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Cuts at call center

Amid restructuring, Dell makes layoffs at Twin Falls facility

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Almost five months ago Dell officials said the company's Twin Falls call center would be unaffected by its global restructuring because of the quality of service that it provided customers in the United States.

But in recent months the computer company has quietly been laying off employees at the call center.

Dell officials confirmed Monday afternoon what local officials had feared in the wake of mass layoffs at the Micron plant in Boise — that the local call center in Twin Falls was not immune to the frequent restructuring that occurs in high-tech. However, officials of the company would not say how many jobs have been cut.

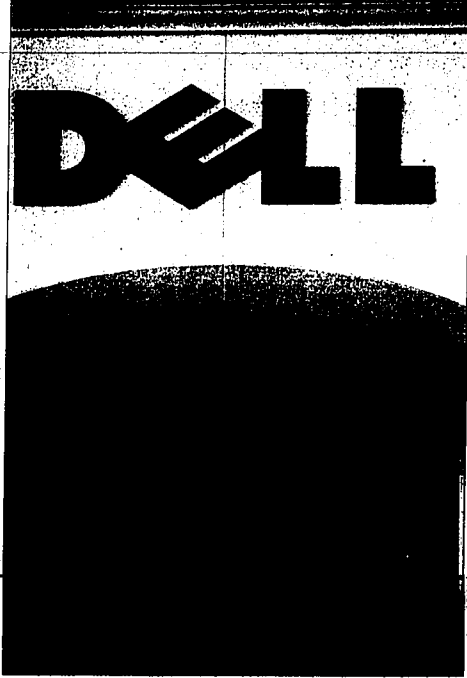
"It's true that there were layoffs in Twin Falls, but it's not a huge number in that location," said Lynn Cranford, spokeswoman for the Texas-based company. "It's a part of the global restructuring that we're doing to better serve our customers."

Dell Inc. said that it fired and re-assigned some employees in its corporate offices, instituted stricter controls on financial operations and planned to restate past financial results by up to \$150 million after an internal investigation found the computer maker had manipulated numbers to hit performance targets.

"We did announce back in May that we would reduce our employee head count by 10 percent," said David Frink, a Dell corporate spokesman. "We have done so in order to eliminate redundancy and to be more cost efficient."

Dan Vankeeken, former communications manager with Dell, had said in August that the local call center would not likely be affected by the restructuring because it boasted one of the highest customer satisfaction ratings among Dell's 25 service and support centers.

"Although we can't categorically say that the reorganization will not affect (the company) here, we can say that it is very unlikely that it will be affected," Vankeeken had told the Times-News.



A man exits the front doors of the Dell building in Twin Falls after a work shift Monday. The company confirmed it has laid off employees at the call center as part of a global restructuring plan.

According to the Idaho Department of Labor, employers with more than 500 employees must report any layoffs that affects more than 100 employees. The Dell call center, which employs about 700 people, had not reported any layoffs to the department as of late Monday.

"We haven't heard from them about any layoffs," said Bob Fick, public affairs officer for the Idaho Department of Labor.

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Accident-prone intersections

Falls-Blue Lakes has most fender benders in T.F.

The intersection at Addison Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard was second with 71 collisions involving 246 people and 34 injuries.

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The intersection of Falls Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard is most prone to traffic collisions on state and federal highways in Twin Falls. But there have been just three fatalities on such roads, according to a review of state statistics by the Times-News.

Since 2002, there have been 94 collisions involving 347 people and 61 injuries at the Falls-Blue Lakes intersection — all highs when compared with the 22 state and federal intersections within city limits.

City council members express concerns about road safety near schools.

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Dangerous driving intersections with most traffic collisions, 2002-2006	
Accidents	Injuries
Blue Lakes Boulevard and Falls Avenue	94
Addison Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard	71
Eastland Drive and Blue Lakes Boulevard	61
Blue Lakes Boulevard and Hanks Road	58
Blue Lakes Boulevard and Power Line Road	57

College pitches in for scholarships

CSI may match federal grants for low-income kids

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

Lower-income children in southern Idaho may soon have a better chance at going to college with scholarships funded by a federal grant initiative called Gear Up.

One big roadblock still exists in the state's ability to fund the initiative.

If the Idaho State Board of Education can't pull together enough funding by the end of the month for its federal grant match, then the state will need to withdraw from the grant program, according to a state board official.

Gear Up is a U.S. Department of Education program that caters to stu-

dents from lower income families. It provides eligible schools with a coordinator who works with students to prepare for college.

The state is rushing to gather up money outside of its coffers — around \$600,000 annually for the next five years — to keep the program alive. The State Board had a total annual match obligation of \$2.5 million before it began its quest for funds, said Mark Browning, a State Board spokesman on Monday.

The State Board has been busy this month with "major philanthropic meetings," Browning said. "We're closer to the goal, but still short."

Monday night the College of Southern Idaho offered its help. The CSI Board of Trustees evaluated the merits of the grant during their regular meeting, and decided to transfer up to \$750,000 from

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Craig appeals ruling on guilty plea

By Amy Forth
Associated Press writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota judges are learning what Republican leaders already knew: Larry Craig is not going away quietly.

Less than two weeks ago, a Minnesota judge flatly refused to let the U.S. Senator from Idaho withdraw a guilty plea stemming from his arrest in airport restrooms sex sting, saying the plea "was accurate, voluntary and intelligent, and... supported by the evidence."

Hennepin County Judge

Charles Porter also wrote: "The defendant, a career politician with a college education, is of, at least, above-average intelligence. He knew what he was saying, reading, and signing."

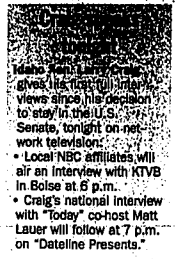
But on Monday, Craig kept trying to clear his name, taking his case to the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Craig, a Republican, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct in August after he was accused of soliciting sex in a bathroom at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in June. He later asked to have that plea withdrawn, but Porter refused.

A four-page filing on Monday in the appeals court in St. Paul did not detail the grounds for appeal. The documents were dated with Friday's date but were received and stamped by the Appeals Court on Monday.

"From the outset, Senator Craig has maintained that he is innocent of any illegal conduct at the Minneapolis airport," Craig's lead attorney, Billy Martin, said in a prepared statement.

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Senator Larry Craig is seen in a photo taken during his interview with KTVB in Boise at 5 p.m.

Luna offers pay hikes for teachers who give up job security

Democrats, unions say plan could result in warring classes of teachers

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Public schools chief Tom Luna outlined a \$59 million teacher pay plan

Monday that calls for raises of as much as \$15,600, for those who teach in-demand subjects, boost their qualifications — and agree to forego coveted job security

that he and other Republicans blame for dimming the quality of Idaho education.

Minority Democrats and union officials said Luna's plan could create warring classes of teachers. While the money might sound good, they say few teachers would actually be eligible for the

top-dollar bonuses. The subject of "pay-for-performance" has been brewing for several years in Idaho — and elsewhere. Schools in Denver and Dallas have adopted plans rewarding teachers who boost their skills or whose students hike their test scores. And a national education booster,

the Milken Family Foundation, is touting its own plans in Philadelphia and Chicago districts.

Luna, a Milken advocate, hopes his own "career ladder" proposal will help address state education shortcomings, including the oft-cited statistic that only about 40 percent of Idaho's high school

graduates go on to college. That statistic is among the worst in the nation.

Luna suggests two options. In the first, teachers could keep existing contracts giving them due-process rights like the right to challenge a firing.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Wednesday
Moistly cloudy Chance for a few showers Color, a better chance of showers
High 60 Low 41 54 / 38

MINI-CASSIA
Today: Variably cloudy skies early, thickening afternoon clouds and a few sprinkles of rain. Highs, lower 60s.
Tonight: More shower activity expected. Lows, lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Cooler with more showers. Highs, lower 50s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS
Community volunteer planning meeting, for 'Breakfast with Santa Claus' fundraiser for Kimberly children's summer reading program, 7 p.m., Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W., 423-5534 or 420-3037.

GOVERNMENT
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Veterans Outreach, director of Boise Veterans Services Mill Smith will answer benefit concerns, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jerome County Courthouse, 644-2708 for appointment.
Boise County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 789-5500.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Board of Trustees for School District No. 261, 5:30 p.m., Administration Office, 107 Third Ave. W., Jerome, 324-7600.
Buhl School Board, 6:30 p.m., district office, 920 Main, 543-6436.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.
Castleton School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main, 537-6511.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-5459.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9500.
Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.
Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main, 536-6318.
Fitch City Council, 7:30 p.m. council chambers, 300 Main, 326-5000.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY
College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit program, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary and Hagerman High School Gym; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School (temporary location: LDS church on Main), no cost, 732-6475.
Outing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Mag Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.
SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-Inland of YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.
'Wellness Secrets Group,' with topics: Diabetes Education, Diabetes and Your Feet, Seaside Physical Rejuvenation, and Medicare Part D, noon to 2 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., no cost, \$40 Fred Meyer gift card door prize, 735-0700 or dpterson@brookdaleliving.com.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3, Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Mag Valley Church of Christ, 2002 First Ave. E., 735-7237 or 736-9282.
Strong Women Strong Bones exercise program, beginning of each week, Tuesday/Thursday strength training classes, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, \$10, 734-9490, ext. 24 or rhlinton@uidaho.edu.
Mini-Cassia Shelter for Homeless children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C. St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987.
Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (next to Go Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank), Rupert, 670-2578.
Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Mag Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557 or 324-7237.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS
LIFE GROUP activity, make a 24-page holiday 6 x 6 scrapbook; bring lots of adhesive (an acid-free runner-type), Liquid Glass and scissors, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Clover Trinity Lutheran School, 3552 N. 1826 E., Buhl, \$20 paperback book and \$27 hardback book, 543-6579 or 326-5198.

MUSEUMS
'Mingle in the Jungle' free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, no cost, 732-6655.
Faulkner Planetarium 'Hubble Vision' at 7 p.m., and 'Anthems of Ghoulid Delight' at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus.
Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens; \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

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 email at sbrowne@magvalley.com or by fax, 734-5533; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

Clarification
Kimberly's levy rate will remain the same
A story Monday about a proposed school bond issue in Kimberly, needs clarification.
If the proposed school bond passes, the annual cost to a homeowner is estimated at \$18 per month for the 20-year life of the new bonds. This includes a \$4 million 'wrap' of remaining bonds included in 1999.
Voting will not change the \$18 monthly estimate per \$150,000 of value, only the number of years for payback.
The levy rate remains at \$2.89 regardless of the election outcome, according to information from the Kimberly School District.

MORNING BRIEFING

IRAN

Putin postpones trip to Tehran until top

TEHRAN — Russian President Vladimir Putin pledged Monday to negotiate with Iran on behalf of the international community in their nuclear standoff, although he didn't come to Tehran as scheduled amid wranglings of a possible assassination plot.

Putin's planned trip, the first here by a Kremlin leader since World War II, raised hopes that personal diplomacy could find a solution to the impasse over the Iranian nuclear program, but he delayed his arrival, which had been set for Monday evening.

The Russian leader insisted to reporters in Germany that he was going ahead with the trip, but the Kremlin declined to discuss details. The official Iranian news agency said late Monday that Putin had only off his wife by several hours and would be in Tehran early Tuesday in time for a Caspian region summit.

'Putin will arrive in Tehran at the head of a delegation tomorrow morning,' the Islamic Republic News Agency said, quoting Iran's presidential press service. Iran gave no further details, and Kremlin officials wouldn't comment on reasons for the delay or say exactly when Putin would arrive. Officials in Germany, where Putin wrapped up a two-day visit, said they could not say where the Russian leader was.

IRAN

Interpol says suspected pedophile has been ID'd

PARIS — First Interpol unmasked his face. Now it knows his name. The international police organization, working off tips from people who responded to a global appeal for help, said Monday it has identified a suspected pedophile shown in internet photos abusing young boys.

The man, whose face initially was hidden behind a digitalized swirl, is now thought to be on the run in Thailand, Interpol said. He is said to be an English teacher at a school in South Korea. The man was allegedly shown sexually abusing 12 young Vietnamese and Cambodian boys, apparently ranging in age from to early teens, in about 200 photographs posted on the Internet. Using techniques that neither they nor Interpol would discuss, German police recreated an image of the man's face and released four reconstructed photos of him last week.

Interpol said more than 350 people then supplied tips to authorities worldwide. Officials are still collecting and analyzing evidence to bring charges against the man if he is arrested, it said.

Interpol went public after efforts to track down the man through its network ran dry. Ronald K. Noble, Interpol's secretary-general, credited "remarkable progress" following the public response to its appeal for help on Oct. 8.

NEVADA

2 co-defendants agree to testify against Simpson

LAS VEGAS — A second co-defendant in the O.J. Simpson armed robbery case said Monday that he will plead guilty to a reduced charge and testify against Simpson and four others in the alleged hotel room theft of sports collectibles from two memorabilia dealers.

Alexander, 46, of Mesa, Ariz., told a judge he will plead guilty to the robbery. He could face between one and six years in prison.

ARKANSAS

Warning of vetoes, Bush pushes back on Dems spending bills

ROGERS — President Bush admonished Congress on Monday for falling to send him a single spending bill yet, and warned lawmakers to trim their plans or face rejection.

'You're fixin' to see what they call a fiscal showdown in Washington,' Bush told a friendly audience in this northwest Arkansas community.

The Congress gets to propose, and if it doesn't meet needs as far as I'm concerned, I get to uphold the veto,' Bush's veto on said, 'That's children's healthcare.

BRAZIL

Scientists discover skeleton of possible new dinosaur species

RIO DE JANEIRO — The skeleton of what is believed to be a new dinosaur species — a 105-foot plant-eater that is among the largest dinosaurs ever found — has been discovered in Argentina, scientists said Monday.

Scientists from Argentina and Brazil said the Patagonian dinosaur appears to represent a previously unknown species of Titanosaur because of the

WISCONSIN

Obama rejects 'triangulation politics'

MADISON — Barack Obama said Monday the nation has had enough of "triangulation and poll-driven politics," a reference to the presidency of Bill Clinton, the husband of his chief Democratic rival.

Addressing a convention centric on the future not just of Palestinians and Israelis but also for the Middle East and indeed to American interests," she said. "That's really a message that I think we need to hear."

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"This is one of the biggest in the world and one of the most complete of these giants that exist," said Jorge Calvo, director of the paleontology center at the National University of Comahue, Argentina. He was lead author of a study on the dinosaur published in the peer-reviewed Annals of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences.

Scientists said the giant herbivore walked the Earth some 88 million years ago, during the late Cretaceous period.

NEW YORK

AOL to cut 2,000 jobs, including 1,200 in U.S.

AOL is eliminating another 2,000 jobs worldwide as it tries to cut costs and make room to grow in online advertising.

The 20 percent slice from AOL's work force comes after several rounds of layoffs in recent years, including a cut of 5,000 jobs last fall. The latest cuts would give AOL more flexibility to expand ad-related businesses

patent acquisition and potentially new hires, company officials said.

"This realignment will allow us to increase investment in high-growth areas of the company — as an example, we added hundreds of people this year through acquisitions — while scaling back in areas with less growth potential or a high cost to our business," AOL Chief Executive Randy Falco told employees Monday.

AOL believes it is now best at developing Web sites such as its MySpace and MapQuest properties to attract people in some 30 countries, Falco said. Its goal, he said, is to build "the largest and most sophisticated global advertising network" for marketers to reach that online audience.

AOL, once the leading seller of Internet access subscriptions, has struggled in recent years as Internet users have ditched their AOL accounts for high-speed services offered by cable and telephone companies.

— The Associated Press

Patagonia Yields a big dinosaur find



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Scholarships

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the school's general fund reserves to a dedicated account. Those funds could potentially provide five years of matching scholarship funds at \$150,000 per year.

This means eligible students could receive \$2,400 per semester in scholarships, or \$1,200 from CSI and \$1,200 from the federal grant. The CSI Foundation, which manages all charitable gifts made to CSI and its students, may also contribute to the cause — possibly \$300,000, Foundation Executive Director Curtis Eaton said Monday.

If both the college and foundation participate, then more than 100 full-time Gear Up students could be on the CSI campus from 2012 through 2017, according to a report from the college.

That would be good news for students at select schools in Burley, Buhl, Gooding, Raft River and Twin Falls, that have more than 50 percent of its students receiving free or reduced lunches.

At Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls, for example, around 400 students or 57.4 percent of the school received free or reduced price lunches.

Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said around 70 percent of Twin Falls School District graduates go on to college. And many of the children who would obtain scholarships with these grants would be the first generation in their families to go to college.

"We want them all to have opportunities and access to higher paying jobs," Dobbs said.

Dobbs hopes the Gear Up program will promote high school graduation, and priority for the scholarships is based on financial need and academic preparation.

CSI Vice President of Administration Mike Mason said the criterion is substantial, but "it's an important grant."

"It's a pretty good return on the money," he said.

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter recently asked CSI officials to "stretch" on the issue, because the state had not held up its end of the bargain, CSI President Jerry Beck said.

"We are doing our due diligence... This is a very good deal for the College of Southern Idaho," Beck said.

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Craig

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"Like every other citizen, Senator Craig has the constitutional right to make every effort to clear his name."

A spokesman for the Meridian Airports Commission, which owns and operates the airport, said the guilty plea reflected Craig's conduct in the public restroom.

"The facts in the case speak for themselves, and we are confident the senator's guilty plea will stand," spokesman Patrick Hogan said in a statement.

In an interview on Sunday with KTVB-TV in Boise, Craig repeated that he will not resign his post in the Senate and said he had the right to pursue his legal options.

"It is my right to do what I'm doing," said Craig. "I've

already provided for Idaho certainty that Idaho needed — I'm not running for reelection. I'm no longer in the way. I am pursuing my constitutional rights."

But legal experts have predicted that Craig would have a hard time winning on appeal.

The appeals court must find there's been an "abuse of discretion" by the trial judge before overturning a ruling — in other words, that some aspect of the ruling was decided improperly. Ron Meshbsher, a longtime

Minneapolis defense attorney, said earlier this month that the standard for an abuse of discretion is vague but that such a ruling is fairly rare.

"It's not frequent, let's put it that way," Meshbsher said. "It certainly is a steep hill to climb."

It would most likely be well into 2008 before the Court of Appeals rules on the case. The process by which both sides prepare their legal briefs alone usually stretches to more than 100 days, and the Court of Appeals faces a heavy caseload.

Teachers

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Those who choose this track would be eligible for as much as \$6,000 in pay hikes — on top of base salaries from \$11,000 to \$45,000 — if their students show growth or proficiency on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test.

A new track, however, could mean an additional \$6,000 for those teachers willing to trade what Luna calls "tenure" for contracts akin to those of school principals, who enjoy fewer job protections. Added pay in this track would also hinge on teachers getting certified in multiple subjects — versatility coveted in rural schools — and assuming duties like mentoring others.

"The key difference is, they can choose," Luna told The Associated Press, following a meeting in Boise where he introduced his proposal to a lawsuit panel. "I'm sure if we make a few years far more and more teachers to see the opportunity."

Idaho has more than 14,500 public school teachers. The Idaho Education Association, the statewide teachers union, has about 13,000 members. Luna forecast that as many as 40 percent of teachers could opt for the new employment track in his first year.

To take effect, his proposal must survive the 2008 Legislature — and win support from Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

Traffic

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Traffic collisions are primarily caused by failure to yield to right-of-ways, distractions and inattentive driving according to ITD officials. Extended trees or blind spots are also contributing factors.

But at intersections, collisions are more likely because they have more conflict points — where directions intersect — than other areas and traffic signals result in more rear-end collisions, said Devin Rigby, the ITD south-central region director.

Rigby said inattentive and aggressive driving are more to blame for crashes than drivers not knowing the law. In fact, 54 percent of traffic accidents in Idaho are due to aggressive driving, according to the ITD.

Police monitor intersections through enforcement, education and engineering, said Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks. Hicks said that motorcycles can be beneficial at intersections such as Falls Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard, where enforcement is more difficult.

Just from close proximity and commercial buildings, it's safe to say that during the course of the day most vehicles will probably travel through that intersection," Hicks said.

The intersection has been remodelled in the past few years, including right-hand turn lanes and allowing for left-turn yielding. In 2006, the number of accidents fell to just nine, after averaging close to 23.5 wrecks a year in the previous three years.

"I'm a little surprised that's the spot until you start qualifying it," said Twin Falls City Engineer Jackie Fields.

The low number of fatalities is due to speed, Hicks said. The city has lower speed limits — rarely over 35 miles per hour — than rural areas and drivers tend to go faster in outlying areas — such as the intersection of Kimberly Road and Hinkins Road.

The ITD compiles a statewide list of accident statistics and analyzes them to determine when changes need to be made, said Rigby.

The Twin Falls accident rate of 6.5 collisions per 1,000 people is slightly under cities with similar populations. Idaho Falls is at 7.5, while Meridian logs a state-high rate of 9.4.

The system might be working. The ITD and Twin Falls city and county recently pooled together \$450,000 to install a traffic signal at that intersection. Officials cited an increasing number of truck traffic.

Charlie Siegel, a district coordinator for an AARP driving class who said he typically teaches about 100 people per week, said the biggest difficulty he observes from drivers is that they are overly cautious.

His students are usually over 50 years-old and have taken the course with the biggest insurance reduction — a perk available only to people only over 55 years old. At least eight states allow all-age insurance reduction.

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House Republicans on track to hand Bush victory, uphold veto on children's health

By David Eapo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Struggling off a barrage of political setbacks, House Republicans are on track to hand President Bush a victory this week by upholding his veto of legislation expanding children's health coverage.

To understand why, consider Utah, where Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch is an outspoken supporter of the measure — and the two GOP House members oppose it.

Rep. Bob Bishop called the vetoed bill a "dumb idea" for relying on higher tobacco taxes to pay for insuring children, a provision the said would create a need for new smokers.

And Rep. Chris Cannon said that while he agrees with Hatch on one point, they part company on another. "This is a profoundly moral issue," he said in an interview. "But that doesn't mean the government should do it. Government isn't very good at doing some things, mostly because of rigidity."

With a vote set for Thursday, not even

Democrats predict they will amass the two-thirds majority needed to override Bush's veto, even on an issue that polls exceptionally well with the public.

While at least a half-dozen Democratic lawmakers who declined to support the measure in September are expected to vote to override the veto, not a single Republican has announced plans to switch.

Democrats project confidence. "We will not see an erosion of our votes," Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, a member of the GOP leadership, predicted recently. And as if to underscore the point, Rep. Tim Johnson's office quickly disputed a whispered Democratic claim that the Illinois Republican was on the verge of a change in position. "His voting to sustain the veto," said a spokesman, Phil Bloomer.

The bill originally cleared on a vote of 265-159. If all House members vote on Thursday, supporters will need 290 to prevail, 25 more than they had last month.

For their part, Republicans say they are looking forward

to compromise talks after the vote is held, although some express concern that Democrats may spurn Bush's call to negotiate.

"I believe the Democrats fully believe they can exploit this" for political gain, said Rep. Mike Castle, a Delaware Republican who voted for the measure that Bush vetoed.

"This is a hard bill to explain," said Rep. Deborah Pryce of Ohio, another GOP supporter.

But House Republicans

quietly distributed a survey by pollster David Winston, who is close to Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the party leader, with suggested talking points.

It said critics of the legislation can win the public debate if they say they favor "covering uninsured children without expanding government coverage to adults, illegal immigrants and those who already have insurance." A copy of the poll was obtained by The Associated Press.

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CALIFORNIA

Police unable to locate at least 9 drivers involved in highway crash

By Chelsea J. Carter
Associated Press writer

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. — Authorities scrambled Monday to find at least nine drivers who — apparently escaped from vehicles trapped in a weekend tunnel inferno that killed three people on a key transportation route.

Thirty-one vehicles were involved in the pileup in the curving tunnel on Interstate 5, but the California Highway Patrol has accounted for only 23 people, including two men and a 6-year-old boy who were killed.

If all of them were at the wheel at the time of the crash, excluding the boy, that leaves nine unaccounted for drivers. The number could be higher if there were passengers in those vehicles.

Investigators are confident only three people died, but CHP Assistant Chief Warren Stanley said they have no idea what happened to the others who left their vehicles to the flames.

"We have no idea," Stanley said. "We haven't identified all the vehicles, we haven't identified all the drivers."

As of Monday, the CHP had received no missing person reports connected to the crash. Stanley said investigators expanded their search, including contacting local agencies to locate people involved.

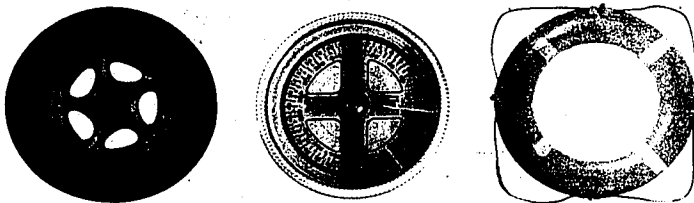
Authorities said 10 people were hospitalized with minor or moderate injuries from the fiery crash late Friday night. Another 10 people escaped the flaming, 550-foot-long tunnel unscathed.

As the highway reopened Monday, investigators worked to identify vehicles, some reduced to molten steel.

Traffic moved smoothly during rush hour after the state reopened all main lanes of the interstate. The fire-damaged tunnel, which routes trucks beneath the highway on a gentler grade down Newhall Pass, will be closed indefinitely.

"Traffic is moving wonderful," a spokesman, John Lutz, said. "It's smooth and light."

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Turkish government seeks parliamentary approval for Iraq incursion

By Christopher Torchia
Associated Press writer

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Turkey moved closer to opening a new front in the Iraq war Monday, with the government asking parliament to approve a cross-border offensive against Kurdish rebels. Still, its leaders were reluctant to stage an incursion that could hurt Turkey's standing with Washington.

Parliament was widely expected to authorize the Cabinet's motion seeking authorization for a military campaign in northern Iraq, and NTV television said a vote would happen Wednesday.

But government spokesman Cemil Cicek indicated the government would not immediately order its troops across the border, possibly to see if the United States and Iraq attempt to crack down on the rebel Kurdistan Workers' Party, known by its Kurdish acronym PKK.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government twice acquired similar authorizations from the parliament in 2003, but did not act on them.

"Our hope is that there will be no need to use this motion," Cicek said. He insisted the only target was the separatist rebel group,

apparently aiming to reassure Iraq's government in Baghdad and the Iraqi Kurds, who run their own administration in northern Iraq.

"We have always respected the sovereignty of Iraq, which is a friendly and brotherly country to us," Cicek said. "But the reality that everyone knows is that this terrorist organization, which has bases in the north of Iraq, is attacking the territorial integrity of Turkey and

its citizens." Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said he was prepared to hold urgent talks with Turkish leaders to try to defuse the potential crisis. He plans an emergency meeting Tuesday with close aides to discuss the situation on the border.

"We are fully confident that our friends in the Turkish government are committed, just as it is our wish, to bolstering and developing our

bilateral relations on the basis of mutual respect, non-intervention in the other's internal affairs and not allowing the harmful use of each other's territory," al-Maliki said in a statement. Vice President Tareq al-Hashemi, a Sunni Arab and frequent critic of the Shiite al-Maliki, was also expected in Ankara on Tuesday to discuss the situation with Turkish leaders, a lawmaker in his party said.

U.S. officials have urged NATO ally Turkey not to send troops into Iraq and appealed for a diplomatic solution to the problem. The Kurdish self-rule region in northern Iraq is one of the country's few relatively stable areas and the Kurds also are a longtime U.S. ally.

Some residents in northern Iraq have called for U.S. intervention after Turkish shelling of the region over the weekend.

Col. Hussein Rashid of the Iraqi army's border guard forces said Turkish troops fired more than 250 artillery shells and at least 10 missiles into northern Iraq. He said the shelling hit abandoned areas in the mountains and caused no casualties or damages.

The Turkish military said its troops had "responded heavily" to armed attacks from northern Iraq on Friday and would continue to do so.

U.S. attacks suspected Iraqi al-Qaida militants

By Christian Berthelsen and Julian Barnes
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. military announced Monday that it had killed three suspected terrorists with ties to al-Qaida in Iraq and captured 30 more in a series of operations in central and northern Iraq between Saturday and early Monday.

The United States still considers the group its chief obstacle to establishing security in Iraq, but U.S. military leaders have been encouraged by the series of successful strikes.

The blows against the group in the past three days came after strikes last week near Lake Thar in northern Salahaddin province in which the military said 19 suspected leaders of the group were killed. Those strikes also killed 15 civilians.

On Saturday, U.S. forces killed the three suspected terrorists in an air strike on two boats southwest of Samarra, about 60 miles north of Baghdad. The U.S. launched the attack after a man under surveillance boarded a boat and later rendezvoused with a second craft, and people aboard began transferring weapons and equipment, military officials said. Ground forces later discovered a weapons cache at a site connected to one of the men aboard.

For much of the year, the U.S. command in Baghdad has described operations against al-Qaida in Iraq as its "main effort." Many units sent to Iraq as part of the U.S. troop buildup earlier this year were stationed outside the capital area known as the Baghdad Belts to focus on eliminating safe havens used by insurgents affiliated with al-Qaida.

The bulk of those operations were considered successful, and the number of major bombings in Baghdad during the U.S. surge showed a decline. The developments prompted military officials in September to consider whether they had been successful enough against al-Qaida to formally label the militant group as their secondary target.

However, after a slight increase in attacks attributed to insurgents tied to al-Qaida, military leaders issued any prospect to formally change strategy or target priorities.

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Nasal flu vaccine approved for younger children

By **Nata Poppino**
Times-News writer

It's painful. One simple sniff inoculates a person against influenza for the dark, vulnerable winter months.

But FluMist — a nasal spray vaccine containing live, weakened flu viruses — hasn't seemed to catch on in southern Idaho since its debut in 2003. The vaccine was approved in September for use with children ages 2 to 5 — an age range previously restricted due to concerns about infection from the live virus.

Although the South Central Public Health District mentioned the spray in its flu clinic announcement this fall, it's hard to find in the Magic Valley.

"We actually have not ordered that for ourselves," Tom Machala, director of communicable disease and prevention for the district, said Monday.

The district announced it would

have a limited supply of the vaccine available upon request, but interest has been low, Machala said. The vaccine can be taken by most people ages 2 to 49, though the primary target is children, especially after approval came, through for the younger ages.

In their approval, the federal Food and Drug Administration evaluators described the vaccine as a good alternative for parents of squeamish toddlers. But other factors such as cost and the live virus may be keeping parents from seeking out the drug, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare spokesman Tom Shanahan said.

"The cost is a little bit more," Shanahan said. But, he added, it's dropped to within 10 percent of the cost of a flu shot — said through the health district for about \$20 — and the FDA trials prove it's effective. "It is a very, very good vaccine."

It's just somewhat hard to find.

Another option:

FluMist, a nasal spray influenza vaccine, uses live viruses and can be given to patients ages 2 to 49. It should not be given to:

- Children under age 5 who have recurrent wheezing
- Anyone with asthma
- Anyone sensitive to eggs, egg protein or gelatin
- Anyone with severe reactions to the flu
- Anyone taking aspirin

Doctors at St. Luke's Clinic Magic Valley on Shoshone Street in Twin Falls didn't order FluMist because it's more complicated to store. Dr. Michael Duffy, with Family Health Services in Jerome, said he thinks the spray would definitely make kids happier. But the agency gets federal funding, he said, and is limited in what it can buy.

"We're always searching for the



The influenza virus vaccine can be seen at the South Central Public Health District office on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

most cost-effective method," Duffy said, "which at this point probably does not include nasal vaccinations."

Two area offices have ordered the vaccine, but just haven't received it yet. Gayle Henderson, a spokeswoman for St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, said one doctor there hopes to receive a shipment soon. And Taenia Hudson,

office manager for the Physicians Center with St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, said the pediatricians there use the vaccine for themselves and promote it to their patients. The vaccine, she said, is absorbed faster in the nose, and the kids like not having to get poked.

"It's a win-win for them," Hudson said.

The supplier for FluMist may be slow, but otherwise the flu season has started out much more smoothly than in past years, health providers said. The health district has received 3,600 of 6,000 total doses of flu vaccine and expects the balance next week, Machala said.

Family Health Services has received at least 2,000 doses, and many stores and physicians started providing flu shots at the start of October — a stark contrast with supply and shipping problems across the U.S. over the past two years.



This photo of drugs seized by the Twin Falls police shows pink-colored methamphetamine. No connection was made, however, that the drugs were intentionally colored or flavored to be sold to kids.

Citizens keeping eye out for meth looking like candy

By **Cass Friedman**
Times-News writer

They look like strawberry Pop Rocks. They even could smell like strawberry Pop Rocks.

But strawberry Pop Rocks, they aren't.

With Halloween approaching, Mad Mothers Against Methamphetamine are taking to the streets, warning parents of children who trick-or-treat to not accept pink Pop Rocks.

"Parents, there is a very scary thing going on in the schools and in our community you need to be aware of," begins a MMAM flyer. The message warns "all parents — especially the younger ones — for this is the kids they are targeting with the strawberry meth to get them addicted to meth younger."

There have been no documented instances of dealers pushing pink flavored or scented meth to kids in Twin Falls, nor in Idaho, according to the Drug Enforcement Agency.

One reference from the Web site snopes.com cites an arrest in North Carolina in which a county sheriff noted "a pink ice-looking substance that 'smells like strawberries.'"

Pink-colored meth, however, did turn up in June when police seized close to two pounds of it in a battery box along with a white crystal substance. Police confirmed with the state lab that the pink substance contained methamphetamine. Fearing the substance could be toxic, police did not risk checking whether it emitted a strawberry scent or tasted sweet, said Twin Falls Police Sgt. Mark Marvin.

There was no evidence that the suspect, Jorge Navarrete-Sanchez of Twin Falls, intended to distribute it to all parents.

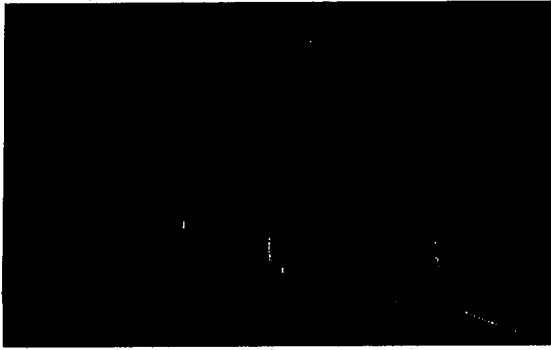
"It's more speculative than real at this point," said Bernie Hobson, a temporary spokesman for the DEA, on whether Idaho children are being targeted by pink meth. He went on to say the threat of that sort of packaging makes sense.

Pam Green, who heads the local chapter of MMAM, said she has argued that dealers would give meth away to children to get a new client.

"It's not a far stretch to Green, who says "we've seen kids as young as nine years old on it."

MMAM's flyers are being spread around town as Halloween's president, Dr. Mary Holley, is scheduled to spend a week in the Magic Valley, speaking to kids, faith-based crowds, professionals and the general public about the toxic drug.

Cleaning up



Rundown buildings such as the ones pictured here in downtown Twin Falls are being studied by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for environmental contamination. Grant money could go toward cleaning up contaminated sites and promoting redevelopment.

DEQ assesses buildings for contamination

By **Matt Christensen**
Times-News writer

When the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency took over a string of rundown properties on Maxwell Avenue several years ago, it worried the buildings could be contaminated.

Many were crumbling industrial sites, empty for years. Warehouses were littered with broken glass, graffiti coated the walls and the remnants of solvent and chemical containers remained.

The agency was concerned potential contamination in the soil, water and air would sully redevelopment there, along Maxwell Avenue near Rock Creek Canyon.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality approached the agency in 2003 with a new program designed to study environmental impacts at properties like those on Maxwell.

The Brownfields Revitalization Program, funded by federal dollars, allows the DEQ to identify properties that pose environmental risks, study those properties and clear the way for economic development. Since

2003, about 20 percent of the properties in the program have been in Twin Falls, including the Maxwell buildings.

"Developers have a tendency to not get involved with those kinds of properties because of their concerns about contamination," said Aaron Scheff, who heads the DEQ's brownfield project. "They just go out and buy new land."

This creates a major risk for uncontrolled sprawl in states like Idaho that have few people and lots of space, Scheff said. Newer buildings surround decaying downtown areas shunned by developers not willing to take risks on potentially contaminated properties.

The brownfields program cuts some of those risks. If the DEQ finds no environmental pitfalls, the properties are more likely to be redeveloped.

But sometimes the DEQ finds contamination. Mr. A's Dry Cleaners, 483 Washington St. N., cleaned clothes for 20 years using a chemical called tetrachloroethylene, an environmental pollutant. Now, the site is contaminated too.

The Idaho Legislature last year set aside \$1.5 million to

"Developers have a tendency to not get involved with those kinds of properties because of their concerns about contamination."

— Aaron Scheff, head of the DEQ's brownfields project

pay for brownfields cleanup projects like the one likely to take place at Mr. A's. Ten sites could receive 70 percent rebates of up to \$150,000 for cleaning up.

The state's brownfields program isn't an end-all solution for some sites. Twin Falls County took over an old gas station several years ago that was heavily contaminated by petroleum. It was assessed through the DEQ project and could be eligible for the rebates.

But cleanup costs could run as high as a half-million dollars.

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Safety and politics Pedestrian safety issues surging in T.F.

By **Jared S. Hopkins**
Times-News writer

Public safety around schools emerged Monday as a concern — and an ongoing campaign issue — to the Twin Falls City Council when the firm responsible for designing a 20-year transportation plan presented early findings and sought council input.

After a presentation by engineering firm CIVIL Science outlined the process for conducting a research and forming a 20-year strategy for transportation planning, several City Council members — including one running for re-election Nov. 6 — expressed hope the study will address safety near schools.

Last month, traffic and pedestrian safety resurfaced as a priority after City Council candidate Will Kezele's son was hit by a car in September near Twin Falls High School. Kezele's insurance pushed for significant safety improvements for the city.

Citing the Kezele incident, Councilman David E. Johnson suggested the study include liability for pedestrian underpass or overpass for conducting a research accident. An underpass is part of the redesigned Pole Line Road.

"In a particular case when the sun's shining in someone's eyes, I don't know if a light would have stopped a car," said Johnson.

Some council members echoed the concern. Greg Lantry, a principal at Filer Middle School, said it's "scary" when he crosses U.S. Highway 30, and Don Hall said that schools on 2nd Avenue in Historic Downtown continue to be dangerous.

Councilwoman Glenda Dwight, who is being challenged by Kezele, did not comment during the meeting on school zones, but she has said in the past that pedestrian safety is a concern of hers.

"Just felt that the others raised the same concerns," Dwight said after the meeting. "And I felt no need to be repetitive, which is my opinion on most things with council."

The study, already a month old, will identify current and future transportation areas of need, form a pavement management plan and outline ways to meet state and federal mandates. It will use land's data, including the city's comprehensive plan, which is being revised.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

T.F. council candidate forum tonight

A forum will be held tonight at 7 p.m. for candidates in Twin Falls City Council races.

The forum, held at City Council chambers at 305 3rd Ave. E., will be hosted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. It is open to the public and will be broadcast live on channel 17.

There are three contested

council races: Will Kezele challenging incumbent Glenda Dwight; Lee Heider challenging incumbent Shawn Bariger; and Orlando Garzon-Mejia challenging incumbent David E. Johnson. Councilman Trip Crink is running unopposed and was not asked to participate.

The candidates will not receive the questions in advance, said Dan Olmstead, chairman of the

chamber's government affairs committee. He said he would prefer questions be submitted prior to the start of the forum to ensure they'll be asked.

Craters of the Moon wants travel plan input

The Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service will hold open-house public meetings to begin a Comprehensive

Travel Management Plan for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve.

The agencies hope to identify a system of motorized and non-motorized trails within the monument, and they're asking for public input.

Meetings, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. are:

- Thursday at Rupert City Hall, 624 F Street, Rupert
- Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Carey

School Multipurpose Room, 20 Panther Lane, Carey

Contact: the BLM Shoshone Field Office at 732-7200 or the Craters of the Moon National Monument headquarters at 527-3257.

Information about submitting comments is also available at http://www.blm.gov/ld/ste/nfo/Shoshone/programs/travel_management.html.

— from staff reports

Robert John (Bob) Harpster

Robert John (Bob) Harpster, age 87, of Twin Falls, Idaho, and formerly of Billings, Mont., passed away Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007, at the review Estates.



Bob was born March 26, 1920, in Glenview, Ill. His parents were John A. and Cornelia Vanderhoef Harpster. Bob attended the Pacific County School. He graduated from Dawson County High School in 1939. During the summer of 1937, he worked in a CCC Camp near Missoula. Bob married Ade K. Reese in Wolf Point, Mont., on March 9, 1940. Their children, John, Roberta and Neil were born in Glenview. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Bob began a 33-year career with Consolidated Freightways in 1949. He drove truck and farmed until 1962, when he was transferred to Portland, Ore. He transferred back to Billings, Mont., in 1972 and retired in 1982 with more than 3 million safe-driving miles. Bob was a lifetime member of the NFA, the Eagles and the BKA. In June 2006, he moved to Twin Falls to be closer to family. He resided at Bridgeview Estates until his death. He enjoyed the

friends that he made there. Bob is survived his children, John Harpster of Canby, Ore., Roberta Kunze of Bismarck, N.D., and Neil Harpster of Falls, Idaho, his grandchildren, Jeffrey Harpster of Pasco, Wash., Desmond Harpster of Salem, Ore., and Cynthia Kempf of Bozeman, Mont.; his sister, Evelyn Herman of Connelly, Ga.; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ada in July 2007; and his brothers, Arthur and William.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the caring staff at Bridgeview Assisted Living and the Nursing Home for their loving care of Bob.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Bruce Stevens of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) officiating. At Bob's request, cremation will take place and inurnment will take place in Glenview, Mont., at a later date. The family suggests memorials be given in Bob's name to The Salvation Army. Contributions may be mailed to The Salvation Army, 349 Front Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, or to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, R.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Cade William Hunt

Cade William Hunt, age 24, a resident of Wendell, Idaho, died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at Wendell.

He was born June 4, 1983, in Glasgow, Mont., the son of John and Debbie Hunt, and was raised and educated in Dodson, Mont., graduating from high school there in 2002. Cade acquired an interest in computers at an early age and pursued that interest at the University of Montana Western and Idaho State University before going to work for Business Techni-Twin Falls.

Cade lived his life as full as he could, and this was evident in the long hours he would spend working or gaming on the computer, "joking" hiking the canyon and the South Hills after work and on weekends. Cade loved the time he spent with his family and especially his friends whom he spent many hours at a special place in the canyon. Ski trips with Cade will be cherished forever by his family.

He is survived by his parents, John and Debbie of Wendell; grandparents, Norman and Jean Zehntner of White Sulphur Springs, Mont.; three brothers, Brandon (Mindi) of Clearfield, Utah; Iory of Wendell and Tyson (Nalani) of Pocatello, Idaho; nephews, Brodie, Matthew, Jakeb, Tryston and Keoni; and nieces, Cassidy, Shantelle and Keneday. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Dorcen Hunt of White Sulphur Springs, Mont.; his uncle, David Zehntner; and very special friends, Anthony Bear of Dodson, Mont., and Jake Henderson of Pocatello, Idaho.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Demaray's Wendell Chapel, with the Rev. Mike Hollomon officiating. Burial will follow in the Wendell Cemetery. Family members and friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today (Tuesday) at Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

Buildings

Continued from page A6 said County Comm-iss-ler Tom Mikesell, and that's money the county isn't willing to spend on a lot valued at \$150,000. So far now, the site sits unused.

The brownfields project is still relatively new in Idaho, said Scheff with the DEQ, but it's been well-used in Twin Falls and Natick Valley. Brownfields studies are under way at the Albion State Normal School, where developers have expressed interest in opening a community center, bed and breakfast and veterans' home in the complex of buildings that hold instable value in the community. The site is a prime exam-

ple of how the program is supposed to work, Scheff said. If not for the brown-field assessment, the buildings would likely continue to decay or disappear altogether.

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DEATH NOTICES

George L. Anchustegui

George L. Anchustegui, 79, of Ontario, Ore., died Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007, at a care facility.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

Lex R. Kirkland

Lex Ray Kirkland, 73, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, at the Carey LDS Church; visitation from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Wood River Chapel in Halley and one

hour before the funeral Friday at the church.

Vickie L. Johnson

Vickie Lynn Johnson, 53, of Rupert, died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, with visitation one hour before the funeral, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Mary M. Jones

Mary Margaret Jones, 88, of Fairfield, died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Tamara Sue Robison

Tamara Sue Robison, 48, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007.

Tamara was born Aug. 20, 1959, in Idaho Falls, to Charles and Mary Lou Jones. On Jan. 25, 1977, she married Marty Robison; they were later divorced. Tamara was raised as a Jehovah's Witness; she was dedicated and baptized July 14, 1987. She made her faith the focal point of her life and died faithful.

She was preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her mother, Mary Lou Christensen; stepfather, Paul Christensen; daughters, "Rianna Cleve and Angeline Youngblood; sisters, Cindy Peters and Deborah Humphrey; and three grandchildren, Makaylee Cleve, Devon Cleve and Madaline Youngblood.

Her family will hold a private funeral.

SERVICES

Ted Victor Samples of Twin Falls, funeral at 1:30 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Ethyl (Bernie) Randolph of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls).

Lawrence E. "Larry" Lillibridge of Houston, Texas, celebration of life from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the family home (Klein Funeral

Home in Tomball, Texas).

Justena Schult Schrenk of Burley, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery.

Aaron T. Tadlock of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Iris Adell-Dennis of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls;

visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Wednesday at the mortuary.

James W. Miller of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Faith Lucille Magoffin Muhl of Hoquiam, Wash., and formerly of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

T.F. council will rehear developer plat

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls City Council voted 4-3 Monday to reconsider a developer's preliminary plat after the developers appealed a decision made earlier this month because one councilmember was absent from the vote. On Oct. 1, the City Council upheld a Planning and Zoning Commission denial for Timberlake Village Subdivision on nearly five acres south of Marie Street and east and west of the 100 to 200 blocks of Meadowview Lane. The vote was 3-3 after several residents spoke out in opposition. Councilman Don Hall was away on business. Those who upheld the earlier decision cited concern with parking and safety,

the developer, Fred Cornforth, asked the council for another opportunity, hoping a full-council might be present. The hearing will be in several weeks.

The council debated because the developers had given extra information at the two public hearings, including information that might have led to the denial. "It's not what we're hearing, it's how we take what we're hearing and make those decisions," said Councilman Shawn Bariger, who supported the denial.

But residents are notified for preliminary plats — not final plats — and the extra information was justified, said Councilman Greg Lanting.

"I don't like the feeling that Planning and Zoning and City Council is just rub-

ber-stamped on what the developer wants," said Lanting.

City Attorney Fritz Wenderlich said such appeals typically happen about once a year.

Other council business included:

Approval to a \$25 increase in the Municipal Golf Course's punch card fee. The punch card, which now provides 10 rounds of golf on weekdays and weekends for \$100, was lowered from \$125 in the fall of 2006, but would revert to \$125 if approved by the council. Other fees are expected to remain the same, including green fees, which were raised last year.

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Plan

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So far, the firm has talked with public agencies. The first meeting to solicit input from residents was held Monday night.

"We're hearing a lot pedestrian safety issues," said Kyle Comer of Civil Science.

Other concerns include trails, regional access and

congestion and trucking. The study's officials noted that although people are worried over truck traffic downtown, businesses located there need the trucks.

Hall suggested that a more viable option might be for the study to look at 30 years.

"I look at 10 years from now as next week," Hall said.

"Time just moves on rapidly and we need to plan for our kids."

The study cost \$289,000, most of which comes from federal funding. The city invested about \$40,000.

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EDITORIAL

NREPA wilderness bill is an Eastern dilettante's pipe dream

The closest thing to wilderness in U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney's district is the bowling and croquet green in Central Park.

Yet the eight-term New York Democrat wants to transform nearly 23 million acres of mountains, forest, canyons and desert in the West — including 9.5 million acres in Idaho — into off-limits wilderness.

On Thursday, the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act will get a hearing before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands of the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee in Washington, D.C.

The measure has 115 co-sponsors, 72 from east of the Mississippi River but not one from any of the congressional districts in which all of that wilderness would be located.

NREPA is the very kind of East Coast nannysmism. The West, apparently, can't be trusted to protect its own wild lands, so Congress must to do it for us.

The proposal has been greeted with icy contempt by even wilderness-friendly Western senators and congressmen, who understand that the last thing the West needs is more federal management by the Forest Service bureaucrats.

Maloney and her co-sponsors own a piece of those wild lands like every other citizen, but they're not qualified to tell those who live next door to those areas how to run them.

And make no mistake, that's what NREPA envisions. It would designate as wilderness, among other lands, the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem, the Greater Salmon/Selway ecosystem, the Greater Cabinet/Yaak/Northern Rockies and the Greater Hells Canyon ecosystem.

That amounts to 16 percent of the total land area of Idaho. It would create "biological connecting corridors" — untouchable federal land bridges — to "protect the life flow of the Northern Rockies Bioregion."

It would amend Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of rivers and creeks in Idaho as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

They would include the South and Middle forks of the Payette River, the Couer d'Alene River, 177 miles of the Salmon River, the East Fork of the Salmon, the North and South forks of the Clearwater, the Henrys Fork of the Snake River, and the Selway and Lochsa rivers watersheds.

In short, NREPA would impact virtually aspect of management — and many of the current uses — of Forest Service-administered land north of the Snake River Plain.

It's the kind of legislation that a Sierra Club focus group would dream up. Meanwhile out in the real West, Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, and Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, have been doing the difficult work of crafting wilderness that works — in Simpson's case, the Central-Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act, and in Crapo's, the Owyhee Initiative.

They're much more modest schemes that actually involve input from every single group with an economic or recreational stake in those areas.

And unlike NREPA, they have a realistic chance of becoming law.

For NREPA is strictly for the leather elbow-patches crowd that see Western wilderness as a theme park out of bounds to all but the wealthy and the intrepid. Fortunately, the West has enough clout on Capitol Hill — for the moment at least — to sidetrack it.

Our View: NREPA is the very kind of East Coast nannysmism. The West, apparently, can't be trusted to protect its own wild lands, so Congress must to do it for us.

Hillary has no core principles

Bill Clinton's greatest domestic achievement, aside from abolishing welfare, was free trade. The crown jewel was the North American Free Trade Agreement. He got that through Congress over sustained union opposition in 1993.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

The Washington Post correctly calls Hillary's retreat from free trade "opportunism under pressure," the pressure being the rampant and popular protectionism of her presidential rivals, particularly in protectionist Iowa.

While "opportunism under pressure" suggests (pace Hemingway) cowardice, the better description of Clintonism is slipperiness. Adaptability. Cynicism, if you like.

Note her clever use of terms. Rensessing NAFTA sounds great to protectionists, but it is perfectly ambiguous. It could mean abolition or radical curtailment. It could also mean establishing a study commission whose recommendations might not reach President Hillary Clinton's desk until too late in her second term.

The Washington Post editorial noted "a perverse kind of good news" in Hillary's free-trade revisionism: "There's little chance that her position reflects any deeply held principle."

And there lies the beauty not just of Clinton on free trade but of the Clinton candidacy itself: She never has a principle. Her liberalism is redeemed by her ambition: her ideology subordinate to her political needs.

I could never vote for her, but I and others my ideological ilk could live with her



—precisely because she is so liberated from principle. Her liberalism, like her husband's — flexible, disciplined, calculated, triangulated — always leaves open the possibility that she would do the right thing for the blessedly wrong (i.e. self-interested, ambition-serving, politically expedient) reason.

I could never vote for her because the Clintons' liberal internationalism on display in the 1990s — the pursuit of paper treaties and the reliance on international institutions — is naive in theory and feeble in practice.

On Iraq, for example, she talks like someone who knows she may soon be commander in chief and will need room to maneuver in order to achieve whatever success might be possible.

Clinton has emphatically refused to give assurances that she would get us out of Iraq during her first term.

equally radical that we'd leave our children, she has committed herself to little more than a drawdown of forces as conditions allow.

On Iran, Clinton has been pilloried from the left for supporting a completely anodyne resolution designating Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization.

Her leading rivals opposed the resolution on the bogus grounds that it is a blank check for Bush to go to war with Iran. It is nothing of the sort. An earlier version of the Iran resolution that would have allowed "the prudent and calibrated use of all instruments" to counter Iranian activity inside Iraq might indeed have been interpreted as such an authorization.

And look what Clinton unveiled last week: a modestly government-subsidized, personal retirement account. True, it is yet another big-government middle-class entitlement. Yes, she ignores the looming Social Security crisis.

portable, personal retirement account (though without the government subsidy) is something conservatives have long and devoutly sought.

It establishes a parallel to the Social Security system — the perfect vehicle for a future conservative administration to use for shifting from the current unsustainable government-controlled program to a privatized system such as the one in Chile.

Clinton rarely falters. Always careful, always calculating, always leaving room for one's own ambition. That's Clintonism, of both marital flavors. Gender sensitivity prevents me from calling her the consummate needler.

Instead Columbus' match as the Great Navigator.

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My smackdown with Stephen Colbert

I was in my office, writing a column on the injustice of relative marginal tax rates for hedge fund managers, when I saw Stephen Colbert on TV. He was sneering that New York Times columns make good "baiting." His liberalism is redeemed by her ambition: her ideology subordinate to her political needs.

Well, suddenly an option is looming on the horizon. And I don't mean Al Gore (though I've used that name). First of all, I don't think Nobel Prizes should go to people I was seated next to at the Emmys.

race cleansing is bad." On the elderly: "They look like Nazis." Our nation is at a Fork in the Road. Some say we should go left; some say go right. I say: "Doesn't this thing have a reverse gear?"

Let me regurgitate: I know why you want me to run, and I hear your clamor: I share Americans' nostalgia for an era when Clinton could tell a man by the cut of his jib, but the jib industry hadn't yet fled to Guangdong.

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MAUREEN DOWD

Others point to my new bestseller, "I Am American (And So Can You)," noting that many candidates test the waters with a book first.

What do I not presently in the ring, I should also point out that it is not on my head. So where's that hat? Hit John McCain using sense passing one at a gas station to fuel up the Straight Talk Express.)

By Stephen Colbert. Surprised to see my byline here, aren't you? I would be too, if I read The New York Times. But I don't. So I'll just have to take your word that this was published. Frankly, I prefer emoticons to the written word, and if you disagree I'd like to thank Maureen Dowd for permitting/begging me to write her column.

For instance, Hillary Clinton. I can't remember if I'm supposed to be scared of her or if I'm supposed to support her when she's actually easy to beat, or if I'm supposed to be scared of her because she's legitimately scary.

Look at the moral guidance offer. On faith: "After Jesus was born, the Old Testament basically became a way for Bible publishers to keep their word count up."

What do I offer? Hope for the common man. Because I am not the Anointed or the Inevitable. I am just an Average Joe like you — if you have a TV show.

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Global warming is an opportunity for conservatives

QUOTE

The Church of Global Warming (CGW) is a cult. A cult has a number of delusions, among them this one from dictionary.com: "A religion or sect considered to be false, unorthodox, or extremist, with members often living outside of conventional society under the direction of a charismatic leader." Cults wish to control others. Global warming fundamentalists wish to do the same through the power of government.



CAL THOMAS

CGW members would reject cult status — and Al Gore has never been accused of displaying charisma. But the CGW confers charismatic status on him because he tells them what they want to hear: Salvation is available through the reduction of one's carbon footprint. Gore regularly violates his doctrines by flying on big polluting jets, leaving tracks the size of Bigfoot.

ment them and to teach the other side of global warming.

Like the Pulitzer Prize, which mostly goes to liberals or to economic conservatives who are OK with abortion and same-sex marriage, the Nobel Peace Prize has become a victim of political correctness and a tool for message-sending. In this case (as when the award went to Jimmy Carter), the Nobel committee wanted to send a message to President Bush. What will they do when he leaves office? That's easy: they'll give it to Bill Clinton.

People who genuinely labor for peace (read a partial list in the Oct. 13 Wall Street Journal lead article) are often ignored by the Nobel committee. Despite evidence from NASA and other scientific sources, which rebut Gore's

(Conservatives) should be asking themselves whether it might be possible to find common ground with (Al) Gore on at least one of his doctrinal issues that would serve nearly everyone's interests.

claims of pending climate disaster, CGW members have the kind of blind faith displayed at a Benny Hinn healing service.

The leader of the CGW even has a faux "trinity." Instead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Gore has an Oscar, an Emmy and a Nobel Peace Prize.

Having said that (and far more could be said and is being said), conservatives miss an opportunity when they only ridicule Gore and dismiss his ideas. They should be asking themselves whether it might be possible to find common ground with Gore on at least one of his doctrinal issues that would serve nearly everyone's interests. This is where Part Two begins.

Republicans and Democrats repeatedly tell us we rely too much on foreign

oil, especially that which comes from a current trouble spot, the Middle East, and that which comes from a potential trouble spot, Venezuela. It might be possible for the CGW crowd and the Church of Free Enterprise (CFE) to come together for the common purpose of reducing our reliance on foreign oil. CGW fundamentalists would get what they want — a reduced carbon footprint and supposedly lower global temperatures (go ahead and let them believe it) — while CFE-partisans would rejoice that Saudi Arabia's hold on us (not to mention its use of our money to underwrite terrorism) could be broken.

If we would launch an energy independence program with the intensity of a Marshall Plan for Europe, or a man-on-the-moon project, to

liberate ourselves from the petroleum despoils by developing synthetic fuels and finding new energy sources closer to home — especially nuclear power — we could strike a blow against the Islamofascists more damaging than bombs and bullets.

This would require leadership at the highest level, and it will require a conservative of sufficient stature not to be labeled a compromiser or a fool. Anyone out there who meets the test? And would Al Gore bring his legions with him to the table?

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— Actress Julia Roberts upon receiving the American Cinematheque award for her contributions to the film industry.

— The Associated Press

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Medical center provided nothing but best of care

Having spent time in various hospitals around the world, I probably had already pre-judged St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, as many others have. I was surprised to find that the bad things I had heard bore little truth; in fact, the opposite was true.

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A special thanks to the team on Three North and to Dr. David Christenson, who has put me back on my feet, and to his surgery team. Thanks to you all for a job well done.

Cecil J. Harkins
Jerome

Blaming Bush will not solve health-care woes

So President Bush doesn't know what it's like to be working poor in this country. Well, I do. Let me help you learn how to tighten your belt.

How many cars do you have? How many TVs, computers and cell phones? Do you have cables? Are you on the Internet? Do you drink, smoke, go to the movies, go out to dinner, buy soda pop, designer coffee, potato chips and cookies? Do you buy fruits and vegetables to eat or do you buy pre-packaged and "fast" food?

When you can't afford something you think you need, then you must go without something else. Free government health insurance is not free to you.

ance is not free to me or your neighbors. I can't imagine you running around your neighborhood asking for money at each house.

That bill that President Bush voters considered children to be up to 25 years old and families making up to \$92,000 a year. Health care is not a right. Our rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I empathize with the working poor, and I'm glad I'm not anymore, but blaming President Bush is not the answer to your situation.

JUDY MEYER
Burley

Sen. Craig is not riding into the sunset alone

As Mr. Craig rides off into the sunset (not senator), he sees two riders on his left and right. Hi, Mr. Simpson. Hi, Mr. Crapo.

The gang says who's that in the wagon? Oh, it's Bill to cook up his beans. That's all he can do. Hey, who's the other two guys? Oh, that's George and Dick, the latrine diggers for our new adventure. Ride off into the sunset.

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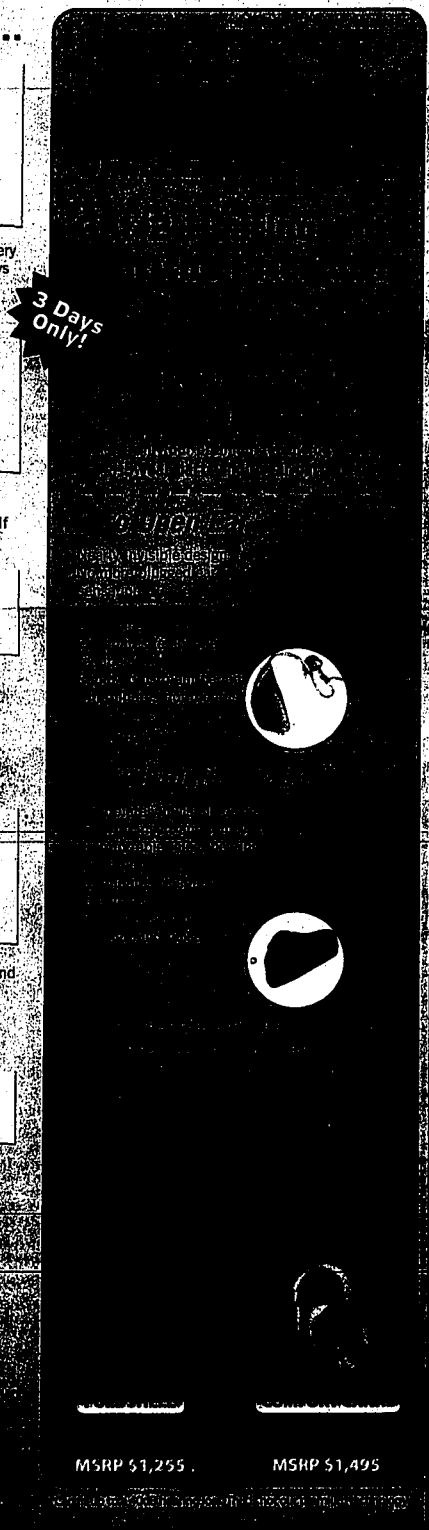
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Indians up 2-1 in ALCS with win

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Not their best. Not even second best. Jake Westbrook, right at home in the Jake, was exactly what the Cleveland Indians needed.

Westbrook, an often overlooked third wheel in the rotation, kept Boston grounded for nearly seven innings Monday night, leading the Indians to a 4-2 win over the Red Sox and a 2-1 lead in the AL championship series.

The left-back right-hander, who missed a big chunk of the season with an injury, doesn't possess the overpowering stuff of either C.C. Sabathia or Fausto Carmona — Cleveland's two aces who flopped badly in Games 1 and 2 at Fenway Park — or their stellar reputations.

But Westbrook does have a devastating sinker-ball and oh my how it sunk the Red Sox.

Backed by an early homer from old pro Kenny Lofton, Westbrook took a shutout into the seventh inning.

Game 4 on Tuesday night will feature two soft tossers: Cleveland's Paul Byrd, with his old-school windup, and Boston's Tim Wakefield, the 41-year-old knuckleballing master.

Boston grounded into three double plays, two of which by October's scariest twosome — David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez. They combined for something more unusual — Ramirez's grounder nailed Big Papi in the leg on the baselines for an out that helped Westbrook.

A clean sweep?

The Colorado Rockies led the Arizona Diamondbacks 6-1 during the bottom of the fourth inning as of 10:30 p.m. in Monday night's NL Championship Series. The Rockies entered Game 4 with a 3-0 series lead.

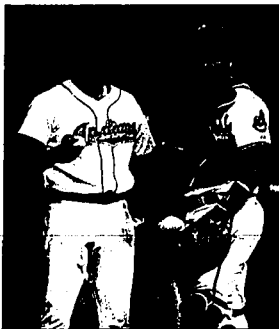
as it approaches home plate.

The Red Sox couldn't do anything with it until the seventh, when Jason Varitek hit a two-run homer.

Jensen Lewis relieved with a runner on and struck out rookie Dustin Pedroia to end the inning. Rafael Berencourt worked a perfect eighth and Joe Borowski, the AL saves leader, pitched a rare 1-2-3 ninth.

Lofton, with a baseball passport stamped by 11 teams over 17 seasons, handed Westbrook an lead with a two-run homer in the second inning off Daisuke Matsuzaka. Cleveland added two more runs in the fifth against the high-priced Japanese import, whom the Red Sox invested more than \$100 million in to pitch in games like this.

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Cleveland Indians pitcher Jake Westbrook, left, and catcher Victor Martinez watch manager Eric Wedge emerge from the dugout to remove Westbrook in the seventh inning of Game 3 of the American League Championship Series against the Boston Red Sox Monday in Cleveland.

Mistakes continue to haunt Vandals

Starting QB still out, more first-half follies don't discourage Idaho

By Grant Joki
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — It was the closing of the first half.

The Idaho Vandals appeared to have finally put rest the ugliness of first-half follies. The demons that had buried the Vandals in the first 30 minutes of play in the past three games had been exorcized. Coach Hobbs Akey was pumped as he watched quarterback Brian Nogoy move the Vandals near midfield at the 1:45 mark with three timeouts to burn.

The Fresno State Bulldogs held onto a slim 10-7 lead, and the Kibbie Dome crowd could sense and taste a tie or even a lead going into halftime of Idaho's homecoming contest.

Then the old nemesis returned.

Bulldogs senior defensive lineman Charles Tolbert used his 265 pounds, compacted onto a 5-foot, 11-inch frame, to separate Nogoy from the ball at the Idaho 46. One minute later Fresno State's slashing freshman running back Ryan Matthews (17 carries, 67 yards, 2 TD's) popped off tackle to put the Bulldogs up by 10 going into halftime. Momentum had left the silver and gold, and the demons returned.

And they hung around.

Only two minutes into the second half, Vandal punter T.J. Conley sliced a 15-yard punt into the Idaho bench. The Bulldogs were starting their first series of the half at their 42 and were poised to dominate most of the third quarter. They would extend their lead to 31-7.

Idaho's Deonte Jackson (11 carries, 117 yards, 1 TD) ran for a 53-yard touchdown scamper off of an airborne fumble. Jackson's quick thinking and athleticism was the kickstart Idaho used to play more consistent football for the rest of the game.

However, Idaho walked away with yet another 37-24 loss.

This scenario was in line with what the Vandals had done in past games. Idaho's losses have been respectable from a scoreboard's view, but at 1-6 and 0-3 in Western Athletic Conference play that does not ease the pain of the continuous first-half hole-digging.

Were stopping ourselves said Jackson. "Good and every game we have the ability to fight our way out of many holes we get in. We almost come out victorious, and come out on top.

Yet the Vandals are not giving up hope as playing hard to the end is a trademark of this year's team.

Jackson added, "We just find that one thing, that one play that one stop, that one conversion. We just need to find what's missing to hit on all cylinders. It will be high sailing from here on out."

Idaho's captain, Doug Vobora agreed with the freshman running back, the son of team manager Eugene Ore. He had another stellar outing with 15 total tackles, nine of which were solos.

"The guys are staying together. This team is staying together. This team is strong. It's mature team even though

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MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL



New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning (10) drops to pass under pressure from Atlanta Falcons linebacker Keith Brooking (56) during the first quarter Monday in Atlanta.

Giants win fourth straight

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Eli Manning made enough good throws to overcome some glaring mistakes. Joey Harrington didn't have much time to do anything.

Manning threw a pair of touchdown passes and set up another New York TD with three straight completions, leading the New York Giants to their fourth straight win, 31-10 over the hapless Atlanta Falcons on Monday night.

Manning hooked up with Amani Toomer on a 5-yard scoring pass during a wild first quarter in which the teams combined for 24 points.

Before the halves were done, Manning went deep for a 43-yard touchdown to Plaxico Burress that gave the Giants (4-2) a 21-10 lead.

The Giants' quarterback threw two interceptions and had another turnover when John Abraham knocked the ball out of his hands just before his arm went forward on an attempted pass. The way Atlanta (1-5) was playing offense, that didn't matter.

Manning was 27-of-39 for 303 yards, his most since a 312-yard performance against the Cowboys in Week 1.

Playing behind a patched-up line, Harrington was sacked four times, had several passes deflected at the line and did plenty of scrambling to avoid New York's fearsome pass rush, which had tied a league record with 12 sacks of Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb two weeks earlier.

The Falcons, who were starting two new tackles because of injuries, actually did a better-than-expected job keeping Osi Umenyiora, Michael Strahan & Co. away from Harrington. That was largely because Harrington went with quick drops and short passes, not leaving much time to open up the passing game.

Harrington was 18-of-39 for 209 yards. He lost 28 yards on sacks, and the Falcons were totally sure of their quiet start. They managed only 153 yards and nine first downs over the first three quarters, most of them coming after the Giants already had put the game away.

After yanking Harrington the previous week in favor of Byron Leftwich, the Falcons didn't have any other options against the Giants. Leftwich was designated as the third quarterback because of a sore ankle, and backup Chris Redman has not played in a game since 2003.

Redman did start warming up at one point late in the first half after Harrington was shaken up on a sack by Antonio Pierce, but the starter was able to stay in the game, much to the chagrin of Atlanta fans who still miss Michael Vick.

When another Falcons possession fizzled with about 10 minutes remaining, the red-clad fans at the Georgia Dome delivered one last round of boos and hoots for the exits, leaving a healthy contingent of New York fans to cheer on their team the rest of the way.

The Giants have bounced back from losses to Dallas and Green Bay, Nov. they must avoid the sort of letdown that knocked them out of the playoffs a year ago.

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Two more district volleyball tournaments start

Times-News

The final two District IV volleyball tournaments begin today. The Valley Vikings, which won the regular-season title, will host the Class 2A Canyon Conference tournament, while Twin Falls travels to Idaho Falls for the Class 5A High Country Conference (Districts IV-V-VI). Teams will play for a berth in their respective

Schedules

The complete schedules for the Canyon and High Country Conference volleyball tournaments are on B2. Results from Monday's matches for the Magic Valley Northwest and Southside Conferences are also on B2.

next week in north Idaho.

Class 2A Canyon

Valley easily swept the small, three-team conference to host and take the top tournament seed, shutting out Glens Ferry and Wendell. If the Vikings can win the tournament again, it will be their 10th in 11 years and seventh straight. Wendell split its conference

schedule, sweeping the Pilots for the second seed.

The tournament will be the final appearances for two of the three teams as the tournament champion will receive the only state tournament seed; District IV will not have any other play-in opportunity.

Class 5A High Country

Twin Falls has not reached

the state tournament since 2001 when the Bruins defeated Boise in a play-in to make the former Class A-1 Division I bracket — and has not won a conference title since 2000. This year's squad was seeded No. 5 and will play No. 1 Idaho Falls.

The region champion and runner-up will face the top two teams from District III in the opening round of the state tournament.

Bobcats aim for GBW championship

Times-Herald

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats have found themselves in the championship match for the Great Basin Conference West tournament late after two victories Monday. They will face the winner of today's opening match between Wood River and Jerome.

BURLEY 3, MINICO 0
The Bobcats reached the title (1) by first taking a 25-19, 25-16, 25-14 victory over their arch-rivals, the Minico Spartans.

Hayne led the way in kills with 10, with Shay Garn adding nine kills and Kaitelin Robins tallying five kills to go with 20 assists. Defensively for Burley, Kerbs had 14 digs and Blake Tolman led in blocks with six.

For the Spartans, Kathleen Child had five blocks and four kills, Kelsey Swalling had five blocks, Kendra Bailey had five kills and six digs, Candace Smith had nine digs, Breonna Phillips notched seven blocks and six kills, and Kallie Mackay set up 19 assists.

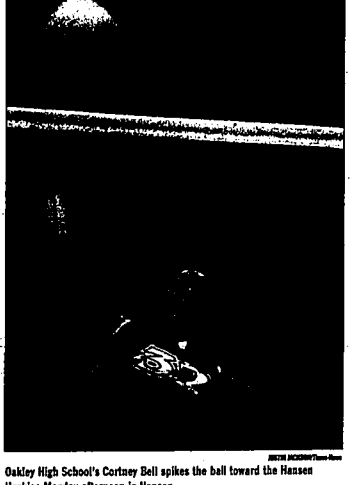
WOOD RIVER 3, JEROME 0
The Wolverines, who came in as the third seed in the tournament, surprised the Jerome Tigers in their opening match, 25-23, 25-18 and 25-21.

Wood River got outstanding play from its taller, stronger hitters. Hannah Ward led the Wolverines with 10 kills, while Kaylee Baker had nine kills and Lauren Morgenthaler had eight kills. The Wolverines were playing without defensive specialist Angela Coleman due to illness, but seldom-used Kyle Anderson stepped up to bolster Wood River's defense. For Jerome, Jordan Burnham led the way with 13 kills, Kortnie Martin had six blocks, and Jordann Hoffield had seven blocks.

BURLEY 3, WOOD RIVER 1
Burley and Wood River played a real barnburner in the winners' bracket, with the



The Hansen Huskies celebrates after scoring a point against the Oakley Hornets Monday afternoon in Hansen.



Oakley High School's Courtney Bell spikes the ball toward the Hansen Huskies Monday afternoon in Hansen.

writer Chuck Nunn contributed to this report

Magic Valley Northside

No. 1 and No. 2 didn't waste much time making the conference championship as the top-ranked Richfield and second-seeded Shoshone each won its first match Monday to advance to the Magic Valley Northside Conference tournament title match today.

Richfield won 25-14, 25-21, 25-18 over Dietrich, which defeated Carey during the opening round. Shoshone claimed the 25-19, 10-25, 25-19, 25-22 victory over The Community School, which beat Carnas County earlier. In elimination play, The Community School dropped Carey 25-20, 23-25, 25-15, 25-9. The Cuthroths will face the winner of today's early Carnas County-Dietrich match.

Magic Valley Southside

Elimination matches took place Monday as teams battled toward the Magic Valley Southside Conference runner-up match, the winner of which will gain a Class 1A state tournament seed.

Lighthouse Christian will play Castleford today, both teams staying alive by defeating the Hansen Huskies and the Magic Valley Christian Conquerors, respectively. Castleford won 18-25, 27-25, 25-17, 17-25, 15-7, while Lighthouse Christian won 25-13, 25-14, 25-18. The Huskies put out Oakley earlier Monday, 25-9, 15-25, 14-25, 25-17, 15-6, and the Conquerors eliminated Murtaugh 25-17, 25-20, 25-23. Hugerman and Raft River, the No. 1 and 3 seeds, had the day off. They will play tonight for the championship.

District IV Volleyball

Lower Mountains Class 5A High Country Conference (Region III) At Idaho Falls High School

Tuesday's matches
Match 1: No. 3 Sylvania vs. No. 4 Medisco, 4 p.m.
Match 2: No. 1 Idaho Falls vs. No. 5 Twin Falls, 4 p.m.
Match 3: L1 vs. L2, 5:30 p.m.
Match 4: No. 2 Highland vs. W1, 5:30 p.m.
Match 5: L4 vs. W3, 7 p.m.
Match 6: W4 vs. W2, 7 p.m.

Thursday's matches
Match 7: W5 vs. W7, championship, 5:30 p.m.
Match 8: W5 vs. L8, second championship if necessary, 7 p.m.

Class 4A Great Basin Conference West Division At Burley High School

Monday's matches
Match 1: Burley def. Minico, 25-19, 25-16, 25-14
Match 2: Wood River def. Jerome, 25-23, 25-18, 25-21
Match 3: Jerome def. Minico, 27-25, 25-13, 16-25, 25-20
Match 4: Burley def. Wood River, 25-15, 25-20, 18-25, 25-19

Tuesday's matches
Match 5: Wood River vs. Jerome, 4 p.m.
Match 6: Burley vs. W5, championship, 6 p.m.
Match 7: W6 vs. L6, second championship following if necessary

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference At Gooding High School

Tuesday's matches
Match 5: Buhl vs. Filer, 5 p.m.
Match 6: Kimberly vs. Gooding, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday's matches
Match 7: W5 vs. W7, championship, 5:30 p.m.
Match 8: W5 vs. L7, championship, 6 p.m.
Match 9: W6 vs. L8, second championship if necessary, 7:30 p.m.

Class 2A Canyon Conference At Valley High School, Hazelton

Tuesday's matches
Match 1: No. 2 Wendell vs. No. 3 Glenn Ferry, 8:15 p.m.
Match 2: No. 1 Valley vs. W1, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's matches
Match 3: L1 vs. L2, 4 p.m.
Match 4: W2 vs. 25, championship, 5:30 p.m.
Match 5: W4 vs. L4, second championship if necessary, 7 p.m.

Class 1A Magic Valley Northside Conference At Dietrich High School

Monday's matches
Match 1: Dietrich def. Carey, 20-25, 21-25, 25-19, 25-17, 14-25
Match 2: Community School def. Carnas County, 25-23, 25-20, 25-20
Match 3: Richfield def. Dietrich, 25-14, 25-21, 25-18
Match 4: Shoshone def. Community School, 25-19, 10-25, 25-19, 25-22
Match 5: Community School def. Carey, 25-20, 23-25, 25-15, 25-9

Tuesday's matches (begin at 2 p.m.)
Match 6: Carnas County vs. Dietrich
Match 7: Richfield vs. Shoshone, championship
Match 8: Community School vs. W5
Match 9: W5 vs. L7, runner-up

Class 2A Mountain View Conference At Mountain View High School

Monday's matches
Match 1: Mountain View vs. Murtaugh, 25-20, 25-20, 25-20

Utah diaper ban kept some Special Olympians out of pool

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A state ban on diapers in public swimming pools sidelined some athletes at a Special Olympics event at the University of Utah.

Many swimmers were aware of the rules and didn't complete last week. But one family apparently forgot about the restriction, leading to a tense scene Friday when a lifeguard spotted a woman hurriedly removing a diaper from her 14-year-old daughter.

Swimmers in diapers have been banned in many public pools since Aug. 28 to stop the spread of cryptosporidium, a parasite that can cause severe diarrhea. It can spread in water contaminated with human feces.

More than 1,800 cases have been reported this year in Utah.

Although the 14-year-old's diaper was removed before entering the pool, it was a sign that she could be incontinent, said John "JD" Donnelly, chief executive of Special Olympics Utah.

The girl, who has epilepsy and autism, was barred from competing Friday, although she won a medal in an earlier event before the diaper was detected.

"It wasn't a Special Olympics call. It's the health department," Donnelly said Monday.

"The last thing I want is athletes exposed to someone with an infectious ailment in other locations," he said.

The girl's parents were disappointed.

"I'm heartbroken," Tilly Garcia said at the pool Friday. "We've worked so hard, and this is her sport."

Another swimmer drove 300 miles from St. George but was turned away because of the diaper rule, Donnelly said.

"The mother understood," he said.

Giants

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A five-game winning streak had New York at 6-2 midway through the 2006 season, but the Giants managed just two more wins the rest of the way.

The Falcons started quickly, jumping ahead on Morten Andersen's 47-yard field and reclaiming a 10-7 lead when Jerious Norwood broke off 67-

yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage after Manning's TD pass to Toomer.

New York bounced back to take the lead for good before the quarter was done. Brandon Jacobs broke off a 20-yard run and Manning completed three passes for 56 yards, the first of them a 17-yarder that Toomer gath-

ered in at the 1 and managed to drag both toes along the turf before tumbling out of bounds.

Reuben Droughns powered over on the next play, and the Giants were up 14-10 and on their way.

Toomer became the leading receiver in Giants history with his 587th career reception, and also tied Kyle

Rote's club mark with 48 TD catches. Derrick Ward added New York's final score with just over 3 minutes remaining on a 9-yard run.

The Giants became just the third team in NFL history with 500 regular-season wins. The era 600-502-3 in franchise history, following Chicago and Green Bay.

Indians

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By comparison, Westbrook was a bargain at \$33 million for the Indians, who didn't have to sign him until August, when he went 4-1 with a 1.50 ERA. But even then, Westbrook, who lost to the Red Sox on July 23, wasn't expected to shut down Boston.

crowd of 44,402 as he jogged to the dugout.

Lofton, a 40-year-old who could still pass as a teenagersomewhat, gave the Indians a 2-0 lead in the second with his seventh career possession homer.

Ryan Garko singled with one out, and with two down, Lofton, traded back for his third stint with the Indians in July, turned on Matsuzaka's first pitch and sent it on a low trajectory and barely over the right-field wall.

After high-fiving delirious teammates, Lofton, whose every move has been cheered since he returned to Cleveland, came out and tipped his helmet to the adoring crowd.

The Red Sox ran themselves out of a potential scoring opportunity in the fourth. Ortiz ended an 0-for-8 drought vs. Westbrook with an opposite-field double off the wall in left, but then was struck on the leg when he inexplicably bunted for third on a hard-hit grounder shortstop by Ramirez.

the big-budget New York Yankees in the opening round, could take down another unit.

In addition to carrying light jackets for when the game-time temperature dropped, fans received packets of bug-repellent yanks to combat the midges who pestered the Yanks in the opening round.

Westbrook then spent seven weeks on the disabled list with a side injury and didn't hit in April for three months before he had a chance to test the free-agent market after this season.

Westbrook was in complete control until J.D. Drew grounded a one-out single to center in the seventh. Varitek followed with a homer to center, bringing the Red Sox to 4-2.

The homer ended Boston's 13-inning scoreless streak, a drought that began in the sixth inning of Game 2 on Saturday night.

Westbrook struck out Coco Crisp but when Julio Lugo beat out an infield single, manager Eric Wedge pulled his gutsy starter, who received a thunderous ovation from the towel-waving

On another unusually warm fall night, Indians fans came well prepared to see if the Indians, who ousted

Westbrook got Varitek to fly to left and then escaped trouble by getting Crisp to hit into an inning-ending double play.

Westbrook gave up a one-out walk to Kevin Youkilis in the first, but got Ortiz to hit a hard grounder into the shift, toward second baseman Asdrubal Cabrera. The converted shortstop picked it cleanly and threw to second, where third baseman Casey Blake turned the unconventional 4-5-3 double play.

However, there wasn't anything to keep the Red Sox from buzzing the bases early on.

In the second inning, Boston loaded them on a walk, single and error by first baseman Garko, a former catcher who botched an easy grounder. But Westbrook got Varitek to fly to left and then escaped trouble by getting Crisp to hit into an inning-ending double play.

Yankees' meetings on Joe Torre's future to start today

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Yankees officials held meetings on Monday, preparing for the start of meetings that will determine whether Joe Torre is asked to remain as manager.

The meetings will start today at Legends Field or the team's nearby minor league complex.

Owner George Steinbrenner told The Record on Oct. 6 that he didn't think he'd bring back the manager if the Yankees failed to advance to the AL championship series.

Cleveland then eliminated New York in four games, sending New York to its third first-round exit in a row.

Steinbrenner is expected to attend the meetings along with sons Hank and Hank; son-in-law Felix Lopez; team president Randy Levine; chief operating officer Lon Ross; and general manager Brian Cashman.

Pereiro gets yellow jersey to replace Landis as 2006 Tour de France winner

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Oscar Pereiro finally got his hands on the winner's yellow jersey from the 2006 Tour de France on Monday.

"Finally we have a winner and his Oscar," Tour director Christian Prudhomme said. "Oscar, you have won the Tour out on the road."

The Spaniard moved up from second to first after the disqualification of Floyd Landis for doping.

"I have the feeling of arriving at the end of a thriller, after having spent 14 months

thinking about it and not being able to concentrate as I should have on my job," Pereiro said. "It's essentially a kind of release."

The International Cycling Union formally declared Pereiro the winner on Sept. 21, one day after a U.S. arbitration panel voted 2-1 to remove the title from Landis for using synthetic testosterone during the Tour.

It's the first time in the 105-year history of the race that a winner has been stripped of the title.

"The moment I received the profit of my work, I had mixed feelings, something between satisfaction and regret for what we were deprived of," Pereiro said. "These conditions at the top step of a podium with his winner's jersey, not along the Champs-Élysées as a normal champion would but in offices of Spain's Sports Ministry."

These conditions are impossible to feel them in a ceremony like this one, which is organized so that everyone understands and sees that

Oscar Pereiro is the winner of the Tour," the Caisse d'Épargne rider said.

Landis has appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, which is expected to issue a final and binding ruling by mid-February.

"We can blame Floyd Landis for many things but we can't blame him for defending himself," Prudhomme said.

The Tour director said once the UCI had made up its mind and announced a new winner, the decision was made to hand the yellow jersey

to Pereiro.

"The international federation said two weeks ago the winner or the 2006 Tour is Oscar Pereiro, and the UCI is the federation that has the classification," Prudhomme said. "The moment the international federation said the winner was Oscar, it was clear."

"It's a little winner, but he's a real winner," Prudhomme added.

Spanish Sports Minister Jaime Lissasvezky and Patrice Clerc, head of four organizers ASO, attended the ceremony.

Lissasvezky said Pereiro had been awarded Spain's gold medal for sporting merit.

Pereiro held a lead of more than eight minutes over Landis before the American made a spectacular comeback in the 17th stage to set up his 2006 Tour victory. Pereiro finished 57 seconds behind Landis in the final standing.

"It's good for sport to have mechanisms that can filter out those who cheat," said Pereiro, a former teammate of Landis' with Phonak.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup Series

Through Oct. 15

Rank	Driver	Points
1	Jimmie Johnson	4,100
2	Jeff Gordon	3,800
3	Ryan Newman	3,500
4	David Reardon	3,400
5	Greg Biffle	3,300
6	Kevin Harvick	3,200
7	Mark Martin	3,100
8	Matt Kenseth	3,000
9	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2,900
10	Tim Lincecum	2,800
11	Scott Speed	2,700
12	Clayton Kershaw	2,600
13	Casey Mears	2,500
14	Robby Gordon	2,400
15	Greg Biski	2,300
16	David Ragan	2,200
17	Scott Wimmer	2,100
18	Scott Pruett	2,000
19	David Green	1,900
20	Scott Wimmer	1,800

BASEBALL

MLB Playoffs

American League Championship Series

Rank	Team	Record
1	Boston Red Sox	3-0
2	Cleveland Indians	2-1
3	New York Yankees	1-2
4	Los Angeles Angels	0-3

World Series: Boston Red Sox vs. Cleveland Indians (Game 1, 10/18)

FOOTBALL

NFL Week 12

Team	W	L	T
Akron	1	0	0
Atlanta	1	0	0
Baltimore	1	0	0
Buffalo	1	0	0
Cincinnati	1	0	0
Cleveland	1	0	0
Dallas	1	0	0
Denver	1	0	0
Indianapolis	1	0	0
Jacksonville	1	0	0
Kansas City	1	0	0
Las Vegas	1	0	0
Los Angeles Rams	1	0	0
Minnesota	1	0	0
Montreal	1	0	0
New England	1	0	0
New Orleans	1	0	0
New York Jets	1	0	0
Oakland	1	0	0
Pittsburgh	1	0	0
San Diego	1	0	0
Seattle	1	0	0
Tennessee	1	0	0
Washington	1	0	0
Winnipeg	1	0	0

BASKETBALL

NBA Regular Season

Rank	Team	Record
1	Los Angeles Lakers	12-4
2	San Antonio Spurs	12-4
3	Phoenix Suns	11-5
4	Portland Trail Blazers	11-5
5	Memphis Grizzlies	11-5
6	Golden State Warriors	11-5
7	Atlanta Hawks	11-5
8	San Diego Clippers	11-5
9	Philadelphia 76ers	11-5
10	Chicago Bulls	11-5
11	Indiana Pacers	11-5
12	Washington Wizards	11-5
13	San Jose Warriors	11-5
14	Orlando Magic	11-5
15	Charlotte Hornets	11-5
16	Washington Wizards	11-5
17	San Jose Warriors	11-5
18	Orlando Magic	11-5
19	Charlotte Hornets	11-5
20	Washington Wizards	11-5

GAME PLAN

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

AP Top 25 Schedule

Rank	Team	Points
1	St. Ignace	3,500
2	St. Ignace	3,200
3	St. Ignace	2,900
4	St. Ignace	2,600
5	St. Ignace	2,300
6	St. Ignace	2,000
7	St. Ignace	1,700
8	St. Ignace	1,400
9	St. Ignace	1,100
10	St. Ignace	800

TV SCHEDULE

BOXING

ESPN - Wednesday, Oct. 17

Alfonso Gomez (17-3-2) vs. Ben Carter (29-1-7) at 11:30 p.m.

AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

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1	St. Ignace	3,500
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CLASS 5A REGIONAL

Rank	Team	Points
1	St. Ignace	3,500
2	St. Ignace	3,200
3	St. Ignace	2,900
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9	St. Ignace	1,100
10	St. Ignace	800

CHAMPIONS TOURNEY

Rank	Team	Points
1	St. Ignace	3,500
2	St. Ignace	3,200
3	St. Ignace	2,900
4	St. Ignace	2,600
5	St. Ignace	2,300
6	St. Ignace	2,000
7	St. Ignace	1,700
8	St. Ignace	1,400
9	St. Ignace	1,100
10	St. Ignace	800

RODGE

Rank	Team	Points
1	St. Ignace	3,500
2	St. Ignace	3,200
3	St. Ignace	2,900
4	St. Ignace	2,600
5	St. Ignace	2,300
6	St. Ignace	2,000
7	St. Ignace	1,700
8	St. Ignace	1,400
9	St. Ignace	1,100
10	St. Ignace	800

VOLEYBALL

Rank	Team	Points
1	St. Ignace	3,500
2	St. Ignace	3,200
3	St. Ignace	2,900
4	St. Ignace	2,600
5	St. Ignace	2,300
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NFL commissioner says Super Bowl may someday be held in London

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — A future Super Bowl champion may someday be crowned overseas in a game witnessed predominantly by a foreign audience, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said.

"There's a great deal of interest in holding a Super Bowl in London," Goodell told reporters Monday. "So we'll be looking at that."

The commissioner said London's new Wembley Stadium would make a great candidate for pro football's biggest matchup, given the enthusiasm overseas for the game.

The NFL has been expanding its overseas presence for years by televising games around the world. It's held preseason games in numerous countries in Europe, Asia, Mexico and Canada, and in 2005, the Arizona Cardinals and San Francisco 49ers played the first regular-season match outside the United States.

The game at Azteca Stadium in Mexico City drew the league's largest crowd to date, 103,467.

On Oct. 29, Wembley will host the first regular-season NFL game outside North America. It took just 90 minutes to sell the first 40,000 tickets for the game between the Miami Dolphins and New York Giants. Goodell said event organizers have sold 95,000 tickets in all.

British Super Bowl after a luncheon Monday in Scottsdale sponsored by the host committee for the 2008 Super Bowl in Arizona.

MLB

A-Rod talks with agent in California

NEW YORK — While New York Yankees officials prepared to gather in Florida to determine the fate of manager Joe Torre, Alex Rodriguez was in California to consult with agent Scott Boras on his negotiating strategy.

A-Rod and Boras began talks on Sunday, and the agent said the star third baseman will remain in California for several days.

"We plan to spend a lot of time together in the next week," Boras said Monday.

"We're going through a process of information now and looking at the baseball side, the economic side, the future of his family and what their goals are, putting all that into the landscape of what decision he's going to make," Boras said.

Rodriguez is guaranteed salaries of \$24 million in each of the next three seasons from the

Yankees, who expect \$21.3 million from Texas as part of the 2004 trade that brought A-Rod to New York. If Rodriguez opts out, the Yankees would lose that subsidy.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Boise State players named WAC players of week

DENVER — Boise State running back Ian Johnson was named the Week 10 Player of the Week by the Western Athletic Conference players of the week.

Johnson, a junior on San Dimas, Calif., won for offensive player for rushing for more than 200 yards and two scores on 28 carries in Boise State's 67-7 overtime victory over Nevada Sunday. He also caught one touchdown pass for 51 yards and one touchdown. Brotzman, a freshman from Meridian, made all four of his field-goal attempts and all seven extra points to score 19 of the Broncos' 69 points.

Louisiana Tech linebacker Quin Harris won for defense.

MAGIC VALLEY

Bruins golf team benefit planned

TWIN FALLS — A benefit for the Twin Falls High School golf team will be held Sunday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

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Sports Shorts

Yankees — Who expect \$21.3 million from Texas as part of the 2004 trade that brought A-Rod to New York. If Rodriguez opts out, the Yankees would lose that subsidy.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Boise State players named WAC players of week

DENVER — Boise State running back Ian Johnson was named the Week 10 Player of the Week by the Western Athletic Conference players of the week.

Johnson, a junior on San Dimas, Calif., won for offensive player for rushing for more than 200 yards and two scores on 28 carries in Boise State's 67-7 overtime victory over Nevada Sunday. He also caught one touchdown pass for 51 yards and one touchdown. Brotzman, a freshman from Meridian, made all four of his field-goal attempts and all seven extra points to score 19 of the Broncos' 69 points.

Louisiana Tech linebacker Quin Harris won for defense.

MAGIC VALLEY

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VOLEYBALL

Conference

Rank Team Points

1	St. Ignace	3,500
2	St. Ignace	3,200
3	St. Ignace	2,900
4	St. Ignace	2,600
5	St. Ignace	2,300
6	St. Ignace	2,000
7	St. Ignace	1,700
8	St. Ignace	1,400
9	St. Ignace	1,100
10	St. Ignace	800

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Los Angeles — Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim traded pitcher Matt Shoemaker to the Chicago White Sox for catcher Jason Kendall.

San Francisco — San Francisco Giants traded pitcher Tim Lincecum to the Seattle Mariners for pitcher Mike Lamb.

St. Louis — St. Louis Cardinals traded pitcher Jason Motte to the Pittsburgh Pirates for pitcher Jason Hirth.

Washington — Washington Nationals traded pitcher Jason Ligon to the Tampa Bay Rays for pitcher Jason Ligon.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Increasing clouds. High near 60. Tonight: Developing showers starting to move through. Low: 40s. Tomorrow: Off and on showers continuing and a touch cooler. High: 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Variably cloudy skies early, thickening afternoon clouds and a few sprinkles of rain. High: 50s, lower 60s. Tonight: More shower activity expected. Low: 40s, lower 40s. Tomorrow: Cooler with more showers. High: 50s, lower 50s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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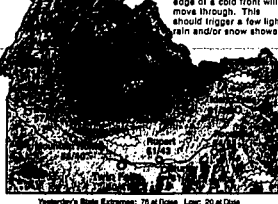
Table with 7 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count. Includes weather icons.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A few showers will move into northern locations today along a slow moving front. Showers will become more abundant and rain will switch over to snow over the higher elevations Wednesday and Thursday.

BOISE Cool fall showers will develop later today and Wednesday as a cold front moves in from the west. Once the front moves through cooler air will filter in for Wednesday.

NORTHERN UTAH Later today into Wednesday morning the edge of a cold front will move through. This should trigger a few light rain and/or snow showers.



Yesterday's Boise Electronics: 75 to 80. Low: 20 to 25. Dew: 45 to 50. Wind: 10 to 15 mph. High: 80 to 85. Low: 20 to 25. Dew: 45 to 50. Wind: 10 to 15 mph.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases: Oct 18 (Full Moon), Oct 25 (New Moon), Nov 1 (First Quarter), Nov 8 (Full Moon).

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Twin Falls: Wednesday Moonrise: 2:21 PM, Moonset: 10:48 PM.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. Index: Low, Moderate, High.

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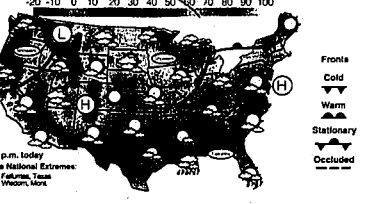
NATIONAL FORECAST

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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists cities like London, London, London, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



REGGIE WILDEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think it is very hard on me to make a transition from a cellar-dweller to a contender and trying to go for a championship," Brooks said.

CANADIAN FORECAST

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Brooks: Kentucky's respect lags behind on-field success

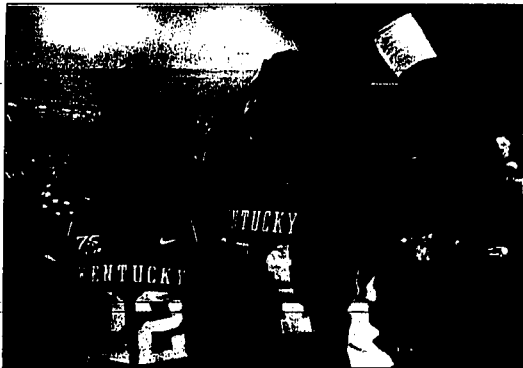
LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky coach Rich Brooks usually doesn't check national rankings or point spreads, but he admits taking a peek after the Wildcats knocked off top-ranked LSU in triple-overtime.

What he found was not only does LSU have a higher national ranking (No. 5) than his Wildcats (No. 8), but Kentucky's next opponent — Florida — is an early touch-down favorite for Saturday's game in Lexington.

"Those guys in Las Vegas, I guess they don't get fooled very often," Brooks said Monday. "Florida's a 7-point favorite and we just beat the No. 1 team in the nation! How does that equate? It's pretty interesting stuff."

Brooks isn't necessarily complaining. He says it takes more than one colossal upset, or even one or two breakout seasons, for a team long regarded as a bottom-feeder of the Southeastern Conference to be considered among the big boys.

"He can run around you and he can run through you," Brooks said. "In fact, Saturday's game will feature a matchup of two-



Kentucky football players Rafael Little (22) and Johnny Williams leave the field after upsetting No. 1-ranked LSU, 43-37, in Lexington, Ky., on Saturday.

bona fide Heisman candidates, Tebow and Kentucky's Andre Woodson, whose TD pass to Steve Johnson in triple-OT was his third late game-winning drive this year.

Kentucky's players know that knocking off the Gators a week after their stunner against LSU could help them soar, not just in the polls but in the BCS and national title picture. Lose, Brooks says, and the Wildcats will "fall like a big boulder."

When the first BCS rankings came out Sunday, Kentucky (6-1, 2-1) checked in at No. 7, eight spots above the cellar-dweller of the huge game looming the players are viewing the ranking as little more than mid-season decoration.

"It's nice to look at, but I try not to pay much attention to it," offensive lineman Justin Jeffries said.

Last amid Saturday's on-field celebration at Commonwealth Stadium, in which thousands of fans rushed the field and 22 were arrested, there were more subtle hints that Lexington has finally arrived as a football town.

First, new basketball coach Billy Gillispie threw the annual Big Blue Madness party Friday night, yet Monday, the talk of this town was all about football.

Calhoun's job is apparently "safe" for "now," Chancellor Harvey Periman said the next athletic director would decide the fate of the football staff.

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"There is no joy in my heart for having to do this," Periman said. He said it would cost at least \$2.2 million to buy Pederson out of his contract.

Nebraska AD fired 2 days after loss to Oklahoma State

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska athletic director Steve Pederson was fired Monday, two days after the school's once-mighty football team was rocked with its worst home loss in nearly a half-century.

Pederson, along with coach Bill Callahan, has been heavily criticized after a series of one-sided losses this season. The most recent was a 45-14 loss to Oklahoma State on Saturday.

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At the end of the July, Pederson's contract was renewed for five years, but this season has been a nightmare for the most part. Even in victory — a 41-0 rout against Ball State — the Huskers' defense was far from the force it used to be.

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Saturday," Periman said. "It may well be that the vulnerability of the football program encouraged people to come forward when prior to that they had not."

Pederson said in a statement it had been an honor to work at Nebraska and pointed out a status period in his overhaul and hiring of coaches during his tenure.

"It is not clear how long such a process will take or its precise form," Periman said. "It is important it be done expeditiously but thoughtfully."

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Vandals

(we) have some young guys. The guys aren't going (to) quit. The guys believe in what's going on. We just have to make those plays." Voborn said.

not OK to keep being in a hole. It's time that we start making that happen." Notes: Idaho will continue using a two-quarterback rotation until starter Enderle is ready to play back in the next two weeks.

be known. "I'm trying to stay at quarterback." Attendance for the homecoming game was 14,205. Quite a few were wearing black T-shirts with gold lettering-stating, "My Army."

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Market drops over debt unease

(AP) Stocks pulled back sharply Monday as news that major U.S. banks will set up a fund to help bail out the credit markets stirred concerns about bad debt.

Dow Jones Industrials
13,964.80

Nasdaq composite
2,780.05

Standard & Poor's 500
1,548.71

Russell 2000
829.36

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Crude oil prices surge above \$85 a barrel

OPEC says supplies are falling while demand is growing

By John Wiles
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Oil prices surged above \$85 a barrel Monday for the first time after OPEC said crude production by non-OPEC countries is falling even as global demand for oil is rising.

Prices were also supported by concerns Turkish forces will pursue Kurdish rebels into Iraq, disrupting oil supplies, and by technical buying by investment funds.

Despite the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' decision last month to boost its production by 500,000 barrels per day beginning next month, the rest of the world will likely produce 110,000 fewer barrels of oil per day than expected, OPEC said in a report.

At the same time, fourth quarter demand for crude oil will grow by 100,000 barrels a day over last year, OPEC said.

The estimates add to a picture of a tight market for crude. Last week, the Energy Department reported that domestic crude inventories

fell during the week ended Oct. 5 when they had been expected to rise. And the International Energy Agency concluded that oil inventories held by the world's largest industrialized countries have fallen below a five-year average.

"The fact that U.S. crude inventories fell yet again reinforced the market's underlying concern that demand has yet to slow down sufficiently to allow stocks to build, while supply is also perceived to be struggling to catch up," wrote Edward Meir, an analyst at MF Global UK Ltd., in a research note.

Light, sweet crude for

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November delivery rose \$1.31 to \$85 on the New York Mercantile Exchange after rising as high as \$85.30, a record intraday price.

Despite the gains, oil is still below inflation-adjusted highs hit in early 1980. Depending on the adjustment, a \$38 barrel of oil in 1980 would be worth \$96 to \$101 or more today.

Nymex natural gas futures rose 34.2 cents to \$7.16 per 1,000 cubic feet on worries a storm in the Caribbean Sea will move north and develop in strength, threatening key oil and gas infrastructure in the Gulf of Mexico.

In London, Brent crude futures rose \$1.15 to \$81.70 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

At the pump, gas prices fell 0.4 cent overnight to a national average of \$2.757 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service.

The Turkish government's decision on Monday to ask Parliament for permission to pursue Kurdish rebels into Iraq stoked worries that hostilities will disrupt oil supplies, analysts said.

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Times-News upgrades with new technology

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The Times-News has upgraded part of its press process in order to improve the color and clarity of the local newspaper, as well as to reduce the time required to transfer text and images from computer to press.

Known as Computer-to-Plate, the system transfers digital information directly from computers to the plates, which are used in the press process.

The new system cost Lee Enterprises — the parent company of the Times-News — about \$300,000 to install the system.

The system will save the

newspaper money over the long-term by eliminating the need for many chemicals that were used in the process.

"The biggest advantages are better (clarity) more efficient use of the same amount of manpower," said Jerry Johns, pre-press technician for the Times-News.

"Basically, what it took 20 to 25 minutes to do a year ago, we can now do in about 12 minutes."

About 75 percent of the newspaper's 100 print-plates are currently being produced by the new system, Johns said. 100 percent of the print-plates will be produced by the new system by November.



The first production Airbus A380 superjumbo jet is seen during its delivery ceremony in Colombiers, near Toulouse, southern France, Monday. The A380's inaugural commercial flight has been set for Oct. 25, from Singapore to Sydney.

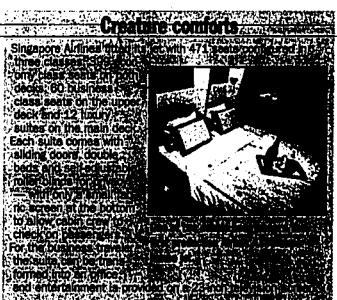
Airbus delivers first A380 superjumbo two years late; comes complete with double beds

By Emma Vandore
Associated Press writer

TOULOUSE, France — Nearly two years late, Airbus finally delivered its first A380 superjumbo on Monday, a revolutionary behemoth that includes luxury suites equipped with comfy double beds.

Customer Singapore Airlines says the passenger jet, the world's largest, was worth the wait, and the delivery marks a budding morale-boosting milestone for Airbus.

Singapore Airlines Chief Executive Chew Choon Seng said his airline was inconvenienced by the late delivery, but added, "We are glad that Airbus took the time to make sure that the plane is fully tested and developed before it enters commercial service."



Singapore Airlines, Airbus will have to redesign cabins and electrical layouts for Emirates Airlines and Qatar. It is committed to handling over 13 planes in 2008, 25 in 2009, and 45 in 2010.

Asked if he was confident that Airbus is up to the challenge, Enders said: "We have every confidence we can deliver, but what is guaranteed in life?"

Lack of a sure-thing might not go down well with Airbus' 16 customers for the A380, whose patience has already been stretched, nor with potential converts. With 189 orders or firm commitments,

Airbus is hoping to see 200 on its books by year-end.

Meanwhile, it looks like Airbus is having problems with its next big project — the A400M military cargo plane.

Tom Williams, Airbus executive vice-president for programs, said difficulties with the engine could push the first flight of the turbo-prop back six months. If the European planemaker is late delivering, "clearly it's not going to be cheap," he told journalists.

U.S. rival Boeing Co. is late too, announcing a six-month delay last week to its hot-selling 787 Dreamliner. But the

Lining up for A380s

- Airbus has received 189 orders or commitments from 16 customers for its A380 aircraft.
- Orders ■ Commitments
 - Emirates, United Arab Emirates ■ 11
 - Qantas Airways, Australia ■ 12
 - Singapore Airlines, Singapore ■ 19
 - Lufthansa, Germany ■ 15
 - Air France, France ■ 12
 - British Airways, Britain ■ 12
 - International Lease Finance Corp., Los Angeles ■ 10
 - Malaysia Airlines, Malaysia ■ 5
 - Thai Airways, Thailand ■ 6
 - Virgin Atlantic Airways, Britain ■ 5
 - China Southern Airlines, China ■ 5
 - Kingfisher Airlines, India ■ 5
 - Korean Air Lines, South Korea ■ 5
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 - Ethiadd Airways, United Arab Emirates ■ 4
 - Grupo Marsans, Spain ■ 4
- SOURCE: Airbus AP



Harold Sampo supervises the Times-News' new Kodak Transsetter Computer-to-Plate image setter Thursday afternoon at the Times-News office. The new system will enhance color and clarity in the daily newspaper's press process.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Business tax workshop to be held at CSI

The Idaho Small Business Development center is offering "Confused About Business Taxes?" from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 24 at the offices of Dodds and Associates, 397 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

The workshop will help business owners understand tax laws and then apply planning strategies that best fit their business. Each attendee will receive a manual and handouts covering topics including federal and state laws, how to defer or shift taxes, structuring your business entity, choosing and maintaining a business record system, and more.

The fee is \$30 per person. A spouse or business partner can sign up free. Advance registration is required.

To register, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455

or rust@csi.edu.

Register for Business in China education tour

The College of Southern Idaho Business Department is accepting reservations for next year's Business in China educational tour.

The 13-day trip will feature stops in Beijing, Gungong, Xi'an, Shanghai and at the Great Wall of China. Activities will include trips to historic, cultural and economic sites, a visit to Zhong Guan Cun — the so-called Silicon Valley of China — and many other stops at industrial, religious and commercial sites.

The trip will be from May 19 to 31, 2008. The cost is \$3,225 per person.

For more information or to sign up, contact Rosemary Fornahell at 732-6435 or rornahell@csi.edu.

— from staff reports

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	24.88	▲ .08	Deil Inc.	28.18	▼ .35	Idacorp	33.29	▼ .57
Lithia Mo.	18.49	▼ .76	Micron	10.46	▼ .03	Supervalu	35.24	▼ .25

COMMODITIES

Live cattle	95.15	▼ .70	Nov. Oil	86.13	▲ 2.44
Nov. gold	758.9	▲ 8.4	(Light sweet crude by barrel)		

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Table of American Stock Exchange market data including volume, index, and top gainers/losers.

Otter: Rules preventing coal-fired plants 'still appropriate'

BOISE (AP) — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter is sticking to a plan that keeps mercury-contaminated coal power plants out of Idaho.

In recent remarks and a letter, the Republican has said former Gov. Jim Risch in August 2006 was right to opt out of federal participation in a trading program, without which Idaho is off-limits to coal-fired power plants like one that was proposed — then later abandoned — by a San Diego, Calif.-based utility owner.

"If everything stayed the same, I see no reason to change it," Otter told reporters earlier this month while in the state's first energy czar.

Otter said he doesn't want to "close out any options" should new pollution-control technology be developed to make coal-fired plants cleaner. For now, however, the governor wants to focus on getting a share of power from other states bringing electricity over planned transmission lines.

Otter also told Idaho university presidents earlier this month that Idaho should look for "resistant nuclear power, because he believes alternative sources like solar or wind are too costly and unreliable to meet all the state's future energy needs.

Disparaging his support for Risch's decision barring coal-fired power plants, Otter told the chairwoman of the state's Board of Environmental Quality in a letter earlier this month that he was in no mood to change course.

Doing so would be politically dicey: In 2005, 8,500 residents in particular in the region surrounding Twin Falls signed a petition opposing a plan by California's Sempra Energy to erect a \$1.4 billion coal power plant in Jerome County.

"I believe it was the right decision at that time, and I believe it is still the appropriate course of action for the near future," Otter told Joan Chagnon, on what he thought of Ilse's decision.

None of this, of course, means power that runs the Idaho's air conditioners and other electrical appliances doesn't come from coal that spews mercury into the air when it's burned: Idaho Power Co., the state's biggest utility, owns a third of the Jim Bridger coal-fired power plant in neighboring Wyoming, close to some of the world's richest coal deposits.

And the state isn't without issues involving mercury that at high levels can damage the human nervous system, particularly in developing fetuses.

ISU uses radiation accelerator to learn more about fossils

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho State University anthropologists are retracing American Indian trade routes by bombarding arrowheads and other stone tools with radiation that helps locate their origins.

The work at the Idaho Accelerator Center in Pocatello involves a process called photon activation analysis. It allows researchers to measure trace elements in an object and use the data to match artifacts with their places of origin, such as matching arrowheads made of obsidian with the lava flows they came from. That can provide evidence about how such items were passed among the West's tribes.

"This is the only accelerator center in the world doing this kind of work," ISU anthropology professor Herb Maschner told the

Idaho State Journal.

The same results can be gained by drilling holes into the artifacts and irradiating them inside nuclear reactors, Maschner said. But that means the artifacts must be treated as nuclear waste afterward. The photo activation method causes no damage, he said.

The university's physics and anthropology departments began collaborating on the project about two years ago. Maschner wanted to trace the origins of the artifacts found by anthropologist and tribal members in the Aleutian Islands, and former Idaho Accelerator Center Director Frank Harmon told the professor he had a technique that could work without destroying the objects.

Maschner and Harmon began their project by irradiating rocks to see if they could get an elemental fingerprint.

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gerprint. When they found the process worked, they added quality controls and did a little fine-tuning before starting on the artifacts.

Buck Benson, an ISU graduate student and Maschner's assistant, said the scientists experimented with obsidian and rocks from the lava flows in southeastern Idaho, discovering they could accurately match samples to particular flows.

The scientists know the obsidian in Maschner's arrowheads came from particular volcanoes in Alaska, but they hope to learn which arrowheads correspond with

which volcanoes.

Their project uses a medical grade accelerator designed for cancer therapy. It shoots 25 million volts of electricity into a block that converts the current into gamma rays before it passes through the stone artifacts, which rotate in small containers on a turntable for a period of four hours.

"It changes the composition slightly to make them radioactive so we can measure the elements," Maschner said.

Afterward, the objects are set aside for a few days until they are radiation free. They can then be returned to the tribes.

Gov's health committee to hold regional meeting in Pocatello

POCATELLO (AP) — The Governor's newly formed Select Committee on Health Care will hold its first regional meeting in Pocatello next week.

The committee is charged with collecting public comments on the health care recommendations made in Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's closed-door health care summit held earlier this year.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 24, in conjunction with a conference on health care held at Idaho State University.

The recommendations called for increasing health insurance coverage through a public-private partnership and attracting more health care professionals to the state.



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NORTH
 ♠ Q 7 6 5
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A 8 3
 ♣ Q J 10 8

On this deal from James Kauder's book "Return of the Bridge Philosopher," Kauder leads a top club and partner's two is a grave disappointment. To set four spades, a defender, it seems, has to win a trick in diamonds. It looks correct, therefore, to shift to a diamond.

EAST
 ♠ A 2
 ♥ Q 10 8 7 3 2
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ 9 6 2

However, even if declarer's distribution is 5-3-3-2, four spades cannot be defeated, since declarer can pitch a diamond on dummy's clubs. But if South's distribution is 5-2-4-2, it may be possible to set four spades. Can you see how?

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

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

The bidding:

South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 2 NT* Pass
 4 ♠ All pass
 *Game-forcing raise in spades

Opening lead: Club king

declarer can discard two diamonds on dummy's clubs. However, the diamond shift would be disastrous if declarer held the K-J-x-x of diamonds.

BID WITH THE ACES

10-16-B

South holds:

♠ 8 2
 ♥ Q 10 8 7 3 2
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ 9 6 2

South West North East
 1 ♠ Dbl. Rdbl.

There is a better way to set four spades without risking a diamond lead away from the queen. West continues with the club ace and a third club, which declarer wins with dummy's jack while pitching a diamond.

ANSWER: You should jump preemptively in hearts. Three hearts is the value bid unless the vulnerability is against you or you don't trust your partner to deliver shape-suitable takeout doubles. The opponents surely have a fit in spades or diamonds. They have not yet found it though, so you may yet be able to make them guess what to do if you take away their space.

Declarer leads a spade to his king and West's ace. West then leads a fourth round of clubs, which partner ruffs low and declarer overruffs. South has lost his second discard and is later forced to take a diamond finesse. When that loses, four spades is down one.

If West fails to play the ace, king and another club, and later a fourth club for East to ruff, then declarer will be able to pitch two diamonds on dummy's clubs.

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THE TREES' SECRET

In fall, they spill it all

By Ariel Hansen • Times-News writer

Reds, yellows, oranges, even purples. Spring kicks off the season of flowers, but autumn is trees' time to shine.

You may leap into forgiving piles of raked leaves, or enjoy nature's annual art project during drives through the hills. Or perhaps those falling remembrances of summer past are an annoyance, prompting gleeful fueling of your leaf blower.

No matter your opinion of the leaf, consider the natural mechanism that changes it from green and vibrant to brown and dry. In these brief weeks of color, said Dave Klesig, assistant professor of horticulture at the College of Southern Idaho, the tree is preparing for the winter ahead, when the grays of sky and earth are frosted with snow.

So take a moment. Pick up a leaf, and look at it closely. As leaves help trees store energy, store that yellow or red in your memory until spring, when nature bursts forth with color again.



Photo by MICHELE BERTON/PhotoBank
Red Sunset maple, *Acer rubrum*

Why leaves change and drop

Trees get nutrition in two ways: photosynthesis — in which chlorophyll makes leaves appear green — and absorption of nutrients in the ground. During spring and summer, long hours of sunlight allow lots of photosynthesis, but in autumn and winter, less sunlight and cold weather mean the tree shifts primarily to its roots for nutrition.

"It's starting into shutdown and conservation," Klesig said. "It's starting to store things. That's a pretty rapid process."

When photosynthesis shuts down, chlorophyll and water are pulled out of the leaves and into the trunk for storage. The leaves are now brightly colored or brown, depending on which pigments are left, and they fall and dry up. Southern Idaho's drought will shorten this year's display.

Unless a rake or leaf blower comes along, fallen leaves decompose at the base of the tree, providing nutrients that are absorbed into the soil to feed roots through winter and early spring.

This is why Klesig says autumn is a great time to fertilize and water trees: it mimics trees' natural process. "They'll be good and healthy through the spring and all next year," he said.

How colors shift

Leaves, like everything else with color, are reflecting part of a light beam.

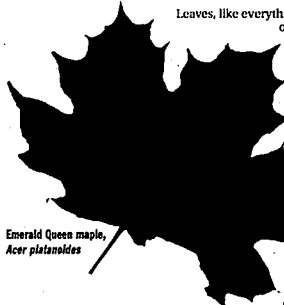
"When we see green, the other colors of the light spectrum are being absorbed," Klesig said.

In spring and summer, trees process light and translate it into nutrition through photosynthesis. Because a green-pigmented molecule called chlorophyll figurates so heavily in this process, leaves appear green. As the weather cools and daylight shortens, trees are triggered to stop photosynthesis, and other molecules come forward.

"The recessive colors — your yellows, your reds, your oranges — are able then to express themselves," Klesig said.

Yellows come from xanthophyll, the same pigment that colors egg yolks. Oranges are from carotenoids: They are what make carrots and oranges orange, and beta carotene — a carotenoid — helps our bodies make vitamin A. Reds and pinks are from anthocyanins, which are also antioxidants that protect the plant during metabolic processes. Different combinations of these produce purples and other colors in autumn leaves.

In many modern varieties of trees, the expression of these colors has been bred in by humans looking for brighter autumn displays, but the reds, oranges and yellows are natural.



Emerald Queen maple, *Acer platanoides*



Poplar, also called cottonwood, *Poppel deltoides*

Where to see autumn hues

New England's blazing foliage is rightly famous, drawing tourists every year, but southern Idaho has displays to stir the soul and prompt the camera.

"There are some spectacular pockets out here in the mountain West," Klesig said. "The colors right now are really nice."

His favorite places include Rock Creek Canyon, the road to the South Hills' Diamondfield Jack area, and the top of Pike Mountain. "If you hit the sunlight just right, it's spectacular, like an artist spilled their palette."

Light on autumn leaves makes excellent photographs, agreed Colin Randolph, an amateur photographer from Twin Falls. Randolph especially loves photographing near Redfish Lake and from the tops of the South Hills.

"It's called being in the right spot at the right time of the day," he said. "The yellows and oranges and greens mixed with the browns. There's just so much diversity of color."



Flowering crab apple, *Malus spp*

Take some color home

Though photographs can keep the colors of fall bright on walls and in albums all year, there are other ways to bring autumn hues home.

Try pressing your favorite leaves between sheets of thick paper weighted with books or bricks — you can use the pages of a heavy book, but some pigments may transfer to the paper. Display the pressed leaves in layers of waxed paper sealed with an iron, and frame them or attach them to cards as gifts. This is one way to teach children about nature through a fun craft project.

Or, if you have space in your yard, consider buying trees that have autumn displays in your favorite colors. Klesig recommends these for southern Idaho climates, where arid weather and alkaline soil can limit varieties that grow:

Red: Autumn Blaze maple

Orange: Royal Raindrops crab apple, Gambel oak

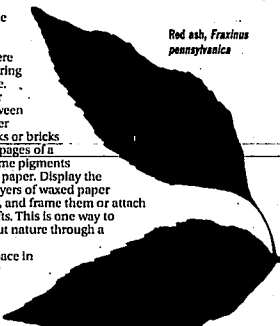
Yellow: Norway maples

Purple: Autumn Applause ash

Multicolored: Autumn Splendor maple, flowering pears

Color throughout the growing season: Sensation maple

"There are a bunch of new varieties coming in these days," Klesig said. "They're breeding for colors."



Red ash, *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*

Send us your best shots of rural autumn

Times-News

Keep your camera handy this month, while leaves fall and cornstalks crumble.

We want to see Times-News readers' photos of autumn in the Magic Valley countryside — whether that's harvesting in the backyard garden plot, or burying grandkids in a leaf pile, or buttoning down the acreage for winter.

Then here in Country Roads, we'll showcase some of our favorite fall-photo submissions from readers, along with our judges' comments.

Here are the rules for our no-prize fall contest:

• Photos must be taken in Magic Valley, Mini-Cassia or the Wood River Valley.

• Stuck to recent photos, please. In this case, that means images of fall 2006

or fall 2007.

• For our ease of judging, please submit prints (they can be plain-paper printouts or standard photo prints). Please do not e-mail your entry.

• After we choose winners, we'll ask them to e-mail high-resolution digital versions for publication.

• Identify the people in your photograph, and where and when it was taken. And,

of course, tell us who shot the photo. If you like, please include a few extra comments about the photo.

• Include your address, phone number and e-mail address.

• Mail entries to: Virginia Hutchins, Features Editor, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

• The deadline for us to receive your entries is Nov. 14.



Photo courtesy of MICHELE BERTON/PhotoBank
This photo from fall 2005, by Jessica DeLoetz-Olsen of Filer, shows a grandry built in 1912. It's the oldest building on the DeLoetz-Olsen farm.

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By Johnny Hart

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By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

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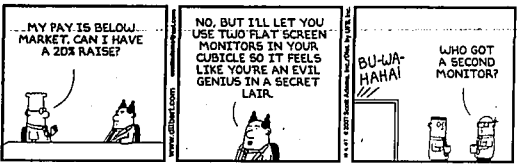
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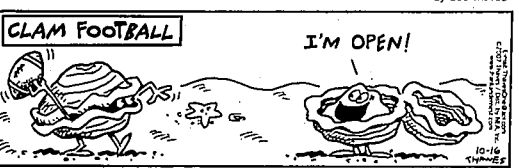
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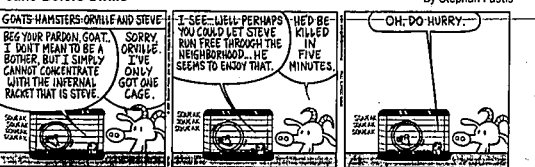
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By Bruce Tinsley

Pearls Before Swine



By Stephan Pastis

Pickles



By Brian Crane

Rose is Rose



By Pat Brady

Zita



By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Non Sequitur



By Wiley

Strange Brew By John Deering

Capricorn, ignore embarrassing moments

IF OCT. 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: With your Neptune moving into a favorable position with your part of the zodiac, you are likely to have a tranquil and inspirational year ahead. Meditation may lead to better health. You can be assured of increased bliss and permanence in your life if you begin important relationships or endeavors next March. That is a fabulous time to say "I do" or purchase a house, but a job change or promotion could be in the stars, as well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Squeeze every bit of buying power out of your pennies. A loved one might be preoccupied or too busy to give you the sweet caresses you yearn for, but will admire your wise economies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Past experience may have made you overly cautious in a social situation. Tact and diplomacy may be taken to such extremes that someone doesn't trust you as much as he or she should.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Pay attention to the reality of a situation. When Churchill once said, "Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick

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Jeraline Saunders

themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened."

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Consider the qualities of the obstacles in your way. There may be reserve or formality that keeps you and someone else at arm's length. There could be a past situation that affects your credit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Just because the news is optimistic doesn't mean that something is a done deal. Certain companions might resent familiarity, so stay within the bounds of good manners at all times.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Once bitten, twice shy. You might have your guard in place when dealing with others, so this isn't a good time to negotiate or develop a compromise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let the past dictate your future. Mistakes provide valuable lessons but shouldn't paralyze you with fear. Save decision-making for tomorrow when you won't hesitate at the wrong time.

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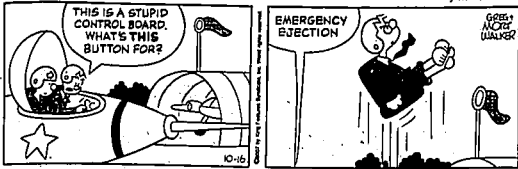
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By Mort Walker



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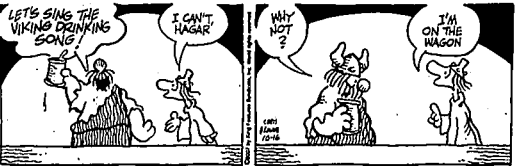
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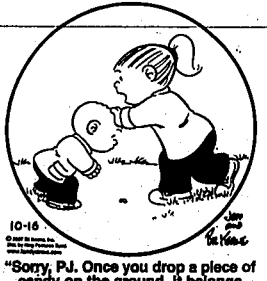
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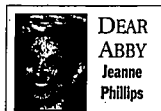
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Hosting foreign students can open up new worlds

DEAR ABBY: I would like to comment on the letter from "Mary in the West" (Aug. 10), the young girl who is apprehensive about having to room with her sister to accommodate a new exchange student, the family is hosting.



noticed classes in Japanese language, history and literature. I signed up for all three (I had been fascinated by the handwriting of the two students and wanted to learn it.)

My family has hosted several kids from Northern Ireland, and two years ago a young man from Brazil. He is now my best friend, and I will be going to Brazil for a month this winter.

DEAR ABBY: I, too, was forced to compromise when an exchange student came to stay. Because we did not have an extra bedroom, I had to share with my brother and share with "Idiga."

While I was practicing in the language lab, I met a female student from Japan who was studying Spanish, as I had previously done. We agreed to tutor each other, which led to dating, which eventually led to marriage and two wonderful sons.

Although I didn't have to give up my room, I felt the pressure of sharing a bathroom with my parents. But I wouldn't give up my experience for anything. "Wary" needs to be open and kind. It can be surprising how much exchange students already know about the United States and the world.

Yes, the year was trying at times — she and I were very different, but the result of her stay has been a 25-year friendship. Our families are very close, and we go back and forth to Norway often. She and her children also come here.

Since it is such a major undertaking, the adjustments and changes to be made must be discussed by all family members. The teenagers are coming from another culture, leaving behind their friends and families.

—MARINA IN PENNSYLVANIA

—THANKFUL IN EDGEWATER, N.J.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 16, the 289th day of 2007. There are 76 days left in the year.

Today's highlight

On Oct. 16, 1987, a 58½-hour drama in Midland, Texas, ended happily as rescuers freed Jessica McClure, an 18-month-old girl trapped in an abandoned well.

In 1957, Britain's Prince Elizabeth II and Prince Philip began a visit to the United States with a stopover at the site of the Jamestown settlement in Virginia.

Luby's Cafeteria, killing 23 people before taking his own life.

In 1962, the Cuban missile crisis began as President Kennedy was informed that reconnaissance photographs had revealed the presence of missile bases in Cuba.

Ten years ago: In the first known case in the United States, a Georgia woman gave birth after being implanted with previously frozen eggs. Author James Michener died in Austin, Texas, at age 90.

On this date

In 1793, during the French Revolution, Marie Antoinette, the queen of France, was beheaded.

In 1964, Harold Wilson of the Labor Party assumed office as prime minister of Great Britain, succeeding Conservative Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

Five years ago: President Bush signed a congressional resolution authorizing war against Iraq. The White House announced that North Korea had disclosed it had a nuclear weapons program.

In 1859, abolitionist John Brown led about 20 men in a failed raid on Harper's Ferry.

In 1964, China set off its first atomic bomb, codenamed "596," on the Lop Nur Test Ground.

One year ago: President Bush personally assured Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki by phone that he had set no timetable for pulling troops out of Iraq. Lynne Stewart, a firebrand civil rights lawyer, was sentenced in New York to 28 months in prison for helping an imprisoned terrorist speak communicate with his followers on the outside.

In 1916, Margaret Sanger opened the first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, N.Y. (The clinic ended up being raided by police and Sanger was arrested.)

In 1978, the College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church chose Cardinal Karol Wojtyla to be the new pope; he took the name John Paul II.

In 1946, 10 Nazi war criminals condemned during the Nuremberg trials were hanged.

In 1991, a deadly shooting rampage took place in Killeen, Texas, as George Hennard opened fire at a

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actress Angela Lansbury is 82. Author Günter Grass is 80. Former presidential adviser Charles W. Colson is 76. Actor-producer Tony Anthony is 70. Actor Barry Corbin is 67. Rock musician C.F. Turner (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 64. Actress Suzanne Somers is 61. Rock singer-musician Bob Weir (The Dead) is 60. Producer-director David Zucker is 60. Record company executive Jim Ed Norman is 59. Actor Daniel Gormall is 56. Actor-director Tim Robbins is 49. Actor-musician Gary Kemp is 48.

Singer-musician Bob Mould is 47. Actor Randy Vasquez is 46. Rock musician Flea (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 45. Jazz musician Roy Hargrove is 38. Actress Terri J. Vaughn is 38. Singer Wendy Willson (Wilson Phillips) is 38. Rapper B-Rock (B-Rock and the Biz) is 36. Actress Kellee Martin is 32. Singer John Mayer is 30. Actor Jeremy Jackson is 27.

THOUGHT

"We always like those who admire us; we do not always like those whom we admire."



— Francois, Duc de la Rochefoucauld, French moralist (1613-1680)

Principal's stolen pumpkin turns into a fun school lesson in Utah

WELLSVILLE, Utah (AP) — The principal's purloined pumpkin turned out to be a winner.

distrught," teacher Ainslie Jensen said. Archibald decided to turn it into a lesson, asking students to write about the pumpkin theft. About 60 students responded with poems, stories and court scenes.

weigh-in, Archibald suddenly recognized his. It was 184.5 pounds — the winner by more than 6 pounds.

For the second year, staff at Willow Valley Middle School held a contest to see who could grow the biggest pumpkin. Principal Lynn Archibald received a note, asking if he was missing anything big in his life.

Last week, as pumpkins were brought in for the

And the green-thumbed thieves? Two teachers, of course, who wore shirts with black-and-white fall stripes. "School is just fun here," student Kelly Miller said.

His pumpkin had been stolen from his home. "He came into my class so

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Get your yard ready to weather the coming cold

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

Early fall is the time to bank the glory of the late-season garden, but don't get too comfortable. It is also the time of year to renovate lawns and beds, put away tender plants and deal with stresses of seasons past.

There is a little more urgency this year than usual. A summer of drought has left precious garden plants parched and stressed. By coming to the aid of the garden, we are lifting our own spirits and taking back a little of the control that the drought has wrested from our green fingers.

A few thoughts on timely tasks:

Watering

Until the weather pattern changes we must continue to water, particularly shade and ornamental trees that look all right but might suffer a delayed reaction to the stresses of such a dry year. Most likely to be ailing are trees that like moist conditions: birches, willows, hemlocks, dawn redwoods and tulip trees, among others.

Watering is easier to identify branches that are dead now, and they should be removed. Branches that are large or require a ladder to reach are best tackled by

professionals. Woody plants that have dropped their leaves because of the drought might not be dead. Use a penknife to scrape the bark. If the layer beneath is green, the plant is still alive and is likely to leaf out next spring.

If the top growth of a shrub has died, the plant might still regrow from its roots. Use loppers to take out the dead branches. If in doubt, wait until spring for signs of life.

The leaves and stalks of most perennials will march toward death, but don't be in a rush to tidy. The seeds provide food for birds, and the blackened stems still can look ornamental, particularly when frosted by frozen dew in November. Do not cut back lacecap or pop-head hydrangeas hard; you lose next year's flowering wood. The dead canes can be trimmed out next spring after bud break.

Leaves

Drought will cause some early fall color and leaf drop. Leaves should be raked off lawns frequently. Most leaves still will fall in late October and November. Leaves should be removed from garden beds; they can smother perennials and small shrubs and, if lodged in the crowns of plants, can

Pruning and cutting

Trees are best pruned in winter dormancy after leaf drop. It is easier to identify branches that are dead now, and they should be removed. Branches that are large or require a ladder to reach are best tackled by

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Lawns

Lawns can be renovated and over-seeded until mid-October. If you are treating your lawn to a core aeration, make sure the turf is well soaked a few days before the treatment to allow the tines to reach deep. Aeration exposes the grass roots to air, so it is essential to keep the

lawn well watered after the treatment as well. Good seed-to-soil contact is vital for successful germination; dropping seed on a lawn that hasn't been aerated or dethatched, or that has compacted soil, will be of little benefit.

Mulching

Mulch is for the benefit of plants, not to achieve an end-of-season tidiness. It is used to suppress weeds, retain moisture and moderate soil temperatures. Mulch — old and new — should not be laid any thicker than four inches and should be kept away from the trunks of trees. Mulch should smell earthy, not rank; odoriferous mulch might contain compounds that will harm plants.

Pots

Cheer yourself up by yanking those summer annuals and replanting patio containers with cool-loving pretties such as pansies, chrysanthemums and winter-flowering heaters. At the garden center, look for more unusual cool-season annuals such as violas, snapdragons, wall-flowers, linarias and varieties of ornamental kale.

Drying willow saveable

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

Q: We have a weeping willow that looks like it is drying out in parts. We have noticed that ants are crawling up the tree. Is this something to do to save it from dying and prevent the ants from killing it?

A: Weeping willows have many insect and disease problems. The dry areas might be because the tree needs moisture. Soak the tree roots with water several times in a month. The ants are not killing your tree; they are there because of honeydew excreted from insects called giant bark aphids. The aphids suck the sugars inside the bark and secrete the excess, making the branches sticky. Ants follow them to feed on the sugars.

Growing green to screen a deck

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q: I am buying a townhouse with a rear deck overlooking an alley. The view is to the back of another row of townhouses. I would like to put some planters on my deck to create a screen. I like plants, preferably evergreen, could I use that would overwinter outside? Also, can you suggest a hardy vine for one of the containers?

A: Sky Pencil Japanese holly does well in a container, provided you can keep it moist during dry spells. It remains green year-round. I also have been impressed with the performance of Green Giant arborvitae in pots. The key to keeping evergreens looking good in planters is to keep them well watered throughout the year. They may take on a duller shade of green in winter, but they are still effective screening plants.

Clematis can be grown in

containers. Our native trumpet honeysuckle, *Lonicera sempervirens*, may grow in a container for many years. It will also attract hummingbirds to your garden when it blooms in late spring or early summer.

If your deck is in full shade, your options become far more limited. Our native holly, *Ilex opaca*, is more shade-tolerant than others, including the popular Foster's holly. I would suggest a cultivated variety such as Old Heavenly. I have been impressed with the shade tolerance of the Japanese nutmeg yew, *Torreya nucifera*, and it deserves to be much more widely grown. It tends to


retain its lower branches much better than most conifers that tolerate shade.

Hemlocks will also tolerate shade but will lose their lower branches as they grow upward into the light. If you choose hemlock, choose a dwarf cultivar that is upright. Geneva, Lewis and Mattotown might work, although they will take many years to reach a size that will provide much screening. They are probably best used along with the holly and the nutmeg yew to ensure that the green foliage extends down to the ground.

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How to kill a tree stump

By Scott Aker
Special to The Washington Post

Q: We lost a Bradford pear in a storm, and the broken tree was taken down and the stump removed. We still have little sprouts coming up in the area. We have tried digging them out and mowing them repeatedly but they just keep coming back.

A: Perhaps the stump was only partially removed, and it continues to grow, or you are living with lots of seedlings. Cut the sprouts as they appear and brush

the cut with an herbicide containing triclopyr, such as Brush-B-Gon or Vine-X.

Whenever you are dealing with a tree stump that refuses to die, you can treat it the same way, painting on the undiluted herbicide with a brush and focusing on the outer portions of the cut. The heartwood is not living and cannot resprout, but the cambium can be an inexhaustible source of new sprouts. This is unnecessary because they cannot sprout from stumps.

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