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Court validates unions' political deductions

9th Circuit Court upholds decision against state law

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

Education officials applauded a federal appeals court ruling Friday that a 2003 Idaho law barring voluntary deductions from local state workers' paychecks for political contributions is unconstitutional.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel in San Francisco affirmed a lower U.S. District Court ruling that the 2003 law violated First Amendment protections of free speech.

It was a victory for the Idaho Education Association teachers union, which had sued the state. The law banned unions from using dues for political reasons and mandated contributions be sent to "separate" funds, among other things.

"According to the ruling, the law hampers the ability of teachers to conduct First Amendment-protected political activities by making the collection of funds to do so more difficult. Similar laws in neighboring Utah have also been struck down in separate rulings.

Friday's decision upheld the 2005 decision by U.S.

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Officers cleared in WinCo shooting



Ada County prosecutors Greg Bower and Shanna Dunn, acting as special prosecutors for Twin Falls County, discuss the case of a shoplifter shot by two police officers after he drew a gun at WinCo Foods in Twin Falls in June. Prosecutors found the case to be justifiable homicide.

Ada County prosecutor says shooting was justified

By Cass Friedman Times-News writer

Two Twin Falls police officers who shot and killed a shoplifter at WinCo Foods in June as he drew a loaded gun acted within the law, Ada County Prosecutor Greg Bower said at a press conference Friday.

The press conference concluded a three-month investigation that was handed in July to Ada County prosecutors — standard protocol when an independent probe is needed.

"We have two officers, a civilian and a tape," said Bower, who reviewed the June 30

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See the Twin Falls Police news conference and hear the audio from the June 30 shooting incident.

shooting of Logan Don Brizze. "We believe after reviewing all the evidence in this case that officers (Ben Mittelstadt and Steve Benkula) fired with a justifiable fear for their lives and with a justifiable fear for the life of the store security man."

An audio recording from a department-issued device on Mittelstadt's belt, provided Friday to the Times-News, reveals how a low-key but circuitous interview exploded.

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Transcript of the shooting

A partial transcript of the 21 minutes and 34 seconds audio provided by the Twin Falls Police Department in the June 30 shooting of Logan Don Brizze by officers Steve Benkula and Ben Mittelstadt. The recording comes from the device on Mittelstadt's belt.

After an initial briefing from WinCo security police questioned Brizze. He repeatedly tells police his name is Alex Peck, although the wallet he is carrying identifies him as Logan Don Brizze. He tells police that's the name of his brother, and that he's just carrying around his brother's wallet. Police ask him if he has any photo ID proving he is Alex Peck.

Benkula: Once again, unless you have something to show who you are... Do you have an Idaho driver's license?

Brizze: No, I lost my... what's it called? My, all my

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Twin Falls Police responded to a shoplifting case at WinCo Foods on June 30, which resulted in the death of Logan Don Brizze.

Boy Scouts advise Cubs to get the lead out — of badges

By Anna Semmes Los Angeles Times

Boy Scouts across the country are being asked to hand in some of their badges after the Boy Scouts of America announced Friday that more than a million of the Chinese-made items contain potentially hazardous levels of lead paint.

"No illness related to the product

has been reported to us," said Gregg Shields, the Boy Scouts' national spokesman. "We're just trying to be prepared and keep everyone safe."

The square "totem" badges, distributed by Georgia company Kahoot Products Inc., are painted blue and yellow and picture a wolf below the slogan "Progress Toward Rank." Cub Scouts — 7- and 8-year-old boys — earn them by completing a number of

tasks, including memorizing the Cub Scouts' motto, sign, handshake, and salute, and mastering an elective such as caring for a pet, growing a plant indoors, or making a stencil pattern, Shields said.

There are about 1.5 million of the badges in circulation.

The badges are the latest in a long list of China-made products including bibs, lunch boxes and toys that

have been recalled in recent months for lead-paint problems and other safety hazards.

Shields said the Boy Scouts recently began testing products made in China and distributed by American suppliers. Out of 94 items, the totem badges were the only products found to have lead in excess of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standards.

Bush: US 'does not torture'

President defends treatment of terrorism suspects

By Jennifer Loven Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush defended his administration's methods of detaining and questioning terrorism suspects on Friday, saying both are successful and lawful.

"When we find somebody who may have information regarding a potential attack on America, you bet we're going to detain them, and you bet we're going to question them," he said during a hastily called Oval Office appearance. "The American people expect to find out information, actionable intelligence so we can help protect them. That's our job."

Bush volunteered his thoughts on a report on two secret 2005 memos that authorized extreme interrogation tactics against terror suspects. "This government does not torture people," the president said.

Meanwhile, Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., demanded a copy of a third Justice Department memo justifying military interrogations of terror suspects held outside the United States.

In a letter to Attorney General nominee Michael Mukasey, Levin wrote that two years ago he requested — and was denied — the March 14, 2003, legal opinion. Levin asked if Mukasey would agree to release the opinion if the Senate confirms him as attorney general, and cited what he described as a history of the Justice Department stonewalling Congress.

"Such failures and the repeated refusal of DoJ to provide Congress with such

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

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Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley's "Frankenstein," presented by the College of Southern Idaho Theater Department...

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Magic Valley Arts Council's Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft Y/Art Sale, original, one-of-a-kind art (pottery, oil paintings, sculpture) available at reasonable prices...

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Idaho Rebekah Lodge No. 98 Salad Bar Card Party, noon, 120 W. Ave. A, Wendell, 66, 324-3604.

FESTIVALS AND BAZAARS

Historic Downtown Twin Falls Annual Oktoberfest, includes scarecrow decorating contest for merchants, kids activities (bounce houses, climbing wall, swings)...

HOME AND GARDEN

The Twin Falls Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Breckenridge Ag Endowment Farm on North College Road, 316-1291.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "The Dinosaur Chronicles" at 2 p.m.; "Journey to the Edge of Space and Time/Live Sky Tour" at 4 p.m.; "Hubble Vision" at 7 p.m.;

REUNION

New reunion, includes sailors of U.S.S. Edmonds DE 406 from WWI, Korea and the Vietnam wars; features banquet, 8 p.m., Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 324-8573.

SPORTS

Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays Shoot, 9 a.m. start time, 11 miles north of Junction of I-84 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$20 members and \$23 non-members, 733-6045.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5536; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

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See the news conference about the Twin Falls police shooting of a man at local stores and here the audio from the shooting incident.

See an interview with Dan Thornton, ISP's new investigations commander.

MORNING BRIEFING

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Thieves take an estimated \$44,000 worth of corsets, sultry costumes from California shop

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) — Thieves have twice raided an Orange County store that specializes in corsets and other costumes, making off with an estimated \$44,000 in exotic outfits.

Jeanette Zinkan, a 69-year-old great grandmother who goes by the name "Miss Antoinette," owns Versatile Fashion and designs most of the store's merchandise herself.

"They took the guts out of me when they took my entire showcase. That's more than 30 years of work," said Zinkan. In June, police say thieves used a master key to get into the business near Zinkan's then sawed through the wall and took what she estimated as \$15,000 worth of merchandise.

Then last month, the business's back door was pried open, and this time \$29,000 in corsets and costumes were snatched. The thieves took a pair of gowns Zinkan wore to the Sex Maniacs Ball, an erotic awards show in London, where Zinkan played a queen to Hugh Hefner's king.

Zinkan's corsets have been worn by Madonna and model and burlesque dancer Diva Von Tese, and appeared in the movie "Moulin Rouge."

Zinkan, who lives in Huntington Beach Harbor, said she plans to move the business because of the burglaries.

Pennsylvania authorities say Army colonels switched places to fake results of paternity test

CARLISLE, Pa. (AP) — Two Army colonels are accused of switching identities to try to fool a paternity test, authorities said.

Scott M. Carlson, 51, and Bruce S. Adkins, 44, who is accused of trying to take the paternity test in Carlisle's place, were charged Thursday with tampering with public records, tampering with evidence, forgery, theft and obstruction of justice, District Attorney David Freed said.

Adkins, who is stationed in Georgia, will testify against Carlson if necessary, his attorney said.

"He's going to cooperate," attorney Gregory Abein said. "He's going to do whatever he needs to do to rectify this situation." It was not immediately known if Carlson, who is on duty in Egypt, had an attorney.

Both men had been members of the club at the Army Post Office in Carlisle. Freed said Carlson appealed at the Cumberland County domestic relations office in March to arrange for a paternity test.

Carlson had been paying a Virginia woman child support for her 9-year-old daughter and she was seeking an increase. Senior Assistant District Attorney Derek Clepper said.

County domestic relations employees became suspicious when another man showed up in Carlisle, claimed to be Carlson and wanted to take the paternity test.

The man presented Carlson's out-of-state driver's license, signed papers as Carlson, provided a thumbprint, and a DNA sample. Detective Sgt. Earl Beck said in arrest papers. Beck said the man was identified through the thumbprint as Adkins.

After the criminal investigation started, Carlson sent a letter to the domestic relations office in August and said he had been paying support since January 1999, had not paid since December 2006, and wanted to resume paying.

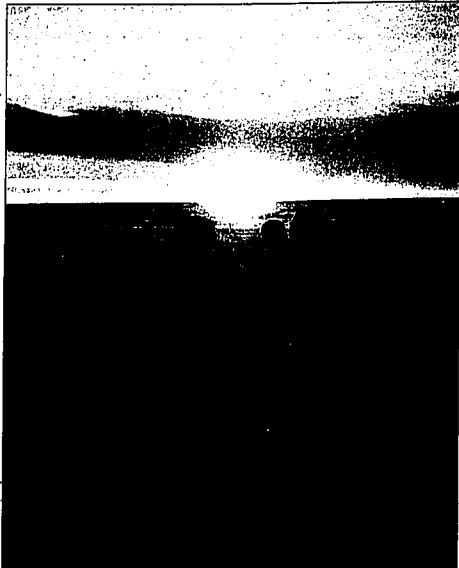
Lt. Col. Bob Whetstone, a spokesman for Carlisle Barracks, the post where the War College is located, said it would be up to the commanders of Carlson's and Adkins' current units to determine whether military charges also should be brought against them.

Ohio couple has third child born in different years on Oct. 2

MARSVILLE, Ohio (AP) — It won't take much for Jenna and William Cotton to remember the birthday of the newest member of their family.

Daughter Kayla was born Tuesday, which was Oct. 2 — the same date her brothers were born.

VOWS IN A BOTTLE



Melody Kloska, left, and Matt Behrs exchange wedding vows during a sunrise ceremony Aug. 18 on a Lake Michigan beach near the Wind Point Lighthouse in Wind Point, Wis. After they got married, they released a bottle that contained their wedding vows. A few weeks later, it was found by Fred and Lynette Dudenford from Mears, Mich., who were also married on a beach — exactly 28 years before Kloska and Behrs.

Ayden Cotton arrived on Oct. 2, 2003; Logan was born Oct. 2, 2006.

The parents said they had a feeling their baby daughter might come a couple of days past her Sept. 30 due date. Sure enough, Jenna Cotton, 23, began having contractions early Tuesday, hours before a planned birthday party for the boys. She had a doctor's appointment scheduled later in the day and hung in for the party. Ayden, the 4-year-old, wanted to know if his new baby sister would make the festivities, Jenna Cotton said.

Kayla, at 7-pounds, 6-ounces, was born at 7:07 p.m. Tuesday.

The odds of a family having three children born on the same date in different years are about 7.5 in 1 million, said Bill Noz, a statistics professor at Ohio State University.

In new e-mail spam scam, New Jersey man is threatened with assassination if he doesn't pay

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — E-mail scammers seek to separate people from their money by promising a share of unclaimed lottery riches, bounty from a dead fugitive, work-at-home schemes and other enticements.

But an Ocean County man recently got an e-mail with a darker twist: Gimme your money, and I'll cancel the contract someone put out to kill you.

Harry E. Whitworth, 72, of the Whiting section of Manchester Township, opened his e-mail Tuesday to find a curious screed supposedly from a man named Eddy.

"I know that this may sound very surprising to you but it's the situation," the e-mail began. "I have been paid some ransom to advance to terminate you with some reasons listed to me by my employer."

The price to call off the hit \$8,000 — half of which is to be paid up front as a sign of good faith. Sort of.

The e-mail also warned him not to tell friends or relatives, since they might be part of the plot to kill, too.

"I kind of knew it was a scam," said Whitworth, a retired accountant who lives with his wife in a senior citizen development. "The prosecutor's office came over to see me and asked if I had been involved in anything in the past that

might have caused this to happen." Whitworth did an internet research that found someone has been running a similar scam in Arizona, with nearly identical e-mails full of typographical errors and misspellings.

The e-mailer promises to send the recipient a videotape of "his employer" putting out the contract on the recipient's life.

But there were no instructions on how to comply with the demand for cash, and no timetable on when it had to be paid.

Capt. Michael Mohr, a spokesman for the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, said the case remains under investigation but declined further comment. The FBI received 115 complaints of similar e-mail reaching people across the country in less than a month last winter, according to its Web site. The e-mails vary only in the amount of money demanded, ranging as high as \$80,000.

Some even incorporate personal information about the recipient that is widely available from online databases, the FBI said.

Florida garbage employee turns in bag stuffed with \$65,000; money fell from armored car

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A county garbage operations employee found a plastic bag on the road stuffed with \$65,000 Thursday — and immediately turned it in to authorities.

It turned out the money had fallen off a Loomis armored car half an hour before Debbie Cole found it near the Pinellas County solid waste operations facility where she works. First she thought it was a turtle in the road.

The 63-year-old Largo woman found the bag just before 7 a.m., full of enough \$50 and \$100 bills to pay her salary for two years. She immediately contacted a supervisor, who called deputies.

It's not clear how the bag fell from the truck, said Mark Clark, spokesman for Loomis, a Houston-based cash-handling company.

Cole's boss, Bob Hauser, said he can't give her a raise or a bonus for her good deed because she's a government employee.

But maybe, he said, he can arrange some extra time off.

CORRECTIONS

Arrest had the wrong charge

An item in Thursday's Twin Falls County arraignments listed an incorrect charge for Tanner Bussen. Bussen was charged with injury to jail.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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into violence. While authorities have video from surveillance cameras that show Brizze stealing items from shelves, there was no camera in the security of several minutes. It was taken by store employees and, ultimately, was shot by the officers.

On the audio recording, officers are heard questioning Brizze, who gives them a false name. After several minutes, an officer is heard telling Brizze that he will be arrested and asks him to stand so that he can be searched and handcuffed. Brizze initially refused but, as officers later described, did stand and pull a gun from under his clothing.

One of the officers is heard shouting "Don't move" twice and swearing loudly amid gunfire.

Brizze, amid groans of pain, reportedly tells the officers "I'm sorry," as he lies on the floor of the cramped room with three bullets in his torso, including a fatal shot through both lobes of his lungs, a non-fatal in his back and one in his arm. Investigators determined that the fatal shot was likely fired by Mittelstadt.

The officers said that Brizze pointed the gun at them. Bower said identifying where Brizze was pointing the gun is next to impossible.

"If you've ever had a 38 (caliber handgun) pointed at everybody," Bower said. "They all believed it was aimed at them."

"Benkula pushed Brizze with his left hand and fired three times at him with his right hand, Bower said. Mittelstadt fired twice from across a counter. A store security worker standing nearby was unharmed. Investigators of the incident from all three are consistent, Bower said.

Bower confirmed that investigators recovered a .38 caliber pistol at the scene that carried Brizze's fingerprints. Federal sales records show that the gun was purchased by a friend of Brizze's sister, Bower said.

Bower said he believes Brizze was his gun to avoid arrest because he faces a felony warrant for his arrest for failing to appear in court on a Minidoka County robbery charge.

While Bower said the officers violated no laws, Twin Falls Police Chief Jim Munn said his department will soon complete an internal investigation to see whether the officers violated any departmental policies or procedures.

Mittelstadt who was first on scene, was with the department

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stuff, my social and all that stuff. (Pause) But do you have one?

Brizze: No.
Mittelstadt: This is what he gave me as Alex. This right here is all Logan stuff.

Brizze: That's my brother.
Mittelstadt: That's his brother. You're saying all this stuff is your brother's?

Brizze: Yeah. You can ask my sister that was on the phone, that's my brother's stuff.

Mittelstadt: Why would you have all your brother's stuff? Why would you be carrying it around?

Brizze: Because it's his wallet. I never even cleaned it out. I didn't even use it, honestly.

Benkula: Stick your hand in your pants on the table.
Mittelstadt: That's your girlfriend that's on here?

Brizze: I don't know where she's at, but yeah, she was out there.

Mittelstadt: I'm going to step out here and see if I can talk to her.
(85 seconds with store and parking lot background noise only)

Mittelstadt: Do you have anything else on you? No merchandise? Is it alright if I pat you down?

Brizze: No.
Benkula: It's not alright? Brizze: No. I already gave them everything. I emptied out my pockets for them, that's all.

Benkula: OK, why don't you stand up?
Brizze: No. You already asked me if you could...

Mittelstadt: Go ahead, stand up.
Benkula: You're under

arrest. Stand up, put your hands behind your back.
Brizze: Don't (expletive) move! Don't (expletive) move!

Sounds of movement, shots fired.
Brizze: I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

Mittelstadt: (Unintelligible) Shots fired shots fired!
Brizze: I'm sorry.

Benkula: Don't move, don't move!
Brizze: I'm not moving.
Benkula: Don't move!
Brizze: I'm sorry.

Mittelstadt: Don't move!
Benkula: What are you doing?
Sounds of movement

Mittelstadt: Dispatch 238 we need another unit. Dispatch 238 we need an ambulance.

Benkula: Are you all right? (Unintelligible)
Benkula: Is dispatch getting an ambulance here, unintelligible.

Mittelstadt: It's coming, it's coming. Pause. Expletive.
Sounds of gasping

Mittelstadt: Are you alright?
Mittelstadt: I'm fine. What do you want me to do?
Benkula: Just pat him down real quick. Put this right here.

Benkula: Are you going to pat him up on?
Benkula: Suspect's down.

Mittelstadt: He's still beating. (Pause) Grab that bag, (Unintelligible)

Mittelstadt: 234, 238 bring an AED (automatic external defibrillator). We need an AED.
Sounds of officers trying to resuscitate Brizze, who groans loudly.

Mittelstadt: I can't feel anything else. That's all we're going to need is an AED...
Source: Twin Falls Police Department recording

There is no evidence that the woman, who was in the store along with the couple's two small children, knew Brizze was stealing, said Shavna Dunn, a deputy Ada County prosecutor. The woman, whose authorities did not name, was not arrested or charged.

The shooting was the first officer-involved killing since February, 1993.

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Jury finds hunter guilty in man's death in Wis. woods

MARINETTE, Wis. (AP) — A jury on Friday found a white former sawmill worker guilty in the shooting and stabbing death of a 16-month immigrant with whom he crossed paths while both were hunting squirrels in the northern Wisconsin woods earlier this year.

The jury found James Nichols guilty of second-degree intentional homicide in the death of the Vang, a case that had rekindled racial

tensions in northern Wisconsin where a Hmong deer hunter fatally shot six other hunters three years ago.

Nichols appeared to fight back tears as he left the courtroom with his arms folded against his chest. Pang Vae, the victim's widow, collapsed outside the courtroom after the verdict and was carried away moaning by a sheriff's deputy. A family member said later that she

had fainted and was taken to a hospital, but she was expected to be fine.

"We are pleased with the verdict," said assistant attorney general Roy Korte who prosecuted the case. "I am sure it was a tough decision and we respect the verdict."

Lee Vang, the older brother of Cha Vang, said through an interpreter that he was angry and confused about why Nichols wasn't get the maximum penalty.

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District Judge B. Lynn Winnill who ruled that the state cannot ban political action committees, such as automatic withdrawals from checking accounts.

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After the law went into effect, the IEA formed an alternative plan for employees to contribute to political action committees, such as automatic withdrawals from checking accounts.

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nt have to have two separate transactions," she said.

Former Idaho Speaker of the House Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said that he had had some concerns whether the bill was constitutional when he voted for it, and was not startled to hear about the court's ruling.

"I had some reservations as to whether it was legal," he said Friday. "It doesn't surprise me at all."

The Associated Press contributed to this report. Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at 735-3204.

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documents has prevented the Congress from fulfilling its constitutional responsibility to conduct oversight," Levin wrote.

The White House said Mukasey has not been cleared to read the classified documents, Levin requested.

The two Justice Department legal opinions from 2005 were disclosed in Thursday's editions of The New York Times, which reported that the first opinion authorized the use of painful methods, such as head slaps, freezing temperatures and simulated drownings known as waterboarding, in combination.

That secret opinion came months after a December 2004 opinion in which the Justice Department publicly declared torture "abhorrent" and the administration seemed to back away from claiming authority for such practices, and after the withdrawal of a 2002 classified Justice opinion that had allowed certain aggressive interrogation practices so long as they stopped short of producing pain equivalent to experiencing organ failure or death.

The second Justice opinion was issued later in 2005, just as Congress was working on an anti-torture bill. The opinion declared that none of the CIA's interrogation practices would violate provisions in the legislation banning "cruel, inhuman and degrading" treatment of detainees. The Times said, citing interviews with unnamed current and former officials.

Though both memos remain in effect, the White House insisted they represented no change from the 2004 policy.

"We stick to U.S. law and international obligations," Bush said, without taking questions after a brief pre-taping session.

Speaking emphatically, the president noted that "highly trained professionals" conduct any questioning, "and by the way," he said, "we have gotten information from these high-value detainees

that would protect you." "The American people expect their government to take action to protect them from further attack," Bush said. "And that's exactly what this government is doing, and that's exactly what we'll continue to do."

He also said the techniques used by the U.S. "have been fully disclosed to appropriate members of the United States Congress" — an indirect slap at criticism that has flowed from Congress since the disclosure of the memos.

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Oral Roberts' son and daughter-in-law accused of improprieties at evangelical university

By Justin Jankovic Associated Press Writer

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Twenty years ago, televangelist Oral Roberts said he was reading a spy novel when God appeared to him and told him to raise \$8 million for Roberts' university, or else he would be "called home."

Now, his son, Oral Roberts University President Richard Roberts, says God is speaking again, telling him to deny lurid allegations in a lawsuit that threatens to engulf his 44-year-old Bible Belt college in scandal.

Richard Roberts is accused of illegal involvement in a local political campaign and lavish spending at donors' expense, including numerous home remodeling projects, use of the university jet for his daughter's senior trip to the Bahamas, and a red Mercedes convertible and a Lexus SUV for his wife, Lindsay.

She is accused of dropping tens of thousands of dollars on clothes, awarding nonacademic scholarships to friends of her children and sending scores of text messages on university-issued cell phones to people described in the lawsuit as "underage males."

At a chapel service this week at the university campus, known for its 60-foot-tall bronze sculpture of praying hands, Roberts said God told him: "We live in a litigious society. Anyone can get mad and file a lawsuit against another person whether they have a legitimate case or not. This lawsuit... is about intimidation, blackmail and extortion."

San Antonio televangelist John Hagee, a member of the ORU board of regents, said the university's executive board "is conducting a full and thorough investigation."

Campus fear for the reputation of the university and the future of the Roberts' ministry, which grew from Southern tent revivals to one of the most successful evangelical empires in the country, hauling in tens of millions of dollars in contributions a year. The university reported nearly \$76 million in revenue in 2005, according to the IRS.

Oral Roberts is 89 and lives in California. He holds the title of chancellor, but the university describes him as semi-retired, and his son presides over day-to-day operations on the campus, which had a modern, space-age design when it was built in the early 1960s but now looks dated, like Disney's Tomorrowland.

Cornell Cross II, a senior from Livingston, Va., said he is looking to transfer to another school because the scandal has "severely devalued and hurt the reputation of my degree."

"We have asked and asked and asked to see the finances of our school and what they're doing with our money, and we've been told no," said Cross, who is majoring in government. "Now we know why. As a student, I'm not going to stand for it any longer."

The allegations are contained in a lawsuit filed Tuesday by three former professors. They sued ORU and Roberts, alleging they were



A campus security car stops below the large praying hands at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla., on Friday.

Wrongfully dismissed after reporting the school's involvement in a local political race.

Richard Roberts, according to the suit, asked a professor in 2005 to use his students and university resources to aid a county commissioner's bid for Tulsa mayor. Such involvement would violate state and federal law because of the university's nonprofit status. Up to 50 students are alleged to have worked on the campaign.

The professors also said their dismissals came after they turned over the board of regents a copy of a report documenting moral and ethical lapses on the part of Roberts and his family. The internal document was prepared by Stephanie Cantese, Richard Roberts' sister-in-law, according to the lawsuit.

An ORU student repairing Cantese's laptop discovered the document and later provided a copy to one of the professors. It details dozens of alleged instances of misconduct. Among them:

- A longtime maintenance employee was fired so that an underage male friend of Mrs. Roberts could have his position.

- Mrs. Roberts — who is a member of the board of regents and is referred to as ORU's "first lady" on the university's Web site — frequently had cell-phone bills of more than \$800 per month, with hundreds of text messages sent between 1 a.m. to 3 a.m. to "underage males who had been professed phones at university expense."

- The university jet was used to take one daughter and several friends on a senior trip to Orlando, Fla., and the Bahamas. The \$29,411 trip was billed to the ministry as an "evangelical function of the president."

- Mrs. Roberts spent more than \$39,000 at one Chicago clothing store alone in less than a year, and had other accounts in Texas and California. She also repeatedly said, "As long as I wear it once on TV, we can charge it off."

- The document cites inconsistencies in clothing purchases and actual usage on TV.
- University and ministry employees are regularly summoned to the Roberts' home to do the daughters' homework.

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Atlantic City mayor, under investigation over his Army record, abruptly disappears

By Wayne Pary Associated Press writer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Under federal investigation for embellishing his Army service in Vietnam, a groggily-sounding Mayor Robert Levy called in sick at City Hall, climbed into his city-issued Dodge Durango and seemingly dropped off the face of the Earth.

A spokesman issued a 36-word statement saying the mayor was going on indefinite medical leave. That was a week and a half ago. Aides say he is in a hospital, but they won't say where, why or for how long.

The mystery and the gathering scandal over Levy's military record have worried civic leaders in this seaside casino resort, which has a long history of corruption, with four of the last eight mayors busted on graft charges and one-third of last year's nine-member City Council in prison or under house arrest.

"It's a national embarrassment," said City Councilman Bruce Ward, who asked a judge Friday to declare the mayor's seat officially vacant and clear the way for the council to name a replacement.

"We have entertainment companies that are considering investing billions of dollars in Atlantic City. They need to know there is stability in Atlantic City. And we have 60,000 residents here who need to be protected."

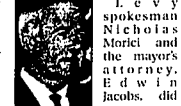
Last fall, the Press of Atlantic City investigated Levy's accounts of his wartime service and used military records to verify that Levy was a 20-year Army veteran with two Bronze Stars and two tours of duty in Vietnam. But the newspaper found he was not a member of the storied Green Berets, as he had claimed.

Shortly afterward, Levy, former head of Atlantic City's lifeguards, admitted misrepresenting his record.

"I'm sorry for having this happen at all," Levy told The Associated Press in November. "It's something I should have corrected 40 years ago. It is what it is, and I apologize for the embarrassment I've created for myself and my family."

But now, federal authorities are looking into whether the 64-year-old Levy made the false claims with the intention of bumping up his veteran's benefit payments, an official with knowledge of the investigation said Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Specifically, investigators want to know whether Levy



Levy was properly awarded a Combat Infantryman's Badge that was used to obtain about \$25,000 more in military benefits than he otherwise would have been entitled to, the official said.

Levy's spokesman N.E. H. Jacobs said he did not return messages over the past few days. Aides will not say anything about the mayor's condition, citing medical privacy laws. But close aide Dominic Cappella said Levy will remain on sick leave for the next few weeks.

About two dozen demonstrators gathered outside City Hall on Friday afternoon to protest the siting.

Even before word of his embellishments became known, Levy was frequently absent from City Hall. Levy, who took office more than a year and a half ago and makes about \$100,000 a year, took a leave several months ago because of what his aide

back problems.

Political opponents had begun gathering signatures to force a recall election, in part because of his sporadic attendance, along with his political affiliation with disgraced former City Council president Cliff Callaway, who is serving a nearly 3½-year federal prison term for bribery.

As for other Atlantic City politicians, one councilman is under indictment on charges of helping to set up another councilman who was lured to a motel room and filmed having sex with a prostitute.

Call another councilman is facing charges he drunkenly drove his city-owned car across the Boardwalk and onto the beach in the wee hours. He was on his way home from a party celebrating the arrests in the sex-and-video case.

"Atlantic City has become, 'Do what you want, when you want,'" said Jim McDonell, a retired truck driver. "There's no professionalism or competence here."

Cappella, who is the city's business administrator and has filled in before when Levy was unable to serve, told The Press that Levy called him from home on Sept. 26, sounding groggy, and turned over power to Cappella.

At a news conference earlier this week, Cappella said Atlantic City government is doing just fine in the mayor's absence.

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Staying put: the word on Sen. Larry Craig

Editorials from other Idaho newspapers on Republican Sen. Larry Craig's decision not to resign.

Moscow-Pullman Daily News

It's over Larry. It's time to pack the bags, sell the yacht, and move on. All the P's stunts and backpedaling and arguing over toilet paper proved to be pointless, and now Idaho's elder statesman in the U.S. Senate needs to send the note to Gov. Butch Otter and resign.

A Minnesota judge Thursday ruled that he wasn't going to allow Republican Sen. Larry Craig to withdraw his guilty plea. That means his conviction on the disorderly conduct charges stands, and his ability to represent in Washington, D.C., needs to come to a close.

Craig has spent the last month trying to reshape his image with the while hoping for a miracle that would erase his embarrassing arrest during a sting at a Minneapolis airport designed to root out those who troll the forests for love. It hasn't worked.

But that's not why Craig needs to follow through with his already announced plans to resign.

His credibility with voters and colleagues in the Senate is shot; he's been stripped of his committee leadership positions and members of his own party want his resignation. Larry Craig, who has danced around his intentions for two months, has finally made clear what he is going to do.

Idaho Statesman, Boise

At least the mind games are over. Unfortunately, the circus is just beginning.

Sen. Larry Craig, who has danced around his intentions for two months, has finally made clear what he is going to do.

And what a bad decision he makes. Larry Craig will continue to represent Idaho in the U.S. Senate through the end of his term. Fifteen more months. Fifteen more months of fodder for late-night talk show bits and comics. The term "wide stance" has already become synonymous with Idaho politics.

Craig had earlier announced he would resign his seat by Sept. 30, but then wavered when he went to court in hopes of withdrawing his plea.

A Minnesota judge on Thursday denied Craig's request to rescind that guilty

plea in a men's room sex sting. Craig said he's disappointed and will continue to "explore" legal options while attempting to represent Idaho on issues as important as the war in Iraq, the health care crisis and the federal deficit. He insists his seniority and important committee assignments make him too valuable to Idaho.

But, he and we will be distracted by Senate Ethics Committee and its hearings, which could be public, in what is certain to be brutally ugly, possibly on live TV, and centered on men having sex with men.

If Craig would have resigned as he had promised, he could have ended this tragic story. Now, members of the media will continue to check rumors, tips and allegations. More stories and editorials will be printed across the country. More witnesses may be forced to come forward.

Does he not recognize the setback this causes his own party? Democrats are cheering today, knowing they will not have to challenge an incumbent in the 2008 election.

But what's most troubling is we believe he's more interested in clearing his name than he is concerned about how this news broke of his own party? Democrats are cheering today, knowing they will not have to challenge an incumbent in the 2008 election.

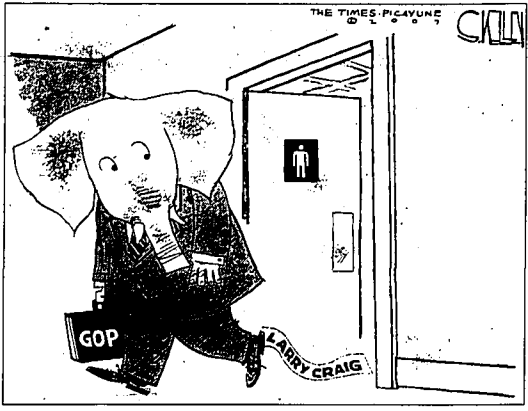
He is a lame-duck senator who has been shunned by Senate colleagues and stripped of his leadership positions. Craig himself admitted that he cannot properly serve Idaho under this kind of legal fight.

Remember? On Sept. 1, he told us: "To pursue my legal options as I continue to serve Idaho would be an unwanted and unfair distraction of my job and for my Senate colleagues." What he is doing today is exactly what he said — unfair.

We don't even know for sure if Craig will retire at the end of his term. He may be playing more games with the statement he made Thursday. "I will continue my effort to clear my name in the Senate Ethics Committee — something that is not possible if I am not serving in the Senate."

If the committee does not complete its task before the end of his term, could Craig use these words as a basis to run for re-election?

The people of Idaho deserve a senator who can devote 100 percent of his time and effort to the critical issues of our state and of our nation. Those are Larry Craig's words, not ours. We also deserve a senator who tells us the truth and keeps his promises.



"Go ahead, Larry. Say it again. Idahoans won't believe you"

— Idaho Press Tribune, Nampa

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello

Larry Craig might think he's somehow saving his legacy by vowing to finish his Senate term in defiance of Thursday's court decision upholding his guilty plea in a men's room sex sting. But Craig's decision to stay in office will hurt many, including Craig himself, especially his fellow Republicans and maybe politicians of all parties.

Craig's legacy will never recover from his arrest in the rest room of a Minneapolis airport. The police interrogation tape of Craig, explaining unapologetically how he wasn't really soliciting gay sex from an undercover cop, is difficult to forget or discount.

Event tougher to brush aside is the fact that Craig pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct for his actions in the men's room. Pleading guilty is not how the vast majority of Americans veteran legislators included would react to being falsely accused.

More odd is Craig's reasoning for his guilty plea. He blames the media, saying the *Idaho Statesman* had hounded him so much about his alleged homosexuality that when arrested in Minneapolis he admitted to a crime he didn't commit, hoping the matter would just go away.

The good news is that Craig will retire at the end of his term next year. But more than Craig's legacy will suffer

never get out of the miscalculations by Craig in this scandal are many and paint an unsettling picture of our senator. When news broke of Craig's arrest, the senator held a press conference during which he said again and again that he's not gay, as if that's what he was charged with.

After Republicans in many other parts of the country urged Craig to step down, the senator held a second press conference in which he announced his resignation, effective Sept. 30.

But then, word began to trickle from the Craig camp that the senator was going to fight the charges and if his name could be cleared, he would stay in office.

Idaho Republicans, mostly silent prior to Craig's resignation announcement, then began to voice their support for Craig. They encouraged him to fight to rescind his guilty plea. They urged him to stay in office. And that's what Craig's doing.

Despite the court's ruling and his own guilty plea, he says he's innocent. He said he will continue to work to clear his name in the criminal court system and with the Senate Ethics Committee. Craig says it would not be possible for him to prove his innocence to the committee if he did not remain in the Senate.

The good news is that Craig will retire at the end of his term next year. But more than Craig's legacy will suffer

from his selfish and futile attempt to 'save face'.

Some Idaho Republicans might think it's a victory for Craig to remain in office, but Republicans elsewhere see Craig's presence in the Senate as a painful, long-term liability.

Nevada Sen. John Ensign, the chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, knows the toll the Craig scandal will take on the GOP: "(Craig) gave us his word that he would resign," Ensign said. "I'm calling on Senator Craig to keep his word. If he loves the party, and he loves the Senate, the honorable thing to do is to resign."

Craig must put his pride aside, take responsibility for this mess and vacate his Senate seat.

Idaho Press Tribune, Nampa

Larry Craig fell from grace Thursday when he defiantly announced that he would keep his Senate seat until it expires in 2008.

Yes, the man who was held in high regard within the Republican Party for his 27 years of work at the nation's Capitol, reneged on his promise to step down.

If Craig were a man of his word, he would have stepped aside once the court's ruling was announced so Gov. Butch Otter could name his replacement.

That would have been the honorable thing to do. Instead, Larry Craig misled

Idahoans and his D.C. colleagues.

It all started in June when the "singing senator" played footsie in a men's airport rest room in Minneapolis.

Forget that Craig denied doing what the undercover police officer said he did.

Forget that the "I have a wide stance" senator handed the arresting officer his Senate business card.

Forget that weeks later the "not gay" politician pleaded guilty to a little lanky panky.

Forget the fact that when word finally leaked out about the arrested congressman, Craig initially blamed his woes on the big, bad *Idaho Statesman*.

Forget that Craig told Idahoans in early September that he would resign at the end of the month and then refused to resign until after the judge ruled — just in case the court could possibly believe his story.

Forget that the judge refused to throw out the senator's guilty plea to a disorderly conduct charge in an airport bathroom.

Come on Larry, does Idaho really deserve upending jokes on late-night television? Of how about the videos on YouTube?

So why should we be surprised that his former distinguished man has now decided to stay in office?

Forget that he's been stripped of all leadership roles on the "important" committee assignments that are valuable to Idaho, not the least of which are my seats on the Appropriations Committee, the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Forget that the Senate Ethics Committee will skin Larry Craig alive to prove that the politician in Washington, D.C., has evil eyes.

'Too bad, after years of support from the Grand Old Party, Craig has decided to keep his seat instead of stepping aside to help his successor gain a foothold in D.C. before upcoming elections.

Craig thinks Idahoans will benefit from his experience and wisdom on his committee.

"Over the course of my three terms in the Senate and five terms in the House, I have accumulated seniority ... A replacement would be five months to obtain these posts."

"When my term has expired, I will retire and not seek reelection. I hope this provides the certainty Idaho needs and deserves."

Go ahead Larry. Say it again. Idahoans won't believe you

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bear baiting is a terrible, barbaric practice

Two weeks ago, a grizzly bear was killed in the Selway-Bitterroot ecosystem, the first grizzly to be seen there in 50 years. This grizzly, who had come from the Selkirk (150 miles away) was killed over bait by a man from Tennessee. The bait station was not with him, and was not there to identify this very rare bear.

An effort to end this barbaric, repugnant and unethical method for killing black bears was unsuccessful several years ago, but this "mistaken" identity situation was not a surprise. This grizzly bear had managed to avoid humans for several years in the wilderness, but drought

conditions had impending hibernation drove him to the bait.

We are constantly cautioned not to feed wildlife and yet, bear baiting, which does just that is allowed to continue. Sen. Otter tells us that fragmented populations of rare animals lead to what is called the extinction vortex. Respected conservation biologists recommend a system of wilderness core reserves and roadless wildlife travel corridors designed to prevent fragmentation. However, if bears can be baited even in these areas, extinction for the great bear is not far behind.

Generations to come will not know this magnificent creature. Attracting bears with human food — and

carcasses of other bears — is not an ethical practice where black bears are concerned. But continuing this practice when there is even the slightest possibility that a grizzly will be killed is irresponsible.

I am urging you to tell the Idaho Fish and Game Commissioners (P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707) know that this unsportsmanlike practice must be stopped. Idaho's wildlife is too precious to allow this repugnant practice to continue.

CHRISTINE GERTSCHEN
Sun Valley

Writers need better info on going green

It was good to see the "Go Green" section in the *Times-News* on Sept. 23. I would

suggest, however, that, in the future, its writers better educate themselves before jumping on the fashionable "green" bandwagon.

"While "Go Green" contained some useful information, portions of it were nothing more than a disservice to its readers and, ultimately, the "environment." For example, the article, "Price keeps some from seeking greener homes," reeks of ignorance and just perpetuates the common misconceptions associated with healthy and low-impact living. It sends the message that building a green home is about socio-economics or reserved for elitists.

Anyone, regardless of social class, can have a "green" home. The determining factor is not "excess income," as stated, but rather a core understanding of how homes and their occupants lifestyles are related to ecological and human health.

The mind-set that money is the solution shows incomprehension and is as much folly as environmental apathy.

"Extra money" is useful for buying industry-suggested green "standards" that fall to reach the root of the issues; or, in other words, for buying "green" veneer and a trendy identity.

Designed in context and constructed with alternative materials, there are homes being built all over the country on smaller budgets that are beautifully executed examples of buildings that

are healthy to live in and don't unduly rob and contaminate our grandkids' resources.

Unfortunately, not only did the *Times-News* miss the opportunity to talk about those who took the biggest difference: the majority.

So, rather than stroking the egos of the few buying "green" identities, how about the *Times-News* provide, in its next green home article, encouraging information for those more interested in walking the walk than being fashion groups.

Green is not something to be bought. It is something to live.

BRISTY BOWMAN
Twin Falls

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Craig can't function in public spotlight

Up here in Idaho, we are for sure on the No. 1 spot on the radio. Our senior senator is I, Guess, a homosexual. I do exist...

I don't know that much about this kind of stuff, but I would think a lawmaker like Craig, a U.S. Senator, is a person that makes all the laws for us people ought to know.

The times nowadays have changed, I guess for the better? Don't know, have they?

Craig went to a community rest room, did his fan dance for a sexual partner, another man. I guess in a free and Democratic rule, every man and woman has a right to sexual partners they choose, including U.S. Sen. Craig.

But I don't think Craig can function very well now that he turned off the press lights on himself and his family.

Personally, my wife would throw my clothes out the window before I got home.

Pay attention, B.J. "BARNEY" ROWLAND.

Hagerman

Put the GOP and Craig out of their misery

When the character Travis shot the dog in the Disney movie, "Old Yeller," he didn't do it because he wanted to, he did it because he had to, it was the right thing to do.

Metaphorically speaking, a similar motion has arrived for the GOP.

Nationally, we need to hunt down the neocoon SONS who lost their minds and jumped the republican, advocating Pax-Americana as a salve for world ills in places like Iraq.

Locally we need to purge the Idaho Republican Party of blind ideologues who insist that Larry Craig is a victim of a media witch hunt.

I personally do not care if he is in bed. It is a sin, as a Christian I can tell you that, as a senator, his fellow "family-values"-m-g-o-i-n-g-t-o-heaven-and-you-aren't! Senate Republicans will no longer grant him the authority to order a pizza, much less promote meaningless bills that favor Idaho's citizens.

When you swim with sharks, don't expect mercy when it is your blood in the water. What would be gained by leaving him in office?

People are influenced by ideologues (think Rush, Hannity, MoveOn.Org, etc.) that truth no longer matters is a dangerous concept.

Truth must always trump how one feels about the truth and actions must proceed forthwith.

Why can't some Republicans? GARY ELLER Twin Falls

LETTERS OF THANKS

Thanks to all who made open house possible

On behalf of the students and staff of Twin Falls High School, we would like to thank all the kind people of Twin Falls who made our latest Smaller Learning Community barbecue open house possible on Sept. 5.

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On Sept. 17, I absent-mindedly left my purse at Smith's grocery store and only discovered that it was missing 20 minutes later.

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Topps closes business 6 days after the second-largest U.S. beef recall

By Jeffrey Gold
Associated Press writer

NEWARK, N.J. — Topps Meat Co. on Friday said it was closing its business, six days after it was forced to issue the second-largest beef recall in U.S. history and 67 years after it first opened its doors.

The decision will cost 87 people their jobs, Topps said.

On Sept. 25 Topps began recalling frozen hamburger patties that may have been contaminated with the potentially fatal E. coli bacteria strain O157:H7. The recall eventually ballooned to 21.7 million pounds of ground beef.

Thirty people in eight states had E. coli infections matching the strain found in the Topps patties, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. None have died.

"This is tragic for all concerned," said Topps chief operating officer Anthony D'Urso, a member of the family that founded the company in 1940.

The Topps recall raised questions about whether the U.S. Agriculture Department should have acted quicker to encourage a recall. On Thursday, top USDA officials said they would speed warnings in the future.

Topps conceded that much of the recalled meat had already been eaten, and on Friday expressed regret that its product had been linked to illnesses. "We hope and pray for the full recovery of those individuals," D'Urso said in a statement.

Topps, which halted production Sept. 26, is not the first meat company shuttered by a recall.

Hudson Foods Co. closed its plant in Columbus, Neb., after it agreed in 1997 to destroy 25 million pounds of hamburger in the largest U.S. meat recall after E. coli was found in the ground beef. The

plant later reopened with new measures.

Topps faces at least two lawsuits filed since the recall, one from the family of an upstate New York girl who became ill, and one seeking class-action status on behalf of all people who bought or ate the hamburgers. The family of a Florida girl who suffered kidney failure sued Walmart Stores Inc., which is among chains that sold Topps patties.

The closing, or any subsequent bankruptcy, does not derail the lawsuits, said William D. Marler, a lawyer for the family of 8-year-old Emily McDonald, of North Carolina, N.Y. She was hospitalized for two days after eating a hamburger Aug. 17 at a barbecue.

"Bankruptcy will slow the process down, but it does not mean that people will not be compensated," Marler said.

The Elizabeth-based company had initially recalled 331,582 pounds of its frozen

hamburgers on Sept. 25, acting only after the New York State Department of Health issued an alert linking its patties to illnesses.

Topps on Sept. 29 recalled 21.7 million pounds of its frozen hamburgers — a year's worth of production — after further evidence from the New York State Department of Health indicated a wider problem.

D'Urso said that a few employees will remain at the site to help USDA scientists investigate the source of the E. coli outbreak.

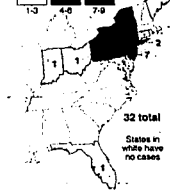
The bacteria, which can be fatal to humans, is harbored in the intestines of cattle and can also get on their hides. Improper butchering and processing can cause the E. coli to get onto meat.

Thorough cooking, to at least 160 degrees internal temperature, can destroy the bacteria. Topps gets beef parts from slaughterhouses, grinds them, forms the meat into patties and freezes them.

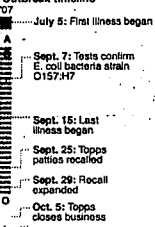
Second-largest U.S. beef recall ever

Topps Meat Co. announced Friday it is closing its business, six days after its recall of potentially contaminated frozen beef patties was expanded to 21.7 million pounds.

E. coli cases, as of noon EDT, Oct. 5



Outbreak timeline

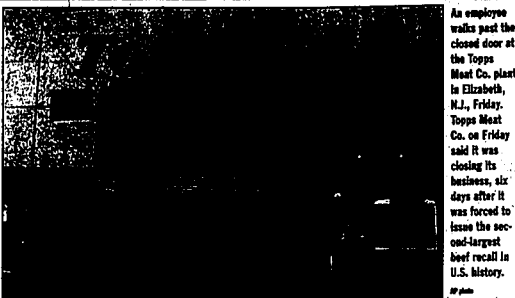


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For more details, visit: http://www.fda.usda.gov/PDF/040_2007_Expanded_Recall.pdf

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; USDA AP



An employee walks past the closed door at the Topps Meat Co. plant in Elizabeth, N.J., Friday. Topps Meat Co. on Friday said it was closing its business, six days after it was forced to issue the second-largest beef recall in U.S. history.

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Resilient Bruins survive to net second straight win



By David Bashore
Times-News writer

IDAHO FALLS — The weather cleared in the fourth quarter and with it the path for a discouraging Twin Falls come-from-ahead defeat seemed wide open.

The Bruin defense had other plans. With less than a minute remaining and Skyline closing in on the Twin Falls 10-yard line, Grizzly sophomore running back Max Assay lost a slippery football. Ryan Petersen made the

Twin Falls defenders Casey Fought (24) and Conner Watkins (6) take down a Skyline player Friday night in Idaho Falls.

PHOTO COURTESY/Twin Falls Post Register

bruins' third fumble recovery, and Twin Falls survived 24-20 to win its second game in as many tries.

In a rain that was sometimes driving, sometimes mixed with snow, and everything in between, the 2-4 Bruins (1-1 High Country Conference) had difficulty moving the football for the better part of the contest. But the defense and special teams made sure the bogged offense would be a non-issue.

Twin Falls went three-and-out on the first series of the game, but Skyline muffed the ensuing punt to set up Kylon Myers' 24-yard scoring scamper. On the Grizzlies' first series, they also went three-and-out, but the special teams for Twin Falls came through again as Brent Martinez got

his mitts on the punt and blocked it to the Skyline 15.

Remington Pallin plunged in two plays later from three yards out.

"We came out and the momentum was on our side from the very beginning," Martinez said. "Then we made a couple of plays and just pushed it up. It was tough in the second half but we held on."

Skyline, despite its youth, showed great resolve to keep the game close, picking off Myers four times in the first half. The Grizzlies stifled the Bruin offense through the second and third quarters, and used the momentum they seized to even the score in the fourth quarter.

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CSI, NIC battle for position

Today's match carries postseason implications

Times-News

Twenty-seven days, six conference matches and two teams battling for home-court advantage: That's what the 2007 regular volleyball season boils down to for the No. 10 College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles and the North Idaho College Cardinals.

The two-team race to host the Region 18a Tournament in a Friday November will take its first major turn with today's 3 p.m. match between CSI and NIC in Twin Falls. The 29-9 Golden Eagles and 16-6 Cardinals hold identical 3-1 Western Athletic Conference records, as both teams have defeated Snow College, the College of Eastern Utah and Colorado Northwestern Community College, but lost to No. 2 Salt Lake Community College.

The victor of today's match will hold sole possession of second place in the conference standings, along with an early lead in the race to host postseason play.

CSI and NIC met on the first day of the season, with the Golden Eagles taking a 30-24, 30-19 win over the Cardinals. However, much has changed with both teams since.

After starting the season with a 5-4 record, the Cardinals have won 11 of their last 13, losing only to SLCC twice. The Cardinals

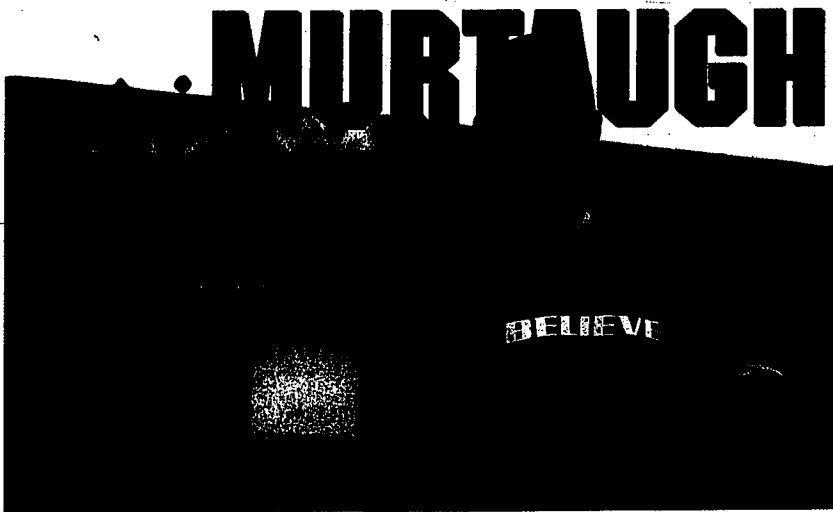
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Eagle Eyes

Today: North Idaho College (16-6, 3-1 SWAC) at No. 10 CSI (29-9, 3-1 SWAC), 3 p.m. Last time they met: The Golden Eagles topped the Cardinals 30-24, 30-19 in Twin Falls on the opening day of the 2007 season.

On the horizon: CSI plays two SWAC home matches next week, hosting the College of Eastern Utah at 7 p.m., Thursday, and Colorado Northwestern Community College at 3 p.m., Saturday.

CSI coaches: Mike Gagliardi (Head), Mike Gagliardi (Asst.), Bob Bolwczynski (222) (3.03); Alyssa Watkins (228) (3.12). Assistants: Leslie Aki (357) (7.43); Mike Servo (331) (6.24); Kevin Sautelle (Sanders) (41) (0.48); Bolwczynski (31) (0.37). Solo blocks: Jim Moreland (11); Bolwczynski (10). Block assists: Wiatruck (8); Bolwczynski (4). Blocks per game: Wiatruck (0.85); Moreland (0.84). Digs: Charlene Estoban (322) (3.74); Sanders (266) (3.13). Note: Individual statistics from CSI's Sept. 21 match at CNU are unavailable.



Murtaugh High School football coach Forrest Andersen stands outside the school this week. Andersen took the coaching job to help keep the Red Devils program alive.

Son of longtime coach steps in to lead Red Devils football

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — Forrest Andersen couldn't stand to see it go. Too much work had been put into the program by countless people in the community, including his own flesh and blood.

The Murtaugh Red Devils were on the edge of the abyss, ready to plunge into a black pit of nothing when Andersen pulled them back.

"I thought, 'If I won't sacrifice, who will?'" Andersen said.

Thanks to him, Murtaugh didn't cancel its football program.

The Red Devils went 2-7 in 2006, winning the Traveling Wagon Wheel — Murtaugh and Hansen's version of the Little Brown Jug — back from the Huskies. It was one of the few highlights of the season. Then Murtaugh High School found itself without a coach, and not enough players to field a varsity football team.

Some thought maybe they shouldn't have football in Murtaugh this year. Andersen, son of the longtime head coach DeVon, wouldn't allow it. So the former Red Devil player-turned-professional disc jockey quit his full-time job at Costco to rebuild the program from the junior high level up.

So why do it? Why give up a good job with good pay and good benefits that he held for more than a decade? For one, his DJ business, Andersen Mobile Music, is thriving. He booked more than 300 events last year and employs five other DJs. He'll get by.

As a former player and the son of the longtime coach who won an 11-man state championship (1982), he's deeply invested in his community. It wasn't until his father died two years ago that he thought about his lasting impression.

"I didn't feel like I was giving enough," Andersen said. "I thought, 'What's my legacy?'"

It's not just a fight for his legacy or that of his father's. It's a fight to maintain Murtaugh's identity in a time when talks of school district consolidation and combined or cooperative athletic programs rumble around the small schools.

If Murtaugh had stopped football now, potential players who aren't even teenagers yet wouldn't have the option to play. The tradition of the Traveling Wagon Wheel would collect dust. Murtaugh would have become a school without a football identity. Andersen fought for identity as a student in the 1990s when those consolidation talks heated up, and he's fighting for it now. He asked for the job. Fortunately for the town, the school said yes.

"They have faith in me and my feelings about the community. It was time to step in and save the program."

Step one: Finding a few more

players for this year's varsity 8-man team. Seven showed up to play, the rest had to be convinced.

"I wasn't going to play, but he talked to all of us and got a lot of players to come," said Jesus Cabral. The Murtaugh senior has played football before and was going to look past the fall to basketball, but he decided to give it one more shot. Football isn't his favorite sport. He just wanted to give his time to a man who thought Red Devils football was a worthwhile endeavor.

"He was willing to quit his job and dedicate his time," Cabral said. "He's had a lot to do with it (continuing to play). He calls me and tells me how much everyone needs me."

Andersen's persistence and patience allowed him to field a team that hasn't won a game to date. Yet it's not about the wins and losses, clichéd as it seems. Andersen and his team set personal goals that didn't hinge on victories in points, but moral victories that will mean something to themselves. Never mind everybody else.

Physically, the team is out-matched against most opponents. They don't care. Earlier this season, the Red Devils went at the Oakley Hornets, a team that is now 6-0 and tied with Hagerman for No. 3 (Class

1A Division I) in the Idaho High School Football Media Poll. Oakley fielded 30 players while Murtaugh has about 10. The moral victory, according to Andersen, was in the fact that Murtaugh played a full game against the Hornets.

"We were not mercy-ruled," he said. "We finished the game with seven players, but we finished. Raft River was mercy ruled by the half, so we deem (our game) a good success."

Success will also be measured in the kind of people these players will become. It's a main cause of why Andersen set out to save the program. He brought into the kids, and they bought into his belief that the program is worth having. The community has bought in, too, as Andersen said attendance has been up.

"I told (the players), 'They appreciate you for the people you are. Not as potential NFL players, but as potential husbands and fathers.' Andersen said. "What I can teach them about life is more important than football."

Despite that a few kids are hurt, despite that some seniors just learned how to play the game, despite the fact that they may not win a game all year, the Red Devils have committed to finish the season.

"Most of us just want to have fun and stick with it," Cabral said. "Even if we don't win."

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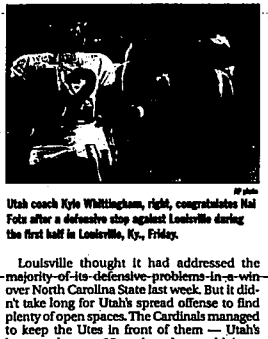
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Johnson throws for 312 yards to help Utah hold off Louisville 44-35

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Brian Johnson threw for 312 yards and a score and Darrell Mack ran for a career-high 163 yards and three touchdowns to help Utah hold off stumbling Louisville 44-35 on Friday night.



Utah coach Kyle Whittingham, right, congratulates Darrell Mack after a defensive stop against Louisville during the first half in Louisville, Ky., Friday.

Sports Shorts

MVS introduces Outdoor Classic. TWIN FALLS — Magle Valley Speedway will host an "Outdoor Classic" today, featuring an "open" format with limited rules for the Late Model, Modified, Street Stocks and Trucks classes.

Two weeks after lowly Syracuse stunned the Cardinals with big play after big play and ended Louisville's 20-game home winning streak, the Utes were more pragmatic in sending the Cardinals to consecutive home losses for the first time since 1996.

Louisville thought it had addressed the majority of its defensive problems in a win-over North Carolina last week. But it did not take long for Utah's spread offense to find plenty of open spaces. The Cardinals managed to keep the Utes in front of them — Utah's longest play was 35 yards — but couldn't get Utah off the field when it mattered.

Filer holds youth hoops sign-ups. FILER — Filer Community Recreation will hold registration for boys and girls basketball for grades 3-4 from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Filer Middle School.

Kimberly holds youth hoops sign-ups. KIMBERLY — Kimberly Youth Association will hold sign-ups for girls youth basketball for grades 3-6 from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9 in the Kimberly High School commons area.

Utah coach Kyle Whittingham worried about the Utes getting into a shootout with the nation's second-ranked offense. But Utah had no problems piling up the points against one of the country's worst defenses.

MAGIC VALLEY Ambrose sinks hole-in-one. BUHL — Jim Ambrose made a hole-in-one Oct. 3 at Clear Lake Country Club. The shot came on the 123-yard No. 15 hole using a 9-wood.

Brain Boosters to meet Monday. TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Brain Boosters will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Twin Falls High School Cafeteria.

Basketball officials meeting nears. TWIN FALLS — The first District IV high school basketball certification meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8 at Twin Falls High School's Roper Auditorium.



Moetana State's David Taylor runs away from three Idaho State defenders on Sept. 29 in Bozeman, Mont. Moetana State was 40-20.

Bengals host winless Bears for homecoming

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO—They are everybody's favorite homecoming opponent around the Big Sky conference and with good reason. For Idaho State (1-3) the fact that winless Northern Colorado (0-5) is coming to town today (yes for homecoming) couldn't have come at a better time.

Northern Colorado has lost 13 straight games. Two more losses and the Bears will enter the NCAA record book as having one of the longest losing streaks in college football history.

If they lose every game this season they'll own the fifth-longest skid in history.

ISU itself is on that list with 19 straight losses. Columbia has the second-longest streak at 44 in a row and the all-time losing streak leader is Prairie View A&M, a school in Texas that plays in the Southwestern Athletic Confer-

Northern Colorado at Idaho State



When: 2 p.m.
TV: Altitude
Radio: 1270 AM
KTPI

ence. Prairie View lost an unbelievable 80 consecutive games.

Before discussing the Bears, the big news for the Bengals this week is that head coach John Zamberlin has made another change at quarterback. Only this time it's not based on performance.

Luke Butler was actually pretty good last Saturday in the Bengals' 40-20 loss at Montana State. ISU trailed just 21-20 game into the third quarter before the Bobcats pulled away.

But Russel Hill is back under

center after Butler was knocked wozy late in the game due to a couple of blistering hits, one of which was helmet to helmet, resulting in a personal foul penalty.

Butler was taken to a hospital after the game for tests, which came back negative. But he's still feeling the effects of the hits.

"He's still got headaches off and on, so he's out definitely this week," said Zamberlin.

In fact, on the coaches' radio show Monday night, Zamberlin said Butler could also be out the following week at Northern Arizona.

This week, look for the Bengals to try to pound UNC with the ground game. Idaho State finally got its running game going last week to the tune of almost 200 yards. A repeat of that effort would take the pressure off Hill and slow down the Bears defensive front.

Ultimately, a decent effort from

ISU should result in a win. Zamberlin takes nothing for granted however, especially given the tendency of ISU to turn the ball over.

"We can't turn it over as much against anyone and expect to win," he said.

UNC has allowed 233 points in the five losses, so by protecting the football the Bengals have a real chance to put 30-40 points on the Holt Arena scoreboard.

Offensively the Bears have only one real threat, wide receiver Andy Birkle. He missed last season but had 50 catches for more than 900 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2005. Even with Birkle, UNC is only scoring eight points per game.

The 2 p.m. game is on Altitude television which can be seen on the Dish Network and DirecTV satellite services. KTPI 1270 AM will also air the game with pregame coverage starting at 1 p.m.

Vandals seek turnaround with road win against San Jose State

By Grant Joki
Times-News correspondent

The Idaho Vandals may be one of those teams that plays more focused and mistake-free on the road than at home.

At least that's the hope heading into today's 2 p.m. (MST) game at San Jose State.

The Vandals (1-4 overall, 0-1 Western Athletic Conference) opened their season on a huge stage when they played No. 1 USC on national television in front of 92,000 rowdy Trojan fans.

Their performance was given a thumbs up by the national pundits after a 38-10 setback. From that debut, the Vandals played four straight Saturdays on the Palouse. But the net result proved to be a major down-to-earth grounding.

Idaho's sole win in the four-week stretch came over Football Championship Series squad Cal Poly. A respectable showing against Washington State was followed by consecutive mistakes laden losses that featured nine turnovers.

Today's second road trip to the Golden State may be just what the doctor ordered to pull the Vandals out of their funk. Idaho knows today's game against the Spartans can bring a much needed turnaround.

San Jose State (2-3, 1-0) is riding a two-game win streak and is favored by 7 points.

The Vandals will have to pull the upset without quarterback Nathan Enderle, who is out 3-4 weeks after undergoing hand surgery.

Senior backup Brian Nooy will get the starting nod today.

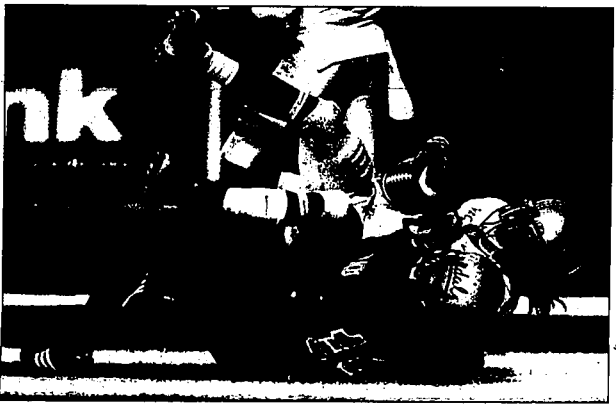
"Opportunity knocks," head coach Bob Akey told the Lewiston Tribune of Nooy's first start. "He needs to sprit through that door."

Nooy has entered only two games this season and is 4-of-8 for 27 yards. At the close of the first half last Saturday, Nooy moved the Vandals into field-goal range where kicker Tino Amancio nailed a 50-yard try.

Nooy's career passing: 40-for-81 for 474 yards.

None of the 19 meetings between the Vandals and Spartans has been decided by less than seven points. History shows that these two teams usually get into a good old-fashioned shootout.

The Spartans will likely be without leading rusher Yoanis Davis. Davis ran for more than a thousand yards in 2006, but sprained his left ankle in the season opener at Arizona State and is doubtful



Havall running back Ryan Grice-Mallou (1) leads on top of Idaho defensive back Salilo Koo for a touchdown reception in the first quarter on Sept. 29 at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow.

Idaho at San Jose State

TV: KTID (channel 8), 2 p.m. MDT
Radio: 1310 AM KLX
Line: San Jose State by 6.5

with three road losses to BCS schools before rebounding in the last two weeks with wins over Utah State (23-20) and Cal Davis (34-14).

Today's homecoming with the Vandals has Torney heaping on praise for a team he thinks has played a tough nonconference schedule and is improving under Akey.

"They've competed very well against two Pac-10 teams," said Torney. "They have a very good running back in (Deonte) Jackson. And I think defensively, (David) Vobora, their linebacker and lineman (Siua) Musika, particularly those two guys, along with their secondary have played very, very well," said Torney on Monday's WAC teleconference. "I think this will take the best game we've played to win. I really think we've made great progress under Coach Akey."

Akey might take issue with Torney's assessment of progress with his inconsistent Vandals.

"The last couple of weeks we've not taken care of the ball particularly well. That's something we need to do better," said Akey. "We started the season with nice play in taking away the ball. We need to get back towards that and it needs to take place for an entire ball game."

In the last three games Idaho has

had 12 interceptions with three of those being returned for touchdowns.

Two of those picks occurred as the Vandals were in the red zone on the brink of taking the lead. Add in a fumble and a blocked punt that had the ball roll from the 30 into the end zone and you have a good idea of why Idaho's record is 1-4.

Said Akey of the recent first-half turnover woes, "We need to come back and play correct during the course of the game. We just need to make sure that mistakes don't happen in succession, like last week. That hurts."

Akey stresses that the team is mending the rollercoaster well. The Vandals need a win and they know what that will require.

"We have an opportunity for a new quarterback to make some noise. Brian Nooy is going to do a tremendous job. I'm looking forward to seeing our next Vandal win," said Akey.

Notes: Except for the loss of Enderle, the Vandals are fairly healthy for today's game. Offensive guard Marcus Fennell is out with a sprained MCL in the knee. No surgery is needed. Sophomore Adam Juratovac, a former starter, will fill in at guard for Fennell. WAC rush leader Jackson is considered to be at full strength and will start.

Brennan hopes to bounce back against Aggies

HONOLULU (AP)—It's Hawaii 5-0. But even McGarrett and Dano would be hard pressed to find a way for Utah State to upset the 16th-ranked Warriors on Saturday night.

Hawaii (5-0, 2-0 Western Athletic Conference) enters the game as a 39-point favorite and with its highest ranking in school history. The 1981 team, which started 7-0, only made it to No. 18.

The young and hungry Aggies (0-5, 0-1) have lost 11 straight games, the second longest streak in the nation. They haven't tasted victory in a year, or a road win since 2005.

Utah State is also 1-42 against ranked teams.

But Hawaii, winner of nine straight WAC games, isn't taking the Aggies lightly as it comes from a 1-0 start in an undefeated season and a BCS bid.

"Hopefully our guys realize what's at stake. We can't have one slip up," Hawaii coach June Jones said.

Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan, still recovering from an injured right ankle, is looking to redeem himself after trying a school record with five interceptions in last week's 48-20 victory at Idaho.

"Thank God, I have seven or eight games left in this season. Every body forget about that game," he said.

Brennan, one of the most accurate passers in college football history, had only one interception on the season and never in his career threw more than two interceptions in a game prior to last week.

"I know five interceptions does a lot of negative toward me, but when you look at the bigger picture, I'm glad it happened," he said. "It was a fluke in that type of day out there but it finally took the spotlight off me and put it where it belongs, on the team."

With Brennan not at his best, Hawaii's aggressive defense shows, forcing six turnovers and scoring two touchdowns against the Vandals. Brennan said winning handily on the road despite his struggles proves how good the Warriors really are.

"It's funny, because for once, it seems like the defense is what's really the stronghold on this team," he said.

Hawaii's defense is ranked 25th in the nation, allowing 18.8 points a game.

today.

San Jose State has gravitated to more passing than running since the loss of Davis. The Spartans average 236 yards a game in passing and only 51 on the ground.

Said Spartan head coach Dick Torney: "We are only averaging about three yards a carry, which is a great concern to us."

Torney attributes the anemic offensive rush to the youthful interior lineman. "We've had three true freshmen playing a lot, but we need to quit talking about that — they've played five games. We just need to try to keep getting better."

Torney is leery of Idaho's secondary and says his Spartans have to be more balanced today and not rely so much on the pass. Idaho's defense ranks No. 2 in the nation in turnovers forced.

San Jose State's season started off

Showdown on the bayou: LSU at No. 1 and facing defending national champs

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—At an oyster shack not far from the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain, a sign pokes fun at the defending national champion.

"Florida has sand and sun," it says. "But LSU has No. 1."

Yep, for the first time since 1959, the Tigers will run onto the field as the nation's top-ranked team. They'll be in for quite a prime-time reception at Death Valley, where raucous fans once caused earthquake-like readings on a seismograph.

"It's going to be awesome," LSU safety Craig Steltz said. "The crowd is going to be electric."

Atmosphere aside, don't count out that team on the visiting side Saturday night.

Florida, the wounded-but-still-standing titleholder, is eager to redeem itself for a stunning home loss to Auburn last week. The Gators can't afford another defeat if they're going to contend for another national title.

"I think every human being is measured when they get hit," said Florida coach Urban Meyer, who hasn't lost back-to-back games since he was at Bowling Green in 2002. "I tell people all the time: It's easy to walk upstairs, walk in my office and pick up that championship trophy. That's not hard. When you get hit right square, how do you react? We got hit square."

The Tigers (6-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) were actually pulling for a Florida victory last weekend,

Florida at LSU

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Florida were playing."

Surprisingly LSU moved up to No. 1 by the narrowest of margins in The Associated Press Top 25, the beneficiary of Southern California's lackluster victory over Washington. The Tigers still hold the top spot in the coaches' poll.

The Tigers insist they're not worried about rankings as they approach the halfway point of the season.

"I'm pretty sure the fans are enjoying it," defensive lineman Glenn Dorsey said, "but it's just another day for us."

LSU is coming up on the one-year anniversary of a day it would prefer to forget. The Tigers haven't lost since a 23-10 setback at Florida on Oct. 7, 2006, winning 12 straight since.

Taking a page out of Florida's championship playbook, LSU has gone to a two-quarterback arrangement with starter Matt Flynn and backup Ryan Perrilloux.

Flynn handles most of the passing game — a la Chris Leak for the 2006 Gators — while the 6-foot-2, 227-pound Perrilloux, who led the Tim Tebow rule, essentially providing another running back when he's on the field.

Perrilloux is the team's fourth-leading rusher with 143 yards. He's also known for toughing it out — three of them while starting against Middle Tennessee, when Flynn was held out because of a sore ankle.

Flynn, a senior, said he doesn't mind sharing time with the sophomore.

Indians take 2-0 series lead on Hafner's heroics

CLEVELAND (AP) — Swat! Take that, New York Yankees.

Helped by a frenzied invasion of bombarding bugs that rattled rookie reliever Joba Chamberlain in the eighth inning, the Cleveland Indians rallied to beat the Yankees 2-1 in 11 innings Friday night to take a 2-0 lead in their AL playoff series.

Travis Hafner's bases-loaded, RBI single with two outs in the 11th scored Kenny Lofton with the winner.

Lunacy. Surreal. Hitchcockian. Call it whatever you'd like. October baseball has rarely witnessed something like this.

"It's never seen anything like it," Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter said. "It's like somebody let them loose — just when you think you've seen it all."

With bugs sticking to his muscular, sweaty neck, Chamberlain threw a wild pitch in the eighth that gave Cleveland the tying run. Three innings later, the Indians won it.

"They bugged me, but you've got to deal with it," Chamberlain said. Umpire crew chief Bruce Froemming said he never considered stopping the game.

"It was just a little irritation," he



Cleveland Indians first baseman Travis Hafner, center, is mobbed by his teammates after his 11th-inning single drove in the winning run in the Indians' 2-1 win over the New York Yankees in Friday's second game of the American League Division Series in Cleveland.

said. "We've had bugs before. I've seen hags and mosquitoes since I started umpiring. It might not be a perfect scenario."

"Within about 45 minutes, basically they were gone. There was just about a 10-minute period where everybody was lathering

up," he said.

By the end of the night, the Indians were swarming Hafner and heading to New York looking for a sweep. "I don't feel safe at all, though," first baseman Ryan Garko said. "I mean, it's the Yankees."

Lofton, a grat-like nuisance to the

Yankees so far in this series, walked on four pitches to lead off the 11th against Luis Vizcaino. Franklin Gutierrez failed twice to get down a sacrifice before hitting a single.

Casey Blake moved the runners up with a bunt before the Yankees walked Grady Sizemore to lead the bases. Rookie Asdrubal Cabrera missed his chance at being a hero by popping up right in front of the plate, but Hafner delivered.

Cleveland's designated hitter lined a single on a 3-2 pitch to right-center — making Cleveland 2-for-18 with runners in scoring position — and was mobbed by his teammates as an exhausted crowd of 44,732 towel-waving fans celebrated a win they'll talk about for years to come.

A day after the Indians slugged their way to a 12-3 win, Fausto Carmona and the Yankees' Andy Pettite put pitching back into the series.

New York finished with just three hits, all off Carmona during his nine spectacular innings. Rafael Perez went two innings for the win.

Game 3 will be Sunday at Yankee Stadium, with Jake Westbrook trying to pitch Cleveland to a sweep against Roger Clemens.

The final four innings were like a low-budget, late-night horror flick. Call it: The Bugs Who Ate The Yankees.

"You could see them when you looked," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "It was like blankets of stuff on there."

Chamberlain, the wildly popular 22-year-old, came in for Pettite in the seventh with runners at first and second. He struck out pinch-hitter Gutierrez and got Blake on a soft fly to right to keep the Yankees up 1-0.

That's when everyone started bugging out.

Chamberlain needed to be sprayed with repellent before taking the mound in the eighth as the pesky insects descended upon the ballpark on another muggy fall night. Chamberlain wasn't alone, either, as Alex Rodriguez, Jeter and the rest of the Yankees infielders waved their gloves and caps in front of their faces to keep the little pests off them.

"There's not much you can do about it," Torre said. "It was having trouble seeing out there. Unfortunately, it was a bad time."

The pests have visited before, usually earlier in the summer. They're called midges. They're scientific name is Chironomus plumosus (Linnaeus) or Chironomus attenuatus Walker.

The Yankees — and their hardcore fans — will forever call them something much less polite.



Pittsburgh Pirates manager Jim Tracy looks up during baseball action against the Arizona Diamondbacks in the first inning in Pittsburgh, on Sept. 27. The Pirates fired manager Jim Tracy on Friday.

Pirates axe Tracy

PITTSBURGH (AP) — When the Pittsburgh Pirates last fired a manager this quickly, he couldn't get his team into the World Series.

Jim Tracy was let go because he didn't produce anything resembling a winning season.

Tracy was ousted Friday after two years filled with long losing streaks and little discernible progress by a team that has had 15 consecutive losing seasons, one of the major league records.

The Pirates also fired three other baseball operations executives during an ongoing shakeup that began last month with general manager Dave Littlefield's firing.

"Bill and I worked very hard over the last week to try and see if we could make it work and to try to see how we could work with general manager," said new general manager Neal Huntington, who took over with only six days left in the season. "But at the end of the day, it was decided it was probably better to part ways."

Also fired were senior

director of player development Brian Graham, who once worked with Huntington in Cleveland; scouting director Ed Crech and director of baseball operations Jon Mercurio. Huntington hinted the Pirates' inability to draft and develop prospects, and evaluate players at all levels, created the shakeup.

"It became very clear to me we needed some change," Huntington said. "We needed to change our leadership."

Tracy's patience and back-patting weren't enough to turn around the Pirates, who haven't had a winning season since 1992. Tracy's teams were 67-95 in 2006 and 68-94 this season during the shortest run of any non-interim Pirates manager since Bill Virdon was ousted late into his second season in 1973.

Virdon was let go because he couldn't get Roberto Clemente's last and perhaps best team into the World Series — the Pirates blew a 2-1 series lead in the 1972 NLCS to Cincinnati, then played only 500 ball in 1973. Such a record today likely would have gotten Tracy an extension.

Manny being brilliant

Walk-off blast gives Red Sox 2-0 ALDS lead against Angels

BOSTON (AP) — One fan got a baseball. The rest fell with another sweet memory.

Manny Ramirez hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning off Francisco Rodriguez and the Boston Red Sox beat the Los Angeles Angels 6-3 Friday night, taking a 2-0 lead in their AL playoff series.

The Red Sox, who tied the game in the fifth thanks to the friendly and legal — and a bit from now — fans have a chance to complete the sweep on Sunday.

Curt Schilling will face Jered Weaver in Game 3 in Anaheim. The bloody-soaked hero of Boston's 2004 World Series run was on his way to the West Coast with Game 1 and 4 starter Josh Beckett, manager Terry Francona said a few hours before Friday's game.

If so, they landed in time to catch the ending of the grueling, four-plus hour affair. In which Daisuke Matsuzaka needed 62 pitches to get through the first two innings.

Four relievers from Boston's well-rested bullpen threw 4 1-3 innings of hitless ball, with Jonathan Papelbon getting the last four outs for the win.

Julio Lugo opened the Red Sox ninth with a single off losing pitcher Justin Speier. On a hit-and-run, Lugo took second on Dustin Pedroia's grounder.

Rodriguez relieved and struck out Kevin Youkilis, then intentionally walked David Ortiz — his record fourth walk of the game — to face Ramirez.

"You've got pick your poison with those guys," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

Ramirez, who is coming off the worst consecutive full season of his career, hit a 1-0 pitch over the Green Monster and the seats behind it. It was his 21st postseason home run, one behind Bernie Williams' career record.

"Part of the reason he got a chance to swing is David is such a good hitter, such a clutch hitter," Francona said.

It was Boston's eighth consecutive, postseason victory over the Angels, who



Boston Red Sox outfielder Manny Ramirez celebrates his game-winning home run against the Los Angeles Angels in Game 2 of the American League Division Series Friday at Fenway Park in Boston.

blew a 3-1 lead in the 1986 AL championship series and got swept in the first round of 2004 when the Red Sox ended their 86-year championship drought.

They could be well on their way again.

And having the only World Series MVP in Red Sox history at full strength is going to help.

"It feels great," said Ramirez, who had 20 homers and 88 RBIs this season — his lowest totals since he played half-time in 1994. "This is the greatest town ever."

Ramirez also helped tie the game in the fifth with some help from 17-year-

old Danny Vinik, who barchanded his foul popup and kept it away from Angels catcher Jeff Mathis. As Mathis punched the air in frustration, the 17-year-old Vinik got high-fives from neighboring fans, including horror-movie master Stephen King.

"When you're reaching in there, all bets are off," Scioscia said.

Ramirez, who had fallen behind 0-2, then watched four straight balls go by to land the bases. Mike Lowell followed with a fly ball to center — the third out, if not for Vinik's catch — for a sacrifice fly that made make it 3-1.

It stayed that way until the ninth.

Jesper Parnevik shoots 65, maintains advantage at Texas Open

SAN ANTONIO — Jesper Parnevik followed his career-best opening 61 with a 5-under 65 on Friday to take a four-stroke lead midway through the Texas Open.

The 42-year-old Swede had a 14-under 126 total, the lowest 36-hole score on the PGA Tour this year and just a stroke off the tour record of 125 held by Tiger Woods, Mark Calavecchia, Tom Lehman and Corey Pavin. Parnevik is seeking his first victory since taking the 2001 Irish Open for his fifth tour title.

Sweden's Mathias Gronberg was second after a 65.

Fredrik Jacobson (65) and Richard S. Johnson (66) — were 9 under, and Justin Leonard, the 2000 and '01 winner, was 8 under after a 67.

Webb, Kane lead on LPGA Tour

DANVILLE, Calif. — Defending champion Karrie Webb and Canadian Lorie Kane shot 3-under 69s to share the second-round lead in the Longs Drugs Challenge, while top-ranked Mexican star Lorenza Ochoa was a stroke back after a 70.

Webb and Kane had 6-under 138 totals on the Blackhawk Country Club course. Ochoa is trying o' become

the first female to win \$3 million in a single season and also win her fourth title in her last five events.

Hall of Famer Juli Inkster (66), Se Ri Pak (71), Suzann Petersen (65) and Charlotte Mavroukas (67) were 4 under.

Roberts on top at Senior Players

TIMONUM, Md. — Loren Roberts capped a bogey-free 68 with a 2-foot birdie putt on the troublesome 18th hole, an appropriate finish to a steady round that gave him a two-shot lead over Scott Hoch at the midpoint of the Senior Players Championship.

Roberts made four birdies for a 7-under 133 total. Hoch shot a 68 and was alone in second place in the Champion Tour's final major tournament of the year.

Des Smyth (66) and David Oger (67) were 4 under.

O'Malley equals course record at Dunhill

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Australia's Peter O'Malley matched the course record at Carnoustie with an 8-under 64 for a share of the second-round lead in the Dunhill Links Championship with England's Nick Dougherty and South Africa's Hennie Otto.



Jesper Parnevik watches his drive off the No. 4 tee during the second day of the Volvo Texas Open golf tournament, Friday. He started and ended the day with a four-stroke lead for the tournament.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Lingering cool fall showers, with decreasing cloud cover late. Highs near 50.
Tonight: Cool and turning partly cloudy. Lows, 30s.
Tomorrow: Not as chilly with partly cloudy skies. Highs near 50s to near 60.

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Showers in the lower elevations and snow in the mountains are expected today. It will also be quite cool. The weather improves Sunday.



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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Oct 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

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Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Sunday.

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Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists various cities and their weather forecasts.

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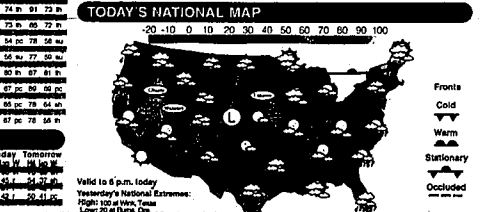
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Chase field worried about Villeneuve's participation at Talladega

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Jacques Villeneuve is a Formula One world champion with an Indianapolis 500 title on his resume. But his lofty credentials did little to earn him acceptance in the NASCAR garage.



Canada's Jacques Villeneuve, left, signs an autograph after qualifying for the Mountain Dew 250 truck race, Friday at Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala.

and he belongs in this series and I'm excited he's here. "But I don't care if you are Michael Schumacher, Jacques Villeneuve, David Franchitti or the greatest driver on the planet — you should not be running your first race this weekend."

Gordon's message has been echoed since last week, when Villeneuve announced he'd try to qualify for Sunday's race in a Toyota for Bill Davis Racing. But it intensified when the series regulars arrived at Talladega and finished two case practice sessions late in the day.

The rear wing on the car had many drivers complaining about a lack of visibility that could make it difficult to work the draft, and very few drivers were able to see any hand signals. "The very best in the business are sitting here wondering 'How am I going to get through this race?'" so how can we think this is a good place for anyone to make their first race?" asked Jeff Burton. "He's certainly got the credentials, and he should be approved for anything he wants to do. And if this was any other race track, I would have no issue whatsoever. But here? Under these conditions?"

"This could be the biggest race of the year, and it's just not the right place for him to debut." Villeneuve must make the car on speed in Saturday's qualifying session, and there's no guarantee he'll be fit the 43-car field on Sunday. But the Canadian plans to run a full Nextel Cup schedule next season, and viewed racing Talladega as a major step to getting NASCAR clearance to compete in the season-opening Daytona 500.

Bills wide receiver Price likely to miss season after neck surgery

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Buffalo Bills receiver Peerless Price's season is likely over after he was scheduled to have surgery Friday to repair a disc in his neck.



Buffalo Bills receiver Peerless Price looks on during a walk-through practice at NFL training camp at St. John Fisher College in Pittsford, N.Y., on Aug. 31. Price's season is likely over after he was scheduled to have surgery Friday to repair a disc in his neck.

He said he believed the neck problem developed over the course of Price's career and was not the result of a particular hit. In four starts this season, the nine-year NFL veteran had seven catches for 68 yards. The Bills (1-3), preparing to host the Dallas Cowboys (4-0) on Monday night, made no roster moves Friday. They placed reserve linebacker Kevin Harrison on IR and activated Anthony Hargrove after the backup defensive end completed a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

Harrison hurt his knee on the opening kickoff of the Buffalo's 17-14 win over the New York Jets last weekend. The Bills had signed Harrison just last week to bolster their banged-up linebacker corps. Price's injury means the Bills will rely more on slot receivers Roscoe Parrish and Josh Reed to take the focus off starter Lee Evans. Buffalo's offense has lacked chemistry this season, with rookie Trent Edwards producing the team's first touchdown pass of the season — a 1-yarder to tight end Michael Gaines — in last weekend's 17-14 win over the New York Jets. Edwards' 234 yards passing against the Jets was a season-high after the Bills combined for just 352 yards in their first three games.

Alexander has no idea when he'll get the cast off wrist, but can't wait

KIRKLAND, Wash. — For weeks, Shaun Alexander's cast has been getting more attention that his running. "What color is it? How big is it? What kind is it?" "The cast is a great fashion statement — but I am already ready for it to end," the Seahawks' star running back said Thursday, three days before he plays for the fourth game with a cast protecting his cracked left wrist, Sunday at Pittsburgh (3-1).

For the record, Alexander practiced Thursday in a smaller, black cast. The Seahawks (3-1) first announced that Alexander sprained his wrist in a win over Tampa Bay Sept. 9. But last week Alexander said he cracked the wrist in that opening game. He initially played with a bulky, white cast encased in athletic tape but is now using the smaller, black cast. How much longer will he be wearing it? Coach Mike Holmgren said he doesn't know. Neither does Alexander.

"I know I'm healing at an incredible rate," he said with a chuckle. "All the doctors are amazed with how well I healed." "I asked them, 'What's that mean?' And they said, 'We don't know.' That's great." Alexander said he will probably get a third X-ray on the wrist following the game against the Steelers next he'll be wearing green, "and maybe purple the week that's next." "I still wear the cast until fashion season is over," he said. Alexander said it's taken him time to get used to running with the cast. And he has dropped passes trying to catch them with his good arm.

He had just 78 yards on 25 carries in last weekend's win at San Francisco. The average of 3.1 yards per carry was his lowest since his first game back last season from missing six weeks with a broken foot. He is averaging 3.9 yards per carry for the season, a half-yard below his average for his career.

The Seahawks' offense would be sunk if not for quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, who has had his highest completion percentage (67.2) for an opening month of his career. Henry listed as questionable on the injury report, was back at practice Friday for the first time since injuring his leg against Indianapolis last week. "If there is no setback with where he's at, he will play," Shanahan said.

However, a neckless Javon Walker will not play against the Chargers, Shanahan said. Walker still has swelling in his surgically repaired right knee. — The Associated Press



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Risch to announce election plans Tuesday

Idaho Lt. Gov. Jim Risch will announce at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Capitol Park in Boise whether he will run for U.S. Senate.

Hours after embattled U.S. Sen. Larry Craig promised Thursday to finish his third-term but not seek a fourth, Risch said he will host a news conference, suggesting he will jump in the primary race with an election nearly nine months away.

He will also make announcements at 4 p.m. at the Bonneville County Courthouse in Idaho Falls and at 3:45 p.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene.

Risch's statement Thursday followed a Minnesota judge's decision to deny Craig's request to withdraw his guilty plea for disorderly conduct.

Many have contacted Risch, saying they like the no nonsense approach that he demonstrated as governor and they think I would do a good job for Idaho in the U.S. Senate," he said. "I owe all these people an answer. They will have it early next week."

Jerome Democratic leaders meet Tuesday

JEROME — The Jerome County Democratic Central Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Emergency Medical Technician building on East Main.

Preparations for the Jerome caucus will be discussed. All interested Democrats are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 324-5493.

Camping ban lifted in Sawtooth forest

The Sawtooth National Forest on Friday lifted the closure of overnight camping on the Fairfield Itane District.

The area had been closed to overnight camping due to a prescribed burn by Boise and Sawtooth national forest districts, which was to begin Oct. 8. The prescribed burn has been cancelled due to wet weather.

Today's planned closure of that Horne district to overnight camping is also cancelled. Forest Service Road 166, which leads to Sprout Mountain, and Forest Service Road 166N are both open.

Travel restrictions in effect for burn areas

Travel restrictions have been put in place near affected burn areas of the 48,000-acre Castle Rock Fire, according to the Sawtooth National Forest. Restrictions May 1 through Nov. 30 include the area west of Highway 75, between Greenhorn drainage to the south and Fox Creek drainage to the north.

"This closure is necessary to protect the soil and vegetation resources within the burned area and to allow time for vegetation to be established," said Kiechura District Ranger Kurt Nelson. "The first year or two post-fire is especially critical to reduce impacts."

Trails in the Greenhorn, Warm Springs, Kiechura and Fox Creek drainage areas were also affected by the fire, Nelson said, but most trails in these areas are open. For more information: 208-622-5371; www.bwbi.org.

— compiled from staff reports

Quiet man steps up: Idaho State Police put Twin Falls native in charge of investigations statewide

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

JEROME — For three years, Idaho State Police Lt. Dan Thornton was the quiet man in charge of major criminal investigations for the Magic Valley's eight counties. Most folks wouldn't know it. Thornton was never elected, only alluded to by sheriffs and prosecutors who told reporters at press conferences "we" are investigating this case. Thornton was the "we."

Despite playing a crucial role in investigations, he did little public talking. He was the support guy who police depended on but who never got much credit.

And so it was with considerable reluctance that ISP Capt. Kedrick Willis helped to officiate



Idaho State Police Maj. Dan Thornton was promoted from lieutenant Friday morning at the organization's office in Jerome. Thornton will now lead major investigations for the six regional offices throughout the state.

Thornton's promotion Friday from commanding eight counties to assuming command over all of the state police's six regional investigations offices — a promotion that coincides with his ascension from lieutenant to major. A kiss from his wife. A major's star placed over his chest. And Thornton, who the public never really knew, was gone.

"I've really learned to lean on him," said Willis, who is possibly the youngest state police captain in Idaho history. But Thornton has played that lean-to role for many state police veterans, too. After 28 years working in various ISP regional offices, he's a

familiar face and is respected among cops. It's the public that has yet to get to know him.

Maybe that will change when he joins the state police headquarters in Meridian, where he'll affect policy at a statewide level and run all major investigations. He goes there with a relatively simple goal: keep state police one step ahead of criminals.

"I can impact the agency as a whole," he said. "You got to keep up with whatever changes the bad guys are doing. But Thornton knows his promotion will mean no more days hot on the trail of criminals, waiting outside a home to make a meth bust, or losing his mind tracking unskippable leads. The maddening work of criminal investigations that sometimes lead to big, satisfying busts and at other times feels too daunting to even consider is not really his job anymore.

"The part I'm going to miss is going out and being a

policeman with the guys, the drug raids, working crime scenes," he said.

The ISP director and deputy director selected Thornton from a pool of five other applicants.

"He did very well in the interview process," said Deputy Director Kevin Johnson. "His ability to communicate his ideas came out in the interview. Dan's passion for the job and doing what's right for the citizens of Idaho is what's going to be incredibly important for us."

Thornton grew up in Twin Falls, where he attended Twin Falls High School before joining the Marines and moving to the East Coast. There he met his wife, who was from Philadelphia, and returned with her to Idaho to begin a career in law enforcement.

Thornton will replace Maj. Dave Kane who said he is "mulling, retiring and now considering it all out" after three decades with ISP.

"I can't think of a better person for the job," Kane said.

PAVEMENT PICASSOS



Chandra Crum, 18, hands off the chalk to her sister Catina, 15, as they work on their creative 'Octoberfest in Atlanta' Thursday afternoon before the Chalk Walk — one of the many Oktoberfest activities happening this weekend in downtown Twin Falls. Today's action begins at 10:30 a.m. with a kazoo parade for children on Main Avenue. Entertainment will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Other activities include an apple-eating contest at 2 p.m. and a carved pumpkin contest to be judged at 3 p.m. Also, the Magic Valley Arts Council's Fall Moon Gallery will host a 'Y'Art Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Main Street Plaza that will include pottery, oil paintings and sculptures.

Mental health week attracts little attention in valley

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

There's a national week or month for just about everything these days.

In March, we celebrated National Napping Day. In June, it was National Fishing and Boating Week, and National Family Litteracy Day will be Nov. 1.

National Mental Illness Awareness Week slips in just ahead of the latter — it's planned for Oct. 7 to 13. But many mental health groups view it as a way to spread the word about mental disorders and treatment services, south-central Idaho residents may not hear much about it.

At least three regional chapters of the National Alliance on Mental Illness don't have any outreach activities planned for next week, though the state organization held a conference Sept. 28 to 30 in Boise to acknowledge the week.

"I was so busy with that ... I just forgot all about the local level," WAAM Magic Valley leader Carol Stephens said Wednesday. Stephens may play a CD of conference speaker Brian Wetzal for her support group this regular meeting Monday evening. But the group may not have the time or the manpower to do much more, she said, something her Burley and Wood River Valley counterparts echoed.

"Our volunteer group is a little scattered right now," Halley chapter leader Tom Hanson said Thursday. "We aren't geared up at this time for something like this year." The Wood River group stays fairly active, Hanson said, with meetings twice a month and a possible grant to hold training workshops for police and

other first-responders in the future. And members do try to spread the word on current issues — as fall begins, that includes seasonal affective disorder and a federal bill that would equalize insurance coverage for all medical problems, paying out the same percentage for mental health hospital stays as knee surgery.

The seasonal disorder — which comes and goes based on how much sunlight patients receive — is much more of an issue in the winter months and stacks with depression tied to the holiday season, said Mark Lophshire, business manager for Positive Connections LLC in Twin Falls. The counseling clinic will participate in the awareness week through free, confidential depression screenings on Oct. 11.

"How would you like to eat Thanksgiving by yourself? What if you're a student out here alone?" Lophshire asked. "Activities are getting together and people are left out."

Pat Gaskin didn't intend to time her work with the event, but the head of the regional Suicide Prevention Action Network said the fliers her group is passing out to junior- and middle-school students this month definitely apply to mental health awareness. Many of the people who attempt suicide have mental health issues, she said, and the fliers point out some of the warning signs parents should know.

"We're making sure that the general public and parents can know that these are some of the things they need to watch out for," said Gaskin, a patient care coordinator at Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services in Twin Falls — which Gaskin said is not staging any events she knows of.

With an eye to summer, Paul gets its new city park into shape

By Lauris Welch
For the Times-News

PAUL — City officials are making headway on a new 11-acre park by constructing the hilly topography, and work has begun on the park's irrigation system. Work on the other utilities, like the power and sewer systems, should begin in a couple of weeks.

To date, there has been about 20,000 cubic yards of dirt moved at the site. The estimated \$1.5 million park, on West

Ellis Street about a quarter-mile west of the stop light, will feature a cement Water Odyssey children's play area, playground, restrooms, covered picnic areas, soccer fields with removable goals, a sledding hill, gazbo, pet area, RV parking, and a water feature near the entrance, said Rich Rau, public works director.

The park was designed with several multi-use areas such as the commons area, which residents can use for weddings and other events.

"We have put a lot of thought into this park," Rau said. The park will be built in stages and Rau said city officials hope to complete some of the features so the public can enjoy them while others are being built. The park will be completed as funding comes in.

About \$100,000 has been donated in cash and services so far. This includes about \$15,000 earned through fundraising efforts. City officials have also applied for several grants.

"The community and the City Council members have all been really supportive. I think the kids are excited too," said Ann Rau, city tree and park committee member.

The walking trails which will also be open to cyclists, will have exercise stations designed to enhance each user's workout routine with bench steps and stretching bars. Both the trail and the station will be handicapped accessible. There will also be a directory, map and plaques

engraved with names of donors and those who helped with the project.

After utilities are installed the city will begin planting trees and grass and then begin work on the parking lot and restrooms.

Rich Rau said these projects are slated for completion in the summer of 2008. The park's design incorporates features not already found in Mini-City will be handicapped accessible those already in the area, he said.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday.

Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are free of service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Dorothy Joan Gilman

BURLEY — Dorothy Joan Gilman, a transplanted Wyoming coal miner's daughter who became one of Burley's most beloved and well-known citizens, passed away Oct. 4, 2007, at her assisted living apartment in Hagerman. She was 92.

Dorothy was born to an immigrant Italian couple in the hard-scrabble town of Frontier, Wyo., on Oct. 25, 1914. She graduated from Kemmerer High School in Wyoming and from the Hagerman Business College in Salt Lake City. She worked as a civil service employee for the U.S. Forest Service until her marriage to Darius "Duke" Gilman in December 1939. They moved to Burley in 1961.

Dorothy, the "elegant lady with the fancy hats," was a familiar sight around Burley. She became acquainted with hundreds of local people through her job of 10 years as insurance clerk at the Cassin Memorial Hospital. She continued on her retirement from the hospital as a Pink Lady volunteer as long as her health allowed, carrying numerous awards for her work.

She was an active member of the Catholic Church, serving in the Altar Society (including a two-year term as president) and the Legion of Mary, and she attended the Cursillo and Marriage courses. She was also a hands-on supporter of the Democratic Party, attending many conventions, campaigning and working for

Democratic leaders. She was a War Mother and was proud of her stints as room mother for all her children.

Accompanying her husband, Duke, she traveled throughout the state with the Idaho Old Time Fiddlers, expanding her friendship with those who share a love as a member of the Burley Seniors, serving as AARP Secretary for seven years. She was, most of all, a warm and loving Mom, Gramma and friend.

She is survived by three children, James D. (Phyllis) Gilman of Band on, Ore., Kenneth J. (CleaAnn) Gilman of Henderson, Nev., and Kathy (Crist) Hagerman. She had 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Duke; her step-father and mother, Rena and Letizia Marchione; a brother, Bill Marchione; and a sister, Margaret Mecca.

Dorothy's attitude of acceptance toward everyone was one of her outstanding attributes, and her sense of humor endeared her to those she came in contact with and who became her friends. Their impact on the community was one of her outstanding attributes, and her sense of humor endeared her to those she came in contact with and who became her friends. They impact on the community was one of her outstanding attributes, and her sense of humor endeared her to those she came in contact with and who became her friends.

SERVICES

Duane Allen Hansen of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Chapel LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; burial at 3 p.m. today at the Ammon Cemetery near Idaho Falls. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Lola Anne Lee of Fairfield, service at 11 a.m. today at the Fairfield LDS Church; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Donald Ray Taylor of Filer, celebration of life in conjunction with a benefit pool tournament at noon today at The Pocket in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Margaret Leucetta Eddings of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 18th St. in Burley; friends may call one hour before the funeral today.

Lydia Mae Carson of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the Community Christian Church, 303 Grandview Drive in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Home).

Ann R. Nienuhus of Twin Falls, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery; funeral at 4:30 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Edwin Bohrn of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Log Tavern in Twin Falls.

Gary C. Nelson of Elba, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Elba LDS Church; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Carls "Curt" Emerson of Twin Falls and formerly of Paul, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, at the Pine Chapel at the Paul Cemetery (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Penny M. Matthews of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls; viewing from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Alice E. Jackson
Alice E. Jackson, age 89, of Kimberly, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007, at her home.
Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Ben R. Call
Ben Robers Call, 91, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.
Rolando S. Galvan
Rolando S. Galvan, 50, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, in Twin Falls.
A rosary prayer service will be at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, with a viewing from 3 to 5 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Key anti-terrorist figure Bruce Smith dead at 71

By Valerie J. Nelson
Los Angeles Times

Bruce Smith, a former Pan Am pilot who became a leading anti-terrorist activist after his wife died in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, has died. He was 71.

Smith died Sept. 21 when the single-engine plane he was flying crashed near Daytona Beach, Fla., shortly after takeoff from a municipal airport, said Scott Smith, one of his four sons. Engine failure led to the crash, his family said.

In 1988, Smith's wife, Ingrid, was one of 270 people, mostly Americans, killed when a bomb linked to a Libyan agent exploded on Flight 103.

He used Pan Am's \$100,000 insurance payout on Ingrid's death to push for the development of a federal program that gave cash rewards for tips leading to the arrest of suspected terrorists.

"I couldn't stand doing nothing," Smith told the Los Angeles Times in 1995. "So I got the notion that it might be helpful to offer a big reward for information."

Experts told him it would take at least \$3 million to make a difference — the bounty at the time was a few hundred thousand dollars. Smith prodded Congress to pass legislation that increased the reward to up to \$2 million and persuaded airline industry groups to contribute, boosting the fund to \$4 million.

Paul Hudson, who lost a daughter in the Lockerbie bombing, told the Times on Thursday that "thousands of lives have been saved as a result of major aviation ter-

rorist-bombing-plots-that were foiled" because of the increased reward and additional publicity the fund received.

The best-known arrest linked to the fund occurred when an informant helped investigators track down Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, the alleged mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

Without Smith's "single-minded beliefs ... history would be different," said Hudson, executive director of the Aviation Consumer Action Project, an advocacy group.

Smith's second major accomplishment was doggedly "pursuing those responsible for the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103," Hudson said.

Smith was the first family member to file a lawsuit against Libya in federal court in New York, Hudson said. After the court ruled that Libya, as a sovereign state, had immunity under existing law, Smith successfully lobbied Congress to amend the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.

Once families could sue state sponsors of terrorism in U.S. courts, Smith and other families of those who died on Flight 103 sued Libya. The country negotiated a \$2.7 billion settlement. Dozens of civil cases have since been brought against terrorist sponsors, Hudson said.

Pursuing the legal action against Libya eventually forced Smith into bankruptcy and life on a boat in the Bahamas.

"When somebody hurt him or his family, that would galvanize him into action," his son said. "If the cause was worthy, he would pursue it to the bitter end."

Scout abuse case gets hearing in Idaho Supreme Court

POCATELLO (AP) — The state Supreme Court should dismiss a sexual-molestation civil lawsuit against an eastern Idaho scouting group because the abusive youths missed a filing deadline and because the court didn't have direct control over a camp staffer already convicted in the case, the court's majority said Friday.

Brothers Benjamin Steed, 22, and Adam Steed, 24, were victims of convicted child molester Brad Stowell during his tenure at Camp Little Lemhi in Swan Valley, Idaho, in 1997. The Steeds sued the Grand Teton Council for acting negligently and are seeking thousands in damages and attorney fees.

They claim scouting leaders knew of Stowell's history of abuse and should never have allowed him to work with vulnerable kids.

A 6th District Court judge in 2006 allowed their lawsuit to proceed, but the council now wants Idaho's highest court to dismiss it.

The case is expected for several months, the Idaho Falls Post Register reported.

Following the Grand Teton Council's arguments, Mitchell Brown, the Steeds' lawyer, told the justices that

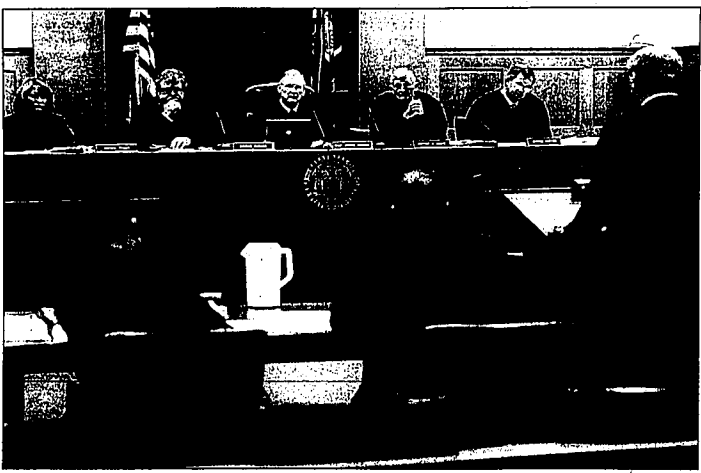
the group's interpretation of the case — in particular its contention that Stowell wasn't under its custody or care — was flawed and should be dismissed to dismiss the lawsuit.

"This argument is almost shocking and disturbing to me," Brown told the court.

According to the brothers' claim, Stowell had been identified to several Scout leaders as a pedophile more than six years before his arrest at Camp Little Lemhi. He pleaded guilty to molesting the two boys, was jailed for 150 days and put on probation for 15 years. He was returned to prison in 2005 for violating terms of his release.

The case has created a furor in Idaho Falls, where local millionaire businessman Frank Vandersloot two years ago accused the local newspaper, in full-page advertisements, of sexually molesting the Grand Teton Council. The Steed family has countered that attention from Vandersloot's suggestions in the ads that they were a habit of filing frivolous lawsuits had forced them to flee southeastern Idaho.

The tension re-emerged Friday when Paul Steed, the boys' father, engaged



Attorney Mitchell Brown, right, representing the Steed family, addresses the Idaho State Supreme Court in Pocatello on Friday. The Steed family is pursuing a civil case against the Grand Teton Boy Scout Council in connection with the sexual molestation of their two sons in 1997.

Vandersloot in a 20-minute discussion and told him, "You've divided the world

around me," around him. Kim Hansen, executive director of the Boy Scouts of

America's Grand Teton Council, resigned in November 2006 after state

lawmakers, including former Rep. Debbie Field, R-Boise, called for his ouster.

Grizzly shot in Idaho had traveled from Selkirk Mountains

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) — A grizzly bear accidentally shot and killed by a hunter in north-central Idaho last month likely migrated south from the Selkirk Mountains, crossing two highways and traveling farther than any other bear is known to have moved, federal officials said.

The trip was at least 140 miles as the crow flies, but likely much longer on the ground.

"It's absolutely remarkable," said Chris Servehn, grizzly bear recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "I was so shocked that I immediately called the geneticist and said there must be some mistake. But there's no mistake. This bear moved more

than twice as far as any other we've seen."

The grizzly bear was shot on Sept. 3 near Kelly Creek, three miles east of the Montana border, west of Superior, a Tennessee hunter mistook it for a black bear. The last time a grizzly bear had been seen in that area was 1946.

Servehn had long predicted bears might roam back into that region, a place he calls "excellent grizzly bear habitat."

Still, the shooting was a surprise, Servehn figured the bear had roamed out of the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem — an area running from Glacier National park through the Bob Marshall Wilderness — or maybe

down from the Cabinet Mountains near Libby.

DNA analysis on the bear's tissue determined it was similar to bears in the Selkirk Mountains in northern Idaho.

Wildlife managers speculate the bear could have migrated from the Priest Lake region north of Sandpoint, Idaho. That means the bear crossed U.S. Highway 200 and Interstate 90, and traveled at least 140 air miles, who "knows how many ground miles.

Scientists call bears that rarely roam "great movers," and they usually travel 60 or 70 miles, Servehn said.

The bear's journey points to the importance of protecting corridors

between areas of grizzly bear habitat, Servehn said.

Servehn said the bear did not have a GPS collar, so he doesn't know the precise route the bear took from the Selkirks, why it left its relatively unpopulated home range and why it kept moving through so much perfectly habitable habitat in between.

"It would have been so amazing to see where he went and how he got there," Servehn said, "how he crossed I-90."

The location of the 400-pound bear bolsters Servehn's argument that researchers should begin actively looking for more grizzly bears in the Blitteroot Mountains on the Montana-Idaho border. He

expects that search will begin next summer, with the use of barbed wire traps to snag hairs from unsuspecting grizzlies.

The study would supplement similar work being done near the Continental Divide, where DNA and radio collars are used to track bears and their population trends. That work got a boost this week when the Forest Service agreed to provide fund the project for another five years.

Who knows what those years might reveal?

"We should never assume that we know it all," he said, "or that we have a fix on what really goes on there. There's always another surprise."

FIFTH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included:

Twin Falls city

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCES
 Hunter C. Hutchison, 20, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, second offense: \$500 fine; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 35S suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 24 months probation; no alcohol.
 Jacoby J. McIntyre, 24, Jerome; driving under the influence: \$400 fine; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.
 Trevor I. Drake, 24, Jerome; driving under the influence: \$400 fine; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES
 Kenneth "Doc" W. Whittson, 57, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license: \$74.50 fine; \$75.50 costs. Caterina D. Jordan, 26, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license: \$77.50 fine; \$72.50 costs.
 Johnny J. Bartell, 19, Blackfoot; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license: \$77.50 fine; \$72.50 costs.
 Brody D. Davis, 30, Filer; one count driving without privileges, third offense: \$87.50 costs; 180 days in jail, credit for 23 days served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; 10 days in jail, credit for time served; one count driving under the influence and possession of a controlled substance dismissed.

David A. Robinson, 23, Filer; one count driving without privileges: \$300 fine; \$90.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended, 10 days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; one count driving without privileges: \$300 fine; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
 Eric J. Powell, 17, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$200 fine; \$85.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; 100 hours community service; one count possession of drug paraphernalia dismissed.
 Adan Lua, 18, Twin Falls; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license: \$77.50 fine; \$72.50 costs; one count failure to notify upon striking an attended vehicle: \$200 fine; \$72.50 costs; \$1,250 restitution.
 Tyler D. McNeil, 24, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license: \$77.50 fine; \$72.50 costs.
 Matthew R. Stoney, 29, Twin Falls; driving without privileges: \$90.50 costs; 120 days in jail; driving privileges suspended for 120 days.
 Josie E. Guzman, 20, Jerome; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license: \$77.50 fine; \$72.50 costs.
 Patricia L. Fisher, 19, Grand Junction, Colo.; one count possession of a controlled substance; withheld judgment granted; \$300 fine; \$82.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; 100 hours community service; no alcohol; one count failure to appear; \$100

fine. Albert H. Adermann, 30, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; \$300 fine; \$85.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; 100 hours community service; no alcohol.
 Kelly J. Eckart, 40, Twin Falls; maintaining a disorderly house: \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs.
 Bridget M. Walker, 25, Wendell; frequenting a place where a controlled substance is used; \$85.50 costs; 35 days in jail, credit for time served.
 Keith E. McFarland, 37, Twin Falls; violation of protection order; \$85.50 costs; 365 days in jail with 296 suspended, 12 months probation; 12 months probation.
 Kevin S. Mechem, 20, Challis; possession of a controlled substance; \$200 fine; \$82.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; no alcohol.
 Brody D. Davis, 30, Filer; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$82.50 costs; 90 days in jail; 100 hours community service; one count possession of drug paraphernalia dismissed.
 William I. Whiteley, 21, Brugh; possession of a controlled substance; \$200 fine; \$85.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 100 hours community service; 12 months probation.
 Bernadette A. Melugin, 44, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; \$300 fine; \$82.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 100 hours community service; 12 months probation.
 Raymond M. Admirth, 37, Twin Falls; one count malicious injury to property; \$75.50 costs; \$70 court compliance fees; 41 days in jail credit for time served; one count disorderly conduct dismissed.
 Herminio Lopez-Robello, 20, Twin Falls; one count malicious injury to property; \$75.50 costs; \$70 court compliance fees; 41 days in jail credit for time served; one count disorderly conduct dismissed.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS
 Mehran Moradi-Roshankoohl, 25, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor.

Twin Falls County
ARRAIGNMENTS (OCT. 4, 5)
 Michael A. McCall, 52, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Oct. 12; posted bond.
 Lon C. McDonald, 50, Buhl; battery; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 12; released on own recognizance.
 Jeremy W. Brown, 20, Buhl; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 13; released on own recognizance.
 Kevin L. Kay, 51, Buhl; driving without privileges; pleaded

innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 13; released on own recognizance.
 Justin Colpitts, 24, Buhl; injury to a child; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 13; \$500 bond.
 Jeff C. Dandolos, 40, disorderly conduct; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 13; \$1,000 bond.
 James Johnson, 26, Kimberly; battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 13; \$1,000 bond.
 Genevieve Kelly, 41, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Oct. 12; \$500 bond.
 possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 13; \$500 bond.
 grand theft; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 12; released on own recognizance.
 Travis J. Madrid, 19, Buhl; burglary; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Oct. 12; released on own recognizance.
 Fernando Contreras, 29, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 12; \$10,000 bond.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCES
 Timothy A. Campeau, 21, Kimberly; driving under the influence: \$400 fine; \$90.50 costs; \$50 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 178 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation.
MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES
 John C. Anderson, 58, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/careless driving: \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
 Timothy S. Hargrove, 30, Buhl; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license: \$74.50 fine; \$75.50 costs.
 Michael B. Brookbank, 41, Murtain; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license: \$74.50 fine; \$75.50 costs.
 Jerrid S. Hawkins, 22, Twin Falls; burglary; amended to petty theft; \$200 fine; \$75.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 85 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.
 Jeffrey M. Young, 26, Orlando, Calif.; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; amended to frequenting a place where a controlled substance is used; \$200 fine; \$85.50 costs; one count possession of a controlled substance dismissed.
 Laura A. Sinclair, 43, Buhl; one count felony possession of a controlled substance; amended to frequenting a place where a controlled sub-

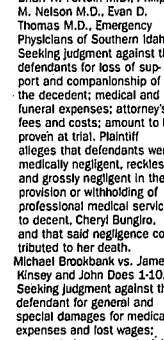
stance is used; \$100 fine; \$85.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for two days served; 24 months probation; one count felony manufacture a controlled substance; amended to possession of a controlled substance; \$200 fine; \$75.50 public defender fee; 365 days in jail with 305 suspended; 100 hours community service; 24 months probation; concurrent no alcohol.
MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS
 Angie E. Trueblood, 27, Twin Falls; telephone harassment; dismissed by prosecutor.
FELONY SENTENCES
 Roger A. Pollock, 36, Twin Falls; attempted rape; amended to aggravated assault; five years indeterminate; two years probation; \$2,500 fine with \$2,000 suspended; \$100.50 costs; \$80 restitution; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income.
 Rigoberto J. Varela, 32, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; four years indeterminate; three years probation; \$2,500 fine with \$2,000 suspended; \$100.50 costs; \$80 restitution; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income: \$544 court compliance fee.
 Kenneth B. Berger, 39, Albion; driving under the influence; six years indeterminate; four years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$1,250 fine with \$700 suspended; \$112.50 costs; 120 days in jail, 60 days to be served under home arrest; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; starter ignition device on vehicle until 9/25/10; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income.
 Terry L. Blang, 46, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; five years indeterminate; two years probation; three years indeterminate; \$97.50 costs; \$300 public defender fee; \$482.46 restitution.
 Richard E. Gerhart, 41, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; seven years indeterminate; one year indeterminate; six years indeterminate; suspended; \$2,500 fine; \$112.50 costs; driving privileges suspended for five years after release from incarceration; \$695 court compliance fees.
 Edward W. Bryant Jr., 47, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance; four years indeterminate; two years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$2,500 fine with \$2,500 suspended; \$100.50 costs; \$916.46 restitution.
 Zaccari G. Bowlin, 21, Jerome; burglary; five years peniten-

tary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; four years probation; \$97.50 costs; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; must complete Calvary Ranch treatment program.
FELONY DISMISSALS
 Cameron D. Wats, 29, Buhl; first degree murder, kidnapping in the first degree; dismissed by prosecutor due to superseding grand jury indictment.
 John H. McElhinley, 31, Ketchum; first degree murder, kidnapping in the first degree; dismissed by prosecutor due to superseding grand jury indictment.
CIVIL FILINGS
 State of Idaho, Industrial Commission vs. Idaho Truck Accessory Center LLC, David Danisco, Craig Paris, Almat Inc. Seeking judgment against the defendants for \$5,425 plus additional penalty accruing if matter should be contested; defendants be enjoined and restrained from operating a business with defendants while under default orders; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff alleges that defendants have failed to provide workers' compensation insurance for their employees.
 Joy Leard, daughter and heir of Cheryl Bungiro, deceased, vs. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Neelie Berlin B.A.C., Kevin G. Kral M.D., Brian W. Fortuin M.D., Phillip M. Nelson M.D., Evan D. Thomas M.D., Emergency Physicians of Southern Idaho. Seeking judgment against the defendants for loss of support and companionship of the decedent; medical and funeral expenses; attorney's fees and costs; amount to be proven at trial. Plaintiff contends that defendants were medically negligent, reckless and grossly negligent in the provision or withholding of professional medical services to decedent, Cheryl Bungiro, and that said negligence constituted her death.
 Michael Brookbank vs. James Kinsey and John Does 1-10. Seeking judgment against the defendant for general and special damages for medical expenses and lost wages.
 Kevin T. Broner, Kasandra C. Broner individually and as parents of Kimberly, Tonie, Kevin and Kyle Broner, minor children vs. Thrifty Rent-A-Car

System, Patrick I. McCloskey. Seeking judgment against the defendants for special and general damages for medical expenses in an amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff's seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.
CHILD SUPPORT CASES
 The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed claims against the following:
 Jared M. Evans. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$510 monthly support plus 75 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.
 Shawn T. Marrs. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$695 monthly support plus 56 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.
 Dawn M. Gill. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$143 and \$150 monthly support plus 18 and 46 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$687.32 and \$720.97 for foster care and child support costs.
 Melissa S. Berndt. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$1,132.70 for foster care and child support costs.
 Tonya L. Jolley. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$181 monthly support plus 100 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$989.47 for foster care and child support costs.
 Eduardo A. J. Campos. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$874 monthly support plus 85 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.

DIVORCES FILED
 Rachel A. Harris vs. Chauncey S. Harris.
 Robert J. Burch vs. Jessica L. Burch.
 Michelle Bowman vs. Ronald Bowman.
 Caroline E. Doyle vs. Randall H. Doyle.
 Felicia E. Zraggen vs. Robert M. Zraggen.
 Danielle Brannan vs. William Brannan.
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New BLM director sees no letup in pace of oil, gas drilling

By John Heipriss
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration foresees no letup in the aggressive pace for Western oil and gas drilling, despite some voter backlash from people tired of seeing more and more rigs in their Rocky Mountain states.

"There's absolutely no doubt that the interest in oil and gas is going to continue. I mean, it is where it is," Jim Caswell, the new director of the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management, said in an interview Friday with The Associated Press. He took office in August.

Subsidiary lands managed by BLM produce 18 percent of the nation's natural gas and five percent of its oil. BLM manages 258 million acres, about one-eighth of the land in the United States. Most of that land — grasslands, forests, high mountains, arctic tundra and deserts — is in the West. It also oversees about 700 million acres of minerals below the land's surface.

Five basins in Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico contain the nation's largest onshore



Bureau of Land Management Director Jim Caswell holds up a pelt of a grey wolf during an interview in his office at the Department of the Interior in Washington, Friday. The Bush administration foresees no letup in the aggressive pace for Western oil and gas drilling, despite some voter backlash from voters tired of seeing more and more rigs in their Rocky Mountain states.

reserves of natural gas. BLM has been approving about one of every four applications it receives for permits to drill. But states also approve leases. In Montana, about 120 of the 750 wells producing coalbed methane are on federal leases.

"The key, though, to me is how do we develop that resource in the most environmentally sensitive way," Caswell said. "I mean, how can we be as compatible as possible

long-term? This is not some short-term thing. This is long-term. I mean, we're talking 20, 30 years."

The White House, emphasizing energy independence from foreign oil, has made it a top priority for BLM to speed up the processing of permits for oil and natural gas leasing in some Western states, that has caused some GOP resistance.

Democrats have made gains in Colorado, taking the governorship and several congressional seats in recent years in part due to disenchantment among the "hook and bullet" crowd of sportsmen and ranchers who compete with energy drillers for use of public lands.

Caswell said he believes any voter backlash is "to some degree overblown." At the same time, he said such concerns for the environment underscore the importance of some of his top priorities for his remaining 16

months on the job.

Those include updating the formal plans the agency uses to manage each particular area that it is responsible for and working on a \$22 million plan for protecting sage grouse and other wildlife prevalent in energy-producing areas of states such as Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming.

"That approach is finding support among some GOP business proponents."

"My thinking to my fellow Republicans is, let's look at the whole thing," said Marie Rossmiller, vice chair of the Colorado Republican Business Coalition, which advocates for property rights and lower taxes. "The new drilling is still fairly new and I don't think there's been evidence to show that it's going to do some drastic changes."

Deil LeFevre, a fifth-generation rancher and GOP commissioner in solidly conservative Garfield County, Utah, called oil and gas drilling a "two-headed snake" that divides Western pro-energy and environmental interests.

"I'm not really seeing a backlash but then I hear ruminations from the environmen-

tal groups," said LeFevre. "Everybody wants power, everybody wants to drive a car. We all want energy but yet we don't want to drill for it."

Before going to work for Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, Caswell spent roughly three decades in various positions with the BLM, Bonneville Power Administration and the U.S. Forest Service.

Later, he ran Idaho's Office of Species Conservation and worked for Kempthorne when he was the Idaho governor. Under Caswell's leadership, the Office of Species Conservation won the Idaho legislature's approval for two politically charged issues — a wolf management plan and a Yellowstone grizzly bear management plan.

Now, Caswell, 61, drapes over a chair in his office the hide of a grey wolf shot in Idaho by a federal officer as part of the management plan. He seems undaunted by his new responsibilities yet keenly aware that he is arriving toward the end of the Bush presidency.

"I don't have six months for people to figure out who I am and what I'm about," Caswell said.

Trial's costs could pinch N-Idaho county

GRANGEVILLE (AP) — Facing the prospect of retrying a man convicted of murder in 1983, Idaho County Commissioners say they are worried about how to pay for another long, expensive trial.

Mark Lankford, 51, and his brother, Bryan, were convicted in the 1983 slaying of a Texas couple while the Lankfords were working in the Idaho wilderness.

Mark Lankford was sentenced to Idaho's death row; his brother is serving a life sentence.

Earlier this week, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of a 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision that Mark Lankford must be retried or released because of an error in jury instructions during his 1984 trial.

On Monday, Idaho County Prosecutor Kirk MacGregor said he intends to retry the case and has already reviewed old files and contacted witnesses.

Mark Lankford's first trial and post-conviction appeal cost Idaho County about \$2,000, but that sum is a fraction of the cost of modern-day trials and appeals, officials said.

County officials say the price tag could reach \$1 million in expenses not covered by the county's \$12 million budget for 2008.

"I don't know how we can pay for it, frankly," Commissioner Skip Brandt told the Lewiston Tribune on Thursday. "In order to protect this guy, to give him another chance, the citizens are going to have to go without road maintenance and guard against all the amenities and we're going to have to start scraping."

Commission Chairman Randy Doman said the county does have some surplus money from the previous budget year. But he said department budgets may be trimmed and other cost savings captured to pay for Lankford's second trial.

"It's just tough on small, rural counties that don't have a large population," Doman said. "And it's doubly tough when you've already dug deep and paid for one trial. It's just trying to get somebody who spent 25 years looking for loopholes finally found one and the rest of us have to pay for it."

Commissioner Jim Rader has suggested offering Lankford a plea agreement that would include a fixed sentence. But MacGregor rejected that option.

Wreckage of medical plane found; 3 aboard presumed dead

ALAMOSA, Colo. (AP) — Three people were presumed dead after their medical plane slammed into a mountainside Friday, leaving wreckage described by rescuers as "catastrophic."

The body of one crew member was recovered from the wreckage and authorities concluded no one else could have survived the impact, said Dustin Duncan of the International Association of Air Medical Services, who was acting as a spokesman for the plane's owner, Eagle Air Med Inc.

The plane had disappeared during a flight from Chinle,

Ariz., to Alamosa and appeared to be on descent when it crashed into the mountain, Duncan said. There wasn't any sign that the crew had been attempting an emergency landing in mountainous terrain just west of the Continental Divide near 11,677-foot high Charley Peak, which is about 35 miles southwest of Alamosa.

High winds and fog prevented an air search Friday morning, but the weather cleared enough around noon for the search to begin, Archuleta Undersheriff John Weiss said. The plane was spotted about 1:45 p.m.

Barbara Anne Smith, a Canon City sheriff administrator, said an emergency locator — transmitter — helped pinpoint the plane's location.

Flight controllers lost radio and radar contact with the twin-engine Beech King Air C-90A at 11:20 p.m. Thursday, said Mike Ferguson, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman. Its last known location was estimated at about 20 miles southwest of Alamosa.

A pilot, flight nurse and paramedic were on the plane, Ferguson said. FAA spokesman Ian Gregor originally said the

plane took off from Phoenix, but later said the plane was headed from Chinle, Ariz., to Alamosa.

The body recovered from the wreckage hasn't been identified and authorities may have to use DNA or dental records to identify other remains found there, Duncan said.

The plane is registered to Scenic Aviation Inc. out of Blanding, Utah, which operates the air ambulance service Eagle Air Med. Its crew were on their way to pick up a patient in Alamosa to transport that person to Colorado Springs, Duncan said.

Duncan said the company has a plane based out of Alamosa — about 160 miles southwest of Denver — but that the company's Chinle-based plane was en route to pick up a patient because the other plane was on a call.

Despite the risk of air medical transport, Duncan said such companies provide a valuable service in the West by getting patients from rural areas to urban trauma centers in the critical minutes after accidents and emergencies.

"Lives are saved everyday by crews similar to those involved in this mishap today," he said.

After bra flap, courthouse adds changing room

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — People who come to the federal courthouse in this northern Idaho city will have a private room should they need to remove undergarments such as underwire bras that could set off metal detectors.

The addition of the changing room comes after a Bonners Ferry woman complained earlier this week that she was forced to take off her bra in public before she was allowed to go inside.

Leti Plato had said she was "embarrassed and humiliated" by her treatment.

The U.S. Marshals Service, which oversees security at the federal building, maintains its officers followed "appropriate security protocols" and Plato was given "a number of options" by the court security officers that would have ensured her privacy. They say they suggested Plato go to her car or a restaurant and remove the bra there.

But Plato said she was parked on a busy street, and wasn't familiar with downtown Coeur d'Alene. Instead, her husband held up his coat to shield her from the rest of

the people in the courthouse lobby while Plato removed her bra underneath her shirt.

U.S. Marshal Patrick McDonald in Boise said his agency added the changing room to avoid any further issues.

"We don't want anyone to be embarrassed when they come to the courthouse," McDonald told the Coeur d'Alene Press on Thursday.

"We were made aware of a problem when we didn't know we had. We've fixed it the best we can."

Court security will provide women with black plastic sacks in which to place items before they're scanned by detectors.

"That way nobody can see what's inside and be embarrassed," McDonald said. "We didn't do these things just for Mrs. Plato, but for everybody."

Plato didn't say whether she'd received the apology that she'd demanded.

Still, she was pleased when she learned of the new changing room.

"Nobody else has to go through this," she said. "It's a good thing."

Relatives offer reward for info on missing E. Idaho woman

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — The family of a 21-year-old Idaho Falls woman who has been missing for more than six weeks is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to her whereabouts.

Stephanie Eldredge, was last seen Aug. 20 in Idaho Falls.

She was reported missing after her roommate returned home from work and found Eldredge's purse and 4-month-old daughter, but no sign of Eldredge and her cell phone.

convancing friends and relatives or pinpointing her location using the global positioning system inside her cell phone.

According to court records, when she was last seen, Eldredge had just returned home after spending five days in the Bonneville County Jail for an alcohol probation violation.

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Edwards raps on Clinton for aide's ties to Blackwater

By Mike Glover
Associated Press writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — Democrat John Edwards said Friday the top strategist for presidential rival Hillary Rodham Clinton has ties to the controversial Blackwater security firm, and warned against installing "a group of arrogant Democrats" to replace the Bush White House.

Edwards suggested similarities between Clinton, the Democratic front-runner, and the Republican president.

"George Bush has been a perfect example of cronyism because Blackwater has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to Republicans and to President Bush," he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"I also saw this morning that Senator Clinton's primary challenger, Mark Pryor, who is like her Karl Rove, his firm is representing Blackwater."

"It is the reason I continue to say we don't want to replace a group of corporate Republicans with a group of corporate Democrats," he said. Blackwater is a private security firm whose employees have been accused of using their weapons too aggressively against Iraqi civilians and police.

Penn. Clinton's pollster and senior strategist, is the worldwide president of Burson-Marsteller, a public relations firm. A subsidiary, BKSII, helped prepare Blackwater founder Erik Prince for a contentious congressional hearing this week, but Burson-Marsteller says the relationship has ended.

Reports: Man questioned in fatal shootings of armored car guards in Philadelphia

By Patrick Walker
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA — Investigators searching for a robber who fatally shot two armored car guards servicing an ATM brought in a man for questioning Friday, police said.

The suspect was arrested in northeast Philadelphia on a warrant in an unrelated case, but was being questioned about the robbery, Sgt. Anthony McPadden said.

McPadden said he did not have any additional information on the arrest. FBI spokeswoman Jerri Williams said there had been a development in the case, but declined to elaborate.

The robber approached the armored car from behind Thursday morning outside a bank in northeast Philadelphia. He shot one guard in the chest, then went around the vehicle and shot the second guard as he tried to unholster his gun, police said. He shot toward a third guard inside the armored car, picking up a bag of deposits and fled.

Police and the FBI have been fielding tips about the suspect, described as a black man with a beard in his early to mid-20s.

Investigators on Friday still had not determined how much money the robber escaped with.

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Rice orders new security rules for embassy convoys in Iraq after Blackwater shooting

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice ordered federal agents on Friday to ride with Blackwater USA escorts of U.S. diplomatic convoys in Baghdad to tighten oversight after a shooting in which private guards are accused of killing 13 Iraqi civilians.

She also ordered video cameras installed in Blackwater vehicles.

The steps will require the State Department to deploy dozens of additional in-house Diplomatic Security agents to accompany Blackwater guards and are the first in a series of moves Rice is expected to take to boost control of contractors the agency relies on Iraq.

They are aimed at "putting in place more robust assets to make sure that the management, reporting and accountability function works as best as it possibly can," said State Department spokesman Sean McCormack.



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice gestures during a news conference at the State Department in Washington on Sept. 21. Rice on Friday ordered a major overhaul of U.S. diplomatic security practices in Iraq following an internal State Department review of the Blackwater USA shootings.

The measures, which also include recording radio traffic between the embassy and diplomatic convoys and improving communications between those vehicles and U.S. military units in the vicinity, were implemented amid intense criticism of the department's security practices in Iraq and

Blackwater's role.

They also came as Iraqis and U.S. lawmakers are clamoring for clarification of the now nebulous jurisdiction and authority under which the State Department's private security guards work.

On Thursday, the House passed legislation that would place all private government contractors in Iraq under U.S. criminal statutes. The Bush administration has expressed concerns about the proposed amendments but has pledged to work with Congress on improvements before the Senate takes up the bill in coming weeks.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. David Price, D-N.C., said Friday that Rice's move was welcome but overdue.

"It goes without saying that contract personnel who are armed and authorized to use deadly force ought to be closely monitored," he said in a statement. "The secretary still needs to address the essential question of accountability. How will rogue individuals who commit criminal acts be brought

to justice?"

In ordering changes, Rice accepted preliminary recommendations from an internal review board she created after the Sept. 16 incident in which Blackwater guards are accused of opening fire on

Iraqi civilians in a main square in Baghdad.

Blackwater contends its employees came under fire first, but the Iraqi government and witnesses have disputed that, saying the guards fired without provocation.

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Mystery 'tin whiskers' stoke debate over anti-lead regulations

By Jordan Robertson
Associated Press writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — They've ruined missiles, sliced communications satellites and forced nuclear power plants to shut down. Pacemakers, consumer gadgets and even a critical part of a space shuttle have fallen victim.

The culprits? Tin splinters — whiskers, they're called — that sprout without warning from tin solder and finishes deep inside electronics. By some estimates, the resulting short-circuits have leveled as much as \$10 billion in damage since they were first noticed in the 1940s.

Now some electronics makers worry the destruction will be more widespread, and the dollar amounts more draining, as the European Union and governments around the world enact laws to eliminate the best-known defense — lead — from electronic devices.

"The EU's decision was irresponsible and not based on sound science," said Joe Smetana, a principal engineer and tin whisker expert with French telecommunications equipment maker Alcatel-Lucent SA. "We're solving a problem that isn't actually a bunch of new ones."

Typically measuring under a millimeter long, tin whiskers look like errant strands of static-charged aluminum in their migration from tin-based materials like solder. Their cause is hotly debated. Other metals also grow whiskers, but not like tin.

While arises when the whiskers bridge separate parts of increasingly miniaturized circuit boards. They also can flake off and interfere with sensitive optics.

While scientists debate their cause, they agree on one thing: Small amounts of lead mixed with the tin have been remarkably effective at preventing whisker eruptions. Lead, however, is a serious health concern. In children, it can cause learning or behavioral problems and has been associated with autism and kidney problems. In adults, exposure has been linked to high blood pressure and reproductive organ damage.

Last year, Europeans burnt the toxic metal from most electronics to prevent its being incinerated or accumulating in dumps after computers and other gadgets are tossed out. Similar measures are being considered or are already in place in other countries, including Japan, China, South Korea, Argentina, Australia and the United States.

Some companies say the EU rules threaten the reliability of their products, exposing them to unknown risks and possibly threatening people's safety. But EU officials say the regulations banning lead, cadmium, mercury and three other hazardous substances are needed to protect people and the environment.

They also note that many types of electronics are

exempt from the law. Including military and other national security equipment, medical devices, and servers, data storage computers and telecommunications gear that use leaded solders.

Exemptions are also granted when alternatives to the hazardous materials don't exist yet, or because the substances can't be replaced without jeopardizing safety.

Still, even some companies with exemptions say it's getting harder to buy the needed parts. They worry about the increased risk of pure-tin parts, the culprit behind the most devastating tin-whisker-related failures.

"Over time (the failures) are just going to get worse and worse," said Jim McLeroy, executive director of International Electronics Manufacturing Initiative, or INEMI, a group of big electronics makers, government agencies and other parties active in tin whisker research.

"Even if the military is exempt forever, they will be forced to convert because they can't get the components they want," he said. "And that will eventually happen across the board."

Tin whiskers have left a trail of destruction in a string of important machinery, chronicled in an extensive database of publicly disclosed failures kept by researchers at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. In the last year — for example, NASA engineers testing parts for the space shuttle Endeavour discovered that millions of tin whiskers were causing an electronic box to inaccurately point the shuttle's engine, knocking the rocket's trajectory off-kilter, according to Henning Leidecker, chief engineer of the electronic parts office of NASA's Goddard and a tin whisker expert.

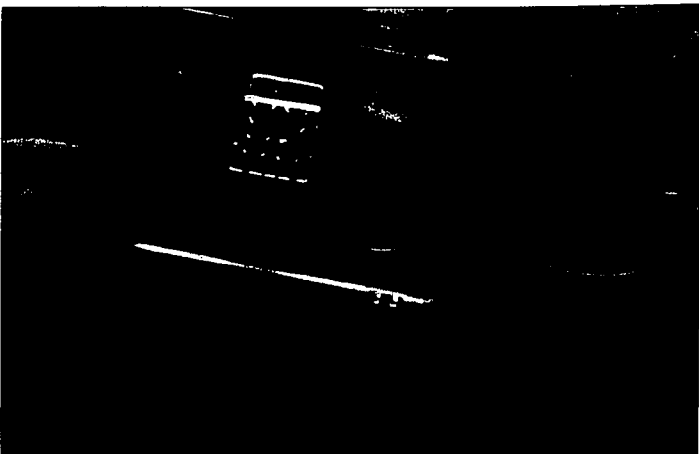
It turns out NASA had approved the pure-tin-coated clamps used for holding circuit boards in place back in the 1980s, before NASA adopted its current rule requiring a small amount of lead in its tin coatings.

"These whiskers have the potential to destroy missions," Leidecker said.

Failures blamed on tin whiskers have run the gamut of devices and manufacturers.

In the 1980s, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recalled some pacemakers because of a high failure rate caused by tin whiskers.

In 1998, Raytheon Corp.'s \$250 million Galaxy IV communications satellite, which provided service to tens of millions of pagers across



Henning Leidecker, a chief parts engineer with NASA Goddard, looks at an electrical relay that has grown tin whiskers in Greenbelt, Md., on Sept. 28. Tin whiskers are tiny tin strands that sprout without warning from tin finish or solder, short-circuiting electronics.

North America and thousands of pay-at-the-pump gas station machines, was deemed a total loss after two processors failed. The main spacecraft control processor, which governs the satellite's positioning and other functions, failed for an unknown reason, and the backup couldn't be used because tin whiskers had shorted it out a year before.

At least 10 other satellite failures have been blamed on tin whiskers, according to the NASA database.

Over the past two decades, also according to the NASA database, nuclear power plants have been temporarily shut down at least seven times after tin whiskers in the alarm system circuit boards triggered false alarms, alerting managers to threats that didn't exist. There have been no reported injuries.

"There's a real loss of money because the plant is shut down and stays down, and it also presents a situation where workers are taught not to believe the alarms," Leidecker said. "Are you comfortable with that? I am not."

The military also isn't immune. Whisker-related malfunctions have been reported in the radar used aboard fighter jets. In the target-detection system of certain missiles, along with various unspecified problems in other parts of the U.S. military's missile programs.

Little is known about those failures, other than the part that failed and the

cause. Most involve military secrets and are only known because they're revealed in technical forums by defense contractors, who incur heavy repair expenses for malfunctioning tin-whisker-infested equipment and are active in scientific circles looking for a fix that doesn't involve lead.

"Tin-whisker experts said the industry is working fast to come up with a lead-free solution. So far, other materials have shown to be effective in preventing tin whiskers, but not as powerfully as lead.

One promising remedy is tin-silver-copper solders, said George Galyon, a senior technical staff member at IBM Corp. However, Galyon noted that lead-free solders often require much higher temperatures, which can warp circuit boards and cause materials to degrade.

Despite the setbacks, he said the major players realize anti-lead laws give them

no choice. "It's whistling in the wind if you think we're turning this back," he said. "China's full-bent on it, the major markets are into it. The world flipped over in one fell swoop."

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Duke lacrosse players file sweeping lawsuit against prosecutor, city and police

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Three former Duke lacrosse players falsely accused of rape filed a sweeping federal lawsuit Friday that could return the sensational case to a courtroom, suing the prosecutor Mike Nifong, the city of Durham and the police detectives who handled the investigation.

The lawsuit calls the criminal case against Rade Seligmann, Collin Finnerly and Dave Evans "one of the most chilling episodes of pre-meditated police, prosecutor-led and scientific misconduct in modern American history." It seeks unspecified damages and numerous reforms to the way the Durham Police Department handles criminal investigations, including the appointment of a monitor who would have the power to hire, fire and promote department employees, including the chief, for 10 years.

The suit was filed about a month after city officials met with lawyers for the families seeking a \$30 million settlement and several legal reforms, two people close to the case said. —The Associated Press.

Apparently unable, or unwilling, to reach a deal with the families, the city pledged Friday to defend itself and its employees, but not Nifong — who held a state office — or the private DNA testing lab he hired.

The city spokeswoman Beverly B. Thompson said the players' complaint "asserts claims against the city and its employees that appear to be based on untested and unproven legal theories."

Should the case go to trial, it would extend a legal debacle that began in March 2006, when a woman hired to perform as a stripper at a lacrosse team party told police she had raped.

The criminal side of the case largely ended in April, when North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper declared the three players innocent victims of Nifong's "tragic rush to accuse," in dropping the charges. Cooper said the state's investigation found nothing to corroborate the accuser's story, leading his staff to "the conclusion that no attack occurred."

In the months that followed, the state bar stripped Nifong of his law license, concluding he relentlessly pursued a flawed case for political gain. He resigned as Durham County's district attorney and spent a night in jail last month after a judge held him in criminal contempt of court for lying about DNA evidence. He did not return a message Friday seeking comment.

U.S. marshals posed as supporters in arrest of tax-evading couple

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — After months of monitoring a couple convicted of tax evasion, all U.S. marshals needed to get inside their fortress-like home was a little deception.

Ed and Elaine Brown, who vowed for months to resist if authorities tried to arrest them, put out a welcome mat for what they thought was a group of supporters. The people turned out to be marshals who arrested the pair without a single shot fired.

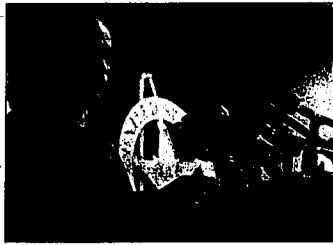
"They invited us in, and we escorted them out," U.S. Marshal Stephen Monier said Friday, releasing the first details of Thursday night's arrests.

The arrests ended a standoff that began in January, when Brown, 65, a retired exterminator, and his dentist wife, 67, walked out of their federal trial in Concord, N.H. She returned to the trial but soon joined her husband at home, where they promised a violent end to any attempt to remove them.

"We either walk out of here free or we die," Ed Brown said.

The couple claims that no law authorizes collection of the federal income tax and that the 1913 constitutional amendment permitting it was never properly ratified. Courts have repeatedly rejected that argument.

Officials discovered bootcamps in the woods on pair's 100-plus-acre property and found weapons, ammunition and homemade bombs inside and outside the house.



U.S. Marshal Stephen Monier talks about the arrest of tax evaders Ed and Elaine Brown in Concord, N.H., Friday. U.S. marshals posing as supporters arrested the convicted tax-evaders at their rural, fortress-like home, the head marshal said Friday.

Monier said more charges are likely.

"By their continuing actions, allegedly, to obstruct justice, to encourage others to assist them to obstruct justice, by making threats toward law enforcement and other governmental officials, they have turned this into more than a tax case," Monier said.

He would not discuss details of the operation, including the exact number of deputy marshals involved, what they said to the Browns or how the couple reacted.

The Browns were turned over to federal prison officials to serve more than five years behind bars. They were convicted in January of scheming to avoid federal income taxes by hiding \$1.5 million of

income between 1996 and 2003.

Experts had praised authorities' hands-off approach before the surprise arrests, but patience had worn thin among some of the 2,000 residents of Plainfield, in west-central New Hampshire. During the summer, town selectmen asked Monier to stop the influx of militiamen and other anti-government groups to the Browns' home.

Monier said he was sympathetic to the complaints, but cutting off access to the Browns would have undercut "his plan."

"Ultimately, this open-door policy they seemed to have — which allowed the Browns to have some supporters bring them supplies,

welcome followers, even host a picnic — this proved to be their undoing," he said.

Elaine Brown's son, David Hatch-Bernier, said he realized that his mother was taking a risk by accepting so many visitors.

"Unfortunately, they're not free now... (but) they're alive and can still fight this," Hatch-Bernier said, adding that he was glad there was no violence.

Hatch-Bernier, of Worcester, Mass., said he initially rejected his mother's tax argument but was won over after doing his own research.

"I'll be honest with you, I thought they were absolutely out of their tree when I first found out what was going on," he said. "The more research I did, the more I found that their position was valid."

Thomas Avono of the Police Policy Studies Council said the peaceful end to the standoff could signal a shift away from the tactics used in the 1992 shootout at an Idaho property called Ruby Ridge and the deadly government siege at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, the following year.

"I think it is probably the most ingenious thing a federal agency's ever done," said Avono, whose Spofford, N.H.-based group focuses on law enforcement reform.

Yacht marooned by Florida hurricane in 2005 is finally being removed

By Adrian Sainz
Associated Press writer

KEY WEST, Fla. — Looking like Noah's Ark after the flood, a sleek, 150-foot yacht driven aground by a hurricane lies just offshore, mired for most of the past two years in a dispute with the government court order to free without doing too much damage to the seagrass.

Through it all, the boat's owner, Peter Halmos, has stubbornly insisted on staying aboard or living close to a cluster of houseboats so he can guard his beloved Legacy against pirates and thieves against the calm green-and-azure waters off Key West.

A Hungarian emigre who made a fortune selling their protection to credit-card holders, Halmos estimates he is spending more than \$1 million a month maintaining the beachfront yacht, the Legacy, which is finally — though slowly, very slowly — being plucked free.

"After two years, you kind of get numb to it. It's not making me physically sick," said Halmos, who bought the boat in 1995 for \$16 million. "Plastered with 'No Trespassing' signs, the sailing yacht is cut off from a bridge sits upright in less than a foot of water about two miles offshore, a tattered American flag flying above its mast and boom are gone, its deck-like hull is scuffed, its wooden deck weatherbeaten.

But the hull is intact and Halmos says it will float. Halmos, who is in his early 60s, was aboard the Legacy with his wife and two children when Hurricane Wilma struck in October 2005. Instead of heading out for the open sea, he decided to drop anchor and ride out the storm near shore.

But the anchors did not hold, and Wilma repeatedly lifted the boat and slammed it down. Everyone donned life jackets.

"I don't know how the boat held together," Halmos said. "I thought, 'Just end it.' When the storm had passed, the Legacy was aground miles away from where it had been in the past. In the said in a federally protected area where sensitive



Peter Halmos maneuvers a boat around his 150-foot luxury yacht Legacy in the waters off Key West, Fla., Sept. 13. The yacht has been aground for two years in a federally protected area, immovable in a dispute with the government over how to free it without doing too much damage to sensitive varieties of seagrass.

varieties of seagrass provide a habitat for fish.

If Halmos were simply to drag the Legacy out, it would damage the grass and he could be hit with millions of dollars in fines.

But for months, Halmos and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration were unable to come to terms on a plan to remove the Legacy.

"NOAA special counsel Craig O'Connor said that there were 'misunderstandings and miscommunication,'" and that some of the early removal suggestions appeared too damaging to the environment.

"Our people wanted to be sure they understood what Peter was doing," O'Connor said. He added, "Aside from the fact that Peter is a colorful

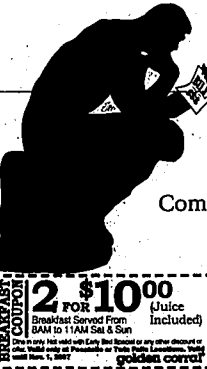
person, I find him to be a person of high integrity. We could be dealing with somebody who could care less about the environment."

The two sides finally came to an understanding in January. Halmos will have to replant the damaged seagrass at his own expense. But then they had to work out the details of the plan to extricate the boat.

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Nobel guessing game in high gear before next week's announcement

By Doug Melgren
Associated Press writer

OSLO, Norway — Al Gore is a front-runner for the Nobel Peace Prize — if you believe some experts. Problem is, they're only guessing.

The Nobel awards being announced next week cover the range of human endeavor, from penicemaking to scientific discovery to literature, yet share a tradition of mystery and wild speculation about who might win. "I've been surprised almost every time," Sten Toenneson, director of the International Peace Research Institute-Oslo, told The Associated Press on Friday.

Toenneson's predictions about possible winners strongly influence media coverage and odds set by bookmakers, even though he has no inside informa-

tion. Each year he bravely publishes a widely cited, well-reasoned, well-founded and — he admits — usually wrong set of surmises.

This year, with world attention fixed on global warming, Toenneson said giving a joint prize to Gore, the former U.S. vice president, and Inuit environmental activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier of Canada could be an appealing choice for the prize committee.

"It would have to do with climate change, and it would be a prize that included both a man and a woman," he said.

Others mentioned include Finnish peace mediator Martti Ahtisaari and activists like Lida Yusupova of Russia, Rebiya

Kadeer in China and Vietnamese monk Thich Quang Do.

The peace award is announced in Oslo, while the other prizes — medicine, physics chemistry, literature and economics — are announced in Stockholm. The prizes, established in the will of Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel, were first handed out in 1901.

Each award carries a cash prize of 10 million Swedish kronor, which this year is worth about \$1.54 million.

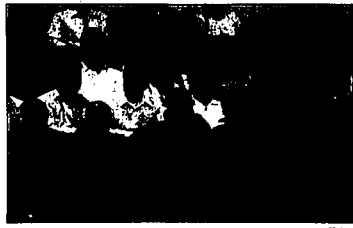
The Swedish and Norwegian committees separately deciding the awards work in deep secret, refusing to even say who is nominated until the announcements, which begin Monday with the medicine prize in Stockholm.

"It's always fun if it comes as a surprise," said Hans



Former Vice President Al Gore speaks during a panel discussion Sept. 26 at the Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting in New York. Gore is a front-runner for the Nobel Peace Prize if you believe some experts.

Jornvall, secretary of the medicine prize committee. The final decision will be made Monday just before the announcement, he said.



A group of monks listens as U.N. envoy Ibrahim Gambari, second, briefs members of the United Nations Security Council on his recent tour and findings in Myanmar at U.N. headquarters Friday.

Envoy gives Security Council mixed Myanmar review

By Maggie Farley
Los Angeles Times

UNITED NATIONS — Despite his personal appeals during a recent visit to Myanmar, the military regime continues to arrest protesters in midnight raids, arbitrarily detain people and relocate monks outside the capital, U.N. envoy Ibrahim Gambari told the Security Council on Friday.

But he also said the government told him it had released more than 2,000 demonstrators and monks, and reduced the military presence on the streets.

U.N. officials, as well as members of the group of Southeast Asian nations, which have traditionally shied away from intervening in other countries' internal affairs, made unusually strong statements about Myanmar, which is also known as Burma. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of South Korea called the junta's use of force to disperse protesters "abhorrent and unacceptable."

During Gambari's four-day visit to Myanmar which

ended Tuesday, he pressed Senior Gen. Than Shwe to stop the violent crackdown and release monks and detainees. He was also dragged to a pro-government rally and denied access to opposition leaders. He plans a return visit in November.

"It is too early to measure the impact of Mr. Gambari's visit, or to label it a success or a failure," Ban said. "It appears, however, that a window of opportunity has opened." He was most pleased, he said, to have conveyed an offer from Than Shwe to meet with Suu Kyi, though it included conditions that she stop opposing the government. Gambari demanded the regime release Suu Kyi, who has spent 12 of the past 18 years in detention.

Than Shwe said that he would meet with the winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize if she gives up her call for "confrontation, utter devastation, economic sanctions and all other sanctions," according to Myanmar state media broadcasts on Thursday.

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How Geri got an 'A' on her final

Not too long ago my friend Geri would have finished taking her final college exams. She's earned her degree one or two classes at a time. Her grandchildren are very proud.

That's right — grandchildren. Geri is 61.

"I may be the only graduate who has to use a cane to walk across the stage to get my diploma," said Geri, who, if the truth is told, is probably further away from using a cane than I am. "But I am going to get it. Finally."



VALUESPEAK
Joseph Walker

And if you think that sounds as though Geri just scraped by in her college studies, think again. Her college transcript looks like a "Sesame Street" lesson on the letter "A." That's why she was so surprised when her instructor told her how she had done on her last final exam.

"Twenty out of 75," Geri was stumped. "She couldn't remember ever missing 10 questions on a test, much less 20. "I can't believe I missed 20 questions," she said.

"You didn't miss 20 questions," the teacher said. "You got 20 out of 75 correct."

Geri was speechless. She had never performed that poorly on a test, and she knew that she was well-prepared for this one. She looked at her professor, numb and dazed.

"Don't worry," he said. "I think I know what happened."

He pulled out her test paper, which was one of those computer-scanned fill-in-the-bubbles with-a-No. 2-pencil jobs — you know, the kind where it takes longer to log in your name than it does to fill out the entire test.

"So you," the professor continued, "you got the first 20 questions right, and then right over here —" He pointed to a place on the test form — it looks like you skipped a row. From what I can tell, it looks like you got the right answers, you just put them in the wrong places."

"So what does that mean?" Geri asked as thoughts of one more semester to re-take a failed class flashed in her mind.

"It means that technically, you failed the test," the professor said. "But I've been looking at your previous work, which has been excellent. There is no reason to believe that you would be any less prepared for your final than you've been for every other test and assignment, so as far as I'm concerned," He took out a red pen and wrote a big "A" on the page.

Geri graduated with the best track record she could possibly have for her teacher to give her the benefit of the doubt. But what if she hadn't had that kind of track record? What if her college career — especially her experience with that teacher — had been riddled with mediocre effort and a litany of excuses? My guess is her final test score would have reflected that history, regardless of how accidental her final mistake may have been.

And that makes me wonder how I'm doing, track record-wise. I mean, stuff like that happens. We give our best effort to something Very Important — a project, an assignment or maybe even a relationship — only to find that a simple mistake or misunderstanding somewhere along the way has undermined our success and made our best effort look bad. We get on the wrong line, we take a wrong turn, we mark the wrong box, we push the wrong button and all of a sudden we're feeling like Geri: stunned, speechless and confused.

Technically, like a failure. But it seems to me that if we've established a personal history of integrity, honesty, hard work and fair play, people will tend to give us the benefit of the doubt when we occasionally fall humanly short of perfection. We may not always end up with an "A" as Geri did, but at least we won't feel so much like a failure.

Technically or otherwise.

Candidate Romney thrusts Mormon church into America's consciousness like never before

By Cody Clark
For the Times-News

SALT LAKE CITY — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has given the answer so many times that it's practically automatic: "I think the American people want a person of faith to lead the country. I don't think Americans care what brand of faith someone has."

When that quote appeared in a *Time* magazine article on May 10, it was already something Romney had said "repeatedly." (He formally announced his candidacy on Feb. 13.)

Based on his fundraising alone, Romney has demonstrated enormous potential as a candidate for the highest office in the land, but his political fate may ultimately hinge on what people make of the fact that he's a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Given people as much information as possible before they make a judgment about the church is an important concern of Mormon leaders. It's been something of a lifelong concern for current leader President Gordon B. Hinckley, who, under the direction of Elder Stephen L. Richards, established in 1935 what today is known as the Public Affairs Department.

It's been, to say the least, an interesting year for the Public Affairs Department.

"I think it's fair to say we've probably never been busier," said Bruce Olsen, the church's managing director of public affairs.

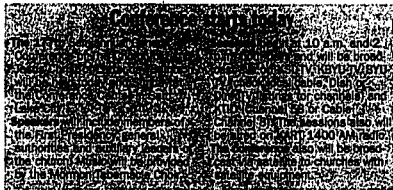
Getting attention

The Romney campaign has pushed the church as far into the national spotlight as it's ever been. Presidential politics, however, are just the biggest attention grabber that's been on the table in 2007.

In January, Democratic Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, a Mormon,



Mormon presidential candidate Mitt Romney said, "I don't think Americans care what brand of faith someone has." Turns out he was wrong.



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— Brigham Young University-Hawaii Religious Education chairman Marcus Martins

became the 24th Senate majority leader. In May, PBS aired a four-hour documentary by award-winning filmmaker Helen Whitney titled "The Mormons" that framed the church and its history and doctrines for a nationwide television audience.

Just days later, civil rights activist the Rev. Al Sharpton made an offhand remark disparaging Romney's faith and was so heavily criticized that he made personal

phone calls to LDS leaders to apologize, and even undertook the conciliatory step of visiting church headquarters later in the month.

The church generated its own news by completing the seismic renovation of its facilities in downtown Salt Lake City and had the sad responsibility of memorializing one of its most prominent officials when James E. Faust, a member with Hinckley and Thomas S. Monson of the First Presidency, the faith's highest governing body, died in August.

Controversy attached itself to the public perception of Mormons with the high-profile prosecution of polygamist Warren Jeffs. Jeffs, whose word was considered God's will to his fundamentalist church of breakaway Mormons, was convicted Sept. 25 in St. George, Utah, of being an accomplice to rape by forcing a 14-year-old girl to marry her first cousin.

Jeffs is not a Mormon, but the church and polygamy are still joined at the hip in the minds of many Americans.

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Hinckley likely to name Faust's successor

...this weekend

By Joseph Walker
For the Times-News

SALT LAKE CITY — The death of President Gordon B. Hinckley, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has left a vacancy...

Mother Teresa's private doubts may deepen faith of masses

The Denver Post

Loss of faith. Uncertainty. Confusion.

Once shrouded in shadow, the role of doubt is moving to the forefront of religious discussion, driven in large part by last month's publication of the best-seller chronicling Mother Teresa's secret spiritual struggle.

"It's a very private place, for people to doubt," said the Rev. Regina Groff, pastor of Campbell Chapel A.M.E. Church in Denver. "They rarely say they're questioning if God exists or talk about those deep, deep places."

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spoke about her doubt. She warned the letters in which she discussed her despair burned, worried they would draw attention to her, not God. But the Catholic in charge of her case for sainthood, the director of the Mother Teresa Center, published them as inspiration to ordinary believers struggling with their own doubts.

That has happened. Doubt, bubbling toward the surface as a topic of conversation in recent years, is now out in the open, across Christian faiths.

Preachers are planning sermons on doubt. Professors at Denver schools such as Regis

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University and St. John Vianney Theological Seminary say they will probably teach aspects of the new book as part of their curriculum.

Ron Johnson, pastor of the nondenominational Pathways Church in Denver,

plans to preach a three-part series in November called "Unbelievable Faith," with the first sermon centering on the darkness suffered by Mother Teresa.

At Denver's Center for Contemplative Living, spiritual director David Frenette

swiftly worked the teachings of the book into his class "Ways of Faith" as an example of the dark night of the soul, first described by 16th century Christian mystic St. John of the Cross.

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Mormons

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And the LDS church either did or did not publicly apologize — depends on whom you ask — for the infamous Mountain Meadows Massacre as the 150th anniversary of the confrontation between Mormon settlers and Arkansas travelers passed on Sept. 11.

Speaking on behalf of church leaders, LDS Apostle Elder Henry B. Eyring expressed "profound regret" for the "undue and untold suffering experienced by the victims then and by relatives in the present time."

(Nothing that Eyring or anyone else had to say could prevent the release of "September Dawn," a Hollywood film that luridly re-created the massacre and openly railed against the church.)

And all of that is to say nothing of the ongoing exposure to Mormonism provided by high-profile individual church members such as conservative radio and television commentator Glenn Beck — who also got some face time with Sharpton following the recent CBS *Romney* miscue — and legendary R&B singer Gladys Knight.

LDS Information, Inc.

Telling the church's story and responding to the public's questions about the faith and its practices was a big job when Hinckley began it, and it's getting bigger all the time. Michael Otterson, an associate editor at LDS Information, Public Affairs Department, did a Google search of the words "Romney" and "Mormon" in January, and got about 16,000 results. Do some more research, and that number is likely to be more than 1.2 million.

Earlier this year, the church was the subject of major nightly news features on ABC, NBC and CBS — all in the same week. That was about two weeks after CNN had done a big piece," Otterson said.

The church has no control over such coverage, except at the level of providing information, and even that can be tricky. Approvals from leadership are sometimes required before answers can be given.

And the Public Affairs Department can seem close-mouthed to reporters, often responding to inquiries by declining comment.

And Public Affairs often doesn't get exactly what the church had hoped for. Sometimes when dealing with television, Otterson said, "you've got 90 seconds, or you've got two minutes to tell a story, and they want to talk to three different people, two of them aren't even members of the church. So, how do you get your message across? It's a challenge."

One thing that's begun to work in the church's favor is the growth of media technology. Otterson described one

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situation where Elder M. Russell Ballard of the LDS Church's First Presidency Apostles was interviewed for 30 minutes by a reporter from NBC.

"The one sound bite they used was probably about five seconds," he said. The flip side of that disappointment is that NBC posted a 15-minute segment of Ballard's interview on its Web site.

And even when one opportunity doesn't play out as hoped, the LDS media isn't very far off. Olsen said that the Public Affairs Department probably takes more calls in a week than it used to in a month. Which is not to suggest that the high level of inquiry has always been a problem.

Mormon author and Salt Lake Community College instructor Coke Newell, who was a Public Affairs employee for more than a decade beginning in the mid-1990s, said that he remembers a time when most of the calls, when they came in at all, were from reporters in Utah.

Not long after that, in 1997, had widely publicized the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first Mormons in Salt Lake Valley. Newell said, he took a rare call from a reporter for *USA Today*.

The caller wanted to know about the church and polygamy. It's a common misconception that Mormons still practice plural marriage.

Even in 2007, there are probably people who assume that HBO's "Big Love," about the day-to-day struggles of a Utah polygamist with three wives, might as well be called "This Is Your Mormon Church."

Newell took a moment to place polygamy in the rearview mirror part of church history but not leaving anything to do with its present or future since an 1890 pronouncement by President Willford Woodruff — but didn't want to just hang up the call. "I started throwing her some other bait," he said.

Intrigued by a description of the church's missionary efforts, the reporter agreed to spend three days following Mormon missionaries and the result was a prominent feature in a national publication. After she finished the story, Newell said, she asked her what she thought of the church.

"She said, 'Now you're in my Rolodex.'"

Hinckley's influence

If there's a single overriding reason that the church is

in the Rolodex — or maybe now it's the PDA — of the national media, however, it's probably the ongoing influence of Hinckley.

After having almost exclusive responsibility for church public affairs oversight for more than two decades, Hinckley has remained a media-savvy and accessible presence in church leadership throughout his long ministry.

Brighton Young University-Hawaii Religion Education chairman Marcus Martins said it's not surprising that many people still have a wariness about the church and its doctrines.

"Let's face it, for a good part of the church's history, the church was seen as a very peculiar religious denomination with some extraordinary claims that no other church was making," Martins said. "Revelation, lay priesthood, marriages for eternity. These were very extraordinary claims."

Claims that are sometimes embraced and sometimes simply rejected. Even caustically rejected. Jacob Weisberg, editor of online magazine *Slate*, took a rock-hard line in a Dec. 20 *Slate* article denouncing Romney's candidacy before he was even a candidate.

Mormon founder Joseph Smith, Weisberg said, "was an obvious con man. Romney has every right to believe in con men, but so, I don't want him running the country."

But Martins said Hinckley's openness and ability to engage with the world and national media has dramatically lessened the perception of the church as being outside the Christian mainstream. And maybe on some level, he's even getting through to those who vehemently denounce the church.

The church president's polished manner is a large part of his effectiveness in communicating with the media. Otterson said: "One of the things about him that's extraordinary is his ability to articulate. If you've ever listened carefully to President Hinckley, he speaks like almost nobody else does. He speaks in complete grammatical sentences."

Wallace and Olsen said that the wit and charm that have endeared Hinckley to church members are just as inviting to reporters.

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he's spoken to Wallace, the legendary newsmen's first words are always to ask how Hinckley is doing — but it's not just the celebrities who get his full attention.

"One of the things that I always admire in President Hinckley is his ability to visit with any reporter from any country, any culture, and know something about their history," Olsen said.

Olsen described one meeting between Hinckley and a contingent of Japanese reporters.

"He could take them from one end of Japan to the other and talk about cities and things and people in between those points that astounded them."

Hinckley has been both fearless and frank about highlighting the church's public profile from the beginning of his presidency.

Speaking to the membership of the church shortly before the airing of his 1996 interview, with Wallace on "60 Minutes," he said that he knew appearing on the program might not produce an entirely positive outcome.

"On the other hand," Hinckley said, "I felt that it offered the opportunity to present some affirmative aspects of our culture and message to many millions of people. I concluded that it was better to lean into the stiff wind of opportunity than to simply hunker down and do nothing."

He added, "If it turns out to be favorable, I will be grateful. Otherwise, I pledge I'll never get my foot in that kind of trap again."

It may be that, in 2007, the stiff wind of opportunity is blowing harder than it ever has before. Which just might be a very good thing for Mormons.

"It's a very significant moment in the history of the church," Martins said. "We'll never be the same. I would say that, five years from now, Mormonism will be much less of a mystery to the world than it has ever been."

This article originally appeared in the Provo, Utah, Daily Herald, a daily newspaper affiliated with the Times-News.



Bob Renz, right, commander of the AWANA Club at First Baptist Church of Pauli, presents Sarah Schenk, left, with an AWANA Citation Award. In the center is Jan Sprenger, who listened to many verses.

Paul woman wins AWANA Citation

Times-News

PAULI — Sarah Schenk recently earned an AWANA Citation Award, the highest award presented in the AWANA International Club.

Those who earn the award must be graduating seniors or a leader in an AWANA Club who has completed the requirements. They must have memorized 760 Bible verses, read the entire Bible and completed 10 hand-

books and manuals in three through 12th grade.

Schenk graduated from Minico High School in 2007 and is attending the College of Southern Idaho pursuing a degree in equine studies.

The Paul Baptist AWANA Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 25 N. Fourth St. in Paul. Children age 3 through sixth grade are welcome. For more information, call 438-5126.

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Teresa

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The book "Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light" has emerged as a cultural phenomenon, one that transcends religious lines. Demand swamped supply immediately after the book hit stores. The publisher went back to press five times in 10 days just to keep up.

But the publicity perhaps is that the book dovetails with a recent trend in which doubt is accepted as part of faith.

"The Denver Seminary, an evangelist institution, in spiritual formation that includes teaching on spiritual darkness and doubt. The idea is to prepare the faithful for surviving life's difficulties. It's in the struggle that we grow stronger," said David Osborn, who directs the doctor of ministry program.

"Faith is like a muscle, and faith that is not exercised really does not grow, or proper faith becomes vulnerable, and loses hope."

Doubt is also cropping up in such books as "Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith" by pastor Rob Bell, who says that the pastor of Doubt Night he held at the Mars Hill Bible Church in Michigan.

The publication of "Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light" expanded that discussion from intellectual circles into the pulpits of local churches and the minds of rank-and-file Christians.

"It will probably become a spiritual classic," said Sean Innerst, chairman of the theology department at Denver's Christian Seminary, a Catholic men's institute.

Innerst has already heard the book addressed in sermons in his own parish and at the seminary.

"She is an example of the standard spiritual evolution of the soul," he said, "what every one who is advanced in the spiritual life eventually goes through."

Inspired by revelations of Mother Teresa's spiritual struggle, churchgoers such as Shenelle Martin are feeling more comfortable sharing their own stories. After she watched her 12-year-old granddaughter suffer a long pain death from heart disease, she left the spiritual walk. She stopped going to church. Prayer, long a habit, became rote.

"I said my prayers, but there was no meaning," she said. "It was a chore. It was like nothing there."

Now, however, she's an integral part of her church and volunteers in dishing up free hot meals at her church.

One recent afternoon, after everyone had left, she shared a meal with her Groff, her pastor.

"Some things you take to your grave and no one will ever know," said Martin. "Doubt is one of them. The sad thing about that is, when you are able to express it, there is so much healing."

When she finally told Groff, "I don't believe," things began immediately shifting, she said.

Groff, a woman whose faith is strengthened by periods of doubt, listened intently.

"I doubted more as I grew in faith," she said. "My deepest doubt, my worst depths, was watching Jesus' blood enter from Lou Gehrig's disease."

A longtime pastor of Shorter A.M.E. Church in Denver, Boyd withered away as paralysis slowly took his ability to move and to speak. Groff was called to lead his church.

"I thought: 'Why him? Why me? Why us? But that time marked some of my most instrumental growth," she said. "That's when you really focus, and meditate on your relationship with God, and your purpose."

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Stocks jump after employment report

(AP) Wall Street capped a huge week with a sharp advance Friday after the government's employment report

for September and its revision of August's data cooled the market's fears of a recession.

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DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

Disabled Idahoans offer valuable resource for employers

Times-News

A new Idaho Department of Labor program will focus on helping people with disabilities find jobs.

Disability Navigators will be stationed at department's in Twin Falls, as well as Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Grangeville, Caldwell, Boise, Pocatello and Idaho Falls offices to make sure workers with disabilities find the training and job search services they need to become employed.

The program is being funded by a cooperative \$1.1 million agreement with the federal government.

One out of eight working-age Idahoans has some kind of disability, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, but only 40 percent of them are employed.

Many of the 70,000 unemployed working-age Idahoans with disabilities can work, but too often they face challenges in finding jobs.

"What matters most is ability," said Gordon Graff, program coordinator.

"Employees with disabilities can relate better to customers with disabilities, who represent \$1 trillion in annual aggregate consumer spending." While the Americans with Disabilities Act requires employers to make accommodations for disabled workers, it does not mean the disabled get preferential treatment or are held to a lesser performance standards.

Most workers with disabilities require no special accommodation. However, when an accommodation is needed, studies show that two-thirds of the changes cost less than \$500.

Idaho's strong economy has put a record number of people to work. The Conference Board, a national economic research organization, reported that Idaho employers advertised 22,000 jobs in August to a labor force with just 15,000 people unemployed.

The intensifying competition for qualified workers has left employers looking for new pools of capable labor.

People with disabilities offer that, and the next four weeks are intended to highlight that resource during Disability Employment Awareness Month.

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Payrolls pick up by 110,000

Jobless rate rises to 4.7 percent

By **Jeannine Awaza**
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Fears that the country could slide into a recession eased in September as employers created the most jobs in four months and workers' wages grew solidly. The unemployment rate crept up to 4.7 percent, the highest in over a year but still low by historical standards.

The new job market snapshot released by the Labor Department on Friday showed that employers boosted payrolls by 110,000, the most in one month since last May. In an encouraging note, the economy actually added 89,000 jobs in August. That marked an improvement from the net loss of 4,000 that the government first estimated.

The bump up in the unemployment rate to 4.7 percent in August came as hundreds of thousands of people streamed back into the labor market. That new rate of 4.7 percent, the highest since the summer of 2005, is still considered low by historical standards.

President Bush, whose job performance ratings on handling the economy have sagged in recent months, hailed the figures.

He cited the government's revisions showing job gains in August — initially reported as a net loss of 4,000 payroll jobs — and said that it means "we've had 49 consecutive months of job creation, and that's the longest uninterrupted job growth on record for our country."

"I am really pleased with the economic news but I don't take good news for granted. I understand that people are

worried about their mortgage payment, concerned about sending their child to college," he said.

Altogether, Friday's report suggests that although the job market has softened, it hasn't been hit nearly as hard by a credit crunch and a housing slump as thought was the case just a month ago.

To be sure, the ill effects of these problems are showing up at some companies. Construction firms cut 14,000 jobs in September. Factories slashed 18,000. Retailers got rid of just over 5,000 jobs. Financial services companies eliminated 14,000 slots.

However, gains in education and health services, professional services, leisure and hospitality, and in government work more than offset those losses, leading to a net gain in new jobs in September.

Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez in an interview with The Associated Press, said the new employment figures underscore the economy's resiliency and its ability to "offset any bumps we have."

Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics, said the new employment report should allay fears that the economy may be heading for a recession.

The August report, which originally showed the first loss of jobs in four years, stoked fears that the economy was heading down that path. The revised payroll figure August mostly reflected a big gain in government employment, especially in hiring teachers at local schools.

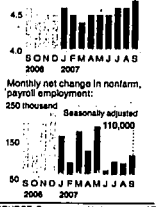
"There is still a certain amount of caution in the part of companies' human resources departments. The economy is still in slowdown



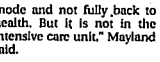
President Bush, right, accompanied by Ed Lazar, chairman of the economic advisers, makes a statement on the economy Friday in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

Unemployment

The monthly unemployment rate for the past 13 months:
4.9 percent



Monthly net change in nonfarm payroll employment: 110,000



SOURCE: Department of Labor

"I am really pleased with the economic news but I don't take good news for granted."

— President Bush

On Wall Street, the latest employment news gave stocks a lift. The Dow Jones Industrials were up around 50 points in morning trading.

The tally of new jobs was better than the 100,000 positions that economists were forecasting would be added to payrolls. They did correctly predict that the jobless rate would rise to 4.7 percent.

Still, the worst housing slump in 16 years and a jarring credit crunch have intensified uncertainty about the economy's outlook and companies' financial positions. To cushion the economy

and bolster confidence, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues last month sliced a key interest rate by one-half percentage point to 4.75 percent. It was the first rate cut in more than four years.

Policymakers hope the rate reduction will make businesses and people more inclined to spend and invest, which would help energize overall economic activity. The new employment figures cast doubt on whether the Fed will cut rates again later this month, some economists said.

Idaho's unemployment rate remains low

By **Joshua Palmer**
Times-News writer

An extended fire season, people moving in from other states with weaker economies and an increase of teachers hired to meet the needs of extra students, pushed total employment in Idaho to a record 751,700 in September and dropped the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate back to a record low 2.3 percent.

September marked the eighth consecutive month Idaho's unemployment rate has been below 3 percent and the 29th month it has been below 4 percent. It has been six years since Idaho's monthly jobless rate exceeded the national rate, which rose a tenth to 4.7 percent last month.

The September's rate was a tenth of a point below August's 2.4 percent, which was the nation's lowest, and a full percentage point below August 2006, indicating that Idaho's economy was essentially able to absorb this summer's layoff of 1,100 workers at Micron Technology Inc. without problems.

Despite wide month-to-month fluctuations in the labor force and the number of people working throughout the state, work force and employment have been moving steadily upward since the year began. The

labor force, fueled by people moving into Idaho from other states, has been rising an average of 2,000 a month while the number of people on the job increased by an average of 2,500.

That has driven the unemployment rate and number of people unemployed from 3 percent and nearly 23,000 in January to 2.3 percent and under 18,000 last month.

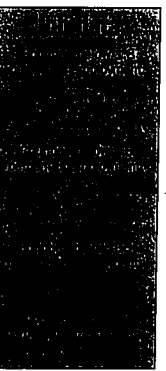
Total employment in Idaho was up 23,800 from September 2006, a 3.3 percent increase compared to the national increase of less than 1 percent.

At the same time, the number of people unemployed increased 4.3 percent nationally while total unemployment in Idaho plunged 28.4 percent.

More than 13,000 jobs have been added to Idaho's payrolls since September 2006. Nonfarm jobs are forecast at over 667,000 in September, up half a percent from August. Education added the most jobs as the new school year got under way.

The fall harvest boosted jobs in trucking, food processing and fresh pack warehouses. Higher employment in retail stores, temporary employment agencies, health care and restaurants reflects the population growth that to a great extent is what has been driving Idaho's economy.

mode and not fully back to health. But it is not in the intensive care unit," Mayland said.



While housing starts have slowed, construction employment has stabilized as commercial projects fill much of the gap.

Clearwater County is the only rural county reporting an unemployment rate above 5 percent. A year ago, nine rural counties had rates of 5 percent or more and four — Clearwater, Boundary, Shoshone and Benewah — were above 7 percent. In September 2006 Clearwater County also had the highest unemployment rate at 9.4 percent.



A part-time job opening can be seen on the Big 5 Sporting Goods sign on Stone Lake Boulevard on Friday afternoon in Twin Falls. September marked the eighth consecutive month that Idaho's unemployment rate has been below 3 percent and more than two years since it has been below 4 percent.

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U.S. attack kills at least 25 in Shiite village

By Joshua Partlow
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. military aircraft bombarded a Shiite village north of Baghdad on Friday morning as they pursued suspected militants, in an attack that killed at least 25 people, according to U.S. military officials.

Some Iraqi reports of the fighting in Diyala province claimed that civilians were killed in the fighting, although U.S. officials said they believed the dead were all combatants. The Associated Press, citing an Iraqi Army official, reported that seven children were among those killed.

The U.S. troops, believed to be elite Special Forces soldiers, were targeting an individual the military says is

involved in transporting weapons from Iran into Baghdad. The individual was suspected to be part of what the military calls "special groups," Shiite militiamen with links to the al-Quds Force of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. All of the people killed appeared to be Iraqis, a U.S. military spokeswoman said.

In a separate development in Washington on Friday, Iraqi National Security Adviser Mouaffik al-Rubaie accused Iran of supplying ever-more sophisticated weapons to militias in Iraq. Rubaie did not provide any evidence for his claims, which are similar to those that have been leveled against Iran by U.S. military officials for months. Iran has repeatedly denied it is involved in arming, training or funding militants in Iraq.

Also, in an interview with al-Arabiya television released Friday by the White House, President Bush dismissed as "empty propaganda" reports that he is preparing for air strikes on Iran this January or February.

"Evidently there's a lot of gossip in parts of the world that try to scare people about me, personally, or my country, or what we stand for," Bush said.

The president repeated his mantra that "all options are on the table" in dealing with Iran's nuclear activities but emphasized his desire to solve the problem diplomatically.

The violence in Diyala began in the morning, when U.S. troops took heavy fire from rifles and rocket-propelled grenades in the Jayzani al-Iman village, between the city of Baqubah and the Tigris



An Iraqi man reacts next to a body on the back of a vehicle Friday at a cemetery in Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq.

River, the U.S. military said in a statement. Helicopters and jets were called in and destroyed two buildings.

"The best that we can tell right now is that we couldn't

assess any civilians killed on the ground. We're not completely sure, to be frank, but we are sure that our troops were engaged and we killed about 25 terrorists," said Maj.

Brad Leighton, a U.S. military spokesman in Iraq. Because of security concerns, "we haven't really been able to completely assess" the situation on the ground, he said.

Spain shifts from peace talks to crackdowns, rounding up political allies of Basque militants

By Daniel Woods
Associated Press writer

MADRID, Spain — With the peace process in ruins, Spanish authorities dealt a dramatic blow to ETA's political wing, arresting virtually its entire leadership in a show of force likely to raise tensions in the decades-old conflict with Basque separatists.

Police sealed off a town in the Basque region Thursday night and rounded up 23 members of the outlawed Batasuna party's executive

committee as they held a secretive meeting.

Although Batasuna was banned in 2003, its leaders have often been allowed to hold news conferences and stage street rallies. Covering the political prize of ending the decades-old Basque conflict, Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero has seen Batasuna as a potential bridge to ETA gunmen and bombers who hold the key to peace.

But peace talks that followed a March 2006 ceasefire by ETA went no-

where. The rebels ended the truce with a bombing that killed two people in December.

For the government, any thought of leniency was over: It has arrested dozens of ETA suspects since the blast and is now going after ETA's political allies.

Keppa Aulestia, a former ETA member who now opposes the group and works in the Basque region as a journalist and political commentator, said the government has no choice but to act tough.

"I think the government's intention is clear in the sense of showing that ETA must be the one that comes out losing," he told The Associated Press.

Batasuna has kept an uncharacteristically low profile since the truce ended, suggesting hard-liners are now in charge.

Thursday's arrests will throw the party further into disarray, Aulestia said.

During the truce, Spanish judges and police went easier on the pro-independence movement.

Senior BBC official resigns over editing of queen footage

LONDON (AP) — The head of the British Broadcasting Corp.'s main television channel resigned Friday over the editing of footage that was seen to wrongly imply that Queen Elizabeth II walked out abruptly from a portrait sitting with photographer Annie Leibovitz.

BBC controller Peter Fincham resigned after an independent inquiry released Friday criticized "misjudgments, poor practice and ineffective systems" at the BBC. Stephen Lambert, head of RDF Media

Group, which made the program, also resigned Friday.

The BBC apologized to the queen in July after it aired for journalists a trailer for the forthcoming documentary. The queen, in fact, was entering the room, not leaving it.

But in the editing of the footage, it appeared she walked out suddenly after Leibovitz asked her to remove her crown for a photo. The trailer was never shown on TV.

Buckingham Palace declined to comment on Fincham's resignation.

Rubik's Cube devotees from 33 countries face off in puzzle solvers' world championship

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — After 25 years, the cube has come home.

Hundreds of competitors met for the fourth Rubik's Cube world championship on Friday in Budapest, a three-day event offering prizes for solving the puzzle with two hands, one hand, and even their feet.

The mechanical puzzle, invented in 1974 by engineer Erno Rubik, sparked a global craze in the early 1980s. An estimated 9 million cubes were sold last year, taking the sales total to more than 300 million units.

Organizers said 263 competitors from 33 countries were expected to take part in the three-day event. The first was held in the Hungarian capital in 1982.

Prizes will be awarded in 17 categories, as experts try to solve the classic 3x3 cube and its variations while blindfolded, with one hand, or with their feet.

The current world record for solving the 3x3 cube — which has six sides of a different color with nine tiles each on each side — is 9.06 seconds, set by Talbot Jacquelinot of France in May at the Spanish Open.

British champion Dan Harris, 22, from Norwich, England, said he practiced for two to four hours a day before the Budapest event.

He said the internet had been key to reviving the cube's popularity.

"In the '80s you were on your own, while now you can check what everyone else is doing," said Harris, a meteorologist, whose personal best in competition is 13.06 seconds.

"There's a lot of cube literature on the internet, with people sharing moves and techniques."

Legal methods to customize the cubes for competition include spraying them with silicon lubricant so they rotate more easily and using a nail file to smooth the rough plastic edges.

"You have to achieve the right balance between speed and stability to make sure the cube doesn't fall apart," said Harris, who took up the cube while recovering from a bicycle accident five years ago.

Mayras Kuti, 14, is one of the host country's biggest hopes for a top finish. Kuti is considered a master of the blindfolded event in which he has set 11 world records and has 24 first-place competition finishes.

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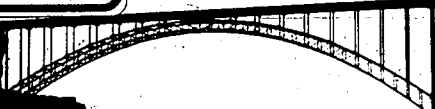
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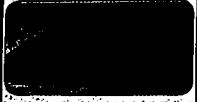
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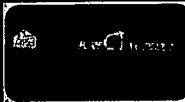
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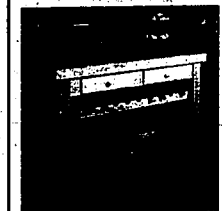
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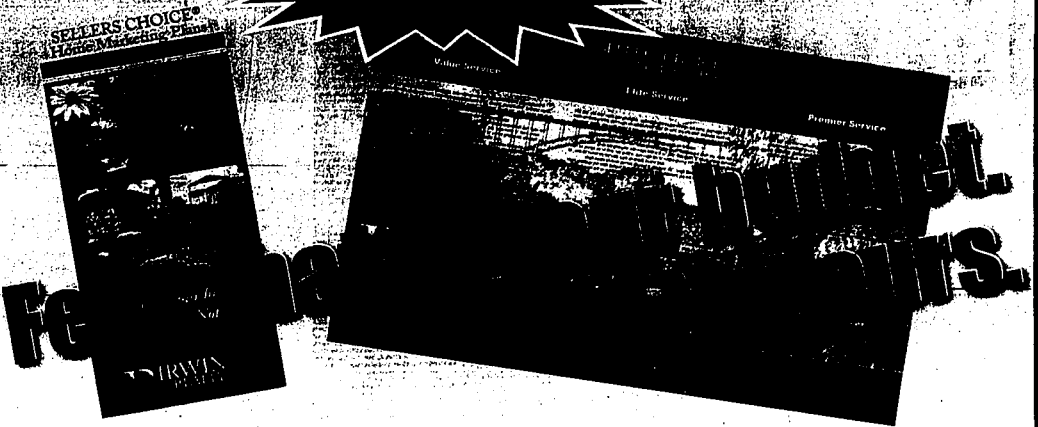
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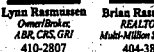

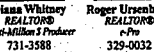
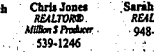
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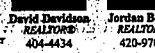



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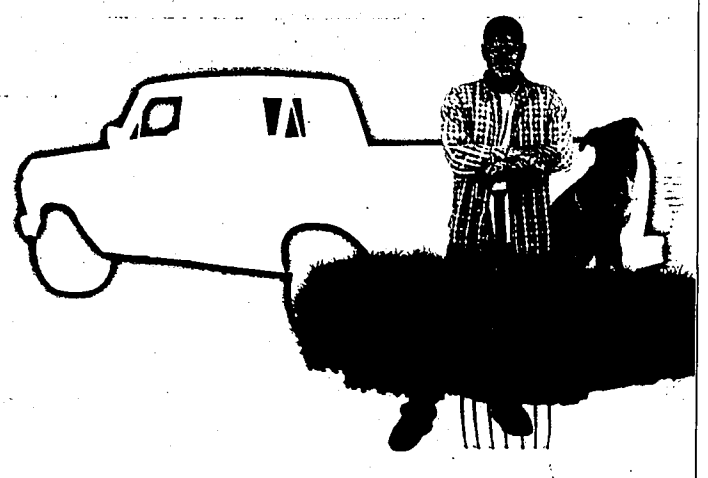
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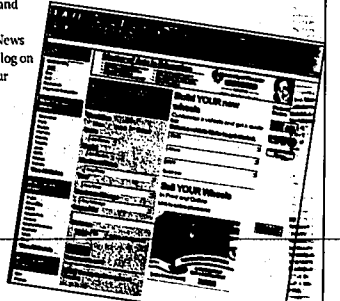
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NORTH	10-6-A
♠ K 9 5	
♥ —	
♦ A 10 7 6 5 4 3	
♣ 10 7 5	
EAST	
♠ 8 4 3 2	
♥ K 4 2	
♦ K J	
♣ Q J 9 4	
SOUTH	
♠ A J 7 6	
♥ A 9 7 6	
♦ Q 2	
♣ K 3	

In this deal from the qualifying stages of the round robin in Estoril two years ago, both Souths in the match between France and Italy played five diamonds on a heart lead.

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

The Italian declarer ruffed and played two rounds of trump — down one. For France, on the auction shown, North splintered in support of the better-minor one-diamond opening, and North-South had enough space to exchange cubists before settling in the diamond game.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	1 ♥	Pass	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	5 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: Heart queen

West led the heart queen and declarer, Francois Leenhardt, ruffed in dummy, then cashed the diamond ace. Now, before relying on the club ace being with East, Leenhardt tested the spade suit. He played the spade king, noting the fall of the 10, then thoughtfully played the spade nine to the ace. When the queen fell, he could cross to dummy with a heart ruff to lead the remaining spade to his seven. The spade jack and heart ace now provided discards for two of North's club losers. That meant plus 400 for 10 IMPs to France.

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South holds: 10-6-B

♠ Q 10	
♥ Q J 10 8 5 3	
♦ 8	
♣ A 8 6 2	

In the Venice Cup match between the United States and Canada, Jill Levin played in identical fashion to bring home the game. If West had dropped the spade queen on the first round, would declarer have gone wrong by running the nine next and losing to the 10 for one down? You might even drop the queen from Q-10-x when the club ace is outside all along — but probably only in your dreams, or nightmares.

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3♥	Pass

ANSWER: Your partner's sequence is NOT a sign-off, but is invitational. The sequence simply indicates that your response was not enough to get him to go to game. Given your maximum hand, good trump intermediates, and extra shape, you should bid four hearts now.

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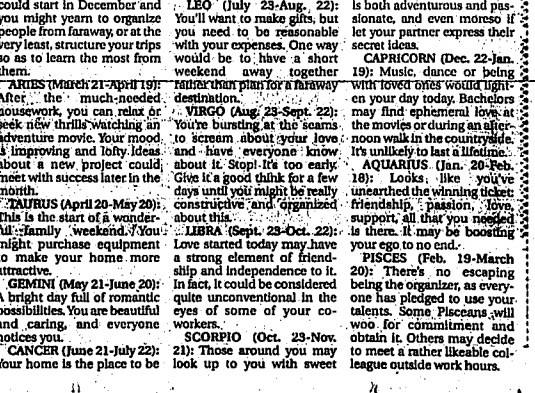
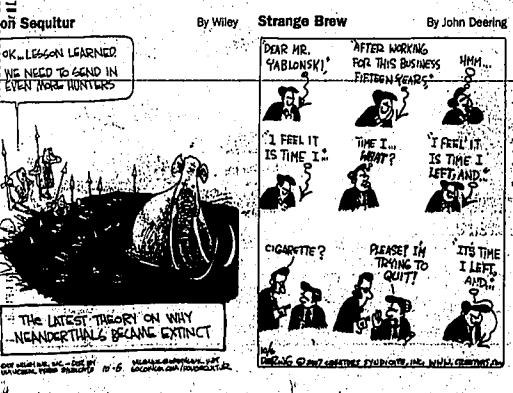
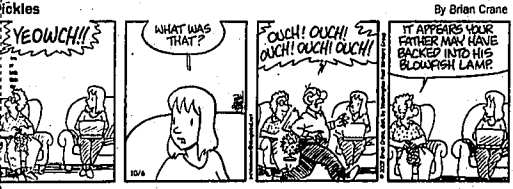
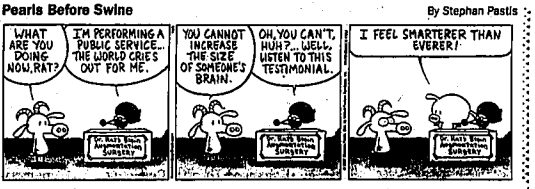
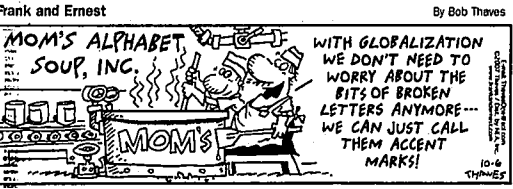
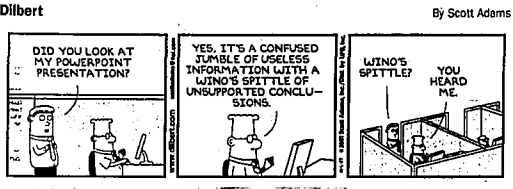
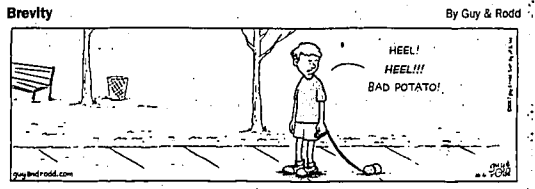
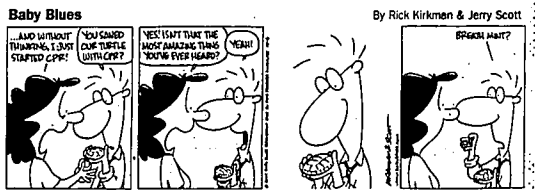
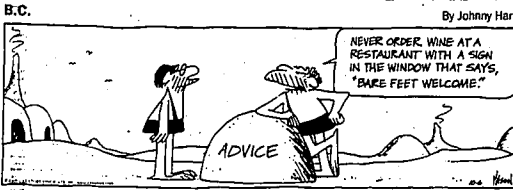
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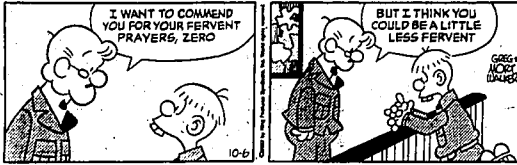
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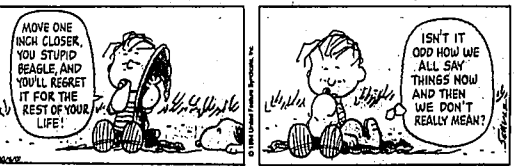
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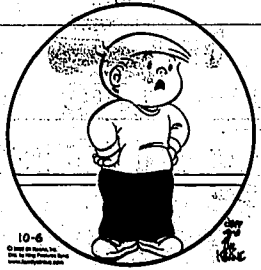
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By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



The problem is, when Angle gets mad at Gil for whatever reason, she wants me to be mad, too. She thinks I should take sides, and this makes me uncomfortable because they are both my friends. Gil has never asked me to take sides with him.

accept being drawn into their arguments — and if she cannot respect the fact that you prefer to remain neutral, you will have to distance yourself from both of them.

And with good reason — look for other employment. The "ship" you're on now does not appear to be seaworthy.

Am I wrong to be friends with a couple? Is this inviting trouble because of me? I am I single?

DEAR ABBY: I work for an organization that allows nepotism. Many husband/wife/child combinations are employed here.

DEAR ABBY: Please help settle an argument between my husband and me. We have been married for 24 years. When he drives and I am with him, he refuses to move the sun visor on his side to keep the sun off my eyes. He says the visor will block his vision and he won't use it — even for himself.

My advice is to put Angle on notice that you will not

My supervisor is married to one of our deputy directors, and their son is also employed here. The son works in my department and is supervised by his dad. This person sleeps in his cubby comes in late and leaves early. He is incompetent at answering the phone and has committed serious errors in working with clients. He was also told co-workers that cannot be fired because of his mother and father are.

I end up holding up a magazine or my hand to block the sun from my eyes. My arm gets tired after a few minutes. I feel he is rude not to do this for me. What do you think?

— EXASPERATED IN IOWA

DEAR JUST WONDERING: It violates the laws of common business sense. Many

— MARY AND MARY MD

DEAR EXASPERATED: There is nothing wrong with a single person being friendly with a married couple. It is only "inviting trouble" when one of them is immature and controlling as Angle appears to be.

DEAR JUST WONDERING: It violates the laws of common business sense. Many

DEAR MAD: I think you should wear a hat with a wide brim and lots of sunscreen. A woman has to "take care" of herself.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Oct. 6, the 279th day of 2007. There are 86 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Oct. 6, 1927, the era of talking pictures arrived with the opening of "The Jazz Singer," a movie starring Al Jolson which featured both singing and sound-synchronized scenes.

On this date:

- In 1536, English theologian and scholar William Tyndale, who was the first to translate the Bible into Early Modern English, was executed for heresy.
- In 1683, 13 families from Krefeld, Germany arrived in Philadelphia to begin Germantown, one of America's oldest settlements.
- In 1844, the Naval War College was established in Newport, R.I.
- In 1889, the Moulin Rouge in Paris first opened its doors to the public.
- In 1949, President Truman signed the National Defense Assistance Act, totaling \$1.3 billion in military aid to NATO countries.

In 1949, American-born Iva Toguri D'Aquino, convicted of treason for being Japanese wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was sentenced in San Francisco to 10 years in prison and fined \$10,000. (She ended up serving more than six years.)

In 1973, war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria attacked Israel during the Yom Kippur holiday.

In 1976, in his second debate with Jimmy Carter, President Ford asserted there was "no Soviet domination of eastern Europe." (Ford later conceded he'd misspoken.)

In 1981, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was shot to death by extremists while reviewing a military parade.

In 1989, actress Bette Davis died in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, at age 81.

Ten years ago in a blow to both Democrats and Republicans, President Clinton used his line-item veto to kill 38 military construction projects. The space shuttle Atlantis returned to Earth, bringing home American astronaut Michael Foale after a tumultuous 4½

months aboard Mir. American biology professor Stanley B. Prusiner won the Nobel Prize for "medicine" for "discovering" prions, described as "an entirely new genre of disease-causing agents."

Five years ago: Pope John Paul II elevated to sainthood Josemaria Escrivá de Balaguer, the Spanish priest who founded the conservative Catholic organization Opus Dei. The French oil tanker Limburg was attacked by a small explosives-laden boat off eastern Europe. (Ford later conceded he'd misspoken.)

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

- Actress Iris Brit
- Impressionist Fred Travalena is 65.
- Singer Millie Small is 61.
- Singer-musician Thomas McElary is 60.
- Rock singer Kevin Cronin (REO Speedwagon) is 56.
- Rock singer-musician David Hidalgo (Los Lobos) is 53.
- Gruffudd is 33.
- Actress Elisabeth Shue
- Jeffrey Sisto is 34.
- Matthew Sweet is 44.
- Actress Jacqueline Obradors is 41.
- Country singer Tim Rushlow is 41.
- Rock singer Tommy Stinson is 41.
- Actress Emily Mortimer is 36.
- Actor Ioan Gruffudd is 33.

THOUGHT

"The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding."
— Justice Louis D. Brandeis (1856-1941)

Oprah announces latest book club pick

CHICAGO (AP) — Oprah Winfrey has picked "Love in the Time of Cholera," the epic love story by Nobel laureate Gabriel Garcia Marquez, as her next book club selection. "If you love love, this book is the best love story ever," Winfrey said Friday on her daytime talk show. The novel by the Colombian author Garcia Marquez was published in 1985. Set on the Caribbean coast of South America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, it tells the tale of a woman and two men that the unrequited love that

spans 50 years. "It is so beautifully written that it really takes you to another place in time and will make you ask yourself how long it will be before you will fall for love," Winfrey said. Garcia Marquez, 80, won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1982. His most famous work, "One Hundred Years of Solitude" was a selection in 2004 for Winfrey's book club. "He's truly one of our greatest living literary giants," she said. Winfrey noted that a film adaptation of "Love in the Time of Cholera" is scheduled

for November release. The movie starring Javier Bardem and Benjamin Bratt was directed by Mike Newell ("Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"). "If you're like me, you'll want to read the book before you see the movie," Winfrey said, but suggested book clubs could hold their own meetings at the movie. The imprint Vintage Books, a paperback division of Random House Inc., announced a new printing of 750,000 copies for the novel, and an additional 30,000 for the original Spanish-language text.

Sudoku Answers:

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