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Reclaiming what was LOST

Wendell School District revives agricultural science program

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

WENDELL — It was lost, but not forgotten.

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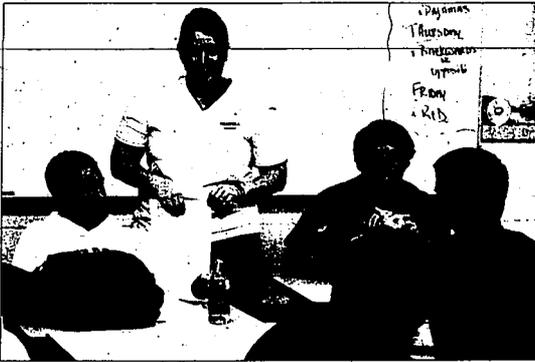
Although the program took several years to build, it only took one to make it nothing more than a memory.

Now the school district is beginning the long process of rebuilding its agricultural-science program, which reopened its doors this year for the first time since 1991. But it won't be easy, so a new staff and administration are digging in their heels to pull this program out of the dust.

"There's still a lot that we need, but we know that we have to get student enrollment up to show the community and the school that it's worth it," said Holly Church, the part-time agricultural-science instructor.

The district reopened the program after voters approved a \$50,000 for the agricultural-science program. But the district does not expect voters to approve another levy to support the program, so it says the program's success will be based on student interest.

Previously, Wendell students attended agricultural-science



Holly Church teaches Introduction to Agriculture Industry on Monday at Wendell High School. Church, who has taught for four years at Richfield High School, is helping to rebuild the agricultural science program this year at the school.

programs in Bliss and other school districts. "We know the interest is there, the challenge is just trying to get the word out so students know about it," said Greg Lowe, the district superintendent.

However, some students might not be able to attend the classes because the district can only afford a part-time instructor this year, so the classes are only available to high-school freshmen during the last two periods of the day.

But the district is hoping to increase student enrollment in

the program, so it can help Church as a full-time agricultural-science instructor and expand course offerings.

"I think we are still in the planning phase," Church said. "We have been working closely with community members and businesses, and I think our community support has been overwhelming."

And the community support is already starting to pay off. "This year, the school's IFA program placed first in the district Career Development Event, and was able to compete in the state event. The

agricultural-science program is also securing a grant to pay for the construction of a greenhouse.

But Church said there is still a long way to go. "This program will not survive without a facility and the equipment, and unfortunately, most of the grants out there are for building up existing programs, not starting them," she said.

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Former Enron CEO Skilling gets 24 years, 4 months

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling was ordered Monday to serve 24 years and four months in prison, the harshest punishment for a string of tough sentences for top executives in corruption cases.

U.S. District Judge Sim Lake denied Skilling's request for bond and ordered him to home confinement, wearing an ankle monitor. Lake, who told the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to recommend when Skilling should report to prison, suggested the 52-year-old be sent to the federal facility in Butner, N.C., for his role in a case that came to symbolize corporate fraud in America.

"His crimes have imposed on hundreds if not thousands a life sentence of poverty," Lake said.

The former chief executive officer will be eligible to shave up to 54 days a year off his sentence for good behavior in prison. Lake also ordered Skilling to undergo alcohol and mental-health counseling. A successful completion of that treatment would take a year off his sentence.

Skilling, insisting he was innocent yet remorseful in a two-hour hearing, was the

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— U.S. District Judge Sim Lake

last top former official to be punished for the accounting tricks and shady business deals that led to the loss of thousands of jobs, more than \$60 billion in Enron stock and more than \$2 billion in employee pension plans after the company imploded in 2001.

His remaining assets, about \$60 million, will be liquidated, according to an agreement among lawyers for Enron employees, the company's savings and stock ownership plans, prosecutors and Skilling's legal team.

About \$45 million will be put in a restitution fund for victims. The remaining \$15 million will go to Skilling's legal fees, said Lynn Sark, attorney for the Enron Corp. Savings Plan and Stock Ownership Plan. The Justice Department allowed Skilling to set aside \$21 million for his

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From bubbles to video games, distraction can ease kids' fear of shots

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Know think preschoolers don't know Geography? Drive 'em to the pediatrician's office. Starting around age 2, they're crying before you make the final turn into the parking lot — they remember where they get shots.

Vaccinations and other needle-sticks are more than plunkers to little kids, and often to older ones, too. They cause fear that can turn a simple checkup into a stress-filled battle.

It sounds too easy, but distracting your child can reduce the distress, concludes a new medical review that examined psychological techniques for easing the pain.

Nothing will stop all the crying. But pick a distraction suitable for the child's age and stage of development, and anything from a low-tech trick like blowing bubbles to bringing a video game can take their mind off the impending pain long enough to make a real difference.

"Needle procedures are really common, and among the most fear- and anxiety-provoking for children," notes Lindsay Young of Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, who led the review published by The Cochrane Collaboration, an influential international network that assesses the evidence behind health care practices.

Still, "a parent can very easily help," she adds.

Tips for stress-free vaccinations

Some tips on lessening the pain and anxiety of children's shots:

- Try age-appropriate distraction, which studies show can lower the amount of pain the child perceives. Just before the shot, have the child begin blowing bubbles or playing with Mom's cell phone. Pull out a portable video game or finger puppets.
- Get the child to talk or sing. Nurses frequently ask children about their day or how school's going as they're swabbing the injection site. Just as the younger answers, the needle goes in — before he has a chance to tense up.
- Stay calm. Children sense and echo parents' emotions.

Children can get 20 shots by age 2 from vaccinations alone, not counting blood tests or other needle-stick procedures if they have any of a variety of illnesses.

While injection pain doesn't last long, the more scared they are, the more pain they perceive. Even at age 8 or 9, anxiety can still overshadow the

memory that last year's shot wasn't all that bad.

- Allow your child to cry. Don't belittle them or say, "Big boys don't cry."
- If a child asks if the upcoming doctor trip means a shot, don't lie but reassure the child that it will be over fast and you'll be there to hold and hug.
- Practice with a toy doctor kit, or coping statements such as "I can do it."
- Don't be afraid to enlist the doctor or nurse in coping strategies. Say, "Molly would really like it if you'd give her teddy bear a shot first." Ask if Doc can choose whether the shot or blood test is done on the right or left side.

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. Thomas J. Rowland

All she remembers is the fear from when she was 3 or 4," explains Dr. Howard J. Bennett, a Washington, D.C., pediatrician and author of the new children's book, "Lions Aren't Scared of Shots," that

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Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling, center right, arrives at the federal courthouse with his attorney, Daniel Petrecolli, center left, for his sentencing hearing Monday in Houston.

Convictions in the Enron case

Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling was sentenced Monday to 24 years and four months for his role in the company's financial scandal. Founder Kenneth Lay died before he could be sentenced.



Former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow (left) was convicted of conspiracy and lying to prosecutors, sentenced to six years. Founder Kenneth Lay (center) was convicted of fraud, conspiracy and lying to banks; died on July 5. Former CEO Jeffrey Skilling (right) was convicted of fraud, conspiracy, insider trading and lying to auditors.

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For children seeking immigrant relatives in U.S., journey is twofold



Marlon, 12, sings the Honduran national anthem with other Honduran children at a shelter for immigrant children in Texas.

By Sylvia Moreno
The Washington Post

NIXON, Texas — Seventeen-year-old Guillermo Antonio Iraheta Hernandez traveled thousands of miles from his native El Salvador only to land in Limbo. Left behind more than a decade ago by his parents, illegal immigrants living in Virginia, Iraheta made part of his trek to the United States hidden in the baggage compartment of a Mexican bus. But soon after surreptitiously crossing the Rio Grande into Texas, he was picked up by the Border Patrol and brought here to a converted nursing

home run by the federal government where 136 children from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala are temporarily housed.

Iraheta is but one drop in a new and fast-growing stream of illegal immigration to the United States, these are 18 who are sneaking into the country without their parents. Authorities say the phantoms include girls traveling alone and even toddlers being carried by older siblings or entrusted to smugglers.

Many of those who are apprehended by the Border Patrol end up in a burgeoning network of shelters set up by

the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There they run up against Washington's paradoxical approach to the problem of children who entered the country illegally without their parents. The government agency that runs the shelters tries to reunite the children with relatives living here, regardless of their legal status. Another federal agency works to deport them — as well as their parents. Iraheta's mother and father are reluctant to come forward to claim their son, fearing that would lead to being sent

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Wednesday
		
WINDY Pleasant and breezy at times	Breezy to windy	Cooler
High 66	Low 39	49 / 37

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Today: Partly cloudy, breezy at times and pleasant. Highs low 50s.
 Tonight: Increasingly windy with patchy clouds. Lows 30s.
 Tomorrow: Cooler and breezy with little in the way of rain likely. Highs upper 40s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

EXHIBITS

Public reception for artists of the College of Southern Idaho Art Faculty Show, an exhibit including the works of 11 C.S.I. faculty members, 7 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, no cost, 732-6655.

FAMILY

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

Registration for Wednesday's "ProteTeens" Internet Safety Informational Session, for anyone who has children (especially young teens) who access the Internet, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Saco Room in the Education Center, St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 598 Addison Avenue West, Twin Falls, no cost, 733-9623.

GOVERNMENT

Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7:30 a.m., conference room, 1120 Montana St., 934-4433.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500.
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.

Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., council chambers, City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438.
 Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., (208) 366-7418.

Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4841.
 Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.

Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., Carter Luther Vocational Ag Building, high school, 104 Tiger Drive, 324-8137.
 Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.

HEALTH

Twin Falls Community Blood Drive for the American Red Cross, noon to 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 209 5th Ave. N., Twin Falls, 734-4566 for appointment.

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit program, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Suhl High School, no cost, 732-6475.

Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 737-5946.

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2126.

List your event

Please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-6538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

Still time to make the monthly calendar

To list your event (including on-going ones) in the November monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon Wednesday to Suzanne Browne by e-mail, sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-6538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

WEB READER REACTION

On 'What happens to your body when you die?'

GILBERT MEDINA: "You forgot the most important thing that we all want to know: What happens if your family does not have any money to pay the funeral home."

BOISE READER: "Thanks for an informative story. Sometimes we want to know things but do not know who to ask. Thanks."

KAREN: "Thanks for letting us know. I thought that the deceased was from California. Why are they burying him in Montana?"

OH LORD... "I agree with the others who stated this story was a waste of time and completely gross. Times-News — you all need to fire whomever's idea this story was, lol!"
 COME ON, TIMES NEWS: "I am sure we have other stories in our community that could be front page news. You guys were really digging for this one! (pun intended)."

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

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Kimberly trainer earns admiration

KIMBERLY — Mike Zerlauth doesn't brag, but he hasn't been bucked off a horse in three years. That's not to say he hasn't had plenty of opportunities to hit the dirt in his corral south of Kimberly, where he breaks colts to ride and trains them to herd cattle. With "the tough ones," he said, "You want to have some health insurance." Zerlauth was paid for the first time to train a horse in 1981. Now 43, he finds himself competing for National Reined Cow Horse Association championships.

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Ag science returns to Wendell High School

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P&Z items to be discussed tonight

TWIN FALLS — Two applicants have public hearings Tuesday before the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission. But one request might not pass because the city's planning department does not support it.

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Jerome farm gives birth to unusual spud

JEROME — Cow manure has helped raise Russet potatoes into stars for years — a low-profile contribution to a famous product to a famous product. But no matter how much the cow contributed, she always fell short of public acclaim. Not any more. Meet Russ the Bovine Potato.

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Candidates face no opposition in District 24

TWIN FALLS — Incumbents typically hope their elections are relatively easy or, at the very least, not be that much of a headache. Leon Smith just wants someone to run against.

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Bomb squad detonates device at sugar plant

TWIN FALLS — Residents near the Amalgamated Sugar factory were shaken early Saturday morning when the Twin Falls Police Department's bomb squad detonated an explosive device found in the factory's coal supply, police said.

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OBITUARIES

Briceella Zumbora, 7
 Margaret Helen Barnes, 92
 Andrea Ruby Selbold
 Shannon, 33
 Charles Richard Farris, 94

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Model horse club helps wild horses

SALMON — A central Idaho club that exhibits plastic model horses not only raises the confidence of its young participants, but is helping save an endangered wild horse. It's the perfect answer for kids who can't have a real horse, because of the cost or physical disability or allergies, to experience all the fun and learning that goes into keeping and showing horses. Susan Dudask, leader of the Salmon Model Horse 4-H Club, told the Post Register, "You wouldn't even recognize some of the kids from one year to the next, with the way their confidence has grown."

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Higher wheat prices encourage farmers

LEWISTON — Some wheat farmers in the Palouse region of northeastern Idaho and eastern Washington say they're optimistic they'll be able to start paying off operating loans for the first time in four years as prices rebound to their highest levels in a decade. Soft white wheat — the kind used to make bread, cakes, crackers and cookies — was selling for \$5.16 a bushel in Portland, about \$1.40 higher than this time last year. That doesn't include shipping costs on the Snake and Columbia rivers. Prices have risen this year as U.S. production dropped about 14 percent. In addition, Australian farmers who compete with Palouse growers produced only about 11 million acres this year — less than half their production a year ago — as drought hurt yields. Farmers in Idaho and Washington "are just now finishing fall seed and they're pretty excited," Tom Hiedner, manager of CDI Pacific grain company in Lewiston, told the Lewiston Tribune. "The increase has just not yet reached the \$6.45-a-bushel peak of August 1996."

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Workshop will teach about native plants

TWIN FALLS — Here's a gardening workshop that aims to get things back in their proper places. The "Magic of Gardening — From the Ground Up" workshop on Nov. 4 in Twin Falls is sponsored by University of Idaho Extension and the Magic Valley and Mini-Cassia Master Gardeners. Steve Paulsen, executive manager of Conservation Seeding and Restoration in Kimberly, will teach participants how to introduce native plants to their arid intermountain landscapes.

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NATION/WORLD



Shiite militiamen kill 4 police in Iraqi city

BAGHDAD — Shiite militiamen loyal to a fiery anti-American Shiite cleric re-emerged in the troubled southern city of Amarah on Monday, dragging four policemen alleged with a rival Shiite militia from their homes and killing them. Witnesses said the Iraqi army, camped on the edge of the city, was doing nothing to stop the resurgence of Shiites on Shiite violence. Iraq's leader sent a force of about 500 soldiers to the city late last week after Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militiamen stormed the city and attacked police stations, manned primarily by loyalists of the rival Baath Brigades, also a Shiite militia. At least 25 fighters and police died in these gunbattles before politicians intervened and a cease-fire was promised from the Mahdi Army gunmen to leave the streets. In the meantime, virtually all of the Amarah police force went into hiding.

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Diplomats say Iran tests new equipment

VIENNA, Austria — Iran is expanding its uranium enrichment program even as the U.N. Security Council focuses on possible sanctions for its defiance of a demand to give up the activity and ease fears it seeks nuclear weapons, diplomats said Monday. The diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to divulge the information to media, told the Associated Press that within the past few weeks Iranian nuclear experts had started up a second pilot enrichment facility. While the 164 centrifuges were not producing enriched uranium, even they showed Iran's defiance of the Security Council.

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Officials wanted more searching at WTC site

NEW YORK — As the city agency overseeing the removal of the World Trade Center rubble was wrapping up its work in 2002, several officials handling the painstaking recovery of human remains warned that things were moving too fast. They believed that more pieces of the 2,749 dead could be found and that the city shouldn't be rushing such an important task. But they were overruled, two of those officials told The Associated Press this week. Over the past few days, dozens of bones have been discovered in underground passages at ground zero, more than five years after the tragedy.

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SPORTS



Many suspect Detroit cheated to win Game 2

ST. LOUIS — Tony La Russa kept talking about Kenny Rogers, his words from the interview room booming all around Busch Stadium, courtesy of the PA system. One by one, the Detroit Tigers stopped their work on the field. "I don't believe it was dirt," they heard the St. Louis manager say. "Didn't look like dirt." A lot of baseball fans weren't buying Rogers' explanation — either. So instead of looking to Game 3 of the World Series, the focus Monday stayed squarely on Game 2. Specifically, it focused on what Rogers had at the base of his left thumb — and whether it was there before, whether it was there before.

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Seahawks' Hasselbeck out at least 3 games

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck will miss two to four weeks with a strained ligament in his right knee, coach Mike McCoy confirmed on Monday. An MRI showed the Pro Bowl quarterback strained the medial collateral ligament while getting rolled into by a Minnesota pass rusher during Sunday's loss to the Vikings. "There are three levels of seriousness," Holmgren said. "So he's right in the middle. It's on crutches for a few days ... I guess it's kind of good news for it could have been worse."

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Wayne Rooney's battle: Talent vs. temper

LONDON — Wayne Rooney could become England's greatest soccer player. Then again, he could wind up a bust long before he's 30. Rooney turns 21 Tuesday and the jury's still out on how good — or disappointing — the England and Manchester United striker will be.

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BSU's path to BCS still not clear

BOISE — Boise State and Fresno State have tried different routes in recent years to land a lucrative Bowl Championship Series berth. Neither plan worked for the two Western Athletic Conference powers. But No. 15 Boise State is 8-0 and making another run this year, and WAC commissioner Karl Benson said the 2006 Broncos might have the right game plan for future WAC teams to consider.

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back to El Salvador. So are his sisters, who are also in the country illegally. Even uncles who are legal U.S. residents living in Texas have stayed away.

"They're afraid this might not be in their best interest," said Irabeth's sister, Dina. "Nobody wants to help him. Nobody wants to do anything, and that's the problem."

Irabeth, whose father paid a smuggler \$6,000 to bring him into the county, said he would like to attend high school and college in the United States, perhaps to study literature.

"Every day I pray that someone in the family will come forward to help advance my case," the teen-ager said.

Last year, the Border Patrol apprehended 115,000 unaccompanied minors, up from 98,000 in 2001. Almost 7,600 children landed in the federally funded system of shelters last fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, 2005 — 25 percent of them girls, 20 percent under 15.

Fueled by immigration is the crackdown on border

Shots

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shows how imagination can help youngsters cope.

"There's a cumulative effect. I think, that doctors do things that hurt," says Bennett, who uses humor to distract his patients — and sometimes lets them give him a shot first, with a 2-foot-long clown syringe. "You just want to make things easier for them."

Bennett vividly recalls learning the value of distraction while in training at a children's hospital. A 4-year-old in the emergency room needed a tube inserted into his vein, but was too hysterical.

The boy was wearing Ernie pajamas. Bennett always carries around Sesame Street finger puppets, and pulled out Ernie.

"He is now putty in my hands," Bennett remembers. "He sat there while I put an IV into his arm and didn't move... This is as close to magic as it gets."

"There are medical strategies to ease the crying. Bennett's office recently began what he

calls tag-team shots. When a child needs two immunizations that don't come together in one syringe, two nurses give them simultaneously. The child's brain perceives just one prick.

Medication can numb the pain for children with severe needle phobias, or who are undergoing more invasive medical procedures. But that's not practical for run-of-the-mill shots or blood tests.

Uman, who is completing her doctorate in clinical psychology, wondered how much scientific evidence there is that nondrug techniques can lessen shot stress. She evaluated 20 studies involving more than 1,000 children ages 2 or older.

Hypnosis worked, she concluded. But so did easier-to-perform distraction, which significantly reduced youngsters' own rating of their pain.

For older kids, adding a cog-

nitive technique — such as repeating positive coping statements like "I can do this" or "I'm brave" — on top of distraction helped, too.

That simple methods work is important, Bennett says, because it means parents can and should play ahead on ways they can help.

One of his patients recently needed blood drawn. If she sat still and calm, it would take only about 15 seconds. Her dad brought along a portable DVD player and turned on "Cinderella" as the nurses readied the tourniquet. Instead of the usual squirming and crying, she hardly flinched.

Last winter, Beth Bobb of Rockville, Md., brought her two oldest children, now 8 and 5, along when she got her flu shot, so they'd see that grown-ups get poked, too.

Later, "They didn't cry at theirs. They were super strong

and brave. We use that kind of vocabulary," says Bobb, who advocates being honest with children that, yes, the shot will hurt some, "but it's very quick and you're going to get through it."

"Whatever you do, be honest about an upcoming shot, Bennett adds.

"After I give a child a shot, I just say, 'I'm sorry. You know you're my buddy, and sometimes grown-ups have to do things to children we don't like,' he says. "Some kids just need to cry, and that's OK."

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defense when he was indicted; he still owed his lawyers \$30 million as of Monday.

Outside the courthouse, Skilling vowed to appeal his sentence and also asked that his restitution money go straight to victims, instead of being seized first by the federal government. His attorney, Daniel Petrocelli, said the restitution will be held until all of Skilling's appeals are exhausted.

Skilling had stood with his hands clasped below his waist, with Petrocelli at his side while being sentenced. He gave no visible reaction. After court adjourned, Skilling hugged Petrocelli.

Skilling's term is the longest received by any Enron defendant; former Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow was given a six-year term after cooperating with prosecutors and helping them secure Skilling's conviction.

It falls just shy of the sentence imposed on WorldCom CEO Bernard Ebbers, who received 25 years for his role in the \$11 billion accounting fraud that toppled the company he built from a tiny telecommunications firm to an industry giant. Another CEO, Dennis Kozlowski of Tyco International Ltd., received a sentence that topped the company he built from a tiny telecommunications firm to an industry giant. Another CEO, Dennis Kozlowski of Tyco International Ltd., received a sentence that topped the company he built from a tiny telecommunications firm to an industry giant.

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Skilling's arrogance, belligerence and lack of contriteness under questioning made him a lightning rod for the rage generated after Enron sought bankruptcy protection in 2001.

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Higher wheat prices encourage farmers

Idaho growers optimistic they'll be able to start paying off operating loans

The Associated Press

LEWISTON — Some wheat farmers in the Palouse region of northcentral Idaho and eastern Washington say they're optimistic they'll be able to start paying off operating loans for the first time in four years, as prices rebound to their highest levels in a decade.

Soft white wheat — the kind used to make bread, cakes, crackers and cookies — was selling for \$5.16 a bushel in Portland, Ore., about \$1.40 higher than this time last year. That doesn't include shipping costs on the Snake and Columbia rivers.

Prices have risen this year as U.S. production dropped about

14 percent. In addition, Australian farmers who compete with Palouse growers produced only about 11 million metric tons this year — less than half their production a year ago, — as drought hurt yields.

Farmers in Idaho and Washington are just now finishing fall seeding and they're pretty excited. Tom Hledner, manager of C.D. Pacific grain company in Lewiston, told the Lewiston Tribune.

The increase has not yet

reached the \$6.15-a-bushel peak of August 1996.

Grower groups say some farmers will not benefit from the increase because they sold this year's crop on contract long before prices topped \$5 per bushel.

"It's good to finally have some wheat that's a decent price," said Gretchen Boreck, director of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers. "But the public's got to realize that we've been in the bottom of the barrel for so long it's going to take a

couple years of this good price to bring us back even with the banker."

The recent spike has some growers kicking themselves.

"From what I've heard across the counter, a lot of them have made comments about, 'Boy, I wish I had my wheat back,'" said Mike Mandere, director for the Whitman County Farm Services Agency in Washington.

There's some hope prices will remain at these levels. Escalating expectations may influence how much wheat

farmers plant for next season, though at least some have already completed fall seeding.

"Growers may have the opportunity to do some forward cash contracting (to sell their crop in advance) at prices they haven't been able to get for a period of time," said Paul Patterson, an agricultural economist for the University of Idaho. The marketing alternatives available to producers (and certainly going to be much better than they've seen for the past several years.)

Men plead guilty in Coke trade secret case

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The two men accused of plotting with a secretary at Coca-Cola Co. to steal trade secrets from the world's biggest soft drink maker and trying to sell them to archival PepsiCo Inc. each pleaded guilty Monday to one count of conspiracy.

Bradlin Dimson and Edmund Duhane entered their pleas in federal court as part of a deal with prosecutors. They both could face up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 fine when they're sentenced Jan. 29.

Federal Coke secretary Jeva Williams is still scheduled to stand trial starting the week of Nov. 13.

"She is absolutely not pleading," Williams' attorney Janice Singer, said immediately after Dimson and Duhane's plea hearing.

During the hearing, Duhane told the judge that Williams contacted him first and wanted to "make things happen," while Dimson testified that he then was contacted by Duhane to try to broker a deal with Pepsi.

Williams, Dimson and Duhane were indicted July 11 on federal conspiracy charges.

The three were accused of stealing new product samples and confidential documents from Atlanta-based Coca-Cola and trying to sell them to PepsiCo's Pepsi unit, which is second to U.S. soft drink sales at Coca-Cola.

Market Watch

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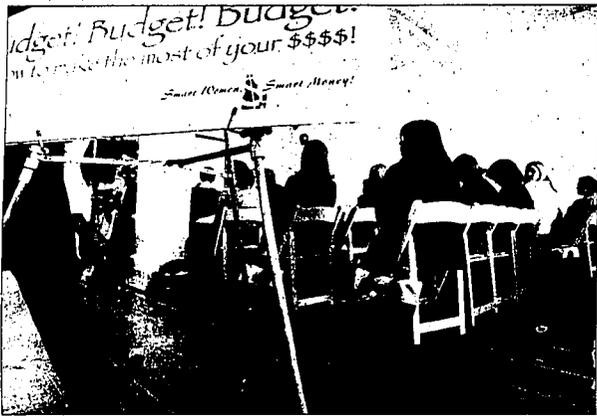
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Financial empowerment



Women listen to a guest speaker during a lecture on budgets Saturday during the Smart Women, Smart Money conference at the Ballroom in Twin Falls.

Conference teaches skills, strategies, goal planning

By Jaml Whitted

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Hundreds of women gathered Saturday to attend the Smart Women, Smart Money conference held by Idaho Women's Financial Conference Inc., a nonprofit organization seeking to help motivate and educate women in their quest for financial success.

And from the look of things, the conference did not disappoint.

"We want to energize and excite women to become financial empowered," said Lisa Carberry, an investment manager with the Idaho State Treasurer's Office and an organizer of the event.

Carberry said more than 200 women attended the conference, all seeking different strategies and options to help them achieve their financial goals. From women in the workforce to those wanting to start their own business, they were sure to find something worthwhile.

Sponsors of the conference set up booths packed with information on the variety of services, their companies offer, gift bags were handed out and continuing education credits were given to select groups, like teachers and certified public accountants.

"This is totally funded by sponsors," Carberry said. "And we use every penny. It is totally voluntary. They all recognize the value of helping women."

She said seeing women, even just a few, changing their lives and taking control of their finances "is very uplifting."

Johnna Johnson, a conference coach and founder of New Heights Training and Development, is equally proud of the conference.

"The results have been phenomenal!" she said. "The tools they walk away with and the enthusiasm and commitment to taking action has been very powerful."

The focus of Johnson's

Couldn't make it?

Liza Carberry advises people who couldn't attend this year's conference to watch for information about the 2007 conference. They can also find helpful advice on handling finances from this year's local sponsors, which included KeyBank, US Bank, Zions Bank, Wells Fargo Financial, www.newheights.com and State Farm insurance. For more information about Smart Women, Smart Money see the Web site at www.smart-women.state.id.us.

coaching is simple: Just jump. "My message is to raise the bar and know exactly what you want to secure a financial future," she said. "Getting the courage to take action is important. They're so afraid to trust their money with someone else. They need to know where they want to go and take the plunge."

She advised people to write down their goals, to examine why they make the choices they do, what stops them from achieving the goal, how it will affect the future and then focus on the end result. One of the main points of her presentation was having the courage to take action.

"We've got to feel the fear, acknowledge it, focus on the end result and just jump," she said.

One woman who really did jump is Connie Sowka. This ambitious 40-year-old former nurse recently bought a home and moved to Idaho with her daughter from Mississippi and opened The Welcome Mat, a newcomer greeting service in the Magic Valley.

"We came here not knowing a soul," she said. "Twin Falls has been wonderfully supportive."

After the first part of Johnson's presentation, Sowka said she was excited to be there and anxious to get more information on her business, estate



Gov. Jim Risch and first lady Vicki Risch traveled into Twin Falls Saturday to say a few words at the Smart Women, Smart Money conference.

planning and budgeting.

The enthusiasm from Johnson spread to other speakers as well.

Pam Ervin, senior vice president of the Wells Fargo Foundation, spoke on the importance of budgeting and explained that in order to become financially secure there needs to be a plan. She likened it to building a house. In order to have a strong structure, there needs to be a strong foundation.

"Look at the majority of women," she said. "They are making the most money decisions. It goes way beyond the groceries. They are writing the checks for the mortgages, making the decisions on children's clothes, taking part in investments and other things. The more knowledge they have about financial security, the better decisions they can make."

Make a list of wants, short-term and long-term, write them down and work up a plan, she advised. She gave tips on money management and ways to commit to a savings plan, including having automatic transfers. Create a budget of how much money is spent and how much is needed and keep a spending diary for one month. They should write down their income, record their fixed, flexible and discretionary expenses and use the budget as a means to an end.

Kelee Hansen, a 28-year-old dietitian from Jerome, said she is taking a personal interest in

learning more about money. One of her main goals is to be debt free and maybe start a business one day. She hoped to learn about starting a business and having a financial plan in place. This was her second time at the conference and so far she likes what she's seen.

"It's really good and made me want to come back," she said. "So far it's been fun and entertaining."

Other breakout sessions included estate planning, investing, Social Security and debt control. Among the highlights at the conference was keynote speaker Troy McClain, a former contender on "The Apprentice." Governor Jim Risch and first lady Vicki Risch stopped by to welcome everyone to the conference and encouraged them to fulfill their goals.

Carolyn Holly of KTVE served as emcee and stated what the conference was really about: to inspire, motivate and educate.

Idaho State Treasurer Ron Crane was also on hand and spoke about what it means to be financially secure.

"If you can get control of your money, you can control your life," he said.

From budget to planning for retirement, Crane said it's never too late.

"Start now," he said. "Remember, it's not what you make, it's what you spend."

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Wal-Mart plans slower expansion

The Associated Press

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. will sharply reduce the growth in its capital spending next year and expand its retail space at a slightly lower pace than in previous years as the world's largest retailer works to bring costs into line with a slowdown in its sales and earnings growth.

Wal-Mart has stores in Jerome and Burley and is looking into building a Twin Falls store.

Wal-Mart Chief Financial Officer Tom Schorwe told analysts Monday, the first day of a two-day investor meeting, that the company will see its capital spending grow between 2 percent and 4 percent in fiscal 2008. That is down from the 15 and 20 percent growth in spending on capital improvements this year.

Some analysts and investors have been urging Wal-Mart to slow down after years of rapid expansion and focus instead on increasing profitability in Wal-Mart's 3,944 U.S. and 2,745 international stores to revive its dormant share price.

The share price has hovered mostly below \$50 since early 2001. And for five years, it has failed to match 2001 highs over \$60.

"It's a step in the right direction," fund manager Patricia Edwards said of the slowdown in capital spending and expansion.

"It's still a lot of new stores. They need to focus on building the business they have instead of starting new ones," said Edwards, a portfolio manager and retail analyst at Wentworth, Hauser & Vioitch in Seattle, which manages \$8.2 billion in assets and holds 51,000 Wal-Mart shares.

Wal-Mart has been expanding its retail space at 8 percent per year, but that number will be 7.5 percent next fiscal year, the company said.

"We plan to decrease the rate of growth in capital expenditures considerably, as compared to our expected sales growth for Wal-Mart's next fiscal year," Schorwe said. The company expects to build fewer new U.S. stores in the coming year and use cost controls to keep domestic capital spending flat.

Still, Wal-Mart expects to add more than 600 new stores in the U.S. and abroad next fiscal year, not counting any acquisitions, the company said.

"We are still very committed to growth, but our real estate projects are now being subjected to a more rigorous prioritization process," Wal-Mart Vice Chairman John Meyer said.

"This store selection process will enable the company to drive higher returns by focusing on locations that make the most efficient use of capital."

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EDITORIAL

Obenauer's credentials can aid Jerome County

Jerome County's quiet and serene political scene has heated up in the face for the District 1 county commissioner. What started as a traditional contest between Republican Diana Obenauer and Democrat Sam Harris has evolved with the late entry of Terry Roemer. The race involves key debate points on large-scale dairies, population growth, and law enforcement. And of course, there's still the lingering fallout from Sempra Energy's failed bid for a coal-fired plant outside Jerome.

But in this contest, Jerome County voters should balance candidate credentials with the county's many varied rural interests. In our view, Obenauer, a retired educator with multiple levels of training in the public sector, still brings the most strength to the contest. She earns our endorsement for this two-year term as county commissioner.

About these races:

Democrat Sam Harris faces Republican Diana Obenauer and write-in Terry Roemer for the Jerome County commission post in District 1.

Decision 2006

Democrat Scott McClure of Eden is challenging Rep. John "Bert" Stevenson, R-Rupert, for House Seat A in legislative District 26.

The Times-News offers its endorsements as a service to readers. We welcome opposing viewpoints.

On the issue of dairies, he thinks expansion should be considered, but only dairies that meet public expectations of good practices, and are willing to work with the industry to measure those returns.

We think Obenauer, with a master's degree in public administration, brings a needed perspective to the commission. She would bring more public participation in county decisions, and favors more open elements in government. She wants to increase pay for sheriff deputies to help develop leadership and professionalism within the department.

Sam Harris, a Democrat with extensive agricultural roots in Jerome County, has accumulated years of experience as a planning and zoning commissioner. He is open to involving other entities on regional land-use decisions. However, he gives limited input on improving law enforcement in the county, and his credentials don't match those of Obenauer.

Roemer entered the race as a write-in, concerned that Republican voters weren't being reflected by Obenauer. He says the promising economic development opportunities have not been amplified properly in this race. He likewise favors more incentives for deputies to improve law enforcement, and to protect the dairy industry.

But a late entry into a race makes a difficult endorsement. Obenauer rightly gained the nomination with a tough May campaign, and county voters know her key points and policies. We find Roemer a sound candidate who should consider another campaign in the 2008 GOP primary.

Keep Stevenson's experience

Sometimes, experience makes all the difference. And occasionally, the only difference. Our endorsement in the race for District 26 Idaho House of Representatives Seat A goes to the incumbent Republican, John "Bert" Stevenson of Rupert, by virtue of his five to six years of experience in the House and his chairmanship of the Resources and Conservation Committee, a critical entity for the Magic Valley.

But his Democratic opponent, Scott McClure of Jerome, is an exceptionally knowledgeable and well-qualified candidate. At another time, McClure might be the better choice.

For now, though, south-central Idaho simply can't do without Stevenson's understanding of water politics, and especially his track record of shepherding legislation through the House — and his knowledge of how to block bills that harm Magic Valley interests.

Sometimes in the coming year, the Idaho Supreme Court is likely to rule on 5th District Judge Barry Wood's June 2006 decision reaffirming the first-in-time, first-in-right tenet of the state water law. Wood permitted no exceptions to that rule, even for domestic and municipal water use. That means all bets are off. The rules of conjunctive management are going to be rewritten, and the Legislature is certain to be right in the middle of that process.

That would be daunting enough had not the Magic Valley's other legislative experts on water law, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb and Laird Noh — who was Stevenson's counterpart in the Senate — retired. Because the Boise area is growing much faster than south-central Idaho, we're losing legislative clout.

So simply stated, we need Stevenson's seat at the table.

The 70-year-old farmer has been a capable representative of Jerome and Blaindoka counties, philosophically in line with his constituents on no-issue, no-fee consulting engineers who challenged U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo as a write-in candidate in 2004 because he felt Crapo should have to defend his record, will be back in two years. He has intriguing, fresh ideas about water, growth, school finance and protecting the quality of life that makes the Magic Valley a place we want to live.

North Korea opens nuke door for Japan

The first stop on Condoleezza Rice's post-deterioration nuclear reassurance tour was Tokyo. There, she dutifully unfurled the American nuclear umbrella, pledging in person that the U.S. would meet any North Korean attack on Japan with massive American retaliation, nuclear if necessary.

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

An important message, to be sure, for the short run, lest Kim Jong Il imbibe a little too much cognac and be teased by one of his "pleasure squad" love-lies into launching a missile or two into Japan.

But Secretary Rice's declaration had another and obvious longer-run intent: to quell any thought Japan might have of going nuclear to counter and deter North Korea's bomb.

The Japanese understood this purpose well. Thus, at a joint news conference with Secretary Rice, Foreign Minister Ino Aso offered the boilerplate denial of even thinking of going nuclear: "The government of Japan has no position at all on considering nuclear."

The impeccably polite Japanese were not about to contradict the secretary of state in her presence.

Nonetheless, the very same Foreign Minister Aso had earlier the very same day told a parliamentary committee that Japan should begin debating the issue: "The reality is that it is only Japan that has not discussed possessing nuclear weapons, and all other countries have been discussing it." Just three days earlier, another high-ranking member of the ruling party had transgressed the same taboo and called for open debate about Japan acquiring nuclear weapons.

The American reaction to such talk is knee-jerk opposition. Like those imperial Japanese soldiers discovered here and in the Philippines and Pacific Island decades after World War II, we continue to act as if we never received news of the Japanese surrender. We applaud the Japanese for continuing their adherence to the MacArthur constitution that forever denies Japan the status of Great Power replete with commensurate military force.

Of course, Japan has in recent decades skirted that proscription, building a small but serious conventional military. Nuclear weapons, however, have remained off the table.

As the only country ever to suffer nuclear attack, Japan obviously has its own reasons to resist the very thought. But now that the lunatic regime next door, which has already overflowed Japan with its missiles, has now officially gone nuclear, some rethinking is warranted.

Japan is a true anomaly. All the other Great Powers went nuclear decades ago — even the once-and-no-longer great, like France; the wannabe great, like India; and, the never-will-be-great, like North Korea. There are nukes in the hands of Pakistan, which overnight could turn into an al-Qaeda state, and North Korea, a country so cosmically deranged that it reports that the "Dear Leader"



for five holes-in-one in his first time playing golf and also wrote six op-eds. Yet we are plagued by doubts about Japan joining this club.

Japan is not just a model international citizen — dynamic economy, stable democracy, self-effacing foreign policy — it is also the most important and reliable U.S. ally after only Britain.

One of the oft-cited success stories of recent American foreign policy has been the intensification of the U.S.-Japanese alliance. Tokyo has joined with the U.S. in the development and deployment of missile defenses, and aligned itself with the U.S. on the neuragic issue of Taiwan, pledging solidarity should there ever be a confrontation.

The immediate effect of Japan considering going nuclear would be to concentrate China's mind on denuclearizing North Korea. China currently calculates that North Korea is a convenient buffer between it and a dynamic capitalist Korea bolstered by American troops. China is quite content with a client regime that is a thorn in its side, keeping us tied down while it pursues its ambitions in the rest of Asia.

Pyongyang's nukes, after all, are pointed not west but east.

Japan threatening to go nuclear after that act calculation. It might even convince China to squeeze Kim Jong Il as a way to prevent Japan from going nuclear. The Japan card remains the only one that carries even the remote possibility of reversing North Korea's nuclear program.

Japan's response to the North Korean threat has been very strong and very insistent on serious sanctions. This is, of course, out of self-interest, not altruism. But that is the point, Japan's natural interests parallel America's in the Pacific Rim — maintaining military and political stability, peacefully containing an inexorably expanding China, opposing the gangster regime in Pyongyang, and spreading the liberal democratic model throughout Asia. Why are we so intent on denying this stable, reliable, democratic ally the means to help us shoulder the burden in a world where so many other allies — the inevitably appeasing South Koreans most notoriously — insist on the free ride?

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LETTERS

Trucks don't go safely on freeway

I am writing this letter because of the recent accident of the two youths from Twin Falls who were injured while driving to Boise. From the description of the accident (a truck pulling out in front of them to pass another truck), I can understand why this happened.

My husband and I travel to Boise once and sometimes twice a month. I have to use a truck driving the speed limit for trucks of 65 mph. We have several times had to slam on our brakes while passing a truck when he suddenly pulled into our lane while he is trying to pass another truck. This is a constant process all the way to Boise. I am sure he is not concerned about him being the only one who will be injured. It seems as if they are playing a game of passing each other.

The other thing that I have noticed is that I have seen very few Idaho State patrolmen on the highway between Twin Falls and Boise, and I have never seen them pull over a truck that is so blatantly breaking the law.

Although the young men were injured, and I hope they recover fully, I am thankful, as I am sure their parents are, that the accident wasn't fatal. Isn't there something that can be done before there is another accident?

LORETTA ALLPHIN Burley

Know the dangerous facts about Prop 2

Idaho voters should beware of Proposition 2. This initiative is a Trojan horse which attempts to deceive voters. For the vast majority of Idahoans, their property values would be threatened by Proposition Two, not protected. The initiative's verbiage

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about protecting private property rights is only cover for the real purpose of the initiative: emasculating planning and zoning regulations to remove constraints upon any landowner's desire to do anything they want with their property — regardless of the impacts upon their neighbors and community.

Proposition 2 is a "bait and switch" scheme that, if passed, would cost Idaho taxpayers hundreds of millions or even billions of dollars; jeopardize funding for schools, fire, medical and other important public services; cause uncontrolled and incompatible development in the state's communities and rural farming areas; push property taxes up; open the door to rampant land speculation; and generate unlimited lawsuits. It would totally remove the public's ability to plan for the future of their communities or to exercise control over what types of development are desirable and appropriate in their communities. The very purpose of adopting land-use plans and regulations is to foster harmony between owners of property and to protect the value of private property from incompatible development. Proposition Two would destroy that.

Proposition Two has been paid for by rich out-of-state real estate interests. It doesn't represent the interest of Idahoans, and it is a significant threat to the taxpayers and owners of property throughout the state. Please, educate yourselves on Proposition Two, and then vote no on Nov. 7.

PETER REMMEN Ingerman

City attorney turns blind eye to complaint

Gets the city attorney's office goes easy on a people who assault others.

Case in point. I and my two daughters went to my son's house to take him out looking for a new car. His girlfriend was there and while my girls and I sat in the living room waiting, I could hear his girlfriend telling my son "if you come back with a new car, I will kill you in your sleep."

This was loud enough for me and both my daughters to hear so I walked into the hall and told her that everyone can hear you. She lost it and like a crazing man came at me pulling my hair and choking me. My son pulled her off and I called to police to file assault charges, which I did. When the police arrived, everyone had the same story but the girlfriend.

I had the police I wanted to press charges. Today, I called the city attorney's office to inquire about the status of this incident and was told basically that I didn't have enough evidence to proceed with any actions against her.

So I am confused that why is it that four witnesses all report the same thing about the incident and the only deviation to the story is from the police. I was accusing doesn't stand as enough evidence? I suppose the word of four no longer holds water against the word of one trying to keep themselves out of trouble.

What a wonderful lesson my daughters were taught — it's OK to attack someone; just

lie your way out of it because unless you confess, the city attorney's office won't do anything about it. I am quite disappointed with his decision and plan on supporting charges of leadership during the next election.

Violence should never be tolerated and certainly not taken lightly.

CATHY EHLERS Twin Falls

Hurd provides skills, values for Gooding Co.

Troy Hurd is your best choice for the Gooding County Commission District 1 seat.

Troy has a lifelong interest in the welfare of this county and its citizens. Troy knows the meaning of work and diligence in doing a job. He is resourceful and can motivate others to give of their talents when a need shows itself. Troy is proactive and knows how to prevent problems before they start. He isn't afraid to make decisions, which he makes after gathering input and careful consultation. Troy is a willing listener and values the ideas of others. He will work with others in an effective manner, coming to consensus in matters before the commission. He knows that this position calls for dedication and willingness to give the time needed for the good of the county.

You can count on Troy Hurd to research the issues, learn the laws pertaining to an issue and to use sound judgement when making decision. The balance of a clean and safe environment and economic growth will be a priority in Troy's tenure as commissioner for District 1 in Gooding County.

Vote for Troy on Nov. 7. KATHIE BOJAN Gooding

Wal-Mart saving the world's poor?

I don't want to begrudge the Nobel Peace Prize won last week by the Grameen Bank and its founder, Muhammad Yunus. He deserves it. The Grameen Bank has done more than the World Bank to help the poor, and Yunus has done more than Jimmy Carter or Bono or any philanthropist.



JOHN TIERNEY

But has he done more good than someone who never got the prize: Sam Walton? Has any organization in the world lifted more people out of poverty than Wal-Mart?

The Grameen Bank is both an inspiration and a lesson in limits. Compared with charitable ventures, it's remarkable for its large scale. Since it was started three decades ago in Bangladesh, it has expanded to more than 2,000 branches. Its micro-loans, typically less than \$150, have helped millions of villagers start small businesses, like peddling incense or handicrafts at the local market, or selling milk and eggs.

The economist William Easterly, who was afraid Bono was going to get this year's Nobel call the bank's prize "a victory for the one-step-at-a-time homegrown bottom-up approach" to development. That approach is a welcome contrast to the grandiose foreign-aid schemes that do more harm than good, as Easterly documents in his book, "The White Man's Burden."

But there's a limit to how much money villagers can make selling eggs to one another — a thatched ceiling,

ing, as Michael Strong calls it. Strong, the head of Flow, a nonprofit group promoting entrepreneurship abroad, is a fan of the Grameen Bank, but he figures that villagers can lift themselves out of poverty much faster by getting a job in a factory.

The best way for Third World villagers to tap "the vast pipeline of wealth from the developed world," he argued in a recent *TCSDaily.com* article, is to sell their products to the world's largest retailer, Wal-Mart. Strong challenged anyone to name an organization that is doing more to alleviate Third World poverty than Wal-Mart.

So far he's gotten a lot of angry responses from Wal-Mart critics, but he made his case up with a convincing nomination for a more effective anti-poverty organization.

Making toys or shoes for Wal-Mart in a Chinese or Latin American factory may sound like hell to American college students — and some factories should treat their workers much better, as Strong readily concedes. But there are good reasons that villagers will move hundreds of miles for a job.

Most "sweatshop" jobs — even ones paying just \$2 per day — provide enough to lift a worker above the poverty



level, and often far above it, according to a study in 10 Asian and Latin American countries by the economists Benjamin Powell and David Skarbek.

In America, the economic debate on Wal-Mart mostly concerns its effect on American workers. The best evidence is that, while Wal-Mart's competition might (or might not) depress the wages of some workers, on balance Americans come out well because they save so much money by shopping there.

Some critics, particularly ones allied with American labor unions, argue that the consumer savings don't justify the social dislocations caused by Wal-Mart's relentless cost-cutting. They'd rather see Wal-Mart and other retailers paying higher wages to their employees, and selling more products made by Americans instead of foreigners.

But this argument makes

moral sense only if your overriding concern is saving the jobs and protecting the salaries of American workers who are already far better off than most of the planet's population. If you're committed to Bono's vision of "making poverty history," shouldn't you take a less parochial view?

Some of them prefer to keep farming or run small local businesses, and they're likely to get loans from the Grameen Bank and its many emulators. But other villagers would prefer to make more money by working in a factory. If you want to help them, remember the new social justice slogan proposed by Strong: "Act locally, think globally: Shop Wal-Mart."

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Thank you to all

in Jerome and surrounding communities for your prayers and wishes of wellness during my current illness. Your outpouring of support is heart warming and I truly appreciate it. I am recovering and hope to be back to work soon. Thank you, again.

Lori Tangen
M.D.

LETTER

GOP loses credibility, even in county

The national Republican have lost all credibility (thanks in part to Foley, Hastert, Bush, etc.), and now the Jerome County Republican chairman has done her bit to add to it. Her husband filed on Oct. 11 to run as a write-in Republican against Diana Obermuer, Republican, and Sam Harris, Democrat. This was done only 27 days before the election.

Mr. Obermuer's qualifications are certainly not the equivalent of Diana Obermuer who has a master's degree in public administration, a lifetime of nursing and having retired as an Army colonel.

Sam Harris, the Democrat, has filed for bankruptcy (a public record), which does not qualify him to handle the budget for Jerome County. He's been a jack of all trades and has moved around a lot between states.

The Republican chairman for Jerome County has not seen fit to support the candidates who won the primary with 82 percent of the vote. Instead, her husband now

enters in opposition to split the vote. This action could result in confused voters and an unqualified person being elected. We need responsible leaders who won the primary and did not avoid the speaking forums that have been held. We need to change the status quo in Jerome and keep confined plants from getting any approval.

What is really hypocritical is Mr. Obermuer has written letters to the editor calling on all "true" Republicans to return to the air of their party and country by learning and adhering to the tenets of the party. His actions proved that his "call" was nothing more than his shaming the voters of his good of boy bosses. Mr. Obermuer sells insurance to the county. I has he quit his job so there is no conflict of interest? I doubt it.

Never in my life as a Republican have I heard of

such shenanigans.

BRIAN MITCHELL

Jerome

(Editor's note: Write-in candidate Jerry Roemer told the Times-News he is an independent broker who has handled Jerome County employee health benefits for the past nine years. "If I were to win, I would probably have to give that account up," he said.)

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2006 WORLD SERIES: CARDINALS VS. TIGERS

Series shifts to St. Louis

By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — Tony La Russa kept talking about Kenny Rogers, his words from the interview room booming all around Busch Stadium, courtesy of the PA system. One by one, the Detroit Tigers stopped their workout to listen.

"I don't believe it was dirt," they heard the St. Louis man-

World Series Game 3



Tigers at Cardinals
Series: Tied 1-1
On T.V.: Fox, 6 p.m.

ager say. "Didn't look like dirt." A lot of baseball fans weren't buying Rogers' explanation, either. So instead of looking to Game 3 of the World Series, the focus Monday stayed squarely on Game 2. Specifically, it focused on what Rogers had at the base of his left thumb — and whether it was there before.

Some photographs from Rogers' start in the AL championship series against Oakland showed what appeared to be the same kind of smudge on his pitching hand that caught everyone's attention Sunday night.

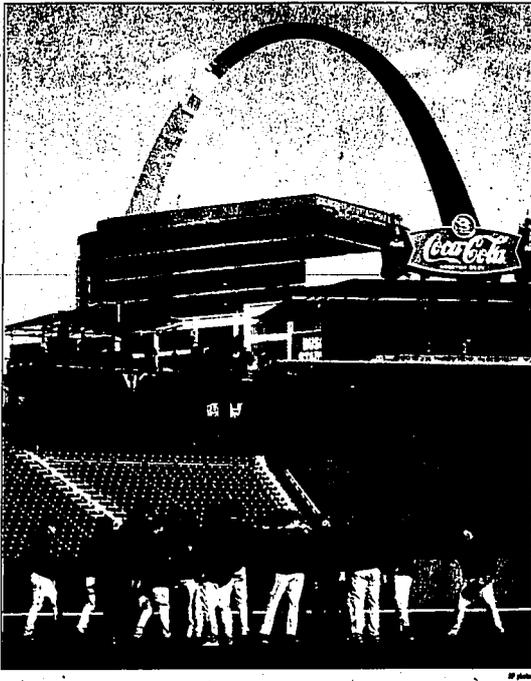
Prompted by La Russa, the umpires asked him to clean off his left hand, and Rogers pitched eight shutout innings in a 3-1 victory that evened the World Series at one game each.

Rogers, who's gone from playoff face to postseason force this October, insisted it was an innocent mistake.

"I rub up the balls between the innings and before, the game all of the time," Rogers said Monday. "I rub up the bullpen balls I pitch with with mud, resin, spit. I do it all the time. They rub the ball up, too, with mud before the game."

"The game balls, they're dirty. Usually, when I get done, there's not much on my hand, but I guess a little bit more than normal. I wiped it off and proceeded to pitch seven pretty good innings," he said. "Mud, resin, sweat. It's always there. I try not to go crazy with it, but it's not making my pitches do anything crazy."

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Members of the Detroit Tigers gather in the outfield during team workouts at Busch Stadium in St. Louis on Monday.

Tigers' Robertson used to being overlooked

By Larry Laga
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — Chris Carpenter is the undisputed ace of the St. Louis staff, the NL's reigning Cy Young Award winner and the center of the Cardinals' hopes to win Game 3 of the World Series.

Then there's Nate Robertson, who takes the mound for Detroit with no such accolades. It's OK, he's used to being overlooked.

Even on the Tigers' staff, where the crafty veterans and the hard-throwing rookies get all the attention, Robertson is a relative afterthought. "He might be the dreaded

middle child," said Detroit's 38-year-old closer Todd Jones, who then thought it over for a moment.

"Well," Jones said, "he's got the gum thing." When the Tigers are in need of a late-game rally, it's "Gum Time" for Robertson and teammates willing to cram as much Big League Chew as possible in their mouths.

"I started against the Yankees early this year and it was a moment caught on TV. The fans loved it. So I took a little gum," he said. "Anybody wants to start a rally cry. Our identity is with gum here in Detroit. Some people have monkeys, some have Thunder Six."

How much gum has Robertson packed between his cheeks to help Detroit come back in a game this season?

"I've attempted two," he said, a bit sheepishly. "It's not completely in my mouth when I do that."

The Tigers hope Robertson can keep the gum in the pouch with a strong start tonight, when the Series shifts to St. Louis for Game 3. They need the left-hander to pitch like he did against Oakland in the AL championship series on Oct. 10 — with five scoreless innings — not like he did against New York in the division series, when he surrendered seven runs over 5 2-3 innings.

Giants clobber Cowboys, 36-22

By Jaime Arau
Associated Press writer

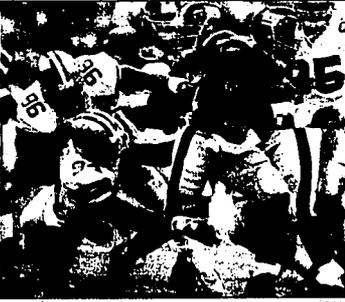
IRVING, Texas — The New York Giants had their way with Drew Bledsoe so much that he got benched at halftime. Tony Romo's motion thrilled Dallas Cowboys fans as they waited until he intercepted on his first snap.

That's how it went Monday night: The Giants made all the big plays, the Cowboys made the big mistakes.

"That was really a poor performance," coach Bill Parcells said. "A real bad disaster. It was a recede bad performance. And there's really no excuse for it."

Ell Manning threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress on the fifth play. LaVar Arrington sacked Bledsoe for a safety soon after and the Giants benefited off several potential momentum-changing plays, leading the Cowboys 36-22 to stake a big head start in defense of their NFC East title.

A week after sacking Michael Vick seven times, New York got four against Bledsoe — by Michael Strahan, tying Lawrence Taylor's club record — and two against the



New York Giants running back Tiki Barber (21) picks up yardage before being tackled by Dallas Cowboys linebacker Demarcus Ware (94) in the first quarter of Monday's game in Irving, Texas.

more-mobile Romo. More important for the Giants, (4-2) was their four interceptions.

Sam Madison picked off Bledsoe on a potential go-ahead pass into the end zone, costing the statuesque quarterback his job, at least for the rest of the night.

But Parcells said it wasn't just the one play that drove his decision to give Bledsoe the hook.

"Too many mistakes," he said. "Too much improvisation."

Romo was intercepted three times, with Kevin Dockery taking the last one 96 yards with 2:33 left for the game-sealing touchdown, leaving Parcells staring down with his arms folded, out of answers for Dallas (3-3).

While Romo sparked the offense at times, his miscues were too much to overcome.

He got little comfort from Bledsoe, who stood alone on the sideline wearing a visor pulled down over his eyes, mostly keeping his fingers curled inside his collar.

Romo, who hung his head after the last interception, perked up spirits moments later with a 53-yard touchdown pass to Patrick Crayton soon after. But it was too little, too late.

"I don't feel very good about the situation right now," Romo said. "I definitely would have liked to have performed better. Hopefully next week that will change."

Arrington tore his left Achilles tendon and is likely for the season, and defensive end Osi Umenyiora missed most of the second half with a strained hip.

Manning was 12-of-26 for 189 yards and two touchdowns, with an interception. Tiki Barber retained his NFL rushing lead by gaining 114 yards on 27 carries, but also had a fumble in the second quarter.

Bledsoe was 7-of-12 for 111 yards. Romo, whose only experience in four NFL seasons was going 2-for-2 at the end of last week's topside win over Houston, was 14-of-25 for 227 yards with two touchdowns.

CSI clips Chukars

Golden Eagles tune up for Saturday SWAC showdown

Times-News

ONTARIO, Ore. — The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team continued its recent dominance over the Treasure Valley Community College Chukars Monday night, winning 30-11, 30-27, 30-17 in Ontario, Ore.

Hannah Richards and Chanelle Estaban both had solid performances as the Golden Eagles, ready for Saturday's scenic West Athletic Conference home match against Salt Lake Community College.

"Things went all right," CSI head coach Heidi Cartisser said. "We struggled a little in the second, but in the third, we had some fun and started to play."

The Golden Eagles move to 27-13 on the season. The win over the Chukars was a unique event for Cartisser, who formerly coached at TVCC.

"It was interesting," Cartisser said. "It was good to see some longtime friends and TVCC will always have a special place in my heart. But I was glad to be with CSI."

The Golden Eagles have two of the season's final three matches. All will be in Twin Falls, as CSI hosts the Chukars next Wednesday before finishing the season against North Idaho College on Saturday, Nov. 4.



NASCAR driver Bobby Latham III holds his Premier Series championship plaque during the Magie Valley Speedway's 21st annual awards banquet, held Friday, Oct. 20 in Jackpot, Nev.

MVS holds awards banquet

By Linda Brittan
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — The Cactus Pete's Resort Casino Gala Room was filled to near capacity last Friday night as drivers, crew members, family and friends gathered for the Magie Valley Speedway's 21st annual awards banquet held October 20.

As dinner was served, Meghan Wiley, NASCAR representative of Daytona Beach, Florida, presented some special awards and also congratulated the Magie Valley Speedway on another outstanding season.

The top 10 drivers in each NASCAR division were then presented with plaques as they were called up on stage and speeches were given by the track champions in each division. Bobby Latham III, who captured the Premier Division title on the final night of the season, was presented the 2006 track championship award from division sponsor Brian Block of Pepsi and then spoke on the highs and lows of his first full season behind the wheel in the feature division.

"Wow, what an awesome year. The team really picked me up when I thought I would quit. You would find a better group of friends than you'll find at this table," he said as he acknowledged the group seated directly in front of the podium from where he spoke. "I also want to thank my parents who always came to watch the races, even though they had to close their eyes a few times."

Latham then went on to say that his future drive-time at the Magie Valley Speedway was limited. "I probably won't be a permanent competitor at Magie Valley Speedway, but this has been one of the best years of my life," added the 21-year-old champion.

Latham will also be heading to the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, Nev., where he will be honored at the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series banquet Nov. 11 after having finished 12th in Division III competition.

Jason Stevens, representing division sponsor Budweiser, presented the Grand Nationals awards topping off the acknowledgements by handing Louis Lopez, his second track championship award in as many years. Craig Nuttak, driver of the No. 36 car in the Magie Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks Division, accepted his first track championship award from Thomas "Pappy" Kerr, representing Eddy McKean of Magie Valley Pipe and Steel, sponsor of the division.

NAPA Pony Stocks driver Jason Whited accepted his championship award from representative Alan Schweinevoldt as Whited's wife had an eight-crowd family members looked on. After having been eliminated from the title in the final race of the season last year, Whited's supporters were especially anxious to attend the banquet this time around.

"There were a couple of them that had not even been to it before and they didn't really know what to expect, but I think they enjoyed themselves," Whited said. "It all went pretty well, besides having to get up there to make a speech. I like making a lot better than giving speeches. But Steve (York) does an awesome job when he gives those presentations."

York, 2005 Promoter of the Year, was loaded with pictures taken throughout the season and presented a slide show to the crowd captioned with his usual off-the-wall view of the past season at the Magie Valley Speedway.

Also honored were Renee Lopez, who captured the Qale's Electronics Queen Bee division title and Marshall Lund, Qale's Electronics Warrior division champion, receiving their

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SPORTS

Rooney's battle: Talent vs. temper

LONDON (AP) — Wayne Rooney could become England's greatest soccer player. Then again, he could wind up a bust long before he's 30.

Rooney turns 21 Tuesday and the jury's still out on how good — or disappointing — the England and Manchester United striker will be.

The pique-faced son of an amateur boxer has been making headlines for four years since he scored a spectacular Premier League goal at age 16.

Playing for Everton in October 2002 against an Arsenal team that had not lost in 29 games, Rooney collected the ball on the left side, pushed it into space 10 yards outside the penalty area and launched a shot that flew into the roof of the net with such power and accuracy that even a goalkeeper with the experience of David Seaman had no chance of getting his hands on it.

It was one of those "wow" moments associated with the kings of the game, such as Pele, Maradona, Ronaldo or Romalinho.

If Rooney had the ability to score goals like that as a raw teenager, what would he be like at 26? Four years later, no one knows.

Sadly for those hoping his arrival would lift soccer's ailing image, the other side of Rooney isn't far behind that sensational goal.

Two months later, he became the youngest player sent off in a Premier League game when he was ejected for a lunging tackle on Birmingham defender Steve Finley. The same day, his record as the youngest player sent off was beaten — by 72 days — by Leeds United's James Milner.

The problem with Rooney is that running alongside his rich talent is a bubbling, volcanic temper that frequently bubbles over.

Playing for England in a 1-0 upset loss to Northern Ireland, his rage erupted after he was shown a yellow card, ruling him out of the next qualifying game for the 2006 World Cup. When England captain David Beckham tried to calm him, Rooney responded with a stream of expletives. Other red cards would follow.

Rooney has acknowledged his explosiveness and says he is doing his best to contain it. But a low-key Rooney isn't necessarily much use on the field.

Rooney needs to learn to fight his talent. And there's plenty of that.

After transferring from Everton in 2004, Rooney marked his debut for Manchester United and first appearance in the



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney scores the equalizer against Newcastle during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, England, in his Sunday April 24, 2005 file photo.

Champions League by scoring three times in a 6-2 victory over the Turkish club Fenerbahce. He scored on excellent volleys against Middlesbrough and Newcastle in the same season when almost all his goals seemed candidates for awards.

At the start of last season, Rooney appeared to be playing better than ever, scoring regularly and setting up goals for Manchester United teammates. He showed his full repertoire of talent — dribbling past defenders, shooting from long range, winning balls in the air, finding teammates with passes from all parts of the field and chusing back and tacking.

But Rooney is far from the perfect article and has shown he has problems getting his form back after long, frustrating spells on the sidelines.

When he broke a bone in his foot near the end of last season, Rooney's chances of playing at the World Cup were thrown into doubt. Although the bone healed quicker than expected, he was rushed back into training as the team left for Germany. When he was sent to play, he clearly was not sharp.

So much was expected of Rooney, especially with England struggling and eking out victories over modest teams

such as Paraguay, Trinidad & Tobago and Ecuador.

When it came for Rooney to perform well in the quarterfinal against Portugal, he was a big letdown. After struggling for 62 minutes, he was sent off for stepping on the groin of Portugal's Ricardo Carvalho, ending his World Cup.

Although he scored twice in Manchester United's 5-1 victory over Fulham on the opening day of this season, Rooney was sidelined by suspensions.

When he returned, his form didn't. All the tricks, passes and dribbles Rooney once found so easy just didn't happen.

He hasn't scored for United in 10 games since the start of the season, and hasn't scored in a competitive game for England since the Euro 2004 quarterfinal.

Although he's looked better in United's last two games, he still hasn't scored, and that seems to be preying on his mind.

The longer he goes without scoring, the longer Manchester United goes without winning the Premier or Champions Leagues, the longer England goes without a title, the more frustrated Rooney will become.

As his talent battles with his temper, there's no guarantee which one will emerge the winner.

Class 3A District IV soccer team named

TWIN FALLS — The Class 3A District IV released its all-conference boys and girls soccer teams for the 2006 season.

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Wendell: Ria Alfiche, Leslie Toile

Hasselbeck out at least 3 games

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck will miss at least three weeks with a strained ligament in his right knee, coach Mike Holmgren confirmed on Monday.

An MRI showed the Pro Bowl quarterback strained the medial collateral ligament, while getting rolled into by Minnesota pass rusher during Sunday's loss to the Vikings.

"There are three levels (of seriousness)," Holmgren said. "So he's right in the middle." "He's on crutches for a few days... I guess it's kind of good news for me. It could have been worse."

Seneca Wallace, a fourth-year veteran, will make his first NFL start on Sunday at Kansas City (3-3). The Seahawks (4-2) are already without league MVP Shaun Alexander, who remains out indefinitely with a broken foot.

On the opening drive of the second half Sunday, Vikings linebacker E.J. Henderson got past a block from fullback Mack Strong. Henderson then swung the left side of his torso into the lower half of Hasselbeck's right knee. The play was replayed after Hasselbeck had just thrown an incomplete pass.

Hasselbeck crumpled to the ground immediately, rolled over and then tried to get up. When he could not put weight on the leg to stand, he fell again and angrily pounded the turf while trainers rushed to his side.

Hasselbeck was taken the sideline with his weight on the shoulders of two trainers. "I was falling to the ground and Mack Strong kind of pushed. I definitely didn't mean to do it," Henderson said. "It was definitely an accident. I hope he gets back soon."

When asked if he thought it was a clean hit on Hasselbeck, Holmgren said Monday, "I'm going to stay away from that... I'm going to let someone else make that call."

Wallace was 14-for-25 for 134 yards passing and two interceptions playing almost the entire second half on Sunday, after spending last week's practices running the scout team. He also lost a fumble in his own end zone while Ben Leber sacked him. Kevin Williams covered the ball for Minnesota's final score.

"For the circumstances, I think I did all right," Wallace said after the game.

Burley coach resigns

South Idaho Press
BURLEY — The Burley High School administration accepted today the resignation of its local football coach, Scott Palin.

In accepting Palin's resignation, the school administration expressed appreciation to Palin for the leadership skills and knowledge he has demonstrated in leading the Bobcat football program over the last four years.

Burley High School Principal Jim McCoy described Palin as a man of impeccable character and a great leader of young men.

"Coach Palin is an excellent coach, who leads with the same high level of coaching ability, positive attitude, and

confidence in his players in both times of success and disappointment," said McCoy.

Palin tendered his resignation in order to pursue other professional and personal goals.

"Coach Palin expressed to me a desire to pursue at this time other career and personal goals that his age, experience, and family goals afforded him," McCoy said. "It would be entirely untrue to interpret Coach Palin's resignation as school requested or that he was fired."

The school administrators and athletic director, Gary Hossey will consult with district officials to determine a process for naming a successor.

Series

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Later, it was La Russa's turn to have his say. His off-day news conference was played over the Busch Stadium public-address system, so his thoughts echoed from every corner of the empty ballpark.

The Tigers had just come out to field for practice, and they were instantly surrounded by La Russa's voice giving a lengthy analysis.

The first question was about Rogers, who has pitched 23 games in his new position — after going 0-3 with an 8.85 ERA in previous possessions.

La Russa's answer went on for five minutes. He said he brought the smudge to the umpire's attention, but did not demand they search Rogers. They didn't. La Russa also said the Cardinals were aware Rogers had a similar spot earlier in the postseason.

"I said, 'I don't like this stuff, let's get it fixed.' If it gets fixed, let's play the game. It got fixed, in my opinion," he said. "If he didn't get rid of it, I wouldn't have challenged. But do think it's a little bit part of the game at times and don't go crazy," he said.

La Russa also said he talked to the Cardinals before they worked out Monday.

"I briefly explained where I was coming from and I said, 'Anybody felt like I should do different, then I disappointed you.' And they didn't raise their hand and say, 'Hey, I disagree,' they just didn't say anything," he said. "But it's very possible there were guys that disagreed. It's not the way we want to win."

It's become perhaps the most-discussed Series smudge since Game 5 in 1969, when Mets manager Gil Hodges brought umpire Lou DiMuro a ball with shoe polish to persuade him to clean Jones' bat. It had been hit by a pitch from Baltimore's Dave McNally.

Asked about the flap, Tigers manager Jim Leyland brushed it aside. "I'm not going to chew yesterday's breakfast and I'm not going to comment on it," he said.

Baseball's vice president of umpiring, Mike Port, said Roy had made a new tool a "pro-active" stance to address the dirty issue. Rogers is scheduled to pitch in Game 6, if the Series returns to Comerica Park.

"Certainly things carry forth and create a certain vigilance," Port said.

Game 3 is Tuesday night, with reigning NL Cy Young winner Chris Carpenter starting against Nate Robertson.

NASCAR has its coveted title hunt

Matt Kenseth threw the caution flag when the rest of the competition appeared ready to hand the Nextel Cup title to Jeff Burton. One loose lug nut or flat tire, vowed Kenseth, would change the entire championship chase.

IN THE PITs Jenna Fryer

An engine failure in Burton's car Sunday tightened the Chase for the championship to a two-horse race between Kenseth and Jeff Burton.

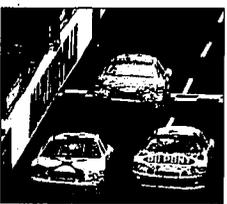
Kenseth is the new leader, leaving Martinsville Speedway with a faint 36-point margin over Kevin Harvick. It marks the first time the points leader has changed during the second half of the Chase.

Kurt Busch took over the top spot following the third Chase race in 2004 and never looked back, while Tony Stewart held down his lead for the final eight weeks of last season. Although both champions went into the final capable of losing the title, neither did as the Chase failed to produce the dramatic buildup NASCAR coveted.

But this year is shaping up to be everything Brian France hoped and dreamed the Chase would be, with only 99 points separating Kenseth from eighth-place Kasey Kahne — an improvement over last year, when only four drivers were within 100 points of the leader at this stage.

This time around, everyone still has a chance. One bad pit stop or blown part can open it up for anyone to snake a claim on the title.

"It's anybody's championship," said Jimmie Johnson, who used a victory on Sunday to jump from seventh in the



Jeff Gordon (14) laps NEXTEL Cup point leader Jeff Burton (31) as Dale Earnhardt, Jr. (8) closes in during the Subway 500 NEXTEL Cup race at the Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., Sunday. Burton later led the race with a blown engine.

standings to third. "Any team is still capable of winning the championship, the points are really close right now, so there can be a lot of moving and shaking and I don't think anybody is going to sleep well these next four races." And that's all France ever wanted when he devised this system.

Scores of NASCAR traditionalists hate the Chase, complaining it's manufactured and contrived, and takes away from the model of consistency that was required to win the title every year before 2004.

Yes, the Chase does trample all over that tradition. But it's hard to argue that this isn't a lot more fun. When Kenseth won the title in 2003, the last year under the points system, NBOBYD was still checking out the standings late in the season. It ran away with that championship and no one could catch him from August on. He even clinched the title a week before the finale, meaning he could have gone fishing in the

Florida Keys instead of racing at Homestead-Miami Speedway on that final Sunday.

Where's the drama in that? And why shouldn't NASCAR do something to prevent that from happening?

If the objective is to create interest that draws in fans, then NASCAR must maintain a way to keep people watching. The Chase was the answer and France correctly predicted that it would take a few seasons before it shaped into what he envisioned. Now NASCAR finally has a competitive playoff race, where it's absolutely impossible to guess who will hoist the trophy in Homestead next month.

But Kenseth isn't so sure this compelling series is a product of the system. "Everyone thinks it's the most competitive one, but I kind of look at it the other way — it's the sleepest Chase we've had so far. The least competitive one," he said.

"Nobody has been able to run in the top 10 every week. No one is putting up staggering numbers, or that dominating streak we saw the first two years."

"With no trouble, Jeff Burton is probably the runaway winner of this thing. But, what we're seeing this year, is none of us are immune from trouble."

He's got a point. If Burton didn't get a flat tire three weeks ago in Talladega, he might have had a 100-point lead on the competition. He would have cushioned it with his third-place finish last week in Charlotte, giving him ample breathing room to afford his engine failure on Sunday.

Instead, his lead wasn't all that comfortable, and his 42nd-place finish was devastating. Burton dropped from first to fifth in the standings.

But instead of observers will follow NASCAR to Atlanta this weekend to see if Burton can bounce back, if Kenseth can hang on, or if Johnson can mount another one of his furious comebacks.

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awards from presenter Mel Quire.

T.J. Woodhall, Premier Division driver who finished third in the division and representative of Snake Harley-Davidson, brought eight sharply-painted Harley-Davidson racing helmets to the banquet which were presented to the four rookie of the Year winners along to four "wreck-prone" drivers which included Hardy Grubbs, Allen Williams, Desi Ahrens and Gary Wolfe.

Other notable awards were given to Shane Prince of the home the Craftsman Mechanic of the Year Award, voted up by NASCAR license holders and Linda Britton, Magic Valley Speedway photographer and Times-News correspondent who received the McDonald's Choice of Champions Award, given for "Sportsmanship, dedication and promotion of our sport."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
7:05 p.m. - World Series: Detroit at St. Louis
8 p.m.
7:30 p.m. - MLB: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia

AUTO RACING

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2. Jimmie Johnson, 3,807
3. Tony Stewart, 3,754
4. Kurt Busch, 3,719
5. Jeff Burton, 3,677
6. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 3,677
7. Ryan Newman, 3,637
8. Casey Mears, 3,637
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14. Mike Wallace, 3,637
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Robert Cheruyot expected to recover from marathon tumble

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Marathon winner Robert Cheruyot is expected to fully recover after falling and hitting his head at the finish line, but doctors advised him to not run for one to three months.

The 28-year-old Kenyan sustained a mild concussion, with some bleeding in his skull, Dr. Wesley Yapor, Northwestern Memorial Hospital neurosurgeon, said at a news conference Monday.

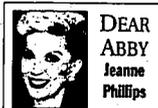
He added there was less blood on the surface of the brain in each of three successive CT scans. Cheruyot also had a bruise to his scalp on the back of his head.

Another MRI was to be taken later Monday, followed by another CT scan Tuesday. After that, it is believed Cheruyot will be released.

Cheruyot also won this year's Boston Marathon. His agent, Federico Rosa, said that after a race Cheruyot usually trains lightly for about a month. The next major race he planned to enter was the 2007 Boston Marathon.</

Readers divide on sending soldier a 'Dear John' letter

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from "Feeling Guilty, Memphis, Tenn." (9/6) from a woman wanting to call off her engagement to a soldier stationed in Iraq. You stated, "Under no circumstances should you..." From my experience, I disagree.



DEAR ABBY
Leanne Phillips

I am an Operation Iraqi Freedom widow. I have maintained a steady friendship with my husband's fellow soldiers and their mates. Military personnel stationed in a war zone develop bonds stronger than blood ties. They eat, bathe, sleep, live and die together. I say, call him and tell him the truth. His comrades will know how to comfort him. When his tour is up, he will no longer have that 24/7 support.

Soldiers face enough problems adjusting to civilian life "without dealing with a broken heart. If she waits and he dies, it will scar her for life. What if he has her listed as his beneficiary on his life insurance policy? If she doesn't want him anymore, should she still receive \$500,000? I have seen this happen with my own eyes.

MILITARY WIDOW, VALDOSTA, GA.
Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Although I did receive mail from some readers who agree that the young man should be told, I received more letters that have urged the writer not to

send a Dear John letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of almost two years has recently been deployed. Before he left, we had a discussion about what to do if I met someone else. He brought the topic up, and asked that I tell him as soon as possible if I wanted to break up. He valued honesty and respect more than having his feelings spared and his going behind his back. It's a discussion every couple facing deployment should have.

If she tells him now, he has his chaplain to go to and the other men around who are experiencing — or have experienced — military life. Her fiancé would be better served by her respect, not her guilt.

— GIRLFRIEND IN S.C.

DEAR ABBY: When my son got married, just before his first deployment, my sister-in-law said to me, "She better not write him a Dear John letter while he's over there!" I just laughed and said they'd know each other for four years, had just gotten married, and she wasn't even giving them a

chance. My son got a Dear John e-mail from his wife (his first and only love), spoke to her on the phone as soon as he could get through, and about an hour later he was gone — a self-inflicted gunshot to the heart.

I know our daughter-in-law didn't mean for this to happen. Her parents advised her to go ahead and tell him. If they had only had the chance to read your column, perhaps they would have advised her differently, and I would still have my son.

I hope your column will save some other Marine's life. He showed no signs of depression before this and did not use drugs or alcohol. We miss our son terribly, and I want you to know that when I read your reply to that young woman, it felt like you tried to see your stress. "Under no circumstances..." Thank you from the bottom of one Gold Star mother's heart.

— GOLD STAR MOM IN MARYLAND

DEAR ABBY: Regarding "Feeling Guilty," do you think you would have given the same lecture had it been a man asking about breaking up with a woman in the military in Iraq?

— CHERYL IN OKLAHOMA CITY

DEAR CHERYL: Absolutely! Readers, more on this tomorrow.

Tula Ellice Finklea became known on the silver screen as Cyd Charisse

This day in history: On Oct. 24, 1901, Anna Taylor, a school teacher from Bay City, Mich., became the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel. Her advice: "No one ought ever do that again."

They were inventors for inventing the cotton gin in 1793, but he had trouble enforcing his patent against infringers, and so never made a lot of money from it.

Why would you find a parrot's beak can close with a force of 350 pounds per square inch. It's sharp, too. Watch out.

Is rhubarb addictive? During the reign of King Henry VIII, rhubarb sold for more than twice the price of opium.

Reader Mike Hartgrove mentions his favorite show-hiz name change: Tula Ellice Finklea who became known in



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

the movies as Cyd Charisse. Tom Cruise, born Thomas Cruise Mapother IV, attended a high school seminary in the boys' school district.

George Washington Carver for perhaps more than 325 products from peanuts. He also made 75 different things from pecans and 108 from sweet potatoes. Besides that, he extracted 500 natural dyes from plants.

Who invented candied popcorn? Not the Cracker Jacks company — centuries earlier, Native Americans in the New

England area discovered that maple syrup tasted great on popped corn.

Before Smokey the Bear, the United States Forest Service tried using cartoon squirrels and Bambi the deer as spokesmen. They finally went with a bear in 1945 after they decided that smaller animals weren't intimidating enough.

According to the Secret Service, one in every 10,000 births of all denominations is counterfeited.

Perhaps antipalping that over-zealous school districts would ban his books, Mark Twain once said: "In this place God made idols. This was for practice. Then he made school books."

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Boston sets jack-o'-lantern record

BOSTON — Boston's nickname is Beantown, but Pumpkintown might also apply now.

Bostonians on Saturday lit 30,128 pumpkins on Boston Common, shattering the world record for the most jack-o'-lanterns lit in one place.

"It's fantastic," said Jim Laughlin, a spokesman for Life is Good, the Boston clothing company that sponsored the event. "We've been going after this record for a long time."

The old record of 28,952 lit pumpkins had been held since 2003 by Keene, N.H. That city tried to keep up with their own attempt Saturday, but lit only 24,682 pumpkins.

In Boston, an estimated 100,000 people crowded onto the Common to slice, scoop, and sculpt pumpkins and to savor pumpkin pie and turkey Kn soup. Mayor Thomas M. Menino greeted children, who were dressed as ghosts and angels.

Keene, a city of 22,000 people, did not go down without a fight. "We had more pumpkins lit than people who live here," said Alan Davis, an organizer.

N.Y. python makes its way back to classroom

HAIPUAUGE, N.Y. — Slim, the Long Island school python that escaped from his tank, is back in a classroom after a month of hiding in the water. In a span of 11 years, five Norman High School quarterbacks have grown up on one street in this city.

Odds & ends

HaiPUAUGE Middle School.

"I am happy to say Slim the Snake has returned and is safe sound back in the tank," principal Maryann Hickey said in a note to parents on Friday.

She said Slim was "in good condition" after emerging from his hiding spot Thursday evening, but did not indicate exactly where the snake was found. It was returned to its tank by custodians.

Last month, teachers were putting Slim and another snake named Ois back into their containers when a student with a problem in the hall distracted them for a few moments.

Slim and Ois slithered off. Ois was caught. Slim was not.

To entice the critter out of hiding, the school set up heating lamps and traps filled with crickets — to no avail.

As for his time away, the principal wrote, "I received a note as follows: 'Vacation was great... The food was nothing to talk about and it was hard to find good water... Feels good to be home!' sssssssssssssss Slim... peace!"

One cul-de-sac home to five quarterbacks
NORMAN, Okla. Maybe there's something in the water. In a span of 11 years, five Norman High School quarterbacks have grown up on one street in this city.

houses in Cynthia Cicero not having any children whatsoever, the fact that five came from a few homes still astounds residents.

"We just found it the weird-est," said Julie Taylor, the mother of former Tiger players Zac and Press Taylor.

While Zac Taylor may be the most well-known and athletically accomplished of the group, he was not the first.

That honor goes to Jude Noles. The line of succession then fell to Kale Hartstock, Taylor, Press Taylor and, finally, Sam Tullius, the current Norman High School signal caller.

Lost wedding ring found two years later

JUNEAU, Alaska — Elaine and Jim Canary thought for sure they would never regain her diamond wedding ring, lost on a business trip. She noticed the ring was missing Oct. 14, 2004, when standing in line at a coffee shop.

"It was devastated," she said. Then, two weeks ago, just shy of the two-year anniversary of losing the ring, they got a call from the coffee house owner in Petersburg. The ring had been found when an old Pepsi cooler was moved to make room for a pastry case.

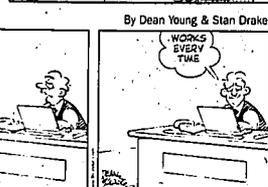
Canary satmates she put the ring in her pocket to put on lotion and forgot about it. Then, while standing in line, the ring probably fell out when she reached in her pocket.

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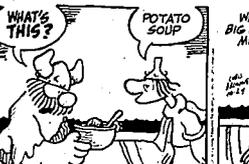
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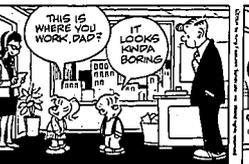
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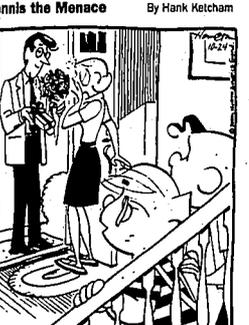
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Pleasant with a stiff breeze developing. Highs 60s. Tonight: Breezy to windy and mostly dry. Lows under 50s to near 40.
Tomorrow: Cooler and mostly dry. Highs upper 40s to near 50.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

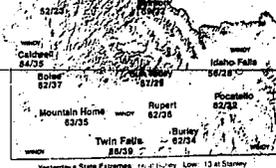
Today: Partly cloudy, breezy at times and pleasant. Highs low 60s. Tonight: Increasingly windy with patchy clouds. Lows 30s. Tomorrow: Cooler and breezy with little in the way of rain likely. Highs upper 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Partly cloudy, but mostly dry today. A new storm will bring a fast hitting chance of rain and snow through the area tonight into Wednesday. Clearing and drying again Thursday and Friday.

Today Highs 48 to 56. Tonight's Lows 38 to 46. At the moment, we'll see some brisk winds develop today in response to a passing weather system. The first real snow looks to be uneventful and unseasonable.

Today Highs 50 to 60 / 58 to 68. **NORTHERN UTAH**
Partly cloudy, mild and dry today. Breezy and cooler on Wednesday with a small chance of showers emerging.



Yesterday's Storm Summary: Low 12 in Starry weather any day. High 12 in Starry weather any day. Low 12 in Starry weather any day.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 56	Low 39	49 / 37	56 / 38	56 / 34	61 / 37

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Today's High: 64	0.00"	Today's Minimum: 39%	30.1 in	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Low

Moon Phases

Oct 29	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 20
First Moon	Full Moon	Last Moon	New Moon

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	48-57	48-56	48-56
Burley	48-57	48-56	48-56
Rupert	48-57	48-56	48-56

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	60-68	60-68
Chicago	48-56	48-56
Denver	48-56	48-56

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	50-60	50-60
Paris	50-60	50-60
Tokyo	50-60	50-60

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"True success is not necessarily about being the best at all cost. It's about being your best at all times. If you do that long enough, you know, you might just end up being the best."

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	48-56	48-56
Edmonton	48-56	48-56
Winnipeg	48-56	48-56

Baxter injures both knees

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Cleveland's Gary Baxter tore patellar tendons in both knees while trying to break up a pass in the first half of Sunday's loss to Denver, a devastating injury for the cornerback and another big loss for the Browns.

Baxter will have surgery on Tuesday at the Cleveland Clinic to repair both knees, coach Romeo Crennel said during his Monday news conference. Crennel, who has been coaching for more than 35 years, said he has never seen an injury like Baxter's.

Crennel estimated that Baxter would be sidelined for at least one year.

"That's sad," linebacker Andra Davis said. "It's unfortunate. I know how badly Gary wants to play."

Baxter, who missed 11 games last season with a torn chest muscle and three games earlier this year with a similar injury, was hunkering down when he planted near the 5-yard line and tried to leap to knock down a pass intended for Javon Walker.

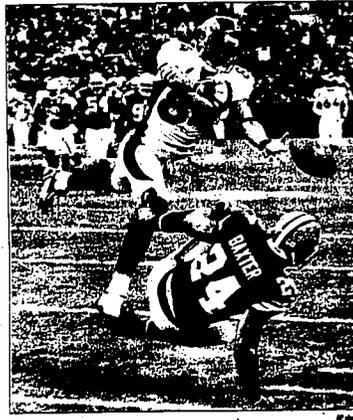
Baxter's legs buckled and he dropped to the ground. He immediately grabbed his left knee and it was believed that was his only injury. Baxter was lifted onto a cart and driven to the locker room.

Crennel said the 27-year-old Baxter told the team he intends to return from the injuries.

"He wants to come back," Crennel said.

Baxter is the second Browns player to blow his patellar since July. On the first 11-of-11 play of training camp, center LeCharles Bentley, the club's top free agent signing, tore his left patellar tendon and was lost for the season.

Baxter signed a five-year, \$30 million contract — including a \$10 million signing bonus — as a free agent with Cleveland before the 2005 season. He spent four seasons with Baltimore before joining the Browns.



Cleveland Browns cornerback Gary Baxter (24) breaks up a pass intended for Denver Broncos receiver Javon Walker (64) in the second quarter of Sunday's game in Cleveland. Baxter left the game after this play.

He didn't have injury problems until coming to Cleveland. In three years at Baylor, he missed only one game with a hamstring injury. While he was with the Ravens, Baxter played in 48 consecutive games.

BSU's path to BCS unclear

BOISE (AP) — Boise State and Fresno State have tried different routes in recent years to reach a lucrative Bowl Championship Series berth.

Neither plan worked for the two Western Athletic Conference powers.

But No. 15 Boise State is 8-0 and making another run this year, and WAC commissioner Karl Benson said the 2006 Broncos might have the right game plan for future WAC teams to consider.

"If Boise State, or any WAC school is to play in a BCS game — knowing that playing in a national championship game is probably not the right plan," Benson said during his weekly conference call on Monday.

That philosophy is: schedule non-conference games against opponents that are tough, but still beatable, and then count on an undefeated season opening the door to the BCS.

Benson believes there's no point in playing top-ranked teams on the road since winning wouldn't get a WAC team to the national title game, and losing would end any BCS hopes.

"If a team from the WAC or Mountain West (Conference) wins all their non-conference games and (conference) games, that should get them in there," he said.

Fresno State's approach has been to pursue a very difficult non-league schedule, then hope those victories, combined with an undefeated season, would garner respect for a BCS berth.

The Bulldogs nearly pulled off their plan in 2001, starting the season with wins at Colorado and Wisconsin. But that plan came apart in conference play when Boise State beat the Bulldogs in Fresno to end their shot

at becoming the first "BCS buster." And that strategy has sent the Bulldogs reeling this year with close losses to Oregon and Washington, and a 38-6 loss at No. 14 LSU on Saturday.

"Those are great chances for exposure, and every time you play one of those you have a chance to be exposed," said Fresno State coach Pat Hill, whose team has slipped to an uncharacteristic 1-6.

Boise State this year is two-thirds of the way through a relatively favorable schedule and has not played a ranked opponent. The two games expected to be the Broncos' toughest — home against Oregon State and at Utah — both turned into Boise State routs.

The Broncos tried a similar strategy in 2004, going 11-0 in the regular season and ascending to No. 9 in the final BCS standings. But Utah, also in a non-BCS conference, also went undefeated, finished No. 6 and became the first non-BCS conference team to get a berth in the big money bowls.

In 2005, Boise State started the season ranked No. 18 and tied Fresno State's strategy, traveling to Georgia to open the season. The Broncos' were routed 48-13 and never recovered.

The problem with the favorable-schedule strategy is that it might not be considered strong enough to lift an undefeated WAC team into the top 12 of the BCS. Boise State has been No. 15 in the first two BCS rankings.

Meanwhile, the Broncos continue to pile up the wins while avoiding any BCS talk.

"We've talked about it in the fact that it means nothing to us," said Boise State coach Chris Petersen. "We know that teams can beat us if we don't play our best."

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EASY #94

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page C-8.

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PAUL 3 bdrm in the country, \$500 per mo \$400 month, NW of Paul 208-438-5234

REDFISH LAKE Beautiful 3 bdrm cabin, 400 sq. ft. on 2000 sq. ft. spectacular Sawtooth view, year lease only, \$650 month. Multifamily by renting car. 208-324-2830 or 539-2386

RUPERT LAKE 3 bdrm 1518 Meadowbrook Lane Laundry room, granite, 2 car garage, 575/month + \$300/dep. Call Jon Miller at 431-2623

SHOSHONE 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 baths, 5550 month bdrm, 1 bath, 5650 mo. W/D no pet/s smoking. 886-2336

TWIN FALLS \$1500 mo. Large 3 bdrm, 2 bath. Call 734-1401

TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, roomy clean, stove, refrigerator, water provided \$500-420-0125

TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, roomy clean, stove, refrigerator, water provided \$500-420-0125

TWIN FALLS 1 bedroom, 417 HwyBurm, \$525 month + dep. No pet. Req. Call 208-733-9658

TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom, 1 bath, gas heat, fenced yard, \$525 mo + utilities. Ref. Rec. 724-5063

TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, RV parking 2585 9th Ave E. \$775 + \$500 deposit.
TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, wood, water provided \$500-420-0125

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TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath, fenced back yard, AC & gas 2 car garage, \$850-\$950 dep. Call 358-0144

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, No pet/s smoking. \$500 mo + dep. 208-733-4208

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ALFALFA Grass mix. Small bales. Great Horse hay, \$90 a ton. Call 208-315-2510.

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ALFALFA small bales, 1" cutting leader hay, \$5 per bale. Call 208-431-9565.

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REFRIGERATOR set by side black, 2 years old. \$235. Call deliver. W.D. SMOOK, Call 208-421-0341.

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WASHER/DRYER Maytag, top of the line, gas oven, almond color, like new. Must see. \$300. 732-7000.

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SNOW BLOWER Craftsman 26", 1/2 hp. \$199. Call 208-733-4769.

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WASHER, dryer, dishwasher, refrig., freezng. Furniture, beauty shop equip. and other misc items. 208-431-2913 or 208-677-5436.

ACROSS

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6 Donations for the needy
10 Flows back
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15 Cloverleaf arm
16 Narrow cut
17 Stock character
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20 Complexion problem
21 On the way
23 Covering an extended period
27 Tightened up
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29 Whip
31 Contenders
32 Botcher
35 Gymnast Comaneci
37 "The Raven" poet
38 Criticizes harshly
40 Mooncall
43 Secretarial talent
44 Fox of the Sox
46 Buttress
49 Hair, fashions
51 Man or Capri
52 Cruise ships
54 Portable computer
57 Kitchen tool
59 Restore to health
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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For Sale

Pipers Call 208-316-2444

Magpie Valley Livestock Feeds 405-32nd Street, P.O. Box 208-326-9040

3-Half" Rolled Milk Grain whippersaws \$50 in bulk. \$6.75 18" Layer Pallets \$1.00 18" Multi-Purpose Pallets, 50 lb \$6.50

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If you play low on the club, declarer will play dummy's nine. Your partner would do well to duck this, but a second club trick might be all declarer needs. If partner does not duck the club, declarer will make five club tricks, not two.

So instead of ducking, play the club king right now. If declarer wins this, he will be completely cut off from his club suit. Even if he ducks, he can get no more than one club trick.

As a final issue, note that it would probably be right for you to play the club king even if you had three cards in the suit. Declarer would duck, but then would have to decide whether you had both the king and queen or your partner had queen-doubleton. Maybe he ought to get it right — but only if he respects your abilities as a player.

Occasionally you will look silly if partner produces the bare queen. But rising with the king is still your best chance of beating the contract, even if it does risk giving declarer some gratuitous tricks.

NORTH ♠ 7 3 2
♥ 9 5
♦ 10 6 5
♣ A J 10 9 6 5

WEST ♠ J 10 9 6
♥ 8 7 2
♦ Q 10 5 4
♣ K 4

EAST ♠ Q 8 5
♥ K 6 4 3
♦ J 9 8
♣ Q 8 3

SOUTH ♠ A K 4
♥ A K J 10
♦ A K 3 2
♣ 7 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:

2NT West 3NT East
South Pass 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade Jack

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ A K 4
♥ A K J 10
♦ A K 3 2
♣ 7 2

South West North East
Dbl. Pass 1 ♦ Pass

ANSWER: Cue-bid two clubs to show a very good hand. Your plan is to raise diamonds at your next turn. You should assume partner will know you have 18 points or more, so any time he has a moderate hand — say at least 5 HCP — you hope he will not let the bidding die. Do not drive your hand to game — partner could have a Yarborough.

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In training



With "the tough ones, you want to have some health insurance."

— Mike ZeBarth



Left: Mike ZeBarth warms up a horse before beginning training at his home near Kimberly.

Above: ZeBarth adjusts the saddle on a horse he's training before an exercise.

Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/ Times-News

Kimberly trainer earns cow horse championships, horse owners' admiration

By Chris Steinbach
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Mike ZeBarth doesn't brag, but he hasn't been bucked off a horse in three years. That's not to say he hasn't had plenty of opportunities to hit the dirt in his corral south of Kimberly, where he breaks colts to ride and trains them to herd cattle.

With "the tough ones," he said, "You want to have some health insurance."

ZeBarth, a Twin Falls native, competed as a rodeo cowboy at the College of Southern Idaho and Utah State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in agribusiness in 1985. He was paid for the first time to train a horse in 1981. Now 43, he finds himself competing for National Reined Cow Horse Association championships. In 2002, he rode Dry N Freckles, a buckskin stallion owned by Jay Wright of Buhl, to the

association's Limited Open Hackamore championship and Open Hackamore reserve championship.

A hackamore is a rope or rawhide bridle used to train a horse without putting a bit in the animal's mouth. With reining cow horses, a hackamore is typically used on 4- and 5-year olds after they have been trained as 3-year-olds with a snaffle, a common type of bit that doesn't amplify pressure applied by the reins.

In hackamore competitions, the goal is to demonstrate the horse's skill at fence and reining work, including spins, circles and sliding stops. Riders have to show that their horses can control one cow in an arena by running the cow down a fence and leading the cow in one turn to both the right and the left. The rider and the horse then have to herd the cow to the center of the arena and turn it in a full circle in



Mike ZeBarth leads a horse to corral at his home near Kimberly.

each direction.

"It takes a horse with a lot of ability to really be good at it," ZeBarth said. "It's mostly showing control of the cow."

Before he ever gets to compete with a horse, ZeBarth and his wife, Robyn, and two part-time employees put in a lot of work. They can board and train six to 12 horses. For \$600 a month, they feed a horse, exercise it and clean up after it — veterinarian expenses and horseshoeing cost extra even though he is an experienced farrier. "I've slowed down," he said of shoeing horses. "I have a half-dozen customers who won't let me quit."

Other horse owners say veterinarians and people in the know around Magic Valley wait to have ZeBarth train their horses. And though he isn't one to brag, ZeBarth admits he often has good luck with horses trained previously by someone else. "For one reason or another they end up coming here," he said.

He works with the horses in evenings and on weekends, when he isn't operating a backhoe or hauling gravel in a 10-wheel dump truck for the construction business he runs

with his dad, Sparky. The family used to build houses and pour concrete, but ZeBarth says he is focusing more on horses.

"It was like horseshoeing," he said of pouring concrete. "It was hard on my back, so we slowed down a little."

The horses are also a family affair. When they had 12 to care for, he said, "Robyn was riding."

Robyn also keeps busy looking after their sons — Henry, who was born Sept. 6, and Joe, their 13-month-old who already has a 12-year-old horse named Ben. On a recent evening, Allie Campbell, who works part-time for the ZeBarths, rode Ben to give the horse some exercise. When she finished, ZeBarth worked with Star Chex Boogie, a 3-year-old gelding owned by Debra Allred of Kimberly.

"He hasn't been shown yet," ZeBarth said of Boogie. "We're just getting him ready." Allred said ZeBarth is an honest, hard-working guy who isn't too forceful with the horses he trains. "He's had Boogie for about two years now," said Allred, a nurse practitioner who has owned at least 10 horses over the past 20 years. "He's very good at what he does. The horses

come back where I cut ride them. They're calm."

After saddling Boogie, ZeBarth rode the horse around the corral, making progressively faster laps to warm up. Then the horse and rider practiced spins and other maneuvers. ZeBarth works horses such as Boogie in a round pen to build up confidence in the animal. The cow can't get away in a round pen, ZeBarth said.

"Most of the horses we get, we start them from scratch," he said.

That means training the colt to accept a snaffle bit and then putting on a saddle and going for a ride. How long does the process take? "It depends on the horse," ZeBarth said. "But with the right horse — after all of the work — trainers can find themselves competing for those National Reined Cow Horse Association championships, chasing after a cow and turning it in an arena.

"There's some speed to it," ZeBarth said. "It's the part I really like."

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One-year-old Joe ZeBarth, with his mother, Robyn, watches his father, Mike, work with a horse.

COUNTRY ROADS

Going native

Add magic to Magic Valley gardening with healthy trees, soils, native plants

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Here's a gardening workshop that aims to get things back in their proper places.

The "Magic of Gardening — From the Ground Up!" workshop on Nov. 4 in Twin Falls is sponsored by the University of Idaho Extension and the Magic Valley and Mini-Cassia Master Gardeners.

Bates

Steve Paulsen, general manager of Conservation Seeding and Restoration in Kimberly, will teach participants how to introduce native plants to their arid Invermountain landscapes. Interest in native plants is building as the numbers of available species climb into the hundreds, Paulsen said, "but you have to understand the plants well enough

so that you can put them in the proper exposure and the proper soils."

Paulsen advocates natives because of the "sense of place" they provide homeowners in the Invermountain West and because of the habitat they provide native wildlife.

"Any time that we can get one plant back into the habitat where it belongs, we've created habitat for everything else that comes along with it," he said.

Also, UI Extension educator Mir-Mi Seyedbagheri of Elmore County will advise participants on how to detect on healthy soils and how to address iron chlorosis and other challenges of alkaline soils. Gerry Bates of the Idaho Department of Lands in Idaho Falls will discuss choosing, planting and caring for landscape trees, and Tony Brand of Healthy Earth Enterprises and Magic Valley Compost will share the techniques and science of making compost.



This landscaping project by Conservation Seeding and Restoration was created exclusively with native plants — needing less water and less care than typical landscaping, and adapted to Magic Valley's soil and climate.

The workshop is limited to 100 participants and will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$35 if you register by Friday and \$40 at the door. The program will

begin at 8 a.m. with registration and conclude at 4:45 p.m.

For information, call Master Gardeners Sharon Buckle at 733-7676, Linda Renz at 878-1944 or Kathie Stewart at 735-5396.

Fungal disease plagues peonies

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Question: Every year, black spot develops on my peonies later in the season. How can I stop this?

Answer: Your peonies are suffering from a fungal disease caused by *Cladosporium*. Like most fungi, it is most prevalent in wet weather.

Cut the afflicted foliage back to the ground and get it out of the garden.

Sanitation is usually effective, and since the same weather conditions are unlikely for each growing season, it is not a major problem every year.

You can protect the foliage with a fungicide, but the key to this is early and frequent application. Check the label on fungicides to make sure that peonies and leaf spot are mentioned.

Begin spraying when the fungus emerges from the ground and continue weekly spraying until hot, dry summer weather arrives.

Some varieties are more resistant than others to this fungus, so don't be alarmed if only a few plants are afflicted in a garden while others are not.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

Compost, other organic matter helps improve garden bed drainage

The Washington Post

Improve poorly drained garden beds by lifting perennials, ground covers and small shrubs.

Use a garden fork to dig in

enough compost, leaf mold and other organic matter to raise the level of the bed by nine to 12 inches.

Use the opportunity to divide the perennials and add fresh plantings to the mix.



Members of Salmon's Model Horse 4-H Club, from left, Katy Hamblin, Jami Hamblin and Kelsey Austin, look out of the window of King's Discount Department store in downtown Salmon, Oct. 3, after creating a window display of some of their model horse projects.

Idaho model horse club helps wild Bahamian horses

SALMON (AP) — A central Idaho club that exhibits plastic model horses not only raises the confidence of its young participants, but is helping save an endangered wild horse.

It's the perfect answer for kids who can't have a real horse, because of the cost or physical disability or allergies, to experience all the fun and learning that goes into keeping and showing horses," Susan Dudaski, leader of the Salmon Model Horse 4-H Club, told the Post Register. "You wouldn't even recognize some of the kids from one year to the next, with the way their confidence has grown."

At the club's horse shows, participants must meet the same standards and rules that are part of horse shows with live horses. That means their plastic horse models must meet the meticulous details required in the various classes

ranging from Western to English and jumping to pleasure.

Model horses in the English class must have their mane braided, while Western saddle horses should have the mane unbraided.

"Just like real horse shows, the kids have to pay very close attention to safety and details," Dudaski said. "They should know everything from what breed goes in what division to how a rider-doll's hands should be holding the reins or a halter."

She said showing horses, whether live or a model, helps participants build confidence.

"We had one girl the year before last who came in for her first model horse show," Dudaski said. "She was so terrified, she locked herself in the car. Now she's a totally different person. She's learned how to handle herself out in public, and she knows she can do it."

The group also began a letter-writing campaign when it found out about Abaco Barbs, an endangered wild horse in the Bahamas.

They asked Breyer, the largest maker of model horses in the nation, to add a model to raise money for Abaco Barbs.

The company responded with a model called Papella, one of the herd's stallions. So far, \$11,000 has been raised for the wild horses, and a note on the box gives credit to the Salmon Model Horse 4-H Club for coming up with the idea.

"In this country, we come from a horse culture," Dudaski said. "These kids want to share that love and that passion."

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District 24 incumbents running unopposed

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Incumbents typically hope their elections are relatively easy or, at the very least, will not be that much of a headache.

Levin Smith just wants someone to run against.

It looked like Smith, who will start his fifth term as the District 24A state representative, would finally get his chance this November. But two weeks ago, while speaking at a local Republican Party function, he was interrupted and informed that his Democrat challenger, Will Butler, had withdrawn.

"I was looking forward to debating some issues in a public forum," said Smith. "I'd kind of like to have a contested race."

It've been up there eight years and haven't had one.

His fellow legislators from District 24 — Sen. Chuck Colner and Rep. Sharon Block — are also running unopposed and are slated to return to office when the legislative session convenes in January. Smith, however, was alone in



Smith

Colner

Block



resisting the sales-tax increase from the August special session, and in a letter to the editor, Smith argued the bill is risky by assuming the economy will keep growing and that it ultimately transfers school funding from local school districts to the legislature.

Smith, a member of the Revenue and Taxation Committee, said homeowners will receive half of the nearly \$260 million while businesses benefit, including Micron with a \$2.3 million tax relief.

"It was supposed to give property-tax relief to normal folks, but most of the breaks went to large property owners," he said.

But his colleagues said the measure, in the long run, will

help the Magic Valley, and Colner — who called the measure "a fairer thing for the property owners" — said there could be more exemptions, such as groceries and other common goods.

"At some point if you get too many exemptions, then you have to raise the tax again because you don't have your base anymore," he said.

Block said the tax increase was driven by public outcry — not conservative politics — and disagreed with those who have suggested a half-cent increase rather than the full cent passed in August.

Where the legislators agree is in opposing a statewide system of community colleges. "That's going to mean that

the College of Southern of Idaho and North Idaho College get less money," Smith said.

Colner said CSI operates perfectly fine right now.

"I think with a statewide system it's just a state school and I kind of like the idea of the community involvement," he said.

Colner, who will be starting his second term, has pushed for legislation to increase compensation at state schools for adjunct professors who were working extra hours without benefits.

"The [Boise State University] administration right now is behind the eight ball," he said.

"We're making progress."

Block, 65, whose father served in the state legislature, was a kindergarten teacher for 15 years before being elected in 2000. She received a degree in education in 1967 from the University of Idaho.

Block said that when she arrived in Boise six years ago, money was so scarce that solutions came from cutting nearly every budget but education.

"We just let those programs go away," he said. "We've hit our colleges hard during these last few years. That's how we balance the budget — by not increasing anything for higher education."

Such pending problems include the rising number of prisoners housed out of Idaho.

Smith, the vice chairman of the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, who estimated the figure at 550 prisoners.

Another concern is how quickly public projects — separate to those funded by GARVEE funds — get finished because the state's bonds for such projects will be in jeopardy if the state's debt goes over \$190 million, Smith said.

"All these projects are undervalued, which was my main argument from the very beginning," he said. "We've got a whole lot of problems... What are we going to do for money?"

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Internet safety class offered Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — When children access the Internet, safety is a must.

The Twin Falls County prosecutor, the Department of Juvenile Justice, Silver Sage Girl Scouts and Safe Kids of the Magic Valley are offering an informational session titled "PrateeTeens." The session was developed by the Idaho Attorney General's Office and is free to the public. It's set for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 590 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

The session is free, but seating is limited. To register yourself and your teen, contact Katy or Hillary at the Silver Sage Girl Scouts, 733-9623.

Parents will navigate their child through the popular teen sites and demonstrate how easy it is for predators to track your child. You will leave the meeting knowing how to better protect your teen, and you'll receive a list of safe sites that are monitored daily, session organizers said. Participants will receive CDs outlining the information from the meeting.

Get spooked for a good cause

TWIN FALLS — A spook house will be set up in the old Globe Seed and Feed building on Fourth Avenue South again this weekend.

Spook house hours are 8 to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with a family time from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, which is suitable for children of all ages with Halloween bags and balloons on Friday.

Admission is \$3 for children age 6 and under, and \$5 for children age 7 and above and adults.

All proceeds will go to the Twin Falls Optimist Club Childhood Cancer Campaign and Youth Support Services to help children in the community.

For more information, call 308-7495 and leave a message.

CSI art show opening reception tonight

TWIN FALLS — An opening reception for the College of Southern Idaho Faculty Art Show will be held tonight at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

It's scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free.

The exhibit will be on display through Nov. 25. Herrett Center hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 1-9 p.m.

Candidate forum Nov. 2 at CSI

TWIN FALLS — Phi Theta Kappa students at the College of Southern Idaho are hosting a candidate forum at 2 p.m. Nov. 2. Russ Tremayne, PTK adviser and CSI history professor, invited local, state, legislative and congressional candidates to the 90-minute forum, which will be held in the upstairs cafeteria of the CSI Taylor building.

Tremayne said this event is not designed to be a debate but rather a forum where the candidates can state their views and the audience can ask questions as time allows.

The event is free, invited. For more information, contact Tremayne at 732-6885 or at rtremayne@csi.edu.

Close call

Explosive device found at T.F. sugar factory

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Residents near the Amalgamated Sugar Factory were shaken early Saturday morning when the Twin Falls Police Department's bomb squad detonated an explosive device found in the factory's coal supply, police said.

No one was injured and the factory never shut down, though the explosion was felt nearly a mile from the factory.

Here's how the incident happened, according to police:

An Amalgamated employee discovered about 4 a.m. a suspicious device in a load of coal coming into the factory. The employee alerted a supervisor who called police. Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies responded and contacted the city's bomb squad, who arrived at the scene about a half-hour later.

The immediate area around the coal depot outside the factory was evacuated. The suspicious object never entered the factory.

The bomb squad identified the object as a cast booster — an explosive device used in coal mining operations.

Apparently, the booster had failed to detonate at the mine and was accidentally scooped up with loose coal, said Staff Sgt. Dan Lewin with the city bomb squad.

The booster was discovered on a grate at the mine and was accidentally scooped up with loose coal, said Staff Sgt. Dan Lewin with the city bomb squad.

Donning a protective suit, Lewin picked up the cast booster and realized the device still had its blasting cap — meaning it still had the potential to explode.

"It's a pretty sensitive Please see SUGAR, Page D4

Holy cow



James Shurtz holds "Russ, the Bovine Potato" Monday, a Russet Burbank potato he found Oct. 15 at CSC Farms in Jerome County.

Jerome County farm gives birth to unusual spud

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

JEROME — Leave it to a farm in Jerome County where dairy cows outnumber people, to give the world Russ the Bovine Potato.

There was no mistaking the

bovine attributes of the three round lumps James Shurtz removed from the soil at CSC Farms on Oct. 15.

By now, "made Idaho famous," Shurtz said Monday. "It looks like the dairy industry's got their own little say in this as well."

Shurtz, 50, said he has never seen anything quite like it in his 30 years of harvesting potatoes.

It's sure off his hungry son, he quickly gave the spud its name. His son told him he should just eat the potato, Shurtz said.

For now, at least, Shurtz refused. "We've got to let the world see it first," he said.

Cassidy Friedman covers public safety for the Times-News. He can be reached at (208)735-3241 or by e-mail at cfriedman@magicvalley.com.

Counselor, coffee shop owners have P&Z hearings today

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two applicants have public hearings Tuesday before the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission, but one request might not pass because the city's planning department does not support it.

Elwood Lee Wilson, a counselor with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, is asking for a special-use permit to see patients in his home during

evenings and weekends, but city staff said that the business could cause problems with Wilson's neighbors.

As a consulting business, it might attract clients that make Wilson's neighbors uncomfortable as well as create parking congestion — potential problems not anticipated when the call-de-sac sub-division was created, according to the city's analysis.

Wilson, who has worked for the department for five years, said he has performed similar work from home when he

lived in Blaine County and in Iowa.

"The scope of the practice is so small that I can't see it's going to be any more than one car at a time, so it was a bit of a surprise," Wilson said.

In a separate item, Kim and Todd Ostrom, owners of Java Jungle, a coffee shop on Addison Avenue, are requesting to rezone a property west of Washington Street North and south of Wirsching Avenue where they hope to open a second coffee shop.

She said her current store, which has been open for five

years, has seen its business steadily increase and typically serves about 300 cups of coffee each day. The new shop will serve fresh bagels and sandwiches.

"I've been all around and there are really terrific, fun bagel shops out in different states and Twin Falls has nothing," Kim Ostrom said. "The more shops that come in make people think about coffee juice as much."

They hope to have a drive-thru, which requires another trip to the commission, but want to open by next spring.

Pickup truck accident kills Mini-Cassia man

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

PAUL — Two pickup trucks crashed in an intersection northwest of Paul Saturday morning, taking the life of a Mini-Cassia man.

Raul Garzon-Herrera, 62, was killed after the 1989 Ford

pickup owned by B&I Farming he was driving was struck at 600 W. 900 N. by a 1979 Ford pickup owned by Newton Brothers and driven by Dennis Newton, 62, of Rupert, according to a Mindkoda County sheriff's report.

The crash occurred shortly after 8 a.m.

According to the report, Newton failed to yield at the westbound stop sign and struck Garzon-Herrera's vehicle as it passed through the intersection northbound.

Garzon-Herrera attempted to avoid the collision by swerving to the left, but Newton's

pickup struck his truck on the right rear quarter panel, causing Garzon-Herrera's truck to lose control and slide off the right shoulder of the roadway.

It then overturned and struck a row of trees.

Garzon-Herrera was ejected through the back window of the pickup.

OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

Charles Richard Farris

GLENN'S FERRY — Charles Richard Farris, 94, of Glenn's Ferry, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise after a short stay.

Viewing and funeral services will be held in Glenn's Ferry at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints meeting house. Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25. Charles will be laid to rest next to his wife, Eva, at Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glenn's Ferry, immediately following the funeral services. Burial flowers, a donation may be made to the Primary Children's Medical Center Foundation, P.O. Box 58249, Salt Lake City, UT, 84158-0249; phone line pledge: (801) 213-3275. Internet: <http://internetaidmountainhealthcare.org>.



As an employee, Charlie was as loyal and steady as they come. He worked for Rosevare Hardware, in Glenn's Ferry for 33 years until his retirement at age 67. Once, he was affectionately known by his numerous nieces and nephews, was honored and appreciated the opportunity to serve his community on the Glenn's Ferry City Council from 1966 to 1971. He was very much involved with the fire department and spent 30 years as a volunteer fireman. After the death of his wife, he was active with the local senior citizens and very much enjoyed his friendships there.

Throughout his life he was very proud of his hometown and always pleased to hear Glenn's Ferry mentioned along with the accomplishments of one of the young residents. He was blessed to enjoy his retirement years in excellent health, spending time with his children and their families and the many activities all were involved in at various times. Charlie and Eva found great joy in their children: 21 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren. Charlie is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Flora Farris; youngest sister, Grace Rhoads; and wife, Eva. He is survived by his two sisters, Marie Wright and husband Harold of Pocatello; Helen Devaney of Glenn's Ferry; six children and their spouses, Richard Farris of Farmington, Utah, Walter "Buz" Farris of Blackfoot, Idaho, Gregory Farris of Pocatello, Idaho, Weston Farris of Meridian, Idaho, Angee Manning of Riverdale, Utah, and Charles Farris of Ogden, Utah; all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Charles lived a productive, good and decent life — the type of life a citizen of the United States of America is privileged to live. He was a grateful, content and happy individual. His memory will be cherished by all that knew him.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, 1000 W. Main Street, in Mountain Home.

Andrea Seibold Shannon

RUPERT — Andrea Ruby Seibold Shannon, a 33-year-old resident of Longview, Wash., formerly of Rupert, died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, in Longview.



She was born July 28, 1973, in Pocatello, Idaho, the daughter of Norman Charles "Chick" and Helen Olsen Seibold. She received her education in Rupert, graduating from Milco High School in 1991. While in high school, Andrea was active in sports, where she played basketball and participated in track. Most recently, as a resident of Longview, she was studying criminal law. Andrea was a loving and generous young woman always concerned about others. She enjoyed joking around and making friends and family laugh. She loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed golfing, riding all-terrain vehicles and basketball.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is survived by her husband, Patrick Shannon of Longview, Wash.; two sons, most recently as a resident of Longview, she was studying criminal law. Andrea was a loving and generous young woman always concerned about others. She enjoyed joking around and making friends and family laugh. She loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed golfing, riding all-terrain vehicles and basketball.

Longview, Wash.; her mother, Helen Seibold of Pocatello; four brothers, Chris (Sharee) Seibold of Burley, Travis (Daric) Seibold of Pocatello, Cory (Kelli) Seibold of Meridian and Dale Seibold of Boise; four nieces; four nephews; her grandparents, Lynn and Beth Olsen of Preston, and Donna Seibold of Rupert; her stepmother, June Bylund of Rupert; and her stepsiblings, Gary, Robin, Michelle, Brent and Vicki. She was preceded in death by her father, "Chick" Seibold; grandparents, Norman and Ruby Seibold; an aunt, Diane Seibold; and two cousins, David Olsen and Wade Seibold.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Star 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 100 S. 200 W. in Burley, with President Joseph Sagers officiating. Burial will be in Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

It is suggested that memorials in memory of Andrea be directed to the family in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Margaret Helen Barnes

JEROME — Margaret Helen Barnes, 92, of Jerome, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006.



She was born July 12, 1914, at Castleford, Idaho, the daughter of David B. and Mattie B. Robinson. Following her education she married William M. Driscoll on March 21, 1931, in Twin Falls, and they had two sons, Warren and Larry, prior to her divorce in 1947. Margaret later married James B. Barnes in 1948 at Arco, and they had two sons, Robert D. and Thomas B. Barnes. She has one daughter, Barbara.

has done a lot of things in her life. During World War II, she was a welder in the shipyards at Portland, she cooked in several Jerome cafes, worked in the agriculture fields, as well as being a housewife and mother.

Survivors include three sons, Warren (Joann) Driscoll, Robert (Pamela) Barnes and Thomas (Shannon) Barnes; an adopted son, James "Buck" Thompson; one brother, Ted Thomas; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Chester Whiteaker, officiating. No viewing is planned.

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Levin placed a counter charge on the booster, and at 6:50 a.m., the bomb squad exploded the device.

Calls from the Times-News to Annalyn Sugar concerning the incident were not immediately returned.

—Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen can be reached at 733-3243 or at matt.christensen@tcn.net.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Ascension Episcopal Church selling pudding

TWIN FALLS — The Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N., is taking orders for Christmas plum pudding or carrot pudding for the holidays.

six weeks and includes facilitation by a real-life instructor, an online classroom and course materials. Courses are project-oriented and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas, supplementary links, and can be completed entirely from home or office at any time of the day or night.

For more information, call the Community Education Center at 732-6442, 732-6441 or 732-6290. To see what classes are offered or to register for a class, visit the ed2go Web site at www.ed2go.com/csicc.

The puddings serve about six to eight people and the cost is \$7. Each is decorated and wrapped ready for giving as gifts or reheating for holiday dinners. Recipes for sauces to accompany the puddings are included.

For more information or to order, call the church at 733-1248 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon before Nov. 8. Puddings will be available Nov. 17 and 18 at the Artisans' Holiday Show, held at the church.

Run/Walk to benefit CSI physical education

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Physical Education Program will sponsor its first 5K Run/Walk and One Mile Youth Challenge on Saturday.

The 5K event is open to all participants age 13 and older. Prizes will be awarded in each age group for runners and walkers, with separate divisions for men and women. T-shirts will be provided for all participants and a drawing for prizes will be held after the race.

The One Mile Youth Challenge is open to boys and girls ages 3 through 12. Participants are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes. The 1-mile course around the campus will include several trick or treat locations. Awards will be given for the best costume and top finisher in each age group. Each participant will receive a trick or treat bag and goodie bag.

Gooding bridge club announces results

GOODING — Gooding Duplicate Bridge released its results for Oct. 20.

Section A: First, Irlly Burton and Joe Blackford; second, Mary Steele and Susan Faulkner; third, Lucy and Ivan Gustafson; and fourth, Henry Robinson and Barbara Burk.

Section B: First, Mary Steele and Susan Faulkner; second, Ivan and Lucy Gustafson. Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. For partnership information or directions, call Kathy Rooney at 934-9732.

Registration for the 5K event runs from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and the race will start at 10 a.m. Registration for the Youth Challenge will run from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and the event will begin at 11 a.m. Entry fees are \$25 for the 5K event and \$10 for the Youth Challenge. All proceeds go to the CSI Physical Education Program's Physiology Lab. For more information, contact Jaime Tigue at 732-6479 or at jtigue@csi.edu.

Community education center offers programs

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center is partnered with an Internet-based education service, ed2go.com, to offer instructor-facilitated online courses throughout the year. Cost of most courses is \$99.

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Bricella Zamora

GOODING — Bricella Zamora was born on Jan. 1999, in Twin Falls, Idaho. She died on Oct. 20, 2006, in Kissimmee, Fla., on her Malibu-A-Wing with this trip to Walt Disney World after her long battle with cancer.

She will be missed dearly by her father, Antonio Garcia, friends and family.

Marion Hoodenpyle

GOODING — Marion Hoodenpyle, 95, of Gooding, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, in Meridian.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Chapel, Gooding.

DEATH NOTICES

Gayle M. Cote

TWIN FALLS — Gayle M. Cote, 70, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at her home of a seven-month courageous battle with cancer.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with Pastor Gary Benedick officiating. Interment will be at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her memory to be made to the Mountain States Tumor Institute, Southern Idaho Cancer Center, Idaho Home Health and Hospice or the Peace Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. A full obituary will follow at a later date.

Bessie L. Patterson

GOODING — Bessie L. Patterson, 98, of Gooding, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Cleo M. Reay

CAREY — Cleo Madge Reay, 88, of Carey, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2006, at her home.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Carey LDS Church, with Bishop Vernon Jolley conducting. Friends may call one hour before the funeral Friday at the

Joan A. Bright

TWIN FALLS — Joan Ann Bright, 79, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

'Father Knows Best' matriarch dies at 96

LOS ANGELES (AP) — To the millions watching the 1950s TV show "Father Knows Best," actress Jane Wyatt was the wholesome stay-at-home mom who, the series told us, could be counted on every week to solve crises on the homefront.

"Each script always solved a little problem that was universal," she told "The Associated Press" in 1989. "It appealed to everyone I think the world is hankering for a family. People may want to be free, but they still want a nuclear family."

Wyatt, who won three Emmy Awards, died Friday in her sleep of natural causes at her Bel-Air home, according to publicist Meg McDonald. She was 96.

"Ninety-six and a few months old is a wonderful life," her son, Christopher Ward, said Sunday.

Wyatt had a successful film career in the 1930s and '40s, notably as Ronald Colman's lover in 1937's "Lost Horizon."

She worked throughout the 1970s and 80s, appearing on TV shows, including "St. Elsewhere."

But it was her years as Robert

Services

Ruby L. Butler of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Robert E. Wright of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Unity LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 275 S. 250 E. in Burley; graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Iron Cemetery in Ucon. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

June Louise Skinner of Twin Falls, celebration of life from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 28 at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls; light lunch will be served (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

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NEW YORK

Officials wanted more time to search WTC site
 NEW YORK — As the city agency overseeing the removal of the World Trade Center rubble was wrapping up its work in 2002, several officials handling the painstaking recovery of human remains wanted that things were moving too fast.

They believed that more pieces of the 2,749 dead could be found, and that the city shouldn't be rushing such an important task. But they were overruled, two of those officials told The Associated Press this week.

Over the past few days, dozens of bones have been discovered in underground passages at ground zero more than five years after the tragedy.

"I knew that this was going to happen — they really just wanted us out of there," said retired Lt. John McArdle, the Police Department's ground zero commander. "There was not a good exit strategy for some of these places, and if there was, it was poorly done."

A utility crew stumbled upon an abandoned manhole along the edge of the site, and forensic experts have since dug down and found more than 100 bones and fragments from skulls, ribs, arms, legs, feet and hands.

The discoveries have angered and saddened relatives of the Sept. 11 victims. Of the 2,749 people who were killed that day, the remains of some 1,150 have not been found.

IRAQ

Shiite-on-Shiite violence breaks out in Amarah
 BAGHDAD, Iraq — Militiamen loyal to an anti-American cleric roared Monday in the southern city of Amarah, hunting down and killing four policemen from a rival militia in a brutal Shiite-on-Shiite settling of scores.

The Iraqi army set up a roadblocks but did not interfere in the movement of Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army fighters after police fled the streets. The latest attacks came despite a public call by al-Sadr to halt the tribal vendetta, suggesting that splinter groups were developing within his militia.

The spread of revenge killings among Shites in their southern heartland has fueled a new and ominous front as American forces struggle to control insurgent and sectarian bloodshed to the north — especially in Baghdad.

In the capital, the U.S. military reported that a soldier was listed as missing Monday night and that American and Iraqi forces were scouring the area where he was last seen. The missing soldier is an Army translator, and the initial report is that he may have been abducted, said a military official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity because the information was not cleared for release.

ISRAEL

Gaza Strip violence mars start of holiday

JERUSALEM — Israeli forces trying to disrupt rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip killed a militant commander and six other Palestinians on Monday during one of the bloodiest clashes of Israeli four-month offensive in the coastal territory.

At least 17 other Palestinians were wounded in the fighting in the alleys of Beit Hanoun, hospital officials said, on the first day of the three-day Muslim Eid al-Fitr holiday that marks the end of the Ramadan month of fasting.

Israeli television reports said an army reconnaissance unit had hidden in a house in the northern Gaza town waiting for one of the Palestinian squads launching homemade Kassam rockets into southern Israel almost daily. The Israeli unit opened fire after armed militants detected them and moved toward the house, the reports said.

Atta Shihbari, local commander — of the Popular Resistance Committees, were killed along with two armed members of his family and a noncombatant cousin, according to the militant group.

Capt. Nou Meir, an Israeli army spokesman, said Shihbari had been "deeply involved" in the group's rocket attacks.

But Abu Mujahid, a spokesman for the militants, called the incident "a clear assassination. Atta Shihbari was not in the process of carrying out a military operation."

IRAN

Iran tests new equipment for uranium enrichment

VIENNA, Austria — Iran is expanding its uranium enrichment program even as the U.N. Security Council focuses on possible sanctions for its defiance of a demand to give up enrichment.

Iran produced a small batch of low-enriched uranium "suitable as nuclear fuel but not weapons grade" in February, using its initial cascade of 164

centrifuges at its pilot plant at Natanz. The process of uranium enrichment can be used to generate electricity or to create an atomic weapon, depending on a level of enrichment.

Iran said it plans to install 3,000 centrifuges at its enrichment plant in Natanz, central Iran, by the end of this year. Industrial production of enriched uranium in Natanz would require 54,000 centrifuges.

Although it is nowhere near that goal, successful testing of other "cascades" would indicate that Tehran is slowly mastering the complexities of producing enriched uranium.

A U.N. official said that even a "dry-run" allows Tehran to "develop the technology, to make sure that things work."

GAMER OF THE FUTURE?



Aira Hotta, an employee of Toshiba Corp., demonstrates a prototype headset that enables her to get nearly a 360-degree view on a dome-shaped screen, Monday at Toshiba Corporate Research and Development Center in Kawasaki, Japan. The omnidirectional image on the six-pound helmet's screen is determined by the wearer's head position, which is detected by infrared sensors. Toshiba, which plans to market the gadget in two or three years, is aimed at people such as virtual reality gamers.

up the activity and ease fears it seeks nuclear weapons, diplomats said Monday.

The diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to divulge the information, told The Associated Press that within the past few weeks Iranian nuclear experts had started up a second pilot enrichment facility.

While the first centrifuges were not producing enriched uranium, even the decision to "dry test" them showed Iran's defiance of the Security Council. The council had set a June 30 deadline for Tehran to cease all experiments linked to enrichment. It may start full deliberations on sanctions as early as later this week.

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MAINE

Parents deny kidnapping pregnant daughter

BORHLAND, Maine — The parents of a pregnant 19-year-old pleaded not guilty Monday to kidnapping, assault and terrorizing in what prosecutors say was an attempt to force her to have an abortion.

Nicholas and Lola Kampf are accused of tying up their daughter Katelyn, forcing her into their car and heading toward New York for an abortion. They were arrested Sept. 15 at a shopping center in Salem, N.H. after Katelyn fled

and called police on a cell phone. The Kampfs could face up to 30 years in prison if convicted of kidnapping.

ILLINOIS

Vegetables aid mental function, diet study says

CHICAGO — New research on vegetables and aging has found that eating vegetables appears to help keep the brain young and may slow the mental decline sometimes associated with growing old.

On measures of mental sharpness, older people who ate more than two servings of vegetables daily appeared about five years younger at the end of the six-year study than those who ate few or no vegetables.

The research in almost 2,000 Chicago-area men and women, doesn't prove that vegetables reduce mental decline, but it adds to mounting evidence pointing in that direction. The findings also echo previous research in women only.

Green leafy vegetables including spinach, kale and collards appeared to help the most. The researchers said that may be because they contain healthy amounts of vitamin E, an antioxidant that is believed to help fight chemicals produced by the body that can damage cells.

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