in his work, which includes reviewing plans and conducting on-site building inspections as well as approving or not approving all building permits in the county. He is a fair, sensible and honest person who works well with the public.

I feel he has what it takes to serve the people of Jerome County as county commissioner.

JERRY NANCE
Dietrich
(Editor's note: Jerry Nance is a Lincoln County commissioner.)

Preserve open trails, campsites in forest plan

The Sawtooth National Forest is in the process of developing a new travel plan. This new travel plan will have designated roads and trails. This means you will not be allowed to drive on roads and trails unless they are signed and numbered. All trails will be closed unless the Forest Service decides to leave certain roads and trails open.

The Forest Service is also considering the closing of an undesignated camping. Under this proposal, you would only be allowed to camp at certain designated campgrounds. If you like to

drive down a little road and find a nice camping spot under the trees, you must tell the Forest Service no to this proposal.

Please send a note to the Sawtooth Forest. Ask them to leave all existing roads and trails open to motorized traffic. Ask them to leave camping as it has always been. Send letters to Sawtooth National Forest, 2647 Kimberly Road E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
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Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter has also represented Idaho very

well in Congress by upholding states rights and individual liberty guaranteed by the Constitution but being destroyed by socialists in Congress. He will make a great governor-for-Idaho with his many years of experience as lieutenant governor and a congressman. He knows Idaho's traditions and needs and deserves our support and vote.

There is a strong drive to create a North American Union combining the U.S., Mexico and Canada into a regional government like the European Union. This is being done without the consent of Congress or the American people. It will destroy our independence and individual constitutional rights.

A bill, House Concurrent Resolution 487, states that the United States not enter into a North American Union and not construct a super highway system from Mexico to Canada. It asks the president to strongly oppose this regional government schema, although he presently favors it.

Please contact our congressmen and senators to support H. Res. 487 and H.R. 1146 to get out of the tyrannical United Nations. See www.jbs.org for details.
ADRIAN L. ARP
Twin Falls

LETTERS

Roof starts to sag on housing

We are at the endgame for housing. Until recently, our national motto has been "in real estate we trust." Just last week, the Census Bureau reported that median home prices after inflation rose 32 percent from 2000 to 2005. In some places, the gains were huge: 127 percent in San Diego, 110 percent in Los Angeles and 79 percent in New York. But real estate — which has acted as a national piggy bank, with homeowners borrowing and spending against rising house prices — no longer looks so trustworthy. On this, more than falling oil prices or a record Dow, hangs the economy's immediate fate.

With fewer buyers, home construction and sales and prices have weakened. In August, housing starts were 20 percent lower than a year earlier. Last year, sales of new and existing homes totaled almost 8.4 million; next year the NAR expects 7.4 million.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

will face higher monthly payments.

Adjustable rate mortgages represent a quarter of the nearly \$10 trillion in single-family mortgages, says economist Michael Fratantoni of the Mortgage Bankers Association. ARMs typically change rates annually and are 2 to 2.5 percentage points above, say, a one-year Treasury note. But "hybrid" ARMs made in 2003 and 2004 provided low fixed rates for three to five years; many of these rates are now rising. Consider a borrower with a 4 percent ARM of \$200,000 lent in 2003. The monthly payment had been \$955, says Fratantoni. Now, the ARM would reset at 7.5 percent; the payment increases to \$1,362. Switch to a 30-year fixed-rate loan, and the rate would be 6.25 percent with a \$1,164 monthly payment.

To service their loans, some consumers will curb their shopping. Susan Sterne of Economic Analysis Associates says that debt payments will absorb a record 15.6 percent of personal disposable income in 2007. Sterne expects growth in consumer spending and the overall economy to weaken, though she's not predicting a recession. But some forecasters think one is possible.

Uncertainties abound. How much will falling oil prices cushion consumer spending? More important: How much do higher home prices reflect a temporary speculative "bubble"? Among experts, there's a wide range of views. Economist Richard Green of George Washington University thinks much of the run-up of home prices is permanent, reflecting lower long-term interest rates. Rates dropped, buyers could afford to pay more. I largely agree with this view. Growing confidence in low inflation has gradually reduced long-term rates. In 2005, rates on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged about 6 percent, compared with 7.5 percent in 2000 and 8 percent in 1995.

Restrictive zoning regulations have also pushed up prices in some areas, Green says. High demand pressed on a limited housing supply. Still, evidence of speculation is undeniable. For a while, there was a buyers' panic. By one survey, about 40 percent of houses bought in 2005 were second homes (28 percent for "investment," 12 percent for "vacation"). Dubious new mortgages — interest only or less — aimed to maximize what a buyer could afford. A survey by Global Insight and National City Corp. estimates whether home prices in 317 metro areas are reasonable.

In early 2006, 63 metro areas were judged overvalued — but by no more than 13 percent. In mid-2006, 236 were thought overvalued, and 79 by more than 34 percent.

The survey considers interest rates, local incomes and housing densities.

Even a leveling of home prices suggests that Americans will save more from current income and spend less. Up to a point, that's OK, especially if the lost spending were offset by higher exports and business investment.

But one recent survey shows a year-over-year price decrease for existing homes of 1.7 percent. Moody's Economy.com forecasts falling prices in 100 metro areas and an average decline of 3.5 percent next year — the first annual drop since the Great Depression, says chief economist Mark Zandi.

There's the endgame's true danger: If prices drop too much or too persistently, the damage to confidence and spending won't be easily neutralized.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

LETTER

Teens displayed lack of compassion

Lack of compassion hurts. This letter is addressed to the four teenage girls from a Bluff sports team that ate in a Twin Falls restaurant on Saturday, Oct. 7.

My mother, brother and I were eating at the table beside you. We were totally aware of you laughing at Mom. (She's handicapped and in a wheelchair. Do you think she's handicapped by choice?) I'm saddened by your inappropriate behavior.

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BRUIN BITES

compiled by Times-News sports writer Brad Guine

TONIGHT'S MATCHUP
Region Four-Five-Six game
Twin Falls (0-6, 0-1) at
Idaho Falls (2-4, 0-1), 7 p.m.

Passing leader

Last game

Bryant Ward, 14-28-4-157, 1 TD

Season

Bryant Ward, 81-175-11-1,030, 10 TDs

Receiving leader

Last game

Ben Heidenreich, 4-41

Season

Josh Bordiero, 22,309, 3 TDs

Running leader

Last game

Adam Howard, 15-77

Season

Marcus Schaal, 61,269, 2 TDs

The Block Says: "Idaho Falls is 2-4, but they shouldn't be. They're in the same boat — roughing up teams, but not finishing. We're hanging in there. We'll have Marcus (Schaal) back, and that's a plus for us from a team standpoint. Our kids have really behind each other this week. We're getting an 'us against the world' attitude, and that's not a bad thing. — Twin Falls head coach Brock Berryhill

Pirates' Perfection



Hagerman's Chariel Gisler (4) celebrates with teammates after the Pirates scored a point during Game 1 of their match against Hansen Thursday in Hansen.

Hagerman caps unbeaten conference run with sweep of Hansen

By Diane Phillips
Times-News writer

HANSEN — The Hagerman Pirates capped their perfect run through regular season Magic Valley Southside Conference play, sweeping the host Hansen Huskies 25-15, 25-17, 25-9 on Thursday.

The conference champions will be the top seed in the conference tournament that begins Saturday in Hansen.

For the match, with the exception of two ties in Game 2, the Pirates (19-2, 14-0) never trailed. Examples of the Hagerman dominance in the match were the leads the Pirates held over the Huskies.

In Game 1, the Pirates largest margin was 14 points, at both 23-9 and 24-10. The third game found the Pirates with a pair of 16-point leads, 24-8 and 25-9.

Sophomore Breccia Mangum registered double-figure kills with a game-high 19. She also had 15 service points for the Pirates. Nine of those points came in Game 3 as the Huskies had trouble with Mangum's jump serve.

"Our biggest downfall was in serve receiving,"

"This bunch of girls are fun and pretty self-motivated. I don't really have to do much because they come ready to play. It is really important to remember that even with Breccia playing well, she is surrounded by a lot of good athletes."

—Hagerman coach Luanne Axelson

said Hansen coach Galen Stimpson. "I was impressed with the digs we did pick up. I liked our blocks. They helped us stay in the second game. Hagerman's hitting is awesome."

"I thought a positive for us was when Jessica Day was in. Mangum had to adjust her game plan, but Mangum continued to get stronger."

There was not a Hansen player in double digits in kills. Senior Charlotte Freestone led the Huskies with six, followed by Amanda Dohbey with five and Shylane Higgins with four. The same three players led in the defensive column as Freestone picked up 15 digs, Higgins 12 and Dohbey eight.

"This bunch of girls are fun and pretty self-motivated," said Hagerman coach Luanne

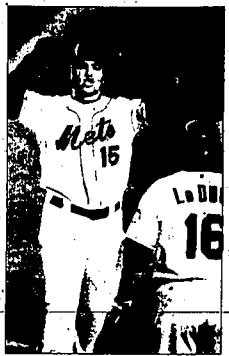
Axelson. "I don't really have to do much because they come ready to play. It is really important to remember that even with Breccia playing well, she's surrounded by a lot of good athletes."

Sophomore Chariel Gisler also found success at the serving line with 18 points. Senior Kaila Madrigales and junior Christine Regnier also added two kills for the Pirates.

"We really appreciate our coach," said Mangum. "We couldn't be anymore proud than we are of her."

No. 1 seed Hagerman will begin play on Saturday at 1 p.m. against No. 8 Murtaugh.

The third seed Hansen will play at 5:30. Hagerman's junior varsity bested Hansen 23-25, 25-18, 15-5.



New York Mets' Carlos Beltran (15) celebrates after his two-run homer off St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Jeff Weaver in the sixth inning of Game 1 of the National League Championship Series, Thursday at Shea Stadium in New York.

Beltran, Mets top Cards in NLCS opener

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tom Glavine tossed another gem, Carlos Beltran rocked Shea Stadium with a homer that crashed off the scoreboard, and the New York Mets jumped in front of St. Louis in the NL championship series.

Glavine shut down Albert Pujols and extended his postseason scoreless streak to 13 innings, pitching the Mets to a 2-0 victory over the Cardinals in Game 1 on Thursday night.

"Tommy was the key," Mets manager Willie Randolph said. "He just quietly goes about his business and he's a real leader on our staff."

Beltran, who wore out St. Louis in the NLCS with Houston two years ago, hit a two-run shot off an otherwise impressive Jeff Weaver in the sixth. That was all the offense New York needed to win its eighth straight game, dating to the regular season.

It points me that there's going to be an 'L' next to Jeff's name tomorrow. There's no way that he's a losing pitcher," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "Jeff was outstanding. We hit two many balls in the air."

After rain postponed the opener Wednesday night, the Cardinals banged up ace Chris Carpenter, who will pitch on regular rest Friday night in Game 2, took a right-hander John Maine who is on the mound for the Mets.

Missing injured starters Pedro Martinez and Orlando Hernandez, the Mets are counting heavily on Glavine as they chase their first World Series title in 20 years. The 40-year-old left-hander, sharp and deceptive as ever, has delivered in a big way.

He threw six scoreless innings in Game 2 of the first round, helping the Mets to a three-game sweep of the Los Angeles Dodgers. And the two-time Cy Young Award winner, who waited four seasons to reach the playoffs with New York after going so year after year in Atlanta, was just as good against St. Louis.

"I understand the importance of when I pitch now. At the same time, I'm trying to play mental games with myself and dismiss that," Glavine said. "I don't want to go out there with any added pressure."

Helped by two inning-ending double plays and a sprawling catch by super sub Andy Chavez, Glavine yielded only four hits and two walks. He struck out Pujols in the first, walked him in the fourth and retired him on a liner to shortstop in the sixth.

"The first part I executed really well, which was face him with no one on base," Glavine said. "He's obviously the best hitter in baseball right now. When he's in the box, if you have to face him, you have to face him like any other hitter. You have to attack him and be aggressive."

Guillermo Mota worked a hitless eighth to avoid facing Pujols himself, instead passing the reins to NL MVP

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Bruins now just one win from state berth

T.F. tops I.F. to make seeding game

By Brad Guine
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Bruins isn't spelled with a 'd' yet there was a large 'D' present at the Sunway Soccer Complex on Thursday as the Bruins girls soccer team played stout defense to stifle Idaho Falls 2-1.

The win keeps Twin Falls in contention for the second class 5A Region Four-Five-Six seed to the state tournament in Meridian next week. The Bruins still need to defeat the Highland Rams on Saturday for the berth. (Skyline defeated the Rams Thursday for the conference title and the No. 1 area seed.)

"They stepped up today. We had good play off the bench. They're starting to sense the urgency," Bruins head coach Katie Kauffman said of the

team's proximity to the state tournament.

"Twin Falls controlled the midfield through most of the game and allowed Idaho Falls only two shots during the first half and six during the second half. The two first-half shots were back-to-back direct kicks that were missed."

"Our midfield was tight and we were able to shut them down," Maci Fisher said of the intense play, which eventually led to the Bruins' unintentionally injuring both Idaho Falls goalkeepers. Amanda Keebler received a yellow card during the first half for attacking while the Idaho Falls keeper had the ball on the ground.

On offense, the Bruins pressed hard to take 11 and 13 shots per half, respectively, with forward Marissa Sanchez.

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Twin Falls forward Marissa Sanchez (10) jukes around Idaho Falls defender Jessica Copeland during the Bruins' 2-1 Region Four-Five-Six Tournament victory at the Sunway Soccer Complex in Twin Falls Thursday.

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YOUR GUIDE TO MAGIC VALLEY PREP SPORTS

Mangum has Pirates jumping

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — Can a specific skill of one player carry a team all the way to a state title? If that player is Hagerman sophomore Breccia Mangum, the answer could very well be "Yes."

In addition to her power as an outside hitter (215 kills through 20 matches) and her size and ability as a middle blocker (11 stuff blocks), Mangum possesses a part of her game few players her age can execute — a jump serve.

Mangum has recorded more than 200 service points this season, with 160 of those coming on jump serves. Hagerman coach LuAnne Axelson said a conversation with a college coach this past summer led to Mangum's success with the jump serve. "He told me she'd miss some this year as a sophomore," said Axelson, "but he said we could win state titles her junior and senior years just with her serve."



Breccia Mangum

High praise: With Hagerman unbeaten in the Magic Valley Southside Conference, it appears to be accurate. Mangum began playing around with the jump serve in junior high simply because she "thought it was something cool to do," she said. But an ankle injury during her freshman year nixed her plans to use it at Hagerman. But Mangum put in more time in the offseason to work on her serving technique. The results are certainly paying dividends. Despite all the attention she garners for her serving, Mangum said that's not her favorite aspect of the game. That would be hit-

ting. But it's followed closing by everything else the game requires.

"I just love the game of volleyball," she said. "I pretty much like everything about."

And her coach says she's pretty good at everything about the game as well.

She's without a doubt one of the best all-around volleyball players I've ever coached," said Axelson, who coached at Shoshone for 16 years before coming to Hagerman four seasons ago.

With the postseason beginning this weekend, Mangum said she and her teammates are aiming for a state title.

"We've worked hard all year long and we've got excellent players," said Mangum. "We work so well as a team together."

Mangum particularly praised Hagerman's setters, Chaucer Axelson and Charli Gister. But the sophomore said the entire team has great chemistry.

When volleyball season ends, Mangum will take up basketball. In the spring, she hopes to play softball at Buhl High School. "Pretty much what I do is play sports," she said.

And when it comes to volleyball, she just happens to play it better than most.

Idaho Media Prep Football Poll

Week 7

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Madison 1-1 4-3
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Rankings and guide by Noland Parry

Parry's POWER Guide

Week Ending Oct. 13 Home Team in CAPS

Large table with columns: Favorite, Rating, Diff., Underdog, Team Name, Score

Last week: 45-10, 81.8 percent; Season: 309-100, 75.5 percent
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NLCS

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along to Billy Wagner. But the Mets' closer got Pujols' line out to first and Juan Encarnacion followed with a hard groundout.

Wagner then walked Scott Rolen, who is 1-for-14 in this postseason, and retired pinch-hitter Scott Spiezio on a popup to end it for his third save of the playoffs.

It was Glavine's 34th postseason start, matching Andy Pettite for the most in major league history. Glavine also improved to 14-15 in the postseason, tying Pettite for the second-most wins behind former Braves teammate John Smoltz (15).

Wagner cast off by the Los Angeles Angels in July, was nearly as good. He cruised through 5 2-3 innings, blanking the Mets' menacing lineup on one harmless single.

But Paul Lo Duca bounced a hit through the left side in the sixth, and Beltran drove a 2-2 fastball an estimated 430 feet off the giant scoreboard in right-center — the ball changing off Jose Valentin's No. 18 in New York's lineup.

It also woke up a curiously quiet crowd of 56,311 at Shea, which was plenty noisy during two home games in the division series, and left them chanting "Wen-vert! Wen-vert!"

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GAME PLAN

LOCAL

High School
Boys Soccer
Class District IV
Tournament
North at Wendell, 4:30 p.m.

Football
Fier at Grimes County, 3:30 p.m.
Sho-Ban at Shoshone, 7 p.m.
Hagerman at Oakley, 7 p.m.
Lighthouse Christian at Hansen, 7 p.m.
Wood River at Jerome, 7 p.m.
Castellon at Rain River, 7 p.m.
Carey at Murtaugh, 7 p.m.
Bucley at Minico, 7 p.m.
Dority at Gooding, 7 p.m.
Vendell at Glenn Ferry, 7 p.m.
Kimberly at Idaho Falls, 7 p.m.
Twin Falls at Kuba Falls, 7 p.m.
Valley at Aberdeen, 7 p.m.

GOLF
PGA TOUR - Frys.com
USA - Dev Action Sports at UCF
EXTREME SPORTS
Walmart
PlayStation Pro, at Orlando, Fla. (someday) p.m.

USA - PGA TOUR, Frys.com
PGA Second round, at Las Vegas
4 p.m.

USA - Champions Tour
Administrative Small Business
Classic, first round, at Spring, Texas (someday) p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
6:30 p.m.

FOX - Playoffs, American League
Champion series, Game 3, Oakland at Detroit
6 p.m.

FOX - Playoffs, National League
Champion series, Game 3, Oakland at St. Louis at 8:15 p.m.

T.V. SCHEDULE

AUTO RACING
Sprint Nextel 400
3 p.m.

NASCAR
Sprint Nextel 400
3 p.m.

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SPORTS

Winning for Ricky lost in Talladega fallout for Vickers

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Brian Vickers passed, pursed his lips and swallowed hard before deciding what to say about his good friend, Ricky Hendrick.

"It's ... it means ... he was a good friend," Vickers finally offered.

Overshadowed by the fallout of the mistake Vickers made on the last lap at Talladega, when he accidentally wrecked teammate Jimmie Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr., is that the victor in the state would have thrilled his late friend.

It's been almost two years since the Hendrick Motorsports plane crash that killed Ricky Hendrick and nine others, an accident that hit Vickers extremely hard. Ricky helped Vickers get his big break in NASCAR, and he died on Vickers' 21st birthday.

And his absence is perhaps a huge reason why Vickers has opted to leave

Hendrick at the end of this season to join a new team, where he can start fresh and free from the pain and the memories. It also will allow him to emerge from the shadows of Johnson, Jeff Gordon and Kyle Busch, teammates who all seem to have an easier path to Victory Lane.

So the win on Sunday in the No. 25 Chevrolet — the team Ricky was running at the time of his death — was therapeutic in a way. No matter the circumstances and drama that surrounded it, it set Vickers free once and for all.

"Ricky wanted Brian in an awful bad way to drive the Busch car, and Brian has been like family and he's traveled with us," team owner Rick Hendrick said Thursday. "I think sometimes it's almost like a kid, who, Jeff and Jimmie are established and Kyle's already won, and although

Brian has done well, it's almost like Ricky is not there and things don't feel the same for him.

"It's got a chance to be the star in this other program and get a fresh start, and maybe he was carrying around too much baggage that he couldn't control — dealing with the missing part of the team."

* Vickers doesn't speak publicly about Ricky, and he makes it clear with short, curt responses when pressed. At 22 years old, he's mature beyond his years, but young enough to still lack the ability to deal with raw emotion.

Winning one for Ricky was something for Vickers to celebrate, but he's saddened that the circumstances of that coveted victory have tainted it. Vickers was in third on the last lap when, in his effort to push Johnson past Earnhardt into the lead, he

instead caused the two leaders to crash.

"It's very much a relief that I got that win," Vickers said. "Winning in the 25 for Ricky was the one thing I really wanted to do before he died. It's unfortunate that I made a mistake, it wasn't intentional. It was a mistake, but I made it and it overshadowed what should have been a time to celebrate."

"That's just life, I guess."

When Vickers showed up at Lowe's Motor Speedway on Friday — without the extra security track officials had shamelessly offered him to protect him from angry Earnhardt fans — the controversy surrounding that final lap was the dominant conversation.

* No, he had not talked to Johnson yet.

* Yes, he hopes their friendship can be repaired.

* Not a chance he's raced Johnson

and Gordon any harder than usual lately.

* He knows it's "clearly time" for him to move on from Hendrick Motorsports.

* He isn't sure how he'll be received on the race track or in the grandstands.

Gordon has a pretty good sense that it will be rough going over the final six weeks of the season for his young friend, who is leaving to drive a Toyota for Team Red Bull next year.

"The toughest thing is on Brian now," Gordon said. "I think he's got a lot of people out there against him right now. He's gonna really learn some valuable lessons, because he's gonna be feeling a lot of the heat in a lot of the kitchen."

"There's nothing really we can do or say. It's just an experience that he's gonna have to go through."

Sorenstam, Ochoa lead at Samsung

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Michelle Wie didn't exactly steal the show Thursday at the Samsung World Championship.

If anything, she held it up. Starting her second year as a pro, Wie took a half-hour to play the 14th hole at Bighorn with two rollings, a whiff, an unplayable lie from a desert bush and a shot off the center cart path just to get back to the fairway. She wound up with a quadruple-bogey 8 on the shortest par 4 at Bighorn, sending her to a 2-over-74.

The real show belonged to some familiar names on the LPGA Tour — Lorena Ochoa and Annika Sorenstam.

Both wailed endlessly along the back nine for the Wie rallies, although it hardly affected their games. Ochoa fired off four birdies in five holes, and Sorenstam caught up with her in the final holes as both finished at 67.

Sophie Gustafson powered her way to a 68, tied with Seon-Iwa Lee, who already has won the LPGA rookie of the year award.

Ochoa, the Mexican star with four victories and five runner-up finishes this year, could take a huge step toward winning the player of the year award at the Samsung World Championship. Sorenstam is trying to win this event for a record sixth time, and needs a victory to keep alive her hopes for a sixth straight player of the year award.

Wie is simply trying to win for the first time, and despite looking like a lost cause, she hasn't lost hope.

"I was in some bad situations," Wie said. "My game is feeling really good. It's really close right now."

The good news for Wie is that she gets to come back on Friday and try again.

When she made her pro debut a year ago at this tournament, Wie was disqualified for an improper drop she took from a bush in the third round, an infraction that wasn't pointed out until a day later.

The gallery was about one-fourth the size of last year, and the only buzz was coming from the bees hovering around desert fauna. The blustering hot conditions turned Bighorn into a brute, so tough that Sorenstam said it reminded her of the "Battle at Bighorn" in 2001, when she teamed with Tiger Woods to beat David Duval and Katie Webb in a Monday night exhibition.

Sorenstam didn't put off the green like she did in 2001 — "You always learn," she said with a laugh — but she didn't have many chances to do that. The Swedish hit the ball so well along the back nine that her only birdie put over 10 feet came on the 11th, from 20 feet.

Ochoa was inspired playing with the No. 1 player in women's golf, saying it reminds her of a final round. She hit wedge into 20 feet on the 10th to start her big run, banging the birdie putt into the back of the cup. The rest of her birdie putts also were inside 10 feet, although she slipped into a tie with a three-putt bogey from 42 feet on the 15th.



Lorena Ochoa, of Mexico, blasts from a bunker on the 16th hole in the first round of the Samsung Challenge at Bighorn Golf Club in Palm Desert, Calif., Thursday.

The 74 matched Wie's worst score on the LPGA Tour this year, although she somehow manages to deliver the theatrics.

She hit another shot off the cart path at No. 10 after getting relief from a rain, a ruling that tour official Charles Williams later told her was incorrect. Wie took double bogey on No. 11 after hitting into a bunker, laying up short of a creek and three-putting. She followed that with a 60-foot eagle putt from behind the 12th green.

Wie told her caddie, Fanny Sorenstam, that having made double bogey on the previous hole, "It's only fair I make eagle here."

But then came the 14th, which measures 354 holes and took what seemed like an eternity to play.

Tway, Flesch in front at Frys.com Open in Vegas

LAS VEGAS — Both Tway and Steve Flesch hit 8-under par on a short first-round lead in the Frys.com Open.

Tway, the 1990 winner, shot a 63 on the 7,019-yard TPC Canyon course that plays to a par of 71, while Flesch had a 64 on the 7,243-yard, par-72 TPC Summerlin.

The players alternate between the two courses for the first two days of the tournament, with the final two rounds at Summerlin.

Four players — Bubba Dickerson, Rich Beem, Will Zalatoris and Patrick Sheehan — were tied at 7 under, a shot back of the leaders. Another eight players, including Duffy Waldorf and Joe Ogilvie, were in a group at 6 under.

Three-time Las Vegas winner Jim

Furyk was 3 under after a 68 at TPC Canyons. Defending champion Wes Short Jr., who beat Furyk on the second playoff hole last year for his only PGA Tour victory, opened with a 68 at TPC Summerlin.

Lang defends title at USGA Senior Women's Amateur

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. — Diane Lang successfully defended her USGA Senior Women's Amateur title, beating Anna Schultz 1-up at Sea Island Golf Club.

Lang, the 51-year-old Jamaican-born player who lives in Weston, Fla., became the seventh woman to win consecutive titles in the tournament.

She is the first player to win back-to-back Senior Women's Amateur titles since Carol Semple Thompson, who won four consecutive titles from 1999-02. Other players to win consecutive titles are Norma Smith (1994-04); Carolyn Cusack (1968-73); Alice Dye (1978-79); Dorothy Porter (1980-81) and Anne Sander (1989-90). Lang and Thompson are the only two to have done so since the championship switched to a match-play format in 1997.

Schultz, also 51, is from Rockwall, Texas.

Lu Wen-teh leads Gooßen, Campbell at China Masters

SANYUAN, China — Juwan's Lu Wen-teh shot a 9-under 63 to take a one-stroke lead over defending champion Retlef Gooßen and Michael Campbell after the first round of the Asian Tour's China Masters.

Fastballs, curveballs and ... snowballs?

Frosty ALCS forecast

DETROIT (AP) — Nick Swisher trotted out to right field and, with freak October flurries swirling at Comerica Park, plopped onto his back and began making mock snow angels.

Only for a minute, though. Shivering, the Oakland first baseman put on his ski cap and retreated to the dugout Thursday.

Welcome to baseball's winter wonderland, a.k.a. Game 3 of the AL championship series, where the forecast is calling for fastballs, curveballs and ... snowballs.

"This is when the boys of summer turn into the men of fall," Detroit pitcher Jamie Walker said.

The Tigers, leading 2-0 in the best-of-seven matchup, and Athletics got somewhat of a break when Friday's start time was moved from 6:19 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A combination of factors figured into that decision by the commissioner's office — the local conditions, a minnow that took away a travel day in the NLCS, and TV ratings.

It's definitely not going to be baseball weather tomorrow, to be sure. Dave Gurney of the National Weather Service in Michigan, "Around 45 degrees, wind gusts up to 35 mph and some snow showers."

Had any of the flurries stuck Thursday, it would have set a record as the earliest measured snowfall in Detroit. Still, it's going to be frosty through the weekend.

More like football weather, for sure. The Detroit Lions and Buffalo Bills will play next door at Ford Field on Sunday — indoors, that is.

"It depends on how cold it is," AS slugger Frank Thomas said. "It's going to be tough if it's under 40."

Thomas is hitless in eight at-bats during this series. He flied out with the bases loaded to end Wednesday night's 8-5 loss at Oakland, where it was 67 degrees at game time.

The decision on when to go to the bullpen became even more formalized as pitch counts, once considered a decision-making tool, became the rationale for managing decisions. In terms of injuries, studies revealed that even more important than the number of starts was the number of pitches thrown in each start, and that once a pitcher hits his fatigue point — the magical number settled around 100 pitches — the risk of injury rises with each throw.

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Oakland Athletics catcher Adam Melhuse is bundled against the snow flurries during a workout at Comerica Park in Detroit Thursday. The Athletics play the Detroit Tigers, Friday in Game 3 of the American League Championship Series.

homework. Even when I do get a strike, the pitches aren't in the same area code. But sooner or later, they're going to miss."

The Big Hurt won't be the only one feeling the Big Chill in Game 3. Pitchers notoriously have a tougher time gripping the ball in chiller climates, especially ones that rely more on touch and feel, such as Detroit starter Kenny Rogers.

Fresh off his shutout effort against the New York Yankees in the first round, Rogers will be opposed by hard-chewing Rich Harden, a native of British Columbia who keeps hockey sticks in his locker in Oakland.

"Growing up in Canada, I played hockey outdoors and played in the snow. In this weather, I'm used to it," he said. "Back then, I was a center fiddler, so it was more standing in the outfield and not moving. I think the worst was probably sleet and freezing rain and you get the wind coming."

Only a few players practiced outdoors Thursday. The infield was covered with a tarp, so most of them hit in indoor cages.

"I'm used to playing in this kind of weather. I was growing up in," said Tigers leadoff man Curtis Granderson, originally from Chicago.

Pitch counts aren't just for big-leaguers anymore

The quickest way to start an argument about the post-season baseball is the question whether a manager applied the book to a starter or reliever too late or too soon. Enjoy the debate while you can.



JIM LITKE

Almost nobody guesses the distance anymore. Starting next year, pitchers in the Little League World Series will be held to strict pitch counts, almost ensuring the next generation of hurlers won't be any better than the current one at finishing what they started.

And we're already looking at an all-time low.

There were 149 complete games thrown in the regular season just under the lowest in major league history. This despite more games being games played than ever.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, those games account-

ed for only 2.8 percent of all starts. Twenty years ago, the figure was 13.3 percent and 50 years ago, when Don Larsen threw what remains the only perfect World Series game, the figure was 30 percent. It's been declining steadily ever since.

People of a certain age can remember when the best pitchers on the staff were also the most durable, when guys like Juan Marichal, Bob Gibson, Sandy Koufax, Gaylord Perry and Nolan Ryan started as many as 40 games a season and finished nearly half of

them. But they're not just engaging in nostalgia. Last season, Aaron Lirang of the Reds and C.C. Sabathia of the Indians tied for the lead with six each.

There are any number of theories about what precipitated the drop, but most include Sparky Anderson's managerial stint in charge of the Big Red Machine in the mid-1970s and the decision by most clubs to adopt a five-man rotation — instead of four — in the 15 years or so that followed.

En route to back-to-back World Series wins in 1975-76, Anderson was nicknamed "Captain Hook" because he didn't hesitate to yank his starters. At the first sign of weakness, he hustled in Will McEnaney and Rawly Eastwick, and ushered in the era of specialization — middle relievers and closers — in the

burgeon.

In the early 1980s, the late Billy Martin was managing the Oakland A's and taking the opposite tack. Afraid of his bullpen, Martin made four-man starting staff gobble up something like 900 innings and it never recovered. The strategy was so savaged in a 1989 book called "The Diamond Appalled," by baseball theorist Craig Wright and veteran pitching coach Tom House, that four-man rotations in 1976-21 percent the following season. But no staff since has even come close to producing four 20-game winners in a single season, something the 1971 Orioles did for only

the second time in major-league history.

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Little eventually got another job with the Dodgers, but perhaps mindful of his fate, more and more managers have elected to follow the book, which roughly translated, calls for six innings from the starter, followed by middle relief and a closer in the ninth.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland, who is refreshingly old school, remains one of the few holdouts. He's played his hunches with a young pitching staff and taken Detroit to the verge of the ALCS.

Remember Jack Morris, at age 36, starting three times for the Twins in 1991 World Series? Remember the 10 innings of a shut ball he pitched against the Braves in Game 7 to lead up a 1-0 lead? Good. Because it's the kind of performance we're not likely to see again anytime soon, if ever.

Burley claims Great Basin title with rout of Century

By Ryan Howe
For The Times-News

BURLEY — The Burley soccer team just keeps on rolling.

Next stop: State.

"These kids are amazing," said Burley coach Wes Nyblade after the Bobcats' 5-0 win over Century Thursday. "I'm just along for the ride."

Burley earned its fourth consecutive District IV-V Great Basin Conference championship and a No. 1 seed entering the state tournament, which gets under way Thursday in Boise.

"We are ready for state," said senior midfielder Gabriel Rios. "We have some players hurt, but they will get better during the week and we will be ready to win state."

Rios got Burley going in the 13th minute when he tracked down a loose ball and blasted a goal from the left angle.

Bobcat star Eduardo Angulano was his usual self, netting four goals. He scored three times in a span of six minutes in the second half to turn a 2-0 game into a comfortable 5-0 blowout.

Angulano is now averaging 2.5 goals per game. Teams at state might think that shutting

Angulano down will equal defeating Burley. But take all of Angulano's goals away from this season and the Bobcats are still outscoring opponents 35-8.

With sophomore goalkeeper Kace Redder leading the charge with several great saves, Burley recorded its 13th shutout of the season and eighth in a row, extending its school record win streak to 18 games. The Bobcats have only given up two goals in their last 15 games.

Despite their success, Nyblade said his team can't afford to overlook anyone at state.

"There are some big dogs out there waiting for us," Nyblade said. "There are some good teams up there and we'll be humble and respect them, then go out there and try to beat them."

Burley's Gabriel Rios and Gustavo Sanchez celebrate Rios' first-half goal during the Bobcats' 5-0 win over Century Thursday at Burley High School.

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Raft River sweeps Murtaugh in regular-season finale

Times-News

MURTAUGH — The Raft River Trojans picked up another Magic Valley Southside Conference win heading into Saturday's first round of the conference tournament in Hansen, defeating the host Murtaugh Red Devils 25-6, 25-17, 25-13 Thursday evening.

Nicole Harper performed well for the Trojans, recording eight kills and six digs. Jayme Manning added seven kills, while Lindsay Hatcherson contributed two blocks. Setter Kimberly Harper had 22 assists for the Trojans. Harper, Harter Scott, Keely Ward, Meg Wickle, Marli Manning and Natalie Greenwood all had 100-percent serving on the night.

Raft River coach Candi Schumann said "the girls played well, with good intensity. We finished the season strong."

Raft River's final record stands at 13-3 overall, and 11-3 conference. The conference tourney begins on Saturday. Seeding and scheduling are still to be determined.

The Red Devils finish their regular season with a 1-15 overall mark and 1-13 in conference play.

Both Joanna Randolph and Selena Delgado had three blocks Thursday in the loss.

"We had some spark tonight toward the end, started swinging hard and finally blocked," Murtaugh head coach Carrie Morgan said. "Hopefully we can keep it going in the tournament."

The Red Devils open with top-seeded Hagerman at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Jerome 2, Pocatello 1

JEROME — Jerome came out flat, but took the win against Pocatello, 2-1. Pocatello won the first game 25-18, but Jerome won the last two, 25-13, and 25-20.

Jerome coach Rick Burke was actually disappointed with his team's performance. "This was one of our worst efforts of the year. We did rebound the second game, and just survived the third," stated the steaming Burke.

Leading the way for the Tigers was Megan Parrish with 11 kills and three blocks. Halle Long tallied six blocks, and Jordan Hofffield added another five kills for the Tigers.

Jerome (10-9, 4-2) ends its season as the No. 2 seed in the upcoming tournament. The Tigers' initial opponent is third seed Burley, Monday in Halley.

Lighthouse Christian 3, Oakley 0

TWIN FALLS — Lighthouse Christian was lights out against Oakley, defeating the Hornets 25-13, 25-12, 28-26. Julia Bokma set the pace for Lighthouse with five kills and two aces. Emma Aardema tacked on five aces and Ambur Ulrich had 13 digs.

In the final game of the regular season, Lions coach Tobie Helman was proud of her girls. "They played with heart and determination. We also had great leadership from our seniors on senior night," she said.

Lighthouse (9-7, 7-7) begins tournament play on Saturday. Their seeding, and therefore opponent, are to be determined. The tournament will be played in Hansen.

Shoshone wins two at tri-match

SHOSHONE — Shoshone fared well in this tri-meet, winning both of their matches. Shoshone defeated Carey 25-17, 25-7, 25-7. They also defeated Glens Ferry 25-16, 19-25, and 15-9. Carey defeated Glens Ferry 15-23, 25-23, 25-12.

Starting for Shoshone was: Kori Bingham with 19 kills, Shaynee Gulliford with 14 kills,

CSI volleyball slams Spokane

Times-News

SPOKANE, Wash. — The College of Southern Idaho played well in Thursday's tune-up for this weekend's pivotal pair of Scenic West Athletic Conference matches at No. 2 North Idaho College, defeating the host Community College of Spokane Bigfoot 30-11, 30-24, 30-22 in Spokane, Wash.

"We had fun," CSI head coach Heidi Carrisser said. "We went out there and just kind of played and worked on some of the things we want to do against North Idaho. But they were smiling and having fun. It was good for us, it's a high going in."

The 25-10 (6-0 SWAC) Golden Eagles play NIC at 8 p.m. MDT tonight in Coeur d'Alene before playing them again Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Taylor Astle with 17 assists, and Shelby Bozatto with 13 assists. Bozatto also recorded 20 service points for the Indians.

The wins for Shoshone give them the No. 2 seed in the Northside district tournament. Their first match is against seventh-seeded Bliss on Monday in Carey.

Shoshone finishes with a 16-8 record overall, and 10-2 in conference.

Filer 3, Declo 0

DECLO — Filer swept. Declo 25-14, 25-16, 25-15. Emma Wiersma recorded four aces and three blocks, and Kelsy Newton had nine kills and five blocks, setting the pace for Filer. Erica Kober also chipped in with 10 perfect passes and six digs.

For Declo, Kendra Koyle had three kills and five service points, while Cotes Geary tallied three kills and nine service points. Declo (4-13, 0-8) ends the year as the fifth seed in the tournament. The Hornets first game will be on Saturday in Buhl against an opponent to be determined.

Magic Valley Christian 3, Castelford 0

CASTLEFORD — The Magic Valley Christian Conquerors wrapped up their regular season Thursday with a 25-17, 25-19, 25-18 victory over host Castelford.

Kayleigh Reitsma led MVC with 13 service points and six blocks. Tara Paulson contributed 10 service points, two aces and 11 digs. Kristina Reitsma also had 10 service points and five kills, while Kara Boer tallied 11 service points for MVC.

MVC coach Lisa Van Esh praised her team for strong serving.

Rikki Wiggins finished with nine digs and Jessica Elser had 12 service points for the Wolves, who hold a 3-13 (2-12 Southside) record after the senior-night loss.

"We're looking forward to the tournament," Wolves head coach Oscar Flores said. "My girls have not peaked yet. They're looking forward to the opportunity to play any night."

The Wolves will play in the Southside tournament against No. 2 seed Raft River at 4 p.m. Saturday in Hansen.

MVC finishes the season with a 7-9 overall record, and 5-9 conference.

Gooding 3, Kimberly 1

GOODING — After losing the first game, Gooding went on to rattle off three in a row, defeating Kimberly 23-25, 25-13, 25-19, 25-23. Shutout for Kimberly was Burley Reeler with 17 service points, Shelby Behn with 26 digs, and Alex Pfefferle with seven kills.

Gooding coach Joleen Toome was pleased with her team's effort. Hailey Robinson had eight kills and nine blocks, Jordan Inraga added 14 kills and 14 digs, and Katie Handall had 11 kills and seven blocks for the Senators. Defensively, Nicci Abramowski had 20 digs, while Megan Pierson had 24 digs. Setter Juniel Jensen put up 41 assists.

Gooding (9-6, 5-3) will be either the No. 2 or 3 seed, depending on a coin toss, in the upcoming conference tournament. The tournament begins Saturday in Buhl.

Boys soccer

Pocatello 2, Jerome 1

BURLEY — Jerome's season ended with a 2-1 loss to Pocatello. The Tigers missed some key opportunities in a scoreless first half. "We took a couple of good shots in the first half, but Pocatello's goalie prevented us from scoring on those shots," lamented Jerome coach Robert Garcia.

Pocatello opened the scoring in the 53th minute, and would double their lead in the 64th minute. Jerome scored in the 85th minute on a goal by Brent Bowman. The final five minutes were not long enough for Jerome to find the equalizer.

Garcia was pleased with his team's effort over the course of the season. "We played stronger at the end of the year as we began to develop continuity amongst each other. Now we are looking forward to next year, with our same great defense in place," he said. Jerome's roster features some freshmen this year. Only two senior starters depart, making for a youthful team with some playoff experience next year.

Girls soccer

Century 1, Wood River 0

HAILEY — The Wood River Wolverines will have a tough opening-round game against the Bishop Kelly Knights after dropping Thursday's Class 4A District IV-V state seeding game to Century 1-0. It was the Wolves' first taste of defeat this season.

"We definitely need to make sure we re-evaluate everything tomorrow heading into the state tournament and make sure we're on the right page," Wolverines head coach Greg Gozadas said.

The Wolverines held a 16-1-1 record heading into the state tournament and will be the second seed out of Districts IV-V.

Buhl 6, Declo 3

BUHL — The second-seeded Buhl Indians advanced to Saturday's Class 3A District IV-V state play-in game with Thursday's 6-4 defeat of the visiting Declo Hornets.

Autumn Yutube scored four goals and both Madeline Meiers and Tazira Wuensch chipped in goals for the Indians.

"The first half, our team didn't play really serious," Buhl head coach Sasha Pavlovic said. "We weren't aggressive and I wasn't happy with how they played. The second half, they really stepped up and did what I asked and finally won the game."

The Indians will travel to Burley for a 2 p.m. Saturday game against either Marsh Valley or American Falls. If they win that game, they will move on to the Class 3A state tournament.



Twin Falls player Kaitlyn Simpson battles with an Idaho Falls defender during Thursday's game.

Bruins

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scoring a goal per half. Her first goal came 30 minutes into the first half on a through pass from Karmella Dolecheck.

"They have some good midfielders, but we really pushed back," Sanchez said. "We stayed calm and didn't panic."

Sanchez's other goal was bronzed post the keeper at the 50-minute mark on a solo shot. The Tigers' lone goal came four minutes later on a direct kick from Maria Kong. The Bruins drove back to the net again prior to the end of the game, but play was interrupted when a chocolate Labrador wandered onto the field in Idaho Falls territory.

Keeping cool has become a staple of the team mentality, and it's served them well through most of the tournament.

"It's taken work for them to learn when to settle down and when to play," Kaufman said, acknowledging that the players' ability to do just that played a key part to helping with pacing and ball control.

"They'll need it when they again face Highland — which knocked Twin Falls out in the opening round — in Pocatello on Saturday. So Kaufman's knowledge, the win would put the Bruins in the state tournament for the first time since girls' soccer was sanctioned by the state.

Amateur golf

Lee and Firth share T.F. honors

TWIN FALLS — Nona Lee and Barbara Firth tied for the Twin Falls-Maria Ladies Golfer of the Month Crown, while Jodie Handford took Golfer of the Month Net on Thursday.

Lee and Firth shot an 84 to take first place in gross play. Kathleen Thompson took second with an 89 and Davie Becker shot a 93 to finish third. Jodie Handford and Charlotte Brunnell shot a net 69 to tie for first net.

Nona Lee and Jean Tugaw tied for second net with a 71.

Mavericks sign coach Avery Johnson to new 5-year contract

DALLAS (AP) — Mavericks coach Avery Johnson has signed a new five-year, \$20 million contract that will keep one of the NBA's most successful young coaches in Dallas through 2011.

In his first full stint as head coach last season, the Mavericks reached the NBA playoffs for the first time, losing to the Miami Heat in six games.

The 41-year-old Johnson led Dallas to a 60-22 record last season after coaching the final 18 games in 2005 when Don Nelson stepped down.

The new contract makes Johnson the latest member of the organization to be locked into a long-term deal by owner Mark Cuban. During the off-season, All-Star forward Dirk Nowitzki received an extension that also will keep him in Dallas through 2011.

"I think it's a really nice gesture on Mark's part," Johnson said before Thursday night's preseason game against the Sacramento Kings. "We promised each other that we would never have any disagreements as it

relates to contracts. It doesn't change anything. We're going to keep working towards our goal of winning a championship."

Johnson had three years left on his previous contract, which averaged \$2.5 million per season.

Discussions with Cuban on a new deal had been ongoing since the Mavericks were eliminated from the finals. There had been questions about Johnson's long-term future with the Mavericks when he entered training camp without a new contract.

"It's over with," Johnson said. "Anything that's been said by the past is all behind us now. We have a positive organization. I really like my foundation and we don't need any drama, especially as it relates to my contract."

Cuban was in New York on business on Thursday, but he said in a statement issued by the club, "I'm thrilled that Avery will be coaching the Mavericks for years to come. He's a great partner and person that makes us a better organization. Plus, he's a great coach.

to. I couldn't be happier for Avery and his family."

The players were pleased at the news.

"He deserves it," guard Jerry Stackhouse said. "He put his word on the line that he's going to get us where we want to be and has shown he has the ability to do that."

As a player, Johnson won an NBA championship with the San Antonio Spurs in 1999. He began his coaching career as a Mavericks assistant after retiring as a player on Oct. 28, 2004.

SPORTS

Boston College forces four turnovers in rout of Hokies

BOSTON (AP) — Steve Aponavicius walked onto the field for the first football game of his life on Thursday night and helped Boston College walk off with a 22-3 victory over No. 22 Virginia Tech.

The left-footed soccer convert was perfect on two field goals and two extra points, and the BC defense forced four turnovers to send the Hokies to their second consecutive loss. Boston College (5-1, 2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) is a North Carolina State departure pass away from being unbeaten.

Virginia Tech (11-2, 2-2), held to 21 yards in the second half, has lost consecutive games since rising to No. 11 in the Associated Press Top 25. The Hokies also fell to 12-2 in Thursday night games on ESPN; both losses

were to BC — one in Blacksburg, one in Chestnut Hill — 11 years apart.

Matt Ryan was 16-for-38 for 174 yards and two touchdowns despite limping through much of the second half on a previously injured ankle. Kevin Challenger caught two touchdowns passes and freshman Alex Albright contributed to two turnovers by tipping a pass that was intercepted and recovering a fumble.

BC, which lost to N.C. State on Sept. 23 on a 34-yard touchdown pass with 8.5 seconds left, plays Florida State in 10 days. Virginia Tech will play Southern Miss.

No. 12 Clemson 63, Temple 9

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — James Davis ran for 138 yards and three touch-

downs on nine carries — all in the first half — for Clemson.

C.J. Spiller added 73 yards rushing and two scores and Will Tractor threw for 150 yards and two touchdowns for Clemson (6-1). The Tigers scored touchdowns on their first nine possessions and had 559 yards offense in their fifth straight win.

Dave Tractor and most of the starters sat out the second half, when fourth-string running back Chris Chancellor rushed for 114 yards and a TD as the Tigers set a school record by scoring over 50 points for the fourth time this season.

Temple (0-7) extended the nation's longest losing streak to 19 games.

The game was a Temple home game, but the school moved it for financial reasons to Bank of America

Stadium, 130 miles from Clemson's campus. A crowd of only 30,246 showed up to watch, Temple, which has been outscored 308-50 this season.

Air Force 24, Colorado State 21

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Shawn Carter led Air Force on three second-half touchdown drives, and the Falcons overcame an 83-yard pass play just before halftime to beat Colorado State 24-21 Thursday night.

The Falcons (3-2, 3-0 Mountain West) ended a seven-game losing streak on Thursday nights. Five of those losses came at the hands of the Rams (4-2, 1-1), who dominated the first half but gained just 72 yards in the second half.



Boston College kicker Steve Aponavicius (83) kicks a field goal against Virginia Tech in Boston on Thursday.

Florida faces big test against tigers

MIAMI (AP) — Week 3 of Florida's grueling march through the Southeastern conference takes the Gators to Auburn on Saturday. Florida replaced the Tigers as No. 2 in the AP Top 25 this week and is in only undefeated team left in the SEC.

Auburn is coming off its first loss of the season, and it was a doozy — 27-10 at home to Tennessee — at the time Arkansas. The Gators have won consecutive conference games at home against Alabama and LSU. They get a week off after this to prepare for Georgia on Oct. 28.



Florida's Jemelle Cornelius (6) is hit by Kentucky defenders in Gainesville, Fla., Sept. 23, 2006. Cornelius and the Gators visit Auburn Saturday.

- The picks:**
- Saturday**
- No. 1 Ohio State (minus 15) at Michigan State
 - Buckeyes have won four straight against Spartans ... OHIO STATE 37-17.
 - No. 2 Florida (plus 1) at No. 11 Auburn
 - Tigers have won five straight home games against top-10 teams ... AUBURN 23-20.
 - Arizona State (plus 19) at No. 3 Southern California
 - Trojans have won six straight in the series ... USC 30-17.
 - No. 4 Michigan (minus 6 1/2) at Penn State
 - WT Mario Manningham out for Wolverines ... MICHIGAN 17-11.
 - Syracuse (plus 25) at No. 5 West Virginia
 - Mountaineers have won four straight against Orange ... WEST VIRGINIA 38-17.
 - Baylor (plus 28 1/2) at No. 8 Texas
 - Unlikely battle for first in Big 12 South ... TEXAS 40-17.
 - Cincinnati (plus 27) at No. 7 Louisville
 - Louisville QB Isaac Brohm might return from hand surgery ... LOUISVILLE 49-17.
 - No. 10 California (minus 7 1/2) at Washington State
 - Golden Bears have lost nine straight in Pullman dating back to 1971 ... WASHINGTON ST. 41-28.
 - Kentucky (plus 26) at No. 14 LSU
 - 1st meeting since LSU's Blue Grass Miracle, when Tigers won a 75-yard TD on first play ... LSU 41-14.
 - No. 15 Iowa (minus 17 1/2) at Indiana
 - Hawkeyes have won three straight and six of nine against

- Hoosiers ... IOWA 40-17.
 - Vanderbilt (plus 13 1/2) at No. 16 Georgia
 - Bulldogs have won 11 straight against Commodores, matching longest streak in series ... GEORGIA 29-13.
 - SEMissour (no line) at No. 17 Arkansas
 - Razorbacks lead SEC in rushing ... ARKANSAS 45-14.
 - OCLA (plus 19 1/2) at No. 18 Oregon
 - Bruins have won four of five in Eugene ... OREGON 28-14.
 - No. 19 Missouri (minus 2 1/2) at Texas A&M
 - Tigers have lost seven games in Big 12 ... TEXAS A&M 24-20.
 - No. 21 Nebraska (minus 10 1/2) at Kansas State
 - Huskers lead Big 12 in rushing ... NEBRASKA 30-14.
 - Iowa State (plus 20) at No. 23 Oklahoma
 - Somers 1B Adrian Peterson vs. worst run defense in Big 12 ... OKLAHOMA 44-21.
 - No. 24 Rutgers (plus 1 1/2) at Navy
 - Middlebreds last in rushing and Scalet Knights are 10th ... RUTGERS 27-24.
 - Minnesota (plus 8 1/2) at No. 25 Wisconsin
 - Battle for Paul Hornum's Axe ... WISCONSIN 27-21.
 - No. 20 Boise State (minus 26) at New Mexico State
 - Aggies lead nation in pass offense with coach Bill Mumme ... BOISE STATE 50-28.
- Last week 12-6 (straight):**
 8-10 (vs. points).
Season 100-21 (straight):
 62-45-3 (vs. points).

Lions need to get used to losing

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Lions, the NFL's worst team the past five-plus seasons, are 0-5 and there doesn't seem to be much hope for this season or in the years to come for a franchise that has become the laughingstock of the league.

Detroit's short-term future looks bleak in part because injuries have ravaged its offensive line and at each position group on defense.

The wireless Lions, who host Buffalo on Sunday, are off to their worst start since they were 0-12 in 2001 — Matt Millen's first year in charge — on route to a 1-15 record.

Prospects for a turnaround next year and beyond don't seem favorable because of recent draft picks that have flopped.

Shawn Miller, a Super Bowl-winning linebacker and TV analyst, became an NFL executive for the first time in 2001, he reshaped a fading veteran team coming off a 9-7 season. Millen's first draft was solid, taking Shawn Rogers, Jeff Backus and Dominic Raiola, but his next two No. 1 picks fared so miserably that a franchise going on a half-century of futility might struggle to recover any time soon.



Detroit Lions quarterback Jon Kitna (8) fumbles the ball as he is tackled by Minnesota Vikings defensive tackle Pat Williams in Minneapolis, Sunday.

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He took quarterback Joey Harrington third overall in 2002 and wide receiver Charles Rogers second overall the next year, and now both are gone. Harrington was traded last spring to Miami for a conditional pick and Rogers was cut last month.

Millen, the least-accessible executive leading a team in Detroit, did not respond to interview requests this week. But what he said three years ago and Rogers helps explain the mess the franchise is in during his sixth season in charge.

It was supposed to be what they're supposed to be," Millen said in an interview with The Associated Press. "They can't do it alone, but in order for us to get where we want to get, we can't look back and say we need to start over."

Millen compounded his problem by drafting Mike Williams 10th overall last year, becoming the first team to take wide receivers three straight years since the NFL and AFL merged drafts in 1967. Williams barely gets on the field on a team desperate for playmakers.

Though it might've been

too late to salvage his title in Detroit, Millen took a defensive player in the first round for the first time in April — ending a string of six No. 1 picks on offense.

Blocky linebacker Ernie Sims has been the hard-hitting player new coach Rod Marinelli wants and is the kind of player one would envision playing for a Millennial team.

Moves in free agency have also hurt Detroit's chances for success this year, in the past and possibly in the future. Players such as wide receiver Bill Schroeder, added in 2002, and Corey Bradford, signed in March to a \$7.4 million contract and cut last month, have shown Millen struggles in the free agency market as much as in the draft.

Millen might have found the right coach in Marinelli after getting rid of Gary Moeller. Marty Mornhinweg, Steve Mariucci and Dick Leach.

The Vietnam veteran has taken a get-tough approach with his players, backing up his words with actions such as cutting Rogers and Bradford, and with essentially benching Williams.

"When (Marinelli) came in and was telling me that he's going to get guys out of here that he doesn't feel are giving effort and that he doesn't care how much money you make I was like, 'I'll believe it when I see it,'" kick returner Eddie Drummond recalled.

The Lions are seeding success — just not within their own franchise.

After the Lions play Buffalo on Sunday, the atmosphere could be much different because the Detroit Tigers might be hosting Oakland in a possible Game 5 of the American League championship series.

Cornelback Dre'illy said the Tigers' turnaround, and the fans' reaction to it, has made him hungrier to help restore success to a football franchise with only one playoff victory since winning the NFL title in 1957.

"Watching the fans here go crazy and get guys out here of the Tigers struggling and finally getting to the playoffs and turning this around, that's what it's all about," Bly said. "I truly believe this is the best sports town."

At 35, Warner says he might call it a career

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — This might be the final season for Kurt Warner in the NFL.

The 35-year-old, Arizona Cardinals quarterback, who lost his starting job to rookie Matt Leinart last week, said Thursday he is considering retirement after this season.

"Definitely I'm thinking about my next step and what's best for me and all those things," he said.

Warner, in one of the NFL's great success stories, went from the Arena Football League to NFL Europe to lead St. Louis to two Super Bowls. He is in the first year of a three-year contract he signed with the Cardinals in February, but he realizes his future in Arizona would be as a backup.

Since his MVP days with the Rams, Warner has lost starting jobs to Marc Bulger in St. Louis, Eli Manning with the New York Giants and now Leinart.

"I'll sit down at the end of the year and see the way things are going," Warner said.

Warner, who earns about \$7 million this year, got off to a great start this season, earning NFC offensive player of the week honors after completing 23 of 37 passes for 301 yards and three touchdowns in a 24-27 victory over San Francisco.

But things went sour after that. In a 16-14 home loss to St. Louis, Warner threw three interceptions, then fumbled a pass in the Rams' final drive, a 18 with 1:36 to play.

He got one more chance against Atlanta, but he went 11-for-20 for 128 yards with one interception and one lost fumble. Immediately after the game, the Cardinals' Green announced that Leinart would be the starter.

Warner was not drafted out of Northern Iowa in 1994 and played in the AFL and NFL Europe before signing with the Rams in 1998. He was later voted the league and Super Bowl MVP in the process.

Fantasy football players to start, and to avoid, in Week 6

NEW YORK (AP) — They, where'd everybody get?

Fantasy football players everywhere are asking that question as six teams are out for this week's byes, including fantasy staples Indianapolis, New England and Jacksonville. It happens again next week, when St. Louis, New Orleans and Chicago are among the missing six.

Usually only four teams are off for each week, but the NFL schedulers wrapped up the byes a week earlier this year, adding the extras into the upcoming two-week span.

For fantasy players saddled with depleted rosters because of the byes, the solution, as always, is to remain calm. As you prepare for a relaxing week-end off, there are some players to start in Week 6, some to avoid, and a few long shots that just may pan out.

QUARTERBACKS

A SAFE BET: — Is Washington's Mark Brunell awful the last week (109 yards passing) or the

better from the two games before that? Since he's playing the Titans, let's go with the latter.

After getting taken to the woodshed by the Bears, Buffalo's Loman gets a look at the lighter side of the NFL North. He scored eight plenty of holes in the Lions' pass defense that has yielded an NFL worst 11 TD passes.

Darius' Drew Breesoe, who also spent much of last week in the woodshed, should bounce back against the Texans' NFL-worst pass defense. In an interesting side contest, Breesoe and David Carr will vie for the title of best sack taker.

Jack Plummer of Denver, coming off an awful night statistically, faces a Raiders pass defense that somehow is ranked second in the NFL. Plummer should fix his stats and help the awful Raiders return to their natural spot lower in the rankings.

San Diego's Philip Rivers looked comatose against the Steelers, and his coach actually might let him throw more. He faces a 49ers defense coming off the remarkable double humiliation of allowing TD passes to Andrew Walter and Marques Tuiasosopo.

BACK AWAY SLOWLY AND NOBODY GETS HURT

Please, in the name of Kyle Bolter, don't start these guys:

The Giants' Eli Manning faces the only defense that hasn't allowed a TD pass since Atlanta. Plus, the erratic Giants were good last week so they probably won't be this week.

Matt Leinart was so good in his debut that the Cardinals just barely lost. They'll go back to getting stomped as the brutal Bears continue their stomping ways.

Tampa Bay's Bruce Gradkowski looked like a get-tough starter in his debut, but the odds will be forced into errors while playing catch-up or spend all day handing off to Cornell "Coddie" Williams.

RUNNING BACKS

ALL DAY LONG — Kansas City's L.J. — Johnson only ran for 36 yards last week, just about had his head twisted off and now faces a brutal Pittsburgh defense. Still, don't overthink this one and just start him every week unless he's out.

Speaking of Johnson, the Bengals have had a week off to look at film showing them they should just feed the ball to Rudi.

Johnson. He'll be running on a Tampa Bay defense that gives up 163 yards a game.

When the Bengals aren't running, the Bucs will be. Cadillac Williams apparently has figured out how to run again (11 yards last week). He hasn't figured out how to stop anyone (144 yards per game, 7 TDs).

So you coach the Dolphins, who have no quarterback, and you play the Jets, who can't stop any running backs and have allowed an NFL-high 11 rushing scores. What do you do? Hmm, I'm thinking Ronnie Brown gets about 40 carries.

Greg Seattle's Maurice Morris a start when the Rams' run defense, which in the past two weeks has allowed huge games by the likes of Noah Herron and Kevin Jones.

RED FLAGS

Tennessee's Tade Henry is coming off his first 100-yard game since 2003, but he faces a decent Washington run defense. Does he too excited about Leon Washington's 100-yard day with the Jets. He was mostly just trying to kill the clock and end an embarrassing shutout loss.

WIDE RECEIVERS

THROW HIM THE DARN BALL!

We're going to see endless close-ups of

Terrill Owens on the sideline regardless of the outcome, but this week against the Texans we'll see him chucking and gleeful during his first huge game as a Cowboy.

Chicago's Bernard Berrian doesn't catch a lot of balls, but he makes the most of them. He's scored in four of five games and averages 21.7 yards a catch.

The Jets' Laveranese Coles, who's been hurt and gipping about his lack of reception, should come back from last week's disaster. He has scored a TD in his last three games against the Dolphins.

Buffalo's Lee Evans should go over 90 yards for the fourth straight week against the winless Lions.

SHOW HIM THE DARN BENCH

Rest all Cardinals receivers, who will spend most of Sunday night turning around to see exactly how Matt Leinart got fired by the Cardinals.

The Dolphins won't throw much against the Jets, but when they do, look for Joey Harrington to throw lots of balls at Chris Chambers' ankles, calves and lower back.

Antonio Bryant sure has outshined after a fast start for the 49ers, and the Chargers' top-ranked pass defense should keep him invisible this week.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

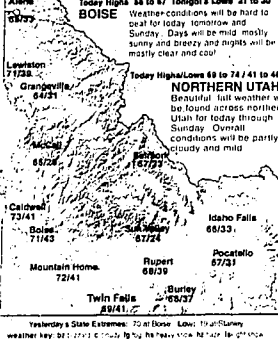
Today: A little warmer than normal with sunny skies and light winds. Highs in the upper 60s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and cool. Lows in the lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Breezy, warm and mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.

RUBI EVI/MUPERT FORECAST

Today: Pleasant temperatures and sunny skies. Highs in the upper 60s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and cool. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny with cool and continued nice fall weather. Highs in the upper 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
Today and Saturday will be very nice. Daytime temperatures will be mid and skies will be mostly clear. However, a warm jacket will feel good early and late in the day for comfort. Lows will be cool.
Tonight: Highs 44 to 47. Tonight's Lows 21 to 30.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	City	Hi	Lo	Prob
Mostly sunny and mild temperatures	Mostly clear skies and light breeze	Mostly sunny and very nice	Breezy and partly cloudy	Cooler, a few showers	Dry winds and partly cloudy	Boise	70	40	0.00
High 68	Low 41	66/42	67/41	57/38	55/39	Idaho Falls	68	31	0.00
68/41	41/28	66/42	67/41	57/38	55/39	Mountain Home	72	40	0.00
72/41	40/28	66/42	67/41	57/38	55/39	Rupert	68	31	0.00
68/41	41/28	66/42	67/41	57/38	55/39	Burley	68	31	0.00
68/41	41/28	66/42	67/41	57/38	55/39	Pocatello	67	31	0.00
67/31	41/28	66/42	67/41	57/38	55/39	Shoshone	68	31	0.00
68/41	41/28	66/42	67/41	57/38	55/39	Arco	68	31	0.00
68/41	41/28	66/42	67/41	57/38	55/39	Blackfoot	68	31	0.00
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ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 68	0.00"	Yesterday's Minimum: 42	30.00"	Sunrise: 7:50 AM	Low
Yesterday's Low: 42	0.00"	Today's Maximum: 68	30.00"	Sunset: 6:57 PM	Moderate
Normal High/Low: 68/38	0.00"	Record High/Low: 82/19	30.00"	Sunrise: 7:50 AM	High
Record High: 82	0.00"	Record Low: 19	30.00"	Sunset: 6:57 PM	Very High
Record Low: 19	0.00"	Year to Date: 0.58"	30.00"	Sunrise: 7:50 AM	Very High
Year to Date: 0.58"	0.00"	Year to Date: 0.58"	30.00"	Sunset: 6:57 PM	Very High
Year to Date: 0.58"	0.00"	Year to Date: 0.58"	30.00"	Sunrise: 7:50 AM	Very High
Year to Date: 0.58"	0.00"	Year to Date: 0.58"	30.00"	Sunset: 6:57 PM	Very High

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
Boise	68/41	66/42	67/41
Idaho Falls	68/33	66/34	67/41
Rupert	68/39	66/40	67/41
Burley	68/41	66/42	67/41
Pocatello	67/31	65/32	66/41
Mountain Home	72/41	70/42	71/41

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
Boise	68/41	66/42	67/41
Idaho Falls	68/33	66/34	67/41
Rupert	68/39	66/40	67/41
Burley	68/41	66/42	67/41
Pocatello	67/31	65/32	66/41
Mountain Home	72/41	70/42	71/41

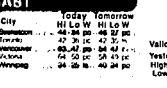
WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
London	60/40	58/38	59/39
Paris	58/38	56/36	57/37
Tokyo	65/45	63/43	64/44
Sydney	70/50	68/48	69/49

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
Calgary	55/35	53/33	54/34
Edmonton	50/30	48/28	49/29
Winnipeg	45/25	43/23	44/24
Vancouver	60/40	58/38	59/39

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



MOONRISE and MOONSET

Phase	Moonsrise	Moonsset
Today	12:54 AM	6:01 PM
Saturday	12:54 AM	6:01 PM
Sunday	12:54 AM	6:01 PM

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think what represents is achieving what you want in life. It's a matter of your attitude. Some people have a negative attitude, and that's their disability."

Turkish author Orhan Pamuk wins Nobel literature prize

By Hilke Itale
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Novelist Orhan Pamuk, an international symbol of literary and social conscience, whose poetic, melancholy language, like the soul of his native Turkey have brought him the many blessings and burdens of public life, won the Nobel literature prize Thursday.

Pamuk, a fellow at Columbia University, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that he was overjoyed by the award and accepted it not just as "a personal honor, but as an honor bestowed upon the Turkish literature and culture I represent."

The author did have one complaint: The Swedish Academy announced the prize at 7 a.m. EDT.

"I was called and woke me up, so I was a bit sleepy," said the 54-year-old Pamuk, adding that he had no immediate plans to celebrate, but looked forward to being with friends back in Turkey.

The selection of Pamuk, whose recent trial for "insulting Turkishness" made headlines worldwide, continues a trend among Nobel judges of picking writers in conflict with their own governments, British playwright Harold Pinter, a blunt opponent of his country's involvement in the Iraq war, won last year. Ilfride Jelencak, a longtime critic of Austria's conservative politicians and social class, won the 2003 winner.

Pamuk, whose novels include "Snow" and "My Name is Red," was charged last year for telling a Swiss newspaper in February 2005 that Turkey was unwilling to deal with two of



Turkish novelist Orhan Pamuk leaves a news conference in New York after he won the Nobel literature prize Thursday.

the most painful episodes in recent Turkish history: the massacre of Armenians during World War I, which Turkey insists was not a planned genocide, and recent guerrilla fighting in Turkey's overwhelmingly Kurdish southeast.

"Thirty-thousand Kurds and 1 million Armenians were killed in these lands, and nobody but me dares to talk about it," he said in the interview.

The controversy came at a particularly sensitive time for the overwhelmingly Muslim country. Turkey had recently begun membership talks with the European Union, which harshly criticized the trial. The charges against Pamuk were dropped in January.

"I think that Orhan Pamuk was a splendid choice for the Nobel Prize, not only for the evident literary merit of his work, but because of his courageous defiance of political pinheads in Turkey," historian Ron Chernow, president of the PEN American Center, the U.S. chapter of the international writers-human rights organization, said in an e-mail to the AP.

Virtually the only Turkish author widely known to U.S. readers, Pamuk embodies the push and pull between East and West, between writers and the state, between what we know and what we want to know, Pamuk has become a celebrated and resented reminder of his country's darkest past, like such Nobel laureates as Germany's Guenter Grass and Mississippi native William Faulkner, whose tormented narratives of the American South became models for Pamuk.

"I have so much respect for Faulkner," Pamuk told the AP on Thursday. "What Faulkner did was to combine complicated history with modernist literature, experimental literature, with an art that is authentic and new and daring. I have also tried to do that."

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Victory assured

Uncontested in November, Twin Falls County assessor and treasurer plan for new terms

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When a deceased body goes unclaimed in Twin Falls County, the county coroner typically makes an appearance.

But the county treasurer, Debbie Kauffman, whose primary duty is to collect taxes, is also on the rare occasion responsible for liquidating the assets of dead people without family members.

"It's just part of what they tag on to being a county treasurer," she said. "One of the hardest parts of that is seeing people who don't have any family or friends to take care of their lives. It makes you realize what's really important in life."

Kauffman, a Republican, is likely to field a few more



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estate cases as she faces her second uncontested four-year term election Nov. 7.

She hopes to continue adapting her office as technology improves.

"We used to have really, really long lines to pay taxes," she said.

In 1994, Kauffman arrived in Twin Falls after working 12 years for the city of Filer.

After nearly eight years as the deputy auditor, Kauffman, in March 2001, was appointed treasurer when her predecessor resigned.

"I've always worked with money in any job I've had,"

she said. "I've always had to manage other people's money."

Kauffman, 55, who is from Duluth, Minn., lives in Filer with her husband. She has two grown children.

Her last election also was uncontested and she said knowing that she won't lose her job is a relief.

"I still campaign and put up signs just like I have an opponent," she said.

Debbie Kauffman

POSITION: Treasurer
PARTY: Republican
AGE: 55
TERMS ELECTED: 1
SALARY: \$5,078
FAMILY: Married, 2 children
RESIDES: Filer



Gerry Bowden

POSITION: Assessor
PARTY: Republican
AGE: 57
TERMS ELECTED: 3
SALARY: \$5,473
FAMILY: Married, 2 children
RESIDES: Twin Falls



than 36,000 parcels in Twin Falls County every five years.

Bowden, 57, who will start his fourth four-year term, has worked for the county for more than 20 years and has been assessor since 1995. He beat Democrat Gary Bay in 2002.

Originally from Indiana, Bowden received degrees from the College of Southern Idaho and then Boise State before joining the county office as an appraiser in 1977.

Since then, he has witnessed first-hand the county's growth and the office's expansion.

"They've just come a long way," he said. "It's a pretty

active arena for sure. I'd like to feel like we're making a difference."

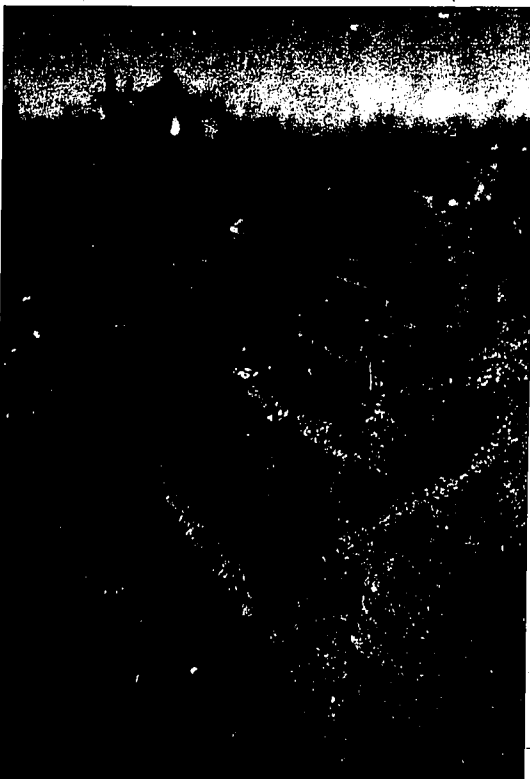
His office has hired additional staff to help keep up with the high number of appraisals.

"We're trying to bring the office less paper and more accuracy," he said.

Bowden lives in Twin Falls with his wife and has two grown children.

Jared S. Hopkins covers city and county government. He can be reached at (208) 735-3204 or jhopkins@magicalvalley.com.

MAKING TRACKS



Under clear skies, Gustavo Zambrano cuts brush along a field Thursday near Hankins Road in Twin Falls. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley is clear skies with a high of 67.

Family restores mine home rich with history

By Lisa Dayley
For the Times-News

BURLEY — A life-changing experience caused a Burley woman and her husband to buy the old Melcher Mine property. Deborah Jones said she had always wanted to visit the mine with her family but routinely put the trip off.

"I always thought 'I'll take them when they're older,'" Jones said. Then in May 1995, she was in a car wreck and Jones required surgery and a ventilator.

"It changed my life. I thought 'what haven't I done?' and I thought 'I haven't taken my kids to Melcher Mine.'" In fall 1995, Jones recovered from her injuries and took her family to the mine in the mountains near Elba.

"We hiked up to the very top of the mine, the cook shack, the bunkhouse and through the home," she said.



Deborah and Gary Jones stand next to pictures of the old Melcher Mine property near Elba.

Sun Valley dog treats get national attention

By Susan Bailey
For the Times-News

KETCHUM — Fortunate Dog Cookies, have lucked out with publicity this month. People magazine spotted the healthy fortune cookies for dogs in Los Angeles, and told local owners Lyn Stallard and Terry Tischer they planned to feature the goodies in the Oct. 27 issue.

Tischer said the dog cookies, reproductions of Chinese restaurant fortune cookies complete with appropriate fortunes for canines, will be part of the magazine's special roundup of innovative gifts for pets.

"I can't believe it," said Tischer. The publicity will come after Tischer and

Stallard have sold their product at the Portland Gift Show Oct. 21-23, expanding from the local market.

The interest of a national magazine indicates the rest of the country might be catching up to fanatical dog lovers in Ketchum who've been spoiling their pets since the beginning, typically taking them into grocery stores and into the work place.

Fortunate Dog Cookies entered the marketplace in November 2001 alongside other upscale products such as Italian leather dog collars and leashes by Donald J. Pinner, a shoe designer carried at the fashionable Rue de Shoe in the Colomade Building on Sun Valley

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YOUR WEEKEND

Strike up the band

WHAT: The Magic Valley Symphony will open its 2006-07 season with the music of Haydn and Holst.

WHERE: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
WHEN: Sunday, 4 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Tickets, which are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for students, are available at Everybody's Business in Twin Falls or at the door.

Your favorite things

WHAT: The Magic Valley Little Theater will present Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's musical "The Sound of Music."
WHERE: O'Leary Junior High School auditorium, Twin Falls.

WHEN: Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Tickets, which are \$10, are available at Everybody's Business and Kelley Garden Center in Twin Falls, at The Dutch Garden in Wendell, at Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl, at Ariene's Flowers in Jerome, and at the door.

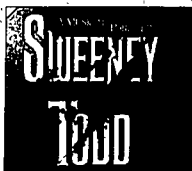
Sheep tales



WHAT: The 10th annual Trailing of the Sheep festival will be held in the Wood River Valley this weekend.
WHERE: Various sites around Ketchum and Hatley.

WHEN: Today, Saturday and Sunday. The highlight of the festival is the trailing of the Sheep parade down Ketchum's Main Street, beginning at noon Sunday. Saturday's highlight is the Sheep Folklife Fair in Hatley's Roberta McIver Gateway Park for 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Most events are free.

Razor sharp



WHAT: The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Stephen Sondheim's musical "Sweeney Todd."
WHERE: CSI Fine Arts Center Theater, Twin Falls.

WHEN: Today and Saturday, 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors and can be purchased at the CSI Fine Arts Box Office or the CSI Bookstore. Or call 732-6781 or 732-6788.

Hee-hawin'

WHAT: Roy Clark will perform in Jackson.
WHERE: Cactus Pines Resort Casino.
WHEN: Today and Saturday, at 8 and 10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Tickets, which are \$30, \$35 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Cowboy up

WHAT: Bar-J Wranglers from Jackson Hole, Wyo., will perform in Twin Falls. Proceeds will go to the O'Leary Junior High Band instrument scholarship program.
WHERE: Roper Auditorium.
WHEN: Today, 7 p.m.; Doors open at 6 p.m. with a pre-show performance by local fiddling talents.
HOW MUCH: Tickets, which are \$15, are available at Everybody's Business, O'Leary Junior High School and Magic Valley Bank in Twin Falls and TTS in Gooding.

OBITUARIES

L. Duane Johnson

GOODING — L. Duane Johnson, of Meridian and formerly of Gooding, passed away the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at Spring Creek Manor, surrounded by his family.



He was born in a log cabin in Victor, Idaho, on June 26, 1922, the only son of W.O. Arlo and Zella Johnson.

He was loved by his childhood years spent in the beautiful Teton Valley with his close extended family.

Duane was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Upon his graduation from Victor High School in 1941, he attended Idaho State University School of Pharmacy. While attending Idaho State, he worked as a pharmacy clerk and conscientiously to pay his way through college.

He joined the U.S. Army his senior year of college in 1944. In 1945, he returned to Idaho State University and completed his degree in pharmacy in 1946.

After graduating from college, Duane was employed by Parke Davis Drug Co. in various locations throughout the Western United States.

On March 10, 1949, he married Norma L. Benson of Wendell. After their marriage, the couple lived in Proceallo, Idaho, where their first child, Deborah, was born.

Duane moved his family to Driggs, Idaho, after forming a partnership with J.H. Harper of Harper Drug, in Driggs, their second child, Karen, was born, followed by their third daughter, Janice.

In 1956, after eight years in Driggs, Duane purchased the Rexall Drug in Gooding. The family relocated to Gooding, where their only son, David,

was born. Duane owned and operated the Johnson Rexall Drugstore for nearly 40 years, working until he was 73 years old. He retired in 1995.

Duane had a pilot's license and a club plane and enjoyed flying in both Gooding and Driggs. Duane loved to spend time on the Airport Ranch, which he jointly owned with James Eaton.

Duane was a loved and honored member of the Gooding community.

He was preceded in death by his father, W. Arlo Johnson; his mother, Zella (Jenkins) Johnson; his sisters, Orpha Hart and Louie Lane Hanley; and his nephew, Michael Hanley.

He is survived by his wife, Norma; his sister, Rula Matkin; his children, Deborah (Dan) Olmstead, Karen (Gary) Boehlke, Jana (Robert) Schoelkopf and David (Nancy) Johnson.

He is also survived by his 11 much-loved grandchildren, Amanda (Sam) Smith, Erica and Brandon Boehlke, Megan and Jennifer Olmstead, Ben and Sam Schoelkopf, Mitchell, Kyle, Cameron and Marcus Johnson; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Spring Creek Manor, who helped them through this difficult time, as well as Legacy Hospice, and Dr. Frank Johnson and staff.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Idaho State University School of Pharmacy, 970 S. Fifth Ave., Stop #288, Pocatello, ID 83209.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Demary's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main Street in Gooding. Burial will follow in the Wendell Cemetery.

Family and friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Steven F. Glowacki Jr.

HEYBURN — Steven Frank Glowacki Jr., a 66-year-old resident of Heyburn, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at his home.



He was born Sept. 23, 1940, in Chicago, Ill., to Steven E. Glowacki Sr. and Emily M. A. r i e J e n d r a z k. He moved with his family to Phoenix, Ariz., when he was 7 years old. He attended Colorado State University before joining the U.S. Navy. After his discharge from the military, he trained and worked as an electrician. Part of his work was spent on the Alaska Pipeline. Later, he moved to Heyburn, where he remodeled an old log cabin which became his home.

He enjoyed gardening, woodworking and made

custom knives. Steven is survived by his father, Steven E. Glowacki Sr. of Kent, Wash.; his mother, Emily (Jack) Sellers of Sun City West, Ariz.; a sister, Elnora (Bill) Hyatt of Kent, Wash.; a brother, David Glowacki of Huntington Beach, Calif.; a nephew, Matt Hyatt of San Francisco, Calif.; a niece, Amanda Neilson; grandnieces, Amelia and Eidythe; grandnephews, Philip and Daniel Nelson of Federal Way, Wash.; two aunts; and many cousins.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley, with the Rev. Father Reginald Nwazoro as celebrant. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1505 E. 16th St. in Burley, and one hour prior to the funeral Mass on Monday at the church.

William 'Bill' LeRoy Allen

HAZELTON — William "Bill" L. Allen, 62 of Hazelton, Idaho, died Oct. 9, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.



Bill was born Dec. 17, 1943, in Twin Falls, the son of William C. and Eddy J. Allen. He graduated from Hansen High School on May 18, 1962. Bill married Marilyn Ann Bull on Jan. 5, 1965, and they later divorced.

He farmed for many years in the Hansen area and, during that time, he served on the Hansen School Board. Bill spent his later years in Hazelton, Idaho, where he made many friends.

Surviving Bill are his three

sons, Cory of Winnemucca, Nev., Kyle (April) of Boise, Idaho, and Chad (Ginger) of Seattle, Wash.; six grandchildren; one sister, Gerry (Leonard) Daw of Boise; and two nieces. His parents preceded him in death.

A service of remembrance for Bill will be held Monday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Parkes Magle Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Cremation and private inurnment are under the direction of the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Idaho Food Bank.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Miclak for the care and kindness shown to Bill over the years; also a special thank you to De Ann "Annie" Messenger, Alice Matthews and all his friends at Syringa Estates.

DEATH NOTICES

Lisa L. Urigen

HEYBURN — Lisa Lynne Urigen, 38, of Heyburn, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at her home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at the Paul Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel.

Marlin W. Porter

WENDELL — Marlin Wanner Porter, 59, of Wendell, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boise.

The funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, at the Wendell LDS Church, with Bishop Kevin Lancaster officiating. A burial service will take place at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Franklin Cemetery in Franklin, Idaho. A viewing for family and friends will be held 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Wendell Funeral Service in Wendell.

Vivian Sayles

RUPERT — Vivian Sayles, 83, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel, 710 Sixth St. in Burley, viewing for family and friends will be held one hour before the service at the mortuary. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel.

Dennis L. Wageman

CALDWELL — Dennis Leroy Wageman, 65, of Caldwell, died in Caldwell.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, 2006, at the Paul Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel.

DeLaine I. Richardson-Bailey

ATLANTIC, Iowa — DeLaine I. Richardson-Bailey, 70, of Atlantic, Iowa, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, 2006, at Hockenberry Family Care Funeral Home in Atlantic, Iowa. No visitation is planned. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Hockenberry Family Care Funeral Home in Atlantic, Iowa.

Frank Crepeau, correspondent and mentor to correspondents, dies at 74

NEW YORK (AP) — Frank Crepeau, 74, a veteran foreign correspondent for The Associated Press who mixed a warm and winning wit with tenacious reporting as he covered the declining Soviet bloc and war-torn Middle East, died in New York on Wednesday following a stroke, his family said. Among other stories in a four-decade career that took him from covering Wisconsin sports to reporting on high-stakes diplomacy, Crepeau scored the first interview in exile with Russian author Alexander I. Solzhenitsyn and filed the electrifying bulletin reporting Anwar Sadat's peace pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

Francis X. Crepeau was born Aug. 7, 1932, in Seattle. He served two years in the "Air Force in the early 1950s.

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SERVICES

Ethral Lee Bonner of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Husman's General Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the mortuary.

Constance June Scott of Twin Falls, memorial service at 4 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly (Parkes Magle Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Wendy Lee Bobish Schnobrich of Filer, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Valley View Cemetery in Rockland; visitation from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today at the Davis-Rose Mortuary, 170 Idaho St. in American Falls.

Frederick Joseph Struchen of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. today at Parkes Magle Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Edwin R. "Hank" Timm of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Herman Martens of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Joyce (Bailey) Terry of Rupert, memorial service at 5:30 p.m. today at the Oakcrest Funeral Home in Algona, Iowa.

Lena Opal Standlee of Hazelton, funeral 10 a.m. Saturday at the Valley Christian Center in Hazelton; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Veda Oliver of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 7 to 7 p.m. today at Parkes Magle Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

John Edward Simmons of Hazelton, memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday at Parkes Magle Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Barry C. Thompson, formerly of Gooding, memorial service at 2 p.m. Oct. 20, at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jerome couple celebrates birthdays

JEROME — Leo and Lulu Lee Correll-Coates will celebrate their 88th and 80th birthdays respectively at an open house set for 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

Leo was born Oct. 3, 1926, in Little River, Kan. and came to Idaho in 1949. She married Elmer Correll in 1946. They farmed in Jerome and he had a photography shop there for many years before he died in 1998. Lulu and Leo Coates died in 2001, and they live in Jerome. She has two children, Charles Correll and Charlene Madden, and four grandchildren.

He was born Oct. 14, 1918, in Filer. He graduated from Filer High School and served the U.S. Army. He and his wife, Louise, farmed near home before she died in 1999. He has two sons, Larry

Coates and Dale Coates, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Filer High School to celebrate homecoming

FILER — The Filer High School homecoming 2006 will be held Saturday. The student body invites alumni from the decades — 1950s through 1990s to the game with West Wendover at noon at Wildcat Stadium. Alumni will be recognized before kick-off.

To receive a complimentary ticket or be added to the guest list, call the high school office at 326-5944.

Boy Scouts to serve up breakfast in Rupert

RUPERT — The Rupert United Methodist Men are sponsoring a Boy Scout Breakfast by Boys Scout Troop 46 and Pack 46 from 6:30 a.m.

to 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church, 605 H St.

The cost is a freewill donation, which will go to supporting the Scout program. The troop members will prepare and serve. The menu will include hotcakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, juice and milk.

Book store offers story time, book party

TWIN FALLS — A story time with Clifford, the Big Red Dog, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble, 1239-A Pole Line Road E.

The book store also will have a party to celebrate the 13th book in the 'Series of Unfortunate Events' by Lemony Snicket from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today. Games and a costume contest are included.

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Teen's letter leads to arrest of Spokane mother in father's death

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — A woman has been jailed for investigation in the death of her husband six years ago on the basis of their daughters' recently discovered accounts of the episode.

Teresa Rodriguez, 42, was booked into Spokane County Jail on Wednesday for investigation of first-degree manslaughter in the death of her husband, Dennis W.

Coffey, 48. He never regained consciousness after falling down the stairs at the family's home and died six days later on Oct. 20, 2000.

Detectives said they learned only recently that their daughter, now 17, had witnessed her father's death. Police said they were aided by Coeur d'Alene tribal police in Idaho as well as by the teenager's letter left by her personal belongings behind

after staying at a women's shelter on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation," police Sgt. Tom Lee said. "In it, employees found a letter stating she had witnessed her father's murder."

The employee then contacted tribal police, who provided Spokane police with the documents, and Spokane police subsequently interviewed the teenager, Lee said.

In her letter the teenager

wrote that she saw her mother push her father with both hands from the top of the stairway.

"He went airborne, flew the length of the stairs and landed on his back at the bottom of the stairs," Lee said.

Rodriguez, homeless at the

time of her arrest, told The Spokesman-Review in a jailhouse interview Wednesday that she and her husband often fought, but she denied being responsible for his death.

"We were both intoxicated, and when I left he was fine,"

she said, "and the next thing I know, he was at the bottom of the stairs."



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U.S. 93 Alternate construction continues

MISSION:— Following is the south-central Idaho highway construction report.

U.S. 93 Twin Falls Alternate Route Stage 1: Construction on the U.S. 93 Twin Falls Alternate Route from Washington Street to Blue Lakes Boulevard is under way. On Monday, westbound traffic on Pole Line Road from Blue Lakes Boulevard to Harrison Street will shift to the newly constructed westbound lanes. From Harrison Street to the end of the project just west of Grandview Drive traffic will remain unchanged.

Business accesses on Pole Line Road, except Target and Costco main entrances, will now be restricted to right out only turns. Washington Street North remains closed as paving operations move into the intersection with Pole Line Road. The closure is expected to be in place until mid-October. Motorists must use Canyon Crest Road to access businesses and residences located on Washington Street North. The project is expected to be complete by November.

U.S. 30, Twin Falls Canal

Bridge: Crews continue bridge rehabilitation on U.S. 30 (Milepost 238), a mile east of Murtaugh. Traffic is reduced to one lane over the bridge, controlled by a temporary traffic signal. Motorists should expect delays of up to 15 minutes. The speed limit is reduced to 35 mph. This project includes reconstructing the top portion of the bridge deck with new concrete, replacing bridge joints and repairing deteriorated sections. Construction is expected to be complete by late October.

Mine

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Jones and her husband, contractor Gary Jones, spoke at the Cassia County Historical Society's recent annual membership dinner. There the couple gave a history of the mine, how they came to buy it and how they renovated the old house. They gleaned much of their information from old newspapers, journals and personal histories and from people who grew up and lived near the mine.

During the family's visit to Melcher, Gary noticed the house's porch was about to collapse. He told Debra it

would probably be the last time it would be safe to visit. But instead of letting the house fall apart, the couple decided to buy it and fix it up.

"The next Monday morning, I went into the tax office and inquired about the Melcher Mine records," Gary said. The family was referred to a company in Utah, which in turn had them contact an Austin, Texas, company.

"They said, 'No' — as an offer — so like folks — talked it over and called them back," Gary said.

The family later bought not only the house but also

the surrounding 435 acres. Melcher Mine was developed during the first part of the 20th century.

Today, the Jones family uses the Melcher Mine house as a vacation home for their growing extended family, which includes 12 children, 33 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Occasionally, Debra gives tours of the property.

"We have taken up thousands of people and I have them sign our book," Debra said. "It was a privilege to restore it. We love Cassia County history. The history here needs to be preserved."

Treats

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Road and in Sun Valley Mall. Sold in a glossy black and red versions of the classic white folding container for Chinese takeout food, the dog cookies crack open to reveal words of wisdom for canines such as: "Follow the yellow

snow, it could be someone you know."

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Ex-Idaho prosecutor faces trial on gun felonies

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Former Idaho Falls Prosecutor Kimball Mason, sent to prison earlier this year for stealing weapons from a police evidence locker and falsifying a judge's signature, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to 13 new felony charges.

Seven of the new charges allege Mason hid four guns that investigators had tried to locate before his first criminal trial but that Mason had said he'd destroyed, as well as three additional guns, all taken from the Idaho Falls Police Department evidence locker.

The other six charges allege Mason used signature stamps of Magistrate Judges Keith Walker and I. Mark Riddiok on phony orders for police evidence custodians to forfeit firearms to the prosecutor.

Mason, 32, appeared briefly before retired 6th District Judge William Woodland, who set a jury trial for Feb. 12.

Mason's attorney, Jim Archibald, is arguing that the plea deal Mason made with state prosecutors last spring gives him immunity from further prosecution. Under terms of the deal, Archibald said Mason confessed to two counts of grand theft and one count of falsifying a public document in return for cooperating with investigators in tracing other guns missing from the police department's evidence storage. The agreement, dated March 16, reads "the information given by the defendant will not be used against the defendant."

Prosecutors say the immunity provision was nullified after Mason lied about how many guns he had stolen. Several weapons that Mason told investigators he had destroyed instead were discovered in a June 2 search of his home, which yielded 40 stolen guns — along with knives,

brass knuckles and daggers. The discovery of the stolen weapons prompted Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden to level the new charges against Mason.

Among the pretrial motions that Woodland is scheduled to hear in the case next month is Archibald's request for a change of venue for the February trial. Mason had been held in the state's mini-

mum security prison in Cottonwood, but is now being incarcerated in a segregated area at the Bonneville County jail.

Because he helped send some of his fellow prisoners to jail while he served as Idaho Falls prosecutor, Archibald said Mason is concerned about potential retaliation if he is incarcerated with the general inmate population.

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Idaho education initiative raises nearly \$1.4 million

By John Hiller
 Associated Press writer

BOISE — Advocates of a ballot measure to boost state public education funding, by \$219 million a year have collected the help of teacher unions from California to Connecticut to raise nearly \$1.4 million for their campaign.

A financial report filed by the "Invest in Our Kids' Education" group with the Idaho secretary of state this week shows the group behind Proposition 1 has raised \$1 million since May.

Of the total, the National Education Association chipped in \$600,000. The Idaho Education Association gave \$657,000, while the California Education Association added \$50,000.

The campaign still has just over \$400,000 in its account for the four weeks before the Nov. 7 election, after spending nearly \$1 million, including \$54,000 for campaign manager Lauren McLean and \$184,000 for advertising work done by a Portland, Ore.-based media company.

Ryan Hill, a spokesman for the effort to require lawmakers in 2007 to raise additional money for textbooks, classroom supplies and teacher salaries, said much of the spending so far has been for TV

and radio ads, office space, telephone and staff members who are organizing more than 3,000 volunteers in a get-out-the-vote effort. That won't change in the weeks to come, he said.

"We're going to continue to be aggressive on both TV and radio, as well as other forms of communication," Hill said. "We're running phone banks four nights a week, and that'll probably go up to five nights a week."

Originally, the campaign sought to raise the state sales tax by a penny on the dollar to cover the increase, which the group says is necessary because Idaho ranks at the bottom in national surveys of education funding and students per classroom. But the Idaho Legislature on Aug. 25 voted to raise the sales tax to help pay for \$260 million in property tax relief.

As a result, the education measure directs lawmakers to develop an "alternative revenue stream" for local public schools. That could mean eliminating sales tax exemptions for businesses, or creating a new tax on some services.

According to the measure, lawmakers couldn't take money from existing programs to boost public education funding. The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry opposes the proposition, saying it is not specific enough about where the money will go.

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Mexican officials seek to increase economic growth, stem migration

By Olga R. Rodriguez
Associated Press writer

MEXICALI, Mexico — As the United States focuses on limiting immigration through strengthened border security, top Mexican leaders say they want economic growth and job creation at home to stem the continuous northern flow of illegal migrants.

President Vicente Fox and Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim were among those expected to brainstorm such measures for the border region during the two-day Northern Frontier Forum starting Thursday in Mexicali, across from Calexico, Calif.

Participants of the forum hoped to draft security and economic development proposals for the border region that could serve as examples for the rest of Mexico.

The document will be turned over to President-elect Felipe Calderon, who is expected to address the gathering Friday.

With a population of 16 million, Mexico's six northern states feature bustling trade and dynamic manufacturing and agricultural businesses that account for 23 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

Serious crime remains a challenge, however.

The Mexican border has been hit by a wave of drug-related violence that has left scores of people dead, especially in Nuevo Laredo, across from Laredo, Texas.

In Tijuana, across the border from San Diego, members of

the business community severed relations with the local government recently because they said police were not doing enough to stop a wave of kidnappings targeting them.

On Tuesday, Calderon laid out a multiyear proposal for political and economic reform and pledged progress on issues including law enforcement, job creation and greater equality.

He said his plan would allow Mexico to eradicate the extreme poverty suffered by about 20 percent of Mexico's 107 million people and that drives about 400,000 Mexicans to migrate, mainly to the United States, each year.

Calderon, who will take office Dec. 1, said his plan could boost the country's per-capita income from the equivalent of about

\$8,000 today to around \$30,000 by 2030. Calderon will serve a six-year term.

The president-elect also has promised to keep lobbying U.S. lawmakers to pass a guest worker program for Mexican migrants in the United States, a plan Fox championed throughout his term and that initially had the enthusiastic support of President Bush.

The idea did not muster sufficient support in Congress, and has been dropped by the White House, at least until after November congressional elections.

Congress focused on security instead of guest worker programs, arguing that the porous border could be used by terrorists who want to sneak into the U.S. undetected.

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Hopi, Navajo settle land dispute

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. (AP) — The Navajo and Hopi tribes have settled a decades-old dispute over reservation boundaries that for years has kept some residents from fixing leaky roofs or installing running water or telephone service.

The Hopi Tribal Council voted 18-0 Wednesday to approve an intergovernmental compact with the Navajo, whose territory surrounds the Hopi reservation.

"We hope this is the beginning of a new era in Hopi-Navajo relations," Cedric Kuwaninwaya said in a statement. Kuwaninwaya chairs the Hopi Land Team that negotiated the agreement.

"The members of both tribes could benefit from the kind of cooperation that produced this agreement," he said. "We look forward to those further opportunities."

The dispute centered on 700,000 acres of Navajo land that Hopis claim as their aboriginal homeland.

Because of the dispute, then-U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert Bennett imposed a ban on construction in 1966, which severely limited development in the area. Minor problems such as broken windows or roof repairs could not be fixed on the disputed land until approved by the Hopis.

The agreement will provide for religious access and use by members of each tribe on the lands of the other tribe and lift the construction ban. It also would end litigation the Hopi filed against the Navajo in 1974 as part of the land dispute.

The Hopi tribe would not receive any Navajo land other than what already awarded by the courts.

The Navajo Nation covers about 23,000 square miles, including much of northeastern Arizona and parts of northwestern New Mexico and southern Utah. The Hopi reservation is carved out of the center of the Navajo land and covers more than 2,400 square miles.

Under the deal, Navajos would be allowed to enter Hopi land without a permit for traditional religious practices. In turn, Hopis would be allowed to enter Navajo land without a permit for religious practices.

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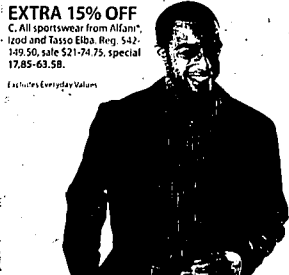
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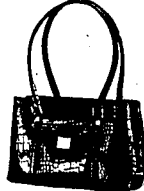
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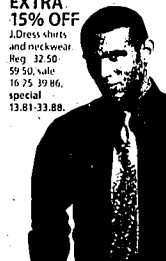
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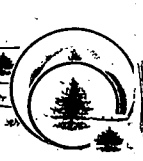
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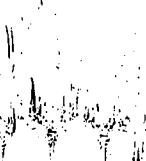
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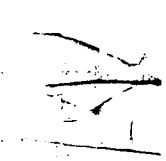
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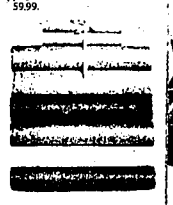
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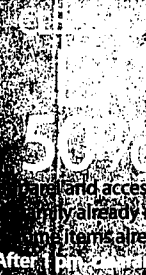
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Waterfowl outlook follows last year.

Expect the usual

Jim Krueck
Times-News correspondent

Based upon information from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the Idaho waterfowl season should be about the same as last year in terms of hunter harvest. Local nesting production was relatively the same as last year with the exception of Canada geese, which was down slightly in the Magic Valley area. Bag limits are still considered "liberal" as deemed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Seven ducks is the daily bag limit. The seven duck limit may contain only one canvasback, two redheads, one pintail, and one scaup. The season will again be 107 days in length.

Goose hunters should be pleased to know that the limit is now four geese a day. The number of geese predicted to enter the flyway has increased, hence the increased limit.

According to waterfowl population surveys conducted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife, in spite of a warm winter, breeding habitat remained in good shape last year because of above-average precipitation, good spring weather and higher number of ponds.

The estimated number of May ponds in portions of prairie and parkland Canada and the north central U.S. jumped 33 percent from 2005 to 2006. Pond estimates for the U.S. prairies was even higher than in Canadian locations.

The total duck breeding population estimates for south Alberta and Montana, western Dakotas has also jumped 44 and 48 percent respectively, over 2005 estimates.

Hunters should expect the usual in regard to hunting productivity. Early season hunting is typically spotty, with many day-to-day fluctuations.

Weather events, usually storms occurring in November or December, push ducks and geese winging southward through the Gem State.

Waterfowl hunters should also be aware that Migratory Bird Validation is necessary on licenses, as are Federal Migratory Waterfowl Stamps. Waterfowl stamps may be purchased from the regional office of Idaho Fish and Game in Jerome. Stamps are also available from select vendors such as Sportsman's Warehouse and K-Mart.



Mallard ducks in a wetland.

For more information:

Waterfowl season opens this Saturday in southern Idaho. Go to the Idaho Fish and Game Web site for regulations, seasons and bag limits, at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt>. Or call the Magic Valley regional office at 324-4359.

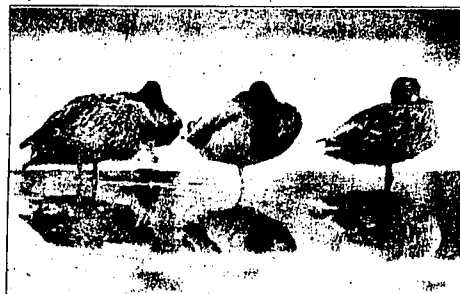
Hunters may or may not be aware that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service largely determines the limits in Idaho. Waterfowl are migratory and cross state lines and their seasons are therefore subject to control by a federal agency.

Hunters who do some investigation by examining such publications as Ducks Unlimited magazine or various Web sites will notice that waterfowl production in the prairies of Alberta has increased. Many of the ducks and geese from this Canadian province do pass through Idaho on their southern migration but many migrate via major flyways such as the Pacific. It is possible that waterfowl hunting could be somewhat better than last year but that is only a possibility because of variables. Likely, weather patterns will be the determining factor in regard to hunting success, along with the whims of migrating ducks and geese.



Lesser Canada geese in flight

Photos courtesy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Mallard ducks.

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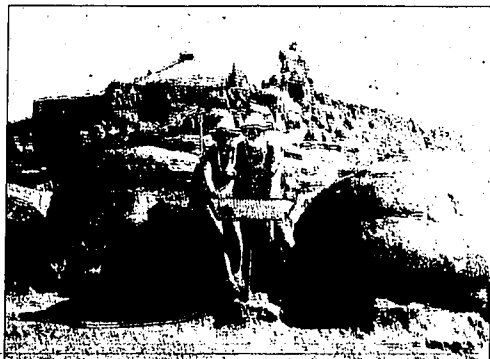
By Karen Rossick
The Wood River Journal

HAILEY — This would be a really, really ugly way to die, Marcia Powers thought, as she put her face down in the quicksand, trusting her body spread eagle in the red mud.

Powers had been hopping from side to side of Dark Canyon, some of the oldest exposed rock in southern Utah towering over her, when she accidentally stepped in the mud.

In an instant, she had sunk up to her hipbone. She grabbed her husband's hand but just slipped in further, one leg totally covered by the quicksand, the other to knee level.

It was totally surprising because nothing in the guide book had said anything about quicksand in this canyon," she said. "But I had read enough to know I was supposed to remain calm — that panicking would



only sink me further. And I know I was supposed to spread my weight out." She took her pack off to reduce her weight and she reached one hand over her head grabbing onto a scrul-

by plant that she could feel but couldn't see. She pulled on it ever so slowly, pulling herself out slightly. When it came unrooted, she reached forward with her other hand and found her-

self grabbing onto a cottonwood tree. "I found out later that if I'd just relaxed my legs would have floated up to the top," she said. "When I did finally get out, I had so much adrena-



Left: Marcia Powers and her husband Ken pose in front of Hurrah Pass near Moab, Utah.

Above: Ken and Marcia Powers' travels have taken them across the continental U.S. in search for the best of backpacking hikes.

line going that when my husband asked if I wanted to clean up I said, "No, gotta go. Gotta go."

As retirees, Marcia and her husband Ken Powers could be doing it the cushy way — seeing the U.S. in a Winnebago and bypassing America's canyons and quicksand. But the couple has chosen instead to see the United States on foot, crossing it from bottom to top a couple times and from coast to coast once.

The couple estimates they have walked more than 130,000 miles through 30 states since they laced up their hiking shoes seven years ago. "We've seen the United States, just as we might have if we had bought a recreational vehicle," said Marcia.

OUTDOORS

Salmon assist

Study: Modern hatchery techniques offer help for wild fish

By Jeff Barsand
Associated Press writer

GRANTS, Ore. — New research confirms that steelhead raised for generations in hatcheries do poorly when they try to reproduce in the wild, but the first generation of fish raised from wild parents in hatcheries are as successful at reproducing in their native rivers as their wild cousins.

The results of genetically testing some 15,000 steelhead returning to the Hood River in Oregon over the past 15 years offer support for federal policies using hatcheries to bolster threatened and endangered wild runs of salmon and steelhead in the Columbia Basin.

But Oregon State University geneticist Michael Blouin, lead author of the study posted last week in the online version of the *Journal of Conservation Biology*, cautioned that relying on hatcheries to sustain salmon runs is likely to fail in the long run without restoring river habitats, because the fish raised from wild eggs hatcheries will soon evolve traits ill-suited to the wild.

Hatchery programs "are very essentially to sustain a fish version of white lab mice," Blouin said. "This means they are very well adapted to being born in a little plastic tray and being raised in a concrete pond with fed fish. They don't survive that well in the wild."

"This is evolution in real time right before your eyes."

Hatchery fish make up about two-thirds of the salmon and steelhead returning each year to the Columbia Basin, the largest producer of salmon on the West Coast. The returns



An Isaquah Salmon Hatchery worker scoops up 3-month-old Chinook salmon, April 22, 2004, in Isaquah, Wash. Steelhead raised for generations in hatcheries do poorly when they try to reproduce in the wild, but the first generation of fish raised from wild parents in hatcheries reproduce just as well in their wild cousins, according to a report.

represent just 5 percent of historical levels before dams, logging, agriculture and urban development destroyed much of their habitat.

Conservation groups, Indian tribes, fishermen, state and federal agencies, the timber industry, agricultural groups and property rights groups have been battling over whether to rely on hatcheries for decades.

In 2001, a federal judge ruled that Oregon coastal coho raised in fish hatcheries must get the same protection under the Endangered Species Act as Oregon coastal coho that spawned in the wild, despite the fact that the hatchery fish were descended from genetic stocks far outside the region.

The federal salmon hatchery policy adopted in 2004 to comply with the ruling was guided by preliminary results of the Hood River study, said Bob Lohr, northwest regional director of NOAA Fisheries, which is in charge of restoring salmon.

"We don't expect this to cause us to make major changes," Lohr said. "But it certainly adds importance to the hatchery reform effort that is now ongoing in the Columbia River system."

NOAA Fisheries is reviewing 199 different hatchery programs, which will keep producing fish and which should be shut down or forced to adopt modern techniques.

It is expected to be completed in about six months, Lohr said.

Bill Bakke of the Native Fish Society said other studies have shown that even hatchery fish bred from wild eggs are inferior to wild fish in behavior, body size and other characteristics that determine their survival.

He said he expected state and federal agencies that operate salmon hatcheries to use the study to justify expanding programs based on wild broodstock, despite the study's cautionary note that they were likely to fail in the long run.

"This is the end of wild steelhead in the Northwest," he said.

Rebuilt N. Idaho trails lead to easier climb

By Rich Landers
The Spokesman-Review

NAPLES — Newly reconstructed trails are rolling out the welcome mat to choice but largely ignored scenic destinations in the Idaho Selkirk Mountains.

Even though some work won't be finished until next summer, including some blasting, bridges and trail hardening, I took advantage of the recent brilliant fall weather to hike the freshly resurfaced, brushed and well-designed trails to Snow and Bottleneck lakes.

The new trails up the Snow Creek Road west of Naples matched the day.

For Hart, trail maintenance coordinator for the Bonners Ferry Ranger district had pointed out earlier this summer that my entry in the revised "100 Hikes in the Inland Northwest" says the fourth into Bottleneck Lake "varies from great to wretched and will remain so until the Forest Service decides to change its course through a few wet areas."

"You were right," she said, "and now we've fixed that problem. The new trails are great."

She wasn't kidding. Using a creative collection of paid-trail crew and volunteer work groups and several funding sources, including a \$1,000 grant from the "100 Hikes in the Inland Northwest" trail fund, Hart and her crews have directed trails out of alder-choked bogs and over steep grades that will please hikers and mountain bikers alike.

Tracks in the trail indicated the area's moose like the new trails, too.

Hart said her regular eight-person trail crew worked with three different volunteer work groups to get the job going this summer. The groups included 15 teenage girls from Camp Tanager girls in Minnesota, eight people from the American Hiking Society's volunteer vacations program and 10 volunteers from the Sierra Club's volunteer vacations program.

"Forest Service money for trail building and maintenance is really tight," Hart said. "The Sierra Club's been sending work parties to this district for 30 years and the Hiking Society has been coming for 20 years."

The routes sometimes follow old poorly designed roads that were built into the area to salvage timber after the 1967 Sundeer forest fire.

"The area has had a lot of problems with erosion so it's closed to motor vehicles," Hart

said. "We had to do all of the work by hand."

Either Snow Lake or Bottleneck Lake is a worthwhile day hike or overnight destination. Snow Lake holds a few cutthroat trout and lower Bottleneck has brook trout. But the lakes aren't the main attraction to a hiker willing to put in extra effort to reach some of the best views in the Selkirk Mountains. Scramble routes from either lake lead to Bottleneck Peak, where you can sit on huge granite slabs and let your jaw drop.

The premier way to enjoy both trails and the best views in a one-day trip is to link them with a rugged scramble up and down the mostly open ridge that separates the two drainages.

Here's the route and hew-trail notes I took recently while hiking with Jared and Cori of France of Sandpoint.

An trailhead is 0.5 miles up Snow Creek Road 402 north-west of Naples. This road is clearly shown on the Kanikula National Forest map. It's the same road that continues on to Roman Nose Lakes.

At the trailhead, post a trailhead pegs the mileage: at more than four miles to Snow Lakes and more than five miles to Bottleneck Lake. We hiked uphill to Snow Lake in 1 hour, 20 minutes, so the four-mile figure is fairly close.

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We gaped at the snow-covered Cabinets in one direction, nearby Roman Nose Peak in another direction and hook-nosed Harrison Peak was in our face in another direction, fronting the distant Smith and Fisher peaks.

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Group works to restore 'pesky' beavers

By Dan Boyd
The Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — They've been maligned as an unstoppable plague and trapped to near extinction to salivate the whims of European style.

But to Larry Sherburne, beaver might be the most productive animal to ever be despised.

"We've done everything we can for 200 years to get rid of them," Sherburne said. "But it's amazing to see what they can do in one season. They really hold back the water and the siltation."

For the past six years, Sherburne and a few friends have worked to reverse the damage of the past two centuries, educating landowners on how to work with beavers and, when that's not

possible, live-trapping beavers and releasing them in strategic locations.

This year alone, Sherburne and other local "Beaver Busters" transplanted 10 beavers to new homes in southeast Idaho.

"Everybody complains about low water years, but can you imagine what this country looked like before the white man came?" asked Sherburne, a fourth-generation Pocatelloan whose engineering background gives him special appreciation for beaver's building abilities.

During one particularly colorful episode this summer, six young beavers weighing about 40 or 50 pounds each were placed in burlap sacks and packed in via horseback to a remote stream access in the Inkom area.

"It was kind of a rodeo scene," Sherburne recalled with a laugh. "The horses weren't too happy."

The owner of the property, who declined to give his name or exact location out of concern for the beavers' safety, said beavers hadn't been in the mini-ecosystem for 60 years.

Beavers, the third-largest rodents on the planet after capybaras and maras, are described by the property owner as "furry rascals." The animals' quills obligate team members to transplant them to new homes by Sept. 1. They don't have time to establish a lodge by the time winter comes, the beavers likely won't make it through the season.

And Sherburne and his team must also be careful not to mix rival families as beavers are

known to kill strangers outside their own clan.

But when it comes to ecological benefits of the animal, new research suggests the beaver is unparalleled in the Intermountain West.

"The beaver pond functions almost exactly like a wastewater treatment plant," said Mike Settell, a graduate student studying environmental engineering at Idaho State University.

Settell said beaver activity settles sedimentation, provides oxygen to fish and adds keeps a healthy level of organic nutrients to riparian settings.

While researchers have tried to build artificial dams in Utah, Settell said they've been unable to replicate the success of beaver dams and have paid for more money for the lesser results.

Trekking

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whose sister Becki Keefer lives in Halley. "But we've been actively involved with our environment instead of just observing it. Our feet have been through the dust, in the creeks, on the snow. We get to smell the pine scent of the forest and the sage of the desert."

Marcia had never backpacked before her husband, who grew up in Butte, took early retirement at age 54. Chevron where he was a data base analyst. Realizing they had done plenty of financial planning but no life planning, they decided to try some new things.

"Ken had backpacked with our boys when they were in Boy Scouts and I was jealous whenever they went out," Marcia said. "I envied their cute little cooking stove. I dreamed of setting up my imaginary tent..."

A day hike up Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the Lower 48, convinced her that this was indeed the life for her. Gazing across miles and miles of land that looked as if no one had ever set foot on it, Marcia made a determination: "I want to go there."

Their first backpack trip along the Pacific Coast was not

ideal—it hailed, lightning flashed all around them and the snow level dropped to 1,000 feet.

"But I said, 'If I can have this much fun in this kind of weather, this is for me,'" said Marcia, a flute teacher and chamber musician.

Since then, they've hiked the entire length of the Pacific Crest Trail, the Appala-Hian Trail and the Continental Divide Trail. And they became the first to hike the 4,900-mile American Discovery Trail from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean in one trip.

The two even scored their 15 seconds of fame on the "Today" show upon the completion of that eight-month trek.

The American Discovery Tour was certainly the most varied. They hiked from town to town in the East, along asphalt through Kansas and through wilderness in the West.

The locals in the East rallied around their adventure, offering to let them put their tent in their barnyards or even have a hot shower and night in their guest bed.

"Still, if I had to choose between hiking from town to town and hiking in wilderness,

I'd pick the wilderness," said. "I like the independence, the need to navigate, the adventure."

Sometimes, of course, the adventure turns out to be more than expected.

While hiking along the Continental Divide Trail, which is only 70 percent complete, Marcia was traversing on the side of a mountain near Wolf Creek Pass in Colorado when the snow broke loose and took Marcia down with it.

"Fortunately, the snow ran out and I stopped with a big burst of adrenaline," she said. "We calculate we spend \$1.75 per mile per person on things like shoes, an occasional motel room, food, and postage—about \$2,000 per month for both of us," Marcia said.

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bagels or tortillas. Dinners include macaroni and cheese and other pasta and rice dishes.

They eat a lot of Pop Tarts, which pack a lot of calories for the space they take. And every afternoon at 4, they each have a Snickers Bar, which gives them the umph they need to keep hiking until the light begins to dim.

They have to replace Ken's New Balance trail runners and Marcia's Montrail's every 600 miles.

But, even then, they end up saving money compared to what they'd spend at home.

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Twin Falls Parks & Rec offers canoe trip on Snake River

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is offering a five-mile canoe trip from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 21 on the Snake River.

The paddling adventure is all down stream from Banbury Hill Springs to Silgars Resort.

Participants will visit Box Canyon and Blue Heart Springs where they meet the river.

Cost is \$35. Registration deadline is Oct. 20. For more information or to register, call 736-2265.

Scuba diving workshop will take place Oct. 21

TWIN FALLS — A scuba diving workshop offered through Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 21 at the Twin Falls City pool.

Participants must be at least 8 years old. The fee is \$20. Registration deadline is Oct. 20.

Jerome Gun Club hosts shoot on Sunday

JEROME — The Jerome Rod and Gun Club will host a shoot Sunday, Oct. 15 for members and non-members.

The 100-target event costs \$20 for members, \$23 for non-members. Sign-ups start at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The club is located east of Idaho 93 at mile marker 64, or 11 miles north of the junction of I-84 and I-93.

Food and drinks will be available. Shotgun starts at 10 a.m. The shoot is Nov. 19, 2006. This will be a skins game, high score and each station will receive a turkey. There will only be one win per person.

Dec. 17, 2006 will be a skins game for skins. Come out with a friend or two and have some fun.

For more information, contact Kenny Siemens at 733-6045.

— staff report

OUTDOORS

Notch in Idaho mountains is freeway for migrating birds

By Roger Phillips
Idaho Statesman

BOISE — High in the Boise foothills where the timbered forest breaks into open hills and the Owyhee Desert looms to the south, a songbird that weighs less than a nickel is getting ready for its annual southern migration.

It's living in the timber and brush patches and trying to gain a few precious grams of fat to help carry it on its long migration to the southwestern United States, Mexico, or as far south as Central America.

It's not alone. Thousands of similar birds, including sparrows, warblers, flycatchers, tanagers, kinglets and vireos are biding time before the big desert crossing. You can hear them chirping, whistling and calling beneath the canopy of old ponderosa and firs, and see them flitting from branch to branch.

Researchers at the Idaho Bird Observatory are waiting at the choke point in the Boise Mountains where the forest ends and the desert begins. "It's a world-class migration spot," said Jay Carlisle, research director for the Idaho Bird Observatory. "It's a treasure in our backyard."

This is the best time of year to visit the observatory because the migration is in full swing. Researchers routinely find 60 different species of birds in the area.

If you go ...

Take Idaho Highway 21 toward Idaho City and take a left on Highland Valley Road near Hilltop. Go 2.2 miles on Highland Valley road and go right at the green gate onto Shaw Mountain Road. Continue 3 miles on Shaw Mountain Road to the observatory near the communications towers. Avoid the road after a rain or snowstorm because it will probably be muddy in spots.

Researchers capture, measure, band and record information on the birds before releasing them to continue their flight. The data, which they've been collecting for 13 years, gives them information about populations, migration patterns, and how long the birds use the area before departing southward.

The observatory also is an opportunity for people to learn more about birds that they commonly see flitting about their yards and shrubs, see Idaho's famous raptors migrating, and maybe even see one of the predators fall prey to a trapper's net before being banded and released.

"Everyone is welcome to come up," said hawk watcher Lindsay Reynolds of Boise. "It's really fun to educate people on what's going on up here. I think most people don't know about it."

The observatory is a working camp. There are no permanent structures and few amenities besides some folding chairs and a plywood booth that looks like it was left over from a conrod vendor at the Western Idaho Fair.

People should be patient when visiting.

"Because we are capturing birds and taking them out of their natural world for a while, they have to be our priority," said Jay Carlisle, IBO research director.

But that doesn't mean you're not welcome to visit, or that researchers won't have time to explain what they are doing.

The observatory crew hangs 10 mist nets for five hours a day starting at sunrise. (A mist net is a fine mesh net that is strung like a volleyball net and tangles birds when they fly into it.)

Visitors can watch researchers extract the song birds from mist nets and see them identifying, measuring and weighing birds, and recording the data. And of course, they can see the birds flying away after they're released.

"They can definitely see a lot of birds up close," Carlisle said. "People will be able to learn a lot."

From noon to late afternoon is the best time for raptor watching. The birds pass over an observation point

near the communication towers (use them to help navigate yourself when you're driving to the observatory).

On a busy day, 200 to 250 raptors will pass overhead. On the biggest day ever at the observatory, more than 700 raptors passed through.

Visitors can take a lawn chair and a pair of binoculars, some food and water and watch the raptors fly by. Dress for the weather, but realize it's above 6,000 feet at the observatory, so it will probably be much cooler than it is in the Valley. Getting there will require a short walk up a steep hill.

While researchers are watching birds pass overhead, there are two trapping stations, a couple humanure stations below the observation point. People are trapping raptors in mist nets and clam shell nets. They band the birds and then learn where they spend their summer and winter.

"It's starting to paint a map of where the birds are coming from or going to," Carlisle said.

Visitors may get a chance to watch them process and band a raptor after it is trapped. Raptor trappers recently caught a mature golden eagle with a 7-foot wing span.

"I've been doing this for 11 years and I'm impressed," Carlisle said. "The kid inside all of us is going to be impressed with that."

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The latest emergency hunt in Nevada history was authorized Monday to reduce deer herds in fire-ravaged northeastern Nevada.

Gov. Kenny Guinn called the reduction plan "sad but necessary" to prevent a large number of deer from starving to death over the winter.

"It is our responsibility to respond as humanely as possible," Guinn said in a statement. "The goal of the managed hunting plan is to ensure that, in the long run, a more sustainable number of animals survive on the range."

Nearly 1 million acres of prime wildlife habitat burned in Elko County alone this year when wildland fires that began in June continued into September.

Beginning Wednesday, 1,000 acres of mule deer tags in a location known as Area 6 were offered to eligible resident hunters. No nonresident tags will be issued.

Hunters could apply for up to two tags, even if they received a tag for a regular 2006 hunt. The emergency season will run from Nov. 6 through Dec. 3.

Applications will be accepted until through Oct. 30, or until the quota is filled.

Program conserves water, enhances habitat

Fish and Game notes

The Idaho Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program would leave water in the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, and turn thousands of acres into potential wildlife habitat.

The state and federal program would enroll 100,000 acres of cropland in a program similar to the federal conservation reserve program, taking the land out of production as an effort to reduce water consumption from the aquifer by 200,000 acre-feet per year.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game wants to hitch its habitat improvement program to the CREP program by offering participating farmers an enhanced seed mixture that would benefit wildlife. Fish and Game biologist Don Kemmer told the Idaho Fish and Game Commission Wednesday October 4. Landowners who join the program will get a basic mix of seed for their land. There is state and federal money enough for 100,000 acres.

For those interested, Fish and Game will provide additional seed to improve the mix for wildlife habitat to interested landowners. Though not all the land enrolled may make suitable wildlife habitat, up to half would likely fit the criteria, Kemmer said.

Already 5,100 acres have been signed up and another 230 applications are pending with another 15,000 acres, he said. Program officials hope to have 100,000 signed up within two years.

The flood of applications has created a backlog, but 70,000 to 80,000 acres already appears to meet the criteria for inclusion in the state conservation program. Southeast Region Conservation-Isidoror Randall Borden noted.

And much of that land is in the midst of other agricultural lands if the wildlife habitat is improved on those parcels to provide nesting and brood habitat, that would benefit hunting opportunities on the surrounding ag lands, he said.

"I want to ensure farmers know that additional help is available to also do something for wildlife with additional seed," he said. Landowners who join in the habitat improvement program may become more eligible for inclusion in the Access Year program. Ken Guinn said. Access Year is a Fish and Game program that compensates property owners who allow hunter and angler access on or across their private land.

Deer season opens in southern Idaho

Got tags? The regular deer season

opens October 10 in most regions of Idaho. In some areas, a regular deer tag allows hunters to take either a mule deer or white-tailed deer. A white-tailed deer tag allows hunter to take only a whitetail.

Many areas across the state also offer antlerless youth hunt opportunities, but check the big game rules brochure carefully for the areas where youth hunts are open.

To hunt deer in Idaho during the regular season, a resident hunter must have valid 2006 hunting license and a resident deer tag.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game law enforcement officials ask that hunters report any poaching or suspicious activities they encounter or hear about while hunting. Most serious poaching cases are cracked and won only with the help of ordinary Idaho residents, hunters or others who report crimes.

In January, a local resident reported someone had shot a deer during a closed season. The poacher was successfully prosecuted and the caller received a \$250 reward from Citizens Against Poaching.

In another case, a caller reported four elk and a deer shot out of season. The case involved multiple violations, including closed season, tag transfers, hunting without a valid deer tag and possession of unlawfully taken wildlife. The caller was rewarded for the successfully prosecuted case and received a \$250 CAP reward.

Officials urge hunters with information about wildlife crimes to call the Citizens Against Poaching hot-line at 1-800-632-5999, 24 hours a day. Calls are more helpful when they include the time and place of the activity, a report of what happened and a full description of the people and the vehicles, such as make, year, color and license.

Callers to CAP may remain anonymous. They also may call the nearest Fish and Game office or local law enforcement.

Hunters are also encouraged to pick up a free copy of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game backcountry game meat care guide, which has helpful tips to ensure proper handling of game to avoid wasting the meat. The guide is available at Fish and Game offices and license vendors.

And for help planning their hunt, hunters can use the hunt planner on department's Website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/i/fwis/huntplanner>.

TO THE TOP



John Nathans, of Warwick, N.Y., watches as the lead climber and guide, Paul Call, of Brownfield, Me., not pictured, heads up to the top of Square Ledge in Pinkham Notch, N.H., Oct. 6.

Hunt approved for fire-ravaged northern Nevada

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Hunting Season & Your Feet

Walking up and down steep hillsides and tramping through wet, slippery fields and wooded areas puts stress on the muscles and tendons in the feet and ankles. If you don't normally exercise or if you choose poor footwear, like cross-training athletic shoes, you're at risk of developing chronic heel pain, ankle sprains, Achilles tendonitis, fungal infections and severe blisters. Strong, well-insulated and moisture-proof boots with steel or graphite shanks offer excellent ankle and foot support that helps lessen stress and muscle fatigue to reduce injury risk. The supportive shank decreases strain on the arch by allowing the foot to distribute impact as the foot moves forward. If a foot bends in the middle, don't buy it. In wet and cold weather, wearing the right socks can help prevent blisters, fungal infections and frostbite. Wear synthetic socks as the first layer to keep the feet dry and reduce blister-causing friction; wool socks should be worn as a second layer. Wool lets moisture evaporate more readily than cotton, so fewer blisters develop. If your feet or ankles hurt during a hike or hunt, take a few moments to rest. Pain is a warning sign that something is wrong. The risk of serious injury escalates significantly if you continue hiking in pain. If you're a beginning hiker, or if you haven't been hunting for a while, try easy trails until you become better conditioned and more confident.

Evaluation by a foot and ankle surgeon is recommended if there is persistent pain following a hiking or hunting outing. Inattention to problems like ankle instability and strained Achilles tendons can lead to a serious injury that will keep you off the trails for a long time.

Hunters and hikers seeking further information about ankle sprains, Achilles, tendon injuries and other foot and ankle problems may contact Dr. Pilling to schedule an appointment.

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

OH, YOU'RE IN YOUR FOOTBALL ATTIRE. I HAD A BASEBALL QUESTION FOR YOU. SHOOT!

WHAT'S THE BASIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MANAGING A BASEBALL TEAM AND COACHING A FOOTBALL TEAM?

THE GATORADE DELUZE.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

Patient Parenting Tip #615
It's the process, not the product, that counts.

LOOK WHAT WE MADE!

Baldo By Hector D. Canliu and Carles Castellanos

I'M EXHAUSTED.

ROUGH DAY AT SCHOOL?

TOTALLY! THE SCHOOL COMPUTERS ALL CRASHED!

WE HAD TO USE OUR OWN BONES ALL DAY.

Brevity By Guy & Rod

OKAY, SO YOU KNOW HOW YOU FELLED OFF THAT AWFUL PAINTING AND FOUND A VAN GOGH UNDERNEATH? WELL... I STARTED THINKING... WHAT IF THERE WERE SOMETHING EVEN MORE VALUABLE UNDER THAT...

Dilbert By Scott Adams

LOUD HOWARD

THERE'S GOING TO BE A REORG!

I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO TELL ANYONE!

REORG?

DON'T MAKE ME SHUSH YOU!

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

DAD MY PARENTS ARE A LITTLE CONCERNED THAT YOU'RE NOT BELIEVING YOUR OWN HEIGHT HERE.

I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT ANY DAY NOW YOU'LL BE TOO TALL TO GO TO SCHOOL, SO DON'T WORRY 'TIL YOU GET YOUR BRACK.

FRANCE'S NO ONE EVER THING KNOW, GO TO THE TRUCK STOP AND GET A FRENCH SANDWICH.

AND I BUILT HER A PLAYHOUSE IN THE BACKYARD. SHE'S GOING TO LIVE THERE WITH A PANDA BECAUSE SHE'S A PANDA.

THIS REALLY IS THE BEST JOB I'VE EVER HAD.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Tropea

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Hello! I need an escort, but I'm very particular.

Okay, tell me more.

She must be multilingual... okay.

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Hold on a moment.

Ludmila!! You're up this weekend?

Nyet, Monrrade. Vat is up?

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WHEN YOU DID ALL THE WORK BY YOURSELF, YOU'VE GOT TO BE VERY CAREFUL.

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YES! IT'S EVEN GOT A FENCE AROUND IT!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

I'VE GAINED WEIGHT... IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY... "THE OLD WEIGHTS ARE THE BEST!"

Luann By Greg Evans

MISS PHELPS SAID NO MORE HISSAGE STUFF. THAT SHIRT'S GOTTA GO.

I CAN WEAR WHATEVER I WANT ON MY PERSONAL BODY. TIF.

WEAR THAT!

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

DIDN'T YOU HAVE A CLUE THAT YOUR DAUGHTER MIGHT HAVE... UM... "CONSERVATIVE TENDENCIES" WHEN SHE JOINED THE CAMPUS "NEW" CHAPTER?!

NOT REALLY. HER MOTHER WAS IN "YON" AND HER GRANDMA WAS IN "D.S."

WE FIGURED IF IT HAD THREE LETTERS, IT MUST BE OKAY...

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Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

MR. PRESIDENT THE WAR IN IRAQ HAS FORCED US TO MAKE SACRIFICES AT HOME. FOR ONE THING, OUR AIRSPACE STILL NEEDS TO BE SAFER.

HOW DO YOU FIGURE THAT?

CALL SOMEONE!

Pickles By Brian Crane

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M TRAPPED IN MY OWN BATHROOM!!

I CAN JUST SEE THE HEADLINE NOW... "OLD MURDER OF STAGNATION IN HIS PRIVY."

I CAN SEE THE SUBHEAD NOW...

"FANTASTIC DOG SURVIVES DREADED BY EATING HIS MASTER'S..."

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

WE WERE GOING TO TAKE OUR OWN LEAVES. CLEAN!

WELL, I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF WRITING UP AN ESTIMATE. KURTIE ROSE.

SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO LEAVES? YOU COUNTED THE FALLEN LEAVES??

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ADJUST MY ESTIMATE.

CHARGE BY THE LEAF.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

HEY, YOU WANT TO GO SEE A MOVIE HERE?

GRUD. UH, OKAY.

HOW ABOUT A SCARY ONE? ARE YOU UP FOR A HORROR FLICK?

NOT REALLY!

THE THOUGHT THAT I COULD BE SEEN AT A MOVIE WITH MY KID IS PLINY OF HORROR FOR ONE NIGHT.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

HEY, THERE'S A LIGHT IN THE WOODS. LET'S GO!!

SCAT! LET'S GO HOME!

WHAT? WHAT? DID YOU GET SOMETHING? ARE YOU UP BECAUSE?

UH... I AND MY FRIENDS ARE GOING TO GET UP.

Strange Brew By John Deering

FROM MY CHARGE, I WRITE FROM MY CHARGE.

Friends come in many flavors, Sagittarius

IF OCT. 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You can hear the celestial harps a bit more clearly in the year to come. Ambitions seem to recede into the background and you are likely to be drawn to inner explorations and quests. Get in touch with your artistic side by learning a new craft or be compelled by your sympathies to perform good works. You are particularly susceptible to soundings and the unseen forces of the universe during February, March and August. Be conscientious during January, February and June when you may have extra responsibilities placed on your plate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Change isn't always a bad thing. The unexpected or unusual could stir you to excel at something you had never dared to attempt. Look in the mirror. It won't break or cause years of bad luck.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you are worried about the outcome of a business deal or a first date, wear your lucky underwear. You are likely to be on the same wavelength with others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you are holding hands with someone it is almost impossi-

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

sense of adventure loose for the best results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Complete an agreement or a business deal that requires public approval or recording. Then mark the date on your calendar all night long with that special someone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Friends come in many flavors. Some are permanent fixtures you can take up where you left off years ago. Others may have a surprising trick or two up their sleeves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Loosen up. Put your faith in the future, even if the present seems to hold continual surprises. Invest in something — either a person or a thing — that has the potential for enduring value.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Rock on. Music can soothe the savage beast. Get creative tunes can also enhance a romantic get-together or create a serene setting for work. Be the center of attention wherever you go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Romantic wishes can come true under these stars. A new friend could become a friend for life. You will more productive in quiet surroundings.

ble to inadvertently walk under a ladder. Joint undertakings drive. Think about merging your resources with someone else.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Chat up a new acquaintance or invite a friendly co-worker home for a drink. You can never know for sure, if or when, a new contact will prove useful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't try to change your luck. If there is any change, it will probably be for the better. Pay attention to subtle nuances of behavior and flirtations. Your favorite hook-up has eyes for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Buy your own black cat. This could be your lucky day where romance or finances are concerned. Your intuition is right on the mark and you can realize a fantasy with a budding relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This might be Friday the 13th, but your luck in love couldn't be much better. Enjoy swapping nostalgic stories or trying out the latest fad. Let your

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom, & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



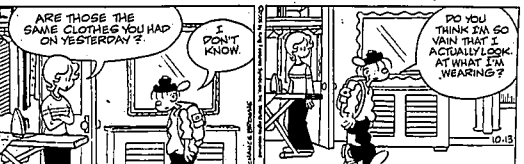
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By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Family tired of bailing out sister over and over again

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Earline," seems not to reach care about family that much. She does drugs and sells them. My family and I just bailed her out of jail. I took my entire paycheck, my brother lent his entire paycheck and our mom gave the last couple of hundred bucks she had to her name. Earline promised to pay us all back when she got home. (She was arrested out of state.) We spent well over \$1,000 getting her out, and she has been back for two weeks and hasn't repaid any of it. I have an 8-month-old baby to support.

This isn't the first time — this has been going on for years, and I mean years. What should I say to Earline to get her to stop doing this? She has two kids who live with my parents.

DEAR NEEDS THE MONEY: Your sister may be so drug-addicted — and addled — that she can't see beyond her own needs. Surely if it has been "going on for years," your family is by now aware that the chances that she will repay the money are practically nil. My advice is to write it off, and the next time Earline finds herself in jam — or in the slammer —



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

let her bail herself out. Having to pay the consequences is the only way she'll learn, and possibly get help.

DEAR ABBY: I have a sister-in-law who constantly refers to my brother as "my husband," instead of by his name. I find it so irritating, I feel the term "my husband" should be relegated to the doorman or the cleaners around the corner, as in: "My husband will pick this up this afternoon." It shuts me out and sounds pompous. Am I wrong?

"GARTH'S" SISTER IN-LAW HERSEY: Are you wrong? Is she wrong? It seems to me that more is going on here than you being put off by the way your sister-in-law refers to your brother. Maybe she is insecure, and that's why she feels the need to "reimind" you that your brother is her husband, or maybe she has trouble remembering names. But if you let this get under

your skin, how will you handle it when a serious disagreement arises — as it often does in families? My advice is to melt-out out and find your sense of humor.

DEAR ABBY: I am married to a wonderful woman, but something has been bothering me since we have been together. I am not as honest as I should be in our relationship.

We have had money problems pretty much since our marriage began. I have a spending problem, and I lie to her about where the money goes. I have been doing better, but I still want to spend money we do not have.

I do not spend money on drugs, prostitutes or clothes, but rather on plastic models and other hobby-related items. How do I stop spending and living to my wife about it?
— SICK OF THE LIVING IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR SICK: You start acting like a man instead of a child with his hand in the cookie jar. You recognize that marriage is a partnership and you have been in a some stealing from your partner. Then you and she agree on a budget you can responsibly allocate to your hobby, and live within your means.

October used to be eighth month

Oct means eight in Latin. October used to be the eighth month, back when March 1 signaled the new year.

This day in history: What do Lenny Bruce and Margaret Thatcher have in common? Not much, except that they were born on exactly the same day: Oct. 13, 1925. So much for astrology, huh?

A hospital study determined that old-fashioned soap and water tackled viruses better than newfangled disinfectants.

The most popular letter in a Scrabble game is E, showing up on 12 tiles.

Some words contain two letters that make one sound. For instance, the "sh" in "hash" and the "et" in "etch." In case you want impress an English professor some time, this is called a "digraph."

In the game of ice golf, you get a little more slack. You get



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

to hit each ball from rubber tees. Furthermore, the cups are twice as big as the standard golf cup, and if your ball is unplayable, you can move it a few inches without penalty.

If you want to drive the hot-dog-shaped Oscar Mayer Wienermobile, we hope you wish competition. The company prefers recent college graduates, preferably with majors in communications, journalism, public relations or advertising; they get about a thousand applications for the twice "hotdogger" positions that open each year.

No surprise here: the aver-

age French adult drinks about ten times more wine per year than the average American.

In German — the dachshund's country of origin — dachs means "badger," and hound means "hound." They were bred to fit into badger holes and drive them out for hunters.

America's first badminton club was founded in 1878 in New York City. It specified that only "men and good-looking single women" could join.

In India they had a unique way of collecting on loans. Called dharna, it consisted of sitting in on the doorstep of the debtor without eating or drinking until the loan is repaid...or the debt collector dies from lack of food and water.

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Michael No. 1 boy name in New York City

NEW YORK (AP) — Hit the road, Jack. The No. 1 name for boys in New York is Michael.

The most popular names for the 122,725 babies born in the city last year were Michael and

Emily. For Michael, top moniker among the 63,011 newborn boys, that's more than 20 consecutive years in first place.

Michael and Emily welcomed Rachel and Nicholas into the top 10 for boys and girls, the health department, which keeps track of the data, said Wednesday. Emily was No. 1 for girls last year, too.



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WORLD

British man admits plotting to bomb buildings in U.S.

By Bill Lawless Associated Press writer

LONDON — A British man identified by U.S. officials as a senior al-Qaida figure pleaded guilty Thursday to conspiracy to murder in a plot to bomb high-profile targets in the United States including the International Monetary Fund headquarters in Washington

and the New York Stock Exchange.

"I plead guilty," Dhiran Barot, 34, said in a clear voice at London's high-security Woolwich Crown Court.

building in New York and the Prudential building in Newark, N.J.

Barot, a British citizen who was raised a Hindu before converting to Islam, was arrested in August 2004 amid a heightened security alert for financial institutions in the United States. Seven other men are due to face trial next year.

Prosecutor Edmund Lawson said Barot planned "to carry out explosions at those premises with no warning. They were plainly designed to kill as many people as possible."

U.S. officials claim Barot is a senior al-Qaida figure, known variously as Abu Eisa al-Hindi, Abu-Musa al-Hindi and Issa al-Hindi, who scouted prominent financial targets in the U.S. at the behest of Osama

bin Laden. He was indicted last year in New York, along with two others, on charges of plotting to attack the buildings.

Under British law, domestic legal proceedings take precedence over a U.S. extradition attempt.

In Britain, Barot planned to pack three limousines with gas cylinders and explosives and detonate them in under-

ground parking garages, Lawson said. The "gas limos" plan, found on a computer, was "described by Mr. Barot as the main cornerstone of attacks planned to take place in the U.S." Lawson said. Lawson said the "dirty bomb" was designed to cause "injury, fear, terror and chaos" although it was unlikely to kill anyone.

Gunmen storm Iraqi TV station, kill 11

By Lee Keith Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Suspected Shiite militiamen, some dressed as police, broke into a television station and gunned down 11 Iraqi executives, producers and other staffers Thursday in the deadliest attack against the media in this country, where at least 81 other journalists have been killed in the past three years.

The station, Shaabiya, was new and had not started full broadcasting. So Iraq's broadcast-only test programming of nationalist songs, including ones against the U.S. military presence in Iraq, that may have led Shiite militiamen to suspect it of a pro-Sunni ideology.

The brazen, morning attack underscored the danger for the media in a country where causing offense to one side or another can be a death sentence — either by Sunni insurgents or the Shiite and Sunni death squads behind sectarian violence.

In another attack on Iraqi media, the body of a Kurdish radio reporter was identified at the Baghdad morgue. Azad Mohammed Hussein, 29, was kidnapped in the capital Oct. 3, while on his way to Dar al-Salam radio headquarters. His body was found Tuesday.

At least 31 journalists — mostly Iraqis — have been kidnapped in Iraq, according to Reporters Without Borders, a Paris-based journalist watchdog group. The latest was the editor of weekly magazine Nabd al-Shabab, abducted Monday on the way to work.

About two dozen gunmen, some in police uniform, pulled up to the Shaabiya offices at 7 a.m. Thursday in civilian cars, stormed into the building and killed most of those inside, said the station's executive director, Hassan Kamil, who was not there at the time.

Staff members had been working around the clock to get the station ready to begin broadcasting at the end of the



Sunni-Arab Shaabiya satellite television station employees comfort each other in front of the station's building in Baghdad Thursday. An unknown number of gunmen pulled up at the station in seven cars, stormed quickly into the offices and opened fire killing eleven station employees.

Islamic holy month of Ramadan, in mid-October. As a result, many people were in the office, some still sleeping at the time of the attack.

The gunmen fired some 100 shots, Kamil said. But survivors reported not hearing any shots and no windows were damaged, suggesting the attackers may have used silenced pistols and killed their victims at close range, he said.

After the attack, blood stained the polished floors of the station building, which housed Shaabiya's studio and offices, and pistol bullet casings lay scattered around.

Among the dead were the station's chairman or the board, Abdul-Rahem

Nasrallah, along with station technicians and two guards, Kamil said. Several employees managed to run away, and there were two wounded survivors — the program director and chief producer — who were in critical condition.

Kamil said he could not speculate on who was behind the attack and said the station had received no threats.

He insisted the station had no sectarian bias and pointed out that the staff was a mixture of Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds.

Nasrallah, the slain chairman, was a Shiite — a former military officer who was jailed during Saddam Hussein's rule, fled to Norway after his release and then returned after

Saddam's fall.

"We have good relations with all political and religious parties and groups, with the Sunnis and the Shiites, and we are keen to maintain such a balance," Kamil said in a telephone interview.

But there were signs Shiite militiamen were behind the assault. Many identities of Sunnis have been carried out by gunmen in police uniforms and Sunnis accuse the mainly Shiite police force of helping the death squads.

The test programming the station has done so far has included nationalist songs, some of them denouncing "the American occupation" — a cause of the Sunni insurgents, though also of some Shiite militia groups.

There were also rumors that the station was being financed by Libya.

Reporters Without Borders said the militiamen may have been seeking to avenge the kidnapping of a revered Lebanese Shiite cleric, Imam Mus al-Sadr, 28 years ago, an attack often blamed on Libya. Al-Sadr is a distant uncle of Muqtada al-Sadr, head of the Mahdi Army, Iraq's most feared militia.

Kamil denied his station received Libyan funding, saying it is still struggling to get the money to start up. But even a false rumor could be a motive for an attack.

Interior Ministry spokesman Abdul-Salam Khalaf blamed the slayings on "a gang of criminals" and said investigations were under way.

At least 81 journalists, 60 of them Iraqi, have been killed in Iraq since the March 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq, according to an Associated Press tally.

Report: Head of British army says soldiers in Iraq are making the situation worse

LONDON (AP) — The head of the British Army said British troops in Iraq are making the situation worse and must leave the country soon, according to a newspaper interview published Thursday.

The British military should get ourselves out sometime soon because our presence exacerbates the security problems," Gen. Sir Richard Dannatt told the Daily Mail in

the interview released on the tabloid's Web site.

"We are in a Muslim country and Muslims' views of foreigners in their country are quite clear," he added. "As a foreigner, you can be welcomed by being invited in a country, but we haven't invited ourselves; we've just been there at the time."

Dannatt's comments are certain to infuriate Prime Minister Tony Blair who is

President Bush's key ally in the war in Iraq. He described Blair's policy toward Iraq as "naive."

It is highly unusual for a sitting military commander to publicly criticize the government's foreign policy.

"Whatever comment we may have had in the first place from the Iraqi people 'has largely turned to intolerance," he said.

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APPLIANCES
G.E. refrigerator freezer, side by side (needs minor adjustment) -
Signature 20 cu ft upright freezer - Whirlpool 21 cu ft upright freezer
- LG 18" color TV - Eazy small electric organ - Kenwood stereo
- phonograph, TV combination - RCA clothes dryer - Compact vacuum
- electric heater - and several small electrical appliances
COLLECTIBLES & COLLECTIBLE FURNITURE
Chrome gray oval table with 4 matching red chairs - antique round
54" table with 4 leaves and 4 matching chairs - chrome curved glass
china cabinet - spud bakets - picnic basket - old metal floor sprinker -
can - coat hocker - Cabbage Patch doll - old glass top coffee table -
1940's 50's water's table and matching collection - drawer chest of drawers
- Flamingo picture - salt and pepper collection - Fiesta dishes - Nippon
dishes, - shaving mugs - masticque cup - vintage hats - alpacade quilt
- wagon hub.
OTHER FURNITURE
6 drawer dresser with art deco mirror, matching nite stand and
chest of drawers - nice Lo Boy mirror, here dressing with mirror - 12
piece huge sectional couch - wicker hamper - wicker table - web stand
with mirror - 5 drawer chest of drawers - computer desk 2 recliners -
over stuffed chair - queen size bed frame - round decorative table
- bookcase - assorted end tables - round coffee table - credenza - swing
floor, pole - wall and 4 - wicker chair - chair bed table - 4
drawer file cabinet - queen anne iron stool - new TV stand - swivel
rocker - record and video cabinets - wine rack - plant stands - bar
stools - gossip bench
HOUSEHOLD MISCELLANEOUS
Lots of books - vinyl book ends - folding chairs - pool table lamp
- games - oval tables - wicker lamp - wicker lamps - assorted
luggage - christmas decorations - artificial flowers and arrangements -
TV trays - quilts and blankets - brass items - fire place tools and
wood carvings - wall decor - stuffed animals - liners - bathroom shelf
- telephones - pots and pans - Pyrex colored glassware - Iron Stone
china - boom box - clothes rack - fruit jars
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Soaring oil prices push trade deficit to record

By Martin Cutsinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — America's trade deficit hit an all-time high as record imports of oil swamped a solid gain in U.S. exports. The politically sensitive deficit with China set a record, a point that Democrats are sure to use in attacking President Bush's trade policies in the closing weeks of the battle for Congress.

The deficit rose to \$69.9 billion in August, up 2.7 percent from July's \$68 billion deficit,

which had also been a record. The sharp deterioration in the deficit in recent months has occurred because soaring global oil prices have pushed America's foreign oil bill to historic highs.

Analysts believe the deficit will begin to show improvement by coming months, reflecting the fact that oil prices, which had surged to \$77 per barrel in July, have fallen by about 25 percent since that time.

In a second report, the number of newly laid off workers fil-

ing for unemployment benefits rose by 4,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted total of 308,000.

The widening trade gap occurred even though U.S. exports of goods and services set a record, rising by 2.3 percent to \$122.4 billion. This increase, however, was offset by a 2.4 percent rise in imports, which also set a record at \$192.3 billion.

The trade deficit is on track to set a record for a fifth consecutive year, running at an annual rate through August of \$74.2

billion, 9.4 percent higher than last year's \$71.6 billion record.

Democrats, campaigning to wrest control of Congress from the Republicans, contend that the string of record deficits documents failures of Bush administration trade policies that they contend have not addressed unfair trade practices by other nations, particularly China.

The deficit with China shot up by 12.2 percent to a record of \$22 billion in August and is running 13.5 percent above last year when it hit \$20.2 billion, the highest ever recorded with a

single country.

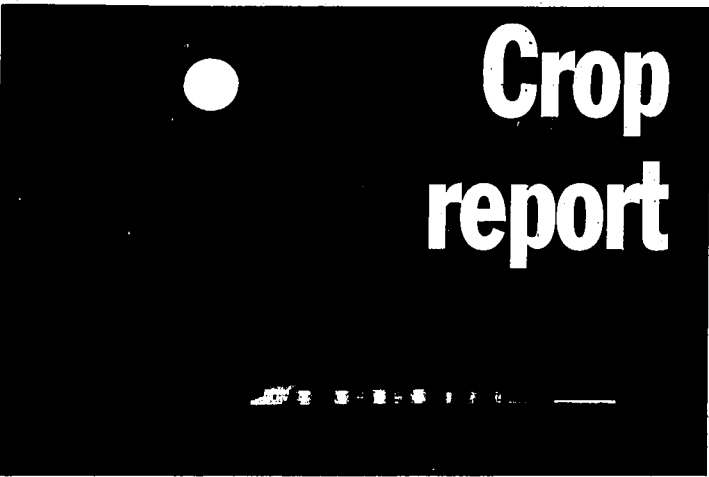
Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, the former head of Goldman Sachs, has made negotiations with China over its currency system and other trade policies a top priority. But it remains to be seen whether his efforts will produce any better results than his predecessors.

American manufacturers contend that China is keeping its currency artificially low against the dollar by as much as 40 percent in order to make Chinese goods cheaper in the

United States and American products more expensive in China.

Paulson has argued that China should move more quickly to allow its currency's value to be set by markets. But Chinese officials say they are concerned about what such volatility would do to the country's banking system.

For August, the \$2.7 billion rise in exports reflected record sales of American farm products and U.S. consumer goods including artwork and antiques.



Crop report

The moon rises as the sun sets over a freshly harvested corn field on a farm in Pleasant Plains, Ill., Oct. 6. Corn and soybean harvests progressed at a rapid pace across Illinois last week under ideal fall weather.

Corn forecast slips; soybean harvest should break record

By Lloyd Quedflem
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Soybeans are on track for a record harvest, while the corn forecast has dimmed slightly, the Agriculture Department reported Thursday.

September rains came too late for corn fields in Illinois, Nebraska and Ohio, prompting analysts to reduce their production forecast by 2 percent in the monthly crop report.

The Bush administration has been

suffering off on further aid for producers suffering through withering drought to see how this year's harvest of corn and soybeans, the major crops, turn out.

Vigorous demand for corn in export markets and U.S. ethanol plants has driven prices higher and is expected to slash corn surpluses by half, the department said.

Prices should range from \$2.40 to \$2.80 a bushel, an increase of 25 cents over last month's estimate.

Nationwide, corn production is forecast at 10.9 billion bushels, down 209 million bushels from last month's forecast.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.19 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last month's forecast and up 4 percent from last year's crop. There was no change in the soybean price estimate of \$4.90 to \$5.90.

Also in the crop report, the orange crop is expected to drop 9 percent from last year's hurricane-ravaged crop. The 135 million-box all-orange forecast is down 44 percent from 2004 and, if realized, would be the smallest crop in 17 years.

Kodiak moves closer to opening Burley facility

By Sara Berg
For the Times-News

Ten months have passed since the Burley City Council approved Kodiak Northwest's new assembly site in the former RGC AED building on Pamereite Avenue in Burley.

Despite considerable challenges, it appears the facility is now approaching its opening date. City Administrator Mark

Milton says the process of clearing legal and financial hurdles is in its final stages.

The city will solicit construction bids for the job of improving the building, which is owned by the city after that, Milton estimates a construction time of 60-90 days before Kodiak, which manufactures large snowblowers, can open.

Fully staffed, Kodiak's new facility is expected to employ 50

workers. Indeed, under the promise of jobs, it is possible Kodiak would not have remained in Idaho.

Brek Pilling, Kodiak's owner, says he seriously considered moving the entire company out of state.

"I had offers from ... Utah, Colorado, ... South Dakota, Wyoming and West Virginia," he said. The company's employment

McDonald's to top Q3 estimates after strong sales in Europe, U.S.

By Dave Carpenter
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp., which has restaurants in the Magic Valley, said Thursday that stronger-than-expected September sales pushed preliminary third-quarter profit well above Wall Street estimates, backed by a comeback in Europe and accelerated U.S. momentum that have its two biggest markets surging.

The upside surprise from the world's largest fast-food chain prompted several analysts to upgrade its stock. McDonald's shares jumped to the latest in a series of six-year highs, leading the Dow Jones industrial average into record territory.

Shares in the Oak Brook, Illinois-based company rose 71 cents, or 1.8 percent, to \$41.99 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange after reaching \$42.44, their highest price since Jan. 20, 2004.

"The U.S. continues to roll along while Europe continues to see momentum build," said Citigroup analyst Steven Petraglia in a report to investors about the company.

Morgan Stanley's Mark Whitman said that with both McDonald's major markets showing strong sales trends, he expects the better results from the long-lagging European market to drive "a second wave of recovery for the company."

McDonald's forecast third-quarter earnings of 68 cents per share, well above the 63-cent consensus estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial and up

17 percent from a year ago. That includes a penny-per-share expense relating to impairment and other charges, primarily in its Asia/Pacific, Middle East and Africa operation.

Extended hours, the popularity of its breakfast items and new products at its U.S. restaurants have spearheaded the chain's three-year run of improved results, but it was strong sales from Europe that helped carry the company in the third quarter.

Driven by strong growth in Europe, McDonald's system-wide same-store sales, or those from restaurants open at least 13 months, climbed 9.8 percent in September and 8.4 percent in the third quarter. Excluding non-McDonald's brands, the increases were 7.7 percent for the month and 5.8 percent for the quarter.

European same-store sales climbed 9 percent in September and 7.6 percent during the quarter, with growth especially strong in Germany, France and Britain. That bested even strong U.S. sales, which grew 7.4 percent in September and 4.1 percent in the quarter, lifted by breakfast sales and the new chicken Snack Wrap introduced in late July. The company did not discuss results in detail ahead of its full earnings report due Oct. 19. But Chief Executive Jim Skinner attributed the ongoing improvement in Europe after a lengthy slump to a successful mix of premium and value prices and to targeting customers with locally relevant items.

Market Watch

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Standard & Poor's 500	+12.88	1,382.83
Russell 2000	+15.38	757.09

Stocks of local interest

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Idacorp	38.85	▲ .97
Litiga Motors	24.23	▲ .88
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Commodities

Nov. Oil	57.86	▲ .27
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Live-cattle	88.75	▲ .40
Oct. gold	578.30	▲ 4.0

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FCC puts off consideration of AT&T-BellSouth deal for a day

By John Dumber
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission is putting off for a day its consideration of AT&T Inc.'s proposed takeover of BellSouth Corp., a move-deal that some government officials want to examine more closely.

An FCC vote is the final major regulatory hurdle facing the nearly \$80 billion deal that would extend to postpaid the nation's biggest provider of telephone, wireless and broadband Internet services.

as well as a controversial issue known as "network neutrality," which deals with whether Internet service providers must provide equal treatment to all traffic on their networks.

The FCC did not say why it was delaying a vote. "We are committed to examining merger applications fairly and in a manner consistent with the public interest," agency spokesman Clyde Ensslin said in a statement Wednesday night. "We are continuing to work to complete our AT&T and BellSouth merger review in a timely manner."

Some members of Congress oppose the deal, and two FCC commissioners questioned its impact on consumers even after the Justice Department gave its unconditional approval

to the buyout on Wednesday after finding no potentially adverse effects on competition.

FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein, a Democrat, called the decision a "reckless abandonment" of the Justice Department's responsibility to protect competition and consumers.

Meanwhile, the FCC's Republican chairman, Kevin Martin, has circulated an order recommending approval. He probably will be supported by Commissioner Deborah Taylor White, also a Republican.

The remaining member, Robert McDowell, the third Republican, has renounced himself from the case because of his previous work with a trade association that fought against AT&T and BellSouth in the past.

PET CLONING TOO COSTLY



A cloned cat name 'Little Nicky' peeps out from her carrying case, in this Dec. 22, 2004, photo taken in Texas. 'Little Nicky' was sold to a woman by Genetic Savings and Clone, a California biotechnology company, for \$50,000. Genetic Savings and Clone sent letters to its customers in September informing them it will close at the end of the year because of little demand for costly cloned cats.

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2007 VOLKSWAGEN TOUAREG SUV

Powerfully capable

RoadWorthy!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

The Volkswagen Touareg was engineered to be a no-compromise mix of optimum off- and on-road attributes. At the top end of the SUV segment, the German automaker positioned the Touareg SUV to highlight its uncanny combination of refined German luxury, Autobahn road performance and mountain-goat tenacity to triumph over the toughest off-road terrain. Exterior good looks are backed up with a low center of gravity for off-road safety and on-road performance.

Last year, Touareg received a more powerful base V6 motor. Boasting an increase of 36 horses over the previous engine, the 3.6L FSI V6 is part of an engine stable for Touareg that includes both a 4.2L V8 and a 5.0L V10 TDI twin turbo diesel mill. All three engines are bolted to a six-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission and mated to Volkswagen's 4xMOTION permanent four-wheel drive system.

On the road, the base V6 engine delivers totally adequate acceleration. Handling and control are predictable and precise. The four-wheel drive system does not bog the SUV down during light cornering or low speed maneuvers. The 3.6L V6 is a good match of economy and performance.

The foundation for the Touareg starts with an acoustically insulated sub-frame that serves as a robust foundation for the suspension. Control hardware for the Volkswagen SUV features a double wishbone front and four link rear independent steel spring suspension system. V6 and V8 models not equipped with the optional air suspension have a slightly modified suspension system featuring a little lower ride height. The Touareg V10 TDI comes standard with an inde-



The 2007 Volkswagen Touareg - mountain-goat tenacity

2007 Volkswagen Touareg by the Numbers

WHEELBASE:
112.4; overall length: 187.2;
width: 75.9; height: 68.0 -
measurements in inches.

ENGINE:
3.6L V6 - 280 hp at 6,200 rpm
and 265 lbs-ft of torque at
2,500 - 5,000 rpm; 4.2L V8 -
310 hp at 6,200 rpm and 302
lbs-ft of torque at 3,000-4,000
rpm; 5.0L V10 TDI twin-turbo
diesel - 310 hp at 3,750 rpm
and 553 lbs-ft of torque at
2,000 rpm.

TRANSMISSION:
Tiptronic six-speed automatic.

CARGO CAPACITY:
71 cu. ft.
PAYLOAD CAPACITY:
1,400 lbs.
TOWING CAPACITY:
7,716 lbs.

pendent four-corner adjustable air suspension with six adjustable ride heights and CDC (Contin-

Price ■ The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2007 Volkswagen Touareg SUV starts from \$37,590 for the V6, \$42,990 for the V8 and \$59,020 for the V10 TDI model. Destination charges add \$870.

SAFETY FEATURES:

Dual front airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, side curtain protection, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, center locking differential, anti-intrusion side door beams, and air regulation, electronic differential lock, engine braking assist, electronic brake force distribution, electronic stabilization program with brake assist, hill descent assist, hill climb assist, daytime running lights, automatic headlamps, anti-theft vehicle alarm, remote keyless entry system,

ous Damping Control) with three adjustable damping settings. Inside the cabin, occu-

central power locking system and automatic power door locks. V10 TDI adds Bi-Xenon high intensity headlamps and headlight washer system. Optional safety equipment includes keyless entry, navigation system and rear locking differential.

WARRANTY:
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pants are treated to high-fashion luxury and comfort. The passenger compartment is roomy

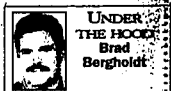
and versatile - with different configurations for almost any combination of passengers and cargo. There are five power outlets throughout the cabin - two in the front center console, one in the center console and two in the rear cargo area.

Changes and enhancements last year included a rear view camera and auxiliary multimedia connector that come with the navigation system; a 115 volt outlet in the cargo area replaces the previous 12 volt outlet; the roof rack becomes optional. Servotronic steering is standard on 3.6 V6 and V8 models and chrome replaces wood trim on the transmission shift lever.

Predictable overheating?

Q. With summer just around the corner I'm dreading another round of borderline overheating when traveling in the mountains or a climb of any kind in hot weather. My '89 GMC Safari's temperature gauge runs around 190 most of the time but will climb as high as 240 under strenuous conditions.

- Jeremy Taylor
Seattle



UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Berghold

A. It sounds as if your Safari might be suffering from a marginally effective radiator or a lazy fan clutch. Before we look at these two components in detail, let's rule out a few other possibilities.

Does the engine run properly? Incorrect ignition timing, a lean air/fuel ratio, or a restricted exhaust system can increase operating temperature beyond normal. Are the radiator fan shroud and lower air dam present and undamaged? Are the A/C condenser and radiator cooling fins restricted with bugs or debris? Blowing compressed air across the backside of the radiator will often dislodge a surprising cloud of efficiency-reducing dirt.

Now to the fan clutch. The mechanical cooling fan should lumber along at reduced speed during cool to normal conditions but engage fully at around 230 degrees. If you haven't noticed a roar (substantially increased fan noise) as the engine temperature passes this range, the fan clutch might be faulty. This part is a bit pricey, but installation is simple.

Last but not least, let's consider the radiator. Your Safari's original radiator is a rather wimpy single-row aluminum core design. During 14 years of service, there's no doubt it has become restricted with deposits. For less than \$175 (plus labor) you can renew the radiator with a thicker, heavy-duty replacement. There are a handful of Web-based radiator vendors offering discounted original equipment and after-market radiators with local pick-up or installation available.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
November 1, 2006, 6:30 PM

The City of Hagerman, Planning and Zoning Commission, has scheduled a public hearing to consider a request for a new subdivision of 36 parcels from Waters' Edge Subdivision. The property is in the City and zoned residential. His proposal would include new streets - "Water's Edge Street" and "Bell-Sands Avenue." The parcels range in size from 0.3 to 0.62 acres. The property to be subdivided totals 15 acres.

The location of the property to be subdivided is located in Section 14. That portion of the NE1/4 NW1/4 lying to the middle of the Sande Ditch and West of the Buckeye Ditch and a small portion lying East of Buckeye Ditch, Township 7 South, Range 13, East of the Buckeye Ditch, Outlot A-74. The owners of the property and persons requesting the new subdivision are:

Edward M. and Beverly J. Wickham, 18039 Highway 30, Hagerman, Idaho 83332.
Public testimony on the request for subdivision will be accepted at the hearing on November 1, 2006, at 6:30 PM at the Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center, 140 East Lake Street. Questions can be directed to the City Clerk or by calling (208) 837-6636. Comments regarding the subdivision request may be submitted orally during the hearing or in writing any time prior to the hearing by sending them to the City of Hagerman, PO Box 158, Hagerman, Idaho 83332.

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Case No. 2006-0144
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
KENNETH WAYNE HILL,
Decedent.

Notice is hereby given that Cynthia K. Kahn and T. Karen Mueller have been appointed Personal Representatives of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the Decedent or Decedent's estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative in care of attorney Paul T. Smith at the office of Paul T. Smith, 163 Second Avenue West, Post Office Box 1941, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1941, filed with the Clerk of Court.
DATED this 3rd day of October 2006.
s/Paul T. Smith
Attorney for Personal Representatives
PO Box 1941
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