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Program aims to boost ranks of special-ed teachers

Requirements will be eased to attract educators to field

By Joshua Palmer, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In an effort to ease the certification process for special-education teachers in Idaho, the State Board of Education has

announced the Special Ed Para Teacher Program. The program is a combined effort of five colleges and universities in Idaho, including the College of Southern Idaho.

It is designed for para educators who have already earned an associate's degree, and would like to become fully certified special-education instructors. Instructors who complete the program will earn a Bachelor of Arts in

Special Education, the Exceptional Child Certificate and a teaching endorsement for kindergarten through 12th grade.

The qualifications would certify the instructor to teach special education in Idaho. All states are struggling to hire and retain special-education instructors, who are required to possess additional training under the federal No Child Left Behind act. Under the act, special-education

instructors must be certified in special ed and have a degree in the academic field they wish to teach.

Because of the lengthy and costly education requirements, fewer people are pursuing jobs in special education. Now it's leaving a gap in the education workforce.

Some schools in Idaho offer incentives to teachers who consider careers in special education. They include sign-

ing bonuses, financial assistance toward education leading to certification and other incentives.

The new program will help para educators, who are already helping students with special needs, to earn the certification they need to be fully accredited instructors.

Most of the courses will be available online in order to reach para educators who do not live near a college or university.

Find out more

To learn more about the Special Ed Para Teacher Program, visit the Web site: <http://education.boisestate.edu/para2teacher/index.html>

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Pumpkin power

But most of them come to a messy end after Halloween

By Matt Christensen, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Pumpkins are the new Christmas trees. A lot of time and effort goes into choosing one that's just right, only to toss it out after it's attained the apex of its symbolic purpose.

On Halloween, one can take pride in his pumpkin — it's girly, symmetry and hue — but on Nov. 1, who cares?

Pumpkins, perhaps, are the only American-raised vegetable grown primarily for show. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, most pumpkins in the \$100 million industry become jack-o'-lanterns. And nearly all Magic Valley jack-o'-lanterns share the same sad fate: They rot.

"People have them sit out for a while on their porches," said Les Reitz with PSI Environmental Systems, the city's waste-removal contractor. "Basically, most of them just decompose. We've never really seen a lot of them in the trash."

On the streets is another matter.

"Sure, we see them smashed in the streets the next day in some areas," Reitz said.

Police see the same thing. Pumpkin-related incidents the day after, said Twin Falls police Staff Sgt. Ron Fustos.

Unfortunately, there seems to be no happy ending for Magic Valley pumpkins.

Last week, Caley McClimans and her sister, Christy Webb, and brother, Kenny Burney, and their children took a very long time to pick out perfect pumpkins at Kimberly Nurseries in Twin Falls. They planned to carve them over the weekend, and Wednesday they'll light and display their pumpkins.

"I'm sorry, but I let them sit out there until they turn to mush. Then I'll wait until one day when the kids



Albert Wapstra of Kimberly Nurseries Inc. stocks pumpkins Friday, which will be on sale until Thanksgiving.

are at school before I dispose of them."

Even many Magic Valley pumpkins that don't get taken home await an unfortunate demise.

The runts in the three-acre

Kimberly Nurseries' patch are tilled into the soil.

But, not every pumpkin is left to rot or turned into fertilizer for next year's crop. Kimberly Nurseries saves a few pumpkins they'll sell up

until Thanksgiving — for tasty pies.

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Education initiative causes Idaho voters confusion, concern

By Jesse Harlan Alderman, Associated Press writer

BOISE — It was supposed to be the simple campaign icon of Proposition 1: a schoolgirl holding a penny.

But in Idaho politics, little is ever that simple. The once elementary image symbolizing the ballot initiative to boost education spending by \$219 million per year is now confusing some voters and threatening to force some thorny fiscal decisions in next year's legislative session.

Proposition 1 began as a campaign to raise the state sales tax from five to six cents on the dollar to pay for an estimated \$219 million in annual public schools spending.

The complications came when Gov. Jim Risch essentially took that penny from the little girl's hand, shepherding through his own one-cent sales tax hike in a special session of the Legislature this August. The new six percent sales tax pays for most of Risch's \$260 million property tax relief package.

Supporters of property tax cuts say they had been discussing a sales tax increase for years to help offset the costs. Proposition 1 advocates say Risch hijacked the money that would have been better spent on more teachers, classroom supplies and after-school programs.

Invest in our Kids' Education, the group behind the initiative, is backpedaling somewhat on the public relations front, but is pressing ahead with the ballot question despite Risch's penny-grab.

The proposition contains a clause in case of a sales tax increase before the election. The proposition no longer asks for the sales tax hike, but still directs the Legislature to provide the estimated amount that a sales tax would have raised — about \$219 million each year — from some other source.

On the Net

Vote Yes on 1: www.yesforidahoschools.org/
Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry: www.iaci.org/

"They're the budget experts," said Lauren McLean, campaign manager for the Invest in Our Kids' Education group. "They can make the money fit within the framework they passed in August."

Nini so, said state Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Boyer, co-chair of the state's joint budget-writing committee. Coping with \$219 million — one-fifth of the current \$1 billion yearly education budget — will be nearly impossible without raising taxes, he said.

The legislature could raise income taxes, boost the sales tax by another penny on the dollar, install broad cuts to tax exemptions for businesses or re-raise property taxes. Cameron said. Another option would be across-the-board budget cuts, to everything except public schools.

"It really puts us in a no-win session," he said. "It's like if my family demands all they want from me in my home budget, it still doesn't change how much I make."

Cameron hopes it does not come to this, but if Proposition 1 passes, legislators could overturn the voter-passed initiative as "last resort."

McLean rebuffed the criticism. She points to national statistics that show Idaho spends comparatively little money on education.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Idaho has one of the lowest per-pupil spending rates in the country, only \$6,028 per student, compared to a national average of \$8,287. She said there are districts throughout Idaho where students read 30-year-old textbooks and teachers spend hundreds of their own money on school supplies.

"There are districts across this state that have to pass

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Idaho shelter's ban on adopting black cats during Halloween gets people's backs up

The Associated Press

BOISE — No black cat will cross your path this Halloween, not if a northern Idaho animal shelter can help it.

Like many shelters around the country, the Kootenai Humane Society in Coeur d'Alene is prohibiting black cat adoptions from now to Nov. 2, fearing the animals could be

mistreated in Halloween pranks — or worse, sacrificed in some satanic ritual.

The risk may be remote, said the shelter's executive director, Phil Morgan.

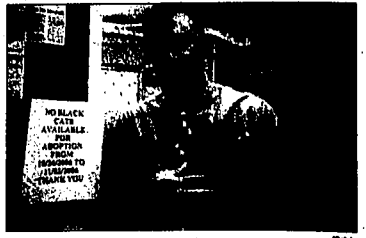
"It's kind of an urban legend. But in the humane industry it's pretty typical that shelters don't do adoptions of black cats or white bundles because of the whole satanic sacrificial thing," Morgan said. "If we

prevent one animal from getting hurt, then it serves its purpose."

Out of 97 cats at the shelter, 28 are black, Morgan said.

However, some animal experts say the practice does more to hurt animals than protect them.

Black cats already suffer a stigma because of their color." Please see BLACK CAT, Page A3



Kootenai Humane Society shelter executive director Phil Morgan holds two of the many black cats available for adoption at the shelter, Thursday in Hayden.

TODAY'S FORECAST

| TWIN FALLS | | |
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| Today | Tonight | Tuesday |
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Today: Windy and cool under sunny skies. Highs in the 30s to the lower 40s.
 Tonight: Clear skies and cold. Lows in the upper teens and lower 20s.
 Tomorrow: Sunny skies and cool. Highs in the lower 40s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"The Haunting of Hill House," a classic, suspense-mystery drama presented by the Buhl High School Drama Department and Phantom Pig Productions, 7:30 p.m., Buhl High School auditorium, 525 Sawtooth Ave., Buhl, \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and students, 490-1992.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Haunted House, hosted by the Jerome County Fairgrounds to benefit St. Jerome's Catholic Church soup kitchen, 7 to 10 p.m.; Jerome County Fairgrounds, 200 North Fir, Jerome, bring two cans of food, 324-7209.

FAMILY

The Pumpkin Patch at Kimberly Nurseries, children may pick and purchase a pumpkin (\$2 to \$8), enter a coloring contest, enjoy the straw maze, giant slide, "Treatsue Island," train rides, straw suits and more, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost, 733-2717.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners: 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
 Cassia County commissioners: 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, Burley, 878-7302.
 Jerome County commissioners: 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
 Twin Falls City Council: 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274.
 Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission: 7:30 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 324-9116.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center, no cost, 732-6475.
 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins on Thursday, meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.; Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2005 Fier Avenue E., no cost to visit, 736-7237 or 736-9282.

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@magivalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

IN TODAY'S TIMES-NEWS

Steve Crump gets all wrapped up in Halloween

TWIN FALLS — How tough can it be to create an award-winning Halloween costume using duct tape?
 Steve Crump made the rounds of costume shops to talk with the folks who make the costumes for local community theater companies. They all use duct tape, but no one could give him a really good idea for a stand-alone "DuctTune". So he improvised, stealing an obvious idea — Innohop, from the 1932 classic movie "The Mummy" — only wrapped in duct tape in a variety of hues.



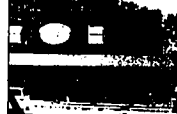
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COMING TOMORROW

ROCK CREEK

Store is the base camp for South Hills visitors.

TUESDAY IN COUNTRY ROADS



MAGIC VALLEY



Varsity letters not just for athletes anymore

BURLEY — At most high schools athletes who excel in a sport can earn a letter to show their prowess. Burley High School has implemented two new letter programs for students whose talents show in areas other than sports. Students can now earn service and academic letters, as well as athletic letters. "What we would like would be to have all of our students graduate with at least three letters," says school principal Jim McCoy. "We strive to have well-rounded students."

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Make sure Halloween is a fun, safe time

TWIN FALLS — When kids think of Halloween, candy and costumes fill their minds. What youngsters don't think about is that they are four-times more likely to be killed while walking than they are on any other night of the year. "I don't think parents realize how dangerous Halloween can be," said Page Geske, director of the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition. "Kids are more likely to be walking around, trick-or-treating after dark." With the excitement of the day parents need to remind their children how to be safe around traffic.

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Twin Falls man was a 'gentleman's gentleman'

TWIN FALLS — Stanley Kern was more than a good dentist. He was a veteran, community-oriented and, as his family and many friends remember him, "a gentleman's gentleman." He died Oct. 17, joining the U.S. Navy in 1940. He served as an aircraft radioman on a submarine hunter and enjoyed telling others about some of his dangerous experiences. Among other honors, he received the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal and a Presidential Unit Citation ribbon.

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City council to consider pool advisory board

TWIN FALLS — The City Council will consider tonight the creation of a pool advisory board as well as renewing its contract with the YMCA over management of the city pool. The council will decide whether to renew with the YMCA a yearly contract to manage the city pool, which was supposed to be signed by Oct. 1. The meeting, scheduled for 4 p.m., will start an hour earlier than normal.

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CORRECTION

Gubernatorial debate is today

A story on Sunday should have said that a gubernatorial candidates' debate will be held at 6:30 p.m. today. The Times-News regrets the error.

IDAHO/WEST



California wildfire 70 percent contained

BEAUMONT, Calif. — Dying winds and cooler temperatures gave firefighters an edge Sunday in fighting a 63-square-mile wildfire that killed four of their own last week, although the blaze was still threatening a wilderness area plagued by drought and filled with dead trees.

Fire officials said the 40,450-acre blaze blazed on arson, burning in southern California about 90 miles east of Los Angeles, was 70 percent contained four days after blizzards gusts overran a U.S.-Forest Service crew. Four men were killed and a fifth was left clinging to life with burns over most of his body.

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Body found in river could be missing man

BOISE — Relatives of a 25-year-old Lewiston man missing since earlier this month rushed to the Snake River river, the weekend upon hearing that a kayaker plying the slackwater near a marina in neighboring Washington state had found a badly decomposed body that still has not been identified. Ryan Canlyte disappeared on Oct. 16.

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Researchers: Wolves aren't killing off elk

MCCALL — A pair of University of Idaho researchers deep within the state's Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness say that while wolves around their three-room cabin are making elk more skittish, the predators aren't decimating populations of the big game animals as some hunters fear.

Wolf researcher Jim Akenson, 48, and his wife, biologist Holly Akenson, 48, live and work at the Taylor Ranch Field Station as part of what's so far a nine-year study of wolf behavior. The ranch is 34 miles from the nearest town — supplies come in by bush plane — and may be the most remote year-round human habitation in the lower 48 states.

The Akensons concede elk have become harder to find, but not because wolves are killing them.

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Proposition 1 causing voter confusion

BOISE — Proposition 1, the ballot initiative to boost education spending by \$219 million per year — is confusing some voters and threatening to force some thorny fiscal decisions in next year's legislative session.

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NATION/WORLD



Federal police storm embattled Mexican city

OAXACA, Mexico — Federal police with assault rifles and riot-shields advanced into Oaxaca on Sunday, bypassing or extinguishing barricades of burning tires and tree trunks in this normally picturesque tourist destination wracked by five months of protest and violence.

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Nigerian plane crashes with 104 aboard

ABUJA, Nigeria — A Nigerian airliner with 104 people on board slammed into the ground moments after takeoff on Sunday — the third deadly crash of a passenger plane in less than a year in this West African nation known for its notoriously unsafe air industry. Six people survived, and the rest were believed dead.

Among those killed was the man regarded as the spiritual leader of Nigeria's Muslims, and thousands of people gathered at a regional airport to receive his body.

The Boeing 737 crashed one minute after taking off from Abuja airport, said Sam Adurobaje, an Aviation Ministry spokesman. President Obasanjo ordered an immediate investigation into the cause of the crash, his spokeswoman Remi Oyo said.

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Suspected Sunni Arabs kill 23 Iraqi policemen

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Suspected Sunni Arab gunmen killed 23 policemen Sunday, including 17 in one attack in the predominantly Shiite southern city of Basra, signaling the possible start of an intensified insurgent campaign against Iraq's predominantly Shiite Muslim security forces.

Political tension deepened in Baghdad when Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi, the country's highest-ranking Sunni politician, threatened to resign if Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki did not act quickly to eradicate two feared Shiite militias.

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Wind storm knocks out power to thousands

NEW YORK — Thousands of homes and businesses had no electricity Sunday from Maryland to Maine as a storm system blasted the region with wind gusting to more than 50 mph, knocking over trees and a construction crane. The storm was blamed for at least two deaths.

Gusting to 70 mph were expected Sunday in northern New York state, the National Weather Service said.

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SPORTS



Indianapolis Colts run away from Broncos

DENVER — Peyton Manning and Reggie Brown picked, poked and plowed their way through a Denver defense that was stopped specifically to stop them.

Manning passed for 345 yards and three touchdowns in a 37-yard game with 2 seconds left Sunday to lift the Indianapolis Colts to a 34-31 victory over the battered Broncos.

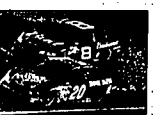
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Chiefs shoot down Seahawks 35-28

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — There is a way to hold onto the ball for two-thirds of the game, move it some 500 yards, get your best player in the end zone four times and still nearly lose the game.

Just ask the Kansas City Chiefs. At the end of their wild 35-28 victory Sunday over the depleted Seattle Seahawks, the Chiefs were feeling more lucky than good, more grateful than boastful.

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Tony Stewart holds off Johnson to win Atlanta

LIAMPTON, Ga. — At this point, Tony Stewart is racing only for pride and wins. On Sunday at Atlanta Motor Speedway, he stole the spotlight from the title contenders with a victory that clearly made him proud.

Stewart, who failed to qualify for the 10-race NASCAR championship after winning his second Nextel Cup title last season, held off Jimmie Johnson for his fourth victory of the season and second in the first seven races of the 2006 playoffs.

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Hawaii's offense dismantles Vandals

HONOLULU — Call Brennan threw for 333 yards and five touchdowns and Ross Dickerson returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown as Hawaii rolled to a 68-10 win over Idaho.

The victory Saturday night was Hawaii's fifth straight and gave the Warriors (6-2, 4-1 Western Athletic Conference) sole possession of second place in the WAC standings behind No. 15 Boise State, which had a bye.

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Democrats claim momentum, Republicans hope to mobilize base

By Tom Ravan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Republicans on Sunday said a major voter turnout effort would help them stay in power after the Nov. 7 elections, while Democrats claimed momentum as they seek to tap into voter unhappiness over Iraq.

Both sides agreed that the war in Iraq was a leading, if not central, issue in the contests to decide control of the House and Senate.

"This election's becoming more and more a referendum on George Bush, his failed policies both overseas and at home with a rubber stamp Congress," said Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, head of the Senate Democratic campaign committee.

His Republican counterpart, Sen. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina, said Iraq and the broader fight against terrorism were important issues, but "President Bush's name is not on the ballot." Democrats, she said, were trying "to make it a national referendum."

Schumer and Dole were among the politicians and party leaders who sparred on the Sunday talk shows just nine days before the elections.

Democrats need a gain of 15 seats to win control of the 435-member House and six seats to claim the 100-member Senate.

With approval slumping for both the war and the president, recent polls show Democrats have their best chance to reclaim the House since the GOP swept them from power in 1994, and a shot at capturing the Senate as well.

As the candidates entered their final full week of campaigning, House Democrats worked to emphasize the GOP role in the Iraq war. The party's campaign committee said it would air television commercials criticizing Republicans for supporting the war in about a dozen competitive races in the coming days.

Despite a war gone wrong and no plan for victory, politicians like (Rep.) Rob Simmons kept voicing to stay the course again and again, "says one commercial in Connecticut."

Democrats have increased the number of races where they are advertising in recent days, a sign of confidence as the election approaches. In addition to new offensives in Kansas, Kentucky and New Hampshire, officials disclosed plans to run commercials against Republican Rep. Jim

Walsh this week in the area around Syracuse, N.Y.

House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said polls showing a Democratic advantage, especially in the House, "don't mean anything, because what we have are 435 individual races all around the country, local candidates running on local issues."

"If we mobilize all our voters, we'll do well on Election Day," Boehner said.

"The pundits are looking at this as a national election," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "This election is district-by-district. It's about members of Congress getting out and talking to their constituents about what they've been able to accomplish."

Ken Mehlman, chairman of the Republican National Committee, sounded a common Republican theme — that a Democratic-led Congress would mean higher taxes. Democrats accused him of scare tactics.

Mehlman suggested "across-the-board tax increases affecting millions of Americans" if Democratic Rep. Charles Rangel became chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. The New York lawmaker is now the

panels's senior Democrat. Last week, Vice President Dick Cheney contended Rangel wanted to undo popular tax cuts enacted during Bush's first term. Cheney's claim was based in part on Rangel's own remark that he could not think of one of Bush's tax cuts that merited renewal.

"Once again the vice president hasn't the slightest clue about what he's talking about. He's never talked with me and neither has anyone in the administration about taxes," Rangel said Sunday. Rangel said his own remarks referred to broad-based tax overhaul efforts.

"What I did say was that, if they want to have tax reform, if they want to simplify, everything has to be on the table," Rangel said.

Democratic party chief Howard Dean said Democrats "have no intention of raising taxes except on the people who have got enormous tax breaks — like the oil companies — in the Republicans." In Senate races, both national parties were focusing on a dwindling number of states, notably Tennessee, Missouri,

New Jersey and Virginia.

Democrats had strong leads against Republican incumbents in Rhode Island, Montana, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

"The momentum here is outstanding on our side," said Democratic Rep. Harold Ford of Tennessee, vying for the seat now held by retiring Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist.

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levies just to open their doors each year," McLean said.

The candidates for superintendent of public instruction, the state's highest education post, differ on the proposition.

Republican Tom Luna is against it because backers have failed to identify a funding source. He said tax increases could hurt families and the public school funding boost would siphon money from higher education.

Democrat Jana Jones, the top deputy in the state Department of Education, supports Proposition 1. She said Idaho will need money to hire more teachers, particularly as high schools increase graduation requirements for math and science.

The proposition's most powerful, and wealthiest, supporters are a network of nationwide teachers unions. The Idaho Education Association wrote the ballot question and has helped raise more than \$1.3 million for advertising and get out the vote efforts.

Nearly all the money came from the teachers unions in other states, including \$600,000 from the National Education Association and \$50,000 from the California Education Association.

At least one influential group in Idaho is working against passage. The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, the state's largest business lobby, is fighting the proposition.

"It's a \$220 million tax increase," said Alex LaBeau, the group's president.

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Black cat

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said Gail Buchwald, vice president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals shelter in New York City. "Why penalize them any more by limiting the times when they can be adopted?"

Black cats tend to be adopted less often than other felines, Buchwald said.

"Behaviorally, there's no difference from the color of the cat, it's tied into this whole mythology about the animal — don't let it cross your path or some foreboding or foreshadowing of evil — and that's an outdated superstition," she said.

It's not clear how many shel-

ters still seasonally ban black cat adoptions, said Kim Intino, director of animal sheltering issues for the Humane Society of the United States, but the trend seems to be fading — along with the once-common bans on bunny adoptions around Easter or puppy adoptions as Christmas gifts.

"If there were people out there performing rituals with animals, then, I would think that Halloween would be a time for that, but a good adoption process would tend to weed that out," Intino said. "There's going to be incidents of weird abuse that happen no matter what. The remedy is not banning black cat adoptions."

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Mass. governor will
campaign for Otter

TWIN FALLS — Gov. Mitt Romney, R-Mass., will be in Boise Tuesday to campaign on behalf of Republican candidate for governor U.S. Rep. C.L. "Bunch" Otter.

Romney, a possible presidential candidate in 2008, will be at the Powerhouse Event Center at 9:30 a.m.

Romney's appearance at the fundraiser was announced last week when Otter visited the GOP county headquarters in Twin Falls.

Recycling program
will include batteries

TWIN FALLS — Southern Idaho Solid Waste has expanded its household hazardous waste recycling program to include alkaline batteries.

Batteries may be taken to any of the company's disposal sites for recycling. The service is free.

For information, call 432-9082 or visit www.sisw.org.

Jerome restaurant to
have haunted house

JEROME — A Halloween Haunted House will be open at 7 p.m. today and Tuesday at the El Sombbrero banquet room at West Main in Jerome.

Participants should enter at their own risk. A cover charge will be taken and treats will be distributed at the door.

For information, call 324-7238.

Legislative meetings
planned in Magic Valley

KETCHUM — Democratic state Reps. Wendy Jaquet and Donna Pence and Sen. Clint Stenn are organizing their pre-legislative session town meetings throughout their district, which includes Blaine, Camas, Lincoln and Gooding counties.

An all-day session is scheduled for Nov. 30 at the Blaine County Annex meeting room. Jaquet is taking appointments now.

In addition to scheduling appointments, Blaine County residents are encouraged to drop in. Jaquet said drop-ins are encouraged but they need to know they may have to wait a few minutes.

- Scheduled meetings include:
- Nov. 8 — at the Wendell Chamber
- Nov. 16 — at the Gooding Chamber
- Nov. 27 — 9:30 a.m. at the Shoshone School District; Lincoln County commissioners at 10:30 a.m. and Richfield Senior Center at noon
- Nov. 30 — Blaine County community meetings
- Dec. 4 — University of Idaho Fish Laboratory; Hagerman Senior Center for community meetings
- Dec. 5 — Fairfield for Camas County community meetings

Jaquet can be reached at 726-3100 or wjaquet@house.idaho.gov.

Not just for jocks



Burley High School Principal Jim McCoy visits with Ed Christenson, captain of the school's cross country team. Christenson wears his letterman jacket with the letter he earned in track. Burley High School has now added academic and service letters to the honors its students can earn.

Burley high schoolers can now earn letters for academic prowess, service participation

By Trena Tegan
for the Times-News

BURLEY — At most high schools athletes who excel in a sport can earn a letter to show their prowess. Burley High School has implemented two new letter programs for students whose talents show in areas other than sports.

Students can now earn service and academic letters, as well as athletic letters. "What we would like would be to have all of our students graduate with at least three letters," says school principal Jim McCoy. "We strive to have well-rounded students."

All students at Burley High School may earn and receive an academic letter. The academic letter denotes the same superior level of accomplishment in scholastic areas as the athletic letter does in the areas of sports.

Students earning the academic letter will be awarded the letter in May.

There are also two types of academic letters. The general academ-

ic letter is earned by maintaining a 3.75 or higher grade-point average for all four terms during the school year.

The discipline-specific letter is earned during the year by maintaining a 4.0 grade point for four consecutive terms in one of the following disciplines: social science, foreign language, language arts, fine arts, mathematics or vocational science.

The service letter denotes a superior level of broad and meaningful participation and exemplary citizenship in the school and community. It is to citizenship participation, and service as the athletic letter is to sports and the academic letter is to scholastic performance.

Students seeking to earn and receive a service letter will be required to submit a portfolio that documents their attendance, nature of involvement, and contribution to various school programs and activities.

Students will be required to have an activity supervisor, administra-

tor, or school staff member verify and sign the standard Service Letter Participation form. All forms must be kept by the student and submitted in the student portfolio. All portfolios will be submitted to the school administration and counseling department for review and the awarding of the service letter.

Students will need to demonstrate meaningful participation and support in a wide range of school activities and programs to receive the service letter. Such programs and activities may include, but not be limited to, the following: athletic activities, community activities, Drama and Theater, Musical, Student Council activities and service activities.

Both the service letter and the academic letter are impressive additions to scholarship applications.

"The implementation of these programs is to put academics at least on the same plane as athletics, and service to the community as well," McCoy said.

Council to mull creation of pool advisory board

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The City Council will consider tonight the creation of a pool advisory board as well-renewing its contract with the YMCA over management of the city pool.

The council will decide whether to renew with the YMCA a yearly contract to manage the city pool, which was supposed to be signed by Oct. 1.

City Council meeting early

The Twin Falls City Council will be meeting at 4 p.m. today, an hour earlier than its normal time.

The meeting, scheduled for 4 p.m., will start an hour earlier than normal. Since 2004, the city pays the YMCA a \$50,000 annual base fee and covers utilities, which are estimated at \$182,000 in 2007. All other costs, employee hiring and associated revenue are handled by the YMCA. Before the arrangement, the city lost about \$350,000 each year, according to the city.

Included in this year's contract is the creation of a pool advisory board that will advise the city council on pool-related matters as well as yield comments and settle disputes between the pool and residents.

City and YMCA officials said creating the board is standard procedure, but coaches of the Twin Falls High School swim team — which is not sanctioned by the school — said it stems from disputes with the YMCA.

The council will also set a public hearing date for a recommendation by the Golf Advisory Board to increase green fees rates for next year while reducing the price of yearly discount punch cards.

Among the proposed changes:

- Green fees for adults and seniors will increase \$3.
- Costs for season passes, which increased last year for the first time since 1999, will rise 5 percent. A single adult pass costs \$425.
- Cost for punch cards will drop from \$125 to \$100 and be available for purchase until Jan. 1. In an effort to cater to holiday shoppers, they were previously available for purchase throughout the year.

The cost adjustments are intended to neutralize golf course operating costs. The city, which contracts management of the course to golf professional Mike Hamblin, receives 10 percent of golf cart fees and driving range sales, and pro shop rent from Hamblin.

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

'A gentleman's gentleman'

By Jami Whitford
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Stanley Kern was more than a good dentist. He was a veteran, community-oriented and, as his family and many friends remember him, "a gentleman's gentleman."

He died Oct. 17.

Joining the U.S. Navy in 1940, he served as an aircraft radioman on a submarine hunter and enjoyed telling others about some of his dangerous experiences.

Among other honors, he received the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal and a Presidential Unit Citation ribbon.

After an honorable discharge in 1945, Kern followed in his father's footsteps of becoming a dentist in Iowa. It was a profession he thoroughly enjoyed and brought to Buhl and later Twin Falls.


"He had lots of patients that were very fond of him," said his wife, Marcy.

He was at the office morning and night making sure they were taken care of.

"He even had his nurse pick them up when they

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Stanley Kern
a life remembered
 Born: May 1, 1919
 Died: Oct. 17, 2006
 Survivors: Wife Marcy; sons, Doug (Francis) Kern of (Susie) Kern of Boise, Richard (Surprise, Ariz., Daniel (Carla) Kern of Boise, Richard (Sue) Kern of Bend, Ore., and Jim (Nikki) Kern of Twin Falls; and 11 grandchildren



Memorial: Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Halloween night should be fun, safe time for children

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — When kids think of Halloween, candy and costumes fill their minds. What youngsters don't think about is that they are four times more likely to be killed while walking than they are on any other night of the year.

"I don't think parents realize how dangerous Halloween can be," said Puge Geske, director of the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition. "Kids are more likely to be walking around, trick-or-treating after dark."

With the excitement of the day near, it's time to remind their children how to be safe around traffic. Geske said to use crosswalks and look both ways before crossing the street.

The common sense, like walking with and watching your children, will go a long

ways in preventing an unfortunate accident, Geske said.

Besides traffic concerns on Halloween, police departments will be on the lookout for old-fashioned pranksters. "Here in Buhl, we haven't seen a great upswing of accidents involving children. We will have some citizens on patrol out looking for things that older kids do, like smashing pumpkins and tomatoes," said Karen Trent, detective with the Buhl Police Department. "Businesses need to be on the watch for kids coming in and buying large quantities of eggs or toilet paper — everybody knows what they're going to be doing with them."

With everybody on the lookout for Halloween tricks, vandalism should be kept pretty nominal, Trent said. Sgt. Doug Suggen, overseer of the Halloween program



A house in Twin Falls typifies the spirit of Halloween with decorations and lights. With children soon to be out and about Halloween night in search of candy and other goodies, the holiday is a time to be concerned about safety.

through the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, said that on Halloween night, offenders on monitored probation will not be giving treats to those in costume.

"Right now the only law on the books applies to offenders still on monitored probation. They all know to keep their lights off and not participate on Halloween," Sugden said.

Keep safe

- Halloween Safety Tips** from the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition:
 Cross streets safely: Use crosswalks and look both ways before crossing.
 Use sidewalks where available: If there are none available, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
 Children under age 12 should not go trick-or-treating without adult supervision.
 Use retro-reflective tape or stickers on costumes and bags.
 Use face paint and makeup instead of masks.
 Only eat candy in original, unopened wrappers. Check fruit and homemade treats for punctures and contamination.

If parents want to check the neighborhood, they plan on taking their kids to trick-or-treat, they can visit the Idaho State Police Web site, at www.isp.state.id.us and review offenders in the county. According to the site, 137 sex offenders reside in Twin Falls County, another 25 offenders live in Jerome County and 20 in

Gooding County. "The best way to protect your kids is to make sure that you are walking with them," Sugden said. "It is hard to label one area of town safer than another because they live sporadically throughout it."

Times-News correspondent Blair Koch can be reached by e-mail at blairkoch@gmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

DEATH NOTICES

Karen A. Winn

WENDELL — Karen A. Winn, 65, a resident of Wendell, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006 at her home. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service in Wendell.

Sadie Jayne Probst

TWIN FALLS — Sadie Jayne Probst, 16, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006 at her home. Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Beatrice Ann Pepper

BURLEY — Beatrice Ann Pepper, an 85-year-old resident of Burley, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center. The funeral is pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Marcia Peterson

WENDELL — Marcia Peterson, 46, a resident of Wendell, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006 at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service in Wendell.

Robert D. Coupe

JEROME — Robert D. Coupe, 88, of Jerome, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006 at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

TWIN FALLS — Richard Gines, 80, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006 at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls.

Richard Gines

SERVICES

Emmette Wayne Rogers of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the funeral home.

Ira Crossley Darrington of Deeto, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Deeto LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Emma Josephine Hansen of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Acquin LDS 1st

and 2nd Ward Chapel; friends may call from 1 to 1:40 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Wendy Nicole Van Hook of Eden, celebration of life at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; friends and family may call from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel.

T. Durwood "Woody" Beer of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; memorial gathering from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Dorothy L. Lewis of

Dorothy L. Lewis

GOODING — Dorothy L. Lewis, 83, a resident of Gooding, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006 at her home. Dorothy was born on March 26, 1923 in Kimberly, Idaho, the daughter of Charles and Hazel Perkins Dunn. She was raised on her father's ranch in Aberdeen. Her grandfather later bought the Raft River Ranch where the family lived and worked.

Dorothy attended Beauty School, graduating in 1962. She married Bill Lewis on June 6, 1964 in Buhl, Idaho. They made their home in Gooding, Dorothy worked in Gooding for many years, later operating her own business, Dorothy's Beauty Shop. She enjoyed fishing and also gardening at her home.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Cindy (Erie) Byram of Gooding; two step-sons, Rick Lewis of Utah and Bill (Bonnie) Lewis, Jr. of Twin Falls; three sisters, Marjorie Skar, of the Tri-Cities area,

Wash., Ida Phelps of Leavenworth, Wash., and Charlene Hegstead of Olympia, Wash.; daughter-in-law, Sheri Blair of Wendell; grandchildren, DaShane Byram of Gooding, Joey, Jason and Jenna Blair all of Wendell, Billy Craig (Wendy) Lewis of Portland, Ore., Jake Lewis of Twin Falls and Ryan Lewis of Utah; and numerous nieces and nephews, all whom she loved dearly. A special thanks from the family to Angie Braun for all the love, time and support provided to Dorothy during her last days.

She was preceded in death by Dick Blair; her husband, Bill Lewis; three brothers; and her son, Joe Blair of Wendell. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 11 a.m. at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. No public viewing will be held with cremation and funeral arrangements under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3286 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 5 p.m. address for obituaries is obituaries@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

Gooding, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray Funeral Service).

Sandy L. Tegan of Twin Falls, memorial service at 5 p.m. Thursday at the First Christian Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Inez Jensen of Rupert, service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Rupert 1st Ward Chapel; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Dorothy Grace Chesterfield of Buhl, rosary at 7 p.m. Friday at the Community

Church of the Brethren in Twin Falls; memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Roger Lee Kolb II of Boise formerly of Gooding, graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City.

Keith K. Dedrick of Huntsville, Ala., and formerly of Gooding, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; visitation from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel (Laughlin Service Funeral Home in Huntsville).

Violet "Vi" A. Novis

GOODING — Violet "Vi" A. Novis, 77, was born Nov. 3, 1928 in Halley, Idaho to Milton C. and Dolly Thomson. Violet went to work with her father on Oct. 29, 2006.



Violet was married to A.B. Carnes, Jr. in 1945, they later divorced. To this union were born four girls, Glenda, Annetta, Connie and Leslie. Then she met the love of her life, John P. Novis. They were married on February 23, 1957. To this union were born three children, John Jr. and twins, Marlene and Marta. She is survived by her loving husband, John; and children, Glenda (Jack) Lekey, Annetta (Mark) Ostler, Connie

(Jack) Loper, Leslie Jo Martin, John Phillip (Carrie) Novis Jr. and Marta (Michael) Thompson. Her brothers and sisters, Ethel Rodden, Edith Sans, Floyd "Tommy" (Joy) Thomason, Clarence "Petie" Thomason, Charles "Kenny" (Fay) Thomason, Lee (Jackie) Thomason, Duane "Cady" (Shirleen) Thomason; 20 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son Monte, brother-in-law Eliza Rodden, sister-in-law Beverly, two grandsons, Kip Whitmore and Michael Kaule Thompson and one granddaughter Doree Burt. At Vi's request there will be no services. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

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'Long Black Veil' writer dead at 86

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Songwriter Marjolin Wilkin, who helped pen such classics as "The Long Black Veil" and "One Day at a Time," has died. She was 86. Wilkin died Saturday, said S. Reese, director of Woodlawn Roesch-Pattson Funeral Home. Wilkin had learned last year that her 2003 triple-bypass heart operation had failed and that she was not a candidate for another procedure. "It's OK," she said. "I have my faith. I am ready to go.

Don't be sad for me," Wilkin was a founder of the Nashville Songwriters Association, a nonprofit group that advocates for songwriters, and was dubbed "the den mother of Music Row." She was inducted into Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1975. She is credited with discovering Kris Kristofferson, who released a statement Sunday calling her a "tough, intelligent and funny woman making it in a man's world." Born Marjolin Melson in

Texas, she was the grandchild of a country fiddler and learned to play piano as a child. After graduating from college, she became a schoolteacher in Tulsa, Okla., and started writing songs for her choir. She moved to Nashville in 1958 and was signed as a songwriter by Cedarwood Publishing company. She scored her first major hit when she and John D. Loudermilk created "Watermelon" in 1959. Stonewall Jackson's recording topped

the country and pop charts. On the same day Wilkin and Danny Dill composed "The Long Black Veil" in 1959, she was scheduled to pitch songs to Lefty Frizzell. He recorded it that night. "The song has become an evergreen," with recordings by Joan Baez, Johnny Cash, The Band, The Kingston Trio, Burl Ives and dozens of others. Similarly, "One Day at a Time" was a hit for Marilyn Sellers and Cristy Lane and has been recorded more than 200 times.

Life

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didn't have a ride," Marcy said. One former patient and friend, John Hepworth, remembered a practical joke Kern pulled on his nurse once. He had black dental wax and rolled it up to look like mouse droppings. He put it in a drawer of sterilized instruments and when the nurse opened it, "she about went crazy,"

he said. He was in the Buhl and Twin Falls Rotary clubs and was a member of Shriners and Masons. "He was always interested in our community," Marcy said. "We really liked Buhl and were very proud to be there." He was involved in the development of the Buhl Youth Center and was inter-

ested in Boy Scouts. He also coached Little League football. Sometimes he used the family's grassy pool to teach the children to swim. He let the little dog loose on the field and have the kids chase him as he ran between their legs. "He'd say, 'Now you just learn to do that and you'd make a good football team!'"

Marcy said. Aside from his humorous nature, people remember Kern's politeness and courtesy towards them as friends, patients or even just as acquaintances. "He was one of my closest friends," Hepworth said. "He had a great sense of humor and was a real friendly guy ... He was just very well liked by everyone."

THIS WEEK AT CSI

| Today | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| CSI library is open 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. (through Thursday). CSI Testing Center is open 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. (through Thursday). CSI Golden Eagle Boosters weekly luncheon and meeting, noon, Taylor 277. Magic Valley Tennis Leagues, 6 p.m. tennis courts by Washington Street through Thursday. KTVB Channel 7 Idaho gubernatorial debate, 6:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. | Planetarium. CSI Anime Club weekly meeting, 7:05 p.m., Shields 210. CSI Chi Alpha weekly meeting, 8 p.m., Student Union Building. | Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. (also Friday). CSI Siki Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 104. "Jazz at Java," CSI Jazz Club performance, 5 to 7 p.m., Java at 228 Lake Lakes N. (free and open to the public). CSI Faculty Art Show at Herrett Center for Arts and Science, Jean B. King gallery. "Journey to the Edge of Space and Time," 7 p.m., Faulkner | Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (also Thursday). Single parents' monthly luncheon, noon, Student Union 247. CSI Jazz Club presents the Thomas Marriott Quartet recital, 4 p.m., Fine Arts 119 (free and open to the public). CSI Golden Eagle volleyball vs. Treasure Valley Community College, 6 p.m., gym. Styx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113. | Federal and Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators policy training, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Taylor 277. Arts on Tour presents "DRUM!" 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. K&T Steel Tournament, CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball vs. Pro Look All Stars, 7:30 | CSI Recreation Center hours, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. CSI testing is open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. CSI Testing Center is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CSI DEX Club 27th annual Harvest Time Festival, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center (51 admission). Sue Miller plant student recital, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Recital 119. "Journey to the Edge of Space and Time," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. K&T Steel Tournament, CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball vs. Central Arizona, 7:30 p.m., gym. | SLAT testing, 7:30 a.m., Meyerhoefer building. CSI DEX Club 27th annual Harvest Time Festival, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center (51 admission). Volunteer tax-aiding training, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Evergreen A20. CSI Recreation Center hours, | noon to 10 p.m., (also Sunday). Herrett Center for Arts and Science is open 1 to 9 p.m. (also Sunday). "Hubble Vision," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. Magic Valley Youth Orchestra concert, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. CSI Golden Eagle volleyball vs. North Idaho College, 3 p.m., gym. "The Cowboy Astronomer" narrated by Baxter Black, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. "Journey to the Edge of Space and Time," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. K&T Steel Tournament, CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball vs. Sheridan College, 7:30 p.m., gym. "Lymrd Skymrd: Fly On, Free Bird," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. |

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GOP, Democrat candidates tied for first time in years

BOISE (AP) — Republican and Democratic candidates in a few major Idaho political races are separated by just a few percentage points and virtually tied, according to a new statewide poll published Sunday of 625 voters who said they were likely to cast a ballot Nov. 7.

U.S. Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter, the GOP candidate for governor, is virtually tied with Democrat Jerry Brady according to the poll conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research of Washington, D.C., for the Idaho Statesman and KIVI-TV on Oct. 23-25.

The survey showed Otter with 44 percent support to 43 percent for Brady. The survey's margin of error was four percentage points, meaning the numbers for both candidates could be off by that much in either direction and making the race too close to call. Twelve percent of voters were undecided, while 2 percent said they'd choose third-party candidates, politicians found.



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The 1st District congressional race on the west side of the state — for the seat Otter is vacating — also is tied, the survey found. Republican Bill Sali, an eight-term state legislator, was supported by 39 percent of those polled, compared to 37 percent for Democrat Larry Grant, a former Micron Technology Inc. executive.

The margin of error for that question was six percentage points, also making that race too close to call. Twenty-one percent of likely voters were undecided. Third-party candidates got about 3 percent support, the poll found.

Idaho hasn't had a Democrat in Congress since 1994. Democrats are outnumbered four-to-one in the state Legislature, and President Bush

won more than two-thirds of state ballots in 2004.

Some observers say the survey results indicate the minority party has narrowed the gap this year.

"At this point in a typical campaign, Idaho Democrats are dispirited and looking for major victories," said Jim Weatherly, a political science professor emeritus who has overseen polling at Boise State University. "This time, it looks like they may actually pull off some major victories," he told the Statesman.

During the three-day survey last week, Mason-Dixon voters asked prospective voters whether they recognized the names of the candidates, and then how they would cast their ballot if the election were being held that day.

Republicans said they'd be working to prevent a Democratic victory in any of the Idaho races. "We'll be working very hard to spread those numbers between now and Election Day," said state GOP

chairman Kirk Sullivan of the new poll.

Democrats were feeling emboldened, if wary. "It's been so long since a Democrat's been in this position, nobody knows what to do," Grant said.

In other poll results:

- Outgoing Gov. Jim Risch, the GOP candidate for lieutenant governor, led his Democratic rival Larry LaBocco

45 percent to 36 percent among those surveyed. Eighteen percent were undecided, according to the poll.

The race for superintendent of public instruction also was neck-and-neck, with Democrat Jani Juncos backed by 40 percent of those polled while 37 percent supported Republican Tom Luna. Twenty-three percent were undecided.

Body found in Snake River could be missing Lewiston man

BOISE (AP) — Family members of a 25-year-old Lewiston man missing since earlier this month rushed to the Snake River over the weekend upon hearing that a kayaker plying the slackwater near a marina in neighboring Washington state had found a badly decomposed body.

Byron Carlyle disappeared on Oct. 16. His wallet, keys, automobile and shoes were found at his apartment, but there's been no sign of him since family reported him missing.

The body found near Rooster's Landing near Clarkston didn't have any shoes, but Asotin County Sheriff Wayne Weber cautioned people against jumping to conclusions, saying that it might take until

Tuesday before a positive identification is made.

"I wish I had something for the family," Weber told the Lewiston Tribune in an interview shortly after the body was brought ashore and loaded into the bed of a deputy's pickup truck.

Investigators plan to take the body to Spokane, in order to have medical examiners there to try to match Carlyle's dental records and fingerprints.

Weber said the kayaker called police about 3:10 p.m. Saturday. Within minutes, several law enforcement agents arrived to cordon off the shoreline with yellow plastic tape to keep away curious onlookers.

Shortly after the body recovered began, a group of about 20 of Carlyle's friends and family members came

as well, including several who still had missing-person posters taped inside the windows of their cars. The posters have been plastered in many places in the Lewiston-Clarkston area since Carlyle went missing.

Weber said it appeared as though the body, clothed in pants and a T-shirt, had been in the river for about a week.

The absence of shoes on the body was not necessarily an indication it was Carlyle, he said.

"A lot of times shoes fall off in the river, so it's hard to say," Weber said. He also said it was difficult to tell where the body entered the water. It was found near the riverbank at the end of the marina's breakwater, a location where the river naturally deposits floating objects, he said.

Felony charges filed in rodeo bull shooting

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — As rodeo bulls go, Charley's Nephew was strong, powerful and seemed destined to be a great competitor.

Now, after being shot seven times allegedly by an angry neighbor, Charley may only have a future as the lunch special at the local hamburger joint.

"The bull is going to survive, but his potential to be an athlete; well, he is not going to be able to do that," his owner Tony Mendes said. "He is not going to be able to buck."

Mendes, a resident of Jensen, a small community near Vernal, is a world champion bull rider who makes his living on the rodeo circuit. His 4-year-old bull was shot in September. Three of the bullets struck Charley's Nephew in the head.

Last week, Uintah County prosecutors charged Devin Murray, 24, with second-degree felony criminal mischief in connection with the shooting. A court appearance is set for Nov. 13.

Authorities say on Sept. 15, the bull got loose, but was not threatening anyone. But before Charley could be retrieved, the bull was shot.

Prosecutor JoAnn Stringham said the value of the bull and the amount of damage suffered warranted the felony charges.

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Calif. wildfire 70 percent contained

By Alison Hoffman
Associated Press Writer

BEAUMONT, Calif. — Dying trees and cooler temperatures gave firefighters an edge Sunday in fighting a 63-square-mile wildfire that killed four of their own last week, although the blaze is still threatening a wilderness area plagued by drought and filled with dead trees.

Fire officials said the 40,450-acre blaze blamed on arson, burning in southern California about 90 miles east of Los Angeles, was 70 percent contained four days after blow-torch gusts overran a U.S. Forest Service crew. Four members were killed and a fifth was left clinging to life with burns over most of his body.

Firefighter Pablo Cerda, 23, was listed in critical condition Sunday at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center after surgery Friday to remove damaged

skin. Six other firefighters suffered minor injuries.

Fire officials were concerned about the eastern flank of the blaze, which borders a wilderness area that hasn't burned in more than 30 years and has been devastated by a bark beetle infestation.

"This is the only place an infrared shows any activity at all. This is also the place with the heaviest fuels we have," said fire analyst Timothy Chavez.

However, favorable weather conditions, including temperatures in the 70s, have encouraged firefighters to set full containment at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

"It's the bottom of the ninth so we want to make sure we hit it out of the park and win this thing," said Mike Wakoski, an incident commander for the U.S. Forest Service.

More than 2,800 firefighters were aided by a fleet of helicopters and airplanes, including a DC-10 jumbo jet that

dropped water on flames and painted the rugged, scrub-covered canyons of Riverside County with long swaths of red fire retardant.

While fire crews made progress on the blaze, evacuees began returning to their homes — often to find nothing left.

Carol Hurley stood Saturday at the still-smoldering wreckage of a neighbor's house in Twin Pines but was unable to bear the sight of what was left of her own topsided home.

"I'm not ready to see it," said Hurley, 68. "I just want to remember it like it was."

Three of her children and a grandson dug through piles of concrete searching for jewelry and other valuables, but found little more than a blackened fork and knife and remnants of her china.

Only the stone fireplace and one corner of the foundation was left. The rest was in palm-sized pieces, looking as though

it had been shattered by a wrecking ball.

Nearby, other homes were burnt to the foundation.

"There's nothing left, just a couple of walls and rubble," said Oscar Pinedo, 52, who along with his wife returned to their Twin Pines home and found it just razed.

In total, 34 homes and 20 outbuildings have been destroyed, officials said.

Evacuation orders remained in effect for about 500 homes in Poppet Flat and Twin Pines, the community where the firefighters died Thursday while trying to protect a house.

Residents were allowed back in for several hours to retrieve personal items and feed or remove animals.

The fire was set shortly after 1 a.m. Thursday at the base of a slope in the city of Cabazon as Santa Ana wind howled out of the northeast. Cabazon residents say they saw two young men leaving the scene.



A modified DC-10 jetliner drops fire retardant over Poppet Flats, an area unburned but surrounded by lands burned by the Esperanza fire, Saturday near Idyllwild, Calif.

Researchers: Idaho wolves aren't decimating state's elk

MCCALL (AP) — A pair of University of Idaho researchers deep within the state's Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness say that while wolves around their three-room cabin are making elk more skittish, the predators aren't decimating populations of the prized big game animals as some hunters fear.

Wolf researcher Jim Akenson, 48, and his wife, biologist Holly Akenson, 48, live and work at the Taylor Ranch Field Station as part of what's so far a nine-year study of wolf behavior. The ranch is 34 miles from the nearest town — supplies come in by bush plane — and may be the most remote year-round human habitation in the lower 48 states.

The Akensons concede elk have been harder to find, but not because wolves are killing them.

Rather, the presence of packs in the woods has made elk more leery of exposed ground. That has hunters mad, because tracking the big ungulates every fall during hunting season has gotten more difficult. An elk that gets spooked in wolf country typically plunges into a river or mountain lake, because wolves are at a disadvantage in water, the Akensons said.

"That is something you didn't see before wolves," Holly Akenson said in an interview with the Oregonian newspaper in Portland, Ore.

Idaho, along with Montana and Wyoming, are trying to get the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to remove federal protections for wolves, whose population in the region including Yellowstone National Park now tops 1,200.

Essentially, the states want to hold legal wolf hunts; Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials say this is needed to restore balance in some areas where wolves have gotten the upper hand.

With computers and an Internet connection to keep them connected with the outside world, the Akensons are

studying how the growing number of wolves are interacting with other species in the region, too: cougars, big horn sheep, moose and bears.

"When there is a pack around, cougars are not comfortable around their kills or raising kittens," says Jim Akenson. "A lot of times a big cougar will kill a wolf, but the pack phenomenon changes the table."

Four years ago, he recalls, he was riding a mule on an icy mountain trail 200 feet above Big Creek when he encountered a dead cougar. In an instant, a pack of wolves appeared and began howling. "We could not turn around," says Akenson. "It is the most precarious condition you can imagine, with wolves howling around you."

Akenson's saddle mule, Daisy, sniffed at the cat carcass, stepped over it, and led Cricket

and Rocky, the pack mules, down the trail. When Akenson later returned, he discovered the cougar had been killed by another cougar — not the wolves, as he'd expected.

Even surrounded by three packs at Taylor Ranch, the Akensons say they've never been threatened.

Still, they take precautions. They don't allow Mica, their golden retriever, to roam unaccompanied. Wolves generally hunt in packs of eight to 12 and have killed several hunting dogs in Idaho in recent years.

The researchers also don't let their horses graze in large pastures. Horses instinctively flee wolves, and could provoke an attack.

"The mules are less of a worry, Jim Akenson said. "Always look at a wolf and say to themselves, 'Do I need to stomp it?'" he said. "Our mules love to chase bears, too."

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OTHER VIEWS

Breaking the rules with candidate Sali

The Lewiston Tribune

Bill Sali showed viewers of a debate televised statewide Tuesday night why he proved so unpopular and so ineffective in an Idaho Legislature dominated by his own party.

Throughout his general election campaign against Democrat Larry Grant, Sali has hidden the bull-headed refusal to play by the rules that alienated his fellow legislators.

The rules of the debate sponsored by Idaho Public Television, the Idaho Press Club and the League of Women Voters did not permit candidates to make opening statements.

Despite that, Sali responded to the debate's first question by reading an opening statement attacking opponent Grant.

No one who followed the closing days of this year's legislative session could have been surprised. It was then that Sali chose to inject a bogus claim that abortions cause breast cancer into a debate over yet another of the bills restricting abortions.

"Fellow legislators — including breast cancer survivor and Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet — objected to Sali's assertion, and Speaker Bruce Newcomb instructed him to drop it.

"Noting there were easily enough votes to pass the bill, Newcomb asked Sali, "Why stick your finger in people's eyes?"

"Sali ignored Newcomb again, and contended abortion's causal effect on breast cancer had been proved. That would be news to the National Cancer Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, which says there is no evidence for that contention.

"Newcomb adjourned the House for the weekend, angrily telling reporters Sali is "an absolute idiot."

"He doesn't have one ounce of empathy in his whole fricken body, and you can put that in the paper," said Newcomb, who has a pro-life voting record himself.

Their view: This guest editorial by the Lewiston (Idaho) Tribune says Bill Sali's debate tactics revealed his real sense of civility.

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

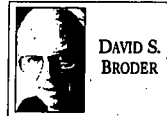


A new beginning looms for Congress

With all the parsing that was needed to make sense of President Bush's convoluted explanations of his Iraq policies during last week's lengthy news conference, it is not surprising that another question — on another topic — received little notice.

It was, in the president's judgment, "a tricky little question" that Stephen Dinan of The Washington Times asked — one that seemingly caught him by surprise.

When the president recovered from his surprise at the question from the conservative newspaper's correspondent, he went into his familiar assertive, told-you-so mode. "First," he said, "I haven't given up on any of those issues. I've got two years left to achieve them. And I firmly believe it is more likely to achieve those three objectives with a Republican-controlled Congress and a Republican-controlled



DAVID S. BRODER

Senate. And I believe I'll be working with a Republican-controlled Congress and a Republican-controlled Senate."

But the premise of Dinan's question is historically correct. It was the combination of a Democratic president, Bill Clinton, and the Republican Congress elected in 1994 that finally got a grip on budget deficits and produced the only balanced budgets of modern times.

It was not a smooth or easy process; indeed, in 1995, the first year after the Republican takeover of the House and

Senate, the budget negotiations collapsed and government shut down for a few days amid bitter partisan recriminations.

When Clinton was re-elected with a Republican Congress in 1996, he and Speaker Newt Gingrich cut the deal the next year that moved the budget out of the red for the first time in 29 years.

They discussed a similar fix for Social Security, using some of the new surplus to ease transition costs to a reformed system. But then America happened and all bets were off.

Comprehensive immigration reform? The immigration bill embodying most of what the president wanted was co-sponsored by Republican John McCain and Democrat Ted Kennedy. On the vote for passage, Democrats were 38 to 4 in favor; Republicans, 32-24 against. Clearly, the president's best allies on immigration are on the Democratic side.

Tax reform? Well, the last major, successful reform of the code took place in 1986, when Republicans controlled

the White House and the Senate and Democrats held the House. Instrumental in its passage was Democrat Bill Bradley, then the senator from New Jersey. Last week, Bradley was back in Washington to support another Democratic senator, Ron Wyden of Oregon, who offered an open invitation to Bush to join in moving forward a long overdue cleanup of the tax code.

None of this would be easy, and all of it would require a new willingness on Bush's part to open himself to genuine negotiations with the next Congress. But the rewards for the country could be very large.

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Prop 2 poses big risk to Idaho

If you didn't want Sempra, then you don't want Proposition 2. It's that simple.

Why? Had Proposition 2 been in place while the Sempra proposal worked its way through the public process, Jerome County commissioners very likely would have been hard pressed to reject any requests for zoning changes.

To see that, you need to understand what Proposition 2 is about. This is how the story begins. A real-estate mogul from New York by the name of Howard Rich recently dumps almost \$340,000 into Idaho to pay solicitors to collect signatures to get an initiative on the ballot. The folks signing on think they are signing an initiative that makes sure the government won't take away their homes so that a private developer can profit.

But in reality, for Idahoans this won't happen anyway. The 2006 Legislature made sure that with House Bill 555 that adds limitations to Idaho's eminent domain laws.

What people were really signing onto was very possibly the dismantling of the state's planning and zoning system. It boils down to forcing taxpayers to foot the bill

READER COMMENT Bill Block

for the lost income of developers if elected officials don't give them the go-ahead to develop as they please.

"Take the case of Sempra, for instance. Suppose that the situation reached the point that Sempra requested Jerome County change the zoning on its site from agricultural to industrial in order to accommodate its oil plant. What if the commission had denied the request to change zoning? If Proposition 2 were in place, would Sempra have the ability to collect from Jerome County taxpayers the \$1.4 billion the new plant would have cost plus the projected income from 30 years of plant operations? Or if the commissioners had approved the change, would neighbors who didn't want a coal-fired plant in the neighborhood have had the right to collect because of the loss of their own property values?"

The lawyers are already arguing over the answers to these questions. If this thing passes, the folks with the deepest pockets to pay those lawyers will likely be the ones who win, since they will be able to stick it out the

longest in court. Oregon is a case in point. Two years ago, voters there approved a similar initiative and, currently, there are thousands of claims worth billions of dollars tied up in the courts. Elected officials there are finding it easier just to waive the ordinances rather than pay the claims. If they didn't, there wouldn't be any money left for other services.

The ramifications of Proposition 2 are too complicated to imagine. This is not a grassroots effort that has been percolating in the background for two years and is finally coming to a head because the majority of Idahoans are feeling torn upon by their elected officials. This is a scam bought and paid for by people who could care less about Idaho.

Note on Prop 2: If you want to keep the power to make land-use decisions in the hands of Idahoans and out of the courts, it's that simple.

Bill Block is the president of Keep Magic Valley Magic. This opinion was co-written with Carl Nellis, president of Citizens Protecting Resources, and Peter Remmen, president of the Coalition for Healthy Idaho Communities.

Time for change in Gooding County offices

I am Troy Hurd, candidate for the Gooding County Commission District 1. I am a native of Idaho, raised in Gooding and live here with my wife and three school-age daughters. I decided to run for this office because I value the "good life" I had growing up here and want those benefits for my daughters and all families for the future. I can offer my time and energy to serve in this leadership position and possess the people and problem-solving skills to be an effective commissioner.

"I've been walking door-to-door and talking to citizens throughout the county since the Hagerman parade on Memorial Day. In visiting with folks, I am encouraged that my pursuit of this office is needed and wanted. I am aware of the various issues this county faces and the need to plan for growth and manage our resources. I am aware of the economic benefits the agricultural industry brings to the welfare of all of us, as well as the need to be good neighbors as we pursue the quality of life we cherish. I'm also aware of the health-related concerns over West Nile and the social issues facing our youth. I believe we can pull together in our efforts and do what's best for our communi-

LETTERS Election letter deadline

The Nov. 7 general election is drawing near and the Times-News welcomes readers to write letters to the editor on campaign and political issues. The deadline for all letters is Wednesday, Nov. 7, by 5 p.m. All letters must be turned in by that time for publication. Send your letter (200 words or less) to the Times-News: by e-mail at letters@mag3valley.com; by fax at 734-6538; by delivery to 132 Fairfield St. W., in Twin Falls, or by mail to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83403-0548

ties and feel I am the person who can bring folks together to work for the common good. By electing me, you will have a commissioner with a good ear, an eye on the past and the future, a mind for making sound decisions, and a heart that loves this community with my feet firmly planted on the ground. It is time for a change in leadership in Gooding County, and I want to be a part of that change. I am asking for your vote on Nov. 7.

TROY HURD Gooding

You get what you pay for Responding to Jennifer Hart's letter of last Wednesday (Oct. 18) concerning her observation while visiting Twin Falls recently. She has a master's degree in horticulture and was in town for a few weeks on a project for the U.S. Department of

Agriculture. While here, she engaged in improper tree-staking methods used on a recently landscaped commercial property. I wish to answer her questions with a quote from British author, John Ruskin (1819-1900), who wrote, "It is unwise to pay too much, but it is worse to pay too little. When you pay too much, you lose a little money — that is all. When you pay too little, you see enemies lose everything because the thing you bought was incapable of doing the thing it was bought to do. The common law of business balance prohibits paying a little and getting a lot — it can't be done. If you deal with the lowest bidder, it is well to add something for the risk you run, and if you do that, you will have enough to pay for something better. DAVE WRIGHT Kimberly (Editor's note: Dave Wright is the owner of Kimberly Nurseries.)

LETTERS

Opponents fail short in Prop 2 criticism

Having reviewed as much information as I can find about Prop 2, I find that I can only support it regardless of the negative comments about it in the media and in the files I've been sent recently.

I heartily disagree with the IMLS's negative conclusions about this being detrimental to our state. Quite the contrary, I find Prop 2 full of the best kinds of protections for Idaho citizens' property rights.

It takes away the ability of the local government to down zone our property, limits government takings by limiting the power of eminent domain.

Those opposed have said, "The devil is in it." What kind of statement is that? There are no logical statements in opposition to Prop 2 that I've read or from watching debates on TV.

I urge all of our citizens to support it.
JANN HUTCHISON
Twin Falls

Jones the best choice for education advocate

For the past eight years, I have worked hard as Idaho's superintendent of public instruction to provide a strong public education system for Idaho's children.

While the job was never easy, it was always worthwhile. Our children's educational achievement has improved and our teachers have gained skills, especially in the areas of math and reading.

Our children and their futures depend on strong, committed and expert leadership in the State Department of Education.

That is why I ask you to support Jann Jones as Idaho's next superintendent of public instruction. I chose Jones to be my chief deputy at the State Department of Education because of her knowledge, experience and proven leadership.

Jana will make sure Idaho's children have access to an education that includes

basic skills as well as arts and professional-technical education. She will advocate for the textbooks and equipment students need in order to prepare for the world they enter when they graduate. Jones is dedicated to promoting the well-being of all children. When Idaho's children learn well, we all benefit.

Now, more than ever, education must have excellent leadership at the helm. I ask you to vote for Jann Jones on Nov. 7.
MARILYN HOWARD
Boise

Both propositions are far too misleading

Regarding the upcoming election and Prop. 1 and 2:

After seeing the ballot and reading both propositions, I came to the conclusion that the wording and length of the ballot is confusing, to say the least. The citizens of the state of Idaho have been burdened enough with the 1 percent sales tax, and now there is a proposition on the ballot to increase the tax another penny on the dollar, making a total of 7 percent.

Proposition 2 is equally misleading. If the voters of the state of Idaho don't understand both propositions as presented, they should vote no.

Another issue that needs to be addressed is the Twin Falls School District's method of elections. As I understand the way elections work, it conducts its own elections and does not have to answer to any outside election officials. The Twin Falls School District should have to answer to an approved election board with the same regulations as the general election.

BOB LANCASTER SR.
Twin Falls

Amendment won't stop homosexuality

In response to the upcoming ballot including the marriage amendment, I would like to remind people of a couple of things.

This amendment (if passed) is not going to "scare" homosexuality. It is not going to make them disappear or stop loving each other. This is not something to vote for to make you feel better at night. This is simply one more way the government will be able to control our personal freedoms.

By voting for this, you will be handing over a little more freedom. This will only be a step toward their ability to choose how people live, what they do with their lives and whom they can marry.

The principle is not different from the government putting restrictions on interracial or interfaith marriage. It is a loss of personal freedom you will be voting for.

So before you vote yes on this amendment, remember — is the sanctity of marriage really what you are voting for? Or is it a personal belief about homosexuality?
JANI HELBERG
Filer

Conditions at DeMary Library fail to impress

Saturday (Oct. 21), I entered the DeMary Library through the north entrance with the rug duct-taped to the floor. Greeted by the smell of old paper, I proceeded.

In what used to be the reference room, since my last visit a week earlier, computers seemed to have sprouted on every flat surface, their brightly colored screen savers winking away (the fish are cute).

The director puffed at me — it seems on Friday the place had been fully "Exiting her Internet domain, I was struck — visually — by a hanger orange cord that came from under a table, wound through a shelf of books, slithered up and over the door into a power strip feeding two more computers. It was not alive as was my first impression; large silver pieces of duct tape held it in place.

I read a lot of nonfiction. The quest to find something to read led through a dim maze of old furniture, boards leaned randomly

against whatever. Dodging a flower pot I used padding soil and finding the light still out in the biography section, I gave up.

On the way out, I noticed the oily drinking fountain. I couldn't resist. Sure enough, the water jumped out and landed in a puddle in front of the ladies' room. The clerk, sporting sweat pants and a dingy T-shirt, didn't notice.

Later, when chatting with the other clerk (she was appropriately dressed), I asked how her day at the library went. Her comment: "At least we didn't have to boot everyone out of the atrium."

Bitterly, I remembered volunteer hours spent trying to convince people to support the library because literacy improves lives and makes better citizens.

Does anybody care? Does the mayor? Do the trustees? Does the staff? Do the patrons?
LORRAINE APPLE
Rupert

Gannon's voting record betrays Idaho values

Gannon-Chisholm charac-

ter check.

Gannon voted for HB 294 eliminating public considerations water rights transfers. Chisholm supported public interest.

Gannon voted for HB 1295 that allowed the Idaho Department of Water Resources to make secret transfers of water rights with no public notice. Chisholm opposed this.

Gannon voted for SB 104 that allowed Senate committees to meet in secret sessions. Chisholm opposed secret meetings.

Gannon got Sen. Noble thrown out of the Legislature because of "conflict of interest." The Center for Public Integrity stated that the Idaho Legislature ranks at the bottom of the United States for disclosure of its members' personal interests.

Gannon said trading about self-serving legislators who supported cow manure, field burning, water subsidies, etc. Chisholm is for full disclosure by all public officials.

Gannon voted against states rights HB 230 that prohibited the state of Idaho from passing any air quality laws more stringent than

those passed by the federal government. Chisholm is for states rights and good air quality.

Gannon voted for HB 870 to give away hundreds of millions of our tax dollars to junior water rights holders. Why? HB 802 — Gannon voted to consider a constitutional amendment discriminating against homosexuals. Gannon's reason, "I lost my spine simply because it wasn't worth the fight with the far right." Chisholm has no fear of the far right.

Gannon slurred Chisholm saying, "I've never seen a pony tail on anything but the rear end of a horse or high school cheerleaders." I wonder if Gannon slurs folks with grey hair or maybe black or brown skin.


Chisholm ran against Gannon and someone had a professional hammer and sickle painted on Chisholm's campaign signs. Did that same "far right" hate group that Gannon admitted influenced his vote to discriminate against homosexuals paint the signs? Are you next?

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Financial Lesson of the Week
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Watch Out for Terrifying Investment Moves

Now that Halloween is here, you can expect to see a lot of ghouls, ghosts and gravestones in your neighborhood—but in reality, they'll be of less importance than the evening's main draw: candy. However, in real life, if you're going to enjoy life's treats—such as a comfortable retirement—you'll need to escape some of the "tricks"—such as scary investment moves.

Here are a few of these fright-inducing behaviors you'll want to avoid:


- Jumping out of the market during difficult times** - By almost any measure, 2006 has been a rough year. We've seen (really) high gas prices, turmoil in the Middle East and nuclear posturing from North Korea. Given all these gloomy scenarios, you might think that now is not a good time to invest, and that you'd be better off heading to the investment "sidelines." But you'd be wrong. As bad as this year seems, we've had plenty of other rocky periods in our history—and smart, patient investors rode out those times, stayed in the market, and, in most cases, ended up doing quite well. As an investor, never forget that the financial markets are resilient and capable of absorbing all types of bad news without capsizing. And even if the market does slump, you'll want to stay invested, because when it does recover, as it always has, the biggest gains tend to come early in the rally.
- Falling to take full advantage of 401(k)** - If you have a 401(k) plan at work, consider yourself fortunate: Your plan offers tax-deferred earnings growth and the ability to make pre-tax contributions. Yet, about 30 percent of eligible employees don't even participate in their 401(k) plan, according to Hewitt Associates, a consulting firm. Of those that do take part in their plan, Hewitt reports that almost 41 percent of their 401(k) holdings were in company stock—much too high a figure. If you have access to a 401(k) plan, contribute as much as you can afford, and spread your dollars around among the available investment options.
- Not "maxing out" on IRA** - Both the traditional and Roth IRAs offer tax advantages, and can be funded with money placed in virtually any type of investment: stocks, bonds, government securities, etc. Yet, many people don't "max out" on their IRA. Try to fully fund your IRA as early in the year as possible, to give your money more time to grow. But if you can't do that, at least put away enough each month so that you are taking full advantage of this excellent retirement savings vehicle.
- Chasing after "hot" stock tips** - You can get hot stock tips anywhere: television, the Internet, magazines, your neighbor—the list is almost endless. The trouble with a hot tip is that by the time you invest in the stock, it may already be cooling off—if it ever truly was hot. Furthermore, a hot tip may not be of much value if the stock is not suitable for your individual needs.

If you can avoid these and other scary investment moves, you can make progress toward your long-term goals—and that's not a frightful prospect at all.

Questions:
(1) True or False - The best strategy for a difficult market is to jump out.
(2) True or False - "Hot" stock tips are usually a bad idea.

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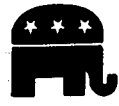
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NATION

Thousands lose power in Northeast wind storm

NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands of homes and businesses had no electricity Sunday from Maryland to Maine as a storm system blasted the region with winds gusting to more than 50 mph, knocking over trees and a construction crane. The storm was blamed for at least two deaths.

Gusts of 70 mph were possible Sunday in northern New York state, the National Weather Service said.

A falling tree killed a motorcyclist in Massachusetts, police said. In New Hampshire, one man was missing after falling off a cruise ship on Lake Winnepesaukee during the storm late Saturday, and one man drowned when his kayak overturned on a rain-swollen river, state officials said.

In hard-hit Maine, a 165-foot crane with a wrecking ball attached toppled in one of the most populous neighborhoods of Portland, falling on three houses. No injuries were reported.

The wrecking ball narrowly missed a car.

"The first thing I saw was the ball coming down really fast about 10 feet from us," said Colleen Mowatt, 48, of Gorham, Maine, whose boyfriend hit the brakes just in time. "It hit the roadway, and the rest of the crane just fell on the buildings in front of us."

In all, about 112,000 people throughout the region, including 44,000 in Maine, were without power Sunday.

New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport, one of three major airports for the New York City region, had

delays up to 2½ hours, mostly for incoming flights, authorities said.

Willimantic, Conn., reported 3.54 inches of rain Saturday, and New York City's Central Park measured 2.54.

The weather observatory atop New Hampshire's 6,286-foot Mount Washington, famous for severe weather, reported sustained wind of 100 mph and a gust to 114 mph. The peak also got 11 inches of snow overnight, for an October total of 39 inches.

The storm produced heavy lake effect snowfall in parts of New York state downwind from Lake Ontario, including 9 inches at Old Forge, the weather service said. A winter storm warning was in effect for the area Sunday, with as much as 18 inches of snow possible at higher elevations.

Trustees at university for the deaf vote to oust incoming president

WASHINGTON (AP) — The board of trustees of the nation's premier school for the deaf voted Sunday to terminate the appointment of the incoming president, who had been the subject of protests, the board announced.

The vote at Gallaudet University came after a day-long closed-door meeting that followed a month of protests by students and faculty members. Jane Fernandes, the school's former provost, had been selected in May to take office in January.

"Although undoubtedly there will be some members of the community who have differing views on the meaning of this decision, we believe that it is a necessity at this point," the board said in a written statement.

Fernandes did not immediately respond to an e-mail seeking comment.

Protesters had said Fernandes, 50, was a divisive and ineffective leader as provost. They said she had ignored surveys by students and faculty during the presidential search that called her "unacceptable." The faculty voted this month, 82 percent to 18 percent, for Fernandes to resign or be removed.

Fernandes had refused to resign, saying it would hurt the university to allow protests to determine the school's leadership. She said she had become a lightning rod for those frustrated about changes in deaf culture because she hadn't learned to use American Sign Language until she was in her 20s.

Celebrations broke out on campus when the decision was announced. Professor Diane Morton, who joined protesters for a rally at the university gymnasium, said students were "elated" when protest leaders received the e-mailed announcement.

"The leaders made it very clear that her resignation is not the end," Morton said. "We still need to make sure that the presidential search process is fair, equitable, transparent and diverse."

The board said trustees regretted the decision to reverse course on Fernandes' appointment.

"It has certainly been a difficult and trying time for our Gallaudet community," the statement said. "Now is the time for healing."

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INSIDE: The Idaho Vandals football team had a tough time in Hawaii Saturday night, B3



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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE WEEK EIGHT

Chiefs roll 'Hawks'

K.C. offense piles on 500 yards in win

By Doug Tucker
Associated Press writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — There is a way to hold onto the ball for two-thirds of the game, move it some 500 yards, get your best player in the end zone four times and still nearly lose the game.

Just ask the Kansas City Chiefs. At the end of their wild 35-28 victory Sunday over the depleted Seattle Seahawks, the Chiefs were feeling more lucky than good, more grateful than boastful.

"That goes to show you what happens in the National Football League," Chiefs coach Herb Edwards said, "when you miss opportunities and turn the ball over in the wrong area of the field and give up big plays."

Larry Johnson, Tony Gonzalez, Damon Huard and Eddie Kennison all had outstanding days for KC (4-3), which went over .500 for the first time all year. The Chiefs had 499 total yards to 241 for Seattle and 42 minutes, 15 seconds of possession time compared with Seattle's 17:45.

But outrageous mistakes let the Seahawks (4-3) score two unanswered touchdowns and grab a 28-27 lead with about 5 minutes left.

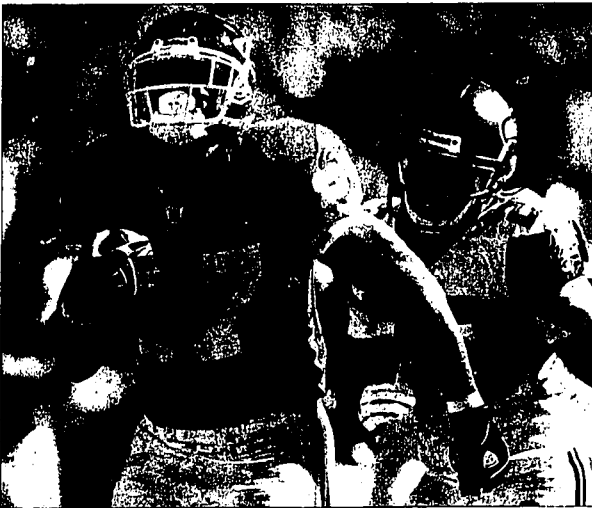
"We just made some silly mistakes, including myself," said Huard, who was a game-day decision because of a sore groin.

"When you've got a chance to jump on people, you've got to do it. And we didn't."

Larry Johnson had the biggest hand in preventing the Chiefs' self-destruction, rushing for 155 yards and scoring four touchdowns, three on the ground. He got the go-ahead score with 2:15 to play with a 3-yard run after Huard connected with Eddie Kennison on a 51-yard pass play.

"We made it hard on ourselves at the end, but came back and overcame some obstacles and put it away," Johnson said. "We gave them more chances than they needed."

Seneca Wallace, making his first



Kansas City Chiefs running back Larry Johnson (27) is chased by Seattle Seahawks cornerback Marcus Trufant (23) during the first quarter of Sunday's game in Kansas City, Mo.

NFL start in place of injured Pro Bowl quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, put Seattle on top 28-27 with a 49-yard TD pass to Darrin Jackson after cornerback Ty Law fell down. A few plays before that, Law dropped a sure interception.

Law said he just "tripped over my own feet" on the touchdown pass, and would have had clear sailing to the end zone had he held onto the interception.



"It was one of those days for me," he said.

Late in the third period, Seattle's Kelly Herndon returned a fumble 61 yards for another touchdown when Kansas City holder Dustin Colquitt, after mishandling the snap on a field goal attempt, tried an ill-advised pass.

"I said it last week and I'll say it again — it's about your will, and ours was good enough to win," said Edwards.

About half the team the Seahawks took to the last Super Bowl seemed either suspended, demoted or lame. Besides Hasselbeck, the Seahawks were missing league MVP running back Shaun Alexander, wide receiver Bobby Engram and starting guard Floyd Womack, who were all injured.

In addition, starting right tackle Sean Locklear was suspended this week for violating NFL personal conduct policy; strong safety Michael Boulware, who had two interceptions during last season's playoff run, was bumped to the second team for poor play.

"It was a tough ball game. We battled our hearts out and came up a little short," said Seattle coach Mike Holmgren.

Gonzalez, the Chiefs' Pro Bowl tight end, caught six passes for 116 yards and Kennison had six recep-

tions for 132. Huard, who has played well in place of the injured Trent Green, was 17-for-25 for 312 yards and one TD.

"The groin pull, he admitted, did hurt — at least until the adrenaline kicked in.

"In the back of the mind, you're like, 'Are you really going to pull your groin in practice and not play?'" he said. "I was going to play."

Wallace was 15-for-30 for 198 yards, with three touchdowns and two interceptions.

"Once I relaxed and calmed down, it was just like another game for me," Wallace said. "It has been a while since I've played a full game."

Lawrence Tyne hit two field goals for the Chiefs and Johnson, with a team-record 39 carries, scored on runs of 3, 2 and 3 yards in addition to his 8-yard TD catch.

"I don't know what's going on," said Herndon. "We've got to go back and look at the film and see what's going on."

Manning steers Colts past Broncos

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Maddeningly meticulous and impeccably precise, this was Peyton Manning at his cruel best.

Skewering a Denver defense that was designed specifically to stop him, Manning led the Indianapolis Colts over, around and through the Broncos on Sunday, throwing for 345 yards and three touchdowns to Reggie Wayne for a message-sending 34-31 victory.

"When you play a guy like Peyton Manning, and the guy's going to put it on there on the money, what can you do?" Broncos cornerback Champ Bailey said.

Not much, as the Broncos (5-2) found out repeatedly, watching Manning lead the Colts to scores on seven of their final eight drives — the only miss coming when he knelt on the ball to end the first half.

Manning's final drive set up the winning points on a 37-yard field goal by Adam Vinatieri with 2 seconds left. It made the Colts the first team to go 7-0 in consecutive seasons since the 1929-31 Green Bay Packers did it three straight times.

Manning made a mockery of Denver's cushy zone defense. Wayne dissected it best, catching 10 passes for 138 yards, most of them in front of Broncos cornerback Darent Williams.

It was Williams who Denver picked first in the 2005 draft, a defense-heavy class that was part of an ongoing effort by the Broncos to shore things up after



Indianapolis Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri (4) is mobbed by teammates after he kicked the winning field goal against the Denver Broncos during Sunday's game in Denver.

what the Denver defense had allowed all season. The Broncos were being compared to the best of all time.

Instead, those comparisons seemed more apt for Manning, who went 22-for-39 for 345 yards with a passer rating of 129.2. He wasn't intercepted, wasn't sacked and probably won't even need to send that white Colts uniform to the laundry room.

"He amazes me," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "Just his leadership qualities, and his sense of urgency, the way he reads defenses. He did a heck of a job today."

Manning's counterpart, the much-maligned Jake Plummer, won't have to worry about losing

his job this week. He did a superb job matching Manning, leading a Denver offense that hadn't scored 20 points all season. Plummer went 13-for-21 for 174 yards and a passer rating of 104.1. Rookie running back Mike Bell came off the bench for 136 yards and two scores, both career highs.

But this was one of those games where the team that has the ball last was going to win.

Wayne's third touchdown gave Indy a 31-28 lead with 3:35 left. But when Bell answered immediately with a 48-yard run, it was obvious he might have done it too quickly. Indeed, the Broncos stalled at the Colts 30 with 1:49 to go and had to settle for a tying field goal. And then, it was Indy's game to win.

Manning won't it cruelly and efficiently, working the sidelines and finding every soft spot in the zone the Broncos used, and surprisingly stuck with, even as Indy's yardage piled up.

The two big plays were Manning to Wayne for 14 yards and Manning to Wayne for 9 more — both catches made in front of Williams, who all week acknowledged this game was something of a referendum on his presence in Denver.

Williams didn't make himself available for interviews after the game, Wayne did.

"I am not going to apologize to him," Wayne said. "I'm going to work just like he's going to work. When I'm out there, I just refuse to lose no matter who is on the other side of me. Like I said, my number was called today and he was on me."

IA football playoffs today

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Five area Class 1A football teams will try to extend their seasons tonight in Hansen and Arco. The Ingerman Pirates, Lighthouse Christian Lions and Oakley Hornets, who all tied for second in the Magic Valley Conference, will meet in Hansen at 5 p.m. tonight to duke it out for one playoff spot. The three teams will compete in an Oklahoma-style playoff, and if necessary, a Kansas City-style playoff if things aren't sorted out after two possessions each.

Dietrich, Camas County and North Gem will meet in Arco at 1 p.m. to play for two spots out of the Sawtooth West Conference. The three teams will play the same type of playoff as the Magic Valley Conference teams.

Read Tuesday's Times-News for a complete account of Monday's wild win-or-go-home action.

Stewart rolls to win

By Mike Harris
Associated Press writer

HAMPTON, Ga. — At this point, Tony Stewart is racing only for pride and wins. On Sunday at Atlanta Motor Speedway, he stole the spotlight from the title contenders with a victory that clearly made him proud.

Stewart, who failed to qualify for the 10-race Chase for championship after winning his second Nextel Cup title last season, held off Jimmie Johnson for his fourth victory of the season and second in the first seven races of the 2006 playoffs.

Afterward, he literally grabbed the checkered flag after a somewhat perilous climb up the backstretch in celebration.

"It's better than last year," said Stewart after jumping out of his No. 14 Joe Gibbs Racing Chevrolet. "We were in it 20 years ago and couldn't win any of these, so it's a lot fun."

The runner-up finish was a first five with Johnson, though as he moved within 26 points of series leader Matt Kenseth with three races remaining.

Johnson got off to a slow start in the Chase and was eighth, 156 points behind then-leader Jeff Burton just four weeks ago. But a second-place finish at Charlotte followed by the wins in Martinsville and second place here have put him right back into the mix for a shot at winning the one honor that has escaped him in his first four seasons in NASCAR's top stock car series.

"We got off to a rough start (in the Chase), but we had the speed in the car and now we're getting the results," Johnson said. "It was a fun race. You really had to challenge yourself and scare yourself on every lap."

Chase contenders Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Kenseth shifted it out for third place, with Earnhardt winning the battle by inches.

Earnhardt, who overcame losing a lap with a fat tire early in the race, took the lead when he stayed on track while all the other drivers on the lead lap pitted under caution on lap 306 of the 325-lap race at Atlanta's 1.5-mile oval.

It appeared that Earnhardt, who was running third before the caution, was snookered as Stewart and Johnson waited until the last possible moment to commit to pit lane and Earnhardt wasn't able to react quickly enough to follow.

"I don't think we would've run third if we had gone (in), Earnhardt said. "It wasn't a bad decision in the end."

Two other Chasers had top 10 finishes, with Jeff Gordon sixth and rookie Danny Hamlin eighth. Everyone else in the title chase had a tough day.

Barton wound up 13th, a lap down, after having to pit under green late in the race with a flat tire; Kyle Busch crashed in the early going and wound up 27th; Kevin Harvick had handling problems all day and finished 31st; Mark Martin got caught up in the late crash and wound up 30th; and Casey Kahne, who won at Atlanta in March and was the pre-race favorite, crashed and finished 38th.

That scrambled the Chase standings, with Hamlin moving from fourth to third, 65 points behind Kenseth, and Earnhardt moving into a tie with Burton for fourth, 84 points back.

Harvick slipped from second all the way to sixth, 121 points behind.



Sparks fly as Tony Stewart (20) passes Dale Earnhardt Jr. (8) for the lead of the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Bass Pro Shops 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga., Sunday.

SPORTS

Carry's interception helps Riders past Steelers

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oakland Raiders' Champ Car returned a punt intercepting 100 yards for a touchdown. Nnamdi Asomugha also took back...

an interception by Ben Roethlisberger for a score. The Steelers mounted a late goal-line stand to hold on for a 20-13 victory. Roethlisberger, playing...

a week after being knocked out with a concussion against Atlanta, struggled from the start against the Raiders (2-5). He threw interceptions on...

two of Pittsburgh's first three possessions, but threw again in the fourth quarter when the Steelers (2-5) were driving for a potential tying score.

Falcons 29- Bengals 27 — CINCINNATI — Michael Vick threw three touchdown passes.

repeatedly slipping out of Oakland's grasp, while leading Atlanta. The mercenary quarterback has led the Falcons (5-2) to consecutive wins over the defending Super Bowl champion Steelers and the defending AFC North champion Bengals. Vick has thrown seven touchdown passes in the last two games, showing he's much more than a gamer with a strong arm. Vick went 20-of-28 for 291 yards and led would-be tacklers scattered all over the field while running for another 55 yards.

ons won their first 12. Reuben Greenman rebounded from his worst game to complete 23 of 29 passes for 252 yards and three touchdowns in three quarters.

Packers 31, Cardinals 14

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Altiman Green, who struggled early this season after returning from a torn right quadriceps, scored two first-half touchdowns as Green Bay beat Arizona. Green and backup running back Matt Ryan surpassed the 100-yard rushing mark, and Brett Favre added a rare rushing touchdown as the Packers (3-4) won their first home game since last season's coach Mike McCarthy.

Chargers 38, Rams 24

SAN DIEGO — On a bounce-back Sunday for San Diego, LaDainian Tomlinson and Shawne Merriman had their biggest games since opening night. Tomlinson rushed for a season-high 183 yards and scored three touchdowns to lead the Chargers (5-2). Merriman, trying to avoid a four-game suspension for a positive drug test, played with his usual urgency, tackling Marc Bulger three times. Bulger was 27-of-40 for 327 yards and two touchdowns for the Rams (4-3).

Titans 28, Texans 22

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vince Young ran for a touchdown and threw for another, and the Titans won their consecutive games for the first time since the end of the 2003 season. The Titans (2-5) lost their first home game, wasting backup quarterback Sage Rosenfels' three TD passes in the final 17 minutes. His last pulled them within 22-22 with 1:54 left, and the Texans tried an onside kick.

Ravens 35, Saints 22

NEW ORLEANS — Steve McNair ran for a touchdown and passed for two more as Baltimore ended a two-game losing streak. The Ravens' defense was dominant as well, accounting for two touchbacks on a pair of 12-yard interceptions returns by Louisiana natives Ronnie Brown and Davaun Lawrence. They also knocked Reggie Bush out of the game in the fourth quarter with an injured left ankle, but he later said he expected to play next week in Tampa Bay.

Browns 20, Jets 13

CLEVELAND — A potential one-handed throw by the Browns (4-4) stopped the Jets (2-5) from their fourth straight win in the final minute, as called out of bounds, ending the Browns' a win over the Jets. Trailing 20-13, the Jets (4-4) stopped the Browns (2-5) on three straight running plays and the ball back on a punt with 1:56 left.

Giants 17, Bucs 3

ON fourth-and-4, Chad Pennington threw a back and tucked underneath a blitz from safety Sean Jones before lofting a pass to the near right corner for Baker. The tight end leaped and hauled in 174 total yards and set up a game-winning touchdown in Buccaneers territory. Eli Manning and Phlizco Brown provided the offense as the Giants (5-2) took an out-of-control rout to their fourth straight win. Matt Bryant, who had a game-winning 62-yard field goal last week against Philadelphia, kicked a 43-yarder for the Bucs (2-5), whose two-game winning streak ended.

Jaguars 13, Eagles 6

PHILADELPHIA — Fred Taylor keyed a power-running attack and scored on a 15-yard run, David Carrard was efficient and Jacksonville's (4-3) shut down Donovan McNabb. The Jaguars held the Eagles to 22 total yards — 164 before the last drive. Philadelphia (4-4) came in averaging 200 yards per game, but couldn't generate much, even with the return of dynamic receiver Donté Snider.

Bears 41, 49ers 10

CHICAGO — The unbeaten Bears' quick defense evaded the mistake-prone 49ers and their offense moved with ease. And by halftime, the Bears were up 41-10. Wearing bright orange uniforms, the Bears ran their best start to 7-0 of their best start since the 1985 Super Bowl champ-

Cowboys 35, Panthers 14

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tony Romo waited four years to get his first NFL touchdown, and Julio Jones had the job for some time. Romo rallied Dallas from a 14-point first-quarter deficit, throwing for 270 yards and a touchdown, and Julio Jones rushed for 94 yards and a score as the Cowboys beat the Carolina Panthers 35-14 Sunday. Dallas set a fourth-quarter record with 25 points, starting in place of the benched Drew Bledsoe, slowly led the Cowboys (4-3) back, with poise, using a variety of second looks to a number receivers. Romo completed 24 of 36 passes and had one interception.

National Football League

AFC East: NY Jets 1-4, NY Giants 1-4, Buffalo Bills 1-4, Miami Dolphins 1-4. Week 8 Standings: NY Jets 1-4, NY Giants 1-4, Buffalo Bills 1-4, Miami Dolphins 1-4.

AFC South: Houston Texans 2-2, Tennessee Titans 2-2, Jacksonville Jaguars 2-2, Indianapolis Colts 2-2. Week 8 Standings: Houston Texans 2-2, Tennessee Titans 2-2, Jacksonville Jaguars 2-2, Indianapolis Colts 2-2.

AFC West: Oakland Raiders 2-2, San Diego Chargers 2-2, Kansas City Chiefs 2-2, Denver Broncos 2-2. Week 8 Standings: Oakland Raiders 2-2, San Diego Chargers 2-2, Kansas City Chiefs 2-2, Denver Broncos 2-2.

AFC North: Cincinnati Bengals 2-2, Cleveland Browns 2-2, Pittsburgh Steelers 2-2, Baltimore Ravens 2-2. Week 8 Standings: Cincinnati Bengals 2-2, Cleveland Browns 2-2, Pittsburgh Steelers 2-2, Baltimore Ravens 2-2.

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NFC East: Philadelphia Eagles 2-2, Dallas Cowboys 2-2, New York Giants 2-2, Washington Redskins 2-2. Week 8 Standings: Philadelphia Eagles 2-2, Dallas Cowboys 2-2, New York Giants 2-2, Washington Redskins 2-2.

NFC South: Atlanta Falcons 2-2, Carolina Panthers 2-2, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 2-2, New Orleans Saints 2-2. Week 8 Standings: Atlanta Falcons 2-2, Carolina Panthers 2-2, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 2-2, New Orleans Saints 2-2.

NFC West: Seattle Seahawks 2-2, San Francisco 49ers 2-2, St. Louis Rams 2-2, Arizona Cardinals 2-2. Week 8 Standings: Seattle Seahawks 2-2, San Francisco 49ers 2-2, St. Louis Rams 2-2, Arizona Cardinals 2-2.

NFC North: Detroit Lions 2-2, Green Bay Packers 2-2, Minnesota Vikings 2-2, Chicago Bears 2-2. Week 8 Standings: Detroit Lions 2-2, Green Bay Packers 2-2, Minnesota Vikings 2-2, Chicago Bears 2-2.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Windy and cool under sunny skies. Highs in the 30s to the lower 40s.
 Tonight: Clear skies and cold. Lows in the upper teens and lower 20s.
 Tomorrow: Sunny skies and cool. Highs in the lower 40s.

BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Windy and cool under sunny skies. Highs in the 30s to the lower 40s.
 Tonight: Clear skies and cold. Lows in the upper teens and lower 20s.
 Tomorrow: Sunny skies and cool. Highs in the lower 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Windy and cooler with a low mountain snow flurry possible early in the day. Clear and cold tonight. Fair and cool on Tuesday.

BOISE
 Brisk winds and chilly under sunny to partly sunny skies. Winds diminishing tonight and cold with lows upper teens to the mid 20s.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Brisk winds and colder. A low mountain snow flurry early in the day. Fair and cold on Tuesday.

Mary's Falls 40130
 4418

Twin Falls 32110
 32110

Yesterdays State Extreme: 64 at Salmon. Low: 13 at Stanley.
 weather by the numbers: 10 to 16 may snow to 14. Highest snow in 1000 hours. 10 to 16 may snow to 14. Highest snow in 1000 hours. 10 to 16 may snow to 14. Highest snow in 1000 hours.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today | Tonight | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | |
| Sunny and cool | Clear and cold | Sunny and cool | Partly cloudy | Increasing clouds | A shower possible |
| High 39 | Low 19 | 42 / 19 | 52 / 28 | 59 / 32 | 54 / 33 |

Yesterday's Weather

| City | Hi | Lo | Wind |
|---------------|---------------|----|-------|
| Twin Falls | 25 | 25 | Tracy |
| Coeur d'Alene | 48 | 25 | 27 |
| Arco | 23 | 24 | 0.00 |
| Lowell | 26 | 21 | 0.11 |
| Mesa | not available | | |
| Platteau | 24 | 20 | 0.00 |
| Stanley | 55 | 13 | 0.00 |

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature **Precipitation** **Humidity** **Barometric Pressure** **Sunrise and Sunset** **Pollen Count**

Yesterday's Low: 20 Yesterday's High: 39 Yesterday's Humidity: 75% Yesterday's Pressure: 30.15 Yesterday's Sunrise: 7:10 AM Yesterday's Sunset: 6:32 PM Yesterday's Pollen: 0

Moons Phase
 Today: Waxing Crescent Tomorrow: First Quarter Wednesday: Full Moon Thursday: Waning Gibbous Friday: Last Quarter

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 Low Moderate High

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REGIONAL FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow | Wednesday |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Boise | 42 / 20 | 45 / 26 | 47 / 28 |
| Idaho Falls | 38 / 18 | 41 / 21 | 43 / 23 |
| Shoshone | 35 / 15 | 38 / 18 | 40 / 20 |
| Arco | 32 / 12 | 35 / 15 | 37 / 17 |
| Lowell | 29 / 9 | 32 / 12 | 34 / 14 |
| Mesa | 26 / 6 | 29 / 9 | 31 / 11 |
| Stanley | 23 / 3 | 26 / 6 | 28 / 8 |
| Twin Falls | 20 / 0 | 23 / 3 | 25 / 5 |
| Malheur | 17 / -2 | 20 / 0 | 22 / 2 |
| Wendover | 14 / -5 | 17 / -2 | 19 / 0 |
| Bruneau | 11 / -8 | 14 / -5 | 16 / -3 |
| Hamden | 8 / -11 | 11 / -8 | 13 / -6 |
| Blaine | 5 / -14 | 8 / -11 | 10 / -9 |
| Malheur | 2 / -17 | 5 / -14 | 7 / -12 |
| Wendover | -1 / -20 | 2 / -17 | 4 / -15 |
| Bruneau | -4 / -23 | -1 / -20 | 1 / -18 |
| Hamden | -7 / -26 | -4 / -23 | -2 / -21 |
| Blaine | -10 / -29 | -7 / -26 | -4 / -24 |
| Malheur | -13 / -32 | -10 / -29 | -7 / -27 |
| Wendover | -16 / -35 | -13 / -32 | -10 / -30 |
| Bruneau | -19 / -38 | -16 / -35 | -13 / -33 |
| Hamden | -22 / -41 | -19 / -38 | -16 / -36 |
| Blaine | -25 / -44 | -22 / -41 | -19 / -39 |
| Malheur | -28 / -47 | -25 / -44 | -22 / -42 |
| Wendover | -31 / -50 | -28 / -47 | -25 / -45 |
| Bruneau | -34 / -53 | -31 / -50 | -28 / -48 |
| Hamden | -37 / -56 | -34 / -53 | -31 / -51 |
| Blaine | -40 / -59 | -37 / -56 | -34 / -54 |
| Malheur | -43 / -62 | -40 / -59 | -37 / -57 |
| Wendover | -46 / -65 | -43 / -62 | -40 / -60 |
| Bruneau | -49 / -68 | -46 / -65 | -43 / -63 |
| Hamden | -52 / -71 | -49 / -68 | -46 / -66 |
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Strong typhoon makes landfall as Philippines braces for disaster

By Paul Alexander
Associated Press writer

MANILA, Philippines — Typhoon Cimaron blasted roofs off homes as it made landfall late Sunday in the northern Philippines, with officials saying it may be one of the most powerful storms to ever hit the country. The president called for prayers, and hospitals and troops prepared for the worst.

With winds gusting up to 143 mph, Cimaron — named after a Philippine wild ox —

roared across an impoverished mountainous area home to some 1.7 million people.

"This is probably one of the strongest typhoons ever to hit the country," Health Secretary Francisco Duqueso said at a news conference aired on Manila radio stations. "We need to be very careful and we need to instruct our people to make sure that all necessary precautions are being taken."

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo ordered schools and government offices closed in the affected area and sus-

pended bus services in the region.

"Let us pray," she said in a national radio address. Although the storm did not appear to be drenching the mountainous area as badly as feared, rising rivers made some bridges impassable. Officials said water would be released from two major dams to prevent them from overflowing.

Hours before Cimaron made landfall, Isabela province was placed under the highest of a four-step warning

system to advise residents to abandon vulnerable coasts and mountains.

"The wind is really blowing strong. Trees are swaying and I can hear tin roof sheets banging about. Large areas are without light. We're expecting the worst," Armand Armeta, a provincial Office of Civil Defense officer, told The Associated Press by phone from Isabela.

Arroyo, who is visiting China, urged authorities and residents in four northern provinces to brace for the

worst from the 16th typhoon to hit the country this year.

"I appeal to you not to venture out," Arroyo said in her radio address.

The typhoon threatened commemorations for All Saints' Day on Wednesday, a public holiday when millions travel to cemeteries to remember their dead, some leaving days in advance for outlying provinces. Officials warned people to cancel trips to threatened areas.

"We know in our culture that we should visit our dead,

but this is not an ordinary typhoon. It's a super typhoon,"

a government official, Graciano Yumul, warned. Forecasters said the storm was expected to weaken while bringing good rain, but still should maintain a typhoon strength as it emerges into the South China Sea.

The last time a typhoon this strong struck the Philippines was in December 2004, although in that case, the storm was deflected by a mountain range and casualties were minimal.

Brazil's Lula re-elected in landslide

By Monte Reel
The Washington Post

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Brazilians cast a vote of confidence for President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Sunday, granting a landslide victory to the former union leader whose first term was marked by a significant reduction of poverty and by corruption scandals that implicated some of his closest aides.

With 94 percent of ballots counted, Lula had received about 60 percent of the vote, outpacing former Sao Paulo state Gov. Geraldo Alckmin by more than 20 points.

During the campaign, Lula promoted himself as the champion of the country's poor, touting a 19 percent increase in poverty, minimum wage increases and millions of new jobs. But he also had to defend himself from several corruption allegations, the latest of which surfaced shortly before a first round of balloting, four weeks ago in which Lula narrowly failed to win an outright majority.

That scandal, which alleged Lula's campaign staff paid almost \$800,000 for incriminating information about his opponents, quelled in the weeks between the two rounds of voting, with Lula promising to investigate the incident and punish anyone found guilty.

Lula, 61, grew up in poverty, dropping out of school in the fifth grade and working as a shoeshine boy, peaking as a shoemaker and lathe operator. During Brazil's military dictatorship in the 1970s and 1980s, he became a union leader and a prominent voice of opposition. He was elected president in 2002, becoming by-the-bootsprings symbol of success in a country where two-thirds of the population lives on less than \$500 per month.

Observers say Serbs approve constitution

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Serbian voters have approved a new constitution asserting Serbia's claim over the breakaway Kosovo province, independent observers and Serbia's prime minister said Sunday.

The Belgrade-based Center for Free Elections and Democracy said their sample count after polls closed in the two-day vote indicated that 96 percent of those who participated in the referendum supported the draft charter.

At least 50 percent of the country's 6.6 million voters had to participate for the results to be valid and the group estimated turnout at 53.3 percent.

The final result is expected on Monday.

Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica congratulated the country on its new constitution.

"This is a great moment for Serbia," Kostunica told Serbian television. "This is a historic moment, a beginning of a new era for Serbia."

Showdown in Oaxaca



Mexican federal police armed with water cannons push back protesters as they enter Oaxaca, Mexico, on Sunday. Federal police with assault rifles and riot shields advanced into Oaxaca, pushing past barricades of burning tires and tree trunks in this normally picturesque tourist destination wracked by five months of protests and violence.

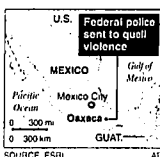
Federal authorities storm embattled Mexican city, face resistance

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press writer

OAXACA, Mexico — Federal police armed with assault rifles and riot shields stormed this normally picturesque tourist destination Sunday, bypassing barricades and touching off fierce street battles as they tried to end five months of protests and violence.

Officers in black helmets entered the city from several sides, reinforced by armored vehicles, trucks mounted with high-pressure water cannons and bulldozers. Helicopters roared overhead.

Police marched up to a metal barrier blocking the historic city center, which has served as home base for the protests since late May — but pulled back as protesters armed with poles and sticks attacked them from behind, hurling burning tires.



Protesters could be seen reading Molotov cocktails and other homemade bombs, but had yet to use them against police, who fired tear gas canisters. The area filled with black smoke from burning cars. Some protesters used syringes to pierce their arms and legs, then paint signs depicting the police in blood.

"I think their strategy isn't working," said protest organizer Hugo Pacheco, leading a group against a column of police holding a position three blocks from the city center. "I

don't think this has worked for them because the people, we, the people, are right."

What began in late May as a teacher's strike in this colonial southern Mexican city of some 275,000 people spiraled into chaos after local police tried to crack the central plaza the following month. Since then, anarchists, students and Indian groups demanded the ouster of Oaxaca state Gov. Ulises Ruiz.

Police and state authorities — often in plainclothes — have shot at protesters, setting off clashes in which at least eight demonstrators have died since August.

Protesters accuse Ruiz of rigging his 2004 election and using thugs to kill or intimidate political opponents. They say they will not stop their protest without his resignation.

President Vicente Fox, who leaves office Dec. 1, resisted

months of repeated calls to send federal forces to Oaxaca until Saturday, a day after gunfire killed a U.S. activist-journalist and two residents.

Fearing further violence, the president had hoped to negotiate a peaceful end to the Oaxaca unrest. But his top Cabinet member, Interior Secretary Carlos Abascal, overruled weeks of largely talks that failed to end the standoff.

Normally a beautiful site, Oaxaca's main plaza of historic arched buildings and towering shade trees is now covered with graffiti. Protesters have set up a group of tents that serve as their base of operations.

Before the police closed in on the plaza — which they have not taken back from the protesters — they had to climb over burned-out vehicles and move past hijacked tractor-trailers, buses and sand bags blocking streets.

Nigerian plane crashes with 104 aboard; nearly all feared dead

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — A Nigerian airliner with 104 people on board slammed into the ground moments after takeoff on Sunday — the third deadly crash of a passenger plane in less than a year in this West African nation known for its notoriously unsafe air industry. Six people survived, and the rest were believed dead.

Among those killed was the man regarded as the spiritual leader of Nigeria's Muslims, and thousands of people gathered at a regional airport to receive his body.

The Boeing 737 crashed one minute after taking off from Abuja airport, said Sam Adurogbeye, an Aviation Ministry spokesman. President Olusegun Obasanjo ordered an immediate investigation into the cause of the crash, his spokesman Remi Oyo said. Rescue workers found debris from the smashed plane, body parts and luggage strewn over an area the size of a football field. The plane went down

inside the sprawling airport compound about two miles from the runway. Smoke rose from the aircraft's mangled and smoldering fuselage, its tail hung from a tree.

Emergency workers pulled blackened corpses from the wreckage, then covered the bodies with white sheets and hauled them away in stretchers. An Associated Press reporter counted at least 50 cadavers, though other bodies had been transported earlier to local morgues.

Through the day, airport security officials kept back anxious people seeking information about friends or loved ones. Adurogbeye said 104 passengers and crew had been aboard the doomed flight, and he knew of six survivors who had been taken to a hospital. "Obviously the rest are feared dead," he said.

The plane was bound for the nearest city of Sokoto, about 500 miles northwest of Abuja, state radio said.



The wreckage of a Nigerian airliner carrying 104 people lies in a field in Abuja, Nigeria, Sunday after crashing in a storm during take-off.

Suspected Sunni Arab gunmen kill 23 policemen

By Steven R. Hurst
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Suspected Sunni Arab gunmen killed 23 policemen Sunday, including 17 in one attack in the predominantly Shiite southern city of Basra, signaling the possible start of an intensified insurgent campaign against Iraq's predominantly Shiite Muslim security forces.

Political tension deepened in Baghdad when Vice President Tariq al-Hashemi, the country's highest-ranking Sunni politician, threatened to resign if Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki did not act quickly to eradicate two feared Shiite militias.

Al-Maliki, a Shiite, depends heavily on the backing of the two Shiite political parties that run the militias and has resisted American pressure to eradicate the private armies — the Mahdi Army of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and the Badr Brigade, the military wing of Iraq's biggest Shiite political bloc, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

Shiite gunmen, especially those of the Mahdi Army, are deeply involved in the sectarian killings that have paralyzed Baghdad and central Iraq for months.

Police have been targeted throughout the insurgency in an effort to destabilize the U.S.-supported government, but the number of attacks Sunday was a sharp step-up in attacks aimed at security services.

The surge in violence also comes amid U.S. efforts to bring Sunni insurgents into a reconciliation process and a public squabble with al-Maliki over a timeline for crushing the Shiite militias and moving forward with measures to soothe the disaffected Sunni militia.

Thirty-three people in all were slain across Iraq on Sunday in a second day of rising violence that ended a five-day lull in attacks after the end of "Ashura," holy month of Ramadan.

Officials also found 24 bodies, some of them decapitated, the latest victims of sectarian reprisal killings that have soured Shiite Sunni relations. A Shiite shrine in Samarra, north of the capital, Feb. 22.

Until that attack, the Sunni Arab insurgency was responsible for nearly all the violence in Iraq, but in attacks against American troops and the use of huge bombs aimed at Shiite civilians.

Since Shiite militias and roaming death squads joined the fight, thousands of Iraqis have been tortured and killed on both sides of the sectarian divide, taking Baghdad and other mixed Shiite-Sunni regions in the center of the country to the brink of civil war.

In the southern city of Basra on Sunday, gunmen dragged 15 policemen and two translators — instructors at the police academy — off a bus at the edge of town. Their bodies were found dumped throughout the city beginning about four hours later.

Fourteen of the victims were Shiite, three were Sunni. Shiites are about 60 percent of the population in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city.

NATION

Audit finds U.S. weapons are missing

By John Heiring
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Nearly one of every 25 weapons the military bought for Iraqi security forces is missing, a government audit said Sunday. Many of the weapons cannot be repaired because parts or technical manuals are lacking.

A second report found "significant challenges remain that could put at risk" the U.S. military's strategy of strengthening Iraqi security forces by transferring U.S. weapons operations to the Iraqi ministry by the end of 2006.

The second report concerned the "Iraqi Reconstruction program, in which U.S. government experts help Iraqis develop regional governmental

institutions. "The unstable security environment in Iraq touches every aspect of the PRT program," the report said.

The Pentagon cannot account for 14,000 weapons — almost 4 percent of the semi-automatic pistols, assault rifles, machine guns, rocket-propelled grenade launchers and other weapons it began supplying to Iraq since the end of 2003, according to a report from the office of the special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction.

The missing weapons will not be tracked easily: The Defense Department registered only about 10,000 of the 370,251 weapons it provided — less than 3 percent.

The Pentagon spent \$133

million on the weapons, and "the capacity of the Iraqi government to provide national security and public order is partly contingent on arming the Iraqi security forces, under the ministries of defense and interior," the report notes.

Military officials insisted the weapons either had to be new or never issued to a previous soldier.

By December, the U.S. military had planned to put those weapons in the hands of 325,500 personnel.

Missing from the Defense Department's inventory books were 13,180 semi-automatic pistols, 71 assault rifles and 99 machine guns, according to an audit reported by Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Senate Armed Services

Committee.

The audit does not make clear at what point the weapons were lost. But it notes that "there could have been undetected losses" before weapons were ever issued to Iraqi security forces — who also lack many needed spare parts, technical repair manuals and arms maintenance personnel.

The second audit, on logistics capabilities, said there is a "significant risk" that the Iraqi interior ministry "will not be capable of assuming and sustaining logistic support for the Iraqi local and national police forces in the near term."

The report includes equipment maintenance, transportation of people and gear and health resources for soldiers.

Army Col. Brian Baldy, chief of staff for the Defense Department operation in Baghdad training Iraqi forces, told auditors he agreed with most of the report's recommendations to improve weapons accountability. The report calls on the U.S. military to create accurate weapons inventories, fill maintenance positions and tell how to get spare parts.

But he said one recommendation for registering all the weapons' serial numbers was "unattainable" because some of them are foreign-owned.

The audit said the military's inventory books also included some weapons that had been donated, captured from enemies or bought with other

funds.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Moore of the Marine Corps said he agreed with the logistics audit recommendations, but that the U.S. military create a plan to train Iraqi police and examine how well Iraqi agencies' budgets support the supply chain and help for specialists with other training such as doctors, nurses, medics and mechanics.

The report on Provincial Reconstruction Teams said that, because of security issues, they "have varying degrees of ability to carry out their missions." Auditors reviewed nine teams and four satellite offices and found "7 were generally able, 4 were somewhat able, 2 were less able, and 2 were generally unable" to accomplish their goals.

St. Louis tops list of dangerous cities

By Christopher Leonard
Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — Just days after St. Louis Cardinals won the pennant in Major League Baseball, their hometown city ranked first place on a list of 25 cities to lead the most dangerous cities in the United States.

Midwestern city has long been in the upper tiers of the annual ranking of the nation's most and most dangerous cities, as compiled by Morgan Quinno Press. Violent crime spiked nearly 20 percent there last year when the rate of such crimes rose much faster in the Midwest than in the rest of the nation, according to FBI figures released in June.

The ranking being released Monday came as the city was still celebrating Friday's World Series victory at the new Busch Stadium. St. Louis has been spending millions of dollars on urban renewal even as the crime rate climbs.

Mayor Francis Slay did not return calls seeking comment Sunday.

Scott Morgan, president of Morgan Quinno Press, a private research and publishing company specializing in state and city reference books, said he was not surprised to see St. Louis top the list, "since it has been among the 10 most dangerous cities for years."

Morgan said the study looks at crime only within St. Louis city limits, with a population of about 300,000. It does not take into account the suburbs in St. Louis County, which has roughly 800,000 residents.

The safest city in 2005 was Brick, N.J., population about 20,000, followed by Amherst, N.Y., and Mission Viejo, Calif. The second most dangerous city was Detroit, followed by Flint, Mich., and Compton, Calif.

The national FBI figures released in June showed the murder rate in St. Louis jumped 15 percent in 2005, compared with 4.9 percent nationally.

While crime increased in all regions last year, the 3.7 percent rise in the 12 Midwestern states was at least three times higher than any other region, according to the FBI.

Visiting St. Louis on Thursday.

Most and least dangerous cities

A list of the most and least dangerous cities overall, as compiled by Morgan Quinno Press, which bases the rankings on FBI figures released in June.

- MOST DANGEROUS 25**
1. St. Louis
 2. Detroit
 3. Flint, Mich.
 4. Compton, Calif.
 5. Camden, N.J.
 6. Birmingham, Ala.
 7. Cleveland
 8. Oakland, Calif.
 9. Youngstown, Ohio
 10. Gary, Ind.
 11. Richmond, Calif.
 12. Baltimore
 13. Memphis, Tenn.
 14. Trenton, N.J.
 15. Richmond, Va.
 16. Kansas City, Mo.
 17. Atlanta
 18. Cincinnati
 19. Washington
 20. North Charleston, S.C.
 21. Reading, Pa.
 22. Newark, N.J.
 23. Little Rock, Ark.
 24. San Bernardino, Calif.
 25. Orlando, Fla.

- SAFEST 25**
1. Brick, N.J.
 2. Amherst, N.Y.
 3. Mission Viejo, Calif.
 4. Newton, Mass.
 5. Troy, Mich.
 6. Colonie, N.Y.
 7. Irvine, Calif.
 8. Cary, N.C.
 9. Greer, N.Y.
 10. Coral Springs, Fla.
 11. Thousand Oaks, Calif.
 12. Orem, Utah
 13. Round Rock, Texas
 14. Dover, N.J.
 15. Lake Forest, Calif.
 16. Sterling Heights, Mich.
 17. Sierra Valley, Calif.
 18. Roswell, Ga.
 19. Lee's Summit, Mo.
 20. Broken Arrow, Okla.
 21. Chino Hills, Calif.
 22. Gilbert, Ariz.
 23. Edison, N.J.
 24. Cranston, R.I.
 25. Port St. Lucie, Fla.

FBI director Robert Mueller said it was too early to tally how many types of crime were rising faster in the Midwest.

Mueller said the FBI is working hard to form partnerships with police departments to launch programs like St. Louis' Safe Streets task force, which focuses police efforts on problematic neighborhoods.

Pollution case lands in high court

Government switch to firm's side gets aired

By Pete Vost
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — When the Bush administration lost an important air pollution case before an appeals court last year, it did an interesting about-face and sided with the electric power company that won.

Unfortunately for the administration, environmental groups persuaded the Supreme Court to take up the case over the objections of the government.

Now the administration's switch is being aired at the court in politically painful detail in the case of Environmental Defense v. Duke Energy Corp.

Arguments before the justices are scheduled for Wednesday and the government will be back where it started, siding against the power company to be consistent with its position in the lower courts.

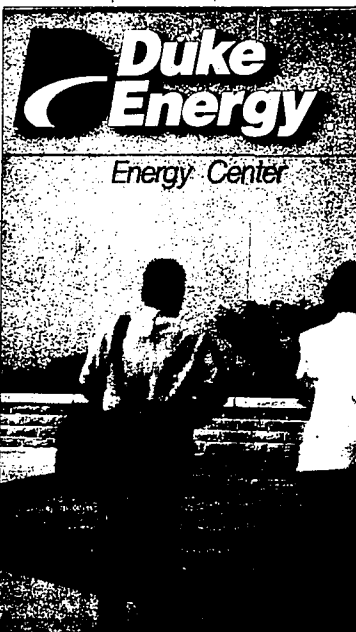
Vickie Patton, a lawyer for Environmental Defense, says it is only the second time in 35 years the high court has agreed to review a case exclusively at the request of environmental groups and over the objections of the government.

The lawsuit against Duke, based in Charlotte, N.C., is one of more than a dozen such actions against utility companies during the Clinton administration.

The "New Source Review" enforcement program is aimed at reducing air pollution from emissions of nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide that contribute to smog and acid rain. Retrofitting aging coal-fired plants with the latest pollution-control equipment is one of the program's goals.

When President Bush took office, his administration pursued the Clinton-era lawsuit but decided not to file any major new ones. When the Duke energy case reached the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the utility company won.

A few months after the Duke



People walk into the Duke Energy headquarters in Charlotte, N.C., on Tuesday, May 2, 2006. Over objections of the U.S. government and after persuasion by environmental groups, the U.S. Supreme Court will take up the Environmental Defense v. Duke Energy Corp. case; arguments are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006, as lawyers for Duke, environmental groups and the U.S. government will argue about applying an Environmental Protection Agency pollution control program to coal-fired power plants.

court victory, the Bush administration proposed an industry-friendly rule that is along the lines of what Duke and other utilities always have wanted.

Duke is highlighting the proposal from the Environmental Protection Agency in the energy company's briefs to the Supreme Court.

The proposal would address a central issue in the Duke case — how power plant emissions are measured.

Instead of measuring the annual totals as the government always has said, the current rules call for the administration now wants to measure pollution emissions by the hour. That change is fine with Duke and other companies

whose plants have been upgraded to operate longer each day.

The October 2005 proposal sharply criticizes the current program that the government will defend in court on Wednesday. The EPA said that program has "impeded or resulted in the cancellation of power plant projects that would have improved the reliability, efficiency or safety of existing energy capacity."

The "approach we have been taking leads to outcomes that have not advanced the central policy" of the program, the EPA proposal states.

Duke's lawyers, in court papers, quoted the EPA's criticism of the current program, "in effect throwing the government's words back in its face."

When environmentalists asked the Supreme Court to hear the case, the administration cited the EPA proposal as a reason the court should not hear it.

"Far from indicating that this court's review is necessary, the fact that EPA has proposed new regulations indicates that the agency believes it can address any difficulties caused by the court of appeals decision through rulemaking and obviates any need for further review," the government told the justices last March.

The court decided to take the case anyway. The administration now has switched positions again, filing papers strongly supporting the current program and opposing Duke, as it had previously.

Paroled sex offenders face restrictions on Halloween

By Travis Lollar
Associated Press writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sex offenders on probation or parole in Tennessee are banned from Halloween costume parties this year and aren't even allowed to put up decorations like jack-o-lanterns that might attract youngsters.

The new state guidelines are meant to clarify policies that prevent offenders from interacting with children, said Board of Probation and Parole spokesman Jack Elder, and were not enacted in response to any specific problems the board has seen during the Halloween season.

Tennessee isn't the only state keeping close watch on sex

offenders during Halloween. New York issued similar Halloween restrictions for sex offenders this year and imposes a 3 p.m. to 6 a.m. Halloween curfew on them. Sex offenders in Lima, Ohio, and Gaston County, N.C., were ordered to attend meetings with authorities that coincide with the prime hours for trick-or-treating.

Maryland has even told sex offenders on parole or probation to keep their porch lights turned off Tuesday night. In addition, Baltimore County will pay about 20 plainclothes officers overtime to work the streets and look for sex offenders who have contact with children other than their own, said county police Cpt. Michael Hill.

Monster party ends in only a few arrests

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press Writer

MADISON, Wis. — The crowd was a lot smaller, but so were the problems, as an annual Halloween party that ended without violence or the use of pepper spray as it had in recent years.

Police recorded fewer arrests among the estimated 35,000 costumed revelers, less than half the 80,000 that jammed the party last year. About 250 people were arrested from Friday night through Sunday morning, compared with 566 last year, Sgt. Richard Scanlon said.

Most of the arrests were for alcohol-related offenses, he said. But one person was arrested for felony assault of a woman. Another officer was treated and released for a broken wrist suffered in a fall while pursuing a suspect.

Overall, though, the crowd was well-behaved and Mayor Dave Cieslewicz and Police



People migrate to the Lake Street entrance to State Street for the annual Halloween Party in Madison, Wis., on Saturday. An estimated 35,000 costumed revelers attended the annual bash.

Chief Noble Wray called Saturday night a success.

"We met all three of my goals for this year," Cieslewicz said. "We did not have to use pepper spray or have our police in riot gear. We reduced the amount of over-consumption of alcohol. And we recovered a significant part of the costs."

This year marked major changes in the event. In an attempt to avoid mayhem, city officials charged \$5 admission, blocked off the street, hired bands to play on

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 ♠ K 10 8 3
 ♥ 7 6 2
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ A 8 7

WEST
 ♠ 6
 ♥ Q J 10 3
 ♦ 10 8 5 2
 ♣ K J 4

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

SOUTH
 ♠ A Q J 7 2
 ♥ A K 7
 ♦ 9
 ♣ 10 5 3

Vulnerable: East-West
 Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
 1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
 4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Heart queen

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ K 7 4 2
 ♥ A J 9
 ♦ 10 4
 ♣ A K 6 5

South West North East
 Dbl. 3♦ 3♠ 1♦
 Dbl. All pass

ANSWER: Lead a trump. This contract is surely not going to make unless declarer can score a large number of tricks on a cross-ruff. So lead a trump now and lead another trump when you regain the lead, cutting down on potential crossruffs.

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Do you need a multivitamin?

If you eat a healthy diet, do you need to take a multivitamin? Many experts say "no," but today there's good evidence that taking a multivitamin may be a safe, easy, inexpensive way to complement healthy eating.

We are not talking about megadose supplements which can actually overcome good intentions and produce harmful effects in some people. Here's what you need to know, in short:

"Taking a vitamin supplement is, of course, not a replacement for healthy eating," advises Dr. Walter Willett. "No pill could give you the vast array of healthful nutrients and natural chemicals found in food — or the combination of those nutrients that work in synergy to keep you healthy."

Because relatively few U.S. adults get the recommended daily intake of key vitamins — the three B's (folate, B6 and B12) and vitamin D — by diet alone, use of a multivitamin supplement may be increasingly important to some people:

- Women who are trying to conceive and those who are in the first trimester of pregnancy should take a daily multivitamin with 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid. Folate reduces the risk of birth defects.

- People over age 50 should take a B12 supplement or a multivitamin containing at least the recommended daily allowance (RDA). Many "recycled teenagers" have difficulty absorbing vitamin B12 from unfortified foods because the stomach produces less acid to digest food as we age.

Symptoms of B12 deficiency include memory loss, disorientation, hallucinations and tingling in the arms and legs. Some people diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's disease are actually suffering from vitamin B12 deficiency which can be easily rectified with a supplement.

- The odds are that most adults in our area don't get enough vitamin D, particularly in the winter when we don't, or can't, get outside for at least a 15-minute daily walk in the sun. That's the time when the "big D" forms from the action of sunlight on the skin.

Vitamin D helps ensure that the body absorbs and retains calcium and phosphorus for building bone. Insufficient intake of vitamin D increases risk of fracture. And, according to new studies, adequate amounts may decrease risk of some cancers.

Very few foods naturally contain vitamin D, so good sources include fortified dairy products and breakfast cereals and fatty fish like tuna and salmon. For most people, the most convenient way to get the recommended daily intake — 5 mcg up to age 50, 10 mcg for ages 51-70, 15 mcg after age 70 — is a supplement.

The bottom line

- To maximize the health-enhancing potential of a variety of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, many of which have not been identified yet, eat a healthy diet. Cover two-thirds of your plate with vegetables, fruit, whole grains and beans and one-third with lean protein.
- Make a multivitamin part of your daily diet. It can be duped by fancy labels, celebrity endorsements or megadose claims based on too little data when you're selecting a supplement. An RDA-level multivitamin, including store brands, is a suitable choice. Although these levels are changing as more research evolves. For about a dime a day, you can benefit from the least expensive insurance you can buy for the days when diet isn't quite enough.

Health educator Jan Mitteldeier is coordinator of the Over 60 and Getting Fit Program at the College of Southern Idaho. For more information than this space can provide, check out "Eat, Drink and Weigh Less" by Katzen and Willett.

Stuck on Halloween



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Seeking costume fame using the Handyman's Secret Weapon

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

How to enter

TWIN FALLS — How tough can it be to create an award-winning Halloween costume using duct tape?

It is, after all, the Handyman's Secret Weapon (according to TV's do-it-yourself home wrecker Red Green), with a dazzling variety of uses. The creative application of duct tape has even spawned a new verb, "MacGyvered," after the 1985-92 ABC action/adventure series about a secret agent who does a lot with a little.

"(Couldn't you start your car this morning?)
"(No, but I MacGyvered a set of jumper cables using duct tape and a turkey baster.)"

I made the round of costume shops and talked with the folks who work on costumes with local community theater companies. They all use duct tape. (How the hell do you think we keep the sets together), but no one could give me a really good original idea for a stand-alone Duct Tube.

So I improvised, stealing an obvious idea — Imhotep, from the 1932 classic movie "The Mummy" — only wrapped in duct tape in a variety of hues (Duck Tape sells nine colors, and 3M almost as many).
"Still, my Rainbow Mummy had to be authentic, so I read everything I could find about the makeup man who worked on the 1932 movie, which starred Boris Karloff. Jack Pierce had also done "Dracula" and "Frankenstein," so when it came time to wrap up Karloff he was the undisputed master of the gauze.

I did some research and found that Pierce would start working on Karloff

at 11 a.m. each day. He'd pin back the actor's ears, dampen his face and cover every facial area — including eyelids — with thin cotton strips. Colloidin — a highly combustible compound that used to be used for dressing and sealing wounds — covered the cotton; an electric drying machine preserved the desired wrinkles.

At 1 p.m., Pierce smeared Karloff's hair back with beauty clay and, as the clay hardened, he carved cracks in it. At 2, he began covering the actor's face with makeup paint. At 5 in the afternoon — six hours into the procedure — the makeup artist wrapped 150



Some other duct tape costume ideas ...

- **Duct tape man.** Use duct tape to fashion a mask and cape; cover an old pair of tights — or long Johns — with duct tape for the pants; and make a big duct tape "D" on the front of your shirt.
- **Duct tape over your down ski jacket** and go as a baked potato. Don't forget the dollop of sour cream on your head — created, of course, with white duct tape.
- **Black pants** and a black turtleneck with white duct tape — bones! — make a quick and easy skeleton costume.
- **Duct tape mirrors** all over yourself. You will look either like The Invisible Man — or like everyone else at the party.
- **Cover yourself** with silver duct tape and hang a \$20 bill out of your mouth. Presto! You've become the human ATM.

Source: Octane Creative

yards of decayed-looking linen around Karloff, then added a dusting of Fuller's earth, which is an absorbent clay used for removing grease from fabrics. By 7 p.m., the ordeal complete, Pierce walked his crumbling creation to the soundstage, where Karloff took his place in a sarcophagus. The shooting of the scene lasted until 2 a.m.

I don't have that kind of patience so, I went online and looked for all the images of Imhotep I could find, using the Google Image search engine, and copied shamelessly.

I started with a black sweat shirt, sweat pants and stocking cap — navy blue will do just as well — and applied successive colors of duct tape until all

of the fabric surfaces were covered. Then I smeared some scary looking green makeup that I'd purchased at Fred Meyer on my face.

Total cost: About \$40 for seven rolls of duct tape in seven colors, plus a buck and a half for the makeup.

The whole process took about an hour — to get into.

Getting out of the costume was a different story. I finally managed it myself, but next time I'm recruiting someone to stand by with a pair of scissors.

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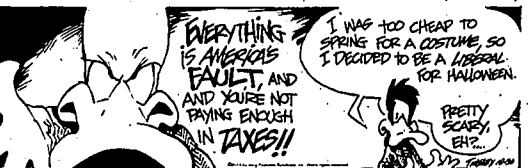
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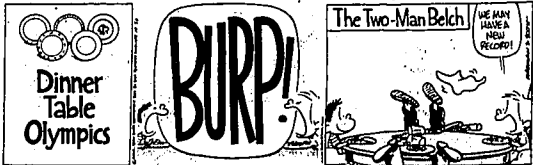
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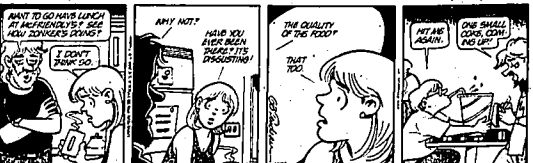
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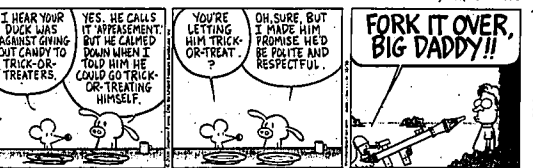
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Pisces: Make an amazing impression

IF OCT. 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your attractiveness and universal appeal reach a peak early this year. Your home life should be quiet and nurturing, and that will help balance the overall busy and energetic nature of the year. If you are single, you can expect the unexpected — dates will be fun. You may have a hard time to hold onto anger without being aware of it, so check in with yourself from time to time if your patience seems short.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Forge alliances of mutual support and interest — you may even be able to woo and win over a competitor. Keep your eye on the ball and don't let yourself be sidetracked into unproductive avenues for the next few days.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Family concerns are beginning to resolve, and things probably look worse than they really are on the inside. Handle the continuing limelight with equanimity and hold yourself to the highest standards.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you seem to be torn by conflicting ideas today, delay a decision until things are clear. Don't let yourself be manipulated by others now, as it would be easy to be caught in the middle of

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something you want no part of.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are benevolent, calm, generous and creative today. Take some care however, not to get carried away with any impracticable schemes. You may need to expend some effort to keep others happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You continue to be, especially admissible and all eyes are on you. Romance could easily bloom now. A big expenditure could be tempting, but think it through carefully before making a commitment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your fair and balanced perspective is a valuable asset today. If temporary difficulties with friends or group associations crop up, take a breather.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Relationships could still be a bit out of balance today, but things should improve tomorrow or Wednesday. In any case, a calmer, quieter time is beginning to take hold, and you should get a welcome respite.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If intense emotions flood you today, just relax and let them

pass without taking excessive action. Avoid saying something hurtful that you may later regret when you're feeling more chipper.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are still mentally active, so any kind of intellectual work or problem solving should be a piece of cake for you today. Any moment-making inspirations that come along could have real potential.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You sometimes-stern visage is brightened by an inner spotlight and all eyes are on charm for a few days. It's a great opportunity to 'wow 'em and show 'em that a person can be competent and adorable at the same time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Ideas could just fly into the window now, and you might wonder where they came from. Don't be afraid to run with one of these thoughts if it looks like it has serious potential. You could discover something new and wonderful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Today again your magnetic presence is a force to be reckoned with. Go ahead and make an amazing impression, but stick with the absolute truth no matter what you don't need to embroider anything.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



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The Born Loser

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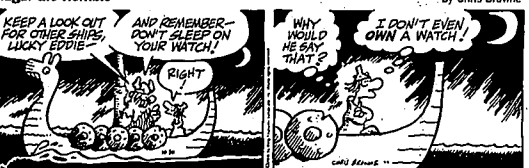
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By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Trouble-making mama not welcome in daughter's home



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 39, a mother of three, and my husband and I have been married 16 years. I'm an only child. Daddy passed away 10 years ago.

Now my mother, who is 74 but in good health (according to her doctor, whom I talk to regularly), insists that she "must" come and live with me. My husband has made it clear that she's not welcome. Mama has caused untold trouble with virtually every family member over the span of her lifetime, and is cruel and verbally abusive. Her presence in our home would not be positive for our children because she is critical, demanding and impossible to please. I talk to her daily (we live seven hours apart), and every day she tells me how "mean" I am because I won't allow her to come and live with us.

Abby, I am currently working on my MBA. I would not be where I am without the love and support of my husband and three children. I cannot ask them to bear the burden of my mother, but her constant nagging is making me physically ill. What do I do? I would deeply appreciate and respect your advice.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl, and for almost three months I have been e-mailing a 16-year-old boy I'll call Derek. Derek tells me how much he likes me and how much he would love to date me. I feel the same way, but when I talked to my parents about it, they did not approve. The reason is Derek's sexual past. He was having sex with his last relationship, which lasted a little over a year. My parents

are concerned that he will expect that from me. I explained to Derek that if we were to date, I would not go that far. He respected that and promised that he would never force me to do anything I wasn't comfortable with. I explained this to my parents, but they still don't trust him. What can I do to show them I'm trustworthy enough to date an older guy and I can make good decisions for myself?

—NOT A CHILD IN CASCADE MONT.

DEAR NOT A CHILD: Your parents know you are not a child, and their concern is not that you are untrustworthy. They are concerned about Derek's trustworthiness, and whether he is mature enough to make the right decisions regarding his relationship with you in light of the fact that he was having sex with his former girlfriend for more than a year. Although it is nice that Derek wouldn't force you to do anything you weren't comfortable with -- which could be regarded as rape, by the way -- you should ask yourself if you would both be ready to deal with the consequences if you did "get comfortable." At 14, you might be ready to socialize as part of a group, but not one-on-one. And one way to earn your parents' trust is to put some trust in their decisions.

ES. Daily phone calls seem excessive. You will feel better if you do not talk to your mother as often as you have been.

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—TORN APART IN TENNESSEE

DEAR TORN APART: For the sake of your family, do not allow yourself to be gulled into letting your mother move

The leader of a slave rebellion was arrested on this day in 1831

This day in history: On Oct. 30, 1831, escaped slave Nat Turner was arrested after leading the bloodiest slave rebellion in United States history, in which 55 Virginian slaveholders and their families were beaten, stabbed and hacked to death. After that, Virginia authorities banned public criticism of the slave system on the grounds that it might encourage more revolts.

enjoyed the ghoulish table ornament for five decades until Queen Victoria found

out. Not amused, she confiscated the backbone and returned it to its coffin.

Words to recall as an election looms: "Often the surest way to convey misinformation is to tell the strict truth," Mark Twain said that.

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Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

Do you worry that you won't be able to retire as you have planned?

Don't think life could happen on the other planets in our solar system? Bacteria has been found living 2 miles deep in a South African gold mine, having thrived in dark isolation for millions of years. Other microbes have been found living in the ice caps and boiling geysers of Yellowstone. Mars seems tame in comparison.

If you answered "yes" to this question, your current investment course may not correspond accurately with your current personal circumstances. One way to determine this is to have a complete and objective analysis done on your portfolio. A financial second opinion can help you feel more in control of your situation or help reassure you that you're still on the right course to pursue your goals.

Those shy rock octopuses mate from behind rocks without seeing each other.

For 50 years, the severed vertebra of Charles I was put to use as a saltshaker. His 164-year-old remains had been accidentally disinterred in 1913, and the royal physician was called in to examine the beheaded skeleton. The doctor decided to take a souvenir, and he and his descendants

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Flu shot clinic days announced

Flu shots for the public will be available at both St. Benedict's Family Clinic in Wendell and Jerome Family Clinic.

The vaccine will be administered from 1:30 to 4 p.m. today at St. Benedict's Family Clinic, 280 W. Main, Wendell.

The second flu shot clinic will be held from 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday at Jerome Family Clinic, 132 W. Fifth Ave.

Flu shots will be offered on a walk-in basis to anyone 18 or older.

Cost is \$25 (cash and checks only). For information, call Sandy Schuer at 324-0636.

To do for you

Injury:
Cost is \$25. To register, call 737-2126.

About childbirth

The fifth class of the prepared childbirth class series will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

Topics will include labor rehearsal, postpartum care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people to each class.

The suggested fee is \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic is toys for learning and play.

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. The class is free. For information, call 324-7262.

Celiac support

Celiac Support Group of Magic Valley will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the doctors' meeting room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Barbara Holloway will speak. For information, call Pat at 731-9079.

About C-sections

A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. Topics will include cesarean deliveries, pain management, hospital procedures and nonconforming labors.

The class is free. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

Learn CPR

Adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and adult first-aid classes will be offered from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the American Red Cross office in Twin Falls.

The course is designed to train participants how to prevent, prepare for and respond to breathing emergencies. The first-aid class also includes proper care for broken bones, burns and bleeding.

Cost for the classes range from \$31 to \$45. Prepayment is

required. To register, call 1-800-853-2570; go online at www.redcrossidaho.org; or stop by the Red Cross office, 853 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls.

Big Kids Klub

The Big Kids Klub will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class is designed to help prepare siblings for the new baby. Cost is \$10 per family with one child or \$15 per family with two or more children.

Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

About infant CPR

Infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation and pediatric first-aid classes will be offered from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the American Red Cross office in Twin Falls.

Cost is \$35 for the infant and child CPR class only, or \$43 with pediatric first aid. Prepayment is required. To register, call 1-800-853-2570; go online at www.redcrossidaho.org; or stop by the Red Cross office, 853 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls.

About metabolic weight loss

The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering a Metabolic Weight Loss seminar from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at Miracle Hot Springs.

The seminar is for anyone ages 18 and older who is interested in learning about calorie intake versus metabolic rate, health concerns surrounding obesity, diet fads, proper food choices and how to increase activity.

The fee is \$25. To register, call 736-2265 or stop by the Parks and Recreation office at 136 Maxwell Ave.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 7 through Dec. 12, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The six sessions, taught by a registered nurse, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, postpartum care and newborn care. Individual classes may be taken as refresher courses.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people to each class.

The suggested fee is \$30 for the class series or \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361, and leave a message with your name, address, phone number, doctor's name, due date and the month of the class. Or register by mailing the same information to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, Attention: Anita, 709 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Painkiller that's minty fresh

By Susan Briak
Los Angeles Times

Mint is great for sweet kisses or for covering up that lunchtime martini, but as herbalists have long known, the menthol within its oils also soothes and cools the skin.

New scientists have discovered the basis for that property, known scientifically as cool-induced analgesia, and are working on new therapies for alleviating pain.

In a study published in the journal *Current Biology*, researchers from the University of Edinburgh reported that cooling mint oil compounds act through a newly discovered receptor found in some nerve cells.

The receptor, called TRPM8, is activated by the chemicals and stops pain messages from being sent to the brain.

Susan Fleetwood-Walker, a

coauthor of the study and a professor at the university, says that the finding could lead to new types of topical drugs that would improve on the chemicals in mint oil or that menthol-containing old standby Bengay.

"Mint extract may have some effect, but it's difficult to predict because menthol can affect a number of types of nerves, depending on the dose," she said.

"More specifically designed drugs are going to be more effective."

Newly developed topical drugs could help people suffering from arthritis or chronic pain from nerve damage. They could provide hours of pain relief with less chance of side effects, she says.

Clinical trials of cooling compounds will begin soon, she adds. "We know exactly what we should be targeting now."

Dental sealant clinic

A dental sealant clinic for children in second through sixth grades will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 11 in the Dental Assisting Lab, Room 182, at the Aspen Building of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Sealants are plastic coatings applied to molars to prevent tooth decay. Sealants protect the molars' chewing surfaces and will not prevent decay between teeth, in the front teeth or on the roots.

The program is sponsored by Regence Caring Foundation for Children, South Central District Health and CSI.

The clinic is free. To make an appointment, call 737-5975.

The Washington Post

If you haven't considered bringing an iPod to your next colonoscopy, maybe you should.

Researchers in Philadelphia found that patients who piped in their favorite tunes during the procedure (ear

bands were taped to their ears) required less sedation while reporting equal tolerance of discomfort.

The findings are based on a study of 44 women and 29 men that was presented at a national meeting of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

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And last but not least - self-serving as this advice may appear to be, the counsel of a qualified elder law attorney can be of enormous value. Lawyers with this expertise can tie together insurance, property, health care directive, estate planning, asset protection, and marital rights issues in a coherent manner.

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Out of the office and into the ring

By Jeannine Steia
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Sweet pours down Stephen Kronish's unshaven face as he whacks his boxing trainer's mitts — a one-two punch, a few jabs, a left hook. "C'mon, keep going, let's go," the coach barks as Kronish pounds out a series of upper cuts before dropping his arms, spent.

Kronish, gulping air, gestures to a television in the corner playing an episode of "The Homeymooners." The show inspires him. "When I see Jackie Gleason," he says, "I think, 'That's what I'd look like if I didn't do this.'"

Kronish, the 54-year-old co-executive producer of the television show "24," is hardly the stereotypical Rocky-like pugilist. But he's riding the wave of a trend that's finding more men (and some women) achieving fitness via boxing gloves and a heavy bag.

Lawyers, accountants, pharmaceutical sales reps, business executives and entertainment industry types.

Some turned to boxing after having their interest piqued by the television show "The Contender" and popular, big-budget films such as "Cinderella Man" and "Million Dollar Baby."

Others may have been inspired by John E. Oden,



Phil Paolina, left, works with TV producer Stephen Kronish, who sees boxing as a way to 'disguise the fact that I was exercising.'

author of "White Collar Boxing" and a principal with AllanceBerstein L.P., a New York City-based money management and research firm. (Finding himself in less than great shape, Oden took up boxing at age 40 and eventually began competing in amateur bouts.)

Clean, well-appointed studios are popping up in upscale urban neighborhoods and suburban strip malls. In fact, for a lot of contemporary trainers, the typical client is a white-collar man in his 30s who's looking for a new way to get fit but stays for the challenge — and is able to pay for training: \$100 an hour for one-on-one lessons.

What these well-heeled

newbies get is an unparalleled workout, combining intense cardio with upper and lower body strength and toning in a workout that's 180 degrees from a tedious jog on a treadmill. If they can hack it, Professional boxers make it look easy, something that even the very fit don't appreciate — that is, until they've got the gloves on and try to go a few rounds.

"They definitely don't think it's going to be that tough," says 32-year-old Randy Khatami, head boxing coach at Elite Mixed Martial Arts in Thousand Oaks, Calif. "For the most part they don't know what they're getting themselves into. They're like a deer caught in the headlights."

"When you say you have a boxing coach, people lift their eyebrows."

— Randy Khatami, boxing coach

There's also an undeniable cool factor to boxing. "To say you have a tennis coach or a golf coach is the norm anymore," Khatami says. "But when you say you have a boxing coach, people lift their eyebrows."

This middle- and upper-middle-class enthusiasts are also discovering another welcome element to boxing: they may not have banked on an efficient and acceptable way to deal with stress and aggression. It may not be wise to clock your boss, but punching the heck out of a bag is perfectly fine.

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Straight Talk on Elder Law and Estate Planning

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QUESTION: My father is in a nursing home, my mom is afraid of losing her home, Medicaid is telling her one thing, my sister-in-law is giving her contrary advice, and the neighbors have told her to give all her assets away immediately. How does one make sense out of all this?

There are sensible sets of options. The problem is that few people are skilled in taking all relevant facets into account. Complex facts, issues, and law converge at a most distressing time in life.

Medicaid eligibility, Veterans benefits, asset protection, insurance, estate planning, property law rights, federal spousal anti-impoverishment rules, and fiduciary law can all come together at the same time. Someone with a "handle" on these aspects of law is needed.

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