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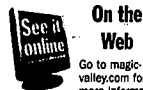
Jerome High School students Gustavo Rios, left, and Victor Nieto work during their computer hardware essentials class Thursday afternoon. The high school uses this computer lab along with others at the school to conduct Idaho Standard Achievement Tests.

Fall ISAT window closes today; schools not making yearly progress face challenges

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

With the deadline today for schools to wrap up their fall Idaho Standard Achievement Tests, some districts are trying to avert the possibility of serious sanctions that could hit them in coming years.

Five Magic Valley districts, Gooding, Shoshone, Jerome, Buhl, Cassia and the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, have schools that have



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not made adequate yearly progress, or AYP, for the last four years in areas targeted by state assessment tests.

"I think the biggest issue we have is reaching a bar of proficiency for all kids, rather than looking at growth of all students."

— Shoshone Superintendent Mel Wiseman

If those districts do not make AYP for five years, the state will help them map out corrective plans including changes in spending, curriculum, staff training, school removal, new govern-

nance, and even abolishing or restructuring the local education agency. By year six of not making AYP, that corrective action plan is

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Bird enthusiasts miffed at F&G's scheduled hunt at bird sanctuary

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

The Hagerman Wildlife Management Area has long been a sanctuary for waterfowl — a place to rest while migrating without fear of hunters.

That could change this fall. The Magic Valley office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has scheduled a youth duck hunt at the preserve where 160 birds could be shot during the first two weeks of November. Avian enthusiasts are outraged.

"I'm just not happy about the location," said Sarah Harris, president of the Prairie Falcon/Audubon Society in Twin Falls and a lab manager for the College of Southern Idaho's Biology department.

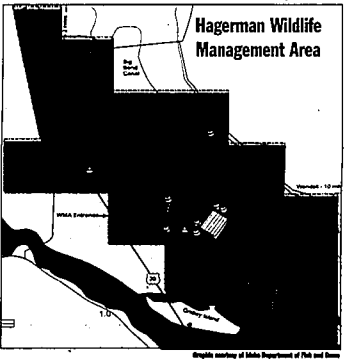
Fish and Game should have scheduled the hunt for a location where migrating birds aren't as accustomed to being left alone, she said.

Fish and Game says the bird-saturated WMA was picked because it ensures a successful hunt for the inexperienced youths, who drew admission to the program in a lottery, and it is unlikely many birds will be affected.

"Frankly, the property is owned and operated by the department," said Gary Hompland, a conservation officer in Fish and Game's Magic Valley office. "We just thought this would be a fantastic opportunity for children who can't always get out and do the things other hunters can."

Bird enthusiasts are concerned the hunt could score off some of the 20,000 birds at the 880-acre WMA and affect an annual bird count scheduled for December, when as many as 100,000 birds settle there temporarily during migration.

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Hagerman Wildlife Management Area

Graphic courtesy of Idaho Department of Fish and Game

California wildfires wane as Bush visits

By Sonya Geis
and William Branigan
The Washington Post

EL CAJON, Calif. — Continued weakening of the seasonal Santa Ana winds allowed firefighters to step up their battle against devastating wildfires Thursday, though thousands of homes remained under threat from advancing flames and the death toll rose

with the discovery of six bodies.

"The fires are winding down. We're starting to get control, except for the major fires in San Diego," said Bill Peters, spokesman for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. "We'll get them out, shifting more and more resources down there. And the weather helps."

Four bodies were found

Thursday in a canyon near the Mexican border, and two were found in a burned home in the northern part of San Diego County.

Progress in the exhausting fight came as President Bush began a visit to Southern California to tour fire-ravaged areas. The president arrived as the morning sun struggled to

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MORE WILDFIRE COVERAGE INSIDE:

Air tankers, helicopters grounded as fires took hold. See page A2

Fires compromise border patrol. See page A4

Jerome Co. pushes for disaster funds

Officials say it may be too late for much good

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Jerome County Commissioners are working to declare the county a disaster area because of a wildland fire — four months after the blaze was extinguished.

The commission could sign a resolution next week to declare a disaster emergency in hope of securing funds for fence repair or low-interest loans for ranchers who lost grazing land in the Red Bridge fire. That blaze ignited July 6 in Jerome County and spread quickly toward Shoshone. But officials say the commissioners are likely too late to do much good.

"If this declaration has something to do with the fire, it should have been

done at the time of the fire," said Gary Davis, a central Idaho coordinator for the federal Department of Homeland Security, who works with Magic Valley counties to secure disaster-relief funds.

He helped Twin Falls and Cassia counties earlier this year when commissioners declared disasters shortly after fires began. Declaring early made funds available to those counties to recoup costs.

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One-third in AP poll believe in ghosts and UFOs, half accept ESP

By Alan Fran and Trevor Tompson
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — It was bad enough when the TV and lights inexplicably flicked on at night, Misty Conrad says. When her daughter began talking to an unseen girl named Nicole and neighbors said children had been murdered in the

house, it was time to move.

Pui Conrad, a homemaker from Hampton, Va., firmly in the camp of the 34 percent of people who say they believe in ghosts, according to a pre-Halloween poll by The Associated Press and Ipsos. That's the same proportion who believe in unidentified flying objects — exceeding the 19 percent who accept the existence of

spells or witchcraft.

Fifty-eight percent believe in extrasensory perception, or ESP. But nearly half of you knew we were about to tell you that, right?

Conrad, now 40, lived in Syracuse, Ind., when her family was scared from the house they rented.

"It kind of crept you out," she recalled this week. "I needed

to get us out."

To put the roughly one-third who believe in ghosts and UFOs in perspective, it's about the same as, in recent AP-Ipsos polls, the 36 percent who said they are baseball fans; the 37 percent who said the U.S. made the right decision to invade Iraq; and the

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AP-Ipsos POLL

Supernatural beliefs
Thirty-four percent of people said they believe in ghosts, while those who believe in ESP were split.

Do you believe in or do not believe in ...

Ghosts	34%
ESP	34%
UFOs	34%
Spells or witchcraft	19%
Unidentified flying objects	19%
Extrasensory perception	58%

NOTE: Poll of 1,013 adults taken Oct. 16-18, 2007; margin of error ± 2.1 percent; you'll know what was used.

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Hunt

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"If the birds become skittish," he said, "it's going to be difficult to see and count them."
 That's not likely to happen, Hompland said. "If you look back at the history of the WMA, it's had hunting on it for longer than it hasn't."
 Hunting was restricted at the WMA in 1979, 39 years

after Fish and Game bought the property that surrounds the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery. It's not clear from historical bird count data whether hunting significantly affects the number of birds at the WMA.
 The local Audubon Society chapter plans to count the birds this weekend, during and after the hunt to gauge

the program's effects.
 The Hagerman area, in general, is a popular spot for duck hunters who take advantage of wooded riverbanks and small ponds.
 Fish and Game said it has no plans to move the hunt.
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Implemented, according to the State Board of Education. "In the school goes to year five and they're facing year six," State Board Spokesman Mark Browning said, "the Board will look at recommendations from all people involved in the process to address districts and their schools individually."
 Schools and districts that fail to make AYP for two years are placed on "alert." A third year of missing the AYP mark would cause technical assistance from the state to kick in, with improvement planning. By year four of missing AYP, those improvement plans are implemented, the State Board says.
 Of 22 school districts in the Magic Valley, six, or 27 percent, are in their fourth year of failing to make AYP. Statewide, 24 of 126 districts, or 17 percent of the districts that report AYP progress, are in the fourth year of failure.
 AYP standards cover 41 targeted areas including academic disadvantages, economic disadvantages, and limited English proficiency.
 AYP is mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind act, which requires states to report on it made after the spring ISAT. The proficiency levels required to make AYP are rising. "We won't know which schools will be in year five of needs improvement status until the spring ISAT," said Melissa McGrath, a State

Board spokeswoman.
 Officials in some of the AYP-flagged districts express optimism about future growth for their students.
 Shoshone Superintendent Mel Wiseman said the district has an "indication" that it will not meet AYP standards for a fifth year.
 "We've seen improvement in areas we've focused on, but haven't reached the level of proficiency that has been desired to us by federal standards through the State Board," Wiseman said.
 "We have shown growth though, remarkable growth," he said.
 Wiseman said he is nervous about what could happen if the district continues to not make AYP but the state has been very supportive and ideas for success are invited, he said.
 "I would welcome someone that could come in and show us what we could do better," Wiseman said, noting that more staff and time could promote AYP success.
 In Gooding, administrators are not feeling nervous.
 "The state has been working with school districts quite well," Gooding High School Principal Eric Rainey said. "It's a wait and see attitude. You pay more attention to the numbers, and try to study what they mean."
 But Blaine said the ISAT is important.
 "For all the negative press the test gets, the bottom line

is it is a measure ... of what we're doing and not doing," he said.
 Many teachers, principals and superintendents want changes to the federal law when it goes up for reauthorization after President George W. Bush leaves office.
 They say they would like to see the system change from AYP to AYG, or adequate yearly growth, because various districts have schools with different student compositions and challenges.
 "I think the biggest issue we have is reaching a bar of proficiency for all kids, rather than looking at growth of all students," Wiseman said.
 But focusing on growth would require expensive, new equipment, state officials said.
 "We'd have to calculate growth in order to do that, and we don't have a longitudinal data system with unique student identifiers," said Margo Healy, ISAT program manager.
 NCLB sets a goal of 100 percent proficiency by 2014. But given where schools are right now, it's likely "impossible" that every school and "child" will be "proficient" by that time, Healy said.
 "Can any school and district in Idaho make AYP? "Absolutely," Browning said.
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Disaster declarations often bail municipalities and the state out of big fire suppression bills. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter secured money through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which reimbursed the state 70 cents on the dollar for fighting the Castle Rock Fire near Ketchum.
 Commission Chair Charlie Howell said the county had no out-of-pocket expenses related to Red Bridge. But many farmers and ranchers in the county lost cattle, range and cropland.
 Disaster declarations can come with strings for farmers and ranchers through the Farm Service Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture — but probably not in Jerome County this year.
 "I'm not going to be able to help these guys out a bit," said Tom Snow, executive director for Jerome County's FSA. "The commissioners just weren't aware of what



Jim Powell, left, surveys the burned area around his home on Smoke Mountain Drive in July as his friends put out other smoldering fires in the Sawtooth Acres subdivision in Jerome.

they needed to do."
 He's right, said Commissioner Diana Obenaus. "We didn't do anything about it (at the time of the fire) because we didn't know we could do anything about it," she said.
 Jerome County Disaster Services. He said he was busy coordinating disaster services with other counties during the Red Bridge fire, and he didn't approach

commissioners about making a declaration. He said he doesn't know why commissioners are acting now.
 There's a slim chance funds may be available for ranchers and farmers if the county appeals to the governor's office with a disaster declaration, Snow said, and that's what Howell is hoping.
 "If there's a chance there is relief available, we'll pursue it," Howell said.
 In some areas — notably Los Angeles County — are put down, crews are dispatched to San Diego and San Bernardino, where large fires still rage.
 In Los Angeles, police arrested a man after witnesses reported seeing him light a fire on a hillside in the San Fernando Valley on Wednesday and then walk away. Police identified the man as Catalino Placido, 41, a native of Guatemala who is on probation for making false emergency reports.
 In Orange County, Fire Chief Chip Prather told reporters that investigators have pinpointed arson as the cause of a blaze known as the Santiago fire. As of Thursday, the fire had destroyed 22 homes and other buildings and injured four firefighters, California fire officials said.
 Prather said the state government, the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives have each pledged \$50,000 in reward money.

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Fires compromise border control

By Richard Marosi
Los Angeles Times



U.S. Forest Rangers from Santa Barbara County battle the Slide fire, near Running Springs, Calif., in the San Bernardino mountains, Thursday.

TECATE, Calif. — With flames encircling the remote border crossing east of San Diego, U.S. Customs inspectors wasted no time evacuating. They closed the gate blocking the lanes into California, wrapped a chain around it, and snapped on the lock.

The Tecate Port of Entry officially was closed.

But not for long. Minutes later on Sunday afternoon, someone cut the chain. The gate swung open. People began rushing through the unguarded crossing.

"Who knows if they had papers or not?" said Adan Nunez Estrada, a Mexican Customs inspector who works at the crossing.

The Harris wildfire burning the U.S.-Mexico border has created both opportunities and deadly traps for migrants, four of whom were found dead Thursday. The fires also have made the dif-

icult job of patrolling even tougher.

Already stretched thin across the rugged mountains east of San Diego, more than 200 federal border officers have been redeployed to fire-related emergencies. Many of the remote roads they usually patrol remain soot-covered and inaccessible.

U.S. and Mexican officials say they have the scorched frontier under control — and that the fires appear to be stopping immigrants when law enforcement cannot.

"There's not much border patrol around," said Luis Enrique Delgado, a Mexican immigrant safety officer from Tecate, but many immigrants see the smoke and turn back.

Still, catastrophe breeds chaos and some people can't resist seizing the moment, especially when other options — such as crossing hot deserts or swift rivers —

might seem even more perilous. "This is their big chance. Everybody's doing other things," said Joseph Cisneros, who lives near rural Barrett Lake and regularly sees migrants on his property.

Since the blazes started, agents have arrested more than 200 migrants in the fire area, many after being smoked out of ravines and trails. Some may have started to cross before the fire. But some likely decided to cross because of the opportunity it provided.

Four badly burned men climbed out of a flame-filled canyon Sunday night. California Department of Transportation worker Don Elms, driving by on State Highway 94, got them inside his truck, where they doused themselves in water and pressed their blistered hands against the air-conditioning vents.

"They were hurting bad. They were moaning and groaning," said Elms.

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31 percent who approve of the job President Bush is doing.

A smaller but still substantial 23 percent say they have actually seen a ghost or believe they have been in one's presence, with the most likely candidates for such visits including single people, Catholics and those who never attend religious services.

Three in 10 have awakened sensing a strange presence in the room. For whatever it says about matrimony, singles are more likely than married people to say so.

Fourteen percent — mostly men and lower-income people — say they have seen a UFO. Among them is Danny Eskanos, 44, an attorney in Palm Harbor, Fla., who says as a Colorado teenager he watched a bright light dart across the sky, making abrupt stops and turns.

Spells and witchcraft are more readily believed by widowers, minorities and lower-earning people. Those who find credibility in ESP are more likely to be better educated and white — 51 percent of college graduates compared to 37 percent with a high school diploma or less, about the same proportion by which white believers outnumber minorities.

One in five say they are at least somewhat superstitious, with young men, minorities, and the less educated more likely to go out of their way to seek luck.

Thirteen percent dread walking under a ladder or the groom seeing his bride before their wedding, while slightly smaller numbers named black cats, breaking mirrors, opening umbrellas indoors, Friday the 13th or the number 13.

Then there's Jack Van Geldern, a computer programmer from Riverside, Conn. Now 51, Van Geldern is among the five percent who say they have seen a monster in the closet — or in his case, a monster's face he spotted on the wall of his room as a child.

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House passes revised children's health bill

Bush still expected to veto bill

By David Espo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In a deepening conflict with the White House, Democrats pushed a revised children's health bill through the House on Thursday but lacked the votes to overcome a threatened second straight veto by President Bush.

The vote was 265-142 on a bill so politically charged that one Republican bluntly accused Democrats of timing the events to dovetail with attack ads planned by organizations supporting the legislation.

"They won't take yes for an answer," retorted Rep. Rahm Emanuel of Illinois, as Democrats vehemently

denied the charge. He said legislation included changes demanded by GOP critics of the earlier vetoed bill, including one to prevent illegal immigrants from gaining benefits.

The measure now goes to the Senate.
Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., the majority leader, told reporters additional changes are possible before it heads to the White House. At the same time, he added, "I don't want to be strung along" by Republicans merely feigning an interest in bipartisan compromise.

The legislation is designed chiefly to provide coverage for children whose families make too much money to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to purchase private insurance.

In general, supporters said it would extend coverage to children of families making

up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level, or about \$62,000 for a family of four.

At that level, congressional officials said, it would cover about 4 million children who now go without, raising the total for the program overall to 10 million kids. The \$35 billion cost over five years would be covered by an increase in the tobacco tax of 61 cents a pack.

The vote unfolded one week after the House failed to override Bush's earlier veto, and indicated that the changes Democrats had made failed to attract much, if any, additional support.

The 265 votes cast for the measure was seven shy of the two-thirds majority needed to override a veto. In addition, 14 Republicans who voted to sustain Bush's original veto were absent.

Public opinion polls show widespread support for the

issue, and the political subtext was never far from the surface in the debate.

The children's health measure has emerged as one of the most contentious issues of the year, temporarily supplanting last winter and spring's fierce debate over the Iraq war.

"There may be some particular loyalty to the president," Rep. Charles Rangel said in remarks aimed at Republican opponents of the legislation. "But you have to remember that when these voters come to you the president's veto message will not be applied to you and you will have to be able to explain your vote," added Rangel, the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

"This bill is not going to become law," countered Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the Republican leader.

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Democrats outline \$1 trillion tax plan

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The House's top Democratic tax writer outlined a \$1 trillion plan Thursday to eliminate the alternative minimum tax and ease the tax burdens of most people by asking the rich and some companies to pay more.

"We have attempted to restore equity and fairness to the system," said Rep. Charles Rangel, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. He said his plan would mean net tax cuts to almost all families with incomes under \$500,000.

Rangel, D-N.Y., said the more ambitious aspects of his proposal, which includes cutting the corporate tax rate and ending some business provisions, would take time to be acted out. He said at a news conference he hoped the proposal might move forward by next spring.

Republican leaders did not need time to take a stand. House GOP leader John Boehner of Ohio said the "mother of all tax hikes" would "doom our economy" and put people out of work. The second-ranking House Republican, Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, said his party would use the proposal to show Democratic support of tax increases. "Very seldom

in politics do people give you this kind of gift," he said.

Added the Senate's Republican leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky: "If such a proposal were to pass the House, it would be dead on arrival in the Senate."

Rangel shrugged off such criticism. "We are not raising taxes," he said. "We are restructuring the rates of taxes." He said that under his plan, 91 million families would receive tax relief.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said she would and indicated there would be vigorous debate among Democrats. "In our caucus we'll have our usual exciting, dynamic give-and-take on the subject," Pelosi said.

Rangel's proposal includes a one-year fix to slushy middle-income families who could otherwise be hit by the alternative minimum tax.

It also would extend several dozen tax breaks in such areas as research and development credit, deductions of state and local sales taxes, and credits for teachers and charitable donations. Congress is expected to act on the AMT fix and the extensions this year, although Rangel acknowledged differences with the Senate on how to pay for it.

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EDITORIAL

Enough melodrama: Wendell needs a new mayor

Maybe Wendell Mayor Rex Strickland is right that most of the actions he's taken during his stormy two years in office can be justified. Or maybe his critics are correct that his tenure has been a train wreck for the expanding Gooding County dairy town. Either way, Wendell's city government badly needs some stability that is unlikely to come if Strickland completes his four-year term. That's why we're reluctantly supporting the effort to recall him on the Nov. 6 ballot.

We're reluctant because recalls ought to be the absolute last resort. In a free society, voters' decisions to elect a citizen to public office should be respected.

But Wendell has some important decisions to make about its future in the next two years, and frankly, the turmoil in City Hall can't be allowed to go on.

Strickland and the city council have fired five city employees in his 22 months in office; three of them have sued the city over their terminations. Ex-city employee Ken Davis, cashiered personally by Strickland after he backed a pickup into a pile of pylons last year, settled out of court for \$75,000.

Onetime Police Chief Dave Fisher, a 17-year city employee, got his walking papers in July 2006 shortly after returning from Iraq, where he had a combat year with the Idaho National Guard 116th Cavalry Brigade. He's also sued the city.

And former City Clerk Carol Boudreau, dismissed in August, has a \$500,000 suit pending.

Strickland has repeatedly lost his temper, had citizens thrown out of City Council meetings and has feuded with other elected officials. In September 2006, Strickland and an council member actually scuffled over the mayor's gavel.

This isn't government; it's theater. And there's ample evidence that the trouble at City Hall is discouraging public involvement in government. Some Wendellites are intimidated. Some are embarrassed. Most are just weary.

"Settling disputes is often a matter of patience and open-minded communication," said Pat Jackerta, who resigned from the Wendell Planning and Zoning Commission after Strickland and the City Council fired Boudreau.

Strickland has often said it's his prerogative — and the council's — to "de-appoint" any city employee. Under Idaho law, he's right.

But retribution — among Boudreau's alleged offenses, according to Strickland, was speaking ill of the mayor — is not an effective public policy. Wendell has better uses for its taxpayers' money than defending itself against avoidable lawsuits.

The city has a long history of lively public debate, but Wendell can no longer afford community leaders who can't get along with each other, city employees or the community at large. It's past time for professionalism and civility to return to City Hall.

It's time for somebody else to be mayor.

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Our view: Wendell Mayor Rex Strickland simply can't get along with people well enough to run a growing city with critical needs. He needs to be replaced. We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Biggest danger of the nation's mortgage crisis: Deflation

Should the government fix the mortgage mess? President Bush has outlined a plan that would give "limited help." He wants Congress to make it easier for the Federal Housing Administration to help subprime mortgage holders refinance. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke has said: "It is not the responsibility of the Federal Reserve — nor would it be appropriate — to protect lenders and investors from the consequences of their financial decisions."



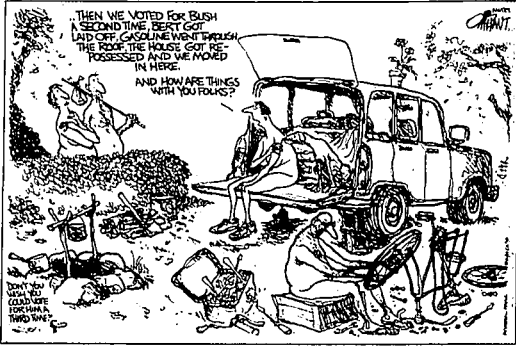
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The issue — at least on the surface — is to heal the damage done to ordinary Americans who were suckered into mortgages they could not afford and to the lenders who now cannot collect on those loans and have no wish to own large portfolios of repossessed homes.

Bush said what many people think: "A federal bailout of lenders would only encourage a recurrence of the problem."

This is just another business cycle, we're moving from summer to winter. There could be another reason for more government intervention down the road. We need to think beyond the mortgage crisis and consider the greater danger of deflation.

Deflation happens when consumer prices decline over time. It's especially hazardous for a society in debt (because your assets are worth less while your debts remain the same). The way it could work now is that as more houses are repossessed, and sold at a discount, these houses compete with houses already on the market, pushing prices down. For most of us, our



home is our most important financial asset.

We are not there yet. But Bill Gross, who manages PIMCO, the nation's largest bond fund, said one of the problems is we don't know what we don't know.

"Those looking for clues to the extent of the spreading fungus should understand that there really is no comprehensive data to allow anyone to know how many subprimes actually rest in the individual institutional portfolios. Regulators have been absent from the game, and information release has been left in the hands of the individual institutions, some of whom have compounded the uncertainty with comments about volatile market conditions unequaled during the lifetime of their careers," he wrote in his September Investment Outlook.

Gross said a certain amount of "discipline in the form of lower prices might even be healthy, but market forecasters currently project over 2 million defaults before this current cycle is complete.

The resulting impact on housing prices is likely to be close to — 10 percent, an asset deflation in the U.S. never seen since the

Great Depression."

There are three huge ideas in that one sentence: Two million defaults, housing prices declining 10 percent and echoes of the Great Depression. Gross wrote that the White House should create a new version of the Resolution Trust Corp. to rescue homeowners at risk. That agency rescued the savings and loan industry during the 1990s — and financial markets from a huge funds collapse. "If we can bail out Chrysler," Gross said, "why can't we support the American homeowner?"

Bail out more and risk? Yes because we're all at risk if there is a significant decline in home prices. We don't have to travel back in time to see the implications just look at Japan, where deflation has been a problem since the 1990s. Japan's new finance minister, Fumio Kishida, told Reuters recently that consumer prices seem stuck and could fall again. "I don't think we can completely put deflation behind us."

As we debate public policy, one of the biggest problems with deflation is that governments have few tools to counter its effects. A central bank can only drop interest

rates to zero.

Bernanke happens to be an expert on the Great Depression and deflation. In a November 2002 speech, Bernanke said he didn't think deflation could happen here, for two reasons: the resilience of the U.S. economy and the Federal Reserve system itself. He said one tool the Fed could use would be to inject money into the economy in other ways.

We don't have to like Japan, he said then, "I do not view the Japanese experience as evidence against the general conclusion that U.S. policymakers have the tools they need to prevent, and, if necessary, to cure a deflationary recession in the United States."

I am not convinced the United States has the tools to prevent or cure deflation. But it's worth the risk to try something sooner when it has a chance of success. Or we can read for the next decade predictions that finally, this time, for certain, deflation has been defeated. Just like Japan.

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Why SCHIP is important for America's kids

WASHINGTON — In today's rapidly changing and increasingly competitive world, Americans must constantly look for ways to make our country stronger. For decades, we have been the world's clear superpower. Suddenly, countries such as China, India and Russia are emerging as major players on the global economic scene, forcing us to sit up and take notice. We are not guaranteed our status as a world leader — we must earn it.



READER COMMENT Rep. Mike Simpson

While our position as the world leader is based on many contributing factors, there is one common factor that will allow us to maintain our position as the single economic superpower — education. If we don't ensure that we are graduating students with the skills in mathematics, and other key disciplines to compete with international students, our nation

will lose its competitive edge.

Education is the key to our nation's future, which is why I continue to work closely with educators and parents to promote educational initiatives that will improve our students' abilities to compete in the global marketplace. Our students show up for school unhealthily or are too sick to show up at all, the steps we take to improve their education will not matter. Before we can educate our children for the future, we must properly prepare them for learning and ensure they are healthy so they will be ready and excited to learn.

This is why I support SCHIP — the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

The negative impacts on our society of neglecting children's health have a long reach. Unhealthy children fall behind in their studies and slow down the entire class, while teachers attempt to help them catch up. If you ask any teacher about the impact of good health on education, you will learn very quickly that our entire nation pays a steep price for failing to keep our kids healthy.

SCHIP helps to remedy this problem by assisting hard-working low- to middle-income families obtain affordable health care for their children. In turn, it allows these parents to send their kids to school healthy and ready to learn.

Our nation needs these young people to be competitive in a world marketplace.

We need our children to grow up ready to become scientists, engineers, researchers, and inventors.

We need them prepared to conquer world challenges — such as new energy technologies, global climate change, pandemic diseases, and a vastly increasing world population.

Before our kids can conquer these challenges to lead the world, they need a good education. And before they can get a good education, they need good health. They need SCHIP. In today's competitive world, it is more important than ever that we make sure our nation's most precious resource, our children, have the tools they need to succeed.

Mike Simpson, a Republican, represents Idaho's 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Will Kezelo be the right choice for Twin Falls?

It has been my privilege to live in Twin Falls and to experience the unprecedented growth of the city since January 2000. Our family moved here from Boise Valley, so we had already experienced both the opportunities and challenges that come as small towns turn into rapidly

growing cities. Most of the problems focused on inadequate infrastructure such as roads, culinary water, sewage lines, traffic signals, emergency services (fire and police) and waste treatment capacity. I believe these are the same issues Twin Falls faces as our community grows. Unfortunately, we are not keeping up with the need. We are living with a

water shortage that is becoming more critical with every day that passes. We aren't even close to meeting the federal requirements to get the arsenic level down in our drinking water. I know that there are many projects across the state, but few of those issues are critical to us now. Will Kezelo is a candidate with a set of priorities for

Twin Falls. He is a businessman and consultant with a

solid record of getting things done. I have personally known him since I came to Twin Falls. During my time of employment at the College of Southern Idaho, I was closely associated with economic development activities, and I know how critical it is to success to get beyond the talking stage and to act in a timely manner.

Will as a person who moves the process along. It is one thing to discuss what ought to be done, and it is quite another to demonstrate what has been done. Will Kezelo will set priorities and deal with the issues. I believe it is time for some bold new leadership. Our future, quite honestly depends on L. DEVERE BURTON Twin Falls

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote for candidates who support growth

Growth is the single most important issue in Twin Falls. Indeed, it may very well be the most important issue in Idaho in general. More than ever, we need elected officials at all levels who understand the benefits of a growing, multi-faceted economy and who support policies to facilitate its progression.

With that in mind, I strongly support the reelection of Shawn Barigar and David E. Johnson to the Twin Falls City Council. Barigar is in many ways, the chief proponent of encouraging growth in Twin Falls.

While his other activities within the Chamber of Commerce and on the board of directors with St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center certainly have the potential for conflict of interest, to date I don't think Barigar has acted inappropriately in any sense. Johnson recently said, "I still don't think it's bad being pro-growth and pro-business." That's the kind of philosophy we need.

Please join me in voting for Shawn Barigar and David E. Johnson on Nov. 6. W. LANE STARTIN
Twin Falls

Wendell needs a better person in mayor position

Reasons to recall the mayor of Wendell. Anyone may request copies of the council meetings to see how many times the mayor has gotten out of control. He has threatened someone who has gavelled over the top of them.

Also, many times he has had the police escort a citizen out if he doesn't agree with them or has kicked them out of order.

Personal matter: The department head or mayor is supposed to follow rules to discipline an employee — first and second verbal reprimands, written reprimand, administrative leave with or without pay, drop in position and pay, then termination.

If the department head or mayor does not follow these procedures step-by-step, they can be sued, thus the lawsuit won by Ken Davis.

When Carol Boudreau was terminated, she was denied her "due process."

So far, as a city have one lawsuit for \$800,000 and two for \$500,000. The ones we lost to Ken Davis was \$75,000.

These have all been done since this mayor has been in office.

These are all that I am aware of so far. I have personally seen this man and his temper and been shocked by his yelling and screaming. I believe we can do better. PAT HARRIS

Candidate committed to Twin Falls citizens

As I seek a third term on Twin Falls City Council, I remain committed to represent citizens. While continuing to work toward solutions on major issues facing us, I am again reminded of what a great place southern Idaho is to live, work and raise families.

In order to maintain and enhance our quality of life, I pledge my continued diligence.

To clarify a statement made by my opponent during the recent candidates' forum, the Narcotics Unit within the Twin Falls Police Department is staffed and operating.

Also contrary to my opponent's statement, City Council members and city staff have worked to explore the best possible solutions for long-term water supply concerns and compliance with federal arsenic standards. In the late 1990s, a citizen's committee was formed and helped prepare a 50-year water plan. Three of their five recommendations have been implemented. One recommendation was not adopted due to new federal guidelines on arsenic levels in drinking water. Water solutions can be explored and implemented. Many ideas have been discussed with some of those being in executive session, which I am not at liberty to discuss publicly. However, citizens can be assured that the City Council continues to be diligent in looking for the most cost effective and efficient way to handle this critical issue.

I urge everyone to vote on Nov. 6. Call 736-4004 for voting information. You can register at the polls. I am fully committed to work for the citizens of Twin Falls and believe I am qualified to continue serving as your voice.

I welcome your calls at 736-8135. If you share my values and commitment to the diversity I bring to City Council, I ask for your vote of confidence on Nov. 6.

GLENDIA DWIGHT
Twin Falls

Barigar a leader worth endorsing

Integrity, united with a desire to make Twin Falls better through service — both public and private — are but two positive qualities all community members should demand when selecting a leader who will guide our city through the next several years of growth and who will make forward thinking decisions for the future of Twin Falls.

Shawn Barigar is one candidate who not only possesses that personal integrity but also the desire to make an optimistic difference for our community. As a result, Barigar actively seeks opportunities of growth in our community. Not one to rest on his laurels or relying on others to become the element of growth, he affects positive change for the betterment of our community. When he sees a need, he jumps in feet first with sleeves rolled up ready to tackle the challenges that come and provides us with positive results.

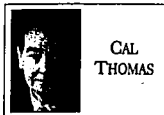
His willingness to become part of the process clearly speaks of his commitment to the place he lives and has chosen to raise his family.

Our elected leaders truly can be innovative and plan for growth while continuing to hold on to the values and ideals that Twin Falls was founded upon and still holds sacred today.

I would encourage all voters in Twin Falls to endorse leaders such as Barigar during our upcoming municipal elections.

His leadership is a voice of forward thinking for our community. STACY MADSEN
Twin Falls

Infiltrated by America's fifth column of Islamic extremists



CAL THOMAS

A federal judge in Dallas indicted a mistrial in the case of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF) when a jury was unable to reach a verdict on 197 counts brought by the government that accused the Muslim charity of funding terrorism.

A hung jury, however, is not an acquittal and even if the Holy Land Foundation eventually is acquitted (the government has indicated it will retry the case) it doesn't necessarily mean the accused is innocent (think O.J. Simpson's murder trial).

Anyone in doubt about the game plan for infiltrating our country and attacking America from within our borders had better sober up. Our enemies know our ways and they are using them to gain a strategic advantage over us. From the rapid construction of mosques and Islamic schools across the country — many of which are named by and for Saudi Arabia — to the use of front organizations as conduits to channel money to terrorist groups abroad, a "fifth column" has been doing its dirty work in the United States.

For those who are unfamiliar with the term "fifth column," it usually refers to a group of people who are assuming to have loyalties to countries other than their own, or who support some other nation in war efforts against the country they live in. We used to call such people traitors long before the term was submerged in a wave of political correctness.

Despite the hung jury, a lot of useful information came out at the trial that people with terrorist intent would just as soon have remained hidden. Moving under the radar and hiding your real intentions is essential for fifth column members. Among the evidence revealed in court is the connection of Holy Land Foundation and a number of other Islamic groups, such as the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Islamic Society of North America and the Islamic Circle of North America, to the radical Muslim Brotherhood organization. Read a thoroughly researched and documented essay at Website <http://www.nefatfound.org/hlfdocs.html>.

The Holy Land Foundation is not an unfairly persecuted charity. While it exhibits some charitable work as window dressing, evidence presented at the trial show its connections with known terrorist groups.

Although scores of examples from the government's case show what we face, I offer just one found in a recent *Nine/Eleven Finding* American Council on the Environment report: "On Aug. 16, 2007,

a Miami jury convicted Adham Hassoun, Jose Padilla and Kifah Jayoussi of conspiring to provide material support to terrorists. A Department of Justice press release announcing the initial indictment against Hassoun, a Palestinian national living in Florida, stated, "As part of the conspiracy, Hassoun allegedly wrote a series of checks over several years — from 1994 to late 2001 — to undisciplined coconspirators and organizations, including the Holy Land Foundation and the Global Relief Foundation, to be used to support violent jihad." Further, Raed Awad, HLF's Florida representative and fund raiser, served as the imam at Jose Padilla's mosque."

There is much more, including this from the government's case: "HLF is also mentioned in The 9/11 Commission Report in connection with the investigation of Anwar Aulaq, an Imam in San Diego and Falls Church who allegedly had a close relationship with hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar. Investigators probing Aulaq prior to 9/11 learned that the 'known individuals from the Holy Land Foundation and others involved in raising money for the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas.'"

The government was unable to convince a jury of this either the fault of the prosecutors or the blindness of the jurors. I suspect it is the latter. Americans are extremely reluctant to brand a class of people and put

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them in categories. Our enemies know this, so they trade on our sorry history of slavery and racism and wrap themselves in the image of civil rights workers seeking only the same freedoms everyone else enjoys.

In a related matter, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom has recommended that an Islamic school in Northern Virginia that is supported by the Saudi government be closed until it can be determined whether the school promotes radical Islam.

The commission has criticized what it calls a lack of religious freedom in Saudi society and the promotion of religious extremism in Saudi schools. Officials at the Islamic school in Northern Virginia say the textbooks used to teach

hate, but no longer do. "They refuse to provide the 'new' textbooks for examination. Here's a deal: condition the approval of every Islamic school and mosque in the United States on the construction of Christian and Jewish schools and houses of worship in Muslim countries.

That would stop them dead in their tracks because the freedoms we offer here, which they want to destroy, are not offered there in a religiously intolerant and politically totalitarian environment.

The government should retry the Holy Land Foundation case and hope for a better jury and a better outcome.

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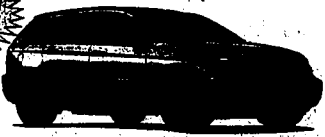
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Bulldogs hope to cap comeback campaign

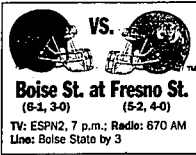
Win over Broncos would be huge for Fresno State

By Greg Bascham
Associated Press writer

While Boise State scaled the heights of college football last year, Fresno State was in the dumps.

When the Broncos capped their storbook season with a stunning Fiesta Bowl victory over Oklahoma, their biggest conference rivals were sitting at home in Fresno, still hurting from a shockingly bad 4-8 season.

"I didn't really watch it," freshman running back Ryan Matthews said of the victory that already has a place in college football lore. "I didn't care about that."



But few doubted coach Pat Hill would get his Bulldogs (5-2, 4-0) together again, and they're hoping to punctuate their comeback campaign Friday night with a win over the team that couldn't be beaten in 2006. "I knew they were up and we were down, so that was tough," Fresno State tight end Bear Pascoe said. "We've brought a new attitude to it as

"I always think of it as a big game every single year. It wouldn't matter what the records are."

— Boise State coach Chris Petersen, on tonight's game at Fresno State

a team this year. We're saying we aren't going through what we did last year. We're not going to be embarrassed like that again. We're bringing back the new Dogs with the same old attitude."

The Broncos (6-1, 3-0 Western Athletic Conference) will return to the site of their only conference loss in the last five years for another showdown with Fresno State, which set the standard for WAC fearlessness over the last decade.

"I always think of it as a big game every single year," Boise State coach Chris Petersen said. "It wouldn't mat-

ter what the records are. Any time we're playing a great program like that, it's a big game."

But except for that loss in 2005, Boise State has owned the Bulldogs—and until the last few weeks, Hill's program had been nursing a hangover from a remarkable two-week stretch in 2005.

Fresno State decisively beat Boise State 27-7 at Bulldog Stadium to end the Broncos' 31-game conference winning streak, then came agonizingly close to upsetting top-ranked USC

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WORLD SERIES



Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling (38) tips his hat as he walks off the field during the sixth inning in Game 2 of the World Series against the Colorado Rockies Thursday at Fenway Park in Boston.

Schilling, bullpen pitch Sox to victory

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — First, a nail-biter. October ace Curt Schilling and Boston's stingy bullpen figured out another way to stop Colorado.

Relying more on guttle than pure gas, Schilling pitched the Red Sox to a 2-1 victory Thursday night

in a d... lead... in the World Series over the suddenly stagnant Rockies.

Mike Lowell hit a tiebreaking double in the fifth and the Red Sox got 3 2-3 innings of shutout relief from Hideki Okajima and Jonathan Papelbon to win their sixth straight Series game, including a sweep of St. Louis in 2004.

"This was the Papajima show tonight," Schilling said. "That was just phenomenal to watch."

The victory in '04 ended an 86-year lull drought and set off a wild winter of celebrations all over New England. Two more wins this year and the parry's on.

The Series shifts to spacious Coors Field for Game 3 on Saturday night, when \$103 million rookie Deluise Matsuzaka pitches for Boston against Josh Fogg.

"Our hometown crowd is probably looking forward to this as much as anything in a long time," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. "We could use the support."

With no designated hitter

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Prep playoff primer

Time to shine for Kimberly, 7 other area football teams

By David Bashore and Bradley Cairns
Times-News writers

KIMBERLY — Undeclared for the first time in any player or coach's memory, The first Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference championship since 1999.

None of it matters anymore.

"We enjoyed (the 6-0 record and SCIC title) over the weekend," said Kimberly's Randy Merritt. "Then we started our new season on Monday."

That's the message sent from Kimberly head coach Kirby Bright to his players ahead of tonight's Class 3A state tournament opener, when the Bulldogs will play host to a Teton squad with a dangerously deceptive 1-7 record.

"One thing you have to remember is that the three teams that finished ahead of Teton (in District V) are three really good football teams," said Bright of Shelley, Sugar-Salem and South Fremont, all legitimate state championship contenders. "Being No. 4 in that conference isn't too bad."

Bright expects a fair amount of misdirection coming from the Redskins, and believes that as long as the Bulldogs maintain defensive assignments and stay disciplined as they have all season, a date with Sugar-Salem or American Falls should be in the offing.

The key for Kimberly offensively, aside from keeping quarterback Evan Jerke



Kimberly High School's A.J. Schroeder runs the ball during a team practice Wednesday afternoon in Kimberly. The Bulldogs host Teton to open the Class 3A state playoffs tonight in Kimberly.

upright, will be to not fix what isn't broken. In other words, just keep feeding the ball to workhorse junior running back Eric Marvin, someone who digested Bright's team message quickly and repeats it authoritatively.

"Teton's a good team, they run the ball hard and will try to pound us," Marvin said. "The records don't matter anymore, and if you lose, you're done. We're going to treat whatever team we play like it's the best team in the state."

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

REGBY AT MINICO, 7 P.M.

Minico may be the favorite, undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the Class 4A media poll, but it's the Spartans who feel they have something to prove against the Trojans from Rigby after overlooking them last year in the first round to focus on a quarterfinal date with Pocatello instead.

That date never came about as Rigby stunned third-ranked Minico almost a year ago to the day, 22-19 in Rupert, and that loss is something Spartans head coach Tim Perrigot has in the arsenal

for motivating his kids.

"It's not too often in life that you get a second chance, and this is a perfect opportunity for sweet redemption," Perrigot said. "Those kids that were on that field, their total focus has been on getting ready to play on Friday night because that baby hurt last year."

This year's versions of Minico and Rigby football aren't exactly the same as last year's. Rigby's team isn't as physical as the 2006 version, instead relying on athleticism on defense and ball control



Playoff schedule

Tuesday
Class 4A
Rigby at Minico, 7 p.m.
Jerome at Preston, 7 p.m.
Wood River at Blackfoot, 7 p.m.

Class 3A
Teton at Kimberly, 7 p.m.
Flor at Finland, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Class 3A
Homedale at Buhl, 3 p.m.
Class 2A
Wendell vs. Soda Springs, 7 p.m., at Holt Arena,
Pocatello
Glenns Ferry vs. Firth, 9 p.m., at Holt Arena,
Pocatello

on offense. The Spartans have had a great week of practice, according to Perrigot, and have taken in extra film sessions and forbidden talk of "next week" or a state championship.

With that mindset, it's clear that Minico wants to retain its No. 1 ranking, both after Friday and at the end of the playoffs.

"I think at first when we were ranked No. 1 it was pretty exciting, but it's been a challenge because everyone seems to play their best game against us, and no one needs any bulletin board material. Kids on the other team are just waiting for that whistle to blow," said Perrigot. "In some ways it's been difficult but it's also prepared for us as we move into the playoffs because we have seen some good football and the last two games against Jerome and Twin Falls it's been a situation

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5A state championships in site for Ward, Bruin boys

Burley, Declo boys aim for high finishes

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

How does a freshman get this good, this fast? Is it hard work? Good genes? Quality coaching? Twin Falls High School cross country coach Marty Grindstaff chuckles at that last one. "I don't know if it's any or all of those things," he said.

Whatever it is, Amanda Ward is good. Very good.

On Saturday, the freshman phenom will try to run down a Class 5A individual title at the 2007 Idaho State Cross-Country Meet at Freeman Park in Idaho Falls. Ward enters the race in one of three



favorites for the crown. She ran a time of 19 minutes, 3 seconds to win the District IV-VI meet last week and hopes her state time will be "18 and change," according to Grindstaff.

"Sometimes freshman step up and win those things because they don't know any better," said Grindstaff. "It's obviously going to be a lot of fun to watch. She's run well under pressure all year and state is the biggest pressure cooker

of all, so I fully expect her to perform well. Her chances are as good as anybody's."

Of course, Ward isn't the only Twin Falls runner aiming for a championship. The Twin Falls boys blew away the competition at the district meet, and are among four teams expected to contend for the 5A boys crown. Boise, Mountain View and Lake City are the others in the mix of what Grindstaff called the best of the eight races slated for

Saturday's event.

Sophomore Alex Schenk ran a 16:48 to win districts, while Dunia Emmanuul finished third, Chris Schenk fourth, Ander Iayo fifth and Nick Jacobs 11th.

"I've just been impressed with these kids all year," said Grindstaff.

Ever since a disappointing outing at the Albion Invitational in last August, Grindstaff said his barriers have stepped up and done a much better last year's third-place team finish. While Boise and Highland are the title favorites, Twin Falls should contend with Eagle and Mountain View for the next spot. Joining Ward in that effort will be

Dani Bates, Abby Biedenbach, Natasha Bortz, Vanessa Sanchez, Emily Williams and Stephanie Pfls.

Class 4A

Boys

The boys from Burley are back at state meet and hoping to better last year's third-place finish. David Fillmore and Taylor Bean, who finished second and third, respectively, at the Great Basin District IV-V meet, lead the way for the Bobcats. Both turned in top-10 finishes at state in 2006. Teammate Tim Johnson took eighth at districts and will try to help Burley to another elite finish.

The Bobcats are the only District

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Power Rankings

Parry's POWER Guide

Idaho H.S. Football Media Poll

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Points. Includes Top 5 Class 5A and Class 4A.

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Rankings and guide by Noland Parry

Note: Parry's Power Guide was created in 1979 by Noland Parry. Each team's rating consists of two factors: an offensive rating and a defensive rating.

Playoffs

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where all of that has added to this year and making this game important to our kids and preparing them for this week."

JEROME AT PRESTON, 7 P.M. This East-West clash features two teams not so dissimilar from each other.

"We saw two games, and we had lots of common opponents," he said. "It's almost eerie. All of our scores are similar. The skills kids are athletic... they can run, throw, catch, and hit the same thing we are."

WOOD RIVER AT BLACKFOOT, 7 P.M. The draw couldn't be any tougher for the Wolverines, who beat Burley 23-0 to claim the Great Basin Conference West's third seed into the state tournament.

FILER AT FRUITLAND, 7:30 P.M. The Wildcats just haven't been able to produce much on offense since quarterback Nathan Hughes was hit to a leg injury.

The Grizzlies are 0-0 and ranked No. 1 in Class 3A after a stunning season of outscoring opponents 423-42. Fruitland shut out half its

opponents in the process. Wood River, a 1-6 4A program, managed to put 20 up on the Grizzlies, the most of any of those eight teams.

Saturday's Games

HOMEDALE AT BUHL, 3 P.M. Buhl, the SCIC runner-up and 2006 3A runner-up, will face a lackluster Homedale program in its first step toward returning to the championship game.

WENDELL VS. SODA SPRINGS (AT HOLT ARENA, POCASTELLO) After winning the Canyon Conference for the first time since 2004, the Trojans will play the 4-4 Soda Springs following Saturday's Idaho State University football game in the dome.

Coach Jerry Diehl said that the Cardinals need the ball while in an athletic quarterback and sure-handed receivers, but the advantage will be that the Cardinal line isn't very big.

For the Trojans, they'll need to keep the ball moving on the ground so the rest of the offense can open up to make plays. Diehl added that playing on Holt Arena's carpet-like turf shouldn't make too much of a difference, but that the players are excited to experience the surface.

GLENNS FERRY VS. FIRTH (AT HOLT ARENA, POCASTELLO) So this is the Pilots' reward for beating Valley to get to the state tournament: a first-round game with two-time defending champion Firth, on a fast track. With kickoff at approximately 10 p.m., no

That's right, Glens Ferry and Firth will clash immediately after Wendell and Soda Springs conclude the middle game of Saturday's triple-header at Holt Arena, with the game expected to end somewhere around midnight.

VARSITY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

As of October 25 (Final regular season standings for Class 4A, 3A and 2A)

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State

IV team to qualify. Individually, Wood River's Chase Caultkins and Pedro Morales and Jerome's Logan Parker will look for solid performances.

Girls With freshman Mackenzie Chojnacky setting the pace, the Jerome girls enter the state meet with high hopes after finishing third at districts. The Tigers took ninth place in 2006 and could better behind the running of Jessica Payan and company.

Julia Bowen is the Wolverines' top runner and returns to state where she took 15th last fall. While repeating its third-place showing from a year ago is a tall order, Wood River has quality depth with Roste Gilbert and Brooke Bowers.

Class 3A Boys Here come the Declo boys. Fresh off taking the district team title last week in Albion, Matt Jones and the

Hornets set their sights on a quality finish at state. Jones won the district meet by nearly a minute and should be near the top of the heap Saturday. His top competition comes from Bear Lake.

"We feel like he has the ability to compete with these boys if he runs his best race of the year, which we're planning on," said Declo coach David Cole. "He's been getting better every week."

Kimberly could be in that picture as well. The Bulldogs took third at state in 2006 and return top-10 state performers Alex Crystal and Andy Yung. Clay Stout will also aid Kimberly's cause as the Bulldogs seek the type of finish they expected as preseason district favorites.

Also making the trek to Idaho Falls are Gooding's Mike McLean and Derek Gerratt and Flier's Bryce Beard.

Girls Whoever called this a rebuilding year for Buhl forget to tell the Indians. Behind Diet Heworth, Olivia Ford and Tashia Jacobson, Buhl ran its way to a third straight district title last week in Albion.

The Community School also looks solid after finishing just three points behind Oakley at districts. The Cuthberts feature Max Dutschak and Sam Farnham. Valley won't compete as a team, but Jacob Miksell and Chris Udy will represent the Vikings, while Wendell's Jose Diaz and John Kelly and Bliss' Chad Peavler also compete.

Girls Oakley's girls, including Anna Merchant, Timber Muhlstein and Brendie Adams, won the district title and will be joined by second-place Valley at state. The Vikings' lineup features Andrea Nelson, Jessica McEwen, Jessica Callen and Lisa Romer. Romer took fifth place at state last year, but injuries have derailed most of her current season.

Class 2A Boys Watch out for Ryan Kingsland

Community School. Shoshone's Lacey Klemp also advanced.

State qualifiers from District IV Boise State: Ryan Feltz, Dylan Crowl, Evan Marshall, Matt Jones, Kyle Brown, Kevin Burt, Ben Hays, Andrew Wacker, Zachary Wherry, Katelyn Harty, Cori Berg, Alex Dreyer, Brandon Dixon, Josh Williams, Devin Taylor, Matt Snelson, Alan Babin, Nicholas, Yehuda, Stephen Hill, Vanessa Sanchez, Armenta Warr, Emily Wertz.

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Stern says 56 NBA referees broke gambling policies

But commissioner will change rules rather than issue punishments



NBA commissioner David Stern speaks during a news conference in New York, July 24. Stern acknowledged Thursday that more than half of his 56 referees had violated NBA policies about casino gambling.

NEW YORK (AP) — David Stern acknowledged Thursday that more than half of his 56 referees had violated NBA policies about casino gambling, but said none will be punished because he felt the rules were outdated.

Instead, Stern said he is altering the policies, leaning toward allowing referees to gamble in casinos during the off-season — except for betting in sports books.

The league's strict gambling policies toward referees became public after the Tim Donaghy scandal. The NBA currently prevents its officials from entering the gaming area of a casino, or doing any betting at all except for going to race tracks during the off-season.

But Stern admitted he did a poor job of enforcing the policies, and with views toward gambling chang-

ing, decided he wouldn't "penalize people for behavior that I'm about to change."

"It's too easy to issue rules that are on their faith violated by 55 Nassau, sitting at a poker table, buying a lottery ticket and then we can move along," Stern said after wrapping up the league's Board of Governors meetings. "And by the time I go through and I determined going into a casino isn't a capital offense."

Stern also said Stu Jackson and Ronnie Nunn, in charge of monitoring officiating, will both have their roles altered. But he stressed they were being "expanded" rather than demotions — even though Jackson's job now will be divided between two people and the league will be "cutting down on some of (Nunn's) other responsibilities."

The commissioner stressed there is still no indication that any other officials were involved in illegal gambling activity, but practically all of them violated a league policy that Stern called "too harsh." That included anything from buying lottery tickets to taking part in poker games, betting on college football or taking part in NCAA tournament pools.

Stern ordered a review of the league's entire officiating program after Donaghy pleaded guilty to betting on games he worked and providing information to others to help them win bets. Through the investigation being conducted by former federal prosecutor Lawrence Pedowitz can't be completed until the federal investigation of Donaghy is wrapped up, it has already

starkly some changes. Stern said the league likely will begin lifting the rules of the crew of referees the morning of the game, and steps will be taken to admit when officiating mistakes were made.

Then there are the changes with Jackson and Nunn, who both came under fire after the scandal broke.

Jackson, the league's executive vice president of basketball operations, will remain in that area, but sometimes this season the league will use a full-time referee operations executive. Jackson will continue to hand out on-court discipline and deal with many of the league's international ventures, but will give up his referee responsibilities.

Nunn, the director of officials, will spend more time on the road training younger officials. The league already has hired Bernie Fryer, who retired last season, to deal with the crew chiefs.

Chargers await weekend fate

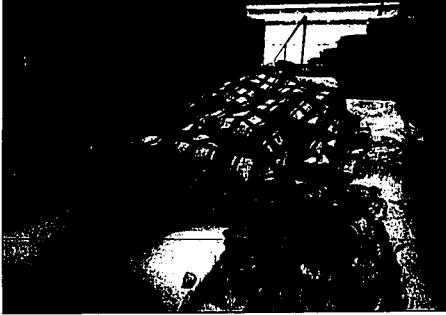
TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The San Diego Chargers worked out, waited and wondered Thursday where and when they will play their next game.

With their home stadium being used as an evacuation center for people fleeing wildfires in the San Diego area, the Chargers went through what coach Norv Turner called "one of our best practices of the year."

The Chargers are scheduled to play at home against the Houston Texans on Sunday, and a decision from San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders on the availability of the stadium had been expected Thursday. However, no word came.

"My decision has been made at this time," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said. "When a decision is made, we will certainly let you know."

The team shifted its practices to the Arizona Cardinals' training facility on Wednesday. Daily workouts are scheduled through Friday. Where the Chargers go after that remained a mystery.



Wildfire evacuee Joshua Simon, 23, of Rancho Bernardo, sleeps on an air mattress at daybreak Thursday at Qualcomm Stadium, in San Diego, Calif. The stadium, home of the NFL San Diego Chargers, is being used as an evacuation center for those affected by wildfires. About 1,500 homes and more than 410,000 acres have been scorched across western Southern California counties plagued by the wind-driven fires.

with the mayor's office and the NFL to ensure that all aspects of this situation are carefully evaluated and that the best possible decision for the people of San Diego ultimately is reached."

Four years ago almost to the day, wildfires led to a decision on short notice to move a Monday night game against Miami from Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego to Sun Devil Stadium on the Arizona State campus.

As is the case now, the stadium was being used to help evacuees and the air was fouled by smoke.

Pro Bowl fullback Lorenzo Neal said the situation at home dwarfs any concern about where a football game would be played.

Thursday's practice. "You work so hard to build your dream home and your life and everything is gone in a matter of hours — memories that you can't replace, pictures and different things that can't be replaced even if you do have insurance."

Some 46 players, coaches and staff members had to evacuate their suburban homes starting early Monday morning. Among them were Turner, quarterback Philip Rivers, running back LaDainian Tomlinson, linebacker Shawn Merriman, and general manager A.J. Smith.

As far as anyone knew, none of those homes had burned.

"It is home and obviously we care about our community," quarterback Philip Rivers said.

Jones all for London, but not his Cowboys

LONDON (AP) — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is in Britain this week to support the cause. He thinks it's great that the Giants and Dolphins have come overseas for a regular-season game, but he doesn't want to boost the NFL's global image.

So, when can we expect to see America's Team in London? "Well, that probably wouldn't work for us," Jones said Thursday of the NFL's newest international marketing project.

Jones' take was one of the few sobering opinions to come out of interviews during a conference of international sports leaders being held in conjunction with the NFL's first regular-season game outside North America. The majority said the Giants-Dolphins game, scheduled for Sunday at sold-out Wembley Stadium, is a logical and positive next step in a project more than 20 years in the making. The first overseas NFL game was an exhibition contest in Tokyo in 1976.

"I wouldn't want to put any kind of number on it," said the NFL's international vice president, Mark Waller, when asked how big this international push could get. "I don't think if anyone sat 20 years ago and said, 'one day, they'll have predicted that in 2007 we'd have 32 teams and the revenue we have and the passionate 170 million fan base. Our job is to give them the game we can and evolve and meet their needs.'"

Over the past several weeks, commissioner Roger Goodell has floated the idea of an overseas Super Bowl. Waller has gone public with a number of ideas, including adding a mid-regular-season game to ensure every team one international game a year, and expanding the league to include teams on different continents.

"Not even in the picture," Jones said of international expansion. "We don't have a team in Los Angeles yet."

A bit more certain is that the NFL will be coming back to Europe.

Owners already have agreed to play two games a year overseas starting next year. The participants likely will be announced during Super Bowl week. Just as certain is that Dallas — the most popular team in England, just ahead of Miami and the Giants — won't be one of those teams.

Jones said his main concern these days is getting his new stadium built to open by 2009 and host a Super Bowl in 2011.

"He has other reasons not to come."

"Our game is much like it is in soccer," Jones said. "It's my team versus your team. You're a cynical, wussy Washingtonian, and there's a lot there when you play that game in Dallas. You play that same game somewhere else, and it's going to feel more like an NFL game to me than that other what it would be. But there are challenges."

GOLF ROUNDUP

Estes putts his way to early lead

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Bob Estes spent two days this week trying out new punts, looking for one he just felt right. He succeeded.

Estes birdied six straight holes — his longest streak of the season and one shy of his career best — in a 9-under 64 that left him tied for the lead with Tommy Armour III on Thursday in the opening round of the Ginn Sur Mer Classic at a soggy Tesoro Club. Play was suspended at 6:33 p.m. because of darkness, keeping 22 players from finishing, but Armour decided to complete the 18th. He made a 10-footer for a birdie-birdie-birdie, and was 9 under after one round for the first time.

Estes was flawless — nine birdies, no bogeys — and only missed one green, capturing his first PGA title with a 49-foot birdie putt on the par-4 ninth hole.

Crail Canada and Daniel Chopra were three shots off Estes' pace at 6-under 67, while a group including Frank Lickliter II and Steve Flesch — a two-time winner this year — finished another shot back.



Bob Estes tees off from the No. 9 hole during the first round of the Ginn Sur Mer Classic golf tournament in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Chasing her third victory in four weeks, the Norwegian star missed an opportunity to pull away, playing the final seven holes in 1 over after birdieing eight of the first 11. Canadian Alena Sharp was second.

Petersen shared attention with Thai amateur Ariya Jutanugarn, at 11 years, 11 months, 2 days the youngest qualifier to play an LPGA Tour event.

record, playing a 1967 event in Dallas at 10 years, 6 months, 3 days.

Angela Park and Katherine Hull shot 68s on the Pattaya Old Course.

Thorpe in front at Charles Schwab Cup
SONOMA, Calif. — Defending champion Jim Thorpe shot an 8-under 64 for a share of the first-round lead with Eduardo Romero in the Champions Tour's season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

Thorpe, also the 2003 winner at Sonoma Golf Club, took the last spot in the field Sunday, edging Tom Jenkins by \$4,079 for 30th place on the money list.

Playing by himself after Mark O'Meara skipped the event, Thorpe shot a 6-under 30 on the back nine. He birdied Nos. 10-11 and 13-14, dropped a stroke on 15, then birdied the final three in a round that took only 2 hours, 35 minutes.

Mark James was two back strokes at 66, D.A. Weirberg had a 67, and Jay Haas was another shot behind, along with Tom Purtzer and Brad Bryant.

Loren Roberts, 165 points ahead of second-place Haas in the Charles Schwab Cup competition, led a \$1 million annuity, opened with a 71.

— The Associated Press

With cycling in crisis, Tour de France is revamped for 2008

PARIS (AP) — The audience was seated and the highlight reel from the 2007 Tour de France played: Images of the joyous start in London, when millions of fans lined the roads, and of stunning crashes and racing.

Then came the dark moments when the race's star riders were thrown out for suspected cheating. At that point, the upbeat movie soundtrack switched to the sound of thunder.

The glitzy unveiling Thursday of a new route and revamped rules for 2008 couldn't erase the memories of the drug scandals that turned the 104-year-old Tour into a farce this year.

Organizers said they never want to relive the drug lows of 2007 and promised to be vigorous in applying new measures to weed out cheaters.

because otherwise cycling is heading for catastrophe. If the 2008 season is a repeat of 2007 and 2006, it's the end of cycling, and I think everyone is aware of that."

The 2006 winner, Floyd Landis, was stripped of the title for failing a doping test. This year, race leader Michael Rasmussen was sent home for skipping drug tests and favorite Alexandre Vinokourov tested positive for a banned blood transfusion.

The latest anti-doping measure announced by the sport's governing body is a blood "passport," scheduled for a January start. Tests will provide a profile of each cyclist's blood. If follow-up tests show significant changes in the blood — which could signal doping — riders could be barred from a race or face sanctions —

"We're setting off with good hope," said Jean-Francois Pescheux, a senior Tour official. "We have to

still be working out.

Tour organizers said only those riders who follow the program would take the 2008 start. Patrice Clero, who heads the clinic that runs the Tour, said the measure will make cycling a "measuring sport."

"Cycling will now be regarded differently by the international community," he said. "It will have shown the way."

Few expect it to be a panacea.

"It's a good starting point: To look each other in the eyes, and say, 'This is what we have to do,'" said John Bruyneel, the most successful cycling manager of the past decade, with a record seven consecutive victories — with Lance Armstrong and another last year with Alberto Contador of Spain.

Pattaya 7-under at Honda LPGA Thailand
PATTAYA, Thailand — Suzann Pettersen shot a 7-under 65 at steamy Siam Country Club to take a two-stroke lead in the Honda LPGA Thailand.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cooling further, continued mostly dry and fair. Highs upper 50s

Tonight: Mostly clear skies expected. Lows 30s

Tomorrow: Temperatures inch upward. Highs low 60s

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny with a light chill in the air. Highs 50s

Tonight: Breezy with passing clouds. Lows near 30

Tomorrow: Sunny and dry. Highs upper 50s

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

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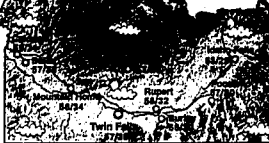
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BOISE The next several days will host terrific weather for those with plans to work or play outdoors.

NORTHERN UTAH The weather pattern will keep precipitation away from the area through the weekend.



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Moon Phases table with columns for Oct 26, Nov 1, Nov 9, Nov 17.

Moonrise and Moonset table with columns for Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

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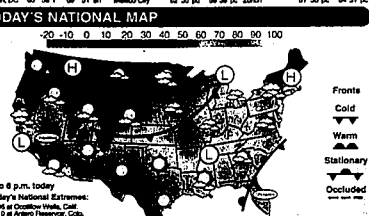
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CANADIAN FORECAST

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Street Sense poised for Classic finish at Saturday's Breeders' Cup

OCEANPORT, N.J. (AP) — Street Sense has been called the perfect racehorse, a 3-year-old thoroughbred who doesn't win every race, only the really big ones.

"There's one more to go before Street Sense rides off into retirement; the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Monmouth Park on Saturday.

"I've got high hopes he'll pull it off," trainer Carl Nafziger said. "It's going to be exciting. These are the races you want to be in."

Street Sense has taken racing fans on a thrilling, unprecedented yearlong ride.

The bay colt became the first Juvenile winner to capture the Kentucky Derby in the 23-year history of the Breeders' Cup. After a narrow loss in the Freshness, the son of Street Cry became the 10th horse to win the Derby and the Travers, and the first since Thunder Gulch in 1995.

If Street Sense prevails against one of the deepest Classic fields, he will be voted Horse of the Year and become the first 3-year-old to claim the title since Point Given in 2001.

"I have no excuses. It's the best situation you can be in," he said. "Hopefully on Saturday, I want a winner who has no excuses, either."

Nafziger hasn't had to use many, simply because the plan he devised to have Street Sense in peak condition for the biggest events has worked just about every time.

Street Sense will take on familiar foes in the 11-horse Classic, the final of 11 Breeders' Cup races to be run over two days starting today.

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Historian, explorer, medical expert

Friends remember Twin Falls doctor

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Dr. Allen Sinclair, friends and family say, was the smartest man they'd ever known, and a brilliant doctor. Those qualities made his two-year struggle with brain cancer a twisted irony. But Sinclair, who succumbed to the disease on Sunday at age 61, fought the terminal condition and stayed active to the end, despite what his colleagues said was a deep understanding of the odds

against him. Those who knew the gastroenterologist will gather to honor him and his life at an 11 a.m. memorial service today at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls. The man they will salute, colleagues say, was intensely devoted to his work and his patients.

"He was a bit of a workaholic, absolutely," Dr. Robert Ward said Thursday. But it was in a healthy way, said Ward, who Sinclair recruited to the Twin Falls

clinic in 1995 and who formed Blue Lakes Gastroenterology and Snake River Endoscopy Center with Sinclair and two other doctors after the clinic was sold to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Sinclair's love for his work, Ward said, meant he always had time for his patients — who appreciated and respected the doctor.

"He had a very full practice, a very busy practice," said Please see **SINCLAIR**, Page C3



Dr. Allen Sinclair, who was a gastroenterologist at Blue Lakes Gastroenterology, talks with patient Jim Noblin during a visit in 2005. Sinclair used a wireless hand-held device that gave him patient information such as medical history, medications and lab results.

District releases cost analysis

Projections involve contract switch for special service

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls School District officials released numbers Thursday for savings they say the district will incur by contracting out a special type of service.

The service applies to around 67 students who have extra behavioral and emotional needs to manage.

District officials said they meant to include the monetary projections in an informational packet they disseminated Wednesday to the media.

The district's numbers were provided Thursday to the *Times-News* and show \$173,805 in anticipated savings related to the contract switch — for the elimination of benefits and non-billable hours.

District officials have said in recent weeks that they planned to present the projections at Wednesday's meeting.

The savings associated with eliminating benefits for the workers is projected to be \$76,712.20. Cost-cutting related to more efficient scheduling adds up to \$95,183, according to the district's information.

The district encourages its special service workers — who provide psychosocial rehabilitation and intensive behavior management — to apply with contracting agencies. The special service workers were given 10 months notice before the contract switch occurs.

Two companies have been named by the district as contract providers — Absolute Family Solutions in Twin Falls and SME or Adolescent Day Treatment in Jerome.

"We are not in the business of behavior education," said Clara Allred, the district's director of support services, at Wednesday's meeting.

Some parents, however, have said they worry the quality of services their children receive will decline by contracting it out.

One of those parents, Teresa Pettigill, has consistently urged the district to put together a "focus group" with parents, teachers, therapists, and accountants to discuss the issue.

The board heard discussion about the contract switch during their regular meeting Wednesday night, but took no action on the issue.

"Obviously we have to look at the big picture," Trustee Lori Ward said Wednesday night.

A LEGAL SHOT IN THE ARM

Idaho parents have options for avoiding child vaccinations

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Curtis Webb tends to put into practice what he argues in court.

So the Twin Falls attorney's sons won't receive the hepatitis B vaccine, which some say is linked to immunological and neurological disorders. And his daughter won't be vaccinated against human papillomavirus, said to possibly cause Guillain-Barre Syndrome — where the immune system attacks its nervous system — and heart problems.

But unlike parents living in half of the United States, Webb won't feel the need to deceive Idaho medical authorities when he exempts his children from their shots. Idaho is one of 20 states that allow parents to philosophically oppose vaccinations. That gives those parents more options than in states such as Massachusetts, which allows medical or religious exemptions only and whose rules have led some parents to cloak their scientific objections in faith.



Ernesto Orozco, 5, cries out as he gets a flu shot while his mother and a nurse hold him down Thursday at Family Health Services in Twin Falls.

Press. But Rahim, who recently signed off on a form stating her religious objections to vaccines, said she fears that early vaccinations

"It's misleading," Boston resident Sabrina Rahim admitted to the Associated

Press. But Rahim, who recently signed off on a form stating her religious objections to vaccines, said she fears that early vaccinations

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Ernesto Orozco, 5, is not happy about getting a flu shot.

"There's no need to lie because Idaho law already protects you."

— Angela Vasquez, president of the South Idaho chapter

Health fair looks to expand in second year

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Magic Valley residents looking for low-cost flu shots, blood tests or other exams can find them today at the Magic Valley Health Fair, set for 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Merchant Buildings Nos. 1 and 3 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in filler.

Rebecca Southwick, a *Times-News* sales representative and coordinator of the event, said organizers are hoping for 4,000 participants at this year's fair, double what the event attracted last year.

The fair gained another sponsor this year,

Magic Valley Health Fair

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Where: Twin Falls County Fairgrounds

with St. Benedict's Family Medical Center joining the *Times-News* and St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The fair will feature \$20 flu shots and a variety of free or low-cost screenings such as blood tests, carotid artery tests, skin cancer screenings, vision exams and glucose tests.

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2007 Magic Valley Health Fair

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Jerome City Council candidates talk North Side issues

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

JEROME — At one point during the Jerome City Council candidate forum Thursday, the six candidates were asked to give the three biggest concerns facing the city for the next few years. Each answer shared at least

one issue — water. With Idaho as the third-fastest growing state, discussion over growth is common in city council campaigns and Jerome is no exception. The candidates offered their strategies for the future at the forum, held by the Jerome Chamber of Commerce. This year, there are two

four-year positions and one two-year position. The winners are the top vote getters. Incumbent Marj Schmidt, a business owner who's finishing her 10th year on the council, is one of four people seeking a four-year term. Please see **JEROME**, Page C3



Adelyn Marie Darrington

Adelyn Marie Darrington, the daughter of Brant and Leslie Darrington of Burley, was born Oct. 2, 2007, in Ogden, Utah...

We would like to thank the doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists and other staff who cared for Adelyn and for the many prayers on her behalf.

We also want to thank those who have followed the girls and commented on the blog.

Adelyn is survived by her parents, Brant and Leslie Darrington of Burley; big sister, Megan; and twin sister, Abree grandparents, Ken and Becki Harper of Burley and Mark and Verla Darrington of Declo; her aunts and uncles, Mason (Cassandra) Harper of Twin Falls, Matt Harper of Burley,



Ryn (Kerri) Darrington of Declo, Ryan (Kelsi) Darrington of Pocatello and Brogan Darrington of Declo; and great-grandparents, Don and Mavis Wrigley of Burley, Gus and Elaine Vogeler of Jerome, and Audrey Harper of Burley.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., where friends and family may call one hour prior to the service.

Officiating will be Bishop Lance Loveland. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to McKay-Dee Foundation for the NICU, where Abree still resides. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Mortuary and Family Care Home of Burley.

SERVICES

Eduardo Rangel Campos of Rupert and formerly of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1605 Oakley Ave. in Burley (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Allen John Sinclair of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Ralphie Lucille (Ralphie) Cook of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Bette Eckles of Wendell, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 101 Ellis St. in Wendell (Furnessworth-Mortuary in Jerome).

Creta Susan Dudley of Murray, Utah, and formerly of the Magic Valley area, interment at 2:30 p.m. today at the Middleton Cemetery in Middleton, Idaho (Larkin Mortuary in Salt Lake City, Utah).

Rosslyn Ida Gentry of Deer Park, Wash., and formerly of Gooding, graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Lauer Funeral Home in Deer Park, Wash.).

Grace Louise Thngstrom

DEATH NOTICES

Ruby C. Markland

Ruby Collins Markland, 97, of Pleasant Grove, Utah, died Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls after a short stay with her daughter in Gooding.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Garden of EHS. Rh Ward Chapel, 600 W. 745 W. in Pleasant Grove, Utah (Berg Mortuary) in Provo, Utah; local arrangements: Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Beverly J. Aslett

Beverly Jean Aslett, 67, of Buhl, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, at her residence. Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Linda T. Hitchcock

Linda Lee Trautwein

of King Hill, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Glenns Ferry VFW Hall (Rost Funeral Home, Elmhurst Chapel in Mountain Home).

Toshimi Ogata of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel and Jerome visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Brett Jarollemeck of Portland, Ore., and formerly of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Blackner Funeral Home in Grangeville; visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the mortuary.

James Allen Goodell of Gooding, graveside service at noon Saturday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (visitation from 9 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Charlene Mae Wright Dugess of Kuna and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial gathering at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Road in Boise.

Elmo Ellison of Malta, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Malta LDS Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Monday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Hitchcock, 62, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. No service is planned. Visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 2 at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Ryker A. Larson

Ryker Allen Larson, 3-day-old infant son of Eric and Lisa Larson of Burley, died Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

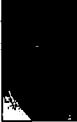
Brian Engel

Brian Engel, 49, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

James W. Shriver

Jim Shriver, local Buhl resident passed away peacefully in his sleep at home with his wife and sons at his side on Monday, Oct. 22, 2007.



A native of Buhl, he was born to Lauren and Dorothy Shriver in December 1938. Jim grew up on the family farm now known as Northview Elk Farm just north of town, where he farmed and raised a number of animals including beef, elk and camel. Jim attended Northview School and graduated from Buhl High School in 1956. Jim pursued a higher education at Boise State University and Oregon Technical Institute, graduating as a machinist in the spring of 1959. He was immediately employed in Klamath Falls at Klamath Iron Works. While there, he met and married Sharon Lanke. They were blessed with two sons and shared a good life until Sharon passed away unexpectedly in the fall of 1969.

Jim furthered his machining career by relocating to Kent, Wash., where he was employed by Boeing Aircraft, working in the wind tunnel and rocket research where he built jet engines for the Space Shuttle. As a single father, Jim struggled between job and home until

he met Loretta Peters, also widowed with a son, and after a short period of courtship, they were married in Buhl in 1970. Jim and Loretta and their blended family lived in Kent, Wash., until 1974, when they decided to sell their homes and bring their kids back to the good life at the farm in Buhl. They built a new home on the family farm, bought a few livestock and planted a crop. Jim farmed and did machine shop and welding good life in the neighborhood.

In 1993, Jim took a job at Langdon's in Buhl and later at Spears Manufacturing in Jerome, Idaho. Jim retired in the summer of 2004 due to his health. Throughout his life, Jim was constantly called upon to solve many problems and could be found at all hours in his shop working to find solutions for neighbors and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Jim is survived by his wife, Loretta; and sons, John and Don of Boise and Jeff of Buhl; and brother, Ted (Peggy) of Buhl; along with many nieces and nephews. Memorials can be made to the Buhl Quick Response Unit or the United Methodist Church.

A celebration of Jim's life, followed by dinner, will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the Buhl United Methodist Church on Maple and Ninth Avenue in Buhl.

Connie Louise Butler

Connie Louise Butler passed away Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a sudden illness. She is now at peace and was called home to be with her mother Cleane and her son Bret Zimmern.



Connie was born July 10, 1956, in Bryan, Texas, to her mother, Cleane, and father, Allan Butler. She lived most of her life in southeastern Idaho.

She is survived by her father, Allan (Polly) Butler; one sister, Cindy Nessor; and one brother, Mike

(Kris) Butler. She is also survived by four children, two sons, Aaron (Liz) Whitaker and Travis (Bridget) Newsum, and two daughters, Lisa Whitaker and Stephanie (Travis) Crystal. She had 12 beautiful grandchildren to remember her and numerous nieces and nephews.

Connie was a generous person and always had a smile for everyone she met. She also had a soft spot for any animal she came across. She will be greatly missed by family and friends that loved her. We will think of her often.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary.

Robert A. Wolff

Bob Wolff of Seattle, Wash., and formerly of Buhl, Idaho, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, after a yearlong struggle with cancer.

He was born in Wendell, Idaho, in 1945. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Washington in 1968, he subsequently enlisted in the Army and served in Okinawa, Korea and Thailand from 1968 to 1972.

In Thailand, he was stationed at the 7th Radio Recon Field Station, Udorn. He was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation. He was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in Seattle

in the 1970s and '80s, taking off a year to obtain an MA in international business from the Thunderbird Graduate School of Management in 1977. Subsequently, he turned to teaching, working four years in China, where his last posting was with the Ministry of Finance in Beijing. On return to the United States, he worked for many years for Sears Driving School of Kirkland, Wash.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wash. Memorial contributions may be made to Smile Train at www.smiletrain.com.

Marjorie E. Robison

Marjorie E. Robison passed away peacefully Oct. 23, 2007, at Battle Mountain General Hospital surrounded by her family following



ing a courageous battle with a number of chronic illnesses for many years and years of declining health. She was born June 27, 1919, in Troy, Idaho, to William and Ethel Cowey Spencer, the seventh of eight children. Marjorie moved with her family to Twin Falls, Idaho, where she attended school through post-secondary education classes.

Marjorie married Ralph M. Robison of Hansen, Idaho, in 1942. They farmed for many years until Ralph changed vocations to carpentry and cabinet-making, eventually establishing himself as general contractor. Marjorie and Ralph relocated to Elko, Nev., in 1963, where Marjorie lived until taking residence in the long-term health care wing at Battle Mountain General Hospital in 2005.

Marjorie loved fishing, camping, pets craft, games, puzzles and bowling. She bowled on leagues in Elko for many years, garnering many special awards and was a charter member of the Calliverton Grannies League. She fished well into her late 80s and was a well known bingo ace at the Terraces Senior Citizens Center and Brightpath Adult Enrichment Center, a tradition she carried on at the BMGH Long-Term Care Unit.

She was preceded in death by Ralph, her beloved husband of 65 years; four brothers; three sisters; and most of her friends. She is survived by three daughters, Lynne (Roger) Henslee of West Wendover, Nev.; Brenda (Don) Loyd of Sogsville, Texas, and TJ, Robison (Mike Cliff) of Elko, Nev.; five grandchildren, Rhonda Schroder of Santa Clara, Calif.; Steven (Waynette) Henslee of Battle Mountain, Nev.; Debbie (Stan) Martindale of Dallas,

Texas, Staale (Hank) Ramsey of Deale, Md., and Brandon (Amye) Loyd of Seabe, Texas; and 16 great-grandchildren.

No service is planned in accordance with Marjorie's wishes. In lieu of flowers, donations to Brightpath Adult Enrichment Center, Terraces Senior Citizens Center, the Northeastern Nevada Museum (all in Elko, Nev.) or another charity are recommended.

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Crabtree to be sworn in today

The 5th Judicial District will hold an Oath of Office ceremony for the Honorable Michael R. Crabtree, district judge, at 3 p.m. today at the

Cassia County Courthouse, 1459 Overland Ave. in Burley.

A reception will follow. Everyone is welcome.

Vaccine

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may be to blame for her 4-year-old son's autism. "I find it very troubling, but for my son's safety, I feel this is the only option we have."

An Associated Press examination of states' vaccination records and data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that many states — 20 of the 28 without the philosophical exemption — are seeing increases in the rate of religious exemptions claimed for kindergartners.

The number of exemptions is extremely small in percentage terms and represents just a few thousand of the 3.7 million children who entered kindergarten in 2005, the most recent figure available. But public health officials say it takes only a few people to cause an outbreak that can put large numbers of lives at risk.

Webb, who has made a career of defending parents who have claims against the federal Health and Human Services National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, said many older parents — for measles, whooping cough and others — are worth the risk and protect against deadly, infectious

diseases. The problem comes when doctors and governmental officials insist on immunizing children against lesser threats.

"With hepatitis B and HPV, we're vaccinating against a risk the minority of the community has," he said.

Angela Vasquez, president of the South Idaho chapter of anti-vaccine group Vaccination Liberation, said she wasn't aware of any parents who falsely claimed religious reasons for their children's exemptions. Besides, she said, it's impossible to tell who might lie — faith can be a very personal thing.

"There's no need to lie because Idaho law already protects you," she said.

Fifteen of the 20 states that allow both religious and philosophical exemptions have seen increases in both, according to the AP's findings. But different reporting methods mean the numbers from the various states cannot be added up with accuracy. Idaho relies on reports by its various school districts, Department of Health and Welfare spokesman Tom Shanahan said.

Those reports show that the number of religious exemptions in the past five years has

dropped and the number of personal exemptions has grown.

The overall exemption rate in the state has nearly doubled since 2000, Shanahan said, to about 31 of all kindergarten students. The increase was probably parallel with a similar increase in immunizations overall, he said — more parents may be reacting to a higher number of recommended shots.

While some parents may be falsely cloaking their children in the church, the alternative, the courts say, would violate the First Amendment. The Wyoming health department, Webb said, held hearings several years ago to determine whether some religious exemptions were legitimate. Webb said. But that effort, along with others in states such as Arkansas, was brought to a halt.

"Basically, we don't want the government deciding whether my religiously held beliefs are religious or not," Webb said.

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Sinclair

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Vicki Hepworth, office manager for Blue Lakes since 2003. "He cared very, very much for his patients."

Away from his job, Sinclair devoted much of his time to reading, traveling and otherwise bettering himself. Friends such as Roger Bolton of Twin Falls describe a man with a near-photographic memory who read everything from science fiction to cookbooks and could speak at length about tequila or geology.

"It was virtually like having your own set of encyclopedias traveling with you," said Bolton, a former patient who became one of Sinclair's best friends. "He could recall everything he read in his life."

That knowledge was one of the things that attracted Margaret Sinclair, who became the doctor's third

wife in 2000. Margaret, a nurse at the Twin Falls clinic when her future husband started there in 1980, said the couple traveled as often as they could. Whether they went to Hawaii or Latin America, Allen Sinclair always read five or six books about the region before they left to learn as much as he could about it.

The doctor maintained that knowledge and enthusiasm for the last two years of his life.

In August 2005, Sinclair was diagnosed with a tumor in his brain and given a year and a half to live. Such an educated man — he received his medical degree from Stanford University in 1973 — had no illusions about his fate, friend and colleague Dr. Nagraj Narasimhan said.

"I think he knew exactly what he was facing,"

Narasimhan said. And while he maintained an upbeat attitude in public, privately that knowledge wore at him. Margaret Sinclair said her husband would admit to her he was depressed, but never showed it otherwise.

"The knew it was a death sentence, and he knew it was a fast death sentence," she said.

Fitting for a man with a deep memory, Allen Sinclair will be hard to forget for those who knew him. Dr. Pat Desmond remembers one unsuccessful pheasant hunt and a man who wasn't happy if he wasn't helping others.

"He was an excellent doctor ... He saved a lot of lives."

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She said that development needs to "follow" the city's comprehensive plan. She said the new wastewater treatment plant will provide for growth, but not to see downtown flourish.

"If you're driving through town it doesn't look like much," she said.

Kent Les, a business owner who was appointed to the City Council, said that existing businesses need to be sustained and that the city's economic base should expand beyond agriculture.

"The challenge is bringing in businesses that can thrive when the economy is down," he said.

John Shine, a retired businessman who was appointed to the council in 2006, said that public bonds will properly fund parks. He said that when he returned to the city years ago, he realized that the city needs to provide jobs so that young people in Jerome return after graduation.

"My answer there was that they had no place to work," he said.

Lots M. Skaug, a retired teacher and the only non-council member seeking a four-year term, said that parks make up just 1 percent of the city's budget, but that amount could rise as the city grows. She said development needs to be balanced but

expressed support for urban renewal, including the tax money that comes from Wal-Mart. She said the city needs to use it more.

"I think there's been a pot of gold for our community," she said on urban renewal.

The two-year position is being sought by Kelly T. Bangarter, a retired Hazelton police officer and Robert W. Culver, a former city employee. Both are not on the council.

Bangarter said Jerome has positioned itself better than most cities for growth and wants to make sure current businesses remain.

He said that growth needs to be controlled not only to slow it down, but also to entice businesses and workers since unemploy-

ment is so low. "We keep telling our businesses that we can help them to find workers," he said. "We don't have enough kids coming out of our high schools to fill those jobs that we'd like to see coming into our communities."

Culver said that streets and sewer are going to be challenges the city will face in the future, and that a skate park would provide the necessary space for kids to play. But he said economic development cannot come at the expense of current residents.

"We sure don't want to overtax the citizens of Jerome," he said.

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A pneumonia vaccine will be available, though the shot is not always advised for those with fever or serious illness, or for pregnant women.

Air St. Luke's will have a helicopter on-site for participants to tour, and the Heyburn Volunteer Fire Department will have a smoke trailer that simulates a room in a burning home. Children who enter the trailer will have to crawl on the floor to avoid smoke, feel for heat on the other side of the door and climb out a window to escape.

Parking is free, and shuttles will be set up to bring people from the parking lot to the fair entrance.

Those interested in the screenings should bring their Medicare or Medicaid cards, Southwick said. People planning to get blood work done should fast for 12 hours beforehand, though drinking water is fine.

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Walking the walk

Filer students raise money for school technology

By John E. Swazy
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Warm fall days and a little rhythmic inspiration from the music of Buddy Holly and the Everly Brothers have set the pace for participants in the 12th annual Filer Elementary School Walk-a-thon.

This year's goal is to raise \$10,000 that will go toward the purchase of computers, digital cameras, projectors and smart boards.

More than 400 students, from preschool through fifth grade, have been walking

laps at the school's quarter-mile track for an hour each day this week. Vicki Leach, physical education specialist and event coordinator, estimates that an average of 5,000 miles will have been completed by the end of school today.

She sees this time as a way to increase fitness awareness among the students, teachers, parents and grandparents who join in the walk.

"I wish we could do this with each child for at least a half-hour every day," Leach said. "I believe you would see a marked improvement, not

only in the area of physical health but in behavior as well."

But the event is more than just an opportunity for students to exercise and burn energy. Since its inception in 1996, participants in the walk have gone out to the community and asked for sponsorships that have brought in almost \$250,000 for school technology.

"We don't know how much has been raised yet (this year), because the kids have another week to collect after the walk-a-thon," Leach said. "But I can tell you that this

school has two computer labs that we wouldn't have if it weren't for this."

If the students reach their fundraising goal, Principal Matt Mahannah has promised students that he will ride a motorcycle through the school's hallways.

"If we reach that amount, I get to ride a Harley, but if we don't I have to ride a tricycle," he said. "I have a reputation to uphold, so I'm really hoping for that Harley."

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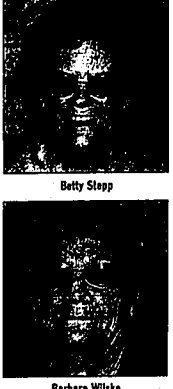
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Minidoka hospital honors volunteers

RUBEN — Minidoka Memorial Hospital Volunteers held their monthly meeting on Sept. 10. This was the beginning of their monthly meetings that are held on the second Monday of each month.

Volunteers do not meet during the summer months, but volunteer their time year-round to the hospital. The volunteers recently finished helping at the annual health fair, which included a month of pre-health fair activity.

Volunteer of the Month for September is Barbara Wilkie. Volunteer of the Month for October is Betty Stepp. Both women have been volunteering at Minidoka Memorial Hospital for several years and serve on different committees in the organization.

BIRTHDAYS

Twin Falls woman to celebrate 80th

Phyllis Novak will celebrate her 80th birthday at an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at 575 Harrison St. in Twin Falls. Novak was born Nov. 15, 1927, in Twin Falls. She married Lyle Novak on June 15, 1950. She has lived in the Magic Valley for 80 years. Children include Geraldyn (James) Patterson



Novak

Woman celebrates her 90th birthday

GLENNIS FERRY — Evelyn Uticun Smith of Glennis Ferry will celebrate her 90th birthday at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Carmela Vineyards, 795 West Madison.

Smith was born in a cabin in Muldoon, Idaho, and her

early schooling began in Carey and later Hagerman. She graduated from Hagerman High School, Albion Normal School, and Idaho State University. She started her teaching career in a one room school near Banks and retired from the Glennis Ferry School District. She married L. S. (Mike) Uticun in 1939. He died in 1971. She then married Bernard Smith, her husband until his death in 2001. Children include Tom, of San Diego, Calif., Rosalie of Anchorage, Alaska, and Arlene of Twin Falls. She has six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Filer Library adds books to shelves

The Filer Public Library has added some recent additions to its shelves. They include:

- "Eatable" by Jesse Kellerman, "Outrage" by Dick Morris and Ellen McCann, "Homes to Ashes" by Kathy Reichs, "Fresh Distances" by Stuart Woods, "At the Village of Reduced Circumstances" by Alexander McCall Smith, "The Blackberry Tea Club" by Barbara Herrick, "74 Seaside Avenue" by Debbie Macomber, "A Day in the Sun" by Ree Montgomery, "The Tin Roof Blowdown" by James Lee Burke, "You've Been Warned" by James Patterson, "Last Words" by Mariah Stewart, "Just Beyond the Clouds" by Karen Kingsbury, "Sweet Revenge" by Diane Mott Davidson, "Trace" by Patricia Cornwell, "Death of a Blue Movie Star" by Jeffrey Deaver, "Term Limits" by Vince Flynn, "The

Loved Dog" by Tamar Geller, "Eclipse" by Stephanie Meyer, "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini, "Power Play" by Joseph Finder, "Soul Circus" by George Placanton, "Passing Through Paradise" by Susan Wiggs, "Once in Paris" by Diana Palmer, "Phantom" by Terry Good-kind, "Painted Earth Temple" by Heyoka Merrifield, "Justice Denied" by J. A. Janice, "Can't Wait to Get to New York" by Jennie Williams, "The Right Attitude to Rain" by Alexander McCall Smith, "Hide and Seek Dragons" by Fiona Watt, "Back to the Bedroom" by Janet Stewart, "Bytes of Wisdom" by Heyoka Merrifield, "Double Take" by Catherine Coulter, "Irish Cream" by Andrew Greeley, "Alibi Man" by Tami Hoag,

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Utility won't build dam in southeast Idaho

PRESTON (AP) — A proposal to dam the Bear River along a stretch known as the Oneida Narrows suffered a major setback when a utility that operates three other dams on the river decided to back away from the project.

PacificCorp Energy filed a motion Tuesday with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, asking the agency to dismiss the utility's license application and rescind a preliminary permit issued in 2005.

The utility, which operates three other hydroelectric dams on the river, has concluded that building a new dam downstream would conflict with its existing hydro-

electric license, operations and a 2003 river and habitat restoration agreement, according to its 32-page filing.

The possibility of a fourth dam on the river attracted vigorous opposition from anglers, recreationists and environmentalists, who cheered the utility's actions and declared the project dead.

"It's a pretty significant blow," Liz Paul, spokeswoman for Idaho Rivers United, told The Associated Press on Thursday. "It's just a bad idea that now needs to go away permanently."

The Bear River Narrows Hydroelectric Project was initially proposed by the Twin Lakes Canal Co. as a way to hold its members water rights, which now flow to Utah.

But the canal company needed the backing and license of Portland, Ore.-based PacifiCorp to move forward, and for a while it got that help. In 2005, FEIC granted the canal company a permit to study for three years how to build an 85-foot-high, 700-foot long embankment dam just below a PacifiCorp hydroelectric dam. Under the proposal, the new dam would contain about 6,800 acre-feet of water capable of generating 7 megawatts of electricity.

Ranchers concerned about mutilated bulls

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Authorities in eastern Idaho are investigating the deaths of two bulls they say apparently died after first being tranquilized and then having their sexual organs removed.

"We come across stuff like this every now and then," said Clark County Sheriff Craig King. "But when they're this close together, it's a concern."

Montevideo rancher Kyle Stoddard reported the first bull, valued at \$2,000, killed on Oct. 16.

"I don't know what's going on in the world," Stoddard told the Post Register. "It's really sick that someone would do this."

On Sunday, a second sexually mutilated bull was reported at a ranch in Dubois owned by Jim Thomas.

King said it appeared both animals were tranquilized

first and afterward died of shock, though neither animal was examined by a veterinarian.

He said he did not know the reason behind the mutilations, but suspected some type of ritual. Area ranchers are being informed of the incidents.

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Trial for woman accused of stealing from N. Idaho nonprofit set

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The trial of a woman who prosecutors say stole money from a nonprofit group that helps neglected children is scheduled to begin in federal court in this northern Idaho city on Monday.

Rhonda Richardson pleaded not guilty in April to 20 federal felony counts.

Richardson, formerly known as Rhonda Naylor, is accused of stealing thousands of dollars from Court Appointed Special Advocates and using it to buy airline tickets, gifts for her grandchildren, and clothes for herself.

In a trial brief filed this week, federal prosecutors said they plan to call about 17 witnesses to testify against Richardson.

She was the executive director for special advocates from June 2003 until June 2004.

A federal grand jury indicted Richardson in April after an FBI investigation. Authorities say an audit conducted after Richardson resigned from the agency found that about \$50,000 was missing or mismanaged while she was executive director.

In the indictment, however, Richard is only charged with stealing \$2,400.

Court Appointed Special Advocates required two signatures on checks and purchases, but prosecutors say Richardson used the nonprofit's debit card to get around the policy.

According to court records, Richardson is accused of buying airline tickets for \$309.60 to fly her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter from Portland to Spokane to attend a benefit auction for the nonprofit.

Richardson said her daughter and son-in-law worked at the event and she didn't have time to get board approval.

The son-in-law is on the list of witnesses to testify at Richardson's trial.

Also according to court records, Richardson allegedly spent \$76.24 of her employer's money on hats and T-shirts from Bubba G amp's seafood restaurant in Chicago.

Kristal Schvanevel, the state director for special advocates, is expected to testify that Richardson told her the items were for her grandchildren.

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New clues to why Parkinson's patients are so impulsive

By Lauren Neergard
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Your brain is supposed to fire a "hold your horses" signal when faced with a tough choice. But a brain implant that stops the tremors of Parkinson's disease may block that signal — a new explanation for why some Parkinson's patients become hugely impulsive.

that anti-Parkinson medications occasionally spark compulsions like pathological gambling.

Research published Thursday found another treatment, a pacemaker-like brain implant, can trigger a completely different kind of impulsiveness. How different? The drugs leave a subset of patients unlikely to learn from bad experiences, like a losing poker hand.

The brain implant doesn't hinder learning. In contrast, those patients can make hasty decisions as the brain loses its automatic tendency to hesitate when faced with conflict. University of Arizona researchers reported online in the Journal Science.

In fact, the first patient they studied displayed an alarming example when he saw something across the room he wanted and tried to get it without his wheelchair. Neuro-

scientist Michael Frank had to catch him before he fell.

"Deep brain stimulation," or DBS, involves placing electrodes into a small region called the subthalamic nucleus, an area important for controlling movement. But it also is where scientists believe the brain yells: "Stop, weigh your options!"

Frank's theory: When electrodes fire to disrupt excessive movement, they also may block that signal.

Shuttle, station hook up in orbit, history made with two women commanders

By Marcia Duan
Associated Press writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronauts aboard space shuttle Discovery and the International Space Station joined forces Thursday by latching their ships and kicking off the biggest construction job ever attempted by a single team in orbit.



In this image from NASA television the space shuttle Discovery files around the international space station getting into position for docking Thursday.

History was made with the 15-mile-high linkup: It was the first time two female commanders met in space. Retired Air Force Col. Pamela Melroy steered Discovery in for the docking and was the first to enter the space station. She was embraced by Peggy Whitson, the station's skipper.

Right before the two spacecraft hooked up, Melroy guided Discovery through a 360-degree backflip so the station crew could photograph the entire shuttle. The pictures were hurriedly beamed down so NASA could determine whether Discovery's belly sustained any launch damage from ice or insulating foam from the fuel tank.

The small patch of ice that shook loose from fuel tank plumbing at the moment of liftoff Tuesday ended up grazing the fuel-feedline hatch on the bottom of the shuttle. John Shannon, chairman of the mission management team, likened it to an ice cube falling 10 inches and said the hatch was unharmed. In fact, Shannon said most if not all of the shuttle's thermal shielding looks to be in

good shape, including three wing panels that a safety engineering group urged to have replaced before the flight.

Further analysis is needed before NASA can say definitively that Discovery suffered no significant launch damage. But unless something new pops up, engineers see no need for additional shuttle inspections.

Laughter and shouts of "How you doing!" filled the space station as the seven shuttle astronauts floated in one after the other and greeted the three station occupants.

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Red-haired Neanderthals? Research indicates it could have happened

WASHINGTON (AP) — The image of Neanderthals may be in need of a makeover: scientists say at least some of these extinct hominids could have had fair skin and red hair.

Researchers studying the DNA of Neanderthals found a mutation in two individuals that can affect skin and hair pigmentation, they reported in Thursday's online issue of the Journal Science.

The mutation reduces the function of a gene known as MC1R, in modern humans, when a slightly different mutation reduces the function of that gene the result is red hair and fair skin,

according to the team led by Holger Roeppler of Harvard University and the University of Leipzig, Germany. Carlos Lalueza Fox of the University of Barcelona, Spain and Michael Hofreiter of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig.

Neanderthals lived in Europe and Asia about 400,000 years ago. They were replaced by early modern humans. Researchers have long debated whether the two groups mated together, though most doubt it. The latest evidence for Neanderthals dates from at least 24,000 years ago.

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Availability and Disparity Study

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The Study includes an analysis of the experiences of vendors and contractors with ITD and local agencies in connection with ITD's implementation of their DBE program, and involves an analysis of whether or not there is evidence of discrimination or its effects in the transportation contracting industry in Idaho. The Idaho transportation contracting industry includes contracts funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and administered by ITD or local agencies as a primary recipient and sub-recipient of FHWA, FAA and FTA funds.

In order to obtain personal accounts of experiences and incidents by vendors and contractors in the Idaho public transportation contracting industry, ITD will be holding Public Hearings in three locations in Idaho.

- Relevant topics include, but are not limited to:
- Whether or not firms face difficulties or barriers when bidding as prime contractors, sub-contractors or suppliers;
 - Whether or not business owners believe they have been treated fairly based on their race, ethnicity or gender;
 - Whether or not prime contractors solicit bids or price quotes from DBE's on non-DBE goal projects; and
 - Whether or not there is a level playing field for firms in access to capital, bonding and insurance.

- The schedule of Public Hearings is as follows:
- Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Coeur d'Alene: Best Western, Coeur d'Alene Inn, 506 W. Appleway Ave., from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, November 14, 2007
Boise: Holiday Inn Boise Airport, 3300 Vista Ave., from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Thursday, November 15, 2007
Pocatello: Holiday Inn, 1399 Bench Rd., from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

If you are unable to personally attend a public hearing to provide us your testimony, you may submit it electronically to Karen.Sparkman@itd.idaho.gov or U.S. mail to Idaho Transportation Department, EEO Office, PO Box 7129, Boise, ID 83706, Attention: Karen Sparkman.

Testimony posted by Nov. 30, 2007, will become part of the official record for this project.

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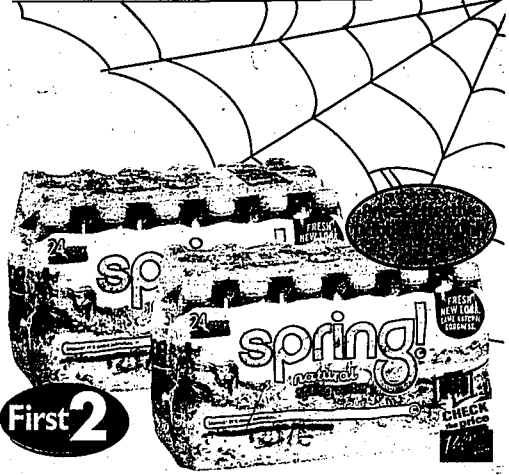
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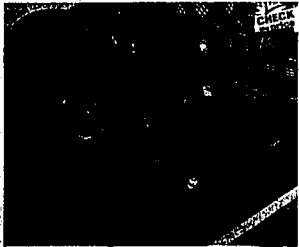
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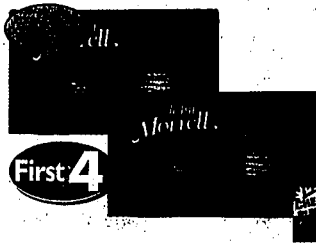
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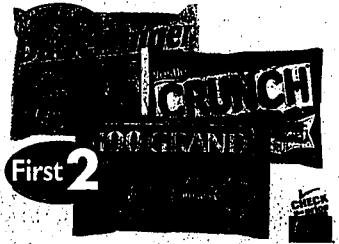


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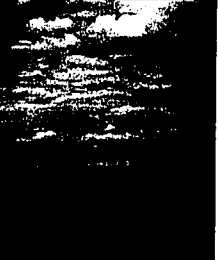
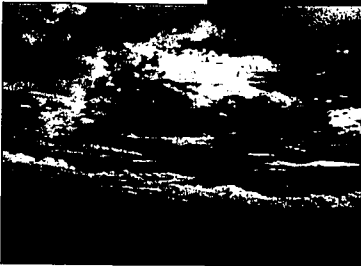
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Bison are the big draw, but there's plenty else to do in the Great Salt Lake



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Visitors to Antelope Island often find themselves testing the saltiness of the Salt Lake.

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GETTING THERE: Take I-84 east into Utah, get on I-15 at Tremonton and head south. Take exit No. 332 toward Syracuse. Turn right on Antelope Island Dr. and follow the signs to Antelope Island.

WHAT TO DO: Activities and events are offered year-round on Antelope Island. For more information visit: <http://www.stateparks.utah.gov/parks/antelope-island/events.html> Sightseeing and Dinner Cruises are also offered on the Great Salt Lake from Antelope Island (weather permitting). Call 1-888-878-8002 for more information.

MORE INFO: Additional information on the bison round-up, call Steve Bates, Wildlife Range Manager at 801-209-4678

By Maria Barnes
Times-News correspondent

There is a big bison round-up taking place on Antelope Island in the Great Salt Lake this weekend, and you're invited.

The round-up is a huge event which has taken place at the end of October for over 20 years. The main purpose of the round up is to thin the

growing herd of buffalo that roams on the largest island in the Great Salt Lake. A herd of what began as 500 bison last fall has grown to over 700 head. This puts some stress on the island as only so many head of bison can forage there successfully.

Each fall, park employees organize an impressive group of cowboy volunteers, posse members and others interest-

ed to saddle up and bring in the herd.

Riders begin on the south end of the island and push the bison toward the north. Posse members from Idaho's Cassia County will join up with posse riders from several Utah groups to cover the 28,022-acre island.

The riders work all week to guide the bison toward corrals on the Northern end of

Antelope Island. The public is encouraged to come and watch as the buffalo are herded in for their sorting and annual check up. The best place to view the actual round-up is on the eastern side of the island. On Saturday, however, visitors are encouraged to hold up at the north end of the island for the best view of the herd.

The highlight of the round-

up process will propel into action on Saturday when a helicopter will come in to assist riders in gathering the last of the herd, called "the stragglers," and move them toward the corrals.

"Once the animals are gathered they are allowed to rest for five days prior to working them through the chutes," explained Steve Bates, Wildlife Range Manager on Antelope

Island. "Then, on (Nov. 2-4) the herd will be examined by Veterinarians."

The public is welcome to view the bison in the corrals during the resting and examination periods. At this time managers will also pull excess bison from the herd and these animals will be put up for public auction.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Malad Gorge State Park

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

TUTTLE — This late in the season, it can be difficult for hiking enthusiasts to find an area destination that isn't snowed over, too cold, or both. Despite that, there are many places within the Magic Valley itself that are still plenty accessible and none too taxing on hikers.

With impressive views and deceptively challenging terrain, the North Rim Trail at Malad Gorge State Park is one of those hiking destinations still inviting to lovers of the outdoors at this time of year.

The total trail length is about three miles, and it takes just under an hour to complete when taking only brief pauses, but the sights make the short hike — yet still long enough to stretch out those muscles and work up a good sweat — well worth the effort.

Start at the interpretive center next to the Devil's Washbowl, where the splendor of Malad Gorge offers a tantalizing taste of what lies ahead. The center details a history of the area, including the Snake River Plain

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itself as well as the Malad Gorge and Springs. The best view of the Devil's Washbowl can be seen from the foot-traffic bridge which spans the Gorge and Malad River below.

Looking toward nearby Interstate 84 from the footbridge, a pair of small pools, formed amidst the tiny waterfalls leading down to the expansive Washbowl itself, can be seen. To get a gander at the Washbowl, take a peek at the other side and see the sizable basin of water — aptly named, indeed.

Malad Gorge State Park's North Rim Trail

WHERE

Tuttle, exit No. 147 on Interstate 84. After leaving the freeway, bear southwest (turn right if coming from the north, turn left and over the overpass if coming from the south), and follow the signs to the park. The trailhead is adjacent to the Devil's Washbowl.

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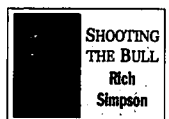
Approximately 3 miles, taking a minimum of 50 to 60 minutes to complete.

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Without question, deer are the most prolific and widely-hunted big game animal in America today. Though still the subject of considerable debate among experts, it is generally believed that deer originated in the frigid lands surrounding the Arctic Circle. Some 4 million years ago, the ancient ancestors of today's whitetail deer migrated south into the more temperate latitudes of Canada and the United States. Fossil evidence also suggests that the mule deer may have evolved on the Eurasian continent and entered North America via the land bridge across the Bering Sea some 2 million years ago — well ahead of its



Native American hunters. Whitetail (*Odocoileus virginianus*) preferred heavy forest cover and concentrated their numbers in the eastern, south-eastern, and mid-western portions of our nation; while the muley (*Odocoileus hemionus hemionus*) found a perfect niche for itself on the western plains, within the

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Outdoor extravaganza

By Sandra Bosteder
Times-News correspondent

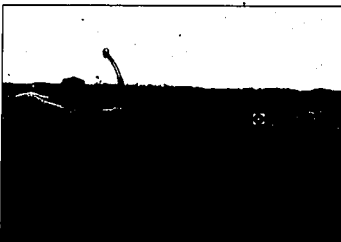
What happens when you put a group of women together who don't often engage in outdoor activities, then you give them guns and canoes, fly rods, bows and arrows and cast iron pans? According to Susan Brown, you get, "A truly special and unique way to spend time with my daughter — it was the purest, most unpretentious form of learning environment! We can't wait for next year!"

The second annual Women in Nature Outdoor Extravaganza was the forum for learning a previously unknown outdoor skill. Classes included: fly fishing, Dutch oven cooking, canoeing, tubing, fly tying, outdoor photography, insect art, compass and map, flora and fauna, outdoor survival, archery, and trap shooting. Participant numbers doubled since the inaugural event, suggesting women only outdoor events are growing in popularity. Laura Heatwole, outdoor photography instructor said, "I wasn't sure I wanted to be involved in an all girl event. Boy! Was I surprised. The environment at WIN was that of sharing, learning, and encouraging one another." Heatwole was relieved that the all women program wasn't about male bashing. "It wasn't about being anti-male," she said "but, rather, pro-female. For any woman out there wondering if an all girl learning experience is right for her, I'd say give it a try. You might be pleasantly surprised. I know I was."

Women in Nature is an organization dedicated to the overall health and well-being of women. In addition to learning outdoor skills, the women ate well, laughed hard, and sang loud. Friday night after a dinner of grilled burgers and dogs, corn on the cob, barbecue beans, and Dutch oven potatoes, local talent Susan Brown, lead the group in campfire singing. They part were dined out by the coyotes. Following a lesson on trees, participants:



Instructor Ileana Carey, left, works with Lisa Davis during the second Women in Nature Outdoor Extravaganza.



A woman takes a bow shot during the second annual Women in Nature Outdoor Extravaganza.

admored in variegated sweat-shirts, hovered over the bonfire, roasting marshmallows, smashing them between chocolate covered graham crackers, and licking their lips and fingers.

Early Saturday morning, reveille was played by an elk bugle. Only the earliest risers heard him. Breakfast was pancakes, eggs, sausage, cinnamon rolls, coffee, cider, hot chocolate and ice cold milk. It was a feast for folks with chattering teeth. Rain clouds set-

up around but the sun kept pushing through. Every class, with a few minor bumps, went well. New events this year included biking, fly tying, and outdoor survival skills.

The two most popular classes this year were canoeing and shagwags. Fortunately, they were held several miles apart. Some participants were disappointed because the canoeing class was slightly chaotic, due to the large numbers of partic-

pants. Last year the numbers were limited to eight. This year, with a new and daring instructor from Idaho Parks and Recreation, numbers were close to twenty. Instruction time was limited because extra canoes had to be found and hauled to the port site, which caused a slight delay. But all arrived safely and mostly dry after paddling the gentle, winding waters of Silver Creek Preserve.

Hayspur Fish Hatchery, located just across the road from Silver Creek Preserve, was the chosen camp site. Its wide open space and easy access made perfect conditions for executing twelve classes held simultaneously. Brad, Brian, and Bob (all Idaho Fish and Game employees) made every effort to ensure the comfort and well-being of participants. All instructors (each of whom volunteered their services) were incredibly talented teachers: patient, willing, cheerful, and extremely knowledgeable.

Next year's event is already being planned and women sixteen years and older are encouraged to attend.

Halloween nightmares, astronomy style

With Halloween six days away, this week we ask the question: What's the scariest threat from space (ignoring far-future threats like the death of the Sun, five billion years hence)? Supernovae (massive exploding stars) can be dangerous if they're within a few dozen light years. The closest supernovae candidate, 150 light years away, won't pop for about a million years. The one with the shortest fuse (considered "imminent") is a safe 12,000 light years distant. Good thing too, because a nearby supernova would shower half the earth with deadly gamma rays, damage the ozone layer which protects us from solar ultraviolet rays, generate global acid rain, and induce an ice age when its passing ejecta dims the sun. Gamma Ray Bursters present a similar threat from even greater distances, but are luckily a lot rarer than supernovae.



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky Calendar through Thursday:

Planets:
One hour before sunrise:
Venus; ESE, mid-sky
Saturn; ESE, mid-sky (above Venus)
Mars; SW, very high
One hour after sunrise:
Jupiter; SW, very low
Moon; rising over Mars Tuesday morning. Last quarter Thursday, 3:18 pm.

dinosaurs. 1996's Comet Hyakunake, one of the closest in recent centuries, was discovered just 55 days before its closest approach. If earth had been in its sights, we'd have had less than two months to prepare for tsunamis (in the likely case of an ocean strike), global forest fires from its fiery ejecta, "nuclear" winter, and other devastating consequences. That's a lot scarier than ghosts and goblins.

Next week: Saturn's two-tone moon mystery—solved.

Chris Anderson is production specialist and observatory manager at the Parklander Planetarium at the Herbar Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

15 lose jobs at Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has cut 15 jobs and says it will not fill eight other vacant positions.

It's the third time since 2004 that the conservation group has laid off part of its Missoula staff. Thirty-seven jobs were cut in earlier rounds.

The latest cuts are part of a realignment and will help the foundation "balance our mission with the reality of the marketplace," interim President Walker S. "Buddy" Smith Jr. told the Missoulian newspaper.

The foundation seeks to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat, its Web site says. Smith said that much of the federal money for foundation projects has dried up in the past three

four years. "The money just hasn't been coming in," he said. "This is an effort to get ahead of the curve, and make sure we can fulfill our mission." Our obligation to our members and volunteers is to invest every nickel we can on the ground."

Between the layoffs last week and vacancies that are being filled, virtually every department at the foundation was affected, Smith said.

One of the 15 people laid off was rehired in field operations, he added. After the layoffs, the elk foundation will have the equivalent of 121 full-time positions nationwide. Most work at the \$14 million international headquarters in Missoula, which opened in November 2005.

Researcher says Yellowstone grizzlies had tough year

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Grizzly bears in the region and around Yellowstone National Park have suffered unusually high mortality rates so far this year, likely because of a dearth of natural food sources, a researcher said.

Chuck Schwartz, leader of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team, said the study listed 25 known and probable grizzly mortalities. Twenty-two of those mortalities were human-caused, two of the deaths resulted from natural

causes, and the cause of one death was undetermined. For every bear that was reported dead, two more deaths likely went unreported, Schwartz said.

"This is not a good year for bears, as far as mortality is concerned," Schwartz told group of wildlife managers and conservationists at the annual meeting of the Yellowstone Grizzly Coordinating Committee on Wednesday.

The Interagency Grizzly

Bear Study Team is a group of researchers that has monitored grizzlies in Yellowstone since the bears were put on the endangered species list. It is funded by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Earlier this year, Yellowstone grizzlies were taken off the endangered species list, a decision that is being challenged by environmental groups.

Nine female grizzlies older than 2 years were among the reported dead: three from

management actions, four from hunting incidents, and two from natural causes. Wildlife managers say these so-called "independent age females" have the biggest impact on the grizzly population.

In all, Schwartz said a conservatively estimate for the overall grizzly population in Yellowstone is 571 bears. This year, his team documented 50 females with cubs of the year. The average litter size was 2.16 cubs.

Visits to Yellowstone and Grand Teton up in September

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks recorded significant increases in visitation during September compared with the same month last year.

Visitation at Yellowstone in September increased 7.1 percent from more than 533,000 in September 2006 to more than 571,000 in September 2007.

Total visitation at Yellowstone so far this year is more than 3.8 million, up almost 9 percent from the same nine-month period last year.

Recreation vehicle drivers showed the biggest increase of any user group visiting Yellowstone, jumping 24.4 percent from about 22,000 visitors in September 2006 to about 27,500 in September 2007.

Last month's visitation in Grand Teton almost doubled to the 400,000 mark, coming in at more than 397,000. The total was a 15.4 percent increase from September 2006. The park's year-to-date visitation is up 7.5 percent from more than 2.2 million in 2006 to 2.37 million so far in 2007.

Snowboarders get early start

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Members of the Weber State University snowboarding club couldn't wait any longer for winter.

They carried in enough snow to get an early start on the season last Friday in a city park.

The club's president says riders are raring to go as

early as they can.

They built a short run that allowed riders to go down the slope at the east end of Orchard Park. There were also three freestyle rails for the boarders to ride.

The snow is actually scrapings from the Zamboni ice cleaners at the Weber County Ice Sheet.

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Wall Street closes modestly lower

(AP) Wall Street closed slightly lower in erratic trading Thursday as investors uneasy about the credit markets and record-high oil prices took little solace from reports on new home sales and durable goods orders.

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Bank of America announces plans to cut 3,000 jobs

Announcement comes 1 week after reporting poor third quarter results

By Ieva M. Augspurns
Associated Press writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bank of America Corp. said Wednesday it will eliminate 3,000 jobs, an announcement that came less than a week after the nation's second-largest bank reported a huge drop in earnings for the third quarter.

The cuts will affect less than 2 percent of the com-

pany's staff. Most of them will be from Bank of America's Global Corporate and Investment Banking unit, the company said.

The Charlotte-based bank also said Wednesday that it is launching a strategic review of its investment banking business.

Gene Taylor, head of Global Corporate and Investment Banking, will retire at the end of this year and be replaced by Brian Moynihan, who ran the company's Global Wealth and Investment Management business.

Taylor, who had a 38-year career with the bank, will help Moynihan with the transition. Moynihan will be

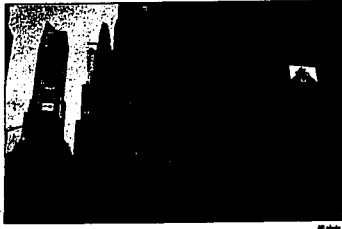
replaced by Keith Banks, who runs the Columbia Management mutual funds arm, which is part of Bank of America's asset management organization. As of Wednesday night, no successor for Banks had been named.

"While some of these changes are a direct result of our underperformance, others have been contemplated for a number of months as we looked at how we could operate more effectively," Bank of America Chief Executive Kenneth D. Lewis said in a statement. "We must have a platform that operates profitably for both our company and our clients."

Bank of America said last Thursday that its profit fell 32 percent in the third quarter as trading losses and write-downs on a wide variety of loans offset solid revenue growth in most businesses.

Net income declined to \$3.7 billion, or 82 cents per share, from \$5.42 billion, or \$1.18 per share, a year ago, and revenue fell 12 percent to \$16.3 billion.

The dismal performance was a major setback for Lewis and his goal to build a major investment banking presence on Wall Street.



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Marketing meat

Proposed farm bill would allow state-inspected meat plants to expand markets

By Sam Hananel
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Small meat plants that operate under state inspection programs might soon be allowed to market their products across state lines for the first time.

The provision, included Tuesday in the Senate's proposed farm bill, is the result of a compromise reached by a coalition of consumer, labor and farm groups. It comes amid growing concerns about food safety after last month's massive recall of hamburger meat contaminated with E. coli bacteria.

The legislation would create a new, optional inspection program that provides federal oversight of state-inspected facilities that want to ship products across state lines.

Under current law, only federally inspected plants can ship meat and poultry across state lines. Meatpackers in Missouri, Kansas and 25 other states operating under a state inspection system have long complained that the law unfairly restricts sales.

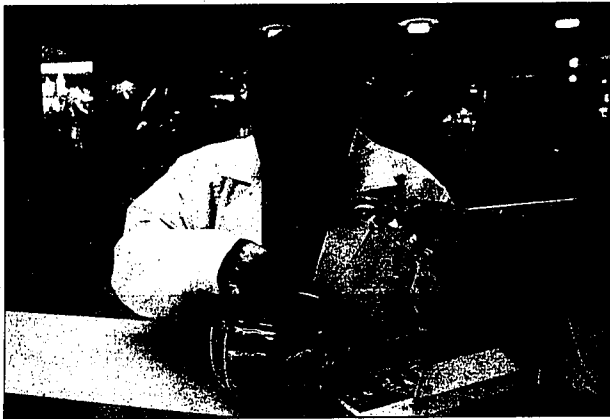
"For too long, small producers have been shut out of markets but will now be able to ship their high-quality products across state lines," said Tom Buis, president of the National Farm Bureau.

Consumer groups had expressed concerns earlier this year after the House passed a version of the farm bill with language that ended the 40-year-old requirement that all meat and poultry sold interstate must be federally inspected.

That provision was backed by House Agriculture Chairman Collin Peterson, D-Minn., and House Minority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo.

Carly Tucker Foreman of the Consumer Federation of America said the Senate Agriculture Committee compromise stipulates public health by requiring small meat plants to meet all federal inspection requirements before shipping their products in interstate commerce.

THE PERKS OF WORK



Dr. Jorge Irving stops for some candles at the Errand Solutions concierge service at Memorial Healthcare in Hollywood, Fla. At Memorial Healthcare, employees can get an oil change and dry cleaning services without ever leaving the building.

Companies add concierge services to retain staff

By Rasha Madkour
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Memorial Healthcare System's employees can get an oil change and their clothes dry cleaned without leaving work. General Mills workers can skip traffic and long lines when they mail packages or get jewelry repaired. And Ernst & Young staffers need only pick up a phone to have someone plan their vacation or research nursing homes for an elderly parent.

These workplace perks are part of a growing number that are embellishing their benefits packages with "concierge services"—everything from flower deliveries and car detailing to restaurant reservations and clothes alterations.

Perhaps no company pampers its employees as much as Internet search leader Google Inc. The Mountain View, Calif.-based company offers a diverse menu of perquisites that include three free meals a day, plus other on-site conveniences like car washes, oil changes, massages, haircuts, dry cleaning, child care and medication. The employees have to pay for some services while Google subsidizes others.

About 5 percent of the nation's companies, according to one survey, have hired personal assistance firms to handle at least some services for their workers—whether that means arranging for a car wash or searching for airfare deals, for example. The employer

pays the concierge's fee, while staffers pay the cost of the wash or tickets.

Perks like this cropped up during the high-tech heyday in the 1990s, when companies were competing for the same talent, but now these benefits are more commonly seen at Fortune 500 companies and places that angle for the "employer of choice" label. Experts say a tight labor market for nurses and other medical staff explains why some hospitals—traditionally low-fill workplaces—have started joining, too.

"It helps the employee not to have to burn up all their personal time doing all these chores," said Wayne Wallace, director of the Career Resource Center at the University of Florida. And while Wallace doesn't dispute that many people wouldn't mind a bump in their paycheck, "it isn't all about the money," he said. "The extras are nice."

Erin Dunn, corporate services director for General Mills, said of the cereal company's largest for-profit staff at its Minneapolis headquarters: "Anything we can do to make life easier (for employees) is something we're interested in doing."

At Memorial Healthcare, the concierge service has helped admissions director Jean Romano-Clark, who has been a frequent user of the perk ever since the Hollywood, Fla., hospital introduced it this spring. Memorial Healthcare Systems,

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which employs more than 10,500 people, pays \$399,500 annually for the service. Chicago-based Errand Solutions runs the benefit for them.

Romano-Clark uses it to get her Honda Pilot scrubbed—she leaves it at a designated parking space in the hospital garage and finds it gleaming at the end of the day. She goes to the service's onsite office to buy gift cards, develop photos and even get a watch fixed—leaving more time to spend with her 11-year-old daughter and 8-year-old son.

"Instead of doing all of those errands on Saturday, I can go with them to a football game or soccer game," Romano-Clark said. "It's hard to balance work and children, and this has helped put balance back."

Romano-Clark also appreciates not having to rush to her dry cleaner anymore. "My clothes would sit there for three weeks," she said of her old vendor. Now she drops it off at the concierge office and picks it up there a few days later.

Analysts expect housing slump to continue

New home sales increase

By Martin Cruzinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — New home sales posted an unexpected increase in September. Analysts, however, viewed the small gain as highly questionable given the severe credit crunch that rocked the housing industry this summer. They predicted further sales declines before the worst housing slump in more than two decades comes to an end.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that sales of new homes rose by 4.8 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 770,000 units, an unexpected jump when economists were looking for a 2.5 percent decline.

But analysts noted that the small increase came in a report in which the government revised the performance over the past three months sharply lower, showing that sales in August fell to an annual rate of just 735,000, the slowest pace in 11 years.

And even the small September increase from that low number was viewed with skepticism. All of the strength came in the West, a region that was pounded by the severe credit crunch that hit in August, drying up the availability of so-called jumbo mortgages, loans of more than \$417,000 that are heavily used in such high-cost areas as California.

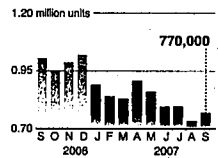
"This is definitely not a signal that the housing market is turning around," said David Seiders, chief economist at the National Association of Home Builders, whose own survey of builder confidence fell to an all-time low in early October.

By region of the country, the government report showed that sales of new homes surged by 37.7 percent in the West, a highly suspect rebound given what was happening in the jumbo loan market. Sales were also up a tiny 0.5 percent in the South but were down in the rest of the country, falling 19.5 percent in the Midwest and 6.6 percent in the Northeast.

Seiders said that the pattern so far this year has been that the government substantially lowers its initial estimate of home sales once more complete data is gathered.

New home sales

Sales of new single-family homes at a seasonally adjusted rate.



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Turkey says U.S. pressure not enough to stop incursion against Kurds

By Christopher Torchia
Associated Press writer

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Turkey warned Thursday that U.S. objections will not stop its troops from crossing into Iraq to pursue Kurdish separatists, while a second stream of U.S.-made Turkish fighter jets roared across the skies along the border.

High-level Iraqi officials arrived in Turkey as part of frantic efforts to persuade the government not to order an attack on Kurdish guerrilla bases in northern Iraq, and the U.S. ambassador to Iraq sent American diplomats to join in entreaties.

Turkey's leaders have been demanding that U.S. and Iraqi authorities stop Turkish Kurd rebels from staging attacks across the frontier, threatening to send in a large-scale offensive if nothing is done soon.

Turkey still seems willing to refrain from a big attack until at least early next month, when it is scheduled to host foreign ministers to discuss Iraq, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan is expected to go to Washington afterward for talks with President Bush.

Turkish artillery has been periodically firing across the border, and Turkish television showed video of smoke rising

from three villages in northern Iraq that were purportedly hit by shells Thursday, Dogan news agency which provided the footage, said there were no casualties because villagers had fled their homes. It did not cite a source. The agency identified one of the villages as Hezil, three miles from the border with Turkey's Hakkari province.

The army, meanwhile, reported a clash with rebels earlier in the week. It said a "group of terrorists" was spotted preparing an attack near a military outpost in Semdinli province close to Iraq on Tuesday and troops opened fire with tank cannon, artillery and other heavy weapons.

The report on the military's Web site also increased the official number for rebels killed since Sunday to at least 64.

The rebel Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, denied suffering any casualties and called the military statement a "lie," the pro-Kurdish Firat news agency said.

U.S. officials are urging Turkey not to launch an incursion that could destabilize Iraq's autonomous Kurdish north, the country's most stable region.

House Democrats accuse Rice of mismanaging diplomatic efforts in Iraq

By Anne Faherty
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — House Democrats on Thursday accused Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice of grossly mismanaging diplomatic efforts in Iraq and concealing information from Congress, putting a visibly frustrated Rice on the defensive.

At a hearing by a congressional watchdog committee, Democratic lawmakers said the State Department under Rice had been too lax with armed security contractors, ignored corruption at the highest levels of the Iraqi government and was sloppy in

overseeing construction of the costly new U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

"I think there was a huge gap between what she said and reality," said Rep. Henry Waxman, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Waxman, D-Calif., and other Democrats said they would not call on Rice to resign, noting that their frustration is with the Bush administration's policies rather than Rice alone.

"If you just change the deck chairs, it's not going to change the policy," said Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt., a commit-



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, center, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing on Iraq.

tee member.

The hearing gave Democrats the venue to hammer the administration

on the war. Thus far, they have been unable to pass veto-proof legislation ordering troops home from Iraq.

New economic sanctions target Iranian military, banks

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The United States announced harsh new penalties on the Iranian military and state-owned banking systems Thursday, raising pressure on the world financial system to cut ties with a regime the West accuses of bankrolling terrorism and seeking a nuclear bomb.

The U.S. sanctions on elements of Iran's vast armed

forces and its largest bank are the most sweeping since 1979, when the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran ruptured diplomatic, business and military ties.

The sanctions are the first of their type imposed by the United States specifically against the armed forces of another government.

They are part of the Bush administration's two-track approach to its chief adversary in the Mideast that offsets diplomatic overtures with sanctions, bellicose

rhetoric and the implicit threat of military action.

U.S. officials insisted Thursday that the new moves do not hasten war and that the United States remains committed to finding a way to talk Iran out of a nuclear program the U.S. claims is hostile.

The punitive moves directly target Iranian organizations and people the U.S. accuses of supporting terrorism or spreading weapons of mass destruction, but the main effect is likely to fall elsewhere — on European and other overseas banks and firms that do business with oil-rich Iran.

Suicide bombing of military truck kills 20 in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — A suicide car bomber struck a military truck in northwestern Pakistan on Thursday, killing at least 20 people two days after troops were sent to the lawless region to quell pro-Taliban militants.

The blast came a week after the bloody assassination attempt in the southern city of Karachi on ex-prime minister Benazir Bhutto, who plans to start traveling elsewhere in Pakistan on Saturday.

The latest attack underlined the worsening security situation in the country, particularly in the conservative tribal region near the border with Afghanistan where militants linked to the Taliban and al-Qaida increasingly hold sway.

The rise of militancy in the region has shaken the authority of President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, a key U.S. ally in its war on terror.

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2008 PONTIAC G6 SEDAN

New Model, More Performance!

RoadWorthy
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

Based on GM's global Epsilon platform architecture, the G6 sedan is Pontiac's most versatile, four-door model. Additions to the standard equipment roster this year include front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, OnStar communications system, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, traction control and auxiliary audio input jack. GT adds XM Satellite radio.

Available in Base and GT trim levels, power for the Pontiac sedan is generated by a 2.4L, four-cylinder or 3.5L V6. Torque is communicated to the pavement through a Hydra-Matic electronically-controlled 4T45 or 4T69 four-speed automatic transmission. A manual gearbox is no longer offered.

Also new this year is the GXP. Replacing last year's GTP, the new model includes the following upgrades and enhancements: 3.6L V6 engine with variable valve timing, Hydra-Matic 6T70 six-speed automatic transmission, performance-tuned suspension, 18-inch aluminum alloy five-spoke wheels, StabiliTrak vehicle stability system, leather seating, modified front and rear fascias, unique rocker panels, body-color mirror caps and dual chrome exhaust tips. On the road, the G6 sedan equipped with the 3.5L V6 engine is smooth, nimble and

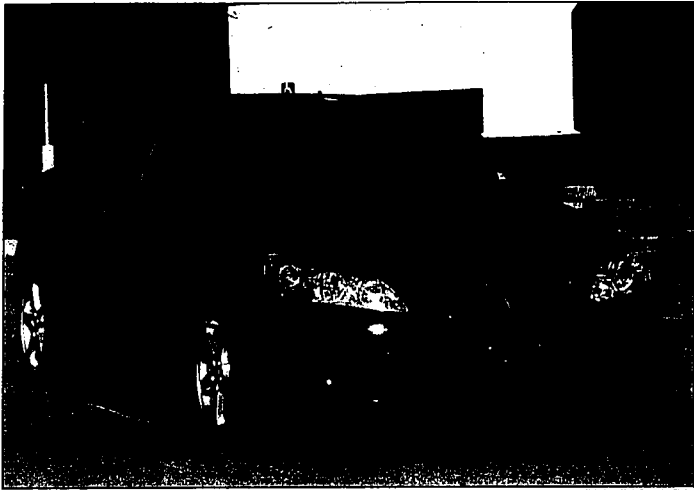


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responsive. Always willing, this V6 moves the sedan down the road with authority when the driver drops his right foot. The structural integrity of the G6 starts with a steel safety cage with single-piece side panels and octagonal frame rails to surround passengers in a rigid cocoon. The hydroformed full-perimeter steel engine cradles into the reinforced rocker panels to yield in a controlled manner, directing the engine

and transmission away from the passenger compartment in the event of a frontal impact. Control hardware consists of a four-wheel independent suspension that features a MacPherson strut design upfront with aluminum lower control arms and a direct action stabilizer bar. This hardware is mounted to a U-shaped hydroformed chassis cradle that is isolated from the body with four specially tuned

rubber mounts. In the rear, a four-link suspension system employs twin-tube shocks and like the front, a direct action stabilizer bar. Variable-assist electric power steering is standard. Inside the cabin is engaging -- a driver-oriented interior with sporty, refined controls and instrument layout. Other touches include a tilt and telescoping steering column, available adjustable pedals,

highly bolstered, body-hugging seats, automatic climate control, racing style gauges with tri-red LED instrument backlighting and a premium sound system with in-dash CD changer.

2008 Pontiac G6 by the Numbers

PRICING

The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2008 Pontiac G6 sedan starts from \$17,845 for the Value Leader up to \$26,145 for the GXP. Destination charges add \$650.

WHEELBASE

112.3; overall length: 189.0; width: 70.6; height: 57.1. All vehicle measurements are in inches.

ENGINE

2.4L four-cylinder - 164 hp at 6,400 rpm and 158 lb-ft of torque at 5,000 rpm; 3.5L V6 - 219 hp at 5,900 rpm and 219 lb-ft of torque at 3,200 rpm; 3.6L V6 - 252 hp at 6,300 rpm and 251 lb-ft of torque at 3,200 rpm.

TRANSMISSION

four-speed automatic, six-speed automatic.

EPA (est.) economy: 2.4L four-cylinder - 22 city/30 hwy; 3.5L V6 - 20 city/28 hwy; 3.6L V6 - 20 city/28 hwy.

Cargo capacity: 14.0 cu. ft.

SAFETY FEATURES

Dual front airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, front/rear head curtain airbags, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, OnStar communications system, automatic power door locks, automatic headlamp control, remote keyless entry, daytime running lights and traction control. GT adds fog lights, GXP adds StabiliTrak vehicle stability control system. Optional safety features include remote engine start and power adjustable pedals.

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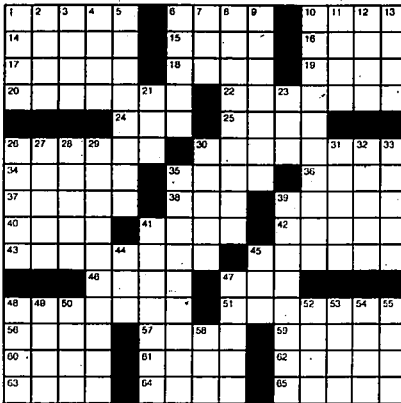
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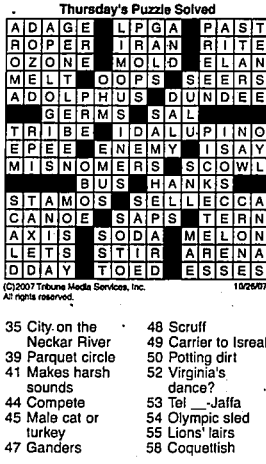
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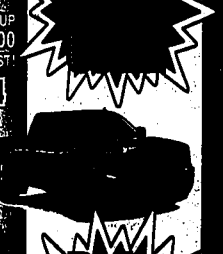


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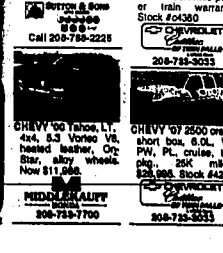


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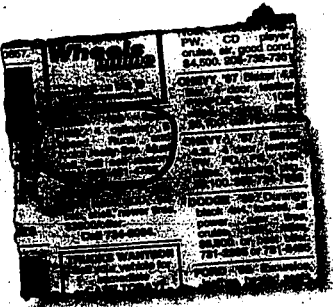
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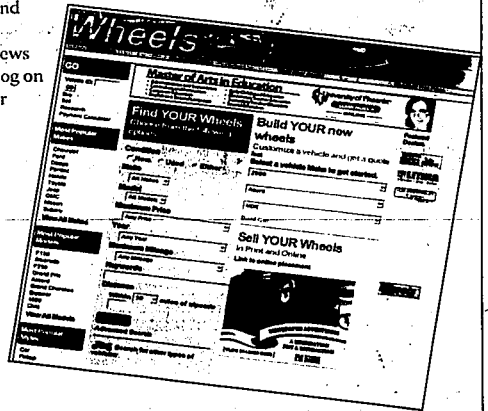
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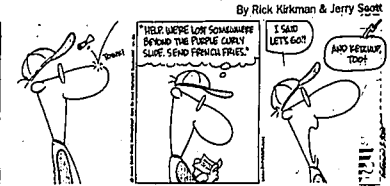
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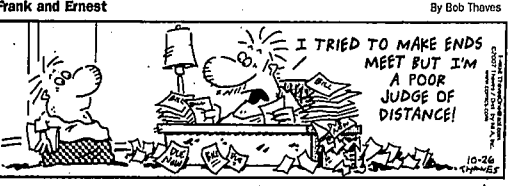
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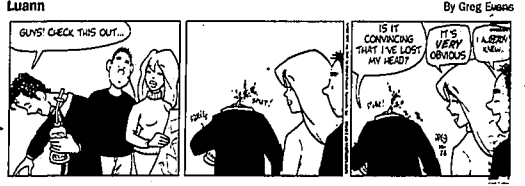
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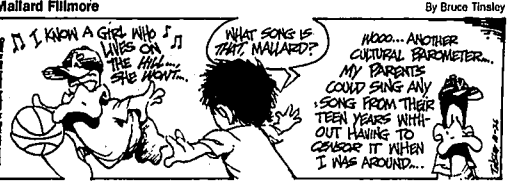
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A romantic partner may be timid, so hold his or her hand as you explore new places or cross uncharted waters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get out on the town, try the latest scenery that just opened around you. You might be a drama queen or that crave constant attention. An itch to do something wild just to relieve boredom might upset a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let the boredom and could turn into a valuable asset.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stick to the facts. Numerous interruptions can prevent you from finishing up your work or being as organized as you'd like to be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Altruistic, but remain flexible. A new person in your circle might distract you from your duties or stand in the way of your plans. It is a good time to accept an invitation from out of the blue.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Expect the unexpected and you won't be disappointed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid being pinned down as something better may come along. Play it footloose and fancy free for the best results. Your contagious gaiety makes any gathering a memorable adventure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Remain steadfast and firm. There are certainly plenty of temptations in the world and you may yearn to break free from routine. Your fondest romantic dreams can be realized if you don't stray.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Try a change of pace. If you concentrate on exploring the new and unusual you will create excitement in your life. A new friend might relieve

