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CVS brand acetaminophen, and Tylenol, are displayed on a rack at a CVS store in Washington Thursday.

Millions of acetaminophen pills recalled

By Andrew Bridges
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A pill designed to give people relief from headaches is instead causing them.

Consumers are having to read the fine print on bottles of acetaminophen to see if the ones in their medicine cabinet are being recalled because of possible contamination with metal.

Perrigo Co. said Thursday it was recalling 11 million bottles of acetaminophen after finding bits of metal, including portions of wire as long as one-third of an inch, in some of the 500-milligram pills it made.

The company is no household name, but it makes and sells acetaminophen to more than 120 of America's best-known retailers, including Wal-Mart, CVS and Safeway. Those companies in turn sell Perrigo products under their own or other private labels.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or illness. Still, at least two of the companies

Recall

The FDA recommends that customers who own bottles of Perrigo's acetaminophen check the label. Consumers with questions can call Perrigo's toll-free line at (877) 548-6454.

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Three life sentences

Judge weeps while delivering sentence to triple murderer

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The morning after Jim Junior Nice killed his three children, Twin Falls woke up with a scar.

All parties roundly rejected a lengthy trial. Nice pleaded guilty in September and promised never to appeal his case.

Nice would be sentenced, handed over to the Idaho Department of Correction and forgotten.

But at his sentencing Thursday afternoon, 5th District Judge

John Butler wept and it was clear Nice's actions still haunt Twin Falls. Butler ordered Nice to serve three consecutive life sentences: one for poisoning 6-year-old Spencer; a second for poisoning his twin, Justin; and a third for poisoning 2-year-old Reagan. It appears all three children died sleeping the night of Dec. 20, the public defender offered as consolation.

"It's difficult to fathom how a father could take the lives of three precious young children," Butler said. The next few moments, he stopped speaking and looked off to the side.

"I'm sorry. I shouldn't be emotional in this," he said. "But as a father myself ... how a father characterized as loving and caring could in any circumstance take the lives of his three children ..."

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Jim Junior Nice waits to be escorted out of the courtroom at the Twin Falls County courthouse after being sentenced Thursday to three consecutive life terms with no parole or right to appeal his conviction for the Dec. 20 murders of his three children.

Startling findings from Tillman investigations

By Scott Lleslew
and Martha Mendoza
Associated Press writers

In a remote and dangerous corner of Afghanistan, under the protective roar of Apache attack helicopters and B-52 bombers, special agents and investigators did their work. They walked the landscape with surviving witnesses. They found a rock stained with the blood of the victim. They re-enacted the killings — here the U.S. Army Rangers swept through the canyon in their Humvee, blasting away; here the doomed man waved his arms, pleading for recognition as a friend, not an enemy.

"Cease fire, friends, I am Pat (captive) Tillman, damn it!" he shouted, again and again. The latest inquiry into Tillman's death by friendly fire should end next month; authorities have said they intend to release to the public only a synopsis of their report. But The Associated Press has combed through the results of

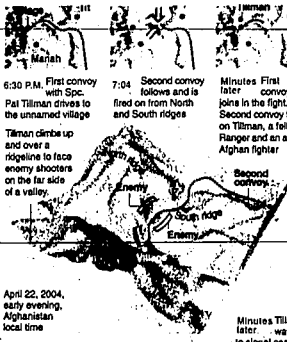


Former Arizona Cardinals football player Pat Tillman is seen in a June 2003 photo. The Pentagon's inspector general is reviewing the Army's probe into the friendly fire death of Tillman.

2 1/4 years of investigations and uncovered some startling findings.

One of the four shooters, Staff Sgt. Trevor Alders, had

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April 22, 2004, early evening, Afghanistan local time

Killed by friendly fire

Military investigators are focusing on whether anyone should stand trial in connection with the shooting of U.S. Army Ranger Pat Tillman, who died nearly three years ago in Afghanistan.

SOURCE: U.S. Army investigative reports

T.F. commissioners pick board for health trust fund

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County commissioners Thursday announced who will oversee a minimum \$15 million trust fund created to address county health problems.

The eight-member board, which includes officials from the College of Southern Idaho and St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, will be responsible primarily for identifying the county's health needs and decide which government agencies receive money.

St. Luke's purchased the hospital in June from the county, which owned it for 88 years. Under an agreement with the county, the hospital will con-

tribute an additional \$5 million each year for the fund.

The board members, who were chosen after interviews with the three county commissioners, include:

- Curtis Eaton, vice president of Planning and Development at CSI.
- Gary Grindstaff, retiring Twin Falls County commissioner.
- Janet Holcomb, who works for the Idaho Department of Corrections.
- Jamie Kelley, a social worker at the hospital.
- Monica Kessel, the grant writer for the CSI Healthcare Development Council.
- Patty Kleinkopf, the chief operating officer of Family Health Services.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Saturday
Increasing afternoon clouds and mid	Mostly cloudy, a few rain/snow showers and mid	Cooler with mixed showers
High 53	Low 31	43 / 29

MINI-CASSIA
 Today: Mild and mostly sunny in the morning, but afternoon clouds will be on the rise. Highs near 50.
 Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and widely scattered rain and snow showers. Lows near 30.
 Tomorrow: Not as warm with mostly cloudy skies and scattered rain and snow showers. Highs middle 40s.

Complete weather report: See page B8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
 "Harvey," a hilarious, non-musical comedy presented by the Oakley Valley Arts Council, 7:30 p.m., Howells Opera House, Oakley, \$8 reserved seating, 677-ARTS (2787).
 Yasmina Reza's play "Art," presented by the Laughing Stock Theater Company, 7 p.m., nextStage Theater, \$15 for reserved tickets, 726-4TKS.
 The 13th annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering, free-admission day show, 1 to 5 p.m.; evening show, 7 p.m., historic Wilson Theater on Rupert Square, \$6 (available at the door), (208) 436-2767.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS
 College of Southern Idaho/Sheridan College women's basketball game benefit and quilt raffle, to help defray costs of medical expenses for Lindsey Haimkes, 7:30 p.m., C.S.I. gymnasium, Twin Falls, \$1 for students (special price) and \$6 for adults, (\$1 for raffle tickets or six for \$5), 732-6480.

CHURCH EVENTS
 The First Arts and Craft Fair, sponsored by Wendell United Methodist Church including soups and baked goods, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the church, 175 E. Main St., Wendell, 543-6890.
 "Liberty" community concert, a Southern Gospel quartet from Boise, 7 p.m., the Twin Falls Reformed Church, at the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive, no cost (freewill offering will be taken), 733-6128.

EXHIBITS
 The College of Southern Idaho Art Faculty Show, an exhibit including the works of 11 C.S.I. faculty members, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, no cost, 732-6655.
 "Native Art Portfolios on the Trails: A Contemporary American Indian Perspective, Interpretations of the Lewis and Clark Expedition," the Missoula Art Museum's traveling exhibit, noon to 5 p.m., the Buhl Arts Council at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl, 543-5417.

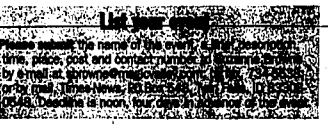
FAMILY
 "Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13-19, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8720.

FESTIVALS AND CEREMONIES
 Remembering veterans with music, stories, a special tribute and refreshments, 10:30 a.m., in the Multipurpose Room at the Jerome Public Library, 100 1st Ave. E., Jerome, 324-5427.

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

MUSEUMS
 The Faulkner Planetarium, "Far Out Space Places," 7 p.m., the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

SPORTS
 The 37th annual Ski Swap, including skis, snowboards, boots, bindings, outerwear and camping gear to support the College of Southern Idaho Ski Club, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, \$1 admission, 732-6671.



COMING TOMORROW
FLEX-TIME AT CHURCH?
 A growing number of churches are offering worshippers more options for when they worship.
 In Religion

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



No reason not to go, even if there's snow
 Southern Idaho's climate allows for year-round motorcycle riding — if you use a little common sense. SEE PAGE D1

Nice gets three life terms for triple murders
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Commissioners choose health trust fund board
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Race for state House speaker heats up
 TWIN FALLS — As one election ends, another begins. A tight race for the next state speaker of the House has been anticipated for months. But after Democrats picked up six seats on Tuesday by beating moderate Republicans, the more conservative candidate for speaker moved closer to victory — and further blurred future committee chairman assignments. SEE PAGE C1



Immigrants enjoy life in Magic Valley
 TWIN FALLS — It was the chance they all longed for. Some days they're washing down fried meat and potatoes with a drink of beer; other days, it's burritos. But up on the roof of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension on Eastland Drive winterizing its eaves, the Bulgarian foreman, his three Armenian hands and one Peruvian immigrant have never felt so included in their American community. SEE PAGE C1

Filer seeks grant money after bond passage
 FILER — While a majority of local voters were approving a \$12.5 million bond issue Tuesday night, the Filer City Council was moving forward with a \$500,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant application to supplement the bond. SEE PAGE C1

IDAHO/WEST



Northwest begins to pick up storm damage
 PACKWOOD, Wash. — Cleanup from the drenching storm that killed at least three people in the Pacific Northwest likely will continue for days, if not weeks, officials say. SEE PAGE C4

Huffaker to step down as Fish & Game chief
 BOISE — The director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game announced Thursday that he will retire at the end of the year. Steven Huffaker has served as director since Feb. 13, 2002 and has held several positions since joining the department in 1986. His retirement becomes effective Jan. 1, 2007. SEE PAGE C5

Simpson hopes to get wilderness bill passed
 BOISE — If Idaho wilderness bills pending in Washington, D.C., don't squeeze through the lame-duck session starting next week, Republican sponsors say they may be forced to make changes to gain approval in the new Democratic-controlled Congress convening in January. U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said he's looking at ways to get his House-passed bill creating 492 square miles of new wilderness in central Idaho through the Senate before the current GOP-controlled Congress adjourns in December. SEE PAGE C3

Four more plead guilty in ecoterrorism case
 EUGENE, Ore. — Four people pleaded guilty to arson and conspiracy charges Thursday in federal court, part of an investigation into what federal officials say was an ecoterrorism cell that caused \$30 million in damage in fire-bombings. Prosecutors recommended sentences of five years for one of the four, a wildland firefighter and animal rights activist. Sentences of eight years were recommended for the three other defendants. SEE PAGE C5

Bush and Calderon pledge cooperation
 WASHINGTON — Kicked over a border fence, President Bush and Mexico's president-elect pledged on Thursday to work together on stopping illegal immigration. Felipe Calderon, who takes office on Dec. 1, has called the U.S. plan to build a 700-mile fence along the border "deplorable" and compared it to the construction of the Berlin Wall. SEE PAGE C4

NATION/WORLD



Democrat captures crucial Senate seat
 ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Republican Sen. George Allen gracefully conceded defeat Thursday after a bruising battle against Democrat Jim Webb, sealing the Democrats' control of Congress and the political downfall of a man once considered a White House contender. Allen said the "owners of government have spoken and I respect their decision. The Bible teaches us there is a time and a place for everything, and today I called and congratulated Jim Webb and his team for their victory," he said. SEE PAGE B1

Bush, Pelosi hold White House talks
 WASHINGTON — President Bush made nice with Speaker-to-be Nancy Pelosi after Democrats gave his Republican coalition a lead on Election Day, but not before handling House GOP leaders a long legislative wish-list for the lame-duck session that they'll orchestrate. After a bitter campaign that sometimes got personal between the president and the woman to be House speaker, the two had a makeup luncheon at the White House. SEE PAGE C6

Iraq puts civilian deaths at 150,000
 BAGHDAD, Iraq — A stunning new death count emerged Thursday, as Iraq's health minister estimated 150,000 civilians have been killed in the war — about three times previously accepted estimates. Moderate Sunni Muslims, meanwhile, threatened to walk away from politics and pick up guns, while the Shiite-dominated government renewed pressure on the United States to unleash its Iraq army and claimed it could crush violence in six months. SEE PAGE C8

'60 Minutes' veteran Ed Bradley dies at 65
 NEWYORK — Ed Bradley, the award-winning television journalist who broke racial barriers at CBS News and created a distinctive, powerful body of work during his 26 years on "60 Minutes," died Thursday. He was 65. Bradley died of leukemia at Mount Sinai hospital. CBS News announced. SEE PAGE C6

Magic Valley girls start hoops season today
 TWIN FALLS — High school girls around the valley will again spend the next few months on the hardwood with a ball and a net, but volleyball is out. Girls varsity basketball action starts tonight here and around (read: Treasure Valley area). SEE PAGE B1, B5

SPORTS



CSI women win opener against Casper
 TWIN FALLS — Brittany Moore scored 16 points and Maria Moore added 12 points and eight assists as the College of Southern Idaho women won their season opener 89-51 over Casper College in the Coke Classic Thursday. CSI hosts Sheridan College (Wyo.) tonight at 8 p.m. SEE PAGE B1



Buhl seeks loud crowd at tonight's game
 BUHL — The Buhl Indians football team needs you to make some noise. One week after defeating Snake River behind one of the loudest home crowds in recent memory, the Indians want it even louder as they face the 10-0 Shelley Russets tonight at Bowers Field for a shot at the Class 3A Idaho football championship next week. "The kids, some of the Iremen, said 'We can't hear the snap count,'" Buhl head coach Stacy Wilson said of what he called an "NFL-like" atmosphere. "I tell the kids to feed off of it. It's high energy. Feed off of it and good things will happen." SEE PAGE B1

Carey faces Mackay in semifinals today
 TWIN FALLS — Six weeks later and well into the post-season, who knew that for the Class 1A Division II state football championship would come down to a rematch with the Mackay Miners? "There's nothing too much talk about that amongst the kids," Carey head coach Lane Kirkland said. "They know what they need to do, and Mackay's weaknesses." As well they should. The Panthers' defense clamped down during the final minutes of play for a close 34-28 win over the Miners on Sept. 29. Now they'll meet again in the semifinals at 2 p.m. today at Holt Arena in Pocatello. SEE PAGE B1

OBITUARIES
 Clarence C. Eldredge, 88
 Lorraine Wood Buhl, 87
 Dorothy L. Sanborn, 81
 Harry E. Shipp Jr., 78
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CLARIFICATION
 The Magic Valley School for the Performing Arts' performance of "Thoroughly Modern Mille," opening Wednesday, uses an ending that does not involve optical or cross-dressing, the school's Kim Kolk said.

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Tillman

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recently had PRK laser eye surgery. Although he could see two sets of hands "straight up," his vision was "hazy," he said. In the absence of "friendly identifying signals," he assumed Tillman and the allied Afghan soldier who also was killed were enemy.

Another, Spc. Steve Elliott, said he was "excited" by the sight of rifles, muzzle flashes and "flashes." A third, Spc. Stephen Ashpole, said he saw two figures, and just aimed where everyone else was shooting.

Squad leader Sgt. Greg Baker had 20-20 eyesight, but claimed he had "tunnel vision." Amid the chaos and pumping adrenaline, Baker said he hammered "what he thought was the enemy but was actually the allied Afghan soldier." Baker said he was trying to give the Americans cover. "I zoned in on him because I could see the AK-47. I focused only on him."

All four failed to identify their targets before firing, a direct violation of the fire discipline techniques drilled into every soldier.

There's more: • Tillman's platoon had nearly run out of vital supplies, according to one of the shooters. Delayed supply flights contributed to the hunger, fatigue and possibly misjudgments by platoon members.

• The commander in the events that led to Tillman's death both was reprimanded for his role and meted out punishments to those who fired, raising questions of conflict of interest.

• A field hospital report says someone tried to jump-start Tillman's heart with CPR hours after his head had been paralytically blown off and his corpse wrapped in a poncho, key evidence including Tillman's body armor and uniform was buried.

• Investigators have been stymied because some of those involved now have lawyers and refused to cooperate, and other soldiers who were at the scene couldn't be located.

• Three of the four shooters are now out of the Army, and another is being reached by military justice.

Taken together, these findings raise more questions than they answer, in part because they already had veered from suggestions that it all was a result of the "fog of war" to insinuations that criminal acts were to blame.

The Pentagon's failure to reveal for more than a month that Tillman was killed by friendly fire has raised suspicions of a cover-up. To Tillman's family, there is little doubt that his death was more than an innocent mistake.

One investigator told the Tillmans that it hadn't been ruled out that Tillman was shot by an American sniper or deliberately murdered by his own men — though he gave no indication the evidence pointed that way.

"I will not assume his death was accidental or 'fog of war,'" said his father, Pat Tillman Sr. "I want to know what happened, and they've clouded that so badly we may never know."

Almost two years after three bullets through the forehead killed the star defensive back, a man who President Bush would call "an inspiration on and off the football field" — the fourth investigation began.

This time, the investigators are supposed to think like prosecutors.

Who fired the shots that killed Pat Tillman, and why?

Who insisted Tillman's platoon split and travel through dangerous territory in daylight, against its own policy? Who let the command split away and chaos engulf the unit?

And perhaps most of all: Was a crime committed?

The long and complicated story of Pat Tillman's death and the investigations it spawned began five years ago, in the smoking ruins of the World Trade Center.

"It is a proud and patriotic thing you are doing," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld wrote to Tillman in 2002, after Tillman turned down a multi-million-dollar contract to join the Arizona Cardinals to join the elite Army Rangers.

The San Jose, Calif. native enlisted with his brother Kevin, who gave up his own chance to play professional football for the Tillmans were deployed to Iraq in 2003, then sent to

Afghanistan. The decision of their "Black Sheep" platoon in April 2004 sounded "straightforward: Divide a region along the Pakistan border into zones, then check each grid for insurgents and weapons. They were to clear two zones and then move deeper into Afghanistan."

A broken-down Humvee known as a Ground Mobility Vehicle, or GMV, stalled the unit on an isolated road. A mechanic couldn't fix it, and the fuel pump flew in on a helicopter didn't help.

Impatience was rising at the tactical operations center at Forward Operating Base Salerno, near Khowst, Afghanistan, where officers coordinated the movements of several platoons.

When the Humvee broke down, the Black Sheep were nearing the end of their assignment, all that was left was to "turn one last stone and then get out," then-Maj. David Hodne would testify. The unit was then to head for Marjah, a small village where it would spend the night.

The commanders had already given the Black Sheep an extra day to get into its grid zones. High-ranking commanders were "pushing us pretty hard to keep moving," said Hodne.

The order came down to split the platoon in two to speed its progress. Black Sheep's company commander, then-Capt. William C. "Satch" Saunders, initially told investigators that Hodne had issued the order, but later, after he was given immunity from prosecution, he acknowledged it was his decision alone.

Hodne later said he was in the dark — "I felt like the village idiot because I had no idea what they were doing," he recalled. The decision was foolhardy, he said. Divided in two, "they didn't have enough combat power to do that mission" of clearing Marjah, he testified.

One thing is clear: The order sparked a flurry of activity by the Black Sheep. One of the gunners who shot Tillman said his unit didn't even have time to look at a map before getting back on the road.

"We were rushed to conduct an operation that had such flaws," said Alders. "Which in the end would prove to be fatal."

"If anything, this sense of urgency was as deadly to Tillman as the bullet that cut his life short," Alders wrote in a

lengthy statement protesting his exclusion from the Rangers.

The Black Sheep drove through a narrow canyon, its walls towering about 500 feet, and came under fire from enemy Afghans. Chaos broke out as communications broke down. After the platoon split, the second section of the convoy roared out of the canyon, into an open valley and straight at their comrades a few minutes ahead. A Humvee packed with pumped-up Rangers opened fire, killing the friendly Afghan and Tillman, though he desperately sought to be recognized.

The investigations into Tillman's death have cascaded, one after another, for the past 30 months.

In the days after the shootings, the first officer appointed to investigate, then-Capt. Richard Scott, interviewed all four shooters, their driver, and many others who were there. "He concluded within a week that the gunman demonstrated 'gross negligence' and recommended further investigation."

"It could involve some Rangers that could be charged with a crime. Scott told a reporter later.

Then-Lt. Col. Jeffrey Bailey later assured Tillman's family that those responsible would be punished as harshly as possible. But no one was ever court-martialed; staff lawyers advised senior Army commanders reviewing the incident that there was no legal basis for it.

Instead, the Army punished seven people: four soldiers received relatively minor punishments known as Article 15s under military law, with no court proceedings. These four ranged from written reprimands to expulsion from the Rangers.

Scott's report circulated briefly among a small corps of high-ranking officers. Then, it disappeared.

Some of Tillman's relatives think the Army buried the report because its findings were too explosive. Army officials refused to provide a copy to the AP, saying no materials related to the investigation could be released.

The commander of Tillman's 75th Ranger Regiment, then-Col. James C. Nixon, wasn't satisfied with Scott's investigation, which he said focused too heavily on pre-combat inspections and procedures rather than on what had happened.

Nixon called his top aide, Lt. Col. Ralph Kauzlarich, to

lead what became the second investigation. Kauzlarich harshly criticized Baker and the men on his truck.

"Among other things, Baker should have known that at least two of his subordinates had never been in a firefight, and should have closely supervised where they shot."

"His failure to do so resulted in deaths of Cpl. Tillman and the AMF soldier, and the serious wounding of two other (Rangers)," Kauzlarich concluded. "While a great deal of discretion should be granted to a leader who is making difficult judgments in the heat of combat, the command also has a responsibility to hold its leaders accountable when that judgment is so wanton or poor that it places the lives of other men at risk."

The Tillman family complained that questions remained: Who killed Tillman? Why did they fire? Were the punishments stiff enough?

And so, in November 2004, acting Army Secretary Les Brownlee ordered up yet another investigation, by Jones.

The result was 2,100 pages of transcripts and detailed descriptions of the incident, but no new charges or punishments. The report, completed Jan. 10, 2005, was provided to the Tillman family. It has not been released to the public; the family found it wanting.

Pressed anew by the Tillmans, the Pentagon inspector general announced a review of the investigations in August 2005. And in March 2006, they launched a new criminal probe into the actions of the men who shot at Tillman.

The veteran Pentagon official who is overseeing these latest inquiries, acting Defense Department Inspector General Thomas Gimble, has called the Tillman probe the toughest case he has ever seen, according to people he recently briefed.

Investigators are looking at who pulled the triggers and fired at Tillman; they are also looking at the officers who pressured the platoon to move through a region with a history

of ambushes; the soldiers who buried Tillman's uniform and body armor afterward; and at the circumstances of Tillman's death from the family for more than a month.

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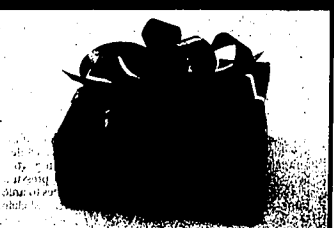
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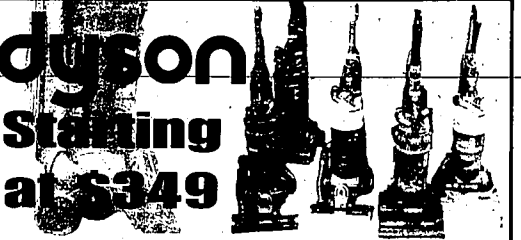
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Health

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James Schroeder, executive director for Family Health Services.

Robert Valentine, finance chairman of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation.

"They were a nice broad section of the community," said Twin Falls County commissioner Tom Mikese, who will serve his second year term. "They all can bring something special and deliberate to the table."

Valentine will serve a one-year term. Schroeder, Kessel and Kelley two-year terms; Grindstaff, Kleinkopf, and Eaton three-year terms.

"Curtis Eaton is an asset that I think is sometimes underutilized," Mikese said. "He has a lot of great ideas and we hope to capitalize on that."

Acetaminophen

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to swear off generic versions of the same drug used in Tylenol.

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Both families had written letters to the judge to be included in the pre-sentencing investigation. Butler noted that Nice's murdering of his children shocked many people. Nice once said he was trying to save the children from a painful divorce and that he was depressed when he committed the crime and then

tried to poison himself.

Butler called the murders unjustified, inexcusable and "in some ways vindictive toward your wife."

"Your actions are not those of a loving father," he said, as Nice continued to look down. "I know you expected to be with your children. However, you're going to be spending the rest of your life in the state penitentiary and in the court's assessment that's where you belong."

Nice chose to remain silent.

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Virginia's Sen. George Allen concedes defeat, securing Congress for Democrats

The Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Republican Sen. George Allen graciously conceded defeat Thursday after a bruising battle with Democrat Jim Webb, sealing the Democrats' control of Congress and the political downfall of a man once considered a White House contender.

Allen said the "owners of government" have spoken and I respect their decision."

"The Bible teaches us there is a time and place for everything, and today I called and congratulated Jim Webb and his team for their victory," he said.

Webb, a former Republican and Navy secretary under President Reagan, claimed victory early Wednesday after election returns showed him with a narrow lead of about 7,200 votes out of 2.37 million ballots cast.

On Thursday, Webb's supporters roared when he took his Marine son's battered combat boots from a bag and held them high above his head at a rally. Webb, whose son is fighting in Iraq, had worn the boots throughout what he called "an unnecessarily brutal campaign."

Allen chose not to demand a recount when initial canvass-

ing of the results failed to significantly alter Webb's lead.

"I see no good purpose being served by continuously and needlessly expending money and causing *any* more personal animosity," he said. "Rather than bitterness, I want to focus on how best Virginians can be effectively served by their new junior senator."

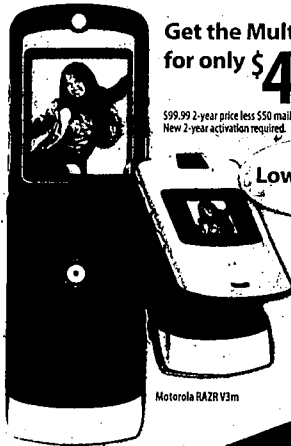
The Virginia contest was the last undecided Senate race in the country, and Webb's victory tipped the scales, giving the Democrats control of 51 Senate seats and majorities in both the House and Senate for the first time since 1984.

Earlier in the day, Sen. Conrad Burns conceded the Montana Senate race to Democrat Jon Tester, catching Tester on the phone as he headed for a barber shop to get his famous flat-top hair trimmed.

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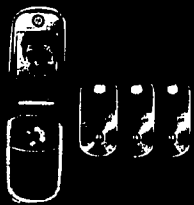
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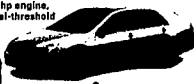
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EDITORIAL

Judge throws book in cat lady sentence

Janet Rasmussen loved cats. That much was plainly obvious for a woman who had 323 of them in her Twin Falls home and commercial cat resort.

But Rasmussen's fondness for felines was a key reason she exhibited no rational ability to take care of them. When Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies and animal control officials seized the animals last April after public complaints, they found cats that were dead or dying, blind, infested with mites, and living in fecal squalor.

Facing that evidence, Rasmussen pleaded guilty in August to 15 counts of cruelty and 51 counts of neglect. Each count represented a misdemeanor with a potential maximum six month sentence and \$1,000 fine.

Last week, Rasmussen was sentenced to 180 days in jail and six years' probation by 5th District Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

He also ordered her to pay restitution for the county clean up, and banned her from working with animals in the future, although she may have two neutered cats.

Sending Rasmussen to jail, however, may be an excessive penalty, especially in light of the facts surrounding her mental health.

Animal cruelty and abuse, while only a misdemeanor, should not be considered lightly by the courts. Smyser and the county prosecutor in this case, did their job well.

That sends a message to those who take their cruelty out on pets.

Rasmussen didn't help her cause in the sentencing as she grew defensive in cross-examination with Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amanda Wright. Her excuses for not removing several dead cats added more gravity to the negligence she showed to the animals.

But the defense showed that Rasmussen was probably mentally ill while housing so many cats, and the judge even recognized that her mental state is still a concern. So do her crimes warrant six months in jail and six years' probation? Her negligence of the cats was obvious. But did her actions really demonstrate intentional cruelty?

Because of her lack of rational behavior, we don't think so.

It's a tough job for prosecutors to actually show the intentional cruelty against animals. But in this case, Rasmussen clearly needs to pay for her negligence, and she also needs help for herself. Sending her to a jail cell seems like a questionable way to do it.

Salute to Spc. Bridges

Many Idaho establishments will make today their official observance of Veterans Day, a holiday reserved to remember those who served honorably in their nation's uniform, most notably in periods of combat.

But the celebration carries a somber weight for the Magic Valley, after the death of Spc. James Lee Bridges, 22, a local Army infantryman who died Saturday in Iraq. Bridges was killed by enemy small-arms fire while conducting a mounted patrol in Baghdad.

Bridges was a hero to his hometown of Buhl long before he enlisted in 2003 at the dawn of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Known as Doug to classmates, Bridges was involved in FFA and earned the respect and friendship of many students and teachers. That respect multiplied when he chose to join the military ranks after earning a diploma.

Bridges joins four other men from the Magic Valley who gave their lives in the war with Iraq. While some winds of change may now be building for the mission in Iraq, our gratitude for their sacrifice — and all who have served our country — will remain steadfast and firm.

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The roads that are left in Iraq

I had to submit this column before knowing the results of Tuesday's election, but here is one thing I know already: This needs to be our last election about Iraq.

The Iraq war has turned into a sucking chest wound for our country — infecting its unity at home and its standing abroad. No one can predict what Iraq will look like 10 years from now. I wish it well. But in the near term, it is clear, nothing that we'll feel particularly proud of, nothing that we'll feel justifies the vast expenditure of lives and treasure, is going to come out of Iraq.

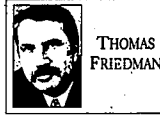
Our only two options left today in Iraq are "tolerable" and "awful." "Good" is no longer on the menu. When you read stories from Iraq saying that all we need to do is get rid of all the police there, get one-third of the soldiers in the Iraqi army to actually report to duty regularly, and replace all the ministers who are corrupt, you know why "good" is not on the menu any more.

It's time to make a final push for the tolerable, and if that fails, quit Iraq and insulate ourselves and our allies from the awful. This can't go on.

It's time to stop the endless struggle of hope against history. After Sept. 11, and the Arab Human Development Report detailing the increasingly dysfunctional Arab-Muslim world — but to succeed we need too many terrorists — we had a real interest in collaborating with Iraqis to try to build one decent, progressive, democratizing society in the heart of the Arab East.

But to succeed we needed to establish a secure order in Iraq and prevent the murderous Sunni/Baathist attacks on Shiites. The Bush team, arriving in Iraq with four troops and no plans, failed to do either. And therefore the natural tribalism of Iraqis surfaced and the minimal trust between citizens needed to forge a real democracy never emerged. Now we have a fit-for-no-raid war.

The "tolerable" outcome that



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

might be self-sustaining and stable would require Iraq as a loose federation of predominantly Kurdish, Shiite and Sunni zones. To make even that work, though, would probably require cutting a new deal with Iran and its Iraqi Shiite clients, and Syria and its Sunni Baathist allies, and the Kurds. Iraq would retain a central government in Baghdad, but power and oil income would be radically decentralized among the different sects. Democracy would be subordinated to stability.

A small U.S. or U.N. force could remain in Iraq to police the boundaries between the three communities and make sure the ongoing violence is contained. To produce even this, though, the United States will probably need to set a date and threaten to leave. Otherwise, the parties won't

negotiate seriously.

"Awful" would be carrying out that threat to leave Iraq by a fixed date because Iraqis prove too angry and atomized to reach any deal. The fires of madness now raging in Iraq — people beating each other, blowing up each other's mosques — would intensify. A U.S. withdrawal under such conditions would be messy and shameful. But when people are that intent on killing each other there's not much we can do. As badly as we've performed in Iraq, what Iraqis have done to each other, and the little that other Muslims have done to stop them, is an even bigger travesty.

Still, would need to give visas to Iraqis who wanted to flee the madness; we'd need to give a security umbrella to the Kurds, so that Syria, Turkey or Iran did not invade them if we left and we'd need to protect Jordan from the spill-over.

But there would be some strategic benefits. Syria would have to support the Sunnis in Iraq, and Iran would have to back the Shiites, so these two "allies" might be on opposite sides of the civil war. Iran would also have to manage the

chaos in southern Iraq, particularly the Shiite militias, and this would be a permanent migraine for Tehran.

U.S. troops would no longer be in the range of Iranian retaliation, and therefore would be much freer to confront Iran's nuclear challenge. The U.S. would also be able to extract itself from the Abu Ghraib/occupation syndrome and could start combating Islamist radicalism by being the best America father than the worst.

Finally, Iraqi instability would push oil to \$80 a barrel. That would mean more people buying hybrid cars and investing in alternative energy, so that we end our dependence on this region sooner.

These are our real choices in Iraq now: tolerable and awful. It's time we choose. No more expending lives and treasure for nothing good.

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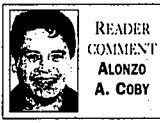
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Editorial slamming gaming heavy in hypocrisy

As chairman of the Fort Hall Business Council, of the governing body of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes (Tribes), I would like to respond to the hypocrisy and misinformation in your editorial of Oct. 17, "Idaho loses touch on gaming limits."

The editorial incorrectly concludes the recent court victory from the 9th Circuit regarding gaming on the Fort Hall Reservation will lead to the Tribes (to) make similar attempts to get away from their growth caps. You contradict your own statement regarding what each tribe agreed to in their separate government-to-government compacts.

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes would not agree to machine limits. The state does not tell the State Lottery how many tickets it may sell. So why should the Tribes be deprived of the ability to satisfy its customers? In contrast, Idaho's three northern tribes agreed to machine limits. Accordingly, the state has authority to enforce those agreements so they are not able to "make similar attempts to get away from their growth caps."



READER COMMENT
ALONZO A. COBY

There was no misleading of the voters on Proposition 1. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes did not participate in the campaign because it had already reached an agreement with the state and believed that agreement would ultimately entitle the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to offer machine gaming.

The state made clear in the official voters pamphlet that the limits in Proposition 1 would probably not be enforceable against the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes repeatedly stated they were not part of the northern tribes' campaign. We demanded those Tribes withdraw any ads suggesting otherwise.

You insist the Idaho Constitution is "clear about limits on casino-style gaming," yet your editorial fails to

note two lawsuits challenging Proposition 1 failed. That same "clear" provision of the Constitution authorizes a State Lottery that generates millions of dollars in governmental revenue with the popular Green Machine and a lottery that scratches tickets games promoting every casino gaming theme imaginable. Even if your "clear" statement regarding the state Constitution was correct, you ignore the reality that neither Idaho's constitution nor Idaho's laws apply to Indian lands. Two recent State Supreme Court decisions in New York and Wisconsin respect of this point.

The most troubling aspect of the editorial is the "hypocrisy" in it. Southeastern Idaho has been deprived of the strong economic development seen in Treasure Valley and Coeur d'Alene. Capital investment in the form of a first-class destination resort by the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes will bring economic development to the entire region, benefiting both the Tribes and the surrounding community.

Twin Falls certainly benefits from casino gaming. Jackpot New. Most all of jackpot's

employees are residents of Twin Falls and surrounding communities spending their paycheck on local housing, goods and services. Twin Falls' senators and representatives have done a masterful job of firing Idaho tax dollars to improving the roads and infrastructure supporting Jackpot that in turn support Twin Falls.

"Flood of casino growth" is a hyperbole not supported by facts.

Does the court decision mean the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes may now support a full-scale destination resort employing hundreds and putting millions of new dollars into the economy? Yes.

Does Jackpot support a new full-scale destination resort employing hundreds of your readers and putting millions into the local economy? Yes!

It seems in the end, the only basis for your opposition to the 9th Circuit ruling is that the casino will be owned and operated by Indians, Idaho's true natives, rather than Nevada gaming corporations.

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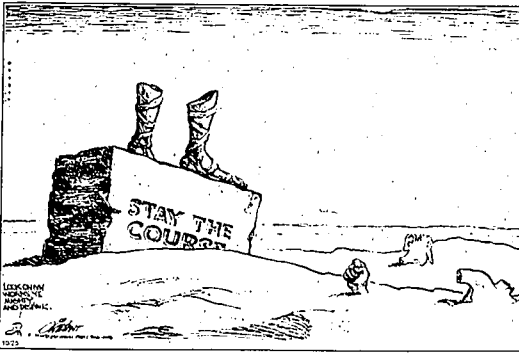
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OPINION



A come-to-daddy moment

Poppy Bush and James Baker gave Sonny the presidency to play with and he broke it. So now they're taking it back.

They are dragging W. away from those reckless older guys who have been such a bad influence and getting him some new minders who are a lot more practical. It's the scene that might be called "Murder on the Oval Express." Rummy turned up dead with so many knives in him that it's impossible to say who actually finished off the man billed as Washington's most skilled inflighter. (Poppy? Scowcroft? Baker? Laura? Cond? The Silver Fox? Retired generals? Serving generals? Future generals? Troops returning to Iraq for the umpteenth time without a decent strategy? Democrats? Republicans? Joe Lieberman?)

The defense chief got hung out to dry before Saddam got hung. The president and Karl Rove, underestimating the public's hunger for change or overestimating the loyalty of a fed-up base, did not ice Rummy in time to save the Senate from teetering Democratic. Bu, once Sonny managed to headlessly dynamite the Republican majority as well as the Middle East, the Atlantic alliance and the U.S. Army - then Bush Inc., the family firm that snatched the presidency for W. In 2000, had to step in. Two trusted members of the Bush 41 war council, Baker and Robert Gates, have been dispatched to discipline the delinquent juvenile and extricate him from the maelstrom of all messes.

Gates, already on Baker's "How Do We Get Sonny Out of Deep Doo Doo in Iraq?" study group, left his job protecting 41's papers at Texas A&M to return to Washington and pry the fingers of Poppy's old nemesis, Rummy, off the Pentagon. "They had to bring in someone from the old gang," said someone from the old gang. "That has to make Rummy uneasy. With Bob, the door is opened again to 41 and Baker and Brent."

W. had no choice but to make an Oedipal U-turn. He couldn't let Nancy Pelosi subpoena the cranky Rummy for hearings on Iraq. "He's not exactly Mr. Charming or Mr. Truthful, and he'd be on TV saying something stupid," said a Bush 41 official. "Bob can't just go up to the Hill and say: 'I don't know. I wasn't there when that happened.'"

Bob Gates, his friends say, had been worried about the belligerent, arrogant, ideological style of Rummy & Cheney from the start. He fretted at the way W.'s so-called foreign policy "dream team" - including his old staffer and fellow Soviet expert Condé - made it up as they went along, even though that had been their complaint about the Clinton foreign policy team. A realpolitik advocate like his mentor, General Scowcroft, he was critical of a linear, moralizing style that disdained nuance, demoted diplomacy and inflated villains. In 2004, he publicly questioned the administration's approach to Iraq.

While Vice went off to a corner to lick his wounds, W. was forced to do his best imitation of his dad on Wednesday, talking about "bipartisan outreach," "people have spoken," blah-blah-blah - after he'd



MAUREEN DOWD

been out on the trail saying that electing Democrats would mean that "the terrorists win and America loses." "I share a large part of the responsibility" for the "thumping" of Republicans, he told reporters. Actually, he gets full responsibility. W. has stopped talking about democracy as a standard of success in Iraq; Wednesday, he said that Iraq had to "govern itself, sustain itself and defend itself."

He was asked if his surprise at the election results showed he was out of touch with Americans. "I thought when it was all said and done," he replied, "the American people would understand the importance of taxes and the importance of security." So it was just that the

American people were too dumb to understand? W. also dangled to bash Vietnam vets, saying that this war isn't similar because there's a volunteer army, so "the troops understand the consequences of Iraq in the global war on terror." Is that why W. stayed out of Vietnam? Because he understood it?

An asher Rummy was also condescending during his uncomfortable tableau with W. and Bob Gates in the Oval Office, implying that he was dumped because Americans just didn't "comprehend" what was going on in Iraq. Actually, Rummy, we get it. "Baker's no fool," a Bush 1 official said. "He wasn't going to go out there with a plan for Iraq and have Rummy shoot it down."

He wanted a receptive audience. Everyone had to be on the same page before the plan is unveiled. "They don't call him the Velvet Hammer for nothing, RIP Rummy."

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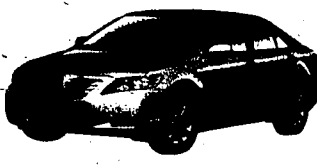
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CSI cruises in opener

Golden Eagles roll past Casper despite Moore's struggles

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The good news is the Golden Eagles' returning first team all-American got a rough game out of the way. Oh, and the College of Southern Idaho women's team opened the 2006-07 season with a win.

The bad news is... well, there really is no bad news. The No. 19 CSI women cruised past the Casper College (Wyo.) Thunderbirds 89-51 in Thursday's season-opening game during the 2006 Coke Classic Tournament, defeating a team that last week defeated Seenic West Athletic Conference favorite Salt Lake Community College.

And the Golden Eagles won in convincing fashion over a quality opponent that finished just out of the NCAA Preseason Top 25 poll despite sophomore point guard Maria Moore's offensive struggles.

"They just beat us in a scrum-mage by 12 in Salt Lake and we wanted to come out and play hard," CSI sophomore shooting guard Brittany Moore said. "I think we just played off emotion. It was a real team win."

After gaining a comfortable lead at the half, the 1-0 Golden Eagles pushed their advantage up and over 30 points with over five minutes left in the game and continued to cruise for the 38-point victory. Brittany Moore finished with a game-high 16 points, while Maria Moore finished with 12 points despite 5-of-16 shooting on the night. The sophomore point guard added seven rebounds and eight assists, while CSI got 11 and 10 points, respectively, off the bench from Kali Hess and Tera Tremayne.

"Kali Hess was a huge spark and Tera came in and played like a sophomore," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "I was real pleased with how they played."

Rogers started with an all-sophomore starting lineup of the two Moores, Ashley Thompson, Alexis Tucker and Amy Bravold. Those five players gave Rogers 45 points and were helped by the CSI freshman cast, including point guard Maylene Ornelas who contributed nine points and six assists.

"The biggest pleasing thing of the night, because I didn't know what we'd get, was Maylene Ornelas," Rogers said. "She came in and gave Maria some big minutes."

Leah Stepovich led Casper College with eight points, as 29 turnovers plagued the Thunderbirds' hopes of keeping with CSI. The Golden Eagles committed 17 turnovers, but both Rogers and his players chalked some of those up to first-game jitters.

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Casper College guard Elizabeth Cooper (3) collides with Lady Golden Eagles defender Brittany Moore (22) during the first quarter of their game Thursday night during the Coke Classic in Twin Falls. CSI beat Casper 89-51.

Eagle Eyes

2006 Coke Classic Tournament

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Thursday's games

Eastern Utah 66,
Sheridan College 59
No. 8 Central Arizona 95,
North Idaho 67

No. 19 CSI 89, Casper College 51

Friday's games

Casper College vs. North Idaho, 2 p.m.

No. 8 Central Arizona vs. Eastern Utah, 4 p.m.

Filer High School vs. American Falls, 6 p.m.

No. 19 CSI vs. Sheridan College, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games

Sheridan College vs. North Idaho, 3:30 p.m.

Casper College vs. Eastern Utah, 5:30 p.m.

No. 19 CSI vs. No. 8 Central Arizona, 7:30 p.m.

Tonight: All admission proceeds will be donated to the family of 2005 Filer High School graduate Lindsay Helmkes. Regular admission is \$6, senior admission is \$4, and student admission is \$1. Reserve seating will be in effect and those passes will be accepted. Donations will also be accepted.

Raffles: A quilt made by CSI booster Connie Hardy will be raffled off during halftime of tonight's Sheridan/CSI game with all proceeds going to the Helmkes family. Tickets are available on site for \$1 each or six for \$5.

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— CSI sophomore shooting guard Brittany Moore on Thursday's win over Casper



PREP GIRLS HOOPS PREVIEW



Twin Falls junior Amber Petersen looks to pass during practice Monday at Baum Gymnasium in Twin Falls. The Bruins hope to return to the state tournament this season.

Area girls set to take court

By Brad Gaire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — High school girls around the valley will again spend the next few months on the hardwood with a ball and a net, but volleyball is over.

Girls varsity basketball action starts tonight here and abroad (read: Treasure Valley area).

Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six

The Twin Falls Bruins went through some growing pains last season. After taking third place at the 2004-05 state tournament, the Bruins lost a number of quality players and at times struggled through a lackluster 2005-06 season to finish 11-12. Most of that squad is back this year and ready to get back to a 20-win season.

"There's good team chemistry and a die-hard attitude," Twin Falls head coach Joe D. Shepard said. "We have more balance in scoring with more players to offer more of a punch."

Among those players are senior forwards Kelsey Jardine and Ashley Irons. Both are around

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New faces

The 2006-07 season features some new coaches around the Magic Valley.

Previous	School	New
Hollis Pincock	Carey	Lane Durtschi
Clayton Nebeker	Murtaugh	Dayn Roseborough
Brett Graham	Oaday	Kristin Jones
Luke Kelsey	Wendell	Delon Husey

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS: STATE SEMIFINAL PREVIEWS

'This week is now'

Buhl one win away from 3A state title berth

By Brad Gaire
Times-News writer

BUHL — The Buhl Indians football team needs you to make some noise.

One week after defeating multiple state champion Snake River behind one of the loudest home crowds in recent memory, the Indians want some noise again and they want it even louder as they fall the 10-0 Shelley Russets tonight at Bowers Field for a shot at the Class 3A Idaho football championship next week.

"The kids, some of the line-men, said 'We can't hear the snap count.'" Buhl head coach Stacy

"I tell the kids to feed off of it. It's high energy. Feed off of it and good things will happen."

— Buhl coach Stacy Wilson on the noise from the Indians home crowd

Wilson said of what he called an "NFL-like" atmosphere. "I tell the kids to feed off of it. It's high energy. Feed off of it and good things will happen."

The louder the crowd gets, the more fired up the Indians get. The more fired up the Indians get, the more they score. They more they score, the more the fireworks cannon goes off and the student section dances to the Tonto song

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Buhl Indians running back Will Chivers makes a catch during practice Thursday afternoon in Buhl.

Carey, Mackay meet again in state semis

By Brad Gaire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Six weeks later and well into the postseason, who knew that for the Carey Panthers, a trip to the Class 1A Division II state football championship would come down to a rematch with the Mackay Miners?

"There hasn't been too much talk about that amongst the kids," Carey head coach Lane Kirkland said. "They know what they need to do, and Mackay's weakness."

As well they should. The Panthers defense clamped down during the final minutes of play for a close 34-28 win over the Miners on Sept. 29. Now they'll meet again in the semifinals at 2 p.m. today at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Last time they met, the Carey defenders shut the Miners out in

"These seniors are good friends, and that's the reason for our success.

They're a close-knit group. When you have that, you have a team."

— Carey coach Lane Kirkland

the third quarter while the offense put the game into a 28-28 tie. The Panthers struck in the fourth for the lead, but they wouldn't concede the game. For the Miners, time ran out when they got to Carey's 10-yard line. Kirkland thinks that this game will be played at a different pace.

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SPORTS

Rutgers rallies past No. 3 Louisville

LeBron, Cavs blast Chicago

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — Rutgers arrived — and kicked No. 3 Louisville right out of the national championship scramble.

The program that once set the standard for college football futility jumped into the title picture Thursday night by rallying from a big deficit for a 28-25 victory over the Cardinals.

On his second chance, Jeremy Ito kicked a 28-yard tiebreaking field goal with 13 seconds left and the second consecutive primary showdown between Big East unbeaten teams to No. 15 Rutgers (9-0, 4-0).

"This is the new Rutgers," said Scarlet Knights fullback Brian Leonard, the fifth-year senior who was a redshirt freshman on a 1-11 team. "This is a dream of mine."

Just a week ago, it was Louisville (8-1, 3-1) celebrating the biggest win in school history, a 44-34 victory over the Cardinals in the thick of the national championship race.

This time, it was Rutgers' turn to party.

The Scarlet Knights shut out the high-scoring Cardinals in the second half, erased an 18-point deficit and got the ball with 5:28 left in the fourth quarter at their own 9.

"You don't come back the way we did tonight unless you have believers," coach Greg Schiano said.

Leonard went 25 yards with a pass in the flats to get Rutgers into Louisville territory and Ray Rice broke a 20-yard run to get into field-goal range. He missed a 33-yarder with 10 seconds left, but Louisville was offside and Ito got another shot — and it was perfect.

The final play, appropriately, was a sack of Briar Brohm by a Rutgers' defense that proved worthy of the No. 3 ranking in the country.

"We were totally out of sync in the second half, and that can't happen," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said. "Some of our goals are still out there,



Rutgers' linebacker Derrick Thompson (55) intercepts a pass to Louisville's wide receiver Harry Douglas (85) in first quarter NCAA football action Thursday in Piscataway, N.J.

that we can reach. We're going to need some help."

After the game, Rutgers fans flooded the field to cheer the players.

"It's so awesome with 44,000 fans on this field right now, all Rutgers fans," Leonard said.

date, yes the Scarlet Knights even have one of those, ran for 22 times for 131 yards and two touchdowns.

Brohm, who looked like the Heisman contender last week, went 13-for-27 for 163 yards with a TD and an interception. He also was sacked five times, twice each by Jamel Meekins and Devaran Thompson.

When Schiano took over at Rutgers in 2001, the program was as bad as it got in college football, and it didn't get much better in the former Miami

assistant's first few seasons.

The Scarlet Knights won three games in Schiano's first two years and 12 his first four, before finally turning it around last year with seven victories and a bowl bid.

This season, off to their best start since the next step for the Scarlet Knights was to see if they could compete with the nation's best.

The answer: Absolutely. Louisville jumped out to a 25-7 lead in the first half behind Brohm and a 100-yard kickoff return by Julian Spellman and it looked as if the Cardinals were on their way to a BCS boosting romp.

But laughingstocks no more, the Scarlet Knights came charging back to tie it in the fourth quarter behind speedy tailback Rice and a relentless pass rush.

Rutgers gave the 2,000 fans packed into the temporary stands behind the scoreboard zone something to go crazy about when Kevin Britt held the Cardinals from a pass over the middle and broke free for a 67-yard reception right in their direction. Louisville's William Gay caught Britt from behind and snatched the ball, but it bounced right back to the Rutgers' receiver, who covered it at 4.

And if that wasn't enough to swing momentum Rutgers' way, Rice's 4-yard TD sweep on the next play surely won the ball, but it bounced right to 25-22 with 4:42 left in the third quarter.

After struggling early to slow down Brohm and the No. 2 offense in the country, Meekins and the hard-rushing Scarlet Knights held the Cardinals without a first down for the first 26 minutes of the second half.

When Ito nailed a 46-yard field goal with 10:17 left in the fourth quarter, the game was tied at 25, the cannon behind the south end zone boomed and the record crowd of 44,111 was in a white-towel waving frenzy.

BYU earns Mountain West title with rout of Wyoming

PROVO, Utah (AP) — After going nearly five years as an unranked team, Brigham Young made an emphatic return to the Top 25.

The Cougars gained 454 yards against the top-rated defense in the Mountain West Conference and clinched a share of the league title by routing Wyoming 55-7 Thursday night. BYU can win the championship outright with one more win.

Two more victories and the Cougars (9-2, 6-0) will sweep through the league.

"None of us will share this title with anybody," said John Beck, who became the second-leading passer in BYU history. "We've worked too hard to let somebody else get a piece of it."

Beck passed for 313 yards and two touchdowns and ran for two more on goal-line dives to lead the Cougars to their seventh straight win.

BYU was playing as a ranked team for the first time since the end of the

2001 season, and Cougar fans were savoring every moment on a chilly night in Provo. About the only time they stopped cheering was to boo briefly when coach Bronco Mendenhall had Jared McLaughlin kick an 18-yard field goal instead of going for it on fourth-and-goal from the 1 late in the third quarter with BYU already up 38-0.

No lead was going to be big enough for BYU fans, who haven't had a winning season to celebrate since the Cougars went 12-2 in 2001.

"The only disappointment for the Cougars was not getting a shutout."

"I don't think they intend to let anything get in their way," Mendenhall said. "In all phases in the game tonight, they performed almost flawlessly with passion right to the end."

Beck was 20-for-26 and overtook Jim McMahon for No. 2 on BYU's career passing list. Beck now has 9,806 yards passing, second only to

Deimer's total of 15,031.

"With three games to go, Beck won't catch Deimer. But if Beck has a conference title, he won't care a bit."

"When I came to BYU, my sites weren't set on beating these guys that were legends. My sites were set on just winning," Beck said. "Right now I feel like I'm playing for the BYU I chose to play for."

Curtis Brown also ran for two touchdowns and McKay Jacobson returned a punt 77 yards for a score.

Wyoming allowed 50 points for the first time since a 51-34 loss to Air Force in October 2000 and finished with just 246 yards of offense, 71 of which came on Devin Moore's run that broke the shutout with 6:25 left.

Vandals search for answers

By Grant Jodi
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — Is the glass half full or is it half empty? That's the tug of war between University of Idaho football optimists and their fair-weathered associates as the Vandals go through on their bye week.

On the positive side, the current four wins double that for last season for the Vandals. And the two remaining games are winnable as Idaho (4-6 overall, 3-3 Western Athletic Conference) resumes play Nov. 18 at Fresno State (1-7, 1-3) and finishes the season in the Kibbie Dome Nov. 25 against San Jose State (0-2, 3-1).

In Saturday's WAC play, Fresno hosts an equally struggling team in New Mexico State (2-7, 0-5), while San Jose entertains No. 14 Boise State (9-0, 5-0).

On the negative for the Vandals this week, there's the obvious: a run-down of both offense and defense since the Oct. 21 loss to Boise State. That game was 28-26 as the Vandals attempted a 2-point conversion with 7:05 left in the game. Idaho failed on that attempt, gave up a big return on the ensuing kickoff and has struggled ever since, being outscored 127-17.

Idaho is in the meat of its schedule, playing the tougher teams in the WAC, including red-hot Hawaii and Nevada. Idaho's three early conference wins against the lower tier WAC squads are like comparing apples to oranges. These conference opponents (Utah State, Louisiana Tech and New Mexico State) have a combined record of 6-21.

"We've got a bye, and the biggest thing that we can do right now during the bye week is to get better," said Erickson after assessing the 45-7 debacle at the hands of the Wolf Pack. "And that's my emphasis with them in the locker room. We've got to get better. We've got to get better for the next two football games, and go from there to next year, because that's basically where we're at."

Last Saturday the Vandals never crossed midfield in the first half and had only 22 yards in total offense. The offensive line had trouble with its protection against a strong and effective Wolf Pack stunt blitz that had quarterback Steve Wickham facing too much heat and too many sacks.

"That was probably protection wise as bad as we've played," said Erickson. "And we got hit on some stunts and some things inside. That's the most pressure that our passer has had — not him all year."

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Tricky week for SEC leaders

NEW YORK (AP) — The Southeastern Conference's top teams face potentially tricky league rivals Saturday.

Florida already has locked up the SEC East, but former Gators coach Steve Spurrier brings his South Carolina team to Gainesville for the first time with a chance to derail UF's national title hopes.

Georgia limps into Auburn in the midst of a disappointing season, trying to keep the Tigers from winning the West. Coming off a surprising home loss to Mississippi State, Alabama travels to LSU. And the biggest SEC game is in Arkansas, where the SEC West leaders face Tennessee.

Just another week in the nation's most intriguing conference.

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Girls hoops

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The 5-foot-7 range with frons looking to pick up a number of assists as Jardine plays the role of go-to shooter (10 points per game last season). Three-point star Amber Waters returns to play forward and post, for her junior season. At 5-9, she pulled down seven rebounds per game last year along with Megan Crist. Both should be productive cleaning up the glass again.

Part of last season's woes came in the form of scoring droughts that could last six or seven minutes, obviously killing any lead or momentum the Bruins had in the course of a game.

Shepard looks to remedy that problem with some outside shooting from junior Kelly Wriesman and senior Jessica Bond. He also cited Devan Martin as a strong ball-handler that can keep scoring to avoid those dry spells.

The Bruins will have to be quick to add their lack of height. Most girls on the team are 5-9 or shorter, meaning rebounding and inside scoring could prove troublesome. So, playing out the role of team "big man" could be Cami Baker's. Shepard described the 5-11 senior as "a big kid that can help us out."

And unseen force will be the team itself. This group has been through rough times and hopes to share some good times as they enter this season.

Class 4A Great Basin Conference West

Last year's third-place state team, the Burley Bobcats, return three starters from that squad and a few others that also saw varsity playing time. Nicole Tolman, who averaged nine points per game apiece with Tolman nabbing around six rebounds per game as well.

Head coach Gordon Kerbs said that the Bobcats have the potential to be a good perimeter team with a nice mix of experience and youth, a combination that could yield another 20-win season. Team defense will be a concern, particularly inside.

Jerome returns five players, but only one of those — Megan Parrish — stands over 5-8. While size could be a downside, the Tigers are fast and will play strong defense.

Kelsia Lloyd returns to the Minco Spartans squad now that she's recovered from an ACL injury that kept her out of the picture last season. Head coach Clint Stramann said that team energy will be high and that freshman Kendra Bailey could rewrite all 3-point records at Minco. She's started to start at shooting guard.

The Wood River Wolverines are



The Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball team scrimmages Monday in preparation for tonight's season opener at Skyview High. The Bruins host the Class 4A Pocahontas Indians on Wednesday for their home opener.

poised to rebound from a disappointing 2-20 season as they have six players returning. Junior Lauren Mumpster picked up 10.0 points, per game and seven rebounds while senior Kristen Minard went outside for 34.3-point games. Head coach Brent Carmudd referred to rebounding and the inside game as key, but overall the team could be faster.

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference

Over in Filer, the Wildcats should improve upon last year's 9-11 season as eight girls are listed as returning in Jim Annala's second year. They start tonight at the College of Southern Idaho gym against American Falls as they dedicate the season and home opener to injured Filer graduate Lindsay Helms. Annala said that the girls could build even more off the momentum of last season's strong finish.

"The girls are motivated, and most of all, willing to be coached," he said. The Kimberly Bulldogs have the

core from last year's team back with most standing 5-9 or better. With the added experience and some work on the inside game, where they won't be particularly tall, the Bulldogs could make a run for the conference title.

Over in Gooding, there's a tradition of winning. Whether head coach Chris Comstock is coaching Inlmen or coaching forwards, he'll look for the Senators to post another winning season with a state title run. Gooding returns three starters from last year's 19-6 team along with two other girls with varsity experience. Depth on the bench will be another asset to a team that will no doubt play hard for first.

The Declo Hornets hope to break the .500 mark this year as five girls return from last year's squad ready to play. Rebounding and consistent play are listed as areas that need work, but the Hornets are quick with good ball-handling skills and defense.

Perhaps the team most in need of a boost is Bull. The Indians need to pick up some wins to keep morale up as the team won't start until Sept. 22. Post Jamie Van Patten was sidelined

most of last season with injury, but is back. While head coach Mitch Oparnicco said that his team doesn't have much experience and there are depth issues here and there, senior leadership and savvy should keep the Indians afloat.

Class 2A Canyon Conference

On paper, the Valley Vikings seem to be the pick to pillage their way through the Canyon Conference. Six players are back from last year's 15-9 team with four of them as starters. Head coach Brian Hardy is impressed with the versatility, depth and work ethic, but hinted that the girls need to play as a team and not as individuals.

The Glens Falls Pilots boast strong senior leadership as three of four starters enter their final year of high school. Head coach Kellie McInone called her team "very scrappy" as the Pilots will have to play hard and need to guard the perimeter, especially to get by Wendell's 3-point shooters. Information about the Wendell Trojans was not available.

Class 1A Magic Valley Northside Conference

Shoshone may face the same fate in basketball as they did in volleyball. The Indians finished third in state for their 2005-06 season, but as in volleyball, most of that squad graduated. Only Kori Bingham, Kresley Robinson and Shaynee Gulliford return.

The possible dark horse candidate to place a run at state could be the Richfield Tigers.

Led by Steve Kent, the Tigers return the nucleus of a squad that took fifth last year, losing to Shoshone in the process. Cassia Wood-led the team in scoring with 13.1 points per game and eight rebounds. Angela Kent (no relation to coach Kent) is a four-year starter that averaged seven points and five rebounds per game at forward. Kent has dubbed her "the quiet assassin." Moe Hubstern and Michelle Kent (who is a relation to the coach) are also solid performers with seven ppg and five rpg last winter. However, Kent stressed that scoring needs to be more consistency with more coming from the inside.

Camas County head coach Matt McLam will look for his team to toughen up to win some games this year. With the tallest girl measuring just 5-foot-6, the Mustangs will have to make up for that deficiency in other areas. Kandace Boggs and Michelle McMurdo are the only returning starters.

Canby may have a rough time as well, as they return no starters from last year. The Panthers will be a young

bunch, but according to first-year head coach Hans Dartsch, they have the attitude to improve.

The Community School will field a team that for once, according to head coach Ryan Waterfield, will have more upperclassman than underclassmen. In other words, experience and quality playing minutes are a strength to this squad. It'll come in handy if they have trouble picking up rebounds due to a lack of team height.

In Dietrich, ACEY Shaw has a young team with no returning players, but the squad should make up for it in chemistry as they look for another winning season. Last year, the Blue Devils finished 17-6 in Shaw's first season.

Class 1A Magic Valley Southside Conference

Castelford returns five girls which will give the Knights knowledge of the game. Although they'll be quality, the Wolves could suffer on the inside game due to small size.

Luanne Axelson has led the Hagerman Pirates to state in volleyball and hopes to do the same in basketball. She returns four players, including volleyball standouts Breccia Mangum and Chaucence Axelson. The carry-over from one sport to the next should be a huge intangible as team chemistry should be a given. The Pirates' biggest question mark, according to Axelson, is who will step up on defense to replace the graduated Shelli Smith.

Allen will be a senior-heavy team with five returning for third-year head coach Jim Lasso.

Lighthouse Christian enters its first year of the conference with seven girls returning from last year's team which will provide depth. Injuries last season were partly the reason for the 4-13 record, but again, team depth could aid in that area.

Murtaugh returns, eight girls this year, but no seniors. First-year head coach Dawn Rosebrough in basketball as a concern, but not much else is known about the Red Devils.

Oakley first-year head coach Kristin Jones inherits a young team with potential and quick guards. Height will also be an issue for the Hornets as only one girl on the roster measures taller than 5-8.

Raft River boasts four returning seniors and a junior on its quest to build upon last year's 16-9 record and capture the conference title. Head coach Jeremy Qualls listed speed and work ethic as keys to their play, but depth could be a problem.

Bliss and Twin Falls Christian Academy will only field junior varsity squads this season.

2006-07 Magic Valley Girls Basketball

Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six Twin Falls Bruins

Last year's record: 11-12
Head coach: Joe D. Shepard, fifth year
Returning players: Dony Easter, sr., 5-8; Amber Peterson, jr., 5-8; Ashley Ions, sr., 5-7; Jessica Bond, sr., 5-8; Kelsey Jardine, sr., 5-8; Kelly Wriesman, jr., 5-9; Brock Robinson, jr., 5-8; Devan Martin, jr., 5-8; Katie Kumm, sr., 5-8; Megan Crist, so., 5-9; Chelsea Barker, sr., 5-11; Karissa Macco, jr., 5-10.

Class 4A Great Basin Conference West Burley Bobcats

Last year's record: 21-4 (state third)
Head coach: Gordon Kerbs, 14th year
Returning starters: Jessica Brice, sr., 5-10; G. McKel Baker, sr., 5-7; Nicole Tolman, jr., 5-10; P. J. James Thurston, sr., 5-7; McKel Baker, jr., 5-10; P. Kassi Kerbs, so., 5-5, G.
Newcomers: Cinthia Rios, jr., 5-7; W. Teresa Wayment, fr., 5-9.

Jerome Tigers

Last year's record: 17-9
Head coach: Will Horbison, third year
Returning players: Megan Parrish, sr., 5-11; Jordan Burnham, jr., 5-8; Molly Reid, jr., 5-8; Chelsea Craig, sr., 5-2; Dorothy Lopez, sr., 5-2.
Newcomers: Aubree Callen, fr., 5-8; Jordann Hoffille, so., 5-10; Halle Long, so., 5-7; Bailey Messervy, jr., 5-4; Kaitana Montgomery, jr., 5-9; Elena Rigganach, sr., 5-10.

Minco Spartans

Last year's record: 5-12
Head coach: Clint Stramann, seventh year
Returning players: Jerica Smith, sr., 5-10; P. Dani Ramirez, sr., 5-5; G. Tia Short, sr., 5-10, F.
Newcomers: Kelsia Lloyd, jr.

Wood River Wolverines

Last year's record: 2-20
Head coach: Brent Carmudd, seventh year
Returning players: Kristen Hiltner, sr., 5-7; Megan Scanlon, sr., 5-6; Casey Chvortz, sr., 5-6; Leighandra Roberts, sr., 5-7; Lauren Gorenthal, jr., 6-2; P. Hannah Ward, jr., 5-11, F.
Newcomers: Tasha Karsi, jr., 5-6; P. Alex Randall, so., 5-4; G. Sam Engel, so., 5-10; P. Alex Lindboom, fr., 5-2, G.

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Bull Indians

Last year's record: 0-22
Head coach: Mitch Oparnicco, third year
Returning players: Jamie Van Patten, sr., 5-10; P. Taina Wriesman, sr., 5-9; G. Amanda Combe, sr., 5-9; G.P. Jenna Livey, sr., 5-6; G.
Newcomers: Elise Spencer, so., 6-0; P. Autumn Yurbe, so., 5-7; Amber Alves, sr., 5-2; G. Courtney Azevedo, fr., 5-6; G. Malli Bourner, sr., 5-5; G. Mercedes Pearson, fr., 5-5, G.

Declo Hornets

Last year's record: 10-12
Head coach: Val Christensen, third year
Returning players: Kendra Koyte, sr., 5-3; G. Emily Ramer, sr., 5-6; G. Lacey Mangum, sr., 5-4; G. Kelsie Peterson, sr., 5-9; G. McKel Webb, jr., 5-8, F.
Newcomers: Sydney Christensen, so., 5-6; G. Gabbe Stoker, jr., 5-5; G. Macey Jones, jr., 5-9; P. Amber Howard, jr., 5-11, G.

Filer Wildcats

Last year's record: 9-11
Head coach: Jim Annala, second year
Returning players: Shanae Astle, sr., 5-10; P. Kelsie Vincent, sr., Rachel Verhagen, sr., Holly Ramseyer, jr.; Kylee White, jr.; Meghan Egbert, jr.; Jill Haney, jr.

Gooding Senators

Last year's record: 19-6 (state consolation title)
Head coach: Chris Comstock, fourth year
Returning starters: Cheyanna Robinson, jr., 5-4; PG. Katie Randall, sr., 5-10; P. Nici Abramowski, jr., 5-5, W.
Returning players: Tiffany Jackson, jr., 5-9; P. Mary Ann Onizida, sr., 5-9.
Newcomers: Malon McCallif, jr., 5-6; W. Julie Jensen, jr., 5-7; P. Genry Kaye, jr., 5-6; W. Katie Faulkner, jr., 5-8; P. Holly Johnson, sr., 5-10, P.

Kimberly Bulldogs

Last year's record: 9-12
Head coach: Rich Bishop, third year
Returning players: Kayla Hutcherson, jr., 5-10; W. Kessie Newberry, jr., 5-10; P. Kylene Butler, jr., 5-3; G. Brittany Harty, sr., 5-9; P. Maria Onizida, sr., 5-9.
Newcomers: Jessica Turcotta, fr., 5-6; G. Bailey Keller, fr., 5-4; G. Shalley Sellers, jr., 5-8; P. Alex Pfefferle, fr., 5-9, G/W.

Class 2A Canyon Conference Glens Ferry Pilots

Last year's record: 7-23
Head coach: Kelli McInone, seventh year
Returning players: Alisha Crane, sr., P.F. Carl Noble, sr., P.F. Rachel Anagnostaki, sr., P.F. Leticia Masillas, sr., G. Ashlea Granowick, jr., G.
Newcomers: Crystal Laib, jr., G. Diyana Furco, jr., G. Kalle Hurst, jr., G. Jaclyn Ferry, jr., P.F. Sarah Hill, jr., P.F. Lindsey Gulch, sr., G. Jessie Thompson, sr., P.F. Maria Ortiz, sr., G.

Valley Vikings

Last year's record: 15-9
Head coach: Brian Hardy, 11th year
Returning starters: Natalie Hanson, sr., 5-7; Sarah Callen, sr., 5-6; Jamie Cahoun, jr., 5-5; G. Kalle Hill, so., 5-10, G.
Returning players: Pamela Gutierrez, sr., 5-10; C. Kassia Hall, sr., 5-4, G.
Newcomers: Zandra Nelson, jr., 5-5; G. Lisa Romer, jr., 5-7; Shannon Sizemore, jr., 5-9, F.

Wendell Trojans

Last year's record: n/a
Head coach: Delon Husey, first year
Players: n/a

Class 1A Magic Valley Northside Conference Camas County Mustangs

Last year's record: 8-12
Head coach: Matt McLam, eighth year
Returning starters: Kandace Boggs, sr.; Michelle McMurdo, sr.; Paige Davies, jr.; Alyssa Peters, jr.; Mollie McLam, so.

Carey Panthers

Last year's record: 5-8, P
Head coach: Lane Dartsch, fourth year
Returning player: Allison Shafter, sr., F/C.
Newcomers: Jennifer Canasusa, jr., G. Kendra Olson, jr., G. Jessica Parke, jr., G. Kayla Bailey, so., F/C; Kelsey Green, so., G.P. Amy Ellsworth, fr., F/C.

Richfield Tigers

Last year's record: 19-9 (state fifth place)
Head coach: Steve Kent, sixth year
Returning starters: Angela Kent, sr., 5-8; F. Angela Kent, sr., 5-7; Moe Hubstern, jr., 5-7; G. Michelle Kent, so., 5-7; G.
Newcomers: Johanna Ellis, sr., 5-6; G. Kimberly Twitcheil, jr., 5-7; P. Lea Piper, so., 5-10; P. Krista Allen, so., 5-9; P. Terrie Kent, fr., 5-4; G. Taylor Twitcheil, fr., 5-4, G.

Shoshone Indians

Last year's record: 2-43 (state third place)
Head coach: Tim Chapman, 15th year
Returning starters: Kori Bingham, sr., 5-8; G. Kresley Robinson, sr., 5-8; P. Shaynee Gulliford, jr., 5-7, W.
Newcomers: Val Parsons, jr., 5-5; G. Jessica Anderson, sr., 5-6; P. Rikki Wiggins, sr., 5-7; W. Lacey Krup, jr., 5-6; W. Heidi Dalton, fr., 5-5; G. Kelly Perron, so., 5-10, P.

Magio Valley Southside Conference Castelford Wolves

Last year's record: 5-13
Head coach: Roger Welis, sixth year
Returning starters: Gabrielle Medina, jr., 5-5; G. Mirya Rodriguez, sr., 5-7; P. Jessica Anderson, sr., 5-6; P. Rikki Wiggins, so., 5-5; G. Belinda Kihum, so., 5-5; P. Cassie Kurvik, jr., 5-5; G. Lindsay Wiggins, sr., 5-6, G.

Hagerman Pirates

Last year's record: 24-7
Head coach: Luanne Axelson, third year
Returning starters: Kalia Madrigales, jr., 5-9, W/F; G. Bianca Marston, sr., 5-8; G. Brexia Marston, sr., 5-9; F. G. Charl Giesler, 5-4, so., G.

Newcomers: Christine Ragner, jr., 5-10; G. Shanbyr Pendley, jr., 5-6; G. Haley Amaga, so., 5-6, W/G.

Hansen Huskies

Last year's record: n/a
Head coach: Jim Lasso, third year
Returning players: Amanda Dobe, sr., F. Amanda Urie, sr., F/W; Jessica Beaver, sr., G. Charlotte Freestone, sr., F/G; Shylene Higgins, sr., F/C; Abby Newcomers: Jessica Day, sr., F/C; Abby Curry, jr., F. Shelby Schoessler, jr., F/C.

Lighthouse Christian Lions

Last year's record: 4-13
Head coach: Jala Tolman, fourth year
Returning players: Amber Ulrich, sr., 5-8; G. Vanessa Wendland, sr., 5-8; F. Marissa Ho Chese, sr., 5-4; PG. Katie Schell, sr., 5-9; P. Staci Beekers, jr., 5-7; G. Kaley Bousard, jr., 5-6; P. Britton Jones, so., 5-4, F.

Murtaugh Red Devils

Last year's record: n/a
Head coach: Dawn Rosebrough, first year
Returning players: Joanna Randolph, jr.; Michelle Rosebrough, jr.; Selena Delgado, jr.; Lashelle Simmons, sr.; Ashley Bridges, so.; Nikki Hutor, sr.; Charene Randolph, sr.; Jena Adams, so.
Newcomers: Natalia Suucedo, jr.; Breka Royes, fr.; Bonnie Bussell, fr.; Alexa Stangor, jr.; Marissa Caldwell, jr.

Oakley Hornets

Last year's record: n/a
Head coach: Kristin Jones, first year
Returning players: Tashie Robinson, sr., 5-2; G. Alya Larsen, jr., 5-6; G. Kaley Lierman, jr., 5-4; G. Cora Ball, jr., 5-7; P. Anna McBride, jr., 5-4; G. Lindsay Nilsen, jr., 5-5, F.
Newcomers: Whitney Smith, so., 5-5, P. Coble Taylor, so., 5-3; G. Jillian Hale, so., 5-6, C.

Raft River Trojans

Last year's record: 19-9
Head coach: Jeremy Qualls, fifth year
Returning players: Kymberly Harp, sr., 5-7; G. Lindsey Jones, sr., 5-7; P. Halle Scott, sr., 5-8; P. Jeremy Harp, sr., 5-5; G. Nicole Harper, jr., 5-8, G.
Newcomers: Natalia Greenwood, jr., 5-3; G. Hutch Johnson, jr., 5-6; P. Mari Moege, so., 5-6; G. Meg White, so., jr., 11, P.

SPORTS

Everything new for ISU men

Bengals face brutal preseason schedule under new coach

By Mark Lipiak
Times-Herald correspondent

POCATELLO — Practically everything is new in 2006-07 for the Idaho State men's basketball team. From a new coaching staff to new uniforms to eight new players, a new era of Bengals basketball is beginning. ISU has even moved home games back to Holt Arena. Unfortunately, the one thing that probably won't be new this season is the outcome on the floor. But more on that in a moment.

New head coach Joe O'Brien is a veteran guy who coached at practically every level of the game. He's won three national junior college championships while at Southeast Iowa Community College and he's a defensive-minded coach who doesn't suffer mistakes gladly. He could turn out to be the right man at the right time for the program.

His staff includes former All-SEC and first-round NBA draft pick Tommie Robinson, former Kentucky star will help

tutor ISU's post players and try to develop an inside presence — something that is of great concern for the Bengals this season.

Outside of Texas Tech transfer John Ofoegbu, who could be a true star in the conference, the Bengals simply don't have the size needed to bang with some of the teams in the league.

To counter that O'Brien plans to play three in the same time four guards, a maneuver that does have the talent on hand to pull off. Returning players like All-Big Sky Conference guard David Schmitt, Logan Kinghorn and Matt Stucki can shoot and score with the best of them. Among the newcomers who show promise is 6-foot-6 freshman Justin Kilpatrick, the son of former New Orleans Jazz draft choice Carl Kilpatrick.

O'Brien's commitment to defense, something rarely played well in the Big Sky, and his ability to put together a pair of big guards will enable ISU

to steal some wins against teams not ready or able to handle it. That could put the Bengals in the mix with the second level of teams in the conference and perhaps allow ISU to lock up a spot in the postseason tournament — something Idaho State hasn't done since the 2003-04 season.

Heading into the year Montana, Montana State and Eastern Washington are the clubs considered by most to be at the top of the Big Sky heap.

The nonconference schedule certainly will get ISU ready for Big Sky play. Starting with a game at Marquette on Nov. 13, the Bengals play their first five contests on the road. That stretch includes stops at BYU, Washington State, Texas A&M, Utah on November 18 and December, ISU is also at Utah State, Oregon, Illinois and Boise State. It's a schedule worthy of a Top 25 club, but one that O'Brien hopes will get his team in the mind set of knowing that after that early slate anything they see in the Big Sky has got to be easier.

It's not a stretch to see ISU leading the nation's mark of 13-14 (4-10 Big Sky). But how much better depends of how the players adapt to O'Brien and his philosophies and how quickly some talented freshmen develop.

Lightfoot leads loaded Bengals

With veteran roster, ISU women aim for NCAA tourney trip

By Mark Lipiak
Times-Herald correspondent

POCATELLO — When the ISU women take the floor tonight at BYU to open up the 2006-2007 season in the Preseason NIT, they'll be hitting the hardwood with an air of confidence. Confidence born of the fact that under head coach Bev Lee, the Bengals are the defending Big Sky Conference regular-season champs and a team that played in the postseason NIT Tournament last year at Kansas State.

It's also confidence born out of knowing the two of the top teams in the conference are back to anchor an imposing and deep lineup.

When you look at the Bengals, you start with junior guard Andrea Lightfoot. Lightfoot, the transfer from Nebraska, garnered both the player of the year and new-comer of the year awards last season as she ripped the nets for 18.5 points per game. In addition she averaged five rebounds, three assists and two steals. Her athleticism creates shots and she's a nightmare for opposing defenses to contain. She's an outside threat, but certainly not the only talent Idaho State boasts.

On the inside there's Natalie Doma. The 6-foot-3 center is a physical specimen who last season made the all Big Sky Team on the basis

of her 17.9 points, 8.7 rebounds and 1.7 blocked shots per game. She's considered the best inside-outside combination in the league.

Add to that the terrific support from returning players like Jeff Boesel and Joanna Hixon, both of whom averaged over 10 points last season, and it's clear why the Bengals were the coaches' choice (along with Montana) for top honors in the preseason poll. In the media poll, ISU's ladies were the third choice behind Big Sky Conference

Tournament winner Northern Arizona and Montana.

The Bengals' nonconference schedule is good with road games against the Cougars, Utah State and Nevada heading the list. Also Wyoming comes to Reed Gym on Nov. 28. It's a schedule that should have Idaho State ready for a rough and tumble conference that sees a lot of the top 25 teams in the conference and at least three starters back.

"I have never seen this many players coming back to the same conference," says Montana head coach Robin Selvig, who has been in Missoula for the past 25 seasons. Nevada also has the motivation card in its deck. If things start to slip, either in focus, discipline or attitude, all he needs to do is remind the team about last March 10, when in the semifinals of the Big Sky postseason tournament, hated rival Weber State came into Reed Gym and up the Bengals 71-70 on a last-second shot that ended ISU's NCAA dreams and sent them to the WNIT for the second time.

The guess here is that he won't have to resort to that this season.



A capsule look at NCAA men's basketball in 2006-07

NEW YORK (AP) — A look at the 31 conferences for the 2006-07 college basketball season:

X — regular-season champion;

Y — conference tournament champion

AMERICA EAST

05-06 CHAMPIONS: x-Albany.
POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Albany; PRESEASON POLL: Maine; Vermont; New Hampshire; Boston University; Binghamton; Stony Brook; Maryland-Baltimore County; Hartford.

06-07 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Jamar Wilson, Albany; Blago Janov, New Hampshire; Kevin Reed, Maine; Mitchell Beaufort, Stony Brook; Mike Timbol, Vermont.

THREE THINGS: Albany has three starters, including conference player of the year, Jamar Wilson, back on the team that held a double-figure lead over top-seeded Connecticut in the opening round of the NCAA tournament. ... Maine gets two-time all-conference guard Kevin Reed back after he missed last season with injury. ... Dan Lobozan, an assistant to John Chaney at Temple for 10 seasons, takes over at Hartford.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA—Albany, NIT—none.

ATLANTIC 10

05-06 CHAMPIONS: x-George Washington; y-Virginia.
POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: George Washington; Xavier; NIT: Charlotte; Saint Joseph's; Temple.
PRESEASON POLL: Xavier; Massachusetts; Saint Louis; Charlotte; George Washington; Dayton; Fordham; Saint Joseph's; Temple; La Salle; Rhode Island; Richmond; Duquesne; St. Bonaventure.

06-07 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: De'Angelo Alexander, Charlotte; Stanley Burnell, Xavier; Bryant Dunston, Fordham; Rashaun Freeman, Massachusetts; Ian Vouyoukas, Saint Louis.

THREE THINGS: Duquesne, which has had a losing record in all but one of the last 20 seasons, will spend this season trying to recover from the Sept. 17 shooting of five players on campus. Under first-year coach Ron Everhart, has had as few as eight players available for practice, including three walk-ons. ... For the first time in 24 seasons John Chaney won't be coaching at Temple. Fran Dunphy moved across town from Penn to replace him. ... Massachusetts will get a lot of help from transfers Luke Bonner (Wake Forest), Elias Brewer (Boston University) and Gary Forbes (Virginia).

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA—Xavier; Massachusetts, NIT—George Washington; Fordham; Charlotte.

ATLANTIC COAST

05-06 CHAMPIONS: x-Duke.
POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Boston College; Duke; North Carolina; North Carolina St.; NIT: Clemson; Florida St.; Maryland; Miami; Virginia; Wake Forest.
PRESEASON POLL: North Carolina; Duke; Boston College; Georgia Tech; Florida St.; Virginia; Maryland; Virginia Tech; Clemson; Wake Forest; Miami; North Carolina St.

06-07 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Tyler Hansbrough, North Carolina; Jared Duetcher, Boston College; Sean Singletary, Virginia; Al Thornton, Florida St.; Josh McRoberts, Duke.

THREE THINGS: Sidney Lowe takes over as coach at North Carolina State, replacing Herb Sendek, who left for Arizona State after five straight NCAA appear-

ances with the Wolfpack. Lowe, a former star at N.C. State, lost four starters from last season and then key 6-foot-10 reserve Andrew Brachman opted to pursue his professional baseball career. ... Virginia, looking for its first NCAA bid since 2001, opens its season at John Paul Jones Arena after playing six seasons in University Hall. ... Duke will have sophomore captains for the first time in school history as Greg Paulus and Josh McRoberts join James DeMaroux and Justin Kilpatrick on the Blue Devils.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA—Boston College; Duke; Georgia Tech; North Carolina; Florida St.; Virginia Tech; NIT—Clemson; Maryland; Wake Forest.

ATLANTIC SUN

05-06 CHAMPIONS: x-Lipscomb; y-Belmont.
POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Belmont. NIT: Lipscomb.
PRESEASON POLL: Belmont; Lipscomb; East Tennessee St.; Kennesaw St.; Campbell; Statesboro; Mercer; Gardner-Webb; Jacksonville; North Florida.

06-07 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Eddie Ard, Lipscomb; Brian Fisk, Lipscomb; Justin Hare, Belmont; Boomer Herndon, Belmont; Robert Wootten, Kennesaw.

THREE THINGS: Campbell was second in the nation in scoring last season (82.6) and the Fighting Camels return five of their top six scorers. ... East Tennessee State loses conference player of the year Tim Smith and the Buccaneers host 11 road games with Auburn, Vanderbilt and Tennessee of the Southeastern Conference. ... Gardner-Webb welcomes 68 Peppertine transfer Samba Fall and three transfers from Wake Forest: Matt March, 6-10 Matt Maden and 6-8 Aryn McMillan.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA—Belmont, NIT—none.

BIG 12

05-06 CHAMPIONS: x-Texas; y-Kansas.
POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Kansas; Oklahoma; Texas; Texas A&M; NIT: Colorado; Nebraska; Oklahoma St.; PRESEASON POLL: Kansas; Texas A&M; Oklahoma St.; Texas; Kansas St.; Texas Tech; Baylor; Missouri; Oklahoma; Nebraska; Iowa St.; Colorado.

06-07 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Richard Roby, Colorado; Brandon Rush, Kansas; Julian Wright, Kansas; Ake Lae, Texas A&M; Joseph Jones, Texas A&M; Jarvis Jackson, Texas Tech.

THREE THINGS: Most of the teams in the conference start the season with a new coach: Bob Huggins at Kansas State; Sean Sutton at Oklahoma State; Mike Anderson at Missouri; Jeff Capel at Oklahoma; Greg McDermott at Iowa State; and Doc Sadler at Nebraska. ... Colorado had the nation's first coaching vacancy for next season when Ricardo Patton announced last month that he would resign at season's end. ... Bob Knight, who agreed to a one-year contract extension with Texas Tech through 2011, 12, needs 11 wins to reach 880 and pass Dean Smith as the winningest coach in Division I history.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA—Kansas; Texas; Texas A&M; Texas Tech; NIT—Kansas St.; Oklahoma St.

BIG EAST

05-06 CHAMPIONS: x-Connecticut; y-Syracuse.
POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Connecticut; Georgia Tech; Marquette; Pittsburgh; Seton Hall; Syracuse;

Villanova; West Virginia; NIT: Cincinnati; Louisville; Notre Dame; Rutgers.
PRESEASON POLL: Pittsburgh; Georgetown; Syracuse; Marquette; Connecticut; Louisville; Villanova; DePaul; St. John's; Providence; Notre Dame; West Virginia; Cincinnati; Rutgers; Seton Hall; South Florida.

06-07 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Aaron Gray, Pittsburgh; Jeff Adrien, Connecticut; Wilson Chandler, DePaul; Sammy Mejia, DePaul; Jeff Green, Georgetown; Fred Hibert, Georgetown; Juan Palacios, Louisville; Dominic James, Marquette; Lamont Harrison, St. John's; Terrence Roberts, Syracuse; Curtis Sumpter, Villanova.

THREE THINGS: After sending a record eight teams to the NCAA tournament, the Big East loses 14 of its top 15 scorers from last season with Dominic James of Marquette (15.3) the lone returner. ... Connecticut has tied the nation in blocked shots in the first five seasons and the chances of the Huskies extending their record run increased when 73 Haschem Thabeet was declared eligible on Oct. 25. ... Three coaches make their Big East debuts this season: Mick Cronin at Cincinnati, Fred Hill at Rutgers and Bobby Gonzalez at Seton Hall.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA—Connecticut; DePaul; Georgetown; Louisville; Marquette; Notre Dame; Pittsburgh; Syracuse; Villanova. NIT—Providence; Cincinnati.

BIG SKY

05-06 CHAMPIONS: x-Northern Arizona; y-Montana.
POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Montana. NIT: Northern Arizona.
PRESEASON POLL: Northern Arizona; Montana; Eastern Washington; Portland St.; Sacramento St.; Weber St.; Idaho St.; Montana St.; Northern Colorado.

06-07 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Rodney Stuckey, Eastern Washington; Campbell, Northern Arizona; Andrew Stahl, Montana; Anthony Washington, Portland St.; Steve St. Northern Arizona.

THREE THINGS: Larry Krystkowiak led Montana to consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, including a first-round win over Nevada last season. ... He left in June to take an assistant position with the Milwaukee Bucks. ... Rodney Stuckey of Eastern Washington was the first freshman to be selected the conference player of the year. The 6-4 guard led the league in scoring (24.2). ... Northern Colorado will play a complete conference schedule for the first time but the Bears won't be eligible for the title until after the 2007-08 season as it completes its transition from Division II.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA—Northern Arizona, NIT—none.

BIG SOUTH

05-06 CHAMPIONS: x-Wilmington; y-UNC Asheville.
POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Wilmington. PRESEASON POLL: Wilmington; Coastal Carolina; High Point; Charleston Southern; Liberty; North Carolina-Asheville; Radford; VMI.
PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Torrell Martin, North Carolina; Larry Blair, Liberty; Arizona Ford, High Point; Jack Leasure, Coastal Carolina; Craig Bradshaw, Wilmington.

THREE THINGS: Gregg Marshall returns as the head man at the College of Charleston. Marshall, who has led the Eagles to the NCAA tournament six of the last eight seasons, had a change of heart and was gone for 24 hours. ... Craig Bradshaw, a 6-10 forward for

Wilmington, averaged 13.0 points and 6.0 rebounds for New Zealand this summer in the World Championships. ... Birmingham-Southern held the conference this summer and will not play basketball this season, returning in 2007-08 in non-scholarship Division III.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA—Wilmington, NIT—none.

BIG TEN

05-06 CHAMPIONS: x-Ohio St.; y-Iowa.
POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Illinois; Indiana; Iowa; Michigan St.; Ohio St.; Wisconsin. NIT: Michigan; Minnesota; Penn St.

06-07 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: D.J. White, Indiana; Adam Halusta, Iowa; Greg Oden, Ohio St.; Geary Claxton, Penn St.; Alando Tucker, Wisconsin.

THREE THINGS: Seven-foot freshman Greg Oden won't play for Ohio State until January after offseason wrist surgery, but he is still attracting all the early season attention and was selected to the preseason all-conference team. The Buckeyes still have two other McDonald's All-Americans — guards Mike Conley and Dequan Coles — in their freshman class. ... Wisconsin returns four starters, including Alando Tucker, the first Big Ten to lead the league in scoring since 1950. ... Illinois is the only school other than Duke to win 25 games the past six seasons.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA—Ohio St.; Wisconsin; Illinois; Michigan; Michigan St. NIT—Indiana; Iowa; Minnesota; Penn St.

BIG WEST

05-06 CHAMPIONS: x-Pacific.
POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Pacific. PRESEASON POLL: Pacific; Long Beach State (tie); Cal St. Fullerton; UC Irvine; UC Santa Barbara; Cal Poly; Cal St. Northridge; UC Riverside.

06-07 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Devyn Coe, Cal St. Fullerton; Chris DeVries, UC Santa Barbara; Darin Felt, UC Irvine; Kejuan Johnson, Long Beach St.; Aron Nixon, Long Beach St.; Derek Stuckelger, Cal Poly.

THREE THINGS: Pacific has seven newcomers — including junior college transfer Solomon Hirschel, a 6-2 guard, to try and keep its streak of three straight regular-season titles going. ... Cal State Fullerton will look to improve its transfer Ray Reed to help senior Bobby Enworn form one of the league's best backcourts. ... Long Beach State has nine let-tenmen-including three starters-back from the team that led the nation in scoring last season (83.3).

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA—Long Beach St. NIT—Pacific.

MID-CENTRAL

05-06 CHAMPIONS: x-Oral Roberts.
POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Oral Roberts. PRESEASON POLL: Oral Roberts; Indiana; Missouri; North Carolina; Kansas City; Valparaiso; Oakland, Mich.; Western Illinois; Southern Utah; Centenary.

06-07 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Caleb Green, Oral Roberts; Ken Tutt, Oral Roberts; George Hill, IUPUI; Quinton Day, UMKC; Nova Severova, Oakland; David Jackson, Western Illinois.

THREE THINGS: Caleb Green and Ken Tutt led Oral Roberts to its first NCAA tournament berth in 22 years as juniors last season. ... Bobby Collins, who coached the seventh set of teamates in Division I history to top 2,000 points each. ... Valparaiso coach Homer Drew promoted his son, Bryce, to associate head coach. Bryce Drew hit the 3,000-point mark as captain of the suspended 70-69 victory over Mississippi in the 1998 NCAA tournament in which they advanced to the round of 16. ... Chicago State led the conference and will play as an independent this season. Bobby Collins, who resigned after leading Hampton to the NCAA tournament last season, will lead Winston-Salem State in its first Division I season. Jamal Brown, the center on South Carolina State's 1996 NCAA tournament team, takes over as its alma mater. ... Todd Bozeman, who was banned by the NCAA for eight years over recruiting violations as coach at California, takes the helm at Morgan State for Butch Benson, who was 33-0-5 in five seasons. ... All five starters from Delaware State, which went 16-2 to win the regular-season title last season.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA—Florida A&M. NIT—none.

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC

05-06 CHAMPIONS: x-Delaware St.; y-Hampton.
POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Hampton. NIT: Delaware St.
PRESEASON POLL: Delaware St.; Norfolk State; Florida A&M; Coppin St.; Hampton; South Carolina St.; North Carolina A&T; Bethune-Cookman; Howard; Morgan St.; Maryland-Eastern Shore.

06-07 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Jahsha Blunt, Delaware St.; Iywan Johnson, Coppin St.; Tony Taylor, Middle Tennessee; Brian Martin, South Carolina St.; Jason Williams, North Carolina A&T.

THREE THINGS: Two coaches with conference championship titles take over programs this season. Bobby Collins, who resigned after leading Hampton to the NCAA tournament last season, will lead Winston-Salem State in its first Division I season. Jamal Brown, the center on South Carolina State's 1996 NCAA tournament team, takes over as its alma mater. ... Todd Bozeman, who was banned by the NCAA for eight years over recruiting violations as coach at California, takes the helm at Morgan State for Butch Benson, who was 33-0-5 in five seasons. ... All five starters from Delaware State, which went 16-2 to win the regular-season title last season.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA—Florida A&M. NIT—none.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

05-06 CHAMPIONS: x-North Carolina-Wilmington.
POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: George Mason; North Carolina-Wilmington. NIT: Hofstra; Old Dominion.
PRESEASON POLL: Hofstra; George Mason; Old Dominion; North Carolina-Wilmington; Virginia Commonwealth; Georgia St.; Northeastern; James Madison; William & Mary; Delaware.
PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Antonio Agudino, Hofstra; J.T. Carter, N.C. Wilmington; Dominick Mejia, Drexel; Gary Neal, Towson; Loren Stokes, Hofstra; Will

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Twenty things to know about the upcoming season

NEW YORK (AP) — Twenty things to know about the 2006-07 college basketball season:

- 1. **Big games** — There will be plenty of big-time matchups to hold everyone over until conference play begins in January. Top-ranked Florida meets No. 3 Kansas in Las Vegas on Nov. 25. The Maui Invitational could have a championship matchup of No. 6 UCLA and No. 15 Memphis. The Big Ten-ACC Challenge provides No. 4 Ohio State at No. 2 North Carolina on Nov. 29. Ohio State has another big non-conference game on Dec. 23, visiting defending champion Florida.
- 2. **Coaching milestone** — Bob Knight of Texas Tech needs 11 wins for 880 in his career to pass former North Carolina coach Dean Smith for first place on the all-time list for Division I men. It could come in a three-game home stretch against Bucknell (Dec. 23), UNLV (Dec. 28) or New Mexico (Jan. 21). If not it would happen against a Big 12 opponent.
- 3. **Coaching changes** — Bobby Cremins (College of Charleston), Bob Higgins (Kansas State) and Todd Boatman (Morgan State) all return to the coaching ranks and receive various amounts of time away for various reasons. The Big 12 had six of the 59 coaching changes this offseason with Greg McDermott (Iowa State), Mike Anderson (Missouri), Doc Sadler (Nebraska), Jeff Capel (Oklahoma State) and Sean Sutton (Oklahoma State) joining Higgins as those in new positions.
- 4. **Moving teams** — After a season where it seemed every league had a change or two, the movement was slight

this offseason, with five schools making moves and one conference having more than one (Florida Atlantic, Louisiana-Monroe moved to the Sun Belt).

- 5. **Competing teams** — There are 325 Division I members this season, down from 2005-06 with Birmingham South-eastern leaving for nonmembership Division III. Two schools — UC Davis and Northern Colorado — will become official Division I members next season.
- 6. **Coaching farewells** — Some coaches have already made their plans known for after this season either by announcing their retirement or resignation: Ricardo Poirer, Colorado; Riley Wallace, Hawaii; and Byron Samuels, Radford.
- 7. **Tough schedule** — When Ron Everhart was the coach at North Carolina, he had 6-foot-10 Shawn James, who led the nation last season with 6.5 blocked shots per game. Everhart left for Duquesne and James later followed as a junior at the Huskies' schedule stayed the same. First-year coach Bill Coen will have non-conference road games against Syracuse, Pittsburgh, Connecticut, Louisville and Boston College.
- 8. **Iron streak** — Clemson has never won at North Carolina, a streak covering 52 games, tied for an NCAA record. But it won't be broken this year, when the Atlantic Coast Conference's unbalanced schedule means its only meeting between the Tigers and Tar Heels is at Clemson.
- 9. **Leading scorer** — The leading returning scorer from last season is 6-4 guard Rodney Stuckey of Eastern Washington, who averaged 24.2 points

and became the first freshman to be named Big Sky conference player of the year. Adam Morrison of Gonzaga led the nation last season with 28.1 average, but the junior forward left for the NBA.

- 10. **New rebound leader** — For the first time since the 2002-03 season there will be a new leading rebounder in Division I. Paul Millsap, 6-8, 245-pound forward from Louisiana Tech became the first player to lead the country in rebounding for three straight seasons, led school early and was taken in the second round of the NBA draft by the Utah Jazz. Millsap averaged 12.5 rebounds as a freshman, 12.4 as a sophomore and 13.3 last season. Rashad Jones-Jennings, who averaged 11.3 last season as a junior at Arkansas-Little Rock is the leading rebounder about the country.
- 11. **Sweet charity** — Blake Ahearn of Missouri State shot 93.6 percent from the free throw line last season to lead Division I in that category for the third straight season. The 6-2 Ahearn shot an NCAA-record 97.5 percent on a high-an-arc shot as a sophomore. In his first three seasons he has missed 16 of 340 free throws.
- 12. **NIT picking** — The National Invitation Tournament has been decreased from 40 teams to 30 teams that could hurt some big-time coaches who may be on the hot seat and need any postseason bid. The NIT will guarantee a berth to any conference's regular-season champion that loses in the league's postseason tournament.
- 13. **Tragic starts** — Three programs will start the season with missing teammates on their minds. Southern California is recovering from the loss of

freshman point guard Ryan Francis, who was shot and killed in May while riding in a car in Baton Rouge, La., where he was visiting his mother. Georgia junior guard Kevin Brungby, a native of Australia, was killed in a two-car accident in July as he was returning from working at a free basketball camp for kids. Toledo backup center Jarris Chambliss, a native of England, died less than a week before practice began of a ruptured blood vessel to his heart. Then there were the five players from Duquesne who were on campus after attending a school function. All are expected to recover.

- 14. **Hall of Fame** — The National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame will have its inaugural class inducted on Nov. 19 at Kansas City's Crown Center Exhibit Hall. The first class includes: Dr. James Naismith, John Wooden, Dean Smith, Oscar Robertson and Bill Russell.
- 15. **Remote control** — College basketball will again be a television staple in November until April. CBS will have 53 regular season games from 19 teams from nine conferences, then will televise the NCAA tournament. The ESPN family of networks will televise over 1,000 games with all 31 conferences represented. The weeknight line will include Big Monday (Nov. 27), Tuesday, ACC Wednesday and Throwdown Thursday.
- 16. **Fifteen-year transfers** — Players who completed their degrees in four years, had a year of eligibility remaining and wanted to transfer to another Division I school were able to take advantage of a new rule — Proposal 2005-54 — that allowed them to play

immediately at their new school. Kevin Kruger transferred from Arizona State, where he was the Sun Devils' leading scorer, to play at his father, Lon, at UNLV, who will maintain Maybank transfer from St. John's to Kansas State.

- 17. **Brewing rivalry** — Marquette and Wisconsin-Milwaukee, which are about 10 miles apart in downtown Milwaukee, announced a five-year deal last week to resume their series, which hadn't been played since 1998. Marquette leads the all-time series 34-0.
- 18. **Returning All-Americans** — Of the 15 players selected to last season's three All-American teams, only two are back for 2006-07 and all three were third-team selections. Nick Fazekas of Nevada, Glen "Big Baby" Davis of LSU and Tyler Hansbrough of North Carolina are the only returnees.
- 19. **Same name, same coach** — Georgetown's resurgence started with a familiar name running the program as John Thompson III led the Hoyas back into the NCAA tournament last season for the first time since 2001, reaching the round of 16. If that success continues another familiar name will be involved as 6-8 forward Pat Ewing is eligible this season after transferring from Indiana. His father, who went by Patrick, led the Hoyas to three Final Fours, including the 1984 national championship.
- 20. **March Madness** — Selection Sunday is March 11, with the opening-round game at Dayton, Ohio, two days later. The regional sites this season are San Diego, San Jose, Calif., East Rutherford, N.J. and St. Louis. The Final Four is March 31 and April 2 in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

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MISSOURI VALLEY

05-06 CHAMPIONS: xWichita St.; ySouthern Illinois.

POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Bradley; Northern Iowa; Southern Illinois; Wichita St. NIT: Creighton; Missouri St.

PRESEASON POLL: Creighton; Southern Illinois; Wichita St.; Missouri St.; Northern Iowa; Evansville; Drake; Bradley; Illinois St.; Indiana St.

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Point guard: Anthony Tolliver, Creighton; Blake Ahearn, Missouri St.; Grant Stout, Northern Iowa; Jamaal Tatum, Southern Illinois; Tony Young, Southern Illinois.

THREE THINGS: The Valley celebrates its 100th season coming off its best campaign ever with four teams invited to the NCAA tournament and two — Bradley and Wichita State — reaching the round of 16. ... Southern Illinois can tie a conference record by reaching the NCAA tournament for a sixth straight season. Cincinnati did so from 1959-63. ... Creighton guard Nate Funk was selected pre-season conference player of the year after missing almost all of last season because of shoulder surgery.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA — Creighton; Southern Illinois; Wichita St. NIT — Missouri St.; Drake.

MOUNTAIN WEST

05-06 CHAMPIONS: xySan Diego St.

POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Air Force; San Diego St. NIT: BYU.

PRESEASON POLL: San Diego St.; BYU; Air Force; Utah; New Mexico; UNLV; Colorado St.; Wyoming; TCU.

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Jacob Burtschi, Air Force; Trent Plaisted, BYU; Jason Smith, Colorado St.; Mohamed Abaker, San Diego St.; Brandon Heath, San Diego St.

THREE THINGS: Brandon Heath, the conference's leading scorer (18.4) and player of the year, will add his name to the NBA draft and will return to San Diego State along with three other starters. ... Guard Kevin Kruger left Arizona State in June and will be eligible immediately to play for his father, Lon, at UNLV. ... J.R. Giddens, a star recruit at Kansas a few years ago, is eligible this season at New Mexico.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA — San Diego St. NIT — UNLV.

NORTHEAST

05-06 CHAMPIONS: xFairleigh Dickinson; yMonmouth.

POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Monmouth; NIT: Fairleigh Dickinson.

PRESEASON POLL: Monmouth; Robert Morris; Long Island University; Central Connecticut St. State; Quinnipiac; (6); Wagner; Fairleigh Dickinson; Fairleigh Dickinson; N.Y.; Sacred Heart; Mount St. Mary's; St. Francis, Pa.

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Marques Houston, Monmouth; Jarrid Frye, Sacred Heart; A.J. Jackson, Robert Morris; Obie Nwadike, Central Connecticut

St.; James Williams, Long Island University.

THREE THINGS: Monmouth, which has three starters back, is looking to become the league's first repeat champion since Rider in 1994. This is the eighth time the Hawks were the preseason No. 1. They won those titles (1996). ... Obie Nwadike, a 6-4 forward from Central Connecticut, was the only player to average a double-double in the conference last season with 12.3 points and a league-best 10.3 rebounds. ... Robert Morris is getting help up front from 6-10 Iowa State transfer Aaron Agnew and 7-foot freshman Ben Rozendahl from Holland.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA — Long Island University; NIT — none.

OHIO VALLEY

05-06 CHAMPIONS: xyMurray St.

POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Murray St.

PRESEASON POLL: Samford; Tennessee St.; Tennessee Tech; Murray St.; Southeast Missouri St.; Austin Peay; Jacksonville St.; Eastern Kentucky; Eastern Illinois; Tennessee-Martin; Morehead St.

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Shawn Witherspoon, Jacksonville; Andrew Matthews, Tennessee St.; Courtney Bradley, Jacksonville St.; Randall Gulina, Samford; Anthony Fisher, Tennessee Tech.

THREE THINGS: Samford has four starters returning from the team that finished second in the league last season, but the one who isn't back is conference player of the year, J. Robert Merritt. Samford's leading scorer, 17.6 points per game) last season. Tennessee State was expecting a boost from junior guard Bruce Price, who missed all but six games last season with a knee injury. He re-injured the same knee during a pickup game in September and will probably miss the entire season. ... Three teams will have new coaches this season: Bob Kennedy at Murray State, Scott Edgar at Southeast Missouri State and Donnie Tindall at Morehead State.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA — Tennessee Tech. NIT — none.

PACIFIC-10

05-06 CHAMPIONS: xyUCLA.

POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Arizona; California; UCLA; Washington; NIT: Stanford; Washington; Oregon; California; Southern California; Stanford; Oregon St.; Arizona St.; Washington St.

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Marcus Williams, Arizona; Arron Affalo, UCLA; Gabe Pruitt, Southern California; Luc Richard Mobah a Moutle, UCLA; Malik Hairston, Oregon.

THREE THINGS: UCLA lost three starters from the team that lost to Florida in the national championship game, but leading scorer Arron Affalo (15.8) is back and small forward Josh Shipko, limited to four games last season because of an injured right hip, is close to 100 percent. ... Lute Olson is starting his 24th season

at Arizona and the Wildcats have three starters back from a team that had the program's 50th straight 20-win season. ... Arizona State has a new coach in Herb Sendek, who moved from North Carolina State after leading the Wolfpack to the NCAA tournament in his final five seasons. Washington State will be led by Tony Bennett, who replaces his father, Dick, who retired.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA — UCLA; Arizona; Washington; Southern California. NIT — California; Arizona St.; Oregon.

PATRIOT LEAGUE

05-06 CHAMPIONS: xyBucknell.

POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Bucknell.

PRESEASON POLL: Bucknell; Holy Cross; American U.; Lehigh; Colgate; Lafayette; Navy; Army.

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Bucknell; Keith Simmons, Holy Cross; Jose Olivero, Lehigh; Torey Thomas, Holy Cross; Andre Ingram, American U.

THREE THINGS: Bucknell lost two starters to graduation, but is still the choice to win a third straight conference title behind 6-11 center Chris McNaughton. That's bad news for the national powers as the Bison knocked off Kansas and Arkansas in the first round of the NCAA tournament last two years. ... American University returns its top 12 scorers from a team that finished 17.7 in the league last season. ... Colgate is going to rely on a frontcourt of brothers Kendall and Kyle Chessed, and Alex Woodhouse, a solid interior defender who missed last season with a knee injury.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA — Bucknell. NIT — none.

SOUTHEASTERN

05-06 CHAMPIONS: xLSU.

POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Western Division, overall; y-Tennessee (Eastern Division); y-Florida.

POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Alabama; Arkansas; Florida; Kentucky; LSU; Tennessee. NIT: South Carolina; Vanderbilt.

PRESEASON POLL: East: Florida; Kentucky; Tennessee; Vanderbilt; South Carolina; Georgia. West: Alabama; LSU; Arkansas; Mississippi St.; Auburn; Mississippi.

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Glen Davis, LSU; Ronald Steele, Alabama; Joakim Noah, Florida; Chris Lofton, Tennessee; AJ Horford, Florida.

THREE THINGS: Florida has all five starters back from the national championship team but coach Billy Donovan will keep the players pleased by reminding them they are the same group that finished second in the SEC East last season. ... LSU was the SEC's "other" team in the Final Four last season and the Tigers will come back a slimmied down Glen "Big Baby" Davis, the league's player of the year last season, and point guard Tack Minor, who missed last season with a knee injury. ... Kentucky lost 13 games last season, its most since 1989-90 and the backcourt of Rajon

Rondo and Patrick Sparks is gone, but the Wildcats expect big things from the new recruit, J.R. Morris, who sat out the first half of last season and never seemed in synch.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA — Florida; LSU; Alabama; Kentucky; West Virginia; Arkansas. NIT — South Carolina.

SOUTHERN

05-06 CHAMPIONS: xGeorgia.

POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Davidson; NIT: Georgia Southern.

PRESEASON POLL: North: North Carolina-Greensboro; Appalachian St.; Elon; Chattanooga; Western Carolina; South: College of Charleston; Furman; Georgia Southern; Davidson; Wofford; Citadel.

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Donny Williams, College of Charleston; Kyle Hines, North Carolina-Greensboro; D.J. Thompson, Appalachian St.; Ricky Hickman, North Carolina-Greensboro; Robby Boston, Furman; Chris Caffo, Elon; Louis Graham, Georgia Southern; Josh Jackson, College of Charleston; Moussa Diagne, Furman; Donte Jones, Georgia Southern.

THREE THINGS: Furman, who won 354 games in 19 seasons at Georgia Tech and led the Yellow Jackets to nine NCAA appearances and one Final Four, takes over at the College of Charleston after being out of coaching since 2000. ... Teams from both divisions will play 18 conference games this season. In 2005-06, the teams in the West played 14 league games, while those in the South played 15. ... Furman has three guards back who shot 40 percent or better from 3-point range. Robby Boston (40.0), Eric Webb (41.6) and Jaden Jones (41.0).

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA — College of Charleston. NIT — none.

SUN BELT

05-06 CHAMPIONS: xWestern Kentucky; xySouth Alabama.

POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: South Alabama. NIT: Western Kentucky.

PRESEASON POLL: East: Western Kentucky; South Alabama; Middle Tennessee; Troy; Florida International; Florida Atlantic. West: Arkansas-Little Rock; New Orleans; North Texas; Arkansas St.; Denver; Louisiana-Lafayette; Louisiana-Monroe.

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Rashad Jones-Jennings, Arkansas-Little Rock; Isaac Wells, Arkansas St.; DaShawn Walker, Denver; Kendrick Davis, North Texas; Courtney Lee, Western Kentucky.

THREE THINGS: Guard Jim Jones, Arkansas State's third-leading scorer last season (12.4) will miss the first 14 games of the season for an unspecified viral infection. ... Arkansas-Little Rock's Rashad Jones-Jennings is the nation's leading returning rebounder (11.3). ... The Sun Belt will have 13 members this season with Florida Atlantic's coaches for the first time. Kansas guard Rex Walters, and Louisiana-Monroe joining the conference.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA — Western Kentucky. NIT — New Orleans.

WEST COAST

05-06 CHAMPIONS: xyGonzaga.

POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Gonzaga.

PRESEASON POLL: Gonzaga; Loyola Marymount; San

Diego; Saint Mary's; San Francisco; Santa Clara; Pepperdine; Portland.

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Darren Cooper, Portland; Matthew Knight, Loyola Marymount; Derek Ralvis, Gonzaga; Armando Surratt, San Francisco; Jamal Higgins, Jr., San Francisco; Brandon Worthy, Loyola Marymount.

THREE THINGS: All Gonzaga had to do to make a ninth straight appearance in the NCAA tournament is replace the points and 15 rebounds of Adam Morrison and J.P. Batista. Kansas transfer Micah Downs will be eligible for the second semester. ... The conference will be held in Portland this season then return to Southern California for the next two years. ... Portland (former Stanford assistant Eric Reveno) and Pepperdine (junior coach) Bill Williams will have new coaches this season, replacing Michael Holton and Paul Westphal, respectively.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA — Gonzaga. NIT — Loyola Marymount.

WESTERN ATHLETIC

05-06 CHAMPIONS: xyNevada.

POSTSEASON TEAMS: NCAA: Nevada; Utah St. NIT: Louisiana Tech.

PRESEASON POLL: Nevada; New Mexico St.; Fresno St.; Utah St.; Hawaii; Boise St.; Louisiana Tech; San Jose St.; Idaho.

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM: Anthony Hines, Nevada; Tyrone Nelson, Fresno St.; Quinton Hensley, New Mexico St.; Cory Carl, Boise St.; Jaycee Cobbart, Utah St.

THREE THINGS: Nick Fazekas of Nevada is the league's best low-time conference player of the year and will be a third-team All-American last season. In his three seasons, Nevada has gone 77-22, won two WAC regular season titles and reached the NCAA tournament three times. ... Boise State guard Cory Carl, the son of Denver Nuggets coach George Karl, led the drops last season with 17.2 points and 4.0 assists per game. In March, he had surgery to remove a lump from his thyroid, and in May had a new thyroid. ... Utah State's guard for thyroid cancer, but he is expected to be 100 percent for this season. ... Louisiana Tech has to replace Paul Millsap, the league's first player to ever lead the nation in scoring (5.1) and rebounding (7.2) seasons. The 5-8 Millsap, whose rebound averages were 12.5, 12.4 and 13.3, left a year early for the NBA.

06-07 PREDICTIONS: NCAA — Nevada; Hawaii. NIT — New Mexico St.; Utah St.

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Speaker of the House position up for grabs

Two men vie for top spot

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As one election ends, another begins.

A tight race for the next state speaker of the House has been anticipated for months, but after Democrats picked up six seats on Tuesday by beating moderate Republicans, the more conservative candidate for speaker moved closer to victory — and further blurred future committee chairmen assignments.

District 9 Rep. Lawrence Denney, R-Midvale, likely gained some room over his opponent, the more moderate District 13 Rep. Bill Deal, R-Nampa, when the Republicans lost six seats Tuesday. In the House, observers said, but also raised questions about committee chairmanships.

"A lot of us were surprised," said District 24 Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls. "It changes things around a lot for the leadership race."

"After losing a handful of races in the Boise and Idaho Falls areas, the Republicans hold a 51-19 majority and are still veto-proof and the Democrats now make up 27 percent of the House, which will increase their committee representation."

"But replacing four-term Speaker Bruce Newcomb, a moderate Republican from Burley, is significant not only for the overall climate in Boise, but also because committee chairmen are chosen more on speaker preference than on seniority like in the Senate."

"I would assume the results benefit Lawrence Denney over moderates," said James Weatherly, a political science professor emeritus at Boise State University. The new speaker will affect "not only who are the chairs (and) who is serving on the committees, but beyond that, significant control over the flow of legislation."

The loss of the four Republicans — who were considered moderate — strengthens the conservative House voting bloc for Denney, who was majority leader and assistant majority leader each for four years. Denney did not return phone messages left by the Times-News.

Even Deal acknowledged that he would have received the former legislators' support.

"The race for speaker is still on hot and heavy," he said. "Those five or six votes that are now Democratic votes are going to be important as the final count comes out. Part of those losses were supportive of my candidacy as of yesterday."

Deal, a 16-year veteran of the Legislature, has held several leadership roles, including positions on the health care task force and the State Insurance Fund.

"I'm sure that Bill Deal was counting on most of those votes and now they are gone," said Rep. Scott Beck, R-Oakley, who is running for assistant majority leader. "That margin may be the winning margin."

The eight standing House committees will stay, including District 26 Reps. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, of the Appropriations Committee, and Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, of the Resources and Conservation Committee. Several other positions are open because of retirements and — after Tuesday — Republican losses.

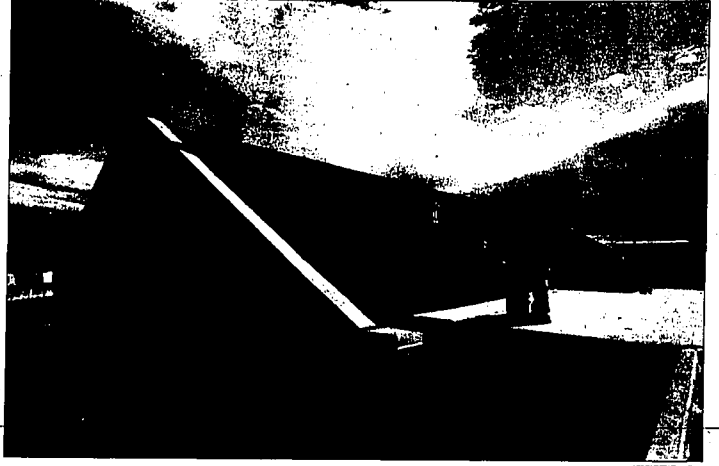
The chairmen of the Revenue & Taxation and Agricultural Affairs committees retired, but those on the Education and the Judiciary, Rules and Administration committees, Republicans Jack Barraclough and Debbie Field, respectively, lost their races.

Smith was vice chairman behind Field, but he acknowledges whether he succeeds her is dependent on the speaker race.

"I don't want to presume I'll get any chairmanships, but from a seniority standpoint I should be eligible for one," said Smith, who is the

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Sense of inclusion



Bulgarian foreman George Krachunov, left, works with Vadim Abaryan and Valery Petrosyan on winterizing the edges of the Episcopal Church on Eastland Drive North in Twin Falls.

Winterizing of church helps four immigrants feel included in their community

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was the chance they all longed for.

Some days they're washing down fried meat and potatoes with a drink of kwac; other days, it's burritos. But up on the roof of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension on Eastland Drive winterizing its edges, the Bulgarian foreman, his three Armenian hands and one Peruvian immigrant have never felt so included in their American community.

"They've been Johnny-on-the-spot getting it done before winter," said Rick Snider, vestry representative of building and grounds, about the conglomeration of immigrants that form Artform Inc. "It will be covered (in synthetic stone)

and we shouldn't have any snow damage or rain damage this winter, plus winds tearing the metal off, which is something we were really concerned about."

Windy days like Wednesday recall for Snider his anxiety last winter when winds unhinged some of the sheet metal, opening the severe sanctuary inside to rain and snow damage.

Not this winter, however, because George Krachunov and his team of immigrants have replaced the tattered sheet metal in the roof of the church with 60-pound synthetic stone blocks to match the front. Only replacing a few cornerstones and end-stones and some sanding remains to be done.

"When you're an immigrant you don't always feel welcome.

Sometimes you feel useless," Krachunov said.

He said this project has made his crew proud that they are giving something valuable back to the community.

"It's not free," he said. "But we feel better when we do this. We feel obligated to do something for this country. We want to do it and we want to help."

This job site is a sacred place for all these men.

Vadim Abaryan, 22, originally from Armenia, combines strong espresso with puffing cigarettes. But never once did he light one up on the church's roof, he said.

"We work for money but we're doing it with feelings," Krachunov translated for Abaryan, whose English is still improving. "They follow our tradition in Christ."

Abaryan, along with 54-year-old Valery Petrosyan, was raised Armenian Orthodox — a denomination of Christianity. Alex Casillo, 56, was also raised Christian in his native Peru.

Krachunov summarized the group's feeling by saying, "Following Christ is following Christ." They all share a veneration for the cross that hangs atop their nearly completed project. They say they want to be seen as part of the Twin Falls community, which shares their commitment to hard work and Christ.

For the first time they do.

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Filer council applies for \$500,000 grant

Funds will supplement \$12.5 million wastewater bond

By John E. Swartz
Times-News correspondent

FILER — While a majority of local voters were approving a \$12.5 million wastewater bond Tuesday night, the Filer City Council was moving forward with a \$500,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant application to supplement the bond.

Region IV Economic Development Division Manager Carleen Herring explained the application process during a public hearing in Council chambers.

Herring noted that Idaho receives approximately \$10 million annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that are allocated into four segments: economic development, sen-

ior centers, eminent threats and maintaining the basic public infrastructure of cities. The last category — which includes sewer, water, and streets — has about \$4 million available statewide.

"These are things that keep the city running, and it's also the area that we're going to be competing in," said Herring.

Cities that submit grant applications must show that the funding would benefit a community where at least 51 percent of households fall into a low or moderate income bracket. The results of household surveys circulated over the past few weeks showed that 69.9 percent of Filer's 1,300 residents meet the criteria.

A second requirement is that city applicants must be facing

a health and safety concern. Due to increased residential development, Filer's 40-year-old sewage treatment lagoons have reached the edge of capacity and 7.3 miles of the city's sewer lines have deteriorated.

"You've got discharge and collapsing lines in town, so that's pretty clearly a health and safety issue," said Herring. Idaho Department of Commerce staff in Boise review applications after the Nov. 17 deadline and send their recommendations to a seven-member economic advisory council panel consisting of Idaho residents.

"They take a look and rank them based on who has the worst problem, who has the most cash on the table, who's got the most documentable

problem, who's doing the most to help themselves," Herring said. "That's where today's bond issue comes in."

The Council's proposed \$12.5 million bond passed Tuesday with 281-71.

After being ranked and rated, a handful of applicants will be allowed to submit additional information on the first Friday in March. In April, city councils and engineering teams will then be asked to present their case before the economic advisory council.

"Depending on who the governor is, they'll make decision in the short or long-term and announce who gets the funds this year," Herring said. "That puts construction next summer, at the earliest."

Times-News correspondent John E. Swartz lives in Filer. He can be reached by e-mail at swartzje@aol.com or 326-7212.

Addressing decision riles Jackson residents

By Renee Walls
For the Times-News

BURLEY — County residents from the Jackson area, east of Rupert, are not happy with Cassia County Commissioners' decision to change addresses in the neighborhood.

At a recent hearing commissioners deliberated on a number of zoning changes, but the one decision that brought the most discussion was the addressing change.

Many residents living in Jackson, which is in Cassia County, have Rupert addresses. But commissioners are now requiring all residents to change their addresses to Cassia County coordinates, according to County Administrator Kerry

McMurray. Numerous Jackson residents told county zoning officials and the commissioners they do not want their addresses changed. But commissioners opted for the change, even against the recommendation of the county Planning and Zoning Board.

"If they were sitting up here where we are and could see the whole picture, I think 95 percent of them would see things the way we do," said Commissioner Clay Handy.

The change would mean addresses that conform with the rest of the county's grid mapping.

Most residents say they adamantly oppose the change, but realize they please see JACKSON, Page C3

YOUR WEEKEND

Bards of the range

What: The 11th Annual Rupert Cowboy Poetry Gathering returns to Rupert.

Where: Historic Wilson Theater.

When: Today, Saturday and Sunday. Today's show will be held from 1 to 5 p.m., while the evening show begins at 7 o'clock featuring a Rupert centennial costume contest. On Saturday, the day show is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the Tall Tales Contest at 4 p.m. and Cowboy Poet of Idaho auction at 5 p.m. Sunday's entertainment begins at 9 a.m.

How much: Admission to the day shows is free; tickets for tonight's and Saturday night's shows are \$6.

Rabbit-forming

What: The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Mary Chase's "Harvey."

Where: Howells Opera House, Oakley.

When: Today, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, 2 p.m. The production continues Monday.

How much: Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARTS, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

But is it 'Art'?

What: Laughing Stock Theater Co. will present Yasmina Reza's play "Art."

Where: neoStage Theater, Ketchum.

When: Today, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.

How much: Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning 726-4TKS.

OBITUARIES

Clarence C. Eldredge

TWIN FALLS — Clarence C. Eldredge, 88, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center of a stroke illness.



He was born June 29, 1918, in World, Wyo., the son of William and M. A. Fry. He was a member of the Brunsdale on March 19, 1947, in the Cardston LDS Temple in Canada. They moved to Twin Falls in 1953, where they have since resided. Clarence worked many years for Dairy in various capacities as a loved farming in his spare time. He was an active volunteer for the neighborhood irrigation district until his death. Clarence was friendly and well liked by anyone he came in contact with. He loved to joke around and enjoyed every moment with his family and friends. He taught his children that it is good to work hard and even better to have fun at the same time. He was an avid

baseball fan and especially followed the Atlanta Braves. Some of his other interests were camping, hunting, fishing and spending time with his children and grandchildren. One of his greatest loves and accomplishments was being involved in the Boy Scout program for more than 50 years. He was a great husband, father and grandfather. He will miss you. He is survived by his wife, Ester Ruth of Twin Falls; three children, Dee Eldredge of Beaumont, Calif., Terry Eldredge of Boise and Sandra Eldredge Butts of Pleasant Grove, Utah; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Andy Eldredge of Layton, Utah, and Jim Eldredge of Moreland, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jack, one brother and one sister.

The funeral for Clarence will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the funeral home of Larson and Interment will follow in the Declo Cemetery. Friends may call from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Dorothy L. Sanborn

TWIN FALLS — Dorothy L. Sanborn of Twin Falls died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was born April 16, 1915.



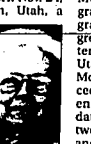
Boise, Idaho, the oldest of eight children born to Luther and Ruby M. Potter Jones. She graduated from Idaho Falls High School. Dorothy married H. Grant Sanborn on Aug. 29, 1936, in Idaho Falls. They had four children, Lewis Sanborn (currently of Twin Falls, Idaho), Ruby Jo Ann Sanborn, Chapman (deceased), Barbara Sanborn (Bartness) (Clinton, Mont.) and Robert Sanborn (South Pasadena, Fla.). Dorothy and Grant also raised two nieces, Mary Ellen and Robin Foley, after the death of their mother.

those years with the NRA was being a volunteer at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. The NRA recognized Dorothy for her years of service by presenting her the NRA Lifetime Service Award in 1989. Dorothy was an active member of the First Christian Church in Twin Falls and the Christian Women's Fellowship. She loved to create. She was a very thoughtful and caring person. She remembered everyone on special occasions, sending cards and letters. She selected each card to convey her love and affection to the recipient. She always had a smile on her face and a friendly word for all.

Her husband Grant; daughter, Ruby Jo Ann Chapman, L. Col. U.S.C., Ret. brother, Donald L. Jones; and sister, Shirley E. Jones Foley, preceded her in death. She is survived by her children, Lewis Sanborn, 1st Sgt., USA, Ret., Barbara (Jill) Bartness and Robert Sanborn; son-in-law, Billy B. (Eileen) Chapman, Sgt. Maj. USMC, Ret.; one brother, Luther H. (Debra) Jones of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and four sisters, Ruby Jones Miller of Brewster, Wash., Ann Jones Price of Omaha, Neb., Jane Jones, Arnold of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Hazel Jones Meyers of Boise, Idaho. Also surviving are six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. Friends are invited to a memorial service to be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2409 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Wilson Chapin conducting. Following the service, a reception will be held at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. in lieu of flowers. The family suggests donations be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

Lorraine Muir

BIGHAM CITY, Utah — Lorraine Wood Muir, 87, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at the Brigham City Hospital.



Lorraine was born Nov. 24, 1918, in Mendon, Utah, a daughter of Howard Brand Florence A. Bowen Wood. She married Eddis L. Muir on Aug. 21, 1935, in Farmington, Utah. They lived in Mendon and Rupert, Burley, Hazelton and Gooding, Idaho. They semiretired in Trenton in 1972 and then moved to Brigham City in 1974 to retire. Eddis died in February of 1992. Lorraine was an active member of the LDS Church and a temple ordinance worker. She was a member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Surviving are her children, Sharon (Dwain) Mooso of Caldwell, Idaho, Dal Muir of

Bountiful, Utah, Ray (Kathy) Muir of Burley, Idaho, Carolyn Hansen of Perry, Okla., Renae Larry Strutz of Portland, Ore. Muir, 25 grandchildren; 69 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and sisters, Lesley of Logan, Utah, and Juanita Larsen of Morgan, Utah. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Eddis; a daughter-in-law; son-in-law; two granddaughters; a sister and brother.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Brigham City LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 420 S. 800 W. in Brigham City, Utah. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Myers Mortuary, 205 S. 100 E. in Brigham City, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Mendon Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.myers-mortuary.com.

Harry E. Shipp Jr.

TWIN FALLS — Harry E. Shipp Jr., 78, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at his home in Twin Falls.

He was born Feb. 3, 1928. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps and served in the national forestry and was a resident of the Magic Valley for 20-plus years. One could often find him on the fairways of the Canyon Springs Golf Course or at the Pioneer Club. He would help anyone he met that needed a hand. We have never met anyone who spoke ill of him. He was a true outdoorsman.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Janice Shipp; children, Lt. Col. Jack Shipp (Holley), of Marshall, Va.,

Kenneth Shipp (Connie) of Twin Falls, Donald C. Shipp Sr. (Bobby) of Veneta, Ore., Melinda Shipp of Discovery Bay, Calif., and Pamela M. Shipp of Twin Falls; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and countless others who knew him. He will be sorely missed.

No service is planned. A memorial gathering for family and friends will be held at 11 a.m. today at the Pioneer Club in Twin Falls. The family extends an invitation for all his friends and family to attend. Cremation has taken place under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

SERVICES

Archer L. Mills of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley 3rd and 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; friends may call from 10 to 10:40 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Alexis Marlon Larsen, infant daughter of Raymond and Rae Jean Larsen of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Patrick H. Barden of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Jack Charles Crawford of Phoenix, Ariz., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at St. Stephens Episcopal church, 2206 N. Cole Road in Boise.

Jerry Dean Moon of Nampa and formerly of Fairfield, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Elkwood Cemetery in Gooding (Conner Family Funeral Chapel in Nampa).

Richard Earl Mauzey of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Calvary Baptist Church, 515 W. 27th St. in Burley (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Tawny Lea Beem Outley of Boise, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Vern Weaver of Buhl, graveside interment service at 2:30 p.m. today at West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Judith Bacon Griffin of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2:30 p.m. today at the Logan

City Cemetery in Logan, Utah; friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. today at Larkin Sunset Lawn Mortuary, 2350 E. 1300 S. in Salt Lake City.

Nettie Tucker Holm, formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel, 100 S. 50 E. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Raymond "Red" Robinson of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Jessica Lynn Morris of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary; friends may call one hour before the funeral Saturday at the mortuary.

Annis Tracy Buxton Schvanefeldt of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 100 S. 50 E. in Jerome; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Louis Freese of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Ricardo Munoz of Hagerman, funeral at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

James Lee Douglas "Doug" Bridges of Buhl, funeral at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Seventh Street Baptist Church, 1300 S. 7th St. in Buhl; visitation from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. in Buhl.

DEATH NOTICES

Veta Catmull

RUPERT — Veta Beatrice Bronson Catmull, 95, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Rupert LDS 1st Ward Chapel, with Bishop Steacy Camp of the Rupert 7th Ward officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations may be made to Cass Regional Hospice or to the Missionary Fund for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Lawrence C. Hancock

CORDOVA, Alaska — Lawrence Charles Hancock, 57, of Cordova, Alaska, and formerly of Jerome, died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006, in Cordova as the result of an airplane crash.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Anchorage Funeral Home in Anchorage, Alaska, and at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the First Presbyterian Church in Jerome.

Viola Shupe

TWIN FALLS — Viola Perkel Casper Shupe, 86, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley

Regional Medical Center.

A services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at the Twin Falls LDS 10th Ward Chapel, 229 Park Ave. Interment will follow in the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls. A complete obituary will appear in Sunday's Times-News.

Timothy J. Nielson

TWIN FALLS — Timothy J. Nielson, 47, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds-Funeral-Chapel-in-Twin Falls.

Thorleif Rangen

TWIN FALLS — Thorleif Rangen, 85, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Melvin E. Reynolds

BOISE — Melvin E. Reynolds, 74, of Boise and formerly of Buhl, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, at Capital Care Center in Boise. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Markus Wolf, former spy, dies at 83

BERLIN (AP) — Markus Wolf, the "man without a face" who outwitted the West as communist East Germany's long-serving spy master, died Thursday. He was 83. Wolf died in his apartment in Berlin. His stepdaughter Claudia Wolf said in a statement. The cause of his death, on the 17th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, was not released. He planned some 4,000 agents in the West — most famously, placing Guenter Guillaume as a top aide to West German Chancellor Willy Brandt. The agent's unmaking forced Brandt to resign in 1974. Wolf, who said he spurned a CIA offer of a safe new life after the Cold War, managed to steal NATO secrets for the Soviet bloc that could have been decisive if war had broken out in Europe.

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Changes in Congress may spur changes to Idaho wilderness bills

The Associated Press

BOISE — If Idaho wilderness bills awaiting action in Congress don't squeeze through the lame-duck session that starts next week, Republican sponsors say they will be forced to make changes for the new

Democrat-controlled Congress convening in January. U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said he's looking at ways to get his House-passed bill — establishing 492 square miles of federal wilderness in the Boulder and White Cloud mountain ranges of central

Idaho — through the Senate before the GOP-controlled Congress adjourns. If he can't, he'll reintroduce it next year in the House, where jurisdiction over public lands bills will fall to the new Democratic chairman of the House Resources Committee, expected to be Rep. Nick

Rahall of West Virginia. During a House floor speech in July, Rahall said there were so many loopholes in Simpson's bill it defeated the purpose of preserving pristine wild areas for future generations. "I simply cannot support eroding protections in the Sawtooth National Recreation

Area, the transfer of public lands to developers, or the payoffs to mining speculators to name but a few issues," Rahall said. A bill sponsored by Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, would create a new half-million-acre wilderness in Idaho's southwestern Owyhee canyons, while

opening previously off-limits areas to motorized recreation, livestock grazing and other activities. Crapo hopes to pass the measure during the lame-duck session, but chances of that are slim because, unlike Simpson's bill, it has not cleared either chamber.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Women's group to tour museum

FILER — The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at noon Saturday at the Twin Falls County Historical Museum, 21337A U.S. Highway 30. The group will have a brown-bag lunch and view the Veterans History Project display and other museum art, facts. Prospective members are welcome. For more information, call Diane Greene at 308-1810.

Shoshone library celebrates reading week

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone Public Library will celebrate Idaho Family Reading Week with Curious George, Nov. 12 to 18. The library also has planned a family event from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. There will be crafts, prizes, games, treats and celebrity readers.

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second-most senior member on the committee. The vice chairman behind Barraclough retired and Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, a former teacher and third-most senior member, is a prime candidate but currently heads the

Idaho Family Reading Week is sponsored by libraries throughout the state and the Idaho Commission for Libraries' Read to Me Program. For more information, visit the library or call 886-2843.

Birthday party for residents at center set

GOODING — An 80th birthday celebration for Carolyn White, John White and Jack "Sunny" Olson will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. There will be food and entertainment. No gifts, please. For more information, call Carolyn at 934-4144.

Bugle call program takes place at T.F. park

TWIN FALLS — A program of bugle calls will be presented at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls City Park. Dave Nelson will play the

bugle and Tom Snow will play the drums as they present 16 bugle calls. The event is sponsored by the Sons of Knute. Everyone is welcome.

Rupert church to hold annual harvest dinner

RUPERT — Rupert First Christian Church/Praxe Chapel's annual harvest dinner will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday. A turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served. A freewill offering will be taken. For more information call 436-6891.

American Legion, Auxiliary plan open house

TWIN FALLS — The American Legion Post 7 and Auxiliary will host an open house from 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Post Home, 447 Seaton St. The Veterans' Motorcycle Club will serve a fish dinner at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served until 3 p.m. Veterans, wives and widows of veterans interested in the Legion are invited. Call Helen Dombrovskis at 734-1435.

Club will serve a fish dinner at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served until 3 p.m.

VFW members to sell poppies on Veterans Day

TWIN FALLS — The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Henry D. Lytle Post 2136, will distribute buddy poppies on Veterans Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Magic Valley Mall by Shopko and at Fred Meyer in Twin Falls. Donations help needy and disabled veterans in the community. For more information, contact Bob Jackson at 733-6042 or thechief@cablone.net.

Castleford PTYO meets Tuesday

CASTLEFORD — The Castleford PTYO will meet Tuesday in the school library.

Health & Welfare Committee. "Block said it was too early to determine which committee she would prefer to lead. "It will certainly be interesting," said Bedke, who cannot head a committee if he becomes assistant majority leader. "All of this folds into and

complicates the speaker's race." Most Republicans are heading to north Idaho this weekend for a retreat and will caucus on Sunday. The speaker will be chosen Dec. 7 at an organizational meeting. "The race) actually kicks off

this weekend," Smith said. "Then there will be hot and heavy arm-twisting." Jared S. Hopkins covers city and county government. He can be reached at (208) 735-3204 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

Jackson

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probably aren't going to change the commission. "Our concerns fell on deaf ears," Jackson resident Christie Donald said. "We could see that the minute we arrived at the meeting. They already had their minds made up and there was nothing anyone could do to change that."

Donald said even those who provide services to the area pleaded with commissioners to leave the addresses alone, but they were ignored. "This is ludicrous," Donald said. McMurray said Minidoka Memorial Hospital and East End Fire do not want the change, but law enforcement in both counties agreed with it. So did North Cassia Fire District, which serves some of the Jackson area.

Planning and Zoning Board members voted 5-1 to recommend keeping the addresses the same. The commissioners maintain the sole reason for the change is to make the addressing throughout the entire county uniform. This would prevent confusion that has sometimes created delays in emergency response.

McMurray said there is talk that the post office could make some changes that would make

the address change less painful. "We are looking at having the area officially named Jackson for mail purposes," McMurray said. "If that occurs people will

get their mail at Jackson, Idaho 83350, which is a possibility. It's done in Hollister, Acquia and other areas around the state." But it may not come to that if the residents get their way.

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Floodwaters subside; Lewis County searching for stranded hunters

By Shannon Drinsky
Associated Press writer

PACKWOOD, Wis. — Cleanup from the drenching storm that killed at least three people in the Pacific Northwest likely will continue for days. If not weeks, officials say.

The rain washed out a major highway near Oregon's Mount Hood and forced the shutdown of 67 miles of the North Cascades Highway in Washington state Thursday. The White River flowed over Oregon 35 on Mount Hood's eastern flank on Monday and Tuesday, cutting 20-foot-deep ruts through the road and sending boulders and trees rolling down the mountainside, said Bill Barnhart, an Oregon Department of Transportation manager.

Two creeks also wiped out a section of the same highway to the north. Barnhart said flooding the highway near Mount Hood is estimated to take \$20 million.

In Washington, search-and-rescue teams continued to seek out hunters camped between Mount Rainier and Mount St. Helens who may be unaware that many of the roads out had been washed out or blocked by mudslides.

"We're up there are just waiting out," Lewis County sheriff's Chief Deputy Gene Selber



Oregon Department of Transportation photographer Ted Burney gathers video of a flooded and undercut road, on HWY 35, near Mt. Hood Meadows in Oregon Wednesday.

said. "The rescue guys in the air said the guys are just sitting around campfires, waving at the plane. They're fine now, but eventually they're going to come down and realize they can't get out."

The storms damaged hundreds of homes and broke rainfall records. At least three deaths were blamed on the flooding: two men swept into a Washington river and a 76-year-old woman found alone in the Oregon coast, where another woman was missing.

Floodwater from swollen creeks and rivers damaged roads and destroyed campsgrounds at Mount Rainier

National Park, closing it for the first time since 1980, when Mount St. Helens erupted. Superintendent Dave Uhering said it would be several weeks before the park reopens to visitors. Washington authorities decided to shut down the stretch of North Cascades Highway on Thursday because of concerns about the stability of the ground under the road.

On Mount Hood, as much as a million cubic yards of rock, mud and sand covered a quarter-mile stretch of Oregon 35, the main highway connecting U.S. 26 from Government Camp to Hood River.

"(The hunters) are fine now, but eventually they're going to come down and realize they can't get out."

— Gene Selber, Lewis County sheriff's chief deputy

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Arson suspect in Reno fire faces 12 murder counts

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Prosecutors filed 12 counts of first-degree murder Thursday against a woman they say started a deadly hotel blaze by setting a mattress on fire after a dispute with a fellow tenant.

Valerie Moore, 47, a convicted murderer who was paroled a year ago, was arrested the morning after the Oct. 31 fire but had been held on a parole violation while authorities searched for bodies — a process that took until Wednesday because the gutted building was so hazardous.

The fire at the 84-year-old, \$150-a-week Mlzapah Hotel was Reno's deadliest ever, killing 12 people and injuring 31.

"The criminal complaint also includes one count of first-degree arson, said Dave Clifton, Washoe County's chief deputy district attorney.

"This was a horrendous fire and devastating to life. We're going forward with full vigor to get justice in this case," Clifton said.

He declined to discuss any of the evidence recovered from the historic, three-story brick building "because it's too big of case as far as all the potentials, the death penalty and so on."

Moore, who worked at a nearby casino, will make her initial appearance Monday, Clifton said.

The county public defender's office has been assigned to represent Moore, he said, but an attorney has not been designated.

Bush, Mexican leader pledge cooperation despite fence differences

By Ben Felber
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Divided over its border, President Bush and Mexican President Calderon pledged on Thursday to work together on stopping illegal immigration.

Felipe Calderon, who takes office on Dec. 1, has called the U.S. plan to build a 700-mile fence along the border "deplorable" and compared it to the construction of the Berlin Wall.

After a meeting in the Oval Office, the leaders struck a tone of cooperation. "I expressed to President Bush my concern regarding the issue of migration," Calderon said through an interpreter. "President Bush was very open to all the arguments that I presented to him. We both stressed the need to have a comprehensive vision with which we can move forward."

Bush signed the law authorizing the fence on Oct. 26. He wants more — a temporary worker permits for foreigners willing to take low-wage jobs and a path for illegal immigrants working in the United States for some time to become citizens. But Congress has not agreed.

Bush said Thursday that Mexico is a priority for his administration. He said the stands by his push for a comprehensive immigration overhaul.

"I assured him that we will work very closely together," Bush told reporters, with Calderon at his side.

The leaders also discussed free trade and efforts to stop drug trafficking.

Ahead of his meeting with Bush, Calderon spoke at a gathering of some 200 Hispanic leaders in Washington.

He also had a breakfast meeting with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and other members of Bush's Cabinet.

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Four plead in ecoterror case, face 5- to 8-year sentences

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press writer

EUGENE, Ore. — Four more people pleaded guilty Thursday to federal conspiracy and arson charges stemming from a five-year string of firebombings by radical environmentalists that did \$30 million in damage across the West.

The proceedings in U.S. District Court brought to 12 — 10 in Oregon and two in Washington — the number of people who have pleaded guilty to arson and conspiracy charges in the government's Operation Backfire investigation into more than 20 firebombings in Oregon, Washington, California, Wyoming and Colorado.

The attacks, claimed by the Earth Liberation Front and the Animal Liberation Front, targeted lumber mills, wild horse roundups, a horse slaughterhouse, genetic engineering of plants, sport utility vehicles, a high-voltage electric tower and the expansion of a Vail, Colo., ski resort into endangered lynx habitat.

Three other suspects remain fugitives. Prescott, Ariz., bookstore owner William C.



Left: Daniel Gerard McGowan waves to friends and relatives gathered to show support as he is lead back to the Lane County jail in Eugene, Ore., after a court appearance in January 2006. Right: Jonathan Christopher Mark Paul leaves the U.S. District Courthouse in Medford, Ore., after appearing on arson charges in January 2006.



Rodgers, described as the leader of the Eugene-based cell known as The Family, committed suicide in jail.

"The pleas of these individuals today together with (earlier guilty pleas) have effectively dismantled the Northwest cells of the organizations operating loosely under the banners of ALF and ELF," U.S. Attorney Karin Immergut said in Portland.

"Today we can declare victory in that fight," added Robert Jordan, FBI special agent in charge for Oregon.

The firebombings attributed to The Family stopped after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Peifer said in Portland that the cell was tough to crack, because members assembled their bombs in

clean rooms, leaving behind no fingerprints or DNA evidence, seldom talked to each other, and used code words and even hand signals.

After years of finding little more than melted five-gallon buckets used to make diesel fuel and soap firebombs, investigators got a break in 2001 when one of the people involved in firebombing a logging company and a gravel pit in 2001 told his girlfriend, and she told her father, a state fire marshal.

Three people were convicted, and the alleged leader, Michael "The Arrow" Scahill, is being held in Victoria, British Columbia, on a shoplifting charge, fighting extradition.

In 2005, investigators in the Operation Backfire taskforce landed an informant, unicted co-conspirator Jacob Ferguson of Eugene, who wore a hidden recording device as he traveled the country talking with his old friends from The Family.

The four in court Thursday were Jayanna L. Zurcher, 28, and Nathan R. Block, 25, both of Olympia, Wash.; Jonathan Christopher Mark Paul, 40, Ashland; and Daniel G.

McGowan, 32, of New York City. They were headed for trial on charges carrying life sentences when the plea agreement was announced, two months after they demanded to know whether warrants wiretaps by the National Security Agency were used against them.

Their guilty pleas came with recommended sentences of

five to eight years in prison. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kirk Engdall denied NSA surveillance was a factor in the investigation or the plea agreement, but defense attorney Amanda Lee of Seattle said the timing of the plea agreement led her to believe it was.

She said the defendants were happy they would get to testify against others.

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Idaho Fish and Game director announces retirement

Times-News

BOISE — The director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game announced Thursday that he will retire at the end of the year.

Steven Huffaker has served as director since Feb. 13, 2002, and has held several positions since joining the department in 1984. His retirement, which becomes effective Jan. 1, 2007, caps a career that spans nearly four decades.

"It has been a great opportunity to serve as the director for the past five years and to have a wonderful career in fish and game for the past 37 years," Huffaker said. "I move on feeling very good that I have accomplished the goals in the department I set when I became the director."

Huffaker joined Fish and Game in 1984 and served as the chief of the Fisheries Bureau from 1989 until 1997. Huffaker then served as the wildlife chief and assistant director from 1997 to 2002. He also worked for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for 14 years and previously for the Iowa Conservation Commission.

During his tenure, Huffaker supervised the development of the Access Yess program, the Mule Deer Initiative and the Pleasant Initiative. He is the past chair of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, past President of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and is active on numerous committees for the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

"Morale in the department is good and we have great relationships with the Commission, Legislature, governor's office and the sports-

men," Huffaker said. "There is also a great leadership team in place, and a outstanding employees throughout the department."

Commission Chairman Cameron Wheeler said that replacing Huffaker is a big task. "Steve took the reins of the department at a very difficult time," Wheeler said. "He changed the attitude of the employees in the department and reestablished positive

working relationships with sportsmen's groups and farmers and ranchers throughout the state — we appreciate the

great job that Steve has done."

Wheeler said that a search for a new director would begin immediately.

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'60 Minutes' veteran Ed Bradley, 65, dies of leukemia

By **Maha Gold**
Los Angeles Times



Ed Bradley

NEW YORK — Ed Bradley, the dapper CBS correspondent who was a mainstay of the Sunday night program "60 Minutes" for a quarter-century, died here Thursday of complications related to leukemia. He was 65.

The death of the CBS veteran, one of the first blacks to gain a foothold in network television, shocked many of his colleagues who knew he had undergone heart bypass surgery in 2003, but were unaware he had been diagnosed with leukemia in recent years.

Bradley had been in the office just two weeks ago, wrapping up work on a piece about an explosion at a Texas oil refinery.

That story ran Oct. 29, the same day he was hospitalized at Mount Sinai Hospital because of complications of leukemia, which had been in remission until the last few months.

"It's devastating," said Jeffrey Fager, executive producer of "60 Minutes." "He was a pillar of this broadcast. He was such a decent man, such an honorable man, with so much integrity and ability — a real gentleman."

"60 Minutes" correspondent Morley Safer, whose office was next to Bradley's for the last 25 years and was one of the few

who knew he suffered from leukemia, called the reporter "a gold standard of television journalism."

"I lost a friend and a neighbor, and it seems like we lost him at a very early age," Safer said.

Bradley's 35-year career at CBS News took him from the front lines of Vietnam to the White House before he was tapped in 1981 to replace Dan Rather on "60 Minutes" when the latter took over the evening newscast.

He landed the coveted job in large part because of his on-air persona, which captured the attention of then-executive producer Don Hewitt.

"I was just an admirer of his broadcast style: calm, cool, collected — nothing seemed to

perturb him," Hewitt said. "I thought, that's the guy for '60 Minutes.'"

Once on the venerable program, Bradley applied his probing approach to a wide range of topics, scoring interviews with Timothy McVeigh, Muhammad

All and Tiger Woods and investigating stories about nuclear fallout, the lack of AIDS drugs in Africa and sexual abuse in the Catholic Church.

"He could do a story about anything," said "Face the Nation" moderator Bob

Schieffer, who worked with Bradley at the White House. "What made him so good was that he had this ability when interviewing people to get them to be themselves. Sometimes that was to their advantage and sometimes it wasn't."

Bush, Pelosi talk cooperation over lunch — no crow on the menu

By Jennifer Leves
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush and House Speaker-robot Nancy Pelosi, perhaps the biggest loser and winner on Election Day, pledged over lunch Thursday to bury the hatchet and cooperate. When possible.

At the White House, where Bush had invited Pelosi for lunch, presidential aides joked that there was no crow on the menu for Bush to eat.

Bush ate a little anyway, and he saluted Pelosi, not only as Tuesday's victor but as the first woman who will ascend to the position of House speaker, next in line to the presidency after the vice president.

"The elections are now behind us, and the congresswoman's party won," Bush said. "But the challenges still remain. And therefore, we're going to work together to address those challenges in a constructive way."

Said Pelosi, like Bush all smiles: "We both extended the hand of friendship, of partnership to solve the problems facing our country."

She was accompanied by Rep. Steny Hoyer, the House's second-ranking Democrat. Bush was accompanied by a stony-faced Vice President Dick Cheney.

The president and his guests sat down for a make-nice luncheon of pasta salad and chocolate in Bush's private dining room off the Oval Office.

Later in the day, Bush telephoned Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid to congratulate him on the Democrats' takeover in the Senate as well. The switch in power in that chamber became sure Wednesday night, when enough votes were counted to confirm the defeat of Virginia GOP Sen. George Allen. Reid, likely to be majority leader in the new Congress, was getting his own meeting with Bush at the White House on Friday.

Meeting reporters in the Oval Office, Pelosi and Bush shook hands for the cameras. The president and the woman whose party beat his this year leaned forward in their silk-upholstered seats. "They provided cooperation in a government that came January, will be divided between a Republican White House and a Democratic Congress."

Though the two sought to show they were putting the bars in the past, they did not ignore the differences that they debated so hotly before the voting.

Pelosi has made clear that House Democrats will move immediately on their agenda, much of it opposed by Bush, which includes cutting student loan interest rates, funding embryonic stem cell research, authorizing the federal government to negotiate lower drug prices for Medicare patients and imposing a national cap on industrial carbon dioxide emissions.

She also has said that the election results mean Democrats not only want — but expect — Bush to make a change of direction in Iraq.

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Prized, pricey and hard to protect: Million-dollar ideas are often stolen in Hollywood

By Sandy Cohen
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — "Pirates of the Caribbean," "The Matrix," "The Last Samurai," "Broken Flowers," "Anistad."
Success isn't all these films have in common. Each was also challenged by a lawsuit claiming "idea theft" — a common Hollywood problem that lawyers say is likely to continue as long as huge movie studios wield enormous power.

"It's like having your soul ripped out," says 37-year-old Cleveland resident Jeff Grosso, who paid his way through film school by playing Texas Hold 'Em, wrote a screenplay about it, then sued Miramax over its poker movie "Rounders."
"All they would have had to do was give me a 'story-by' credit," Grosso says. "They could have gotten me for nothing. I could have gone and used that credit to get other work. All I ever wanted to do was write movies."

But why would movie studios, with every resource at their disposal, steal stories? Are these writers just cranks, frustrated wannabes with delusions of creativity?

No, says attorney John Marder, who specializes in representing aggrieved writers. Many are victims of a system that favors studios and networks and offers little protection for writers and ideas.

"It's a small group of people that have all the juice, and if you're not in that crowd, you're really at their mercy," he says. "There's a real lack of moral compass on the issue in Hollywood. And there's an egotistical arrogance about it, like how dare you challenge this producer, this director, this studio? They'll spend \$10 million fighting a case where the demand is \$100,000."

Attorney Daniel H. Black, a veteran of Hollywood studios and intellectual-property litigation, acknowledges that studios "have a tremendous amount of leverage."

Are ideas actually stolen? "I guess that's possible," he says, as it's possible that plaintiffs are bringing actions they have no grounds to bring.

Part of the problem is the law. Ideas are not subject to federal copyright protection and, until recently, that was the only legal avenue for relief. Federal law says only the expression of ideas — actual screenplays or treatments — are copyrightable. Therefore a writer would have to prove that a finished film or television show was almost identical to his original screenplay. A studio can get around that by simply tweaking few details.

But a 2004 decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held that when a writer pitches an idea to a production company, an "implied-in-fact contract" is created, meaning the writer has a reasonable expectation that he will be paid if the company turns his idea into a product.

Marder won the Ninth Circuit decision in a case brought by Grosso, who studied screenwriting at Malibu's "Stypheline University" and spent all of 1995 writing a screenplay called "Shell Game." He mailed the manuscript to "anyone who would take it," including a company that claimed to have a list of contacts with Walt Disney Co. subsidiary Miramax (meaning the studio would have the first opportunity to "buy or pass on the project").

Four years later, Grosso sued Miramax, saying it "mined this" script for the main characters and main story of the 1998 hit "Rounders." A judge finally dismissed Grosso's claim in July, saying no contract ever existed with Miramax.

Grosso, who published his first novel in February, is appealing. "I'll never get over it," he says.

Then there's the problem of access. A writer has to prove that a studio actually saw his screenplay, which can be tougher than it sounds. In an effort to get their work into Hollywood's inner circle, aggrieved writers often generously pass their screenplays around in search of that elusive "in." Maybe they e-mail their script to their cousin who works at a

studio, or give it to a friend's brother who's an agent. Before long, the trail of bread crumbs disappears.

Most cases never reach a jury's ears, says attorney Aaron Moss, who specializes in creative-rights law. "The vast, vast, vast majority of these cases

tend to settle. There's never an admission of liability. It's settled quietly outside of court."

Usually with a confidentiality clause, Marder notes. Marder says the Grosso decision and the additional protection it provides for writers will inspire a "fundamental change

in how studios operate, but Black isn't so optimistic.

"I don't really see any end to this," he says. "As long as people in this marketplace are pitching ideas and as long as studios and networks are hearing ideas, there are going to be instances where people feel ripped off."



In this photo provided by Focus Features, actor Bill Murray appears a scene from 'Broken Flowers.' The movie is among many challenged in Hollywood by a lawsuit from writers claiming credit for the story concept.

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WORLD

Iraqi health minister puts civilian deaths at 150,000

By Steven R. Harst
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A stunning new death count emerged Thursday, as Iraq's health minister estimated 150,000 civilians have been killed in the war — about three times previously accepted estimates.

Moderate Sunni Muslims, meanwhile, threatened to walk

away from politics and pick up guns, while the Shiite-dominated government renewed pressure on the United States to unleash the Iraqi army and claimed it could crush violence in six months.

After Democrats swept to majorities in both houses of the U.S. Congress and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld resigned, Iraqis appeared unsettled and seemed to sense

the potential for an even bloodier conflict because future American policy is uncertain. As a result, positions hardened on both sides of the country's deepening sectarian divide.

Previous estimates of Iraq deaths held that 45,000-50,000 have been killed in the nearly 44-month-old conflict, according to partial figures from Iraqi institutions and media reports.

No official count has ever been available.

Health Minister Ali al-Shemari gave his new estimate of 150,000 to reporters during a visit to Vienna, Austria. He later told The Associated Press that he based the figure on an estimate of 100 bodies per day brought to morgues and hospitals — though such a calculation would come out closer to 130,000 in total.

"It is an estimate," al-Shemari said. He blamed Sunni insurgents, Wahhabis — Sunni religious extremists — and criminal gangs for the deaths.

Hassan Salem, of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, or SCIRI, said the 150,000 figure included civilians, police and the bodies of people who were abducted, later found dead

and collected at morgues run by the Health Ministry. SCIRI is Iraq's largest Shiite political organization and holds the largest number of seats in parliament.

In October, the British medical journal The Lancet published a controversial study contending nearly 655,000 Iraqis have died because of the war — a far higher death toll than other estimates.

Palestinians call for revenge during funeral for civilians killed in Gaza

By Ibrahim Barzak
Associated Press writer

BEIT HANOUN, Gaza Strip — Women collapsed in grief, a man hoisted his dead baby aloft and tens of thousands of Palestinians called for revenge Thursday as they jammed a cemetery for the funeral of 18 civilians killed in an errant Israeli artillery attack.

Despite the deadly incident, Israel said it would keep attacking Gaza as long as Palestinian rocket barges persist, although the army ordered artillery fire to stop pending the results of an investigation.

Amid the anguish, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called his main political rival, Hamas' supreme leader Khaled Mashaal — a move that could help prevent the Islamic militant group from renewing attacks on Israel and pave the way for a moderate Palestinian government.

The shells landed Wednesday as residents were sleeping in the northern Gaza town of Beit Hanoun, and witnesses said many were killed as they fled their homes in panic.

The 18 dead was the highest Palestinian civilian toll in a single incident since the current conflict erupted in September 2000. The highest toll of Israeli civilians was 29 killed in a Palestinian suicide bombing at a Passover gathering in March 2002.

The army said it was targeting areas where rockets had been fired in recent days at the Israeli cities of Sderot and Ashkelon.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said the artillery was meant to hit an orange grove from which troops saw rockets fired seconds earlier, but instead hit homes in Beit Hanoun, some 1,500 feet away.

The Israeli army said Thursday that the investigation indicated the casualties were caused by a technical failure in the fire control system of an artillery battery, the first official military confirmation that army shellfire was responsible.

The statement said the shells were fired in response to Palestinian rocket attacks on Israel and the head of the army has suspended artillery fire into Gaza pending a further technical and operational investigation.

Olmert, however, said Israel will keep targeting Palestinian rocket squads in Gaza despite the risk of increasing the hitting civilians. He indicated Israel would keep up airstrikes even as the artillery fails silent.

"The military will continue as long as there will be Qassam shooting," he said, using the name for Hamas' homemade rockets.

"We will take precautions in order to avoid unnecessary mistakes," he added, "but we will do everything in our power to avoid it. I think it would not be serious to promise that it may not happen. It may happen."

While taking a tough line toward militants, Olmert appealed to Abbas for dialogue.

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ACCIDENTAL STORIES
Bill Studebaker

To set up a fake elk, deer, bear, goose or duck and less hunter's twilight vision seems like risky business.

When the wild is invited in as shadow, you're testing the fortitude of neighbors and passersby. Fortitude may be a virtue, but it's not required to carry a gun.

You've seen the wooden honey-colored bear holding out her arms, inviting you to sit and spend the afternoon scratching and dreaming. Well, my dad's advice was, "Shoot a bear before you sit on it."

Pink flamingos by the dozen take the cake, and I know a front yard where there's a mound, a hummock, five-feet high and 30-feet across. And it's covered with pink flamingos. You know, the trailer-park type that scurfs up western-spotted rubber frogs.

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A flock of pink vigilant flamingos, crouched frogs, and a house in the Idaho woods can create some real rubber-necking. More than once I've nearly run off the road twisting my neck to see what I've already passed. Was that a flock of flamingos?

But, there's always a but, and here's the tattle-telling, and like most tattling, it's more subliminally righteous than overtly pertinent.

I have a 50-pound rock hanging in a basket outside my back door. I have a 75-pound rock sitting on a post next to my front door. I'm trying to bring home the wild, too, the zen way, naturally.

It makes some sense when you think about it, but then that would be un-zen-like.

Anyway, a rock is a different critter all together, and to save a full-length Buddhist sermon, I'm just going to make a recommendation to the host of wild animal silhouettes or statues: move them! ... beyond the range of a .22 caliber pistol and away from the front of the house.

And if flocks of implacated ducks or geese or flamingos are around the rancho, consider the temptation that is inspired in hunters. (The flamingos aren't too enticing, I've been told they taste like Floridian swamp water.)

However, the garlic geese and the rosemary ducks are something delicious to look at.

A big flock of Canada geese would inspire Santa Claus with a rat-a-tat here and a rat-a-tat there. It's tasty to have a fresh Christmas goose, but if Santa shot a silhouette, his goose might just get cooked.

"Never thurt Santa Claus" is another truth my dad told me.

As I was saying, inviting the wild in is serious business. You never know when some near-sighted hunter will come along and take a poshshot just to see what might happen. Near-sighted or not, he could be just an average shot and miss your critter all together. (I'd wager more often on the miss than the hit.)

And hunters count your blessings one by one and take a good gander and make sure the silhouette twitches an ear or moves a muscle before you shoot. They don't have to feed them, but you may have to eat them.

Bill Studebaker can be reached at bstude@qmt.org.



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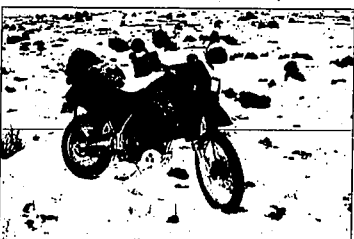
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Southern Idaho's climate allows year-round motorcycle riding, if you use common sense

By Kent Schmidt
Times-News writer



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Basic First-Aid Kit

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There are times in the winter when the temperature gets well above freezing, and that's an invitation to make tracks. But before you set out to ride in the winter, you should be prepared.

On-Road

Through most of the winter, road crews keep the main roads dry and sanded. But even on a clear day, riders need to be wary of drifting conditions and black ice. Conditions can change quickly in the Magic Valley and riders need to be cautious.

Check your current weather conditions and know the forecast before heading out on a motorcycle. Watch out for sand on the road. When kicked up by oncoming or passing vehicles, a pea-sized rock can be a dangerous projectile. Sand can also create hazardous riding conditions on dry, winding roads well into the spring. Watch out for bridges that freeze before the roads do, and be alert for black ice in shady areas.

If you must cross an icy patch or even a suspected one, keep the bike slow, straight and steady, and minimize the inputs with brakes, clutch, steering and throttle. Squeezing in the

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OUTDOORS

Dive in to scuba with TF Parks

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering a one-day workshop in scuba diving. Participants must be at least 8 years old. Students will learn the basics through professional instruction and will have an opportunity to try scuba diving. Cost is \$20 per person.

Class will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 18 at the Twin Falls City pool.

To register or for more information, call 736-2265 or stop by the parks and recreation office at 136 Maxwell Ave.

Optimists to host memorial shoot

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Optimist Club will host the 21st Annual Wayne Kinney Memorial Turkey Shoot this Sunday at the Twin Falls Gun Club on the north end of Washington Street.

Prizes will include turkeys, hams and steaks. Food and drink will be available, and a turkey shoot guarantee card is also available. Drawings will

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Include a Mossberg Silver reserve 12-gauge over and under shotgun (retail value \$400 per gun). The first shoot starts at 11 a.m.

Guns are donated by Red's Trading Post. For every gun purchased at Red's, you will receive a ticket for the shotgun drawings. For more information call Dennis at 733-1013.

Volunteers sought for tree planting

JEROME — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is looking for volunteers to help plant an aspen grove in the new natural habitat area at its Jerome office site. The planting will take place on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 9 a.m. and last two to three hours.

Families are welcome, but actual planting will require individuals who can lift up to 50 pounds.

Planters should bring work gloves and dress for the weather

that day. Anyone interested should call Ed Papenberg, the Audubon Coordinator, at 324-4359 to sign up and receive more information.

Wildlife expert to discuss South America

The Prairie Falcon Audubon Society, the local chapter of the National Audubon Society, is hosting a program by Jan Simpkin, professor of biology at the College of Southern Idaho.

Simpkin will discuss her recent trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands including her spectacular slides which focus on the unique flora, fauna (including many endemic birds), and geography of the Galapagos Islands that led Charles Darwin to understand the process of speciation and to develop (with others) the Theory of Evolution.

The program is Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. in the CSI Shield's Building room 201. The public is welcome to attend.

ELIZABETH'S TROPHY



Elizabeth Tolbert, 12, of Twin Falls shot this mule deer on Oct. 5 in the southern Idaho desert on her first big game hunt. Tolbert took the deer with a 7mm-08 Savage from 130 yards, while hunting with her father John and uncle Tim Fansler. The group stalked the buck for three hours in cold wind and rain.

Ride

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clutch and free-wheeling across the ice will keep you from applying either too much or too little power to the rear wheel.

If there is a layer of sand on the ice, ride on the sand. As a rule, you will be steadier with your feet on the pegs or floorboards than dragging them. The smallest ruts can force the bike out from under you. If you have a chain of ruts on ice, or turning around and remaining on dry pavement — turn around and go back home.

Too many things can go wrong on the ice. If you have to slow down, be aware of cars behind you, and pull over if they are following too close. Falling down at low speed on a slick surface probably won't hurt you, but if the car behind you can't stop or doesn't know how, it will be nasty.

Don't expect drivers to recognize how precarious things are. Drivers of automobiles have a hard enough time noticing motorcycles in the warm summer months they certainly aren't looking for you in the winter. Who would be crazy enough to ride a motorcycle when it's so cold? You've got to ride defensively and always be aware of other vehicles.

When riding in the winter, wind-chill becomes a serious factor, and every effort should be made to insulate your skin from exposure. When a motorcycle is traveling at 60 mph, and the outside temperature is 40 degrees, the wind-chill is going to be a brisk 25 degrees. At the same speed, if the temp drops to 35, the wind-chill drops to 17 degrees.

Most motorcycle manufacturers offer some kind of winter riding suit, similar to a snowmobile suit. Heated handgrips can provide comfort, and some bikes offer heated seats. A full-faced helmet will afford the best protection from the elements, but if the visor is single-pane, it will be prone to fogging.

Snowmobile helmets are designed for winter conditions, and are less prone to fogging, but not all are DOT approved for motorcycle use. That means if you crash and burn on the motorcycle, the non-DOT approved snowmobile helmet will not offer the best protection. Look for DOT approved snowmobile helmets.

There are several products that claim to be anti-fogging. The best I've found is a treated cloth found at your local motorcycle shop. Keep your core warm. Some manufacturers offer a heated vest that plugs into your bike's power outlet. By keeping your core temperature warm, you're warming your vital organs and allowing your body to distribute blood to your extremities your feet and hands.

Most sporting goods departments sell small, one-time use hand-warmer packs that can provide heat for 6 to 8 hours. If you wear insulated boots and gloves and find that

your feet or hands still get cold, try putting a thermal hand-warmer inside your boots or gloves. Place the heat pack where it will maximize its ability to warm the blood-flow.

Off-road

While you won't be trail riding in the South Hills in the winter, the snow depth generally allows for trail riding in the snow-capped desert areas. One area that is easily accessible from Twin Falls is north-east of the Perrine Bridge. This is not as isolated as other areas in rough triangle-shaped area bordered on two sides by major highways, is lower in elevation, and provides some great trails for those shorter winter days.

If you're going to be trail-riding in the winter, you should start planning in the summer months. Make sure your battery is up to the task. It doesn't take long for the cold to zap the life out of your battery. Many motorcycle batteries don't last more than two years. Winter riding puts even more strain on a battery. Keep it charged.

Inspect your bike mechanically. Make sure the bike has been thoroughly inspected for any mechanical problems, cable wear, anti-freeze, tire pressure. Being stranded in the middle of nowhere in 20 degree temperatures because of a breakdown can turn a pleasant ride into a life-threatening situation.

Ride in areas that you're familiar. Scout out your favorite trails in the summer. Know where the rocks jut out on the trail. In winter, a thin layer of snow can cover grasses, sagebrush and rock and you won't be able to tell the difference just by looking. When in doubt, slow down.

Know exactly where you are, and where to go in case of an emergency. If caught in a winter storm, the sky and landscape can blend into one grey palette that obliterates any landmarks. In case you

break down, you should know where a major highway is.

In any survival situation, you'll need to determine whether it's best to stay put, or worth walking out. Knowing exactly where you are in relation to civilization will help you make that decision.

If you're winter riding in southern Idaho's desert areas, an emergency shelter could be anything that could provide respite from the elements a rock shelter or cave. Always carry enough food and gear as if you were going to be spending at least three days stranded. In winter, how cold it gets at night where you will be going and bring enough clothes to keep you safe at that temperature.

Have at least basic knowledge of hypothermia and treatment of it (when the temperature of your body falls to a level at which your vital organs can no longer function you are experiencing hypothermia). Hypothermia will develop rapidly and is caused by cold, wet and/or windy weather that chills the body at a speed faster than it can produce heat.

Another note: Tell somebody where you're going and when you expect to return. Search and Rescue teams appreciate this level of planning. If you need to remote places alone in Idaho's winters, you should have extensive survival, orienteering and shelter-building skills. By using common sense and planning ahead, your winter riding experience should be just as satisfying (and uneventful) as any other time of year.

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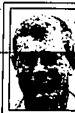
Rules ban electronic calls for predators

Question: "I have really gotten involved in predator hunting the last several years. An

electronic call has really increased my effectiveness. Could I harvest a mountain lion or bobcat that came into my electronic predator call?"

Answer: Mountain lions are classified as big game animals in Idaho. Idaho Department of Fish and Game Commission rules prohibit the use of any electronic calls to attract game animals. This prohibition on electronic calls also includes hunting for turkeys, ducks and geese, elk, deer and yes, mountain lions.

The Fish and Game Commission has made one exception to this rule. In big game units 41 and 42: the



ASK THE OFFICER

Gary Hompland

Harvesting furbearers such as bobcats using electronic calls would only be lawful during the open bobcat season.

Electronic calls are also lawful for unprotected and predatory species such as coyotes.

If you're coyote hunting right now using an electronic predator call and a bobcat or mountain lion comes in to your call, you may enjoy the experience of seeing nature up close but you must let them go.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Contact him at (208) 324-4350 or e-mail him at fishandgame@idaho.gov.



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Parents revive Idaho school's overnight camp trip

By Meghan M. Coniff
The Spokesman-Review

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A popular overnight outdoor school program for sixth-graders that was cut from the Coeur d'Alene School District's budget this year could return in partial form this spring if a plan by parents and school officials goes through.

The district used the Trail Creek program from this year's budget as part of about \$2.1 million in cuts, citing budget constraints and, later, concerns over facilities that could arise from keeping sixth-graders and their high school student counselors overnight

in the woods, far from home and away from any medical treatment.

"We've struggled with Trail Creek," Assistant Superintendent Hazel Bauman said during a recent meeting of the district's Board of Trustees. "It has been pretty emotional."

District officials have met with concerned parents several times to discuss ways to bring it back. Their last meeting on Oct. 31 resulted in the plan Bauman presented to the trustees: Each middle school comes up with its own plan for sixth-grade outdoor activities this spring while the district works to secure funding to bring Trail Creek back next fall.

Funding for the program could come from the supplemental levy the district hopes to pass this spring, should the board agree, Bauman said.

This year's sixth-graders are the first class in decades that hasn't spent a few days in the woods with their teachers during the beginning of the school year doing outdoor education activities and team-building exercises. This year would be the 30th anniversary of the program.

Mary Larsen, a parent of an eighth-grader at Lakes Middle School and a member of the parent-teacher organization, told the board at its September meeting that parents had

found about \$45,000 in pledged funds to bring back Trail Creek, just \$10,000 shy of what the program costs each year.

But district officials said that it isn't just money keeping Trail Creek out of the budget.

Taking kids out of the classroom eliminates valuable test preparation time, especially important in middle school, where each grade is tested under No Child Left Behind Act standards, Bauman said.

Also, the potential liability of having a group of preteens in the woods for a number of days, isolated from society and miles away from any medical treatment, was a big concern,

Bauman said.

The district decided that moving the program site from Shoshone Base Camp, about 60 miles from Coeur d'Alene, to Camp Lutherhaven on Lake Coeur d'Alene could help ease that concern.

Lutherhaven Ministries Executive Director Bob Baker said there's a tentative plan between his group and the school district to use the site this spring and again this fall, if funding is available.

Lutherhaven has hosted the program at its Shoshone camp location for the past decade.

The program has been around for so many years that some of the recent and

upcoming sixth-graders are second-generation Trail Creek attendees, Baker said.

"The district really wanted to honor that tradition," Baker said. "They were really working hard to try to find a way to make it available to this year's kids."

Now it's up to each middle school to craft its own outdoor school program for this year's sixth-graders, the cost of which will be covered by the school. They won't spend the night, and if the program does come back next fall students will likely only stay for one night. The district will look for grants to cover the cost of having onsite nurses.

Idaho trail guru helping improve Siberian ecotourism path

By Eric Barker
The Lewiston Tribune

OROFINO (AP) — Bob Tribble stood on a Siberian promontory looking at the world's largest freshwater lake.

The Orofino man was not impressed. The view was outstanding but the trail leading to the overlook had problems.

It was too steep and too straight, lacked character and generally offended his creative sensibilities. Tribble believes trails should be more than routes between two points.

Instead—they should—give people a sense of discovery. Like well-written books, good trails should have a bit of fore-shadowing, suspense, mystery, climax and conclusion.

"A good trail is designed to create all these sorts of things," he said.

Walking them should reveal the beauty of a place, and unobtrusive signs at trailheads and visitor centers should tell stories about the natural and human history of an area.

Tribble told his Russian hosts the trail they had built was all wrong. It seemed to have no purpose and skipped several scenic vistas. He sug-

gested the path be rerouted, turned into a loop and dedicated to telling the story of local shamanistic legends that explain the origin of the lake, mountains and rivers that could be seen from the overlook.

"They were overwhelmingly shocked," he said. "Prior to that little discussion they had no idea a trail needed to have a purpose."

His trail-building philosophy was just the kind of constructive criticism the Russians and their cast of international volunteers were looking for. The Great Baikal Trail Association has constructed more than 400 miles of trail and has plans for another 1,300 miles that will circumnavigate Lake Baikal.

The group of what Tribble calls "bohemians and eco-freaks" wants to turn the lake into a destination for hikers and backpackers from around the world. In so doing, they hope to preserve the wildlands there and boost the economy of a region still struggling to deal with a rocky transition to capitalism.

Ecotourism is their number one thing. They work to get

people around that lake and into that environment and spending money," he said.

During his career with the U.S. Forest Service, Tribble helped develop trails and visitor information centers for the Whiskeytown Shasta Trinity National Recreation Area in California.

He specialized in interpretation—the art of explaining the natural world and local environment to forest visitors through signs and displays.

"Interpretation has been my biggest thing for half of my career," he said. Tribble also spent much of his time in the Forest Service making documentary films. He likes to say he had the sexiest job in the Forest Service.

"I had a really exciting career and I got paid for it," he said.

But he walked away from trails and interpretation when he retired to concentrate on his private photography business and a bed and breakfast and his wife run in Orofino.

Last summer he saw a notice from the trails group looking for someone with his skills. They offered to pay travel expenses in exchange for advice. Tribble applied and,

with the help of a friend associated with the group, was chosen to evaluate about 70 miles of newly built trail and offer the group ideas about new routes, signage and interpretation.

He praised their goal but also offered some criticism. Many of the trails are poorly built. Trailheads are strewn with heaps of litter and provide almost no information needed by the international adventure travelers the group wants to attract.

Besides more creative trail design, he suggested the group build alternate routes to the same places. Some should offer short easy strolls. Others should be long and strenuous and require special skill and equipment.

Those seeking more adventure could take the difficult routes and those looking for a fun but less adrenaline-producing hike could take the easy and moderate trails. He asked them to get local businesses more involved in the effort and said the Russians in general need to develop a more friendly attitude toward tourists.

"It was not a real friendly

place," he said. "It's pretty hard core."

He also advised them to spread a "pack it in, pack it out" conservation ethic among the local population to help address the litter problem.

In a crash course, he and fellow Forest Service retiree Brian Miller of Spokane, Wash., taught the trails group how to deliver information better instead of words, an important strategy when the target audience is international. He told them routes have to be clearly marked, especially when remote trails intersect.

"We have to save these people. We have to have junction signing," he said. "That was a revelation for them."

The two-week trip in late September and early October was a busy one with an aggressive schedule. Tribble and Miller visited several trails, lived with local host families and pounded the trails.

A highlight was an unexpected visit to a newly constructed environmental education center and botanical garden. The center is visited by thousands of school children.

Steelhead may be stocked in the Boise River

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will stock about 300 hatchery steelhead in the Boise River from the Glenwood Bridge to Barber Park today.

Officials anticipate stocking up to a total of about 1,000 over the next few weeks, if the steelhead run remains strong.

Besides a fishing license, anglers hoping to tangle with one of the four to 16-pound hatchery steelhead need a \$12.75 steelhead permit, good for 20 fish. Barbless hooks are not required for Boise River steelhead fishing.

All steelhead stocked in the Boise River will lack an adipose fin — the small fin normally found immediately behind the dorsal fin. Boise River anglers catching a rainbow trout longer than 20 inches that lacks an adipose fin should consider the fish a steelhead.

Any steelhead caught by an angler not holding a steelhead permit must immediately be returned to the water.

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Market Watch

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Nasdaq Composite	-8.83	2,376.01
Standard & Poor's 500	-7.39	1,378.33
Russell 2000	-7.78	782.06

Stocks of local interest

Company	close	change
Con Agri	23.35	▲ 0.21
Def. Inc.	24.98	▲ 80
Idacorp	38.93	▼ 24
Lithia Motors	26.52	▼ 14
Micron	13.57	▼ 43
Supervalu	34.07	▲ 91

Commodities

Commodity	close	change
Dec. Oil	61.16	▲ 1.33
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Live cattle	85.87	▲ 42
Nov. gold	635	▲ 18.6

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Nominations taken for women business award

TWIN FALLS — The National Association of Women Business Owners Boise Area and Southern Idaho Chapter is taking nominations for its Business Women of the Year Award.

The award will be presented at a special gala Jan. 19 in Boise. Nominees need not be members of NAWBO.

Business Women of the Year nominees must own at least a 50 percent share of their businesses and have made significant business accomplishments as outlined in the application. Additional award opportunities include the Trail Blazer award, given to an inspirational businesswoman whose accomplishments are in a field or industry where relatively few women have made inroads, and the Visionary award for a risk-taking businesswoman who pursues her passion with dedication and strength. These honorees need not own a 50 percent share of their business. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday. Nominations can be made online at www.nawbo-boise.org, or by contacting Beth Markley at beth@nwmodel.com, or 208-494-4424.

Farmer Business Banquet planned

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce will hold the 2006 Farmer Business Banquet Thursday at the Best Western Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave., Burley.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the program at 8 p.m. There will also be a live auction and a raffle fundraiser following the program. Alma Turner of Turner Farms in Declo will be honored, as Cassia County Farmer of the Year and Chuck Dalry of Dalry Electric in Rupert will be honored at Minidoka Businessman of the Year.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce or by calling 679-4793.

Microsoft Access class

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center is offering a Microsoft Access class that is part of the Introduction to Business Computing series.

The course, taught by Larisa Alexander, will cover creating databases, writing and running queries, making changes to the database using a query and using functions such as change, delete or select.

The class will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and Nov. 20 in Room 101, CS's Shields Building. The cost is \$35. For more information or to register, call 732-6442 or 732-6441, or visit www.csi.edu/communityed and register online.

— Compiled from staff reports

Buhl looking into ethanol facility

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — When the Coors Brewing Company closed down its barley elevators east of Buhl, local farmers thought it was a shame.

Those contracting with the company now take their barley to Burley and the property in Buhl is for sale. However, a group of community leaders are throwing around the idea of constructing an ethanol and/or biodiesel production plant on the site.

"It started as myself and former Joe Hulse leaning up against the fence and talking about what a shame it was that Coors closed the facility and that somebody should really do something with it," said John O'Conner, speaking both as a farm manager and Buhl's Chamber of Commerce president. "If we could do this it

would turn a negative into a positive."

He explained that the plant would use local farm products such as corn, barley, canola or safflower to produce fuel and that it would be owned cooperatively by farmers and private investors.

"The Coors' facility is great because it has access to the railroad, highway and has storage already available," O'Conner said. "But first we need to investigate if there is enough interest in pursuing the plan."

An informational workshop will be held Tuesday to get the word out.

"We're bringing in Dave Kolsrud, the chairman of an ethanol farmers' cooperative from Minnesota to explain how the development of ethanol production was organized and the impact it had on the state's agricultural

Ethanol meeting

A meeting on ethanol and biodiesel will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday inside the Buhl High School auditorium. People should enter the left side of the building. For more information, call the Buhl Chamber of Commerce at 543-6882.

economy," O'Conner said. "The development of the ethanol industry in Minnesota is considered by many to have revitalized the state's farming community."

"The 'Minnesota Model' is an excellent prototype for Buhl to investigate," O'Conner said. Idaho Energy Division Manager John Crockett will be at the meeting to answer questions about a future ethanol or biodiesel plant in the area. Crockett is preparing a feasibility study for the Magic Valley ethanol production will be on this specific Buhl project. "Our purpose at this point is

to investigate the opportunity more than anything," Crockett said.

"Is this something that the community wants to do? Is it something that the farmers want to do?"

He said a farmer-owned facility would help farmers add value and a market for their crops and that building both an ethanol and biodiesel production facility would be complementary.

"With ethanol feedstock, barley and corn is key, and for biodiesel you need seed crop, canola and safflower," he said. Right now, the group is

focusing on whether there is enough interest and investment to build the facility.

"With biodiesel, a good rule of thumb is \$1 per gallon produced," Crockett said. "Like in New Plymouth it cost about \$10 million to build their 10 million gallons per year facility."

Crockett said it would cost about \$60 million to build a competitive ethanol plant.

The Buhl Chamber of Commerce is supporting the idea, said Steve Kaatz, interim director of the chamber.

"We're supporting this to the point of getting information to see if this is good economic development and if it fits plans for economic development of Buhl," Kaatz said.

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Crop report

Great years expected as prices rise for soybeans, corn

By Libby Quad
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The nation's soybean crop is on track for its best year ever, and the corn crop is expected to be the second-best, the Agriculture Department said Thursday.

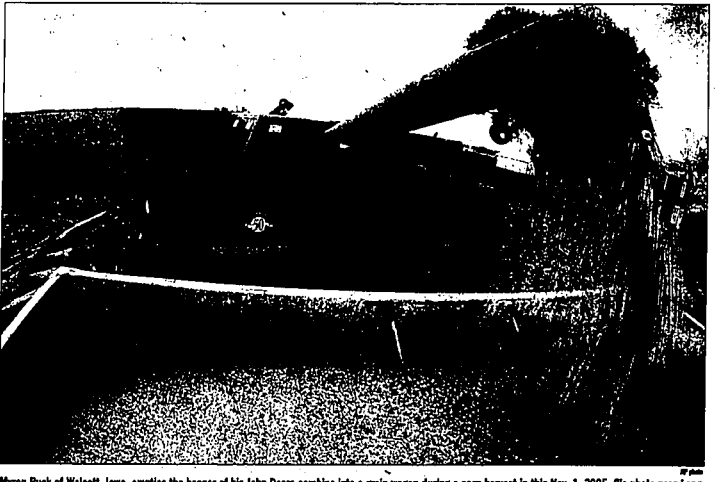
Prices are continuing to rise, according to the monthly crop report.

The soybean price forecast rose 50 cents from last month, to \$5.40 to \$6.40 a bushel, and the corn price forecast rose 40 cents to \$2.80 to \$3.20 a bushel.

Farmers are likely to plant more acres in corn next year because of vigorous demand for ethanol, said Keith Collins, chief economist for the department. More than half the nation's corn surplus is expected to evaporate, according to the report.

"We will not have the stocks to draw down next year, like we have this year," Collins said. "As a result of that, we're going to need substantially more acreage into corn. And that's what the market is signaling."

As the soybean and corn harvests near an end, lawmakers are preparing to return to Capitol Hill in a



Myron Puck of Walcott, Iowa, empties the hopper of his John Deere combine into a grain wagon during a corn harvest in this Nov. 1, 2005, file photo near Long Grove, Iowa. The nation's corn crop is expected to be the second-best ever the Agriculture Department said Thursday.

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lame-duck session to press for billions of dollars in disaster assistance for farmers hit with drought and other weather problems. The Bush administration had held off on more aid to see how the harvest would go.

In the meantime, high

prices are good news for grain farmers. But for chicken and dairy farmers, rising prices are making feed more expensive and reducing production of milk and chicken meat.

The production forecast for meat and poultry dropped slightly, from an expected 91.4

billion pounds last month to just under 91.2 billion pounds. The outlook for soybean production improved slightly from last month, while the forecast for corn production dropped 1 percent in the monthly crop report.

Nationwide, soybean pro-

duction is forecast at 3.2 billion bushels, up from 3.19 billion bushels last month and 3.06 billion bushels last year. Corn production is forecast at 10.75 billion bushels, up from 10.9 billion bushels last month and more than 11 billion bushels last year.

2006 ELECTION AND BUSINESS

The economy: Will minimum wage and trade be affected?

By Neil Henderson
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Democrats vowed during the campaign to push for a federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, up from \$5.15. Inflation has eroded the value of the minimum wage by 21 percent since it was last raised nine years ago.

Many Republicans have indicated support for such a measure, making it likely to pass in some form that President Bush will sign, possibly after trading it for something else. "The minimum wage is definitely going up," said Kevin Hassett, director of economic policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute.

The wage increase may shake out as an easy symbolic win for Democrats, though its real impact could be muted

— it applies to less than 3 percent of workers. Including measures passed during Tuesday's vote, 29 states and the District of Columbia already have minimum wages higher than the federal one. Also, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., who probably would chair the Ways and Means Committee in the new House, signaled Wednesday that he will favor a more aggressive approach toward China and other countries on trade, including on currency policies and enforcing trade rules.

"We should insist that if they trade with us, it's free trade," Rangel said. "We have to protect American jobs."

Rangel hopes the committee will agree before year-end to extend trade preferences for Haiti, Peru, Colombia and countries in Africa, and approve normalization of trade relations with Vietnam.

Contracting: Will Democrats' oversight live up to their talk?

By Griff With and Renee Marie
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Democrats have hammered Republicans in recent years over not providing what they considered to be aggressive oversight of contractors. Now Democrats get to show what they can do.

Contractors doing work in Iraq, Afghanistan and along the Gulf Coast could be on the hot seat, as likely incoming committee chairs have vowed to haul company executives before the cameras to answer questions. Halliburton Co. will probably be Exhibit A, but Democrats won't stop there. Several leading Democrats have called for a special investigative body, modeled after the Truman Committee of World War II, to look into charges of war profiteering. "With the exponential

growth in contracting and tens of billions of dollars being spent, there needs to be very aggressive oversight so the Congress knows if the money's being spent wisely," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., who is in line for chairmanship of the powerful Armed Services Committee, said Wednesday that he would re-establish a subcommittee on oversight and investigations. For weapons makers such as Lockheed Martin Corp. and Boeing Co., the most significant threat is still undetermined. If Republicans retain control of the Senate, John McCain is expected to become chairman of the Armed Services Committee. The Arizona Republican is a longtime critic of the Pentagon's buying practices and already has been credited with squeezing contractors' profit margins.

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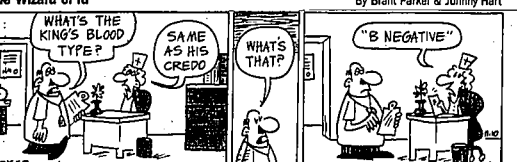
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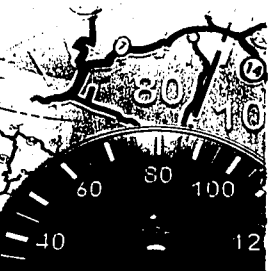
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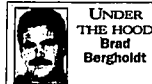
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Fuel pumps in the tank?

Q. I just had the fuel pump replaced in my Olds Clera and have some questions for you about it. I was startled to find the fuel pump is in the gas tank! Why do they do this? It seems dangerous to me to have an electric device in such a flammable location.

I was also told it's had for the fuel pump to run the car low on gas. Is this true? How long do fuel pumps last?

—Mike Ferris, Ledyard, Conn.



UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Bergholdt

A. Electric fuel pumps are found on all fuel-injected vehicles and a handful of older carbureted models. A fuel-injection system's electric rotary pump is in or near the fuel tank as they are good at pushing fuel but not pulling it.

Some vehicles have a low-pressure in-tank pump and a high-pressure pump attached to the chassis. In either case the pumps are cooled and lubricated by the fuel passing through them, so running very low or out of fuel is not beneficial to long life.

Electric fuel pumps are usually good for 80,000 to 150,000 miles of service and generally die as a result of sediment, water contamination or simply wear.

While all electric fuel pumps are somewhat noisy, one that gets louder may be telling you of a restricted fuel filter or worn internal mechanism. It is possible, with an inductive current clamp and lab scope, to observe an electric fuel pump's current waveform and spot brush and armature faults before it fails completely.

What can you do to prevent or anticipate fuel pump failure? Your best bet is to change the fuel filter as specified (for sooner on "lifetime" units) as the pump works harder to push through a dirty/restricted filter, and maintain at least one-quarter tank of fuel at all times.

The first signs of a failing pump are excessive noise or high speed/load power loss. Checking the pump's current waveform is a simple job for a top-notch technician, but probably isn't worth the trouble unless your vehicle has high mileage and is already in for their service.

Roadworthy!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

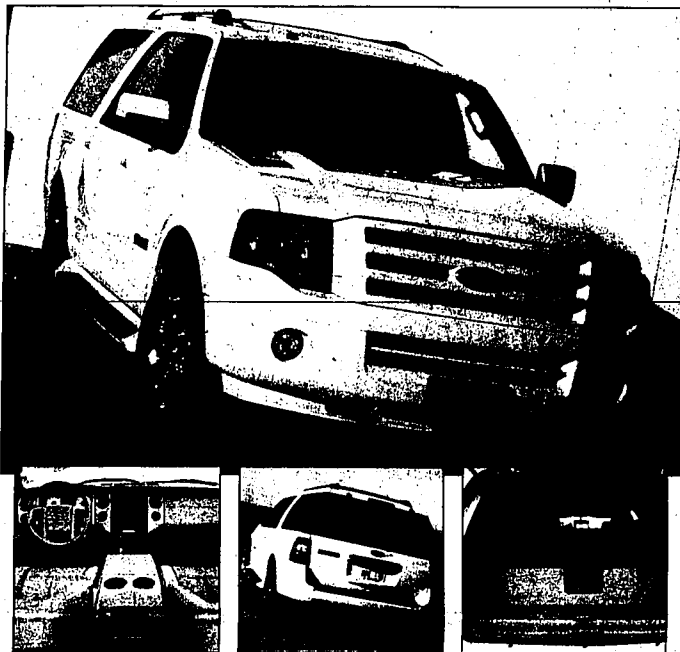
Based on the totally redesigned 2007 Expedition, Ford unveils the Expedition EL extended length SUV. Engineered for consumers that want even more cargo-carrying capability, the EL is all about more — 12-inch longer wheelbase, 14.8-inch increase in overall length and 24 cubic feet more cargo space — than the previous Expedition.

The new Expedition EL is unique from the B-pillar back with its own floor pan, one-piece body side, running boards, rear fascia, roof rack, rear quarter glass, one-piece headliner and quarter panel trim. The second-row doors are also unique to improve the ingress and egress to both second and third rows.

Offered in rear-wheel or four-wheel drive configurations and XLT, Eddie Bauer and Limited trim levels, the Expedition EL is powered by Ford's truck-proven 5.4L Triton V8 engine. Motion is transferred to the ground through an all-new 6R six-speed automatic transmission. With manual shift capability, the new gearbox features a wide 6.04:1 gear ratio and two overdrive gears that deliver impressive performance and fuel economy.

On the road, the new Expedition EL is a strong, smooth performer — responsive at speed and impressively nimble. Handling and control are not a chore despite the SUV's large overall size. The new Expedition EL rides on an all-new chassis, engineered to Ford F-Series truck durability standards. This provides the solid foundation necessary for superior driving dynamics.

Control hardware for the EL starts with a four-wheel independent suspension, featuring an all-new double wishbone front suspension with a short- and long-arm (SLA) design with coil-over shocks and a 36-mm stabilizer bar. At the rear, an all-new suspension configuration



The 2007 Ford Expedition — Impressively nimble

2007 Ford Expedition by the Numbers

WHEELBASE: 131.0; overall length: 221.3; width: 78.9; height: 77.7 (2WD), 78.3 (4WD) — all measurements are in inches.
ENGINE: 5.4L V8 — 300 hp at 5,000 rpm and 385 lb-ft of torque at 3,750 rpm.
TRANSMISSION: six-speed automatic with manual shift mode.
EPA FUEL ECONOMY: 14 city/20 hwy. (2WD); 14 city/17 hwy. (4WD).
CARGO CAPACITY: 130.3 cu. ft.
PAYLOAD CAPACITY:

Price: The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2007 Ford Expedition starts from \$33,625 for the XLT 2WD model up to \$42,575 for the Limited 4WD. Destination charges add \$820.

1,775 lbs.
TOWING CAPACITY: 9,000 lbs.
SAFETY FEATURES: Dual front airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, head curtain side-impact airbags, AdvanceTrac stability control system with Roll Stability Control, battery saver, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, brake assist, electronic brake force distribution, full-size spare tire, automatic power door locks, side-intrusion door beams, tire pressure monitoring system, fog lamps and remote keyless entry. Optional safety equipment includes a navigation radio system.
WARRANTY: Basic: 3-year/36,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper. Powertrain: 5-year/60,000 mile. Corrosion: 5-year/unlimited. Roadside assistance: 5-year/50,000 mile, 24-hour.

features a five-link design for better control of fore/aft and lateral load forces. Monotube shocks on all four corners allow for more precise tuning and a better ride.

Inside the cabin, upscale quality, comfort and capa-

bility are evident. Displays, controls and switchgear are large, easy to read and use. A flat cabin floor facilitates interior movement and access throughout the vehicle interior. Seating throughout the cabin was redesigned from the floor up with im-

proved contours, larger bolsters, softer cushions and upgraded materials to provide increased comfort on long trips. One-lever action, knee-down 40/20/40-split second-row seats fold flat with the load floor to offer extra cargo space and easy

third row access.

A sliding center section can be moved forward up to 11 inches to give the front-seat passenger easy access to a young child. The second row seating is available in the 40/20/40 configuration or with two captain's chairs and a walk-through center passage. The third row seating folds flat into the load floor, providing easily accessible cargo space without the inconvenience of removing a heavy, cumbersome rear seat. A segment-exclusive optional Powerfold third-row seat folds flat with the touch of a button.

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- Blackthorn
- Glass dwelling
- Slithering hisser
- Civic maker
- Hooked on
- Narrow opening
- Pay attention
- Steady current
- River mouth
- Government overthrow
- Macaroni shape
- Heavenly bodies
- Strip in the Middle East
- Flat surface
- Capital on a fjord
- Leap on the ice
- Twelfths of a shilling
- Haiku or ode
- "West ___ Story"

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- Rapid
- Homegrown
- Got up
- Hikers' shelters
- Sorts
- Pekoe or oolong
- Laundrer
- Hawaiian port
- Pressing device
- Snitch
- Wine cask
- Connected for use
- Rooster Jerry
- Relayed by blood (to)

DOWN

- Tent site
- Iridescent gem
- Hindu title

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JUMBLE
Unscramble these four Jumbles,
to form one to each square,
to form four ordinary words.

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RIPPE
LUFFIT
TONTUB

Answer: CUB, A, TUB, IT

WHAT MCM SAID
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Now arrange the circled letters
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Against two spades, West leads the heart nine. You take your queen and ace and give your partner a heart ruff. He returns the three of clubs (suggesting an honor) to the four, jack and six, and the critical point of the hand has been reached.

Declarer appears to have five precisely four hearts and at least five spades. How about clubs? Partner's three could have been from a four or five-card suit. If from a four-carder that would pinpoint singleton diamond at most with Sp. th, so cashing the club ace cannot cost now. When you do, West follows with the two, so now you know that declarer had only a doubleton club.

It may look easy to sit back with five tricks under your belt and a trump trick to come, but beware! Your spade trick could van-ish if declarer has all the spade in-termediates, and can arrange to take two spade finesses, which he can certainly do on a black-suit return now.

If you look at the full deal, you will see why the only return to defeat the contract is a diamond, re-mov-ing South's last entry to dummy. So long as you remember to cover whatever spade is led from dummy, the trump finesse cannot be repeated, and the contract must fail.

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♠ 6
♥ K J 10 7
♦ A K 4 7
♣ K 10 4

WEST
♠ 6 3
♥ 10 4
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ Q 9 5 3 2

EAST
♠ K 10 7
♥ A Q 2
♦ Q 9 6 3
♣ A 7

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	2♣	3NT	Pass
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
2♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Heart nine

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ A Q 9 5 4 2
♥ 8 6 5 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 8 6

South West North East

ANSWER: Open two spades. In the game of life there are purists and there are winners. Winners open pre-empt when their hands look right; they are not distracted by old wives' tales about four-card majors on the side. Besides, whoever told you that this heart suit was a four-carder?

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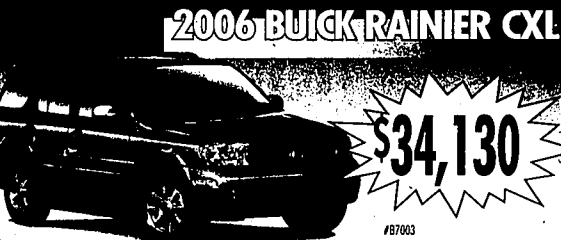
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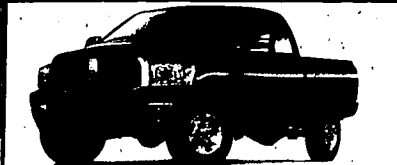
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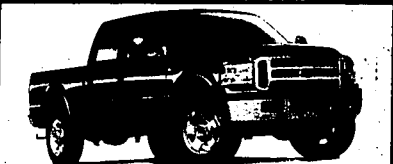
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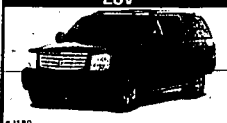
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