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Burley loitering problem difficult to prosecute

By Damon Huzzeke
Times-News writer

The city ordinance in Burley that made loitering a misdemeanor in 1987 is written to encompass virtually anything. On the night of July 25, Cassia County deputies Terry Hickey and Mark Merrill issued citations, all of which were dismissed, to 28 people.

Those cited were at three businesses on Overland Avenue: Super Wash, Mr. Gas and Verizon Wireless.

The ordinance defines loitering as "remaining idle in essentially one location and shall include the concept of spending time idly; to be dilatory; to linger; to stay; to saunter; to delay; to stand around, and shall also include the colloquial expression 'hanging around.'"

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Giving it another go

Six years in, St. Benedicts takes another stab at a new home

By Nate Poppio
Times-News writer

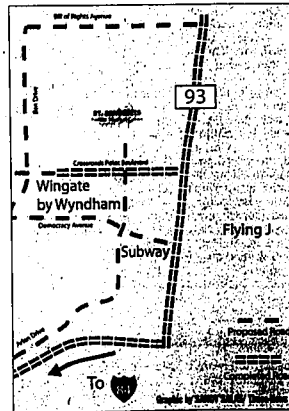
Officials with St. Benedicts Family Medical Center already planned once for a hospital at Crossroads Point, near the intersection of Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93.

But as the project moved forward, funding options fell apart at the last minute and everything came to a screeching halt, CEO Al Stevenson said.

It wasn't the death of the project. But the hospital's plans were largely put on hold until January, Stevenson said. And now that things have begun to progress once again, officials are being as careful as they can to make sure the project is done right.

So far, he said, it has been. "It's all looking positive so far," Stevenson said Wednesday of financial and market studies regarding the proposed facility.

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Jerome adopts amended \$10.6M county budget

Assessment errors led to adjustments

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Jerome County commissioners redid the county's budget and adopted it Tuesday — but there are still some loose ends.

On Tuesday, Jerome County adopted its \$10.6 million budget for next year, a 7 percent increase over this year's budget of \$9.9 million. The commissioners went

back and fixed the budget after County Assessor Rick Haberman incorrectly included additional revenue. But they still have to figure out how to cover increasing health care costs.

"It had nothing to do with the assessments," Haberman said. "What happened was that the utility roll got included twice ... some categories got included in there that shouldn't have been included."

Haberman said he wasn't sure how much extra money was added, but said the mistake was corrected before it

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T.F. County approves \$37.5M budget.

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was published. Howell wasn't certain how much extra money they thought they had, but said it was at least \$100,000.

For the past month, they reworked the budget, and the matter is taken care of.

"It's been a little more of a scramble because you thought you had things set, but you've

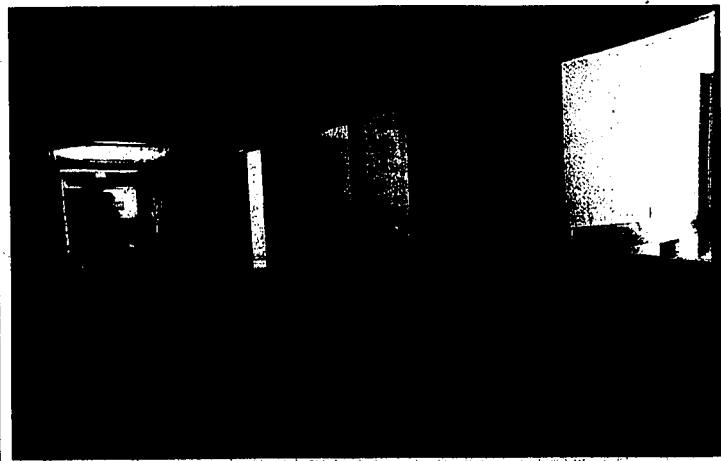
had a mistake — an honest mistake — and you go through things again," Howell said. "It's been more of a stress."

The commissioners went back and made changes — one of which, Howell said, was passing on hiring a county administrator. He said the idea would make county work more efficient since the commissioners are part-time. For example, Howell said, the administrator would prepare information rather than himself.

But due to the lack of

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DELAYED DISCUSSION



Twin Falls County Commissioners and St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center officials gather Wednesday afternoon in what will become the specialty courts wing in the downtown clinic during a tour of the building Wednesday.

Clinic mediation may be delayed until year's end

By Nate Poppio
Times-News writer

Officials with Twin Falls County and St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center may not meet to talk about their ongoing dispute until December, hospital CEO Mark Schwartz said Wednesday.

The culprit, both sides say, is a series of scheduling conflicts among the various parties involved — hospital officials, county commissioners and attorneys for both.

The dispute, over how much the hospital should pay for renovations to its downtown clinic

building for its new use as county office space, soured relations between both parties earlier this year. The two agreed to undergo non-binding mediation in June after hospital officials pushed to take the matter to a judge.

"We're still in the same holding pattern," Schwartz said. The hospital CEO said both sides have had time conflicts and that it's just an issue of coordinating the large cast. But County Commission Chairman Tom Mikeseel expressed frustration Tuesday afternoon that hospital officials have rejected at least 10 to 12 possible dates,

and said he may instruct the county's attorney to give them a "drop-dead" deadline by which to pick a date.

That discussion continues as both sides are working out a number of other items related to the 2006 sale of the hospital to St. Luke's, including moving some district court employees and possibly the county assessor into the now-empty second floor of the clinic. The issue is not related to the larger remodeling dispute.

The county had started some small renovation work over the cafeteria area, but paused its work when the hospital asked

for time to pass along the construction guidelines intended to minimize interference at the clinic, Schwartz said. The guidelines are the same provided to contractors or the hospital's own crews, he said, and are in place to both meet medical requirements and protect patients.

One example of a problem, he said, would be particulate matter released during reconstruction work that could get into the air handling system and make its way to patients entering the building.

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Attendance at Twin Falls County Fair down 13 percent

Pitz says event still a success

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

Attendance at this year's Twin Falls County Fair was down about 13 percent from last year's record-setting turnout, but organizers called it a success given the tight economic times.

A total of 84,316 people attended the six-day annual event in Filer, a 13 percent drop from 2007 when there were more than 96,000, said Fair Manager John Pitz. "I think it went pretty smooth," he said. But last year saw a spike of 5,000 people, primarily due

to the cancellation of the Wagon Days Festival, which was nixed because of the Castle Rock Fire near Ketchum.

This year, not only was Wagon Days back on schedule, but the fair also had to compete with cooler weekend weather and a taut economy — especially high fuel prices, Pitz said. "People are pretty tight with the cost of fuel," he said.

By the numbers

T.F. County Fair attendance	
Wednesday	10,516
Thursday	10,074
Friday	19,974
Saturday	17,713
Sunday	12,653
Monday	13,386

Sources: John Pitz, fair manager

"People are really watching how they spend."

Organizers are still waiting on numbers for whether the fair was profitable, but it hasn't lost money for about eight years when there was a lot of rain, Pitz said. He said gate revenue was \$314,000, about \$44,000 less than last year.

Even without last year's record attendance, this year was about 5 percent lower than the five-year average, Pitz said.

But despite the lower numbers, Pitz called the event a success.

He said median turnout was up; vendors' profits were consistent because people eat more when it's cooler; there were 3,000 head of livestock, and the agriculture aspect of the fair is a huge part of the base attendance. "It's because of the variety

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to go and do today



• Not too many towns have a town square anymore, but Rupert still does. It's a beautiful place to walk around and is surrounded by fun places and businesses, no matter your tastes. The square is also on the National Register of Historic Places and boasts the Wilson Theater, now under reconstruction.

• And while you're over in that direction, drive to Lake Walcott State Park, which commands a terrific view of the Snake River. It's also a nice place to walk your dog or just sit and relax. The park is 11 miles northeast of Rupert.

• If you don't have a lot of dough, but like to shop, stop at the Elephant's

Perch, a thrift store that helps fund the Ketchum Library. You might find designer goods or just fantastic deals on art, ski equipment and other goods. You'll find it at 280 N. East Ave in Ketchum.

Have your own pick you want to share? E-mail me at patm@magvalley.com.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Wah-Hoo Review, featuring the Wild West Players with singing, dancing, comedy and audience involvement, includes western-style barbecue, 6 p.m., on the lawn near the opera house; and show, 7:30 p.m., Historic Sun Valley Opera House, dinner/show tickets: \$35 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens and \$25 for children 12 and under; for show only: \$18 for adults and \$14 for senior citizens and children 12 and under, 622-2135 or 888-622-2108.

Registration for Magic Valley Choral Practice, everyone is welcome, 7 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts building, Choir Room, Twin Falls, \$10 for the semester, 732-6781.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m., Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$1,195 Black outs, 536-6358.

CHURCH EVENTS

Adult Education Class on church history, taught by former Rupert state president and current state patriarch Dr. Terry Miller, 7:30 p.m., Burley Institute building, 431-8494 or 436-9252.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Twin Falls Monarch Lions club meeting and no-host lunch, with speaker Lou Bakewell, noon, Loong-Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, 735-9092 or 432-4429.

Twin Falls Kiwanis weekly meeting and luncheon, a volunteer organization serving the community and children, noon, Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave, visitors welcome, trent.stimpson2@qsc-us.com.

Kickstart Southern Idaho, with topic: Brent Jusser, Senior VP and Chief Lending Officer Region IV Development on Navigating through Lending Programs, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Pandora's Restaurant, 516 Hansen St. S., Twin Falls, no cost, appetizers and drink tickets provided, brandon.armstrong@idahotechconnect.com or (208) 324-3455.

EXHIBITS

Burley artists on exhibit, 4 to 8 p.m., participants: Scott Raze (outdoor sculpture), 177 S. 250 E., 678-8125; Nicole Maier, Kathleen Hawkins (ceramics), and Billie Larlos (goldsmith), 326 S. 250 E., 219-1384; Gioulietta Bray (paintings, 654-2808); Maize Bowers (watercolor paintings, 678-5668); June Carey (paintings), JoAnn Turner (oil painting, 654-2802); Everett Spencer (paintings, 436-5888) and Cynthia Fuelling (links, 678-9277); Springdale School, 494 E. 200 S.; Donna Arbogast (paintings, 678-5056) and Heywood Williams (paintings, 679-1065), 401 E. 16th St.; and Marilyn Miller (paintings, 878-7540); Ricky Bostead (silk painting and water media, 438-5678) and Dee Ann Goodwin (prints and paintings, 678-3273), 637 W. 15th St. (rear entrance), Burley, 734-5838.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

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Budget

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funding and a rise in health care costs, the county didn't have the money; Howell said the projected salary was between \$75,000 and \$80,000.

Blue Cross, which currently provides health care to county employees, will charge the county at least 30 percent more next year, said County Clerk Michelle Emerson. As a result, several other companies have made bids.

"It's going to raise our prices significantly," Howell said.

Today, the commissioners

are expected to tell Emerson how much they plan to budget, regardless of which company is chosen. There is enough in the budget to spend for an increase.

A provider must be chosen by Oct. 1, Emerson said.

Commissioners approved \$100 million salary increases for full-time county employees and a 50-cent hourly raise to part-time workers. Howell said the budget includes four new full-time positions and two part-time positions.

"They did not approve raises for themselves, Haberman or the sheriff, said Emerson. But a \$100 million increase was granted to Emerson, the

county treasurer and the prosecutor, she said.

Meanwhile, the county is searching for a new insurance agent. One company was on the agenda Tuesday.

Terry Roemer, the current agent, will step aside when his term expires in January. Roemer beat incumbent Debiana Obenauer in the May Republican primary and is unopposed in the Nov. 4 general election.

"The move will avoid a conflict of interest, Howell said.

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Loitering

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"It's not very well-written," Cassia County Undersheriff Cary Bristol said.

Generally speaking, the ordinance addresses loitering on private property in commercial areas, Burley City Attorney Randy Stone said. "It includes a requirement that property owners post a no-loitering sign. So, if you have a parking lot that isn't posted and people walk aimlessly in it, we can't enforce it."

Stone said that the decision to cite someone for loitering is left to the discretion of individual police officers. But he said that, typically, the offender is cited for something else — such as violating the Idaho code against disturbing the peace, obstructing traffic, or

drinking underage.

"If an officer observes a condition of loitering, and if they're doing something serious, they'll be prosecuted under other statutes," Stone said.

Regarding the one-night barrage of citations, Bristol said, "I think the sheriff (Jim Higgs) felt that it would be better — if there were properly posted signs or not — to avoid hassling with it, and the prosecutor agreed with him."

Nonetheless, Bristol said loitering is a problem.

"A lot of our biggest complaints on Friday and Saturday nights are about kids playing streets loudly, yelling and screaming — it's annoying," he said. "They just pile up in parking lots on the weekends. They sit, do nothing, litter, talk, break bottles, drink ..." On Mondays, the parking lots are

full of bottles. Dairy Queen buys — and that's part of what the officers are doing, preventing some of that."

Of the 28 cited and dismissed in July, 19 have Hispanic names.

"We don't profile," Bristol said. "A lot of Hispanic kids sit in one area. In other places, it's a mix. It's coincidental — it's just who it was in the parking lots."

The ordinance doesn't mention a particular age or time of day that would likely result in a loitering citation, so — because people having a conversation may look like they're "loitering" or "wandering" — it's not easily prosecutable.

Stone said that, legally, no-trespassing signs offer more solid preventative measures.

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St. Bens

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After months of tight lips, hospital officials announced last week that plans were moving again for the new, up to 25-bed replacement for the current hospital's Jerome location. Stevenson, who was hired in late 2005 and missed the first attempt to build a new St. Ben's, shared more information Wednesday morning, including the results of a market survey he said will help determine funding for the new building's needs.

Those results, he said, are good. Emergency room visits, for example, are projected to rise from 7,500 a year to 10,000 in five years, he said, showing a trend. Similar increases are seen in other areas of the hospital, and that's assuming most factors stay the same — St. Benedict's continues to serve as a critical-access hospital, a designation for rural facilities specializing in acute care, while nearby and farther St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls continues as the major trauma center for the area.

The new building could be 60,000 to 70,000 square feet based off of the market study and other data, Stevenson

said. But officials won't know for sure until designs are drawn up and a space needs study is finished. The hospital is currently evaluating architects to select who will draw up the plans, largely people from the Pacific Northwest, Stevenson said.

"Things aren't like they were when St. Ben's Bedlets first started in 2002. In the six years since, the formerly county-owned Twin Falls hospital was sold to St. Luke's, while Gooding County Memorial Hospital secured funding and a new name for itself as its own new facility.

Construction materials costs have jumped several times. And today's financial market is more restricted than in years past, Stevenson said, with tightening borrowing requirements.

Officials are confident they'll be able to raise the needed money, he said — likely at least \$30 million, Stevenson said.

Davey said, though officials have yet to make a firm estimate this year. But it won't be as simple as it was before.

"It will take a lot of work," Stevenson said, adding that he hopes to have the project's finances worked out in six to nine months.

St. Benedict's itself was

sold to a Minnesota company in 2007. With the Twin Falls, Gooding and Jerome hospitals all under new ownership, Stevenson said, the door was opened to talk of collaboration and the needs of the region.

It's once again a departure from the past. There was a time when the Twin Falls and Jerome hospitals were at odds over the latter's plans to expand. Former Magic Valley Regional Medical Center CEO John Ke even tried early on to get St. Benedict's critical-access status revoked. If it moved to the Crossroads site.

Now, all three hospital CEOs have met on a regular basis to plan for the future together. St. Luke's Magic Valley CEO Mark Schwartz said. Stevenson said St. Benedict's enhancing its rehabilitation services to compensate for St. Luke's closing its transitional care unit last year, Stevenson said.

The talks are valuable, Schwartz said, given the similar goals of all three hospitals.

"There's good rationale for doing what we're doing in all three communities," Schwartz said.

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Mediation

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"It's not good for them to be breathing things that they probably shouldn't be," Schwartz said.

Commissioners and St. Luke's representatives met at the clinic to discuss the issue Wednesday after a miscommunication about when the guidelines would be sent over, Commissioner George Urle said.

It turned out that a message saying the hospital's facilities director was out for

a family matter and would get back to the county didn't make it to commissioners, Urle said. But that didn't stop Miksel from writing a heated e-mail to Schwartz on Tuesday afternoon, briefly referencing the main dispute and criticizing the hospital for not holding up to its promises of cooperation.

Twin Falls County would like to cooperate with St. Luke's but we are having a hard time understanding how to do just that,

Miksel wrote.

Most meetings with the county since the mediation decision have been very amiable, Schwartz said, and he doesn't expect feelings over the dispute to influence the other issues.

"Those are all separate, distinct issues from that one section of the contract," he said. "It has been set aside."

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"I love that, it's an opportunity for the little kids to get out there and show their stuff," he said. "We've got these great big trophies and these little tiny kids — the trophies are the same size as the kids."

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Fair

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that we offer," he said. "It's a broad spectrum of things that we offer, which helps with the demographics of the people that come out to the fair."

He said organizers didn't anticipate the fuel increases when the planning began a year ago.

Twin Falls County

Commissioner Terry Kramer said the fair was an overall success, and the lower turnout was probably due to cautious spending.

Kramer, who ledged a plea contest, among other things said his favorite part was mutton busting — kids try to hold onto bucking sheep — because it's a real crowd pleaser and gets the

young involved.

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Teen driver leads Filer police on high-speed chase

Short dash damages car, propane tank and fence

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Filer Police and Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputies arrested a male teenage driver late Wednesday afternoon, following a high-speed chase through town that resulted in a plowed-over propane meter and crash into a horse pen outside the town.

A Filer Police officer was leaving the police station when his squad car was almost clipped by a vehicle quickly traveling down Main Street, Filer Police Chief Cliff Johnson said.

"The officer had to whip a U and go after him," Johnson said. "It turned into a pursuit at 4:43 p.m. with the teenage driver driving at speeds in excess of 100 mph, police said."

Deputy Jason Farr said the sheriff's office is investigating the possibility that the vehicle was stolen from a Middiekauff



A Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputy investigates the scene car crash at the intersection of 2200 East and Pole Line Road after a teenage driver led a Filer Police officer on a short chase Wednesday afternoon.

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Ford dealer display during the Twin Falls County Fair.

The vehicle, a 2008 Ford Fusion, turned right off Main and headed northbound onto Stevens Avenue toward Pole Line Road (4100 North), according to Twin Falls County officials.

During the chase, the driver mowed over a propane gas

meter at the corner of Main Street and Stevens Avenue and continued, police said.

Before the gas was shut off to the meter's residence, households within one block of the damage were evacuated for about 20 minutes, said Deputy Jerry Elliott of the Twin Falls Sheriff's Office.

The chase continued north to the intersection of 2200 East and Pole Line Road, where the driver tried to turn eastbound onto Pole Line but swerved and hit the edge of a

fence, stopping in a ditch.

The driver faces a charge of felony eluding and could also be charged with grand theft auto, Farr said.

No injuries were reported. Skid marks at the intersection of 2200 East and Pole Line Road were visible, and the car's front end was damaged.

The Filer squad car was not damaged during the chase, Johnson said.

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WATCH: video of the aftermath of the chase through Filer

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Singers of all ages are cordially invited to join with the Magic Valley Chorale as we prepare for the Christmas season. Rehearsal is every Thursday at 7:30 pm in Room 133 of the CSI Fine Arts Building. Registration is September 4th and 11th at 7 pm. Fees are just \$10 per semester. See you there!

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Fires continue to quiet across region

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Two fires continued to wind down this week, one held in its tracks and another crawled through the Sawtooth National Forest.

The East Slide Rock Ridge Fire in the Jarbridge Wilderness stayed at about 54,500 acres with 50 percent contained, officials reported. Crews con-

tinued to search for and extinguish hot spots within 100 to 300 feet of the perimeter.

Oversight of the fire has been passed to a Type 3 incident management team. Though as many as 150 firefighters were released Monday, 449 Forest Service personnel remain on the fire.

The public is encouraged to use extreme caution along

roadways near the fire, especially the Pole Creek and Canyon Pockets roads. Fire crews have and will continue to cut burned trees posing an immediate safety hazard.

The South Barker Fire northeast of Featherville neared 34,000 acres as crews continued preventative work to protect a nearby subdivision, should the fire begin to

move toward it. Fairfield District Ranger Mike Destori and personnel from a fire use management team updated Pine residents on the fire during a weekly luncheon Tuesday at the Pine Senior Center.

Closure orders remain in effect for both fires. For more information, contact your local Forest Service office.

Prosecutor drops retrial of wolf foe

KETCHUM (AP) — A vocal opponent of the gray wolf will not face a second trial on charges he roughed up a wolf advocate during an encounter in Stanley earlier this year.

Prosecutor Paul Fitzer says convincing a jury to convict Ron Gillett a second time around may be too difficult and not the best use of tax-

payer dollars.

Fitzer announced the decision Wednesday.

Last month, a six-member jury deliberated for two hours, but failed to reach a unanimous verdict on whether Gillett should be found guilty of assaulting Lynne Stone, a wildlife photographer and wolf advocate.

According to a police affidavit, Gillett grabbed Stone by the throat and shoulders, shook her violently, causing a cut on her hand during a March 25 altercation.

Service planned for BSU prof that died in Boise wildfire

BOISE (AP) — Boise State University will hold a memorial service for a professor whose badly burned body was found in the aftermath of the August wildfire that charred a housing subdivision.

56-year-old Mary Ellen Ryder was discovered in one of the nearly 20 houses that were damaged or burned to

the ground when the Aug. 25 fire raged through a Boise neighborhood.

Investigators say an equipment failure on Idaho Power Co. electricity lines ignited the blaze in a grassy field, where it quickly spread to a nearby ridge and up toward a line of homes.

Police say Ryder likely died during the fire.

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10:30 am - **Kids fun run & Walk**
11:00 am - **Kids Carnival**
11:00am - 2:00pm - **Kayak and Canoe Rentals**, Centennial Park
Noon - 7:00pm - Live music, entertainment, & food from local vendors.

All Proceeds will benefit children with special needs in the Magic Valley and Wood River Valley through the St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundations Fund for Children With Special Needs.

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Twin Falls County adopts \$37.5M budget

Elected officials keep salary increases

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls County commissioners on Wednesday adopted a 2008-2009 fiscal year, a 9 percent increase from this year.

Several small changes had been made since the budget was first proposed, including an overall increase of \$7,800, a decrease to the solid waste budget and wage adjustments to several departments. County Clerk Kristina Glascock said.

The budget — which goes into effect Oct. 1 — was adopted after two public

hearings, although no one testified. Commissioner Terry Kramer said.

The budget includes \$3 million for capital improvements; a 17 percent increase to the sheriff's budget; almost \$14,000 to the Idaho Association of Counties, the statewide organization that lobbies at the Legislature; and \$15,000 for the Twin Falls County Historical Museum, an increase of \$9,000 from this year.

Commissioners made no adjustment to pay raises for the nine elected officials, which will see an average hike of more than 9 percent for next year, including a 17

percent bump for the parole board.

The three county commissioners — Kramer, Tom Mikesell and George Urie — who set the salaries will see an 8 percent raise to \$66,893. The raises are aimed at keeping officials of Idaho's sixth-largest county in a pay range that compares to 85 percent to 105 percent of the average of the state's most populous counties, plus a little more to reflect a 3 percent cost-of-living increase in the coming year.

The current budget year was the final year of a four-year plan to bring the county's employee and elected leader pay to within 95 percent of comparable jobs elsewhere.

Meanwhile, county employee salaries come from a salary pool of budgeted money for each department and are set by supervisors. As a result, some employees might not see a raise, and those granted can vary.

The budget includes a separate budget for the interim mosquito abatement district, which was created last summer under a new state law. Voters will decide Nov. 4 whether they want to make the district permanent and see their taxes increase. Twin Falls County Clerk Kristina Glascock said.

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Air show attendance still up in the air

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

There were thousands of people at the Air Magic Valley Air Show in July.

Or were there? Early turnout estimates from officials for the two-day show were at least 45,000 people. But there weren't final tally because organizers didn't actually count the number of people there. Airport Manager Bill Carberry said Tuesday.

"I don't think we actually took a head count at the gate," Carberry told the airport advisory board Tuesday at its monthly meeting.

Carberry said organizers can't figure a precise number due to the large number of people who got free tickets, including volunteers, Navy personnel and corporate sponsors.

The question over attendance arose at the meeting when Twin Falls County Commissioner George Urie posed the question if attendance was counted.

Board member Jim O'Donnell said he was assisting with the buses transporting people and it was confusing how many people were there.

"There were so many diverse, different freebies coming in," he said.

Meanwhile, revenue and financial figures for the show are still not final, Carberry said. He said revenue will come from ticket revenue, sponsorships, vendors and program sales. Ticket sales won't show complete attendance since there were so many free tickets.

Early on, the show's proposed budget — assuming a combined 40,000 people come both days, and 10,000 people would offset any costs — revenues were projected at \$774,000 and expenses at \$312,000, according to a March 13 staff report from Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney.

That would result in a profit of \$462,000 split between the county and city. However, it's unclear how many tickets were projected to be free.

In the past, city and county officials have said that profits, while split between the county and city, would go toward future air shows.

In an e-mail Wednesday, Carberry did not answer a question regarding what prevents the city or county from using the profits for other reasons.

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Kimberly district eyes emergency levy

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Kimberly School District officials will meet tonight and possibly approve an emergency levy to pay for additional staff and school equipment.

The Kimberly School District's board will talk about the emergency levy at 7 p.m. at the school district's office, 241 Center St. W. in Kimberly. The state allows school districts with growing numbers of students to use

emergency levies for costs of additional enrollment.

Superintendent Kathleen Noh said that the emergency levy, if approved, would cover the costs of hiring additional paraprofessionals, who assist teachers in classrooms. The levy also would help with the costs of additional textbooks and classroom furniture, she said.

The amount of the emergency levy, if approved, has not been determined. Noh said, stressing that the

school board still needs to talk about the issue before making a decision.

"It's not a foregone conclusion," she said of the potential for a levy.

This year's enrollment is still being tallied, but it's estimated at about 1,440, Noh said. That's about 25 to 30 students higher than at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, when the enrollment was 1,413.

"The main need is we had a lot of new students come in second and fourth grade."

Noh said, adding that the paraprofessionals will be assigned to those grades.

Paraprofessionals work with small groups of students so pupils get more attention in classrooms.

In 2007, Kimberly School District officials passed an emergency levy of \$130,250. That emergency levy added 47 cents to every \$1,000 of taxable assessed value. The district's 2007 levy, including the emergency levy, is \$4.13 for every \$1,000 of taxable assessed value.

AROUND THE VALLEY

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Eastland Drive South, from Kimberly Road to Highland Avenue in Twin Falls, will be closed to traffic beginning early today through late Friday in order for city crews to pave the section of the road, a Tuesday City of Twin Falls release stated.

Fluggers and signs will be in place to direct traffic. Drivers are asked to use caution and obey the flaggers and traffic control signs when traveling in the area. Trucks should use Hankins Road or Blue Lakes Boulevard South for

north/south travel.

Fish and Game opens Big Wood for salvage

A stretch of the Big Wood River is now open for fish salvage, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game announced Wednesday.

The decision comes because the Big Wood Canal company will shut off Magic Reservoir Dam on Friday. Department officials said in a news release. Drought conditions and poor runoff meant demand for irrigation water exceeded the reservoir's capacity.

Fish in the river below the

Richfield canal headgate and within the canal itself will likely be killed as the water level drops, the release stated. So the department has opened up the river for salvage downstream from the canal diversion, from the canal downstream to the Gooding County line and along both the Richfield and Lincoln canal systems. The salvage order is effective Friday through Dec. 1.

Licensed anglers may take the fish by any method except firearms, explosives, chemicals or electric current. For more information: 208-324-4359.

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Twin Falls County

SEPT. 2 ARRAIGNMENTS
Mauricio Merino-Delgado, 38, Twin Falls; DUI; \$500 bond; public defender appointed; pretrial Sept. 23
Jennifer Martanga, 18, Twin Falls; resisting/obstructing police, provide false information; Sept. 23 pretrial; \$2,000 bond; public defender appointed
Siss Brand, 18, Jerome; trespass, illegal consumption; pretrial Sept. 23; public defender appointed; released on own recognizance
Jeremy Miller, 32, Buhl; unlawful possession of a firearm, grand theft by

possession, burglary, criminal possession of a financial transaction card; Sept. 12 preliminary hearing; \$25,000 bond; public defender appointed
James Tuslow, 20, homeless; petit theft, possession of drug paraphernalia; pretrial Sept. 23; \$500 bond; public defender appointed
Fred Joseph Morton Jr., 35, Twin Falls; malicious injury to property, assault; \$1,000 bond; public defender appointed, pretrial Sept. 23
Crespin Conchas, 21, Jerome; fail to purchase driver's license; \$500 bond; public defender appointed; pretrial Sept. 23
Eduardo Acosta-Vasquez, 31, Buhl;

fail to purchase driver's license; \$500 bond; defendant waived court; Sept. 23 pretrial
Jose Jesus Cerantes-Gomez, 29, Jerome; resisting an officer; \$500 bond; public defender appointed; pretrial Sept. 23
Rafael Cervantes-Gomez, 21, Jerome; resisting an officer; \$500 bond; public defender appointed; Sept. 23 pretrial
Rodrigo Perez Correa, 18, Gooding; illegal consumption, battery; \$500 bond; public defender appointed; Sept. 23 pretrial
Carlos Sanchez, 18, Eden; invalid license; \$500 bond; border patrol hold; public defender appointed; pretrial Sept. 23

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Idaho public schools budget could face opposition

By Jessie L. Bonner
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Public schools chief Tom Luna could be in for a fight after he earmarked a portion of his yearly budget proposal for a plan that will reward teachers based on their performance.

Luna submitted a proposed \$1.5 billion budget to the governor's office late Tuesday to operate and improve public schools in 2009 and 2010. The budget is to go before Idaho lawmakers in January and includes \$27 million for teacher raises and a pay-for-performance plan.

The proposed merit-based pay system is similar to a measure Idaho lawmakers voted to kill in February.

"I don't pretend to think that there's not going to be opposition," Luna said.

The public schools budget Luna proposed this week is about \$77 million more than the \$1.46 billion he requested in January 2008 to fund the current school year.

The new budget covers everything from teacher salaries and efforts to boost student test scores in reading, to classroom supplies and a program to let high school juniors and seniors earn college credits.

Most of the \$27 million for teacher raises is designated for an \$18 million pay-for-performance plan. Since at least the early 1980s, Republican lawmakers have sought to break up the existing compensation system, based on classroom experience, arguing that it rewards good teachers the same as the bad.

Earlier this year, however, the Legislature voted to dump a \$21 million version of Luna's pay-for-performance plan, in part because bonuses would have been based largely on how students perform on statewide tests. Instead, lawmakers approved \$23.8 million in teacher raises and a

plan to boost the minimum teacher salary by 3 percent.

The vote was hailed as a victory for the Idaho Education Association, the teachers' union that had fought the measure. Union President Sherri Wood said her group offered to be at the table while Luna and other educational stakeholders hashed out the details of a new bill this year. "That actually has not happened," Wood said.

The proposed budget outlines Luna's priorities, but details, including the pay-for-performance plan, are still being worked out. "It's not written in stone,"

Luna said, "but it's not written in jelly."

Department spokeswoman Melissa McGrath said Luna consulted the union last year when developing his previous pay-for-performance plan. Interested parties, including teachers, will be included in completing the details of the new proposal, she said.

Wood was part of a task force Luna formed this summer to help develop statewide standards for teacher performance. The lack of such standards was a reason why the Senate killed the previous pay-for-performance plan, according to the state Department of

Education.

Lawmakers agreed to spend \$50,000 to develop a statewide teacher evaluation.

The task force is scheduled to finish its work in December, but Wood said the teacher evaluation plan should stay separate from the pay-for-performance plan when the Legislature considers both proposals next year.

"They're distinctly different animals," Wood said.

Teacher evaluations, which now vary across the state, should be used to help teachers grow professionally, pinpointing their weaknesses and areas where they can improve, Wood said.

EPA adds Colorado mining site to Superfund list

By Dan Elliott
Associated Press writer

DENVER — An abandoned mining site blamed for leaking fish-killing contaminants into a creek in southwestern Colorado was added to the Superfund list on Wednesday, clearing the way for a cleanup at federal expense.

The Environmental Protection Agency said it won't know how long the

cleanup will take or cost until final studies are complete.

"We don't know what we'll find when we start looking into the mine workings," said Peggy Linn, a Denver-based EPA spokeswoman. The EPA oversees the Superfund program, which now includes 18 hazardous waste sites in Colorado.

The Nelson Tunnel-Coronado Waste Rock Site is a mile north of Creede and

150 miles southwest of Denver. The tunnel drains water from abandoned silver, lead and zinc mines. The waste rock is from the now-closed Coronado mine.

The EPA says cadmium, lead and zinc from the tunnel are contaminating the Willow Creek watershed and are killing fish in a two-mile stretch of the waterway.

A drainage system constructed around the waste pile

failed during a 2005 flood, and the EPA says another flood could send contaminated water into Creede, population about 400, and the creek.

Tunnel cleanup options include keeping water from getting into it in the first place and building a treatment plant to remove contaminants from the water as it drains out. Linn said high costs reduce the likelihood of a treatment plant.

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Idaho files lawsuit against pharmaceutical co.

BOISE (AP) — A pharmaceutical company being sued by Idaho over the prescription medication Zyprexa has asked that the case be moved to federal court in New York and consolidated with similar lawsuits from other states.

The drug is the top seller for Eli Lilly and Co. of Indianapolis, which filed its lawsuit Friday to ask that the lawsuit be removed from Idaho's 4th District Court, a

request the state plans to fight.

"We will be responding and asking the judge to send it back," state Deputy Attorney General Brett DeLange told the Idaho Statesman.

The state is among several, including Alaska and Utah, that have sued the company over the drug Zyprexa, seeking unspecified damages and civil penalties. Idaho's case, filed in July, accuses Eli Lilly

of downplaying the risks of weight gain and diabetes in use of drug in treating schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Alaska settled its lawsuit for \$15 million in March.

According to Idaho's lawsuit, the company "knew of the defective nature of Zyprexa, but continued to market and sell Zyprexa without proper warning so as to maximize sales and profits in

conscious disregard of the foreseeable harm caused by Zyprexa."

Eli Lilly said Idaho officials should have been aware of warnings from the company that the drug could cause diabetes and weight gain.

The state contends that the state Department of Health and Welfare's Medicaid Division has had to make reimbursements to health care providers that it should-

not have had to make and must continue to make similar reimbursements because of Zyprexa.

The state also contends there were alternative medications that did not have the same risks.

About 10,000 Medicaid patients in Idaho have been prescribed Zyprexa. At one Boise pharmacy it costs \$813 for a 30-day supply of 20 milligrams a day.

Eli Lilly racked up \$1.24 billion in sales of Zyprexa during the second quarter and \$1.8 billion last year.

On Tuesday the company announced it had developed a long-acting, injectable version with a lower rate of relapse or discontinuation among schizophrenia patients, based on a study of 1,065 patients.

The new drug is awaiting regulatory approval.

E. Idaho shelter finds animals left overnight

REXBURG (AP) — Officials at the Rexburg Animal Shelter in eastern Idaho say they are concerned about the number of pets being abandoned at the shelter without food or water when it's not open.

"They say some pets have been thrown over tall fences at the shelter, and others left in a fence or put in boxes or carriers that aren't large enough."

Candice Billingsley, the animal adoption coordinator at the shelter, says the cost to surrender a pet is \$10 for Rexburg residents, and \$65 for others.

Shelter workers say pets dropped off when the shelter is closed means workers don't know if the animals are strays or just being given up.

Other unknowns include health and vaccination information.

Idaho County commissioners approve budget

GRANGEVILLE (AP) — Commissioners in Idaho County have approved a 4 percent wage increase for county employees, despite protesters who picked the meeting.

Commissioners on Tuesday also approved a \$2,000 one-time bonus for the clerk, assessor, sheriff and treasurer as part of a new \$12.7 million budget.

Commission Chairman Randy Doman said the bonuses will help the elected officials catch up on salaries they didn't get in past years so

that employees could get raises.

Former Commissioner Pat Holmberg, along with about 30 officers, protested the raises and bonuses, saying the county couldn't afford it with the poor economy.

"Even the most optimistic public servant has to recognize this is not the time for increases," Holmberg testified during the county budget hearing, the Lewiston Tribune reported. "The economy isn't good. We all know it."

While county employees

get a 4 percent wage boost, "the only raise we get is a 3 percent raise in taxes," he said.

Others pointed out the rising costs of fuel and groceries and the difficulties of some people in the area living on fixed incomes.

"I worked hard all my life and now I'm sitting in a position where I can't keep my house up because I'm being taxed out of it," said Tucker Lindsey of Luchie.

Commissioner Skip Brandt noted the problem faced by many local governments.

"If you want government to provide (a service), government has to charge for it," Brandt said.

He also said that despite many people testifying about the bad economy, "I still see a lot of new pickups and snowmobiles driving around."

In nearby Latah County, commissioners Tuesday approved a \$14.29 million budget which generated a few compliments and no complaints, the newspaper reported. County employees received a 4 percent raise as part of the budget.

Silver Gate man spends his days recording wolf movement

By Brett French
Billings Gazette

halfway around the world from their home in Nijmegen, Netherlands, to see.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — A grizzly sow hauled wolves to protect her cub about a mile from where Rick McIntyre sat upon a black fold-up stool.

Just another day at "the office."

"Yesterday was the first time I saw a wolf," Wencke said as a strong evening breeze blasted the hillside. "It was very exciting. We heard about it, we read about it, we saw the movie, and now we saw it."

"It's very good to see the animals in the wild," McIntyre couldn't agree more.



Wencke and Peter Kieft of Nijmegen, Netherlands, stand behind Rick McIntyre as he talks about the wolves of Yellowstone National Park, Aug. 20 in Silver Gate, Mont. McIntyre watches the wolves daily, charting their movements for the Yellowstone Wolf Project. AP photo

"Yesterday morning they brought the pups in, so that's been a big deal for us," he said.

The Kiefts aren't alone in their desire to see one of the 171 wolves that roam Yellowstone's confines. Wolf Project staffers counted 32,600 people viewing wolves in summer 2007. Because there are plenty of wolves, it's now just as common to have "wolf jams" as "bear jams," when visitors and their vehicles clog Yellowstone's roads as tourists jostle to see, photograph and film the wildlife.

Two times a day, seven days a week, visitors to Yellowstone National Park can find McIntyre gazing through a 60-power Swarovski spotting scope as he observes wolves and records their movements in a handheld tape recorder.

The Hayden Valley pack especially garnered lots of attention when it located its den close to a park road and the Yellowstone River. It was one of the most human-tolerant packs in the park. According to the Wolf Project's 2007 report, "Some nights hundreds would gather to watch them..." But the opportunity was wiped out last year when the alpha wolves of the pack were killed by an adjoining pack, sending the rest of the Hayden Valley wolves wandering.

"Part of my job is to count the wolves," he said from his perch upon a hill in the Lamar Valley on Aug. 20. Just west of where Soda Butte Creek joins the Lamar River, he could see the Druid Peak pack grouped near a bison carcass. Soon the view grew more exciting.

"We just started seeing the pups a few weeks ago, so I'm trying to get a count on them to see how well they survived," McIntyre said.

There are still other opportunities to see wolves, especially toward the end of summer as bull bison rut. During their fights, the big bulls are sometimes gored or otherwise injured and die or are killed by wolves. The bison's huge carcasses attract wolves and bears for days, offering tourists a chance to see the predators in action.

"If he wasn't getting paid he'd be out there doing it anyway," said Doug Smith, the Wolf Project leader.

With a voice as smooth as well-aged bourbon and the patience born of hours of observing wildlife in all kinds of weather, McIntyre also offers insight to visitors about wolves, their behavior and their history while sharing the drama that plays out in the lens of the spotting scope.

Such was the case on Aug. 20, when the grizzly bear sow and its yearling cub wandered near a bison carcass next to the Druid Peak pack. As the sow approached, she reared up on her hind legs and spotted nine wolves lying nearby, their ears cocked in her direction. It wasn't long before 12 wolves homed in on the bear and began harassing her as she hunched over her cub to protect it, alternately swatting at and charging the pesky wolves.

"We want to be respectful of their rights," he said. "They are afraid of people, so if they saw people they would run away. We want to observe them in their natural state."

It is a sight that Peter and Wencke Kieft traveled almost

In a way it's kind of a standoff, McIntyre said. "There's not much the wolves can do, but they're excited. For her to run would be a mistake because the cub cannot run as fast as she could. So the safest thing is for her to stay,"

Body found in river identified

BANKS (AP) — Boise County officials say the body of a man found in the Payette River by a kayaker last week is that of a transient.

Boise County Sheriff Dale Rogers identified the body Wednesday as Gabriel Delmas Sorenson, 37.

An autopsy concluded Sorenson drowned. His body was found Friday pinned against a log in the Payette River three miles from the

mountain town of Banks.

Rogers says Sorenson had recently stayed with friends at Boise Vineyard Christian Fellowship, and that he had told church members about a plan to embark on a spiritual pilgrimage across Idaho. He was last seen by church members Aug. 17. Rogers has ruled out foul play, suggesting instead that Sorenson was accidentally washed away by the river's swift current.

Ex-Mountain Home police officer gets prison time

MOUNTAIN HOME (AP) — An ex-Mountain Home police officer will spend at least four years in prison after pleading guilty to sex abuse charges involving two girls, one 14 and the other 16 years old.

Glenn Arden Parsons, who is 25, will serve at least 18 months in prison after pleading guilty to sex abuse charges involving two girls, one 14 and the other 16 years old.

Parsons worked briefly in

2007 for the Mountain Home Police Department, as well as a short stint as an Elmore County court security officer after that.

Police in this southern Idaho city began investigating after receiving a report from the 16-year-old girl.

The mother of the 14-year-old girl later showed detectives sexually explicit text messages sent from Parsons's phone to her daughter's phone.

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Investigators puzzled by trail of Wash. killings

ALGER, Wash. — Authorities on Wednesday were trying to determine what set off a shooting and stabbing rampage that left six people dead and four wounded, attacks they blame on a drug offender who was released from jail less than a month ago.

The mother of suspect Isaac Zamora said he is "desperately mentally ill" and had been living in the woods. Dennise Zamora said one of those killed Tuesday was a sheriff's deputy who had tried to help their family for years.



Whatcom County Sheriff Deputy Steve Harris signs in a resident of a neighborhood near Alger, Wash., Wednesday, where a gunman was accused in a shooting and stabbing rampage Tuesday that left six people dead and four wounded. Five of the killings took place in the neighborhood past the police tape shown here.

Isaac Zamora, 28, was being held Wednesday on suspicion of first-degree murder and is being held on \$5 million bail.

The shootings began close to, Dennise Zamora's house near the small town of Alger, about 70 miles north of Seattle. They continued amid a high-speed police pursuit on Interstate 5 and ended in Mount Vernon, about 20 miles south of Alger, when Isaac Zamora turned himself in at a sheriff's office.

The dead included two construction workers killed in Alger and a motorist shot along I-5 near a rest stop.

"Some of these are just random shootings," Trooper

Kath Leary said. A host of questions remained unanswered Wednesday, including whether the suspect knew any of the victims, how the shootings apparently continued during the police chase and how Zamora managed to turn himself in rather than being arrested by one of the many officers pursuing him.

There are eight crime scenes, which are being investigated by more than 100 people from 15 different agencies, Leary said Wednesday.

"We're not speculating as to what happened," Leary said. "It's too early to tell what took place at each scene."

Zamora had just served a six-month jail sentence for

drug possession in Skagit County.

"We're so devastated for the families," Dennise Zamora told The Associated Press by telephone. "I wish it would have been him or me that was killed. That's how deeply I feel about it."

She said she wanted people to know that "my son was desperately mentally ill and we've been trying to get him help."

She told The Seattle Times that her son had lived in the woods off and on for years, was unaware of his mental illness and resisted all efforts to get him to accept treatment. The nature of his illness was not immediately clear, but his mother told the newspaper her son had struggled with it since the family's house burned down more than a decade ago.

She said Zamora was "agreeable" and "placid" Tuesday morning and that she didn't know where he got the gun used in the shootings.

The six who died included Skagit County Sheriff's Deputy Anne Jackson, 40, who was shot while responding to a call from Dennise Zamora. The mother told The Times she called Jackson after seeing her son going

into and out of her neighbors' homes.

Dennise Zamora described Jackson as a sympathetic figure who had tried to help the family in the past.

"She was very gracious," she said. "She knew exactly what we were going through, said her brother was going through some similar stuff."

The first shootings were reported shortly after 2 p.m. Tuesday and the suspect was in custody at the Skagit County Sheriff's Office by about 4:30 p.m.

Jackson and a second person were killed at the same location near Alger, two construction workers were found shot nearby, and a body was found a few houses away, Leary said.

A 36-year-old man was shot and wounded in the Alger area, and a 61-year-old man was stabbed in the chest, said Everett police Sgt. Robert Goetz, who was speaking on behalf of a multi-agency response team. Information on the men's conditions had not been released Wednesday.

From the Alger area, the armed man raced south on Interstate 5 at speeds in excess of 90 mph, with troopers, sheriff's deputies and Mount Vernon police in pursuit, Leary said. It was not immediately clear if Zamora had been

shooting as he drove, or if he had pulled over and started firing.

At least two others were wounded, including a Washington State Patrol trooper shot while trying to stop the shooter on the freeway, the State Patrol said. A motorcyclist was shot in the arm at a Shell gas station.

Since his Aug. 6 release, Zamora had, reported as ordered to corrections officials and had passed drug and alcohol screenings, Corrections Secretary Eldon Vail said.

"I want to extend our profound sorrow and heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the shootings," Vail said. "This is a senseless loss of the lives of innocent citizens and a member of our law-enforcement family."

Gov. Chris Gregoire called for an independent third-party review to be led by the head of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs and a prosecutor to be appointed by the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys.

Fed investigators perplexed by Reno tanker crash

By Scott Somer
Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — Federal investigators said Wednesday they're perplexed by the jet engine fire that preceded the fatal crash of an air tanker near Reno this week because there's been no known similar incident before in that type of aircraft.

They also say the Lockheed P2V-7 that crashed shortly after take off Monday evening from Reno-Stead Airport had been inspected not long ago and was only about 36 hours through a normal 100-hour inspection schedule.

and crashed, killing all three members of the aerial firefighting crew, he said.

Authorities were withholding the names of the victims but a Utah newspaper reported in Wednesday's editions that one of them was Gene Wahlstrom, a pilot from Huntsville, Utah.

"It was a real good guy and the kind of person that everyone would want for a neighbor," Huntsville City Councilman Steve Johnson told the Standard-Examiner of Ogden, Utah.

A cousin of Wahlstrom, Teri Busk of Huntsville, said the pilot's wife and brother were flown to the crash site Tuesday.

"It's a brutally dangerous job, probably the most dangerous job in our country," Busk told the newspaper. "There are so few of them, and so many deaths."

Little said the identities eventually would be released officially from the Washington County Medical Examiners' Office, but officials for that office said they had no information to release as of Wednesday afternoon. Little planned another news briefing at the Reno-Stead Airport at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Little told reporters on Tuesday that investigators had recovered several large pieces of metal beginning about one-quarter mile north of the runway that appear to have come from the burning engine.

"It appears it had disintegrated and subsequently left the aircraft," he said.

"What precipitated the fire we don't know," said Little, lead investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board.

"I asked the operator if they had ever experienced anything like this and they haven't," he said.

The plane owned by Neptune Aviation Services of Missoula, Mont., and built in 1962 was one of 12 in the company had on contract with the Forest Service to fight fires.

Lockheed started building the planes for the U.S. military in the mid-1940s — "the predecessor of the P-3, the submarine chasers," Little said. "This was one of the later models."

"Typically powered by propellers, the plane that crashed had been retrofitted with two additional jet engines for added thrust during take off, Little said.

"It was one of the jet engines that let the two witnesses saw on the flames engulfed the left wing before the plane went into

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Economic doldrums send some immigrants packing

By Anna Gorman
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — For more than two years, Otanel Lopez Cortez arrived at the day labor center before 6:30 a.m. to wait for jobs painting houses. Some weeks he earned a few hundred dollars, enough to pay his rent and bills and send money home to Guatemala.

But after four months with only one day of work, Lopez made the decision this month to return to his native country.

"I don't want to go back, but there is no work," said Lopez, 18. "It's better to be with my family, even though we don't have much."

With the ongoing economic downturn and the collapse of the construction industry, day laborers in California are feeling the effects. Now, some immigrant workers are choosing to go home rather than wait for a rebound.

California's unemployment rate hit 7.3 percent last month, compared with 5.4 percent the previous July. The number of construction jobs dropped by 84,000 over the previous year, according to the state Employment Development Department.

Many unemployed construction workers, including citizens and legal residents, have turned to hiring halls for work, creating more competition for daily jobs, said Abel Valenzuela, a UCLA professor who has researched day laborers across the nation. There are also fewer jobs available for dayworkers, as Californians have less dispos-

able income for moving, remodeling, painting and landscaping.

In fact, Valenzuela said, anecdotal evidence shows that about 10 percent to 15 percent of workers get hired daily, down from about 40 percent a few years ago.

On Lopez's last day, 58 workers showed up at a day laborer center near downtown Los Angeles. Only 11 got jobs. By noon, dozens of men were still waiting, passing the time by playing dominoes, watching television and practicing English with a teacher.

"Things are really drying up," prompting dayworkers to

start thinking about alternatives, Valenzuela said. "One of them is, clearly, to leave the United States and head back."

The economy, along with increased border enforcement, may also be discouraging some migrants from coming to the United States. Apprehensions at the U.S.-Mexico border this year are 17 percent below last year's, according to the U.S. Border Patrol.

Lopez said he sneaked across the border in 2006 for the same reason as most illegal immigrants — to make a better life for himself and to earn money for his family. He

also wanted to get away from the gang life that had consumed much of his youth. He came to Los Angeles, where he started attending church, studying English and making friends with other immigrant workers at the day labor center.

After deciding to leave, he sought help at the Guatemalan consulate, which gave him a bus ticket home. He cleaned out the room he had rented for \$250 and packed his clothes, Bible, English notebooks and soccer trophy. He called his mother, who had been sick and wanted him to return.

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EDITORIAL

Niche hospitals one key to keeping Magic Valley healthy

Sometime in the winter of 2010-11, the institution that dominates Magic Valley health care will become even more formidable. The new 177-bed, 700,000-square-foot St. Luke's Magic Valley will open on the northern edge of Twin Falls, bringing all the resources of St. Luke's Health System and the critical mass of south-central Idaho doctors, specialists and technology together in a single, state-of-the-art facility.

So what future is there for the small-town hospitals that surround Twin Falls?

Pretty bright, if the news from St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome this week is any indication.

Essentia Community Hospitals and Clinics, a subsidiary of Minneapolis-based Benedicene Health Systems, announced it's proceeding with plans to build a \$20 million to \$30 million, 25-bed critical access hospital at Crossroads Point east of Jerome.

And officials at Gooding County Memorial Hospital will break ground on the new North Canyon Medical Center south of Gooding on Sept. 16, the result of a partnership with St. Luke's Health System. It's scheduled to open in 2010.

But how can small communities afford to make big investments in health care and compete with nearby, much larger facilities?

In part, by not competing with them. NCMC, for example, will leverage St. Luke's resources to target services specifically needed in a rural community. Gooding County residents who need, say, a CAT scan or an MRI, can travel to St. Luke's Magic Valley to get it.

It's unclear exactly what Essentia has in mind for the new St. Ben's, but it's likely to be along the lines of the services that will be available at NCMC.

And that's a good model to follow. Gooding County Memorial officials held months of meetings with virtually every health care constituency, and came up with a package the community could afford and that would meet its needs.

As health care becomes more costly and hospital consolidation more prevalent, it's important not to forget that rural Idaho's single greatest health care need is access.

Sure, there are life-saving neurosurgeons and oncologists and cardiac surgeons in Twin Falls, but what will really make the Magic Valley healthier is somebody to monitor a diabetic's blood sugar in Gooding or run a mammography clinic in Jerome.

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Lowering the drinking age is lousy idea

A well-intentioned but misguided group of college and university presidents has been in the news recently for suggesting that we revisit the drinking age and asserting that 21 "is not working." Called the Amethyst Initiative, their proposal would have received a failing grade in my sociology classroom for its faulty logic and how unmindful it is of the history of alcohol policy in the United States.

During the 1960s and 1970s, most states lowered the drinking age from 21 to 18 or 19. Arguments about the draft were cited — "old enough to fight but not to drink" — and in the general liberal climate of those times, good policy gave way to popular sentiment.

The 128 college presidents who signed on to the Amethyst Initiative apparently are unaware of the extensive research that documented the decade of carnage that followed — not just on our highways but in our bars, streets and neighborhoods. Rates of alcohol-related traffic deaths soared. Rates of alcohol-related violence among those 18 to 20 increased. And as alcohol got more accessible to teens, more 12- and 13-year-olds started drinking.

Beginning in the late 1970s, the states, led by Minnesota, restored the drinking age to 21, and they saw corresponding drops in alcohol-related car accidents and alcohol-related deaths. There also eventually were reductions in youth homicide, which resulted in part from the decreased access to alcohol within the 18- to 20-year-old group. These studies claim that research does not, however, support the conclusion that the drinking age spurred these changes. And although there are many different studies

on this sensitive issue, in 2001, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention did an analysis of 49 studies. Looking at them together, the CDC found that increasing



ROBERT NASH PARKER

the drinking age was an effective intervention that significantly reduced harm and death among young people.

On the Web site of Choose Responsibility, the umbrella organization that spearheaded the Amethyst Initiative, the arguments against the drinking age of 21 are particularly flawed. They contend that accidents and deaths dropped simply because the size of the teenage population went down. But they make an error that my undergraduate research-methods students were taught to avoid: They present raw numbers instead of the risk ratio, or the number of negative outcomes divided by the population at risk.

Between 1982 and 1991, when the most states raised the drinking age, the number of deaths from alcohol-related traffic crashes among youth went down, as did the population of young people.

However, the rate of deaths dropped from 16.9 per 100,000 young people to 11.1 per 100,000, a drop of 34 percent; the population declined only 6.5 percent. Between 1993 and 2004, the population of young people increased, but the number of deaths didn't go up. In fact, the rate dropped from 7.77 deaths per 100,000 to 7.0 per 100,000. The assertion that deaths from alcohol-related crashes are shaped by the number of young people is simply wrong.

So what really has happened since the drinking age was raised? About 26,000 people who would have died when they were 18 to 20 years old are alive because fewer alcohol-related crashes occurred.

Data from the University of Michigan's annual Monitoring the Future study of behavior trends among children show that under the higher drinking age, the proportion of 18-year-olds who drink has declined 14 percent since 1991; for those age 16, the decline is 23 percent and for those age 12, the decline is a significant 38 percent.

Research on underage purchases of alcohol shows that places where alcohol is readily

sold to minors also have higher rates of youth violence.

To be sure, the college presidents appear most concerned about the growth in binge drinking, a problem that may disproportionately affect their campuses. But it's not rocket science to figure out what would happen if the college presidents have their way with the drinking age: hundreds more dead young people every year. Sexual assaults, alcohol-related fights, and other injuries would also increase. Also, it's worth noting that alcohol-related deaths among young people not enrolled in college currently exceed those among students, so even more deaths and injuries would occur away from campuses.

It is ironic that these campus leaders call for 18- to 20-year-olds to "choose responsibility" when it is these college presidents who have shirked their responsibility to counter the dangerous binge-drinking culture that has developed on campuses.

Robert Nash Parker is a professor of sociology and co-director of the Presley Center for Crime and Justice Studies at the University of California, Riverside.

A west wind may bring fresh air to Senate

DENVER — The battle for control of the Senate ranks second behind the presidential race in what promises to be a historic, agenda-setting national election. If Democrats don't strengthen Senate control, a President Obama could find the White House a frustrating home.

If he doesn't get more numbers in the Senate, his agenda could be thwarted. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said of his party's 51-49 majority, which hinges on the vote of Connecticut's independent Sen. Joe Lieberman, a supporter of Republican presidential candidate John McCain. The same holds true in reverse: With a President McCain confronting a Congress controlled and run by the Democratic opposition. Republicans were not happy to narrowly lose control of the Senate in 2006. In reality, however, 60 senators' votes are needed to end debate and move legislation.

"The record for a filibuster in a two-year Congress used to be about 50; they broke that in a year, and are now up to 93," Senate Majority Leader Harry



JOEL CONNELLY

Reid, D-Nev., said. Colorado's Democratic Senate candidate Mark Udall, a member of the U.S. House and a mountain climber whose successful

summits include Kanchenjunga, at 28,146 feet the world's third-highest peak, is a key to Democrats' bid to gain ground and achieve a working majority in the Senate. Surprisingly, the party's best pickup prospects are in Republican-leaning "red" states of the West.

"It's once in a lifetime opportunity in many of these places: These are states we could not normally win," said Schumer, chairman of the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee.

"The Democrats are shooting in the best target," said Republican in Senate history, Indicted Ted Stevens, R-Alaska. "Uncle Ted" won his primary election Tuesday, setting up a general election match with Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich.

Udall and his cousin, Rep. Tom Udall, D-N.M., are running for seats being vacated by Republican senators. And Oregon House Speaker Jeff Merkley, a Democrat, is pressing two-term Sen. Gordon Smith, a Republican cousin of the Democratic Udalls.

The West has produced a bevy of conservative senators in recent years. Their ideology, and combativeness, has gone far beyond even Arizona's late Barry Goldwater, father of the modern conservative movement. But the pendulum is swinging back. Democrats picked up a Colorado Senate seat in 2004 and unseated a three-term Republican senator in Montana two years ago.

The Democrats' Senate challengers are a throwback to more collegial times on Capitol Hill, before constant partisan warfare took over. "In the West, we learned in the past to disagree without being disagreeable," said Mark Udall. "There are still civilities in the West, but also great coalitions."

Udall cited the cordial ties between two Arizonans, his late liberal father, Rep. Mo Udall and Goldwater. The ties really go back nearly a century

to when a patriarch of the "Dixie" Democratic political settlers, was bailed out of jail by Baron Goldwater, father of the future senator. All told, Democrats have targeted 11 Republican-held Senate seats. Polls show them leading in Alaska, New Mexico, Colorado (narrowly), Virginia and New Hampshire. Three other races are dead even.

Only one Democratic incumbent, Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, is in serious political trouble. Sen. John Ensign of Nevada, who chairs the National Republican Senatorial Committee, recently chided GOP colleagues who are not up for re-election for not donating from their campaign funds to this year's races. It's not that some GOP candidates lack for money. A right-wing group, Freedom Watch, and a contractors' political action committee helped pour \$5.4 million into the Colorado race.

"There are still civilities in the West, but also great coalitions." Udall cited the cordial ties between two Arizonans, his late liberal father, Rep. Mo Udall and Goldwater. The ties really go back nearly a century

Joel Connelly is a columnist for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

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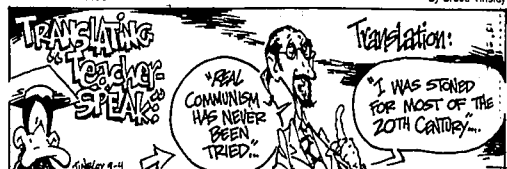
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OTHER VIEWS

Here's what Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... Idaho's Sarah Palin

Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Wash.

As an infant, she lived in a house behind the Safeway in Sandpoint ... As a young adult, she returned to the Inland Northwest to attend college at North Idaho College and the University of Idaho.

... Palin's journey is unbelievable and part of the reason is its brevity. From basketball player, to beauty queen, to part-time TV hostess, to small town mayor, to two-year governor of Alaska, to vice presidential counterpart to Democrat Joe Biden, who joined the U.S. Senate when Palin was a third-grader ...

So how did she do it? Well, look for any rapidly rising star in politics and you'll usually find someone who has the communication skills to connect with average citizens and the courage to work outside the established system.

In April she gave birth to her fifth child, who has Down syndrome. In two weeks, a son who is in the Army will be deployed to Iraq. She can speak in very rare terms about the kinds of challenges posed by those emotional experiences.

When she was most recently pregnant, she said: "I'm confident that a woman can work and think and carry a baby all at the same time."

That sentiment runs counter to the tradition of women taking timeouts in their careers to have children. Instead, Palin's career



has accelerated ever since she announced she was pregnant. Plus, she has done so in a political party that has held tighter to the traditional roles for women ...

The nickname Sarah Palin comes from her high school basketball career, and she will need every bit of that tenacity in the next 65 days as the press digs into her background and the Democrats highlight perceived failings.

... Kempthorne and endangered species

Idaho Statesman, Boise

Dirk Kempthorne has wanted to rewrite the Endangered Species Act for 15 years.

Now, in his final four months as the Bush administration's interior secretary, he is pushing changes that could weaken the law.



This kind of 11th-hour policymaking has become predictable in the final days of a presidency. And it's no way to address a law as important ... as the Endangered Species Act.

The law has helped rescue some creatures from the brink of extinction, such as the grizzly bears of Yellowstone National Park and the peregrine falcon, that, at Kempthorne's behest, now graces the Idaho quarter. But 1,353 plants and animals are on the list, and critics have been trying for years to rewrite the 1973 law.

"I'm confident that a woman can work and think and carry a baby all at the same time."

— Alaska governor and former Idaho resident, Sarah Palin

The administration is rushing to get nowhere. If these rule changes go into effect, they are subject to change with the next administration ...

... Joseph Duncan

Idaho Press Tribune, Nampa

An open letter to Joseph Duncan, who on Wednesday was sentenced to death for kidnapping, torturing and murdering 9-year-old Dylan Greene in 2005.

Mr. Duncan: You probably haven't had anybody thanking you for much of anything lately, but we would like to thank you for one thing: for pleading guilty.

We appreciate the fact that this case went through the legal system relatively quickly. Had you pleaded innocent ... you would have cost

taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars more.

We would presume by the fact that you pleaded guilty and confessed to the crime, you knew the death penalty was imminent. But given your claims that you have a hard time finding people who understand your "word view", perhaps we shouldn't assume you're quite ready to go for a ride on Ol' Sparky, so to speak.

This is where we would like to impose one more request upon you. With all due respect (not much, in this case), we ask you to waive your right to any future appeals so that justice may be done ...

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Commodities bubble burns investment funds

Analysts say more troubles ahead

By Stevenson Jacobs
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The deflating commodities bubble is claiming its first casualties as large investment funds absorb staggering losses from bad bets that prices for oil, precious metals and grains would keep going up. Hedge fund operator Osprate

Management LLC notified investors Tuesday that it's closing its flagship fund after it suffered losses in August on positions in energy, mining and other natural resource-related stocks that left the fund down nearly 40 percent year-to-date. It's believed to be the first hedge fund to go bust in this latest commodities boom as prices come crashing down after a historic

bull-run earlier this year. And the bloodletting may have only begun. Wall Street analysts say similar trouble looms for other funds that got caught up in the exuberance of the boom but were too late in getting out. They say Osprate's misfortunes illustrate one of the hard lessons emerging from the commodities bubble: Many money managers have never been through a commodities boom and so were ill-prepared for the hyper-volatility associated with hard assets.

"You're always going to have victims when a market comes down this fast. People stayed in the party for too long," said Phil Flynn, energy analyst at Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago. As commodities prices soared into the stratosphere in the first half of the year, hedge funds and other big institutional investors plowed money not only into oil, gold, copper and corn, but also into more obscure assets like cocoa, lead and pork bellies.

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Letting staff telecommute requires management

NEW YORK — With gasoline prices expected to remain uncomfortably high, many small businesses are letting some of their staffers work at home. And some owners are discovering that allowing employees to telecommute can require a different management style, and some basic trust.

SMALL TALK

Joyce M. Rosenberg

Having telecommuters can be challenging for a boss who's used to having everyone in the office in plain sight — and who now has much less control over someone who's working in pajamas with "The View" on TV in the background. Or a staffer who takes time away from work during the day to start cooking dinner or walk the dog. Owners can find themselves worrying about the work getting done, although it should be clear from telecommuters' output whether their productivity is suffering, or whether they're meeting deadlines.

Lloyd Princeton, who owns a consulting firm with offices on both coasts, has seven employees, including one who telecommutes. Princeton said he wonders about what his home-based staffer is doing.

"The biggest issue I have is tracking time and knowing when he's working," said Princeton, the president of Design Management Co. "The doubt starts to happen when he has office meetings or various doctor appointments or the vet."

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Binge on bargains



Business is brisk at Buffalo Exchange in Fullerton, Calif., which sells new and used clothing. The chain has enjoyed healthy growth, while well-known department stores, in many cases, have been battling financially.



Student Kristina Marquez powders a skirt from a rack of new and used clothes at Buffalo Exchange in Fullerton, Calif.

Secondhand becomes first choice for many

By Tiffany Hus
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — As befits a recording artist living in fashion-conscious California, Laura Cohn has an extravagant wardrobe stuffed with world-class labels and high-wattage jewelry. But she's going for a different brand of shock and awe: Her two pairs of True Religion

jeans, which can run more than \$300 apiece, cost \$35 and \$40 at the Lucky You Resale Boutique in North Hollywood. She put down \$23 for her Coach loafers. The Gucci sandals she wears to work cost \$25.

The 45-year-old Burbank resident is a longtime bargain shopper. Recently married, she bought her wedding dress for \$20 on eBay. She rarely ventures into department stores, preferring to "buy designer clothes for next to nothing."

"It's pretty funny to see people's jaws drop — they can't decide if they're going to smile or be sick," she said. "I love getting deals. It's more fun and allows me to do more with my money."

Boutiques are folding and fewer buyers and sellers are going to a shrinking number of retail trade shows.

But Cohn is getting a lot of company at consignment, resale and thrift stores, from parents shopping for back-to-school clothes to sales reps trying to squeeze cash out of samples no one else will buy.

"There's a panic right now, and everyone's scared out there," Lucky You co-owner Dina Kimmel said. "But

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Fishing for fly-rods Entrepreneur fills market niche

By Angie Evans
The Pueblo Chieftain

PUEBLO, Colo. — Manny Gonzales, owner of River Rods, creates unique fishing rods and teaches people how to fish. He says he hopes they will learn to love the sport as

much as he does. River Rods started after Gonzales failed in his attempt to find a special small fishing rod that he wanted to carry in his backpack while hiking. Gonzales said he looked everywhere for a 4-foot long, two-piece

spinning rod, even online. So he went to Rick Gottenker, owner of Rick's Rods in Denver, and asked him to create the elusive fishing rod. Gonzales helped Gottenker develop the rod, which took about a year. Gonzales was so intrigued

with rod-building that he asked Gottenker for a job. He worked for Rick's Rods for about four years before deciding to open his own business.

Since the work he was doing didn't have to be done in the shop, the Pueblo native

was able to move back home, where he worked in his garage and used a finishing room in the basement for applying a final coat of epoxy and varnish.

Gonzales still does some

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Today in business

WASHINGTON — Labor Department releases weekly jobless claims, 2Q worker productivity. WASHINGTON — Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, releases weekly mortgage rates. NEW YORK — The Institute for Supply Management releases non-manufacturing index. NEW YORK — The nation's retailers report their same-store sales for September.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

MAGIC VALLEY

Grant workshop to be held in Jerome

Idaho TechConnect, Inc. will host a workshop on federal funding programs for small businesses from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 9 at the College of Southern Idaho Jerome Center located at 104 W. Main St.

This workshop will focus on federal funding opportunities, with specific attention on Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small business Technology Transfer (STTR) solicitations. The cost is \$10 and lunch will be provided.

For more information or to register, contact Brandon Armstrong at brandon.armstrong@idahotechconnect.com or 208-324-3455.

Registration is also available by visiting www.idahotechconnect.com/event/s/187_regional_workshops.

Credit union to hold fundraiser

Pioneer Federal Credit Union will hold a fundraising event at the Senior Citizen's Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 12 at the Jerome Senior Citizen's Center located at 1065 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Money that is raised will be used to renovate the kitchen at the Jerome Senior Citizen's Center.

IDAHO

EPA fines three Boise contractors

BOISE — The federal Environmental Protection Agency has imposed fines against three contractors who operate in the Boise market.

Agency officials say the sanctions stem from violations discovered at construction sites related to federal rules governing storm water management.

EPA officials identified the companies as Braman-Lambdin Enterprises LLC, SouthFork Landing Inc., and Westnet Construction. The companies paid fines totaling \$20,150.

NATION

Factory orders see wide gains

WASHINGTON — The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that new orders increased by 1.3 percent in July, much stronger than the 0.8 percent increase economists had been expecting. The July advance follows an even bigger 2.1 percent increase in June and represents the fifth straight rise in orders.

Manufacturers have seen a sharp slowdown in the U.S. economy offset by strong gains in foreign demand, helped by a weaker dollar which makes their products more competitive overseas.

The July strength was led by a 28.1 percent jump in commercial aircraft, which rebounded from a 21.3 percent decline in this volatile category in the previous month.

— Wire and staff reports

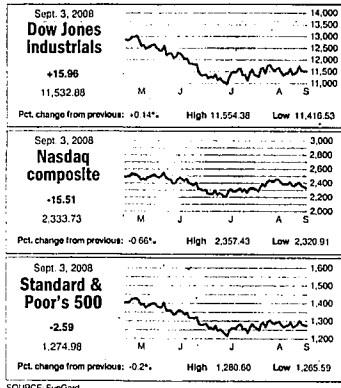
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resale is booming. Business for everybody else is bad, but for us, it's great.

Flies

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work for his former employer, and he ships or drives the finished rods to Denver.

customers and 65 percent noted a boost in suppliers. Just 10 percent said their sales had decreased.

Small

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But, Princeton said, "the fact is that the little does quality work for clients."

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A few clouds overhead, but precipitation is not expected. Highs, lower 70s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy, Lows, lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Abundant sunshine. Highs, 70s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. Highs, lower 70s.
Tonight: A few clouds overhead. Lows, lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny to sunny with below average temperatures. Highs near 70.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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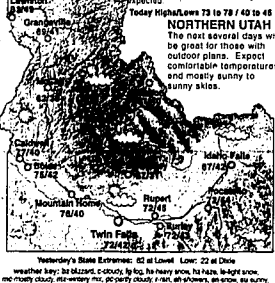
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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

A cold front that will have moved through early on Thursday will bring with it a few clouds, but not much in the way of precipitation. At least there will not be a small chance for a light shower.



ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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Humidity

Table with 2 columns: Yesterday's Maximum, Today's Maximum. Shows humidity percentages.

Barometric Pressure

Table with 2 columns: Yesterday's Maximum, Today's Maximum. Shows barometric pressure readings.

Sunrise and Sunset

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise, Sunset. Shows times for Twin Falls.

Pollen Count

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Shows pollen counts for various types.

Moon Phases

Table showing moon phases for Sep 7, 15, 22, 29.

Moonrise and Moonset

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

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Table showing U.V. index for Today, Tomorrow.

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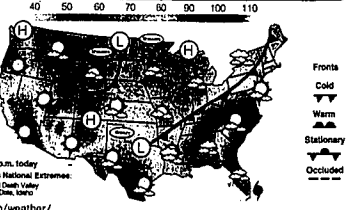
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Weed power
Biofuel researchers look for the good in stinkweed

By Michael Hill
Associated Press writer

ALBANY, N.Y. — The request caught dairy farmer Brian Ziehm off guard: Would he devote an acre of his fields near the Vermont line this fall to grow stinkweed?

Innovation Fuels Inc. Past promises of American soil have sometimes become, umm, stink in the weeds as prices for commodities like corn and soybean oil rose. But a number of researchers now believe that this little weed with oily little seeds has an advantage in that it is not a food crop.

diesel. Biodiesel production has skyrocketed with the spike in fossil fuel prices, from 25 million gallons in the United States comes from soybean oil. Soybeans, like corn, are a commodity in demand for both food and fuel. Prices for soybean oil have more than doubled since 2005, giving the industry added incentive to experiment with other potential sources of fuel.

Field pennycress, also known as stinkweed, can be harvested for biodiesel production. The plant is pictured in the garden of Joe Dickson, COO of Innovation Fuels, in New Woodstock, N.Y.

called false flax. Researchers at the Center for Agricultural Utilization Research stumbled on pennycress a few years ago after noticing it growing wild. They soon found it had potential biodiesel benefits: the little seeds are 36 percent oil, it's easy to harvest and has potential for a high yield per acre.

central New York. Morrisville State College is growing another plot. If things go well this winter, innovation may approach more farmers next winter. Don't plan on powering your diesel car with weed power just yet, though. Alan Weber, a senior adviser for the National Biodiesel Board, said that even if pennycress distinguishes itself, it could take years for it to become widespread on farms. He notes that farmers would need to be convinced it's a better bet than winter wheat.



Joe Dickson, COO of Innovation Fuels, stands among a small patch of field pennycress, foreground, in his garden at his home in New Woodstock, N.Y.

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Good sleeping in the outdoors

For the past month, rumors have circulated in gear junkie circles about a new minimalist air mattress that'd pack to the size of a one-liter Nalgene bottle while providing nearly as much warmth as a bulky pad stuffed with goose down.



THE GEAR JUNKIE
Stephen Regenold

Indeed, the Therm-a-Rest NeoAir Mattress, announced officially on July 17, is now touted as the "world's lightest, most advanced three-season air mattress."

Manufacturer Cascade Designs Inc. cites the inflatable pad as being about three times warmer than any other un-insulated air mattress on the market.

While the pad isn't yet available for field testing — and it won't ship to stores until April 2009 — the NeoAir is newsworthy for its big claims as well as for the fact that this is Therm-a-Rest's (www.therma-rest.com) first foray into the un-insulated air mattress category.

NeoAir pads will come in four sizes, but the smallest iteration — which measures 20x47 inches unrolled and packs to the size of the aforementioned Nalgene bottle — will weigh a scant 9 ounces, or less than the average trail-running shoe.

Testing via ASTM International standards, Therm-a-Rest garnered an R-value thermal resistance measurement of 2.5. According to Doug Jacot, the Therm-a-Rest business director, comparable un-insulated inflatable air mattresses often register an R-value of less than 1.

So how does NeoAir work? Therm-a-Rest engineers developed an air-bladder technology — the "Triangular Core Matrix" — which is a welded-nylon grid of chambers that, according to Jacot, increases the number of individual air cells by 10 times when compared to a traditional air mattress. This minimizes air movement within the pad and the resulting convective cooling, Jacot said.

In addition, an aluminumized urethane film holds the Triangular Core Matrix together while reflecting heat back to your body and deflecting cold air from the ground.

I have not camped with the pad, but at a recent trade show I got in a sleeping bag for five minutes on top of a NeoAir for a quick test.

Immediately, I felt the pad's thermal advantage. Heat seemed to seep from the puffy pad like it was heated with electric coils.

The final product — 2.5 inches thick, ribbed, puffy and sporting a bright yellow "Limon" color scheme — looks more,

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Wonder and amazement at Steens Mountain



Photos by MIKE COBURN

Hikers Patrick Brooks and Janet Nedry descend a trail towards Wildhorse Lake on a recent trip to Steens Mountain in southeast Oregon.

Oregon peak near Idaho border holds many retreats for outdoor enthusiasts

By Mike Coburn
Times-News correspondent

Tucked away in Oregon's southeast corner, a peculiar piece of landscape looms above the arid plain. Rising gradually along the west flank, but marked by an abrupt vertical-mile plunge on its east side, Steens Mountain easily captures one's attention.

Once on the road up the actual mountain, however, simple awareness is replaced first by wonder and then amazement.

Unlike most spectacular alpine settings that demand a good deal of effort by man or beast to access, a good gravel road takes visitors nearly to the top. The route's end, in fact, marks the highest point in Oregon reached by car.

And it's not like Steens is some overrated hilltop — the 9,733-foot mountain is the ninth highest in Oregon. On a clear day, visitors can see into Idaho — only 75 miles away — Nevada, and California. But even if neighboring states aren't visible, as was often the case this summer due to wildfire smoke, the mountain itself offers a multitude of memorable sights.

Patrick Brooks and Janet Nedry found one such spot by hiking Wildhorse Gorge, which marks its start just below the mountain's pinnacle.

How to get there

Steens Mountain is accessed by driving about 60 miles south from Burns, Ore., on State Road 205. The area can also be reached by driving west from Jordan Valley on U.S. 95 and then connecting with several other secondary roads. The 52-mile Steens Mountain Back Country Byway begins at Frenchglen. The loop's north portion can be driven by any type of passenger car. The south loop requires high-clearance vehicles. For more information: BLM Burns District Office, 541-573-4400.

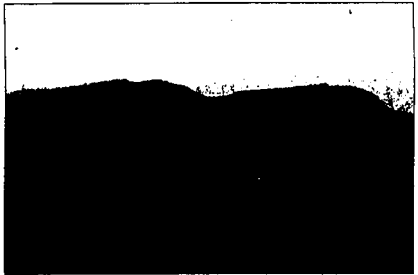
"We've both dreamed about visiting Steens for sometime," Patrick said. "This mountain is just beautiful — its wildness truly defines the spirit of the place."

And the amount of wild country at Steens Mountain is overwhelming.

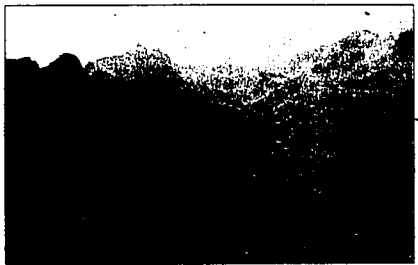
Thirty-five percent of the nearly 500,000-acre Cooperative Management and Protection Area, administered by the Bureau of Land Management, is formally designated wilderness. The remainder is not exactly tame either, as evidenced by the several Wild and Scenic River systems that cut through the topography.

But it's still the road, which ascends the tilted 20x30 mile thrust-block mountain, that helps make a

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The upper portion of the loop road parallels the Steens Mountain rim, a scenic byway, in southeast Oregon.



Superb views exist just feet away from the rim road in the Steens Mountain area in southeast Oregon.

sockeye released in Redfish Lake; hatchery opens

Times-News

State, federal and Shoshone-Bannock officials released more than 30 adult sockeye to spawn in Redfish Lake Tuesday morning.

"This morning we put some red back in Redfish Lake," said Fish and Game Director Cal Green at a ceremony Tuesday. "These fish are so special. They are part of the landscape."

Officials also dedicated a new sockeye salmon broodstock facility at Idaho Fish

and Game's Eagle Fish Hatchery. The facility doubles the hatchery's capacity to maintain adult sockeye broodstock and triples the hatchery's ability to produce sockeye eggs.

"This is a safety net," Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said. "This is an example of the untold good we can accomplish if we come together and set aside our biases and prejudices."

The building cost nearly \$4 million, paid for by Bonneville Power Administration. It is 14,400 square feet and will allow Fish and Game to raise 700 adult brood fish and produce 800,000 to 1 million eggs.

Sockeye are released into

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Redfish Lake every year, but this was the biggest release Fish and Game has done, because of this year's high return rate. Kelton Hatch, IDFG's regional conservation educator, told the Times-News.

No fish have been or will be released in the Magic Valley area, though, he said.

Nathan Small of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes recalled when the red fish of

Red Fish Lake was just about extinct and when the tribes filed a petition to list the fish as endangered.

The fate of the fish depends on what states, tribes and federal agencies working together will do.

"The result is we have this place here," Small said. "This is what we're going to do with this fish — we're not going to let it go extinct."

The new hatchery build-

ing is an important part of salmon recovery, BPA Director Stephen Wright said.

"But we can't stop here," he said. "The agency also is working on habitat restoration and downstream survival through the eight federal hydropower dams on the lower Snake and Columbia rivers."

"Something we're doing in the region is working," he said, referring to the building holding 549 sockeye in tanks behind him.

The sockeye "captive breeding" program was started in May 1991, 18 months before the fish was listed in November of that year under the Endangered Species Act.

UI professor to study antelope mating

By Becky Kramer
The Spokesman-Review

MOSCOW — Pronghorn antelope are the fastest animals in North America, accelerating from zero to 40 mph in seconds.

The speed in their long delicate legs is an adaptation from a pre-Ice Age existence, when they had to outrun fierce predators that roamed the grasslands — lions bigger than those on the African Savannah, American cheetahs, wild dogs and fleet-footed bears.

"It was a fearsome environment," said University of Idaho professor John Byers, who once raced a pronghorn in his pickup truck, clocking it at speeds of 45 mph over two miles of bumpy prairie.

"That's why they can run so fast."

Byers, an animal behaviorist, has spent 20 years studying pronghorns in Montana's National Bison Range. Through his research, he learned that female selects males with the top running speeds, endurance and agility to breed with, to produce the fastest offspring.

"Twelve percent of pronghorn males sire 80 percent of the fawns. Speed is still an important attribute for pronghorns. It helps the youngsters evade coyotes.

Through his work over two decades, Byers used genetic testing to develop family histories for the 120-member pronghorn herd on the National Bison Range. Now he plans to use the data to answer another pressing question: Does the herd have a mechanism to avoid inbreeding?

Pronghorns were introduced to the fenced-in range in the 1950s. Despite limited introduction of new animals, the herd maintains a diverse genetic base. That makes Byers wonder whether something in the pronghorns' mate selection process guards against inbreeding.

The National Science



Foundation recently awarded Byers a four-year grant of \$600,000 to study the question. It's groundbreaking work, according to Samuel Scheiner, program director for the foundation's Environmental Biology Division, which deals with evolutionary processes.

"One of the big concerns about managing wildlife — species is that the landscape has become fragmented due to conversion of land into human use," Scheiner said.

Populations that once roamed vast landscapes are confined to small patches of habitat. As pockets of animals become isolated, the genetic diversity tends to diminish, weakening the population.

"After a while, everybody's related to everyone else," Scheiner said. "John's study would be one of the first to really demonstrate if females, in choosing their mates, can avoid that."

It's a question that fascinates Byers, who can identify animals in the herd by sight.

"We already know what the fitness benefit of choos-

ing a hot male is," said Byers, noting that offspring born to more vigorous males have higher survival rates.

Now he'll use genetic testing to research whether females avoid mating with cousins or siblings, even if close male relatives have the desirable trait of stamina for long-distance treks across the prairie.

Byers chose to study pronghorns on the bison range because they're accustomed to vehicles. He and his graduate students can get relatively close to the animals.

"After a while, it was like looking at human faces," Byers said. "We could say, 'That's Berntha.'"

He started noticing that females spent a lot of time moving between herms during breeding season. The males that sired the most offspring also were the most successful in the grueling task of keeping flighty females bunched together in groups and warding off challenges from other males.

Their fawns, in turn, developed faster and were

less likely to be killed by coyotes.

In his 2003 book, "Built for Speed: A Year in the Life of a Pronghorn," Byers describes pronghorns' allure.

The animals, he writes, have a "four-chopsticks-elaborated" body type. Slender legs attach to stocky upper bodies, increasing the velocity of pronghorns' gaits.

Byers includes funny descriptions of graduate students chasing fawns; scientific explanations of the blood flows that give pronghorns the stamina to maintain high speeds for long distances; and calorie counts for pronghorn milk. (Twice the energy value of cow milk, 2x times the energy value of human milk.)

Watching a coyote trying to sneak up on a group of adults is comical, Byers said. When the coyote gets close enough, the pronghorns simply turn and float away across the prairie.

Pronghorns, he wrote, "are survivors from another world, running machines that in today's environment blow the competition away."

OUTDOOR BRIEFS

Herrett Center holds Creepy Crawly Day

The Herrett Center for Arts and Science and the Idaho Herpetological Society will host their annual Creepy Crawly Day from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Herrett Center's Rick Allen Community Room.

Herrett reptile specialist Nick Peterson said the event will be an opportunity for club members to educate the public about reptiles and other exotic pets.

In addition to the snakes and lizards from the Herrett Center, Peterson expects tarantulas, giant millipedes, and emperor scorpions. There is also a possibility that some tortoises will be displayed by a Boise club member.

The event is free and open to the public. The Herrett Center for Arts and Science is located on the north side of the College of Southern Idaho campus on North College Road.

Join in a 'Fun Fly'

The public is invited to a "Fun Fly" hosted by the Magic Valley Motel Airplane Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the club's flying field. All types of radio-controlled model planes and helicopters will be flown by members of south Idaho clubs. Admission is free.

Directions: Head south on Blue Lakes Boulevard to 3100 North, then follow the signs posted to the flying field.

Climb the 'Big Nasty'

Don't miss the Big Nasty Hill Climb, round five in the Pro Hill Climb Series, Sept. 12-14 in New Plymouth, Idaho.

— Staff report



CSI offers animal skeleton, anatomy class next week

Times-News

The instructor, David Jensen, is a professional taxidermist and has been assembling skeletons for nearly 20 years, some of which have been used as museum displays. Whether you want to learn more about skeleton structure and movement or would like to learn to create your own skeleton assemblies, this class might be for you.

The class is offered through the CSI Community Education Center and will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 11 - Oct. 9 in Shields No. 201. Cost of the class is \$50; course number is XSCI 001 001.

For more information or to register: 732-6442 or www.csi.edu/communityed.

Share your hunting photos

Been hunting lately? How about sharing your photos with other Times-News readers? Send pictures of your hunt to Outdoors Editor Andrew Weeks at aweeks@magicvalley.com. Include where and when the hunt took place and what you were able to bag.

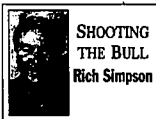
Shooting — it's a dirty business, Part 1

If you've always believed that 'fouling' is something that only occurs on basketball courts, then this is the article for you.

Within the context of today's hunting, the term will refer to the residue that accumulates in your gun's bore after firing one or more cartridges. While it will certainly come as a surprise to one that the interior of a pistol, rifle or shotgun barrel becomes dirty (fouled) upon firing, the exact nature of the fouling materials and their effect on the accuracy, function and useful life of the firearm may not be well understood by the average sportsman.

To put this information into context, let's stop for a moment and try to imagine the sequence of mechanical and chemical processes which come into play during those few brief milliseconds between the time you squeeze the trigger and when the projectile exits the muzzle. If you do, you'll have a pretty fair idea where all the "crud" comes from.

Disregarding any foreign material (dust, dirt, water) entering from the muzzle or an open breech, there are three primary sources of barrel fouling. First on our short list of culprits is the primer. That's the innocuous-looking metallic sphere resting in the center of the cartridge base on centerfire (hence the name) and shotgun cartridges. It's really nothing more than a metallic cup that sandwiches a



SHOOTING THE BULL
Rich Simpson

powerful and highly flammable compound beneath a wedge-shaped anvil. When struck with sufficient force (usually from a hammer), the primer cup ignites, capturing the combustible primer pellet beneath itself and the pointed anvil. Pressure and friction ignite the mixture, sending a blast (often a blast of superheated flame and particles into the powder charge perched atop it. "NASA, we have ignition!"

Thanks to the miracles of modern chemistry, the contents of today's primers are not far from fouling is admitted to slight — not even in the same universe as the debauchery committed by their predecessors of bygone days — the corrosive primers. These "renegades of rust" plagued generations of soldiers and sportsmen by depositing a smattering of potassium chloride salts in the barrel's interior with each firing. Potassium chloride, like its kin — sodium chloride — has a great affinity for drawing moisture. If not promptly removed by conscientious cleaning, the barrel would soon scold its owner by taking on a rich, reddish-brown stratum of oxidation; a real detriment to

the longevity of barrel steel.

The primer's heat energy blasting through the flash hole instantly converts that neat pile of nitrocellulose and cellulose granules — otherwise known as gun powder — into a tremendous volume of superheated, rapidly-expanding gases. Much more gas than can possibly be contained within the limited confines of a cartridge case.

Unable to restrain the escalating pressures produced by that rampaging vortex of gas molecules, the cartridge casing swells — conforming to the dimensions of the firearm's chamber. The rampaging gases ravage the brass or plastic shell casing seeking release.

The weakest point (hopefully) proves to be at the end of the casing, which is the only "point" generated by a shot charge. With an escape route secured, the continual-expanding gases roar out of the casing and down the barrel pushing the projectile(s) ahead of them.

The loud "Ka Bang" we hear when a shell discharges is produced by the sudden squirting of the main gas column into the atmosphere when the bullet puffs from the muzzle. This is exactly like the "pop" generated when you uncork a bottle of the "bubbly."

To commemorate their passing, the powder gases float the bore with the off-spring of their combustion — a stubborn clinging residue of carbon, nitrates,

and graphite particles. Each succeeding shot further aggravates the condition by pressing one more uneven layer of contamination atop its predecessors. Though all firearms are generally "rule-unto-themselves," and vary in their sensitivity to this buildup of contaminants, the optimum accuracy potential of most high power centerfire firearms tends to "sour" after 30-plus rounds. Obviously, smooth, high quality barrels will foul less than their less costly brethren — blessed with an abundance of machining tool marks and dimensional imperfections.

Now if we managed to hold your attention thus far, bear with me for the 'worst' is yet to come. Far and away the most sinister villain of the barrel fouling is the projectile itself. In a modern cleaning chemical that make 'short work' of even the 'foulest of fouling.'

But, alas, that 'dirty' tale must wait for another day. Be sure to tune in to my next column, where I'll not only discuss the nasty contribution that the bullet itself makes to your barrel's fouling, but I'll also highlight some "miraculous" modern cleaning chemicals that make 'short work' of even the 'foulest of fouling.'

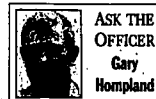
Till then, happy shooting.

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PowerBelt lead series authorized for muzzleloader big game hunting in Idaho

QUESTION: "Last fall I was told PowerBelt muzzle loader projectiles were not legal to use in muzzleloader hunts, only big game hunts. Last week I heard they are legal. What is the truth?"

ANSWER: In February 2008 officials at PowerBelt Bullets requested a review of their



ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

pure lead series of muzzle-loader projectile to determine

if they were legal for muzzle loader big-game hunting in Idaho.

A review of the technical specifications of the PowerBelt pure lead series projectile indicates it meets the minimum diameter specifications. It is composed of lead or alloy, and is non-jacketed.

The Department and the Commission decided the plastic gas check on the pure lead series did not meet the definition of a sabot. A sabot is a sleeve surrounding a projectile (bullet) allowing it to be fired from a firearm with a larger bore. Smaller, lighter bullets can be fired at high

velocities from muzzleloaders using a sabot. Commission rules prohibit the use of sabots.

As a result the Commission and Department have authorized PowerBelt lead series for muzzleloader big game hunting in Idaho for 2008. Reference Idaho

Department of Fish and Game Commission Rules in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin at 13.01.08.410.03(c).

Gary Hompland, regional conservation officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game can be reached at 208-324-4350.

Bucking nature, N. Idaho ski resort buys snow machine

SCHWEITZER MOUNTAIN RESORT (AP) — A resort in northern Idaho is hoping a \$1.4 million snow-making machine will ensure a successful skiing season — and an earlier opening.

Crews at the Schweitzer Mountain Resort are racing to finish an automated snow-making system that they hope will cover a 1,000-foot long and 300-foot wide area, on one of the resort's slopes.

Ski resorts usually have to rely on Mother Nature for their business, awaiting snowfalls. Using a snow-making machine could help the resort open earlier, such as during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Jennifer Ekstrom, the resort's spokeswoman, says having a more predictable opening can make Schweitzer stand out in the region.

Bighorn sheep may lose some habitat in California

By Leslie Carlson
Los Angeles Times

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Wildlife biologist Almee Byard took it as a hopeful sign when she spotted 11 bighorn lambs, including a rare set of twins, nibbling encelia and ambrosia high above the multimillion-dollar homes of Rancho Mirage this spring. But as fall approaches, biologists such as Byard are growing concerned that the peninsular bighorn sheep soon may lose some of the protection that has helped this endangered species survive.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working on the final details of a map that would cut by nearly half the habitat previously considered critical to the species' survival. The plan could be approved by the end of this month.

Scientists and environmental advocates say the downsized habitat could curtail the species' ability to recover from a species that has had 10 years of federal protection. They accuse the Department of the Interior, which governs Fish and Wildlife, of mixing politics with science, and carving to mining and tribal interests. One mining

operation already has applied to expand its operation into land once listed as critical to the sheep's recovery, documents show.

"The Recovery Plan... has been working," said Mark Jorgensen, supervisor of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, who has worked with peninsular bighorn sheep for 40 years. "Why take out 500,000 acres of it and say that it's not a big deal? And that it's based on science? Why not come out and say that it's just politics?"

Jane Hedron, a spokeswoman for the Wildlife Service, defended the new boundaries as sufficient to help the species recover.

"Critical habitat is habitat considered essential for the recovery of the endangered species," she said. "It is not required to include the entire range of a species."

She said the decision to reduce the habitat was "in the realm of policy, not politics." The secretary of the Interior, she added, has the legal discretion to exclude critical habitat.

"If there is a really pronounced economic impact, the secretary can exclude essential habitat," she said. The peninsular bighorn once ranged from Mexico to

the San Jacinto Mountains above Palm Springs. By 1998, development had drastically reduced that range and isolated some populations. As a result, the population had dropped by nearly 75 percent from 1974. By then, fewer than 300 sheep remained. Federal officials declared the species endangered in 1998, and three years later, biologists drew a map of the territory they believed would be needed to help the species recover.

Not everyone agreed with the biologists. In March 2005, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians filed a lawsuit against the federal government, saying that federal officials had ignored economic effects and used flawed methods to map critical habitat in 2001. They soon were joined by building organizations, mining interests and a small group of Palm Springs equestrians.

"We participated in that bighorn sheep recovery plan, but they didn't even designate tribal land as critical habitat," said Tom Davis, chief planning and development officer for the tribe, which owns 31,500 acres within the habitat boundaries.



Colorized for study by the Bighorn Institute of Palm Desert, a new middle-class, a multimillion-dollar development in Rancho Mirage, Calif. The peninsular bighorn once ranged from Mexico to the San Jacinto Mountains.

"We were ignored by the committee, so we sued," Davis said.

When the Interior Department settled with the tribe in 2006, it invalidated the 2001 critical habitat and gave the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service two years to gather data and redraw it.

Advocates for the bighorn sheep were shocked when the Fish and Wildlife Service finished its study and issued a map that cut the critical habitat by nearly half and left two

populations isolated.

"I'm not happy with it. We had contiguous habitat, now there are three islands," said Esther Rubin, a member of the original Peninsular Bighorn Recovery Team.

Jim De Forge of the Bighorn Institute in Palm Desert said he worried that the development pressing into the former habitat would reverse the gains made by the group's captive-breeding program and other efforts to increase the bighorn population.

Fish of the Week



Smallmouth bass

Science name: Micropterus dolomieu
Also known as: Bronzback, brown bass, black bass, Oswego bass, green trout and redeye.

Habitat: streams, rivers, lakes
Water temps: 60 to 70 degrees
Tackle: Casting, live baiting

State record: 9 pounds 11.5 ounces, 23.75 inches, caught Oct. 28, 2006 by Dan Steigars, Dworshak River
World record: 10 pounds 14 ounces, Tenn.

Source: landbigfish.com

FISH REPORTS

Anderson Ranch Reservoir: Kokanee are staging near the mouth of the South Fork Boise River. Water levels are dropping quickly, but Curlew Boat Ramp is open. Anglers are still catching kokanee, but most are between 7 to 9 inches long.

Big Wood River: Fishing remains good along the Big Wood River especially near morning until noon and late evening until dark. Lots of fish being caught, although catching the larger fish has become more work now that the flows have dropped and they have been subjected to a lot of fishing pressure. The best time may be late evening near dark. Local fly shops can get visiting anglers headed in the right direction with appropriate flies and tactical advice. Fishing the side tributaries to the Big Wood River area is going well, as are the local ponds. Most receive stocked fish every two weeks.

Brownlee Reservoir: Crappie and catfish

are providing the best action. Most catfish are being caught on worms or cut-bait.

Carey Lake: Anglers report catching 5 to 6-inch yellow perch at high rates, but fishing has generally slowed due to lack of open water. Heavy vegetation growth makes fishing difficult except in a few areas. Darters may still be worth a trip for the family if you can find some open water.

C.J. Strike: Very few yellow perch are being taken, but smallmouth bass is good. Focus on rocky shorelines in the early morning and late evening.

Deer Lake: Best spot for bass and trout. Always a good place to take the kids or beginning anglers. Use worms or marshmallows.

Lake Cleveland: No recent fishing reports.

Little Camas Reservoir: The reservoir is dry or nearly dry by late summer, and fish in the reservoir will have a high

likelihood of dying as water levels drop so it will be opened to salvage of fish.

Daily bag, possession and size limits are removed on Little Camas Reservoir through Nov. 30. Licensed anglers may take the fish by any method except firearms, explosives, chemicals or electric current. After Nov. 30, standard fishing methods, bag limits and possession limits will be reinstated. For more information: 208-324-4359.

Little Wood Reservoir: Water level is dropping fast due to irrigation. Boat ramp is still available but there is no dock for use. Fishing has been slow with some trout still being caught from shore.

Magic Reservoir: Water levels are dropping fast. Irrigators report flow through the dam stopped Wednesday this through Friday, and the reservoir will be at an extremely low storage level. A salvage order will be considered at that time for the Richfield Canal.

Mormon Reservoir: Fishing still poor with water temps rising and algae blooming.

Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir: Trout fishing has slowed. Algae load has increased but does not seem as heavy as this time last year. Walleye are still being caught; however, most anglers report catching a larger number of smaller walleye.

Silver Creek: Terrestrial patterns have been reportedly working well for some anglers. Rainbow trout size is reportedly larger than last year with the occasional large brown trout.

South Fork Snake River: Fishing is well. Grasshopper imitations and habitat close to bank is working best. Flows are beginning to drop, but should increase action. Palisades Creek, Big Elk Creek and Bear Creek are doing well also. Try usingoppers or caddis.

Source: Idaho Department of Fish and Game and local fish reports.

Steens

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visits special. The route becomes the expense as an evening hunt for hawks, since little foot travel is needed to survey much of the landscape. In addition, the lack of trees, except for a zone of juniper and aspen far below, makes viewing the open highlands from a vehicle even more convenient.

For those wanting to explore the area without getting too far from the car, several opportunities exist. One reaching the rim, a short side lead opens to a overlook at Kiger Gorge, another of the four deep, glaciated valleys radiating out from the mountain's highest elevations. This particular U-shaped valley is the most picturesque of all, stretching for miles northward.

Once on top the road rides the mountain's defining crest southward, allowing travelers to view the deeply descending western plain that is cut by two more gorges. It's that drop-off to the east, however, that steals the show as one cautiously inches close to the edge for a better look. Nestled between cliffs directly below and another set much farther down, hanging valleys often rest along this raw tear in

the earth's crust. Also sculpted by glaciers, these suspended pockets offer perfect habitat for bighorn sheep. At the mountain's foot lies the Alvord Basin, where little precipitation falls since the Steens high country pulls most of it from the sky. Marking the driest spot in Oregon, the desert sports a section of chalky lake bed, or playa, which ironically signifies more proof of a wetter period 10,000 years ago.

After winding five miles along the rim, the road ends but offers those wanting to proceed on a trail with several options. It's only a half-mile to the official summit that offers a superb 360-degree view and "made it to the top" bragging rights. Another path leads down into Wildhorse Gorge, which cradles a turquoise alpine lake in its upper basin. There are several ways to experience the country, it may take that hike on a backpacking trip, or even a wilderness cross-country expedition. Perhaps the stimulating drive on the rim road alone is sufficient, punctuated by a few stops at the scenic overlooks.

Regardless of the manner chosen, Steens Mountain is certainly a unique destination.

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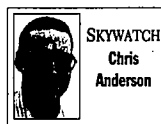
NeAto debuts next year for \$120-\$170, depending on size. If all is as the company claims, this pad could be a panacea for backpackers looking to cut bulk and save weight while still sleeping cozy in a bag on the cold hard ground.

Stephen Reginald writes a daily blog on outdoors gear at www.gearjunkie.com.

Man-made black holes—maybe, but no cause for alarm

Perhaps you've heard the rumors: Next week, a new atom smasher called the Large Hadron Collider may produce microscopic black holes. It may sound like the plot of a bad sci-fi film, but concerned individuals have filed a lawsuit to stop the operation of the LHC, fearing that it could destroy the planet.

When black holes were first hypothesized, no one could imagine how they could exist in nature. It was only in the mid-20th century that astronomers began to understand how massive stars could collapse until their escape velocity would exceed the speed of light. Hypothesis became reality in the 1990s, when powerful telescopes like the Hubble



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Space Telescope found strong evidence that black holes really do exist.

A black hole need not be star-sized, however. Theory says that if you squeeze even a tiny mass sufficiently, voila — a black hole is born.

Thus the concern over the LHC, which will crash subatomic particles head on, producing previously-unmatched densities.

According to our best theory of gravity (Einstein's Relativity), the LHC can't produce black holes. But the

Sky Calendar through Thursday

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One hour before sunrise:
No naked-eye planets visible.
One hour after sunset:
Jupiter: S, low
Moon

First quarter Sunday, 8:04 a.m.
Close to Jupiter Tuesday evening.

subatomic world is beyond Relativity's known limits; indeed one of the goals of the LHC is to gain insight into gravity's nature in the subatomic realm. Some believe gravity becomes stronger at small scales much faster than Relativity predicts, in which case the LHC may indeed spawn micro black holes.

Not to worry. For all its power, the LHC is still feeble compared to Mother Nature, who has been doing her own atom-smashing for billions of years. Cosmic rays (naturally accelerated subatomic particles) collide with atoms in the upper atmosphere every day at energies greater than the LHC. In other words, if the LHC can produce baby black holes, then so can cosmic rays, to no ill effect.

Ultimately, you have to ask: If the hundreds of scientists operating the LHC (arguably some of the smartest people on Earth) thought there was even a tiny chance that it would cause their own destruction, why would they proceed? Next week Russian moon turtles.

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like a pool toy than a "revolutionary" piece of outdoors gear. But Thern-A-Rest, which courted five years to the development of NeoAto's design, seems to have the data to back up its hypebole. The company has applied for multiple patents on this product and invested in a manufacturing process in its



Courtesy photo
Roger Marsh, left, receives his 60 year pin from Norman Skinner

T.F. Lions honor Roger Marsh

Roger Marsh of the Twin Falls Monarch Lions Club, left, is being presented with his 60 Year Pin Award by Norman Skinner, Zone 7 Chairman.

Marsh received the award from the Lions Club International for his 60 years of dedication to the Lions organization. He has also been the recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award and the Top International Lions Award.

Marsh joined the Twin Falls Lions Club on May 17, 1948, and held many offices including president from

1956 to 1957. He joined the Twin Falls Monarch Lions Club in 1985 where he served as president from 1997 to 1998.

During his years of service, Marsh participated in several fundraisers for the organization, delivered meals for the Meals on Wheels program and worked with the Miss Twin Falls Pageant and at the Twin Falls County Fair. He has been an active member of the community for several years and has two sons, George and David Marsh and one daughter, Linda Mower.

IN FULL BLOOM



Mychel Sturgeon, 15, holds a handful of wildflowers Tuesday afternoon in Jerome.

ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

COMMUNITY NEWS

Jerome Senior Center fundraiser nears

Pioneer Federal Credit Union in Jerome is holding a Senior Citizen Center Kitchen Project benefit to raise money for the Jerome Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 12 at 1885 South Lincoln St., Jerome.

The event will feature entertainment by the Gem State Fiddlers and free hot dogs and drinks.

Schwans will be selling merchandise and donating a percentage of their profits to the senior center project.

Grills are being provided by Pro Flame and there will be a radio remate by Mx 103.

Information: 208-324-2711.

Veterans benefits seminar offered

Mill Smith, Idaho Division of Veterans Services, will be available to answer questions regarding veteran's benefits from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome County Courthouse, room 310.

Any veteran or surviving spouse of a veteran who has questions concerning their benefits or rights is encouraged to contact Terry Gabbert, Jerome County Veterans Service Officer, at 208-644-2708, to schedule an appointment to visit with Mr. Smith.

ESL classes offered across Magic Valley

The College of Southern Idaho announced that English as a Second Language classes will be starting soon in Burley, Rupert, Keichum, Halley, Jerome, Wendell and Twin Falls. Classes are in the evening at all sites except Twin Falls and Halley, where there are day classes as well.

Classes are open to anyone 16 or older who want to learn or improve their English. Some sites offer a children's program that children age 4 and older can attend while their parents are in class. Classes will be starting over the next three weeks.

For more information: Judy Ruprecht at 208-732-6540.

Gooding Democrats hold picnic

The Gooding County Democrats will hold their annual fall picnic and fundraiser from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday at East Side City Park in Gooding.

The event will include a live auction, door prizes and the chance to visit with District 25 legislators Donna Pence and Clint Stennett and Gooding County Commissioner candidates Troy Hurd and David Maestas.

Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family.

Jerome fair board lauds this year's fair

The Jerome County Fair wrapped up Aug. 2 with steady attendance. Fair preparations called for two safety meetings with local law enforcement to discuss the plan to make the fair the safest it could be.

Those meetings were attended by St. Benedict's, Jerome EMS, Jerome Public Works, SIRCOMM, Jerome Fire Department, Jerome Search and Rescue, Jerome Police, fairground first aid, 4-H and fairgrounds security and staff.



Jerome County Fair Board members include, from left, back row, Bryant Nelson, rodeo chair; Charlie Howell, Jerome commissioner; Jim Pierce, president; Jack Hyler, board member; Rex Stedryis, board member; front row, Woody Wilbanks, board member; Janet Prescott, vice president; Lola Fitzpatrick, board member; Kathleen Diederich, fair manager; Sydney Diederich, office; Gary Warr, board secretary. Not pictured, Bob Humphrey, Joe Treviso.

Courtesy photo

The goal was to make sure that the plan was the same for everyone and to be proactive, not reactive. One plan implemented this year was not allowing any new attendees on the grounds after 11 p.m. Security was stationed at the two main entrances. Security was hired to be at the fair during busy hours and law enforcement stepped up their presence on the grounds.

All of these efforts did not go unnoticed and the results were a safer fair. With approximately 30,000 visitors in five days, arrests were down to one and there were no fights.

Rising costs of doing business hit the fairs hard,

the Inland Empire Carnival runs solely on generators. They have taken a hit on their bottom line with the fuel increases and the Jerome County Fair commended them for keeping prices down and offering a discounted presale ticket of \$9 less than at the fair price.

The Dancing Heads was a hit at this year's fair, and a new Faithful Night on the free stage was attended well. The 2008 Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign is in its third year at the fair and continues to do well.

Jerome Mayor Charles Correll declared Aug. 1 as the official day of Tough Enough to Wear Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Day in

the city of Jerome. The Jerome Campaign joined forces with the Twin Falls County Fair and together have attracted many new supporters of the Nationwide PRCNA Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign.

All proceeds from local efforts stay in the Magic Valley and benefit the St. Luke's Magic Valley 900 Women campaign.

The Rodeo is growing and paid attendance is up. Several years ago the Fair Board changed just about everything about the PRCNA Rodeo and it has paid off with increased attendance and the quality of the participants. The Jerome PRCNA Rodeo saw more than 20

National Finals Rodeo contenders, past and present, this year. This is a first for Jerome.

"The quality of stock and the additional added money has made a huge difference in which cowboys come to Jerome," said Bryant Nelson, rodeo chairman.

There will be many changes in the future for Jerome County Fairgrounds with new opportunities around every corner.

"We welcome them and look forward to them, said Kathleen Diederich, fair manager. "Everything about the fair is right. We do all of this for all the right reasons, and we are very proud of that."

FOR THE RECORD

Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

FELONY SENTENCES
Fernando Gastelo, 35, Gooding; driving under the influence, six years penitentiary; three years

determinate; three years indeterminate; driving privileges suspended for one year after release; ignition interlock device on vehicle for two years after release; \$467.71 restitution.

FELONY DISMISSALS

Shannon P. Huddleston, 37, Twin Falls; two counts aggravated battery; dismissed by prosecutor.
Lisa M. Taylor, 24, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor.
Civil filings
Lenee and Dennis Voorhees vs.

Progressive Northwestern Insurance Company. Seeking judgment against defendant for compensatory damages; amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs.
Plaintiff's seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained by

Lenee Voorhees in a vehicle accident.
Miranda E. Henning vs. Andrew Henning. Seeking judgment against the defendant for damages in excess of \$10,000; amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs.

Plaintiff alleges that after she divorced defendant he has continued to batter her, has broke into her residence and committed other incidents of bad conduct against her.

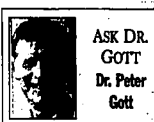
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Elephantiasis diagnosis requires immediate attention

DEAR DR. GOTT: I would like to know if you have any information on elephantiasis. I was diagnosed with this affliction in May 2007.

DEAR READER: I had my work cut out for me when I decided to answer your question.

Elephantiasis is a horrendous and thickening of the skin caused by bacterial infections of the skin and



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Dr. Peter Gott

lymph system. It is the result of several lymph-system disorders. The most common

cause is filariasis, or lymphatic filariasis, which is a parasitic infection caused by microscopic worms and affects more than 120 million people in the tropics and subtropics of Asia, the Western Pacific, Africa and parts of South America and the Caribbean. According to the Centers for Disease Control, you can't get infected within the United States.

It can also be caused by repeated contact with volcanic ash. This cause primarily affects people living in the central mountains of Africa.

A final cause is lymphedema, or hereditary lymphedema, which is caused by a blockage or inefficiency of the lymph system. It causes fluid to collect (often in the lower extremities but can

also affect the arms, genitals or breasts) with resulting swelling.

Anyone who has seen or has lymphedema can tell you how severe and potentially dangerous it can be. It is not uncommon for the affected limb to quadruple in size. There have been reported cases of lymphedema leading to a leg that weighs 250 pounds or more.

Without proper treatment, lymphedema can lead to infection, amputation or even death.

If the cause of your elephantiasis is parasitic, you need to be on medication to eradicate the infection.

You should be under the care of a physician who can provide you with up-to-date

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CHILD SUPPORT CASES
The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed claim against the following:
Tina P. Williams. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$193 monthly support plus 100 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.
Renee Alvarez. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$221 monthly support plus 53 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$1,978.24 for uncovered medical costs.

DIVORCES FILED
Scott A. Olson vs. Teresa L. Olson.
Dawn J. Schutte vs. Bernia G. Schutte.

Crystal D. Lindsey vs. Mick J. Lindsey.
Cassie R. Wood vs. Adam L. Wood.
Shaun C. Cramer vs. Sharisse A. Cramer.
Michelle Christianson vs. Gregory Christianson.
Linda Reed vs. Gynn A. Reed.
Donald L. Bentley vs. Linda L. Bentley.
Natasha A. Hayschultz vs. Jason R. Schultz.
Gindy M. Hatcher vs. Thomas M. Hatcher.
Cassandra Begley vs. Daniel Sheehan.

Curtis L. Henson vs. Mary K. Henson.
Sandra Gonzalez vs. Sergio A. Gonzalez.

City of Twin Falls DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCES

Jacob N. Walton, 29, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 30 days jail, 29 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.
Sergio Sandoval-Castaneda, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.
Ashley S. Baumgartner, 21; Twin Falls; pett theft; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; 12 months probation; \$200 restitution to JO Penny.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES

Mikael B. Melkumov, 19, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.
Ashley S. Baumgartner, 21; Twin Falls; pett theft; amended to willful concealment; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; 12 months probation; \$200 restitution to JO Penny.

Rene E. Mendota, 23, Hansen; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days jail, eight suspended, two days work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Jose B. Galvan, 53, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; six months probation.

Anthony J. Savo, 22, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$85.50 costs; 90 days jail, 10 suspended; six months probation; no alcohol.

Zachary R. Balany, 18, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$85.50 costs; 90 days jail, 10 suspended; two days community service; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Brodie K. Laproy, 29, Buhl; mail-

chous injury to property; \$800 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days jail, nine suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; \$125 restitution.

Kristy D. Kallifelt, 19, Meridian; one court possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 30 suspended; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one court possession of drug paraphernalia dismissed.

Dolores F. Martina, 25, Jerome; pett theft; \$500 fine, \$500 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; two days work detail; six months probation.

Timothy B. Littleton, 19, Twin Falls; one court possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days jail, 26 suspended, four days work detail; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one court possession of drug paraphernalia dismissed.

Donda B. Morton, 20, Twin Falls; weapon-exhibition or use of deadly weapon; \$500 fine, \$100 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended, credit for time served; three days community service; 12 months probation.

Tina J. Rogers, 43, Twin Falls; one court possession of drug paraphernalia; \$500 fine, \$500 suspended; \$85.50 costs; 90 days jail, 10 suspended; six months probation; no alcohol.

paraphernalia; \$500 fine, \$500 suspended; \$85.50 costs; three days community service; six months probation; one court under the influence of a controlled substance in a public place dismissed.

Ferida M. Khatamova, 18, Twin Falls; pett theft; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; five days jail, five suspended; two days community service; six months probation.

Sergio Sandoval-Castaneda, 23, Twin Falls; open container; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; six months probation.

Cathy M. Friel, 27, Twin Falls; provide false information to an officer; costs waived; 60 days jail, credit for 23 days served; 12 months probation.

Renee A. Whisler, 43, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$500 fine, \$500 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 10 days jail, 10 suspended; two days community service; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Misdemeanor dismissals
Charles A. Kay, 60, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor.
James D. Barlog, 47, Filer; vicious dog; dismissed by prosecutor.
Michael J. McKay, 44, Filer; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor.
Misdemeanor acquittals
Justin Smith, 25, Twin Falls; open container; found innocent.

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Clearing the way for absentee votes

By George Schwabedissen For the Times-News

To make it easier for overseas service members to vote in U.S. elections, Rep. Carilyn Maloney, D-N.Y., has introduced a bill that would block states from trying to accept ballots obtained by electronic means.

Her House Bill 4237 would prevent states from employing arbitrary rules about the kind of paper on which the ballots are printed or other requirements that are not strictly necessary to prevent voter fraud.

States have been reluctant to cede control over ballots because they are worried about problems with certifying election results. But some rules, such as the kind of paper on which a ballot is printed work against service members who don't always have time to request and receive an official ballot in the mail and turn it in before a state's voting deadline.

Because 2008 is a presidential election year, Maloney's bill is important and controversial, and its fate at this point is unclear.

Binge drinking takes late toll

Been involved in a baggins beer binge lately? If that's one of your regular pastimes, it could come back to haunt you. New research shows heavy binge drinking by young adults helps to bring blood-pressure and diabetes problems later in life.

Marcia Russell of the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation's Prevention Research Center in Berkeley, Calif., polled 2,800 people who binged at an early age and later leveled off versus moderate lifetime drinkers who never binge. The study found binge drinkers generally start drinking an average of 10 years earlier than moderate drinkers. But, surprising, drink less over their lifetime.

Still, the study showed that heavy drinking early in life can lead to metabolic issues later, including high risk of heart disease, stroke and Type 2 diabetes. In the Defense Department's most recent worldwide health survey, taken in 2005, more than 44 percent of service members admitted to binge drinking, having five or more drinks in one sitting

at least once a week over the previous month.

VA leads the way on hiring vets

Department of Veterans Affairs employment coordinators are available to help Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans find jobs with the VA.

"VA Service believes enhancing a veterans opportunity for employment is not merely the obligation of a grateful nation, it is good government and good business," acting Secretary Gordon Mansfield said.

About 31 percent of VA's 230,000 employees are veterans, and about 8 percent are disabled veterans, making VA the federal government's leader in bringing veterans into its work force. Along with hiring coordinators to increase that total, an interagency task force that includes representatives from the health, benefits, cemetery and human resources divisions of VA has been formed to come up with a retention, training and development plan for veterans who are already working in the department.

Dr. Gott

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treatment options. At this point, you need to keep your skin clean and dry and have the underlying cause treated. See your physician for a referral to an appropriate specialist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I hope you can help me with an issue that has been bothering me.

To the best of my knowledge, there is no test for Alzheimer's disease. It can be diagnosed only after death, so how is it that people and doctors can say that someone's symptoms are caused by it? How is it that a doctor can say that someone has early Alzheimer's if there is no test for diagnosis? Is he or she simply guessing or

assuming? I also would like to know about NPH, which also has no test or diagnosis until after death.

DEAR READER: You are mistaken. While you are correct that Alzheimer's has no medical test, it can be diagnosed based on symptoms. Certain criteria must be met to make the diagnosis; however, it does not have to be a mystery illness diagnosed only after death.

As for normal pressure hydrocephalus, tests, primarily MRI's, are available to confirm a diagnosis.

Dementia has many causes,

including simple vitamin deficiency, alcoholism, NPH or even alcoholism. It is important that the affected person be examined by a neurologist.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Alzheimer's Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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Immigration issues resurface on some state ballots

By Julia Sherman
Associated Press writer

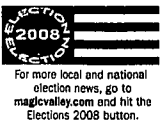
PORTLAND, Ore. — In a high school classroom, Xavier Chavez is trying to teach a group of restless teenagers about Manifest Destiny — the 19th-century belief that the United States was divinely fated to stretch from sea to shining sea.

But these students are children of immigrants, and they first have to learn English. They might soon refer to the United States as *divinamente* fated to stretch from sea to shining sea.

amount of time students can spend in English-as-a-second-language classes.

The proposal, modeled after similar laws in California, Arizona and Massachusetts, is one of a handful of immigration-related ballot measures that will appear this fall on state and local ballots across the nation.

"We call it the battle of the states," said William Green, president of the North Carolina-based group Americans for Legal Immigration. "More people have tried to get something



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like this on the ballot this year than ever before."

A year ago, groups that wanted to crack down on illegal immigration had hoped to push the topic front-and-center in the presidential campaign.

But the once-explosive

issue has simmered down nationally, particularly since both major presidential candidates have endorsed a "path to citizenship" for the country's estimated 12 million illegal immigrants.

Now the immigration battle in November will be fought on ballots in Oregon, Missouri and California.

There are 64,000 non-English speakers enrolled in Oregon's public schools, the vast majority of whom are Spanish-speakers.

The proposal would limit high school students to two years of ESL classes, even less

for younger students.

Chavez and his fellow teachers acknowledge that most of their students pick up colloquial English within two years, giving them enough fluency to poke fun at a teammate, answer a text message or order a slice of pizza.

Faculty members worry instead about academic English — the skills that will let students succeed in advanced classes, whether they are deconstructing Beowulf or reciting the principles of photosynthesis.

The Oregon initiative is "just a diversion to the real

problems," Chavez said. "We are not looking at what English language learners need. We are just looking to take away. Let's talk about the quality of instruction."

Chavez's students have mixed feelings about the proposal, partly depending on future goals.

Carlos Perez, 17, took Chavez's summer history course to catch up after oversleeping and often missing his first-period class during the school year. He thought limiting ESL to just two years would be no problem for him or his friends.

Palin mocks Obama; McCain claiming nomination

By David Espo
Associated Press writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Claiming her historic spot on the Republican ticket, vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin mocked Barack Obama's experience and promise of change Wednesday night and pledged to help John McCain upend the Washington establishment.

"In politics, there are some candidates who use change to promote their careers," she said in a barbed reference to Obama's campaign theme. "And then there are those, like John McCain, who use their careers to promote change."

She added in remarks prepared for her prime time address to the Republican National Convention.



Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin waves to the crowd as she goes on stage at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn., Wednesday.

In a second unmistakable jab at McCain's White House opponent, Palin traced her career as mayor of Wasilla, Alaska, to governor of her state, adding: "I guess a small-town mayor is sort of like a 'community organizer,' except that you have actual responsibilities."

"As a young man, Obama did a stint as a community organizer."

The Alaska governor once led billing at the convention on a night delegates also lined up for a noisy roll call of the states to deliver their presidential nomination to McCain.

Palin, 44, also jabbed at the news media, which have raised convention week questions about her background and her family, including her 17-year-old unmarried, pregnant daughter. "Here's little news flash for you: reporters and commentators: I'm not going to Washington to seek their good opinion — I'm going to Washington to serve the people of this country."

McCain arrived in the Republican National Convention city earlier in the day to accept the prize of a political lifetime. Instantly, defended his choice of a running mate, saying she was ready to serve as commander in chief after less than two years as governor of Alaska.

"Oh, absolutely," he said in an ABC interview.

"Having been the governor of our largest state, the commander of their National Guard, she was once in charge of their natural resources assets actually, until she found out there was corruption and she quit...."

McCain bawled down the steps of his chartered campaign jet at midday into the arms of his extended personal and political family. His wife Cindy was first in line, then their children, then Palin.

McCain hugged his running mate and greeted her

husband Todd, known as the "First Dude" of Alaska. Then, cameras recording each gesture, the Arizona senator lingered when he reached the couple that has been the focus of so much convention-week attention. 17-year-old Bristol Palin and the father of her child, Levi Johnston, 18.

McCain's remarks dovetailed with an effort by his campaign to depict Palin's critics as out to destroy the 44-year-old governor, the first female running mate in party history.

While she readied the speech of her career, McCain's top strategist, Steve Schmidt, complained about a "faux media scandal," generated, he said, by the "old boys' network" that has come to dominate the news establishment.

Thrust into the national spotlight less than a week ago, the 44-year-old Alaska governor made a brief visit to

the Xcel Center to prep for her prime time address to delegates at the other side — and a prime time TV audience counted in the millions.

Little is known nationally of her views, although a video surfaced during the day of a speech she made at her church in June in which she said U.S. troops had been sent to Iraq "on a task that is from God."

In his interview with ABC, McCain said of Palin, "I mean, this person is going to come to Washington and, I'm telling you, the 'old boys' network' they better look out because change is coming."

He took another slap at Democratic rival Obama, saying Americans don't want a "senator who has been on to Harvard or an Ivy League school. She probably hasn't been to a Georgetown cocktail party," he added.

Bush announces \$1B in aid for Georgia

By Jennifer Loven
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Pushing back against an increasingly aggressive Moscow, President Bush said Wednesday the U.S. will send an extra \$1 billion to Georgia to help the pro-Western former Soviet republic in the wake of Russia's invasion.

"Georgia has a strong economic foundation and leaders with an impressive record of reform," Bush said in a statement. "Our additional economic assistance will help the people of Georgia recover from the assault on their country,

and continue to build a prosperous and competitive economy."

Vice President Dick Cheney, due in Georgia on Thursday, planned to make the massive aid package a major highlight of his discussions with Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili.

Cheney is on a tour of three former Soviet republics that are wary of Russia's intentions in what Moscow likes to call its "near abroad" sphere of influence and what Cheney termed while in Azerbaijan on Wednesday "the shadow of the Russian invasion of Georgia."



These updated images, provided by the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, shows a standard mammogram, left, and molecular breast imaging (MBI) from a study performed on a 45-year-old patient in the clinic's screening of women with dense breasts. The mammogram was interpreted as being negative while the MBI image shows a cancer indicated by the arrow.

Study: New way to spot breast cancer shows promise

By Mariynn Marchione
Associated Press writer

A radioactive tracer that "lights up" cancer hiding inside dense breasts showed promise in its first big test against mammograms, revealing more tumors and giving fewer false alarms, doctors reported Wednesday.

The experimental method — molecular breast imaging, or MBI — would not replace mammograms for women at average risk of the disease.

But it might become an additional tool for higher risk women with a lot of dense tissue that makes tumors hard to spot on mammograms, and it could be done at less cost than an MRI, or magnetic resonance imaging. About one-fourth of women 40 and older have dense breasts.

"MBI is a promising technology" that is already in advanced testing, said Carrie Hruska, a biomedical engineer at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., which has been working on it for six years.

She gave results in a telephone news briefing Wednesday and will present them later this week at an American Society of Clinical Oncology conference in Washington, D.C.

Mammograms — a type of X-ray — are the chosen way now to check for breast cancer. MBI uses radiation, too, but in a different way. Women are given an intravenous dose of a short-acting tracer that is absorbed more by abnormal cells than healthy ones. Special cameras collect the "glow" these cells give off, and doctors look at the picture to spot tumors.

Researchers tried both methods on 840 women who had dense breasts and a high risk of cancer because of family history, bad genes or other reasons.

Thirteen tumors were found in 12 women — eight by MBI alone, one by mammograms, and two by both methods and two by neither. (The two missed cancers were found on subsequent annual mammograms, physical exams or other imaging tests.)

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"These images are quite striking. You can see how the cancers would be hidden on the mammograms," Hruska said.

R.I. nightclub owners reach settlement in fatal fire

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The owner of the radio station that ran ads for a concert where a fire killed 100 people agreed to pay \$22 million. A beer distributor that helped promote the show agreed to \$16 million.

Dozens of companies, governments and individuals have reached tentative settlements totaling more than \$175 million over the 2003 nightclub fire.

But barely 1 percent comes from the only two parties found to have some criminal culpability: the club owners who installed cheap packaging foam as soundproofing, and the rock band whose pyrotechnics made the foam burn like gasoline.

Jeffrey and Michael Dorderian, the owners of The Station nightclub in West



In this Feb. 20, 2003 file photo released by the Rhode Island Attorney General's office, nightclub worker Scott Vieira, right front, and Daniel Blechelski, right, tour manager for the band Great White, appear near the stage in the Station nightclub, in West Warwick, R.I., as foam behind the stage bursts into flames.

Warwick, have reached an \$813,000 settlement with survivors and relatives of those killed, according to court papers filed Wednesday.

The settlement will be covered entirely by their insurance policy since the brothers have received bankruptcy protection that shielded

them from lawsuits. It and other settlements in the case require the approval of the judge overseeing the lawsuits and the more than 300 people who are suing, among other conditions.

The agreement with the Dorderians comes after a separate \$1 million settlement with members of Great White, the 1980s rock band whose pyrotechnics triggered the Feb. 20, 2003, fire. That settlement covered Great White's tour manager, Daniel Blechelski, who set off the pyrotechnics.

The back-to-back settlements are the latest in a flurry of agreements reached over the last year to resolve lawsuits over the fire.

Defendants agreeing to pay \$5 million or more include Clear Channel Broadcasting, Anheuser-Busch, The Home Depot, the state of Rhode Island and the town of West Warwick.

Hanna flooding strands hungry Haitians on rooftops

By Jonathan M. Katz
Associated Press writer

GOAIVES, Haiti — Entering a flooded city on inflatable boats, U.N. peacekeepers found hundreds of hungry people stranded for two days on rooftops and upper floors Wednesday as the field carcasses of drowned farm animals bobbed in soupy floodwaters. Haiti seems cursed this hurricane season, with its crops ruined and at least 126 people killed by three storms in less than three weeks. Even as Tropical Storm Hanna edged over the country, forecasters warned that a fourth storm — Hurricane Ike — could hit the Western Hemisphere's poorest country as a major storm next week.

The keep going like this, the whole country is going to crash," moaned Mario Marcelus, who was trying to reach his family in Goaives but didn't dare cross the floodwaters.

Rescue convoys had been trying to drive into Goaives, Haiti's fourth-largest city, but kept turning back because

lakes formed over every road into town. On Wednesday, Associated Press journalists accompanied the first group of U.N. troops to reach the city aboard Zodiac boats.

Argentine soldiers based in Goaives nudged residents from rooftops that were the only visible parts of their houses in a cemetery, only the tops of tombs glimmered beneath the water. The carcasses of dead animals, including a donkey and a cow, floated amid debris as flies swarmed.

About 150 people were crowded into a church. Most accounted for most of the people above the floodwater, where they waited in misery for the waters to recede.

"There is no food, no water, no clothes," said the 37-year-old pastor, Arnould Dumais. "I want to know what is supposed to do. ... We haven't found anything to eat in two, three days. Nothing at all."

The Goaives area, where about 110,000 people live, accounted for most of the 2,000 victims Tropical Storm Jeanne hit in 2004. Some residents said the current



People wade through flooded streets after Tropical Storm Hanna hit the area in Goaives, Haiti, Wednesday. Three storms have killed at least 126 people in Haiti in less than three weeks and even as Tropical Storm Hanna edged away, forecasters warned that a fourth storm, Hurricane Ike, could hit the Western Hemisphere's poorest country as a major storm next week.

flooding was at least as bad, and criticized the government for failing to implement safety measures in the past four years.

"This is worse than Jeanne," said Carol Jerome, who fled from Goaive on Tuesday.

About two-thirds of Goaives was covered in mud, although it was difficult to determine the extent of the flooding from the air.

U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Matt Moorlag said after planes conducted

flyovers. Severe weather prevented the planes from assessing the situation in the surrounding mountains, and there was no way to reach the area.

In the chaos, there was no way of knowing how many

people might be dead in the area, or how many had been driven from their homes. People kept a wary eye on water levels, which appeared to be holding steady as Hanna moved farther offshore.

On the ground, men used pieces of styrofoam as kickboards to try to swim out of town. People waited for help along the shores of the newly formed lake, and Interior Minister Paul Antoine Blier-Aime said people stranded on rooftops were becoming increasingly desperate.

"It is a great movement of panic in the city," Blier-Aime told AP as Brazilian soldiers assigned to the 9,000-member U.N. force carried him onto an idling speedboat. Businessmen were closed both because of flooding and for fear of looting — and supplies were running short. People in water up to their knees called to Argentine peacekeepers in Spanish, shouting "Give me water." Women on balconies held up empty pots and waved spoons, signaling their hunger.

Pakistan says foreign troops raided village, killing 15

By Paul Alexander
Associated Press writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan angrily condemned a raid on a village that killed at least 15 people Wednesday, claiming U.S.-led troops flew in from Afghanistan for the first known foreign ground assault against a suspected Taliban haven in this country's tribal belt.

The Foreign Ministry protested the attack, and an army spokesman said that the apparent escalation from the apparent missile strikes on militant targets along the Afghan border would further anger Pakistanis and undercut cooperation in the war against terrorist groups.

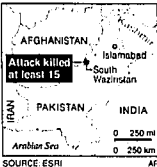
The boldness of the thrust fed speculation about the intended target. But it was unclear whether any extremist leader was killed or captured in the operation, which occurred in one of the militant strongholds dotting a frontier region considered a likely hiding place for Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida's No. 2 leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri.

The 15 military and civilian officials declined to respond to Pakistan's complaints or discuss the attack, but one official in Washington said any decision to launch a mission to anger Pakistan would require a very important target.

Suspected U.S. missile attacks killed at least two al-

Deadly attack

Pakistan's government blamed U.S. or NATO forces for an attack Wednesday in South Waziristan.



Attack killed at least 15 in South Waziristan.

Qaida commanders this year in the same region, drawing protest from Pakistan's government that its sovereignty was under attack. U.S. officials did not acknowledge any involvement in those attacks.

But American commanders have been complaining publicly that Pakistan puts too little pressure on militant groups that are blamed for mounting violence in Afghanistan, stirring speculation that U.S. forces might lash out across the frontier.

In Islamabad, Pakistani troops killed two dozen militants in another area of the restive northwest.

Pakistan officials said they were lodging strong protests with the U.S. government and its military representative in Islamabad about Wednesday's raid in the South Waziristan area, a notorious hot bed of militant activity.

"The Foreign Ministry called the strike 'a gross violation of Pakistan's territory,' saying it could 'undermine the very basis of cooperation and may fuel the fire of hatred and violence that we are trying to extinguish.'"

Government and military officials insisted that either the NATO force or the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan should be commanded by American generals — were responsible.

The army's spokesman, Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, said the attack was the first incursion onto Pakistani soil by troops from the foreign forces that ousted Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban regime after the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S.

He said the attack would undermine Pakistan's efforts to isolate militant extremists and could threaten NATO's major supply lines, which snake from Pakistan's Indian Ocean port of Karachi through the tribal region into Afghanistan.

"We cannot afford a huge upsurge in the Taliban," Abbas said. "That would be completely counterproductive and doesn't help the

cause of fighting terrorism in the area."

A spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan, 1st Lt. Nathan Perry, said he had "no information to give" about Wednesday's incident. A spokesman for NATO troops in Afghanistan denied any involvement.

The Bush administration allowed the complaint by Pakistan's Foreign Ministry to stand without a public response, an indication of the political sensitivities involved.

Officials at the Pentagon, White House and State Department wouldn't even confirm the raid occurred. Defense Department spokesman Bryan Whitman said: "I have nothing to say."

But one official, a South Asia expert who agreed to discuss the situation only if not quoted by name, suggested the target of any raid like that reported Wednesday would have to be extremely important to risk an almost assured "big backlash" from Pakistan.

"You have to consider that something like this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for which we will have to pay a price in terms of Pakistani cooperation," the official said.

The Pakistani anger threatened to upset efforts by American commanders to draw Pakistan's military into the U.S. strategy of dealing harshly with the militants.

S. Korea says N. Korea restoring nuclear complex

By Hyung-Jin Kim
Associated Press writer

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea said Wednesday that North Korea had begun restoring its nuclear facilities, but the U.S. played it down, saying the country apparently only moved some equipment out of storage.

The North said last week it had stopped dismantling its nuclear reactor on Aug. 14 because Washington had not held up its end of their disarmament deal — a promise to remove North Korea from the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism. At the same time, the North threatened to restore the nuclear facility.

The U.S. nuclear watchdog agency said in a new report that North Korea had already removed "essential" equipment from its nuclear facilities by the time it decided to stop disabling them last month, suggesting it would take some time to restore its main reactor to an operational state.

South Korea and U.S. officials have said that it would take at least a year for the North to restart the facilities after they are completely disabled.

The South Koreans did not give any specifics about what exactly the Koreans were doing to restore the Yongbyon plutonium-pro-

ducing facility or when they started the work.

But in Washington, the State Department said the North had not begun reconstructing the facility.

"Our understanding is that the North Koreans are moving some equipment around that they had previously put into storage," spokesman Scott McCormack said. "Based on what we know from the reports on the ground, we don't have an effort to reconstruct, reiterate this equipment back into the facility," he added.

He said his information came from U.S. International Atomic Energy Agency personnel working with the North Koreans at Yongbyon.

Asked about the North's Korean development, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the U.S. wants to keep the disarmament process moving forward.

"We are expecting North Korea to live up to its obligations from U.S. treaties, mainly live up to our obligations," she said.

North Korea, which carried out an underground nuclear test blast in October 2006, later agreed with the U.S. and four other countries to disable the plant in Yongbyon, north of the capital Pyongyang.

19-square-mile ice sheet breaks loose in Canada

By Charmaine Noronha
Associated Press writer

TORONTO — A chunk of ice shelf nearly the size of Manhattan has broken away from Ellesmere Island in Canada's northern Arctic, another dramatic indication of how warmer temperatures are changing the polar frontier, scientists said Wednesday.

Derek Mueller, an Arctic ice shelf specialist at Trent University in Ontario, told the Associated Press that the 4,500-year-old Markham ice shelf separated in early August and the 19-square-mile shelf is now adrift in the Arctic Ocean.

The Markham Ice Shelf was associated because it suddenly disappeared. We went under cloud for a bit during our research and when the weather cleared up, all of a sudden there was no more ice shelf. It was a shock to the event that underscores the rapidity of changes taking place in the Arctic," said Mueller.

Mueller also said that two large sections of ice detached

from the Serson Ice Shelf, shrinking that ice feature by 47 square miles — or 60 percent — and that the Ward Hunt Ice Shelf has also continued to break up, losing an additional eight square miles.

Mueller reported last month that seven square miles of the 70-square-mile and 130-foot-thick Ward Hunt shelf had broken off.

"This comes on the heels of unusual cracks in a northern Greenland glacier, rapid melting of a southern Greenland glacier, and a near record loss for Arctic sea ice this summer. And earlier this year a 160-square-mile chunk of an Antarctic ice shelf disintegrated."

"Heated sea ice conditions and unusually high air temperatures have facilitated the ice shelf losses this summer," said Luke Copland, Director of the Laboratory for Cryospheric Research at the University of Ottawa. "Any extensive new cracks across remaining parts of the largest remaining ice shelf, the Ward Hunt, mean that it will continue to disintegrate in the

coming years."

Formed by accumulating snow and freezing meltwater, ice shelves are large platforms of thick, ancient sea ice that float on the ocean's surface but are connected to land.

Ellesmere Island was once entirely ringed by a single enormous ice shelf that broke up in the early 1980s. All that is left today are the four much smaller shelves that together cover little more than 299 square miles.

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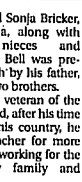
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Floyd Eugene Bell

OXLEY — Floyd Eugene "Gene" Bell, age 76, of Oakley, passed away Monday, Sept. 1, 2008, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Eva (DeLus) Bell, who resides in Oakley; and by Mary Jo Cooper and Sonja Bricker, both of Malta, along with numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Bell was preceded in death by his father, mother and two brothers. Floyd was a veteran of the Korean war and, after his time of service to his country, he became a rancher for more than 40 years working for the W.B. Whitley family and

Pickett Ranches. Floyd, a longtime resident of Oakley, was a beloved husband, brother and friend who will be greatly missed by all who knew him. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 355 N. Center, with Bishop David Pickett officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery, with military rites provided by the Mint-Cassia Veterans and Auxiliary. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Friday at the church.



Donald Carlisle Johnson

BUHL — Donald Carlisle Johnson, 86-of Buhl, passed on to glory on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008, at the Snake River Health Center in Buhl. Don was born to Albert and Beulah Johnson; and three sisters, Lerlene Morrison, Cleola Muegel and Betty Johnson. Thank you to the Snake River Rehab in Buhl for its kindness and friendly attitude showed to Don and the family during his brief stay there. Thanks also to Gloria Jensen, Carolyn and others at the Idaho Home Health and Hospice for their wonderful help and therapy during the last several months. And thanks to Dr. Dan Nofziger for being there!

The family suggests donations in Don's name be made to AIDS/Onco International and/or Calvary Assembly of God Church of Buhl. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Buhl. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. A visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Don worked 30 years for Packard Bell. He enjoyed following a wide variety of sports. Don was instrumental in establishing several churches, working in the area of design, construction, and supervision of construction. Don was also a church leader, usher, deacon.

Cliff was born in Nowata, Okla., on Dec. 19, 1924, one of 11 children to Frank and Della Miller. He moved to California and worked in the shipyards as a welder building aircraft carriers during World War II. After the war he moved to Hansen, where he later met and married the love of his life, Shirley. Cliff is survived by his loving, devoted wife of 48 years, Shirley; seven children, Steven, Robert, Miller, Laramie, Wyo., Cathy (Earl

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Gordon E. Taylor

Gordon Edwin Taylor, age 77, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008, in Twin Falls after a long courageous battle with amyloidosis. Born in Sacramento, Calif., on Nov. 1, 1930, Gordon was the son of Mildred and Gordon L. Taylor. He grew up in Sacramento with his brothers Warren and Willis, where he enjoyed playing baseball and other sports. Gordon graduated from Sacramento High School and went on to graduate from Sacramento State College in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a year later earned his teaching credential. Upon graduation from college, Gordon served in the United States Army. After his service, he returned to Sacramento and started a career teaching mathematics at Hiram Johnson Senior High School for 22 years. Gordon and his colleagues helped open the Hiram Johnson West Campus in 1980, where he created a computer lab and

taught computer applications until 1996. In addition, he taught mathematics at Sacramento City College and retired in 2004 after teaching for 46 years. Gordon's life is best measured not by what he said but what he did. He gladly volunteered as church treasurer, youth leader and served organizations to help the underserved. Gordon was also known for his competitive spirit and his love of all sports. He enjoyed playing tennis with the Auburn Seniors and his friends until he moved to Idaho in 2004 when his health declined. He was devoted to his students, his church, his community and to his family. He is survived by his wife, Mabel Taylor of Twin Falls; his son, Gordon D. Taylor of Sacramento, Calif.; and his son, Brett (Kay) Taylor of Incline Village, Nev.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Please join the family in celebrating Gordon's life by signing the online guest book at www.McM.com.

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Joseph Hugh Conley

KIMBERLY — Joseph Hugh Conley, 98, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center after a brief illness. He was born Oct. 4, 1909 in Salt Lake City, Utah, the son of William James and Janette Turner Conley. The family lived in Morgan, Utah, for a time, then moved to Ashland, Ore. Later, they moved to Dunsuir, Calif., where he met and married Dorothy Elizabeth Bryan in 1929. The marriage was solemnized in the Los Angeles Temple on April 15, 1957. While in Dunsuir, he was employed for a number of years as the Railway Express Agent there.

Near the end of World War II, Joseph and Dorothy moved with their son to Sacramento, Calif., where he first worked as a quality control inspector at McClellan Air Force Base. He then became a freight claims adjuster for the Western Pacific Railroad, later being promoted to the position of agent, a position he held until his retirement in 1971. They moved to Woodburn, Ore., in 1972, then to Kimberly in 1980. He was an active member in the LDS Church, serving in many capacities, including Elders' Quorum president, High Priests group leader, finance clerk and names extraction director.

He is survived by his son, Gene (Joyce) Conley of Kimberly; eight grandchildren, Lori (Martin) Integus, Julie (Duke) Kadesh, Michelle Conley, Kristie (Mike) Lovell, Brett (Alicia) Conley, Heidi Conley, Chad (Jakohi) Conley and Erin Conley; also by 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Delbert Turner Conley; and one sister, Anna Mae Turner; also by his beloved wife of nearly 55 years, Dorothy. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at the Kimberly LDS 2nd Ward building on Birch Street in Kimberly, with a visitation for family and friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Bishop Michael Fowers will be conducting. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

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Everett Bret Legarreta

BOISE — Everett Bret Legarreta, 46, a resident of Boise and formerly of Gooding, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008, at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Bret was born Oct. 20, 1961, in Gooding, Idaho. He was raised and educated in Gooding, where he graduated from Gooding High School. Bret then moved to Boise, where he continued his education at Boise State University. Bret did concrete work for construction projects. Bret loved whitewater rafting, snow and water skiing and sports. He lived his

life to the fullest. Bret leaves behind the light of his life, his daughter Tessa. He is also survived by his parents, Julian and Tina Legarreta of Gooding and his sister, Carla Retherford of Gooding; along with a niece, nephews, an aunt, uncles and cousins. Bret also leaves behind many friends who loved him dearly and who will deeply miss him and his contagious smile. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at Demary's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St. in Gooding. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family and friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, at Demary's Gooding Chapel.



DEATH NOTICES

Harold Billings

Harold "Bob" Billings, 56, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008, at his home. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Edward's Catholic Church (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls).

Maria M. Huerigo

RUPERT — Maria Magdalena DeLuna Huerigo, 43, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen.

Accie Campbell

Accie Campbell, 72, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Services

Ernest Curt Plintner of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS Stake Center (Hansen-Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Mildred Tilly Schenk of Burley, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Pleasant View Cemetery (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Billy David Kraus of Rupert, funeral at noon today at the Rupert LDS 3rd and 10th Ward Church, 526 S. F St.; visitation from 11 to 1:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Helen Hall of Snohomish, Wash., memorial service at 5 p.m. today at St. John's Episcopal Church, 913 Second St. in Snohomish, Wash.

Thomas Lloyd Nedd of Malta, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at Valley View Cemetery in Malta; visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Malta LDS Church.

Beatrice "Grandma Boo" Stoddard of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church; visitation from 6 to 7 p.m. today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Elnae McClintan of Payette, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Ruth Chaplin Shokal of Hagerman, memorial celebration of life from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Valley Community and Senior Center.

Virginia Williams Hastings of Meridian, memorial service from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the home of Carol Sians, 12551 W. Collingwood in Boise.

Laura M. Roland

Laura Mae Roland, 91, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008, at the Roseata Living Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Funeral Home of Burley

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Movie trailer voice Don LaFontaine, 68, dies

By Dennis McEllean
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Don LaFontaine, the high-voiced, sought-after voice-over artist whose sonorous-voiced narration on several thousand movie trailers earned him the title of "The Trailer King," has died. He was 68.

LaFontaine, who also did voice-over work on countless radio and network television promotional spots and commercials, died Monday of complications brought on by the side effects of treatments for an illness at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, his family said. The illness was not specified.

He was known as "Thunder Throat." "The Voice of God" was the highest-paid movie-trailer narrator in Hollywood.

With a rich baritone that was once likened to the sound of someone speaking from the bottom of a well, LaFontaine's narrated the movie trailers for classic films such as "2001: A Space Odyssey" ("A shrieking monolith deliberately buried by an alien intelligence"), "Fatal Attraction" ("A look that led to an ending... nobody had regret all his life") and "The Terminator" ("In the 21st century, a weapon would be invented like no other").

LaFontaine's distinctive voice also was heard on the radio as "Doctor Zivago," "MASH," "The Godfather," "Ghostbusters," "Home Alone," "L.A. Confidential," "Independence Day" and nearly 5,000 other movies, including the "Indiana Jones," "Rambo," and "Die Hard" series.

"The industry is mourning the loss of a true Hollywood legend," said Linda Bell Blue, executive producer of "Entertainment Tonight" and "The Insider," for which LaFontaine also provided his voice talent.

"Don was not only the reference standard in the voice-over community for his skills, but gave back to all who reached out to him," she said. "Movie trailers and television promos will never be the same."

In a 1995 interview with The San Diego Union-Tribune, LaFontaine said, "People think what I do is just like radio announcing, but it's not."

He viewed himself as a voice actor. "You want to take the audience out of their seats, out of their homes, out of their complacency and pull them into the story," he said. "You want to make that trailer so compelling that they have to go buy a ticket just to find out how the movie ends."

By the early 1990s, LaFontaine was so busy — he once said he could voice about 60 promotions a week and as many as 35 in a day — that he had to stop taking on traveling from job to job in a chauffeur-driven limousine.

He later began working from a studio in his home, where he received scripts via fax machine. LaFontaine's famously melodramatic movie-trailer voice — he was most often identified with the introductory phrase, "In a world..." — was ripe for parody and spurred sendups from Pablo Picasso and other comedians.



Don LaFontaine, a voice over actor, records a commercial in his studio at his Silver Lake home in Los Angeles on Feb. 14, 2007. LaFontaine, the voice behind thousands of Hollywood movie trailers, died Monday at age 68.

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LABOR DAY 2008

The History of Labor Day

Labor Day: How it Came About; What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Founder of Labor Day

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

Labor Day Legislation

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

A Nationwide Holiday

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take were outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.

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ISU's Bird takes on brother, former team this weekend

Bengals visit Vandals

By Mark Lipka
Times-News correspondent

His is a very rare and unique situation. Just when running back Jayson Bird thought his career was over, he got a second chance as it were. Now he finds himself in the backfield at Idaho State after spending four years at Idaho.

That makes Saturday's matchup (3 p.m., Altitude) between the two in-state schools almost surreal for him. A change in the rules after the 2006 season prevents student-ath-



At Magicvalley.com
Hear Bird talk about facing his former team this weekend.



Bird

self in as he graduated from Idaho last spring, and is now enrolled in ISU's athletic administration program. And it's not like Bird didn't play with the Vandals. He rushed for more than 1,500 yards and 17 touchdowns, with three 100-yard games.

"I knew that you don't get a lot of chances like this, so when the opportunity came along I went for it," Bird said at practice this week. "I

sat out last spring and missed the sport. You get so used to it and in doing things according to its rhythm."

Make no mistake, though, Bird has his priorities in order. He was completely prepared to move on with his life if he wasn't granted the extra season.

"I was going to start working and saving up money for dental school. Ultimately that's what I'd like to do with my life," he said.

Going to graduate school means somewhat less of a load compared to what an undergraduate football player has to go through. But there are issues, which Bird is taking in stride.

"I don't have as many classes, but I am in graduate courses every night from 7 to 10 and it's tough going right from the practice field to class. I don't eat dinner until 10 (p.m.) but having the mornings off enables me to tutor in biology and chemistry and that's always good to review since I'll be going into dentistry."

As if it wasn't enough that Bird is now on the other side of the field, his brother Rayce Bird is a linebacker for the Vandals.

"My brother is older than me, he worked for a few years and we've never had the chance to play against

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CSI spikers searching for a mean streak

Heldi Cartisser has a problem. It's a blissful, wonderful problem, but at the same time a tremendously frustrating problem to have.

The third-year College of Southern Idaho volleyball coach has a plethora of athletes at her disposal, any of the 14 players available to

her just as capable of performing as the next. What's the problem?

"I have a bunch of nice girls. Geninely, really nice girls."

Cartisser said after practice on Wednesday.

While it's great to have a program chock full of high-character athletes, being "nice" isn't categorically a good thing. "Nice" doesn't translate particularly well on the court, where you have to allow intensity, tenacity, and in some cases nothing short of controlled aggression to show through.

In short, CSI needs to find that edge. A mean streak, if you will.

There lies Cartisser's problem.

Tirelessly she, her staff and her players work to build up that intensity and consistency. In the back of their minds, they know that a lack of intensity and consistency is what cost them a chance to win the Crystal Ball Invitational last weekend in Salt Lake City—CSI finished tied for third. In the front of their minds, such a result isn't acceptable.

"We weren't really mad that we didn't win (last weekend's) tournament," said freshman defensive specialist Sam Misa. "But it's made us work harder on the things we need to do to be successful. We're getting closer to where we want to be."

Cartisser has coached players on the floor, shuffling them into positions where they can't rely on instinct, but rather have to think their way through the match. The thought is that increased focus builds confidence and intensity, and intensity lends itself to capturing that edge.

It's still a work in progress, but the Golden Eagles are getting there.

"Our drills in practice, we've been getting together during the breaks and going through what we did wrong, and rather than just talking about it we're correcting it," said freshman Brianna Cox. "That's helped us cut through all the drama and come closer together as a team."

CSI has the hitters. It has
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2008 HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

SEASON OF CHANGE



Gooding High School's Mekala Keyte (24) and Jerome's Carrie Talbault (2) reach for the ball Tuesday during a match with Jerome. The Senators are under new head coach Luazano Axelson, who led Hagerman to the Class 1A state title in 2007.

Coaching changes, new 1A divisions highlight '08 season

By Dana Phillips
Times-News writer

Class 4A

Several things are new on the area's high school volleyball landscape in 2008. Numerous coaching changes, including Luazano Axelson's move from defending Class 1A champion Hagerman to nearby Gooding, will make things interesting this fall.

There's also the separation of Class 1A into two divisions, the Division I Snake River Conference and Division II Sawtooth Conference. Wendell moves up to the 3A ranks and joins the Sawtooth. Central Idaho Conference, while Declo moves down to 2A and is now a member of the Canyon Conference.

Class 5A

The Twin Falls Bruins return seven seniors led by all-conference player Sara Federico, the starting libero. Chelsea Retmier has spent the summer refining her overall game at coach B.J. Price will look to Retmier for leadership and toughness. Erica Coats has worked to perfect her jump serve and will be the right side blocker. Brittnie Clinton added a spark to last year's team at the service line and as a defensive specialist, and Price looks for more of the same from her.

Expected to make an immediate impact are junior newcomers Ariel Medina (outside hitter), Sierra Chapple and Brooke Johnson, a transfer from Meridian that brings club experience to the Bruin team.

There is youth at certain positions, but Price anticipates that playing in the tough Region Four-Five-Six conference will enable his squad to grow quickly.

Senior middle Jordan Hollifield was the second-leading hitter for the Jerome Tigers last year and coach Rick Burke looks for Hollifield to lead Jerome in that area in 2008. Senior hitters Cleseha Layne, Hailey Long, Hailey Rlenstra and sophomore setter Melissa Marsing return for Jerome, which is jostling for better defensive speed and more consistent hitting.

Kris Christensen has the Minico Spartans working on a faster offense and feels that with six of her players having varsity experience, she has the players to succeed. Minico will need to improve its passing and be more consistent, but Christensen likes her pair of hitters in senior Breonna Phillips and junior Kendra Bailey.

With only seven varsity players, Burley coach Tiffany Green's main concern for 2008 is a lack of depth. The Bobcats have four returning seniors in setter Paige Anderson, outside hitters Carl Parish and Kassi Krebs and middle blocker Molly Mills.

The Wood River Wolverines will also look to compete in the Great Basin Conference-West race.

Class 3A

With the Kimberly Bulldogs returning depth, leadership, versatility and drive, first-year coach Lawrence Pfefferle might have inherited a near-perfect combination of players to make a return trip to the Class 3A state tournament. Pfefferle has a core group of five returning players, including three experienced seniors
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CSI's Neres out for year with major knee injury

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team suffered a major blow, as head coach Heldi Cartisser confirmed Wednesday that Brazilian sophomore outside hitter Nathy Neres will miss the rest of the season with a major knee injury.

Neres sustained the injury last Thursday in practice when she landed straight-legged and wrenched her knee after jumping to hit a ball.

According to Cartisser, Neres tore all three major ligaments — the anterior and



Neres

posterior cruciate ligaments (ACL and PCL) and the medial collateral ligament (MCL) — as well as the meniscus in her knee.

"It's a big blow for us. She was one of our major steady-legged forces out there on the floor," said Cartisser. "We really noticed that last week at Salt Lake, when we needed

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WAC, ESPN re-up through 2017

Times-News

Crashing the BCS party has delivered an even bigger payoff, one that will be felt for nine more years.

The Western Athletic Conference and ESPN have extended an existing television deal through the spring of 2017. WAC commissioner Karl Benson and ESPN senior vice president Bruce Magnus announced on Wednesday in Englewood, Colo.

It's a move that stands as the latest in a string of high-profile accomplishments for the WAC in the past 20 months, highlighted by Boise State's victory over Oklahoma in the 2007 Fiesta Bowl, Hawaii's appearance in the 2008 Sugar Bowl and Fresno State's 2008 College World Series championship.

In the new deal, the WAC has parlayed its success in football coverage to generate unprecedented coverage for its men's and

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Contract extension rundown

Doubles the number of football games covered per year from eight to a minimum of 16, with at least 10 on ABC, ESPN or ESPN2 and at least six on ESPNU. At least nine games will be conference games with an average of five per year on ABC, ESPN or ESPN2. Every school will feature at least one.

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GAME PLAN

LOCAL TV SCHEDULE
HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE FOOTBALL
BOYS SOCCER
Buffalo at Jerome, 4:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY
Bliss, Bishop Kelly, Gooding,
Shoshone, Wendell at Valley,
4 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Jerome at Burley, 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Gooding/Valley at Bliss, 4 p.m.

WRESTLING
Twin Falls/Canyon at
Bliss, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING
Wendell at Burley, 7:30 p.m.

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TV SCHEDULE

ESPN - South Carolina at Vanderbilt
7:00 p.m.

TGC - Europa's PGA Tour, European Masters, first round, at Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland

TGC - PGA Tour, BMW Championship, first round, at St. Louis, Mo.

TGC - Nationwide Tour, Utah Championship, first round, at Sandy, Utah

ESPN2 - Colorado at Dallas
6:30 p.m.

USA - U.S. Open, mixed doubles championship match and men's quarterfinals, at New York

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NBA team transforms from SuperSonics to Oklahoma City Thunder

OKLAHOMA CITY — Thunder can be heard from miles away, an early warning that a storm is about to arrive. So, perhaps it's only fitting that the name of Oklahoma City's NBA team didn't sneak up on anyone.

Six weeks after the name first surfaced, team officials officially announced Wednesday that the team formerly known as the Seattle SuperSonics would be known as the Oklahoma City Thunder.

It's hard to keep a secret," team chairman Jay Bennett said after stepping on a podium at a news conference at the downtown office building where the team is headquartered.

up on the NBA's online store.
BASEBALL
MLB committee rules against Sabathia

MILWAUKEE — Upon further review, the play stands. Major League Baseball's scoring review committee ruled Wednesday that official scorer Bob Webb did not err when he decided that Pittsburgh's Andy LaRoche outslugged against Brewers pitcher CC Sabathia in the bottom of the fifth inning of Milwaukee's 7-0 win on Sunday.

Sabathia tried to make a banded pitch out of LaRoche's softly hit grounder, but dropping it. Webb immediately ruled it a hit, explaining he reached LaRoche out of the batter's box and the runner was outside of the way down the line as Sabathia was picking the ball up.

Sports Shorts

Castlerford JV game moved back

CASTLEFORD — The Castlerford versus Challis junior varsity football game will start at 5 p.m. Friday and last just two quarters. The varsity game will start at 7 p.m. as originally scheduled.

Canyon Springs Couples Night nears

TWIN FALLS — The final Canyon Springs Couples Night of the season will be Friday, beginning with a 6 p.m. shotgun start. Entry fee for the nine-hole round event is \$25 per couple and includes dinner. Entry deadline is noon on Friday.

Information: Canyon Springs Golf Course at 734-7609.

Minigo vs. Bishop Kelly football game at 7 p.m. Those interested are invited to bring a grill and cook dinner in the parking lot.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Minico holds free activity Friday
RUPERT — Minico High School students, faculty and parents are invited to come see the Alumni Hot Rods and the Jelly Belly Dragster 5 p.m. Friday in the parking lot behind the school. There will also be free candy. The event is free and precedes the

TSN FCS Poll
The top 25 teams in the TSN Football Championship Season poll are:

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Serena beats Venus in quarterfinals

NEW YORK (AP) — Serena Williams barely got the better of older sister Venus Williams in a U.S. Open quarterfinal that was fit for a final, coming back in each set to win 7-6 (6), 7-6 (7) Wednesday night and break a tie in their head-to-head series.

Serena trailed 5-1 in both sets. She needed set points in both, including eight in the second. But she advanced to the semifinals at Flushing Meadows for the first time since 2002, the year she beat Venus in the title match for her second U.S. Open championship. It was the siblings' 17th meeting as professionals, and Serena leads 9-8. That includes 11 matches at Grand Slam tournaments, where Serena leads 6-5. She also has the edge in major championships, 4-7, and only she can add to that total this

weekend. The fourth-seeded Serena will meet No. 6 Dinara Safina in the semifinals. "It's really just unfortunate it had to be in the quarters," Serena said.

Venus had all sorts of chances to take control, but in the end, as both women's play reached a very high level, it was Serena who pulled through. In the second tiebreaker, Venus had four set points — and Serena saved them all.

Then, when Serena earned her first match point, nearly 2½ hours into the match, she converted it, when Venus ended an 11-stroke exchange by missing a forehand.

Back when they were ranked Nos. 1 and 2, the siblings only could meet in tournament finals. But because of injuries, inactivity and inconsistency, they dropped

in the rankings, and now it's the luck of the draw that determines at which stage they potentially meet. At Wimbledon in July, for example, the wound up on opposite halves of the field, and Venus beat Serena in the final for her fifth title at the All England Club. At the U.S. Open, they wound up in the same section of the bracket, so the women may consider the two top players at the moment were forced to meet in the round of eight.

The start of the latest all-Williams showdown was delayed by more than an hour because of two lengthy matches that preceded it on the tournament's main court, including a women's doubles match and No. 6 Andy Murray's four-set victory over No. 17 Juan Martin del Potro in the

men's quarterfinals. Venus showed up at the locker room about 20 minutes before they finally headed out, carrying a bunch of rackets in the crook of her left arm. Serena arrived about five minutes later, a red purse slung over her left shoulder. Neither face betrayed the slightest hint of emotion, and those same expressionless masks were in place at the match's start. Early on, there were the sorts of nerves and erratic play — a combined seven first-set double-faults, for example — that have marked many of the siblings' encounters as they have adjusted to playing one another.

"I try not to look at her, because if I look at her, I might start feeling sorry," Serena told the crowd afterward. "I want the best for her. I love her so much."



Serena Williams celebrates her win over sister Venus Williams at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Wednesday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL Miami, East Carolina get chance to impress

By Ralph Russo Associated Press writer

LSU-Troy game postponed

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — LSU has postponed its football game against Troy after Hurricane Gustav rolled through Louisiana this week. The university made the decision on Wednesday after having a full day to get a handle on damage to Tiger Stadium and around the community, much of which is expected to be without power into next week.

"The welfare of the people of Baton Rouge, the uncertain power issues facing all of us and the condition of Tiger Stadium were all factors in making this decision," LSU director of athletics Joe Alleva said. "We are fortunate that both schools had a common open date later in the year. I am appreciative of the cooperation of the good people at Troy for their understanding of this situation."

second straight 200-yard game ... WISCONSIN 38-14.

No. 12 Texas Tech (minus 10½) at Nevada The Wolf Pack can put up some points, too. TEXAS TECH 48-30.

Tulane (plus 30) at No. 13 Alabama Green Wave evacuated to Birmingham to avoid Gustav ... ALABAMA 40-3.

Louisiana Tech (plus 20½) at No. 14 Kansas Bulldogs coming off first win over BCS-conference opponent in five years ... KANSAS 45-14.

Stanford (plus 14) at No. 15 Arizona State RB Toby Gerhart gives Cardinal offense punch ... ARIZONA STATE 31-21.

No. 15 BYU (plus 9½) at Washington Huskies couldn't stop Oregon's second- or third-string QB ... BYU 35-28.

No. 17 South Florida (minus 14) at UCF Knights moved into Conference USA when Bulls moved to Big East ... USF 24-7.

Utah State at No. 18 Oregon Ducks expect QB Justin Roper (concussion) to be ready ... OREGON 55-10.

Oregon State (plus 16½) at No. 19 Penn State Beavers trying to avoid first 0-2 start since 2004 ... PENN STATE 27-20.

Mississippi (plus 8) at No. 20 Wake Forest ACC's magic 7-0 record another loss to SEC ... MISSISSIPPI 27-24.

UNLV (plus 21½) at No. 22 Utah Utes back in AP rankings for first time since Urban Meyer left ... UTAH 48-31.

Eastern Illinois (no line) at No. 24 Illinois Illini QB Vince Young's coming off career passing day ... ILLINOIS 48-10.

Last week: 19-3 (straight); 9-3 (vs. points).

Giants try to end home doldrums

By Dave Goldberg Associated Press writer

The New York Giants have fresh Super Bowl rings and a 10-game road winning streak. If you include their 17-14 victory over the Patriots in neutral Arizona last February.

But they were 3-5 at home last season, including a 22-10 loss to Washington last December that put their playoff hopes in some jeopardy. But they won in Buffalo the next week, and took three road playoff games to set up that huge upset in the Super Bowl.

The Giants enter today's season opener against the Redskins at the Meadowlands regarded to some extent as "fluke" champions. Everyone seems to be noting that after their previous three Super Bowl appearances, two of them, they failed to make the playoffs the next season — forgetting perhaps that the circumstances in 1987, 1991 and 2001 are not the circumstances of 2008.

The Giants are favored by 3½ points, just a half-point more than the points awarded for home-field advantage. Although for them, home field isn't much of an advantage — they also were 3-5 at home in 2006.

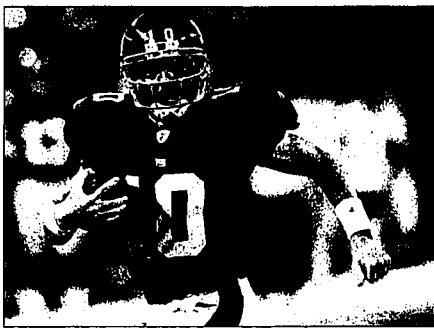
That's fine with them. "No one is giving us respect, and we'll live," said defensive end Justin Tuck, who will replace the retired Michael Strahan at left end after getting 10 sacks last season as a rover on the defensive line. "We're still the quiet team lurking. That's a perfect sign for me."

Still, the pass rush that harassed Tom Brady in that Super Bowl win has lost quite a bit. Not only did Strahan call it a career, but Osi Umenyiora is out for the season with a knee injury, causing the Giants to move yet another good pass rusher, Matthias Kivunika, back from linebacker to defensive end.

Washington also has injury issues. DE Jason Taylor, the defensive player of the year two years ago, is a "game-time decision" for the Redskins after injuring a knee two weeks ago. And the Redskins' offense is still struggling with a new system installed by coach Jim Zorn.

Another key for New York is Eli Manning, who seemed to come of age in a brilliant playoff run. If he keeps it going ... GIANTS, 27-20.

New York Jets (minus 3) at Miami Great job let: Brett Favre at QB for the Jets against Chad Pennington, whom Favre



New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning hopes to lead his team to more home success this year after going 3-5 at Giants Stadium last season.

displaced as New York's quarterback. But the Dolphins have been picking up other people's cuts, an indication they're still a bad team after a 1-15 season. JETS, 21-13.

Dallas (minus 5½) at Cleveland Tired preseason for the Browns, including a concussion to QB Derek Anderson. The Cowboys? Why should they be forced to play? Just seed them right to the Super Bowl. COWBOYS, 34-14.

Chicago (plus 9½) at Indianapolis (Sunday night) Colts open their new stadium with Peyton Manning scheduled to play. He could be a little rusty after offseason surgery and missing the preseason, but Bears QBs are historically rusty. COLTS, 20-13.

Kansas City (plus 16½) at New England The Pats were 0-4 in preseason and Tom Brady didn't take a snap. So what. PATRIOTS, 31-10.

Minnesota (plus 2½) at Green Bay (Monday night) No Brett Favre for the first time in 16 years. Tavaris Jackson over Aaron Rodgers. VIKINGS 18-17.

Denver (minus 8) at Oakland (Monday night) Until the Raiders prove they've improved ... BRONCOS, 22-13.

Carolina (plus 9) at San Diego If Steve Smith wasn't suspended by the

Panthers, maybe ... CHARGERS, 37-19.

Tampa Bay (plus 3) at New Orleans The Dome survived Gustav and is ready for the game. So are the Saints. SAINTS, 24-20.

Jacksonville (minus 3) at Tennessee Vince Young is still learning. JAGUARS, 17-10.

Seattle (plus 1) at Buffalo It's always tough for West Coast teams to come east, especially for early starts. BILLS, 20-17.

Houston (plus 6½) at Pittsburgh A spread based on tradition, not reality. STEELERS, 24-21.

Cincinnati (minus 1) at Baltimore Joe Flacco starts by default for the Ravens. BENGALS, 27-17.

St. Louis (plus 7½) at Philadelphia The Rams might be worse this season than last, when they were 3-13. EAGLES, 37-5.

Arizona (minus 2½) at San Francisco Let's see what J.T. O'Sullivan does in real games. CARDINALS, 27-21.

Detroit (minus 3) at Atlanta The Falcons are starting from scratch. The Lions ARE scratch. FALCONS, 17-16.

LAST SEASON: 127-128-8 (spread); 170-86 (straight up)

Mean

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the blockers, the defensive bulwarks, the servers and the setters. All that remains is to get right between the ears. The Golden Eagles are on their way, after spending a week at the wilderness. "I'm not worried about us playing volleyball. I'm worried about us continuing to be a better team," Cartisser said. "We're not there yet, but we're on the path. Last week we weren't even close to the path." Today the Golden Eagles leave for this week's Las Vegas Sterling Invitational. It's hoped to be another jump down the path to which they've ascribed. If they can reach their desired destination, the only ones that can stop them might be themselves.

Bird

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each other ever. It would be nice to have a chance to crack heads with him." "Will he speak to his brother this week before game time? "Let's put it this way, he's my brother and I love him.

2008 Las Vegas Sterling Invitational

At Las Vegas All times MDT CSI games only Friday's games CSI vs. Central Wyoming, 9:30 a.m. CSI vs. Los Colleges (Texas), Noon CSI vs. Golden West (Calif.), 2:30 p.m. CSI vs. Jefferson (Mo.), 5:30 p.m. Saturday's games Bracket play, TBA

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Neres

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someone to step up and say, 'OK, I'm going to hit it and get it over.'" Cartisser said that the void opens up more floor time for sophomores Santia Sanders and Branne Barton, but that Neres' leadership traits would have to be shouldered by everyone on the floor. Neres faces a six-month layoff after surgery, then another six months or so of rehabilitation. She will sit out this season on a redshirt and plans to return to the CSI volleyball squad next year. "For now, she'll be a cheerleader at the team's home matches and will anxiously await text message updates from the road matches." "It's hard, but I'll be fine. If they'll let me on the bench, I'll be down there trying to help the team," Neres said before adding with a laugh, "either way, they'll hear me."

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502 Homes For Sale

TWIN FALLS Home for sale, 4 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath 1900 sq ft

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane



"If God is way up there in Heaven, shouldn't I pray a lot louder?"

602 Unfurnished Homes GOODING 3 bdrm, 1 bath, W/D hookup

601 Furnished Homes TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage

602 Unfurnished Homes HOLLISTER 2 bdrm, 1 bath, kitchen appliances

602 Unfurnished Homes JEROME 2 bdrm, 1 bath, home in country

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OWNER SAWS BRING OFFERS! WESTERRA 206 324-2236

602 Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS Newer home, 3 bdrm 2 bath, 3 car garage, vinyl area neighborhood, above new, low smoking/pets... \$395,000

602 Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS Newer home, 3 bdrms, 2 bath, \$195,000. No smoking/pets. HomeTown Prop. Mgmt.

602 Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS Remodeled home, 3 bdrms, 2 bath, walking distance to high school & stores, \$150,000. 15% rent credit.

602 Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS Rent to own, 3 bdrms, 2 bath, home \$300K, \$5500 down, \$100K-\$120,000, 15% rent credit.

602 Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS Very nice 3 bdrm, 2 bath, appliances, garage, no smoking/pets, \$950 a dep. 733-6269

604 Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS Newer 3 bdrm, 2 bath, \$215,000 dep. Available now. 200-0448

604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex
RUPERT 1 bdrm, \$225 + \$100 pet dep. Call 438-0720

606 Mobile Homes
TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm mobile home, great location in 20 ft. wide paved 1/4 mile from CSI, WD included. \$40,000 + \$300 dep. 734-4345

703 Horse and Tack
CHARMACH Horse barn, e. holds 45 horses, tack room on front, \$5000 rack, 200-9249

Take a class' break

Son's at a cross to handle dad's threats of suicide



DEAR ABBY: My father and I usually get along well, but when ever get into an argument, he'll say something like, "Well, maybe I should just kill myself. Then you won't have to deal with me!" This has been going on for as long as I can remember. In 21 now.

DEAR ABBY: I don't think my dad is really suicidal. I think he says these things to make me feel guilty. It's hurtful because suicide is a serious matter, and I always have to ask myself, "What if?"

When I got out. After months of denying there was anyone else, I finally found out the truth. She was not only accepted by his family, but also my kids.

DEAR ABBY: I agree with you that threats of suicide are a serious matter. And I have long said in this column that repeated threats of suicide should not be ignored.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Sept. 4, the 24th day of 2008. There are 110 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 4, 1791, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers.
In 1899, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film box camera, and registered his trademark "Kodak."

When I fell into a deep depression and tried to commit suicide, my husband told everyone it was just an act. That was 11 months ago. Today I believe everything happens for a reason, because during most of our marriage my husband had tried to control me and verbally abused me.

Five years ago Miguel Estrada, whose nomination became a flash point for Democratic opposition to President Bush's judicial choices, withdrew from consideration for an appeals court seat after Republicans failed to seven attempts to break a Senate filibuster.

HOROSCOPE BY JERALDINE SAUNDERS

BIFFIDAYS (Aug. 21-22): If SEPTEMBER 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The upcoming year may give you a chance to reclaim old joys and achieve peace of mind. A problem from the past or a person who has been part of your life for a long time could be a motivating force. You must deal with any problems and put them rest in order to clear your life for the good things that are coming.

GENI (May 21-June 20): Promises, promises. This is a good time to enlist others to support your aims and to gain cooperation. Accept a pledge, a promise or an agreement and it is very likely to be honored just as planned.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Enjoy an invigorating change of heart. Veil worries and fears will dissipate leaving you free to take action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Open the door wide and invite someone in. Confide in others. Sage advice from a friend or a wise relative can prevent you from making a major mistake. This might be a good time to make long-term plans.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It is a good thing you haven't burned any bridges. Issues that provoked you and caused worry are receding. Soothing ways and sincere apologies can banish leftover doubts and tension.

Read The Classifieds Every Day!

704 Pets and Pet Supplies BLUE HEALER pup...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies BORDER COLLIE pup...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies BOXERS Full bred, 1st shot...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies BRITTANY pup...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies BULLDOG French lo...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies CHIHUAHUA Beautiful...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies CHIHUAHUA pups...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies CHIHUAHUA white...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies COCKAPOO Female...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies COCKAPOO Female...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies COCKER SPANIEL...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies DOG PEN 8X10 puppy...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies ENGLISH POINTER...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies FOSTER FAMILIES...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies POMERANIAN 3 ad...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies PUPPIES AKC reg...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies SCOTTISH TERRIER...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies SHIH TZU adult male...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies SHIH TZU puppies...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies SHIH TZU pups...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies SHIH TZU AKC reg...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies GOLDEN RETRIEVER...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies GOLDENHODDLE...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies QUINA PIGS...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies HEELERS 5/16 for...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies JACK RUSSELL...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies MALMUITE SHERIDAN...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies MALTESE & MALT...

705 Farm Equipment IH Belled bent pickup...

705 Farm Equipment SILAGE BED 2'...

705 Farm Equipment SILAGE TRAILER...

705 Farm Equipment SILAGE TRUCK 87 379...

705 Farm Equipment INTERNATIONAL 30...

705 Farm Equipment AIR COMPRESSOR...

705 Farm Equipment BEAN CUTTER &...

705 Farm Equipment CASE 660 Bean sp...

705 Farm Equipment CHISEL Floor John...

705 Farm Equipment YELKING MACHINE...

705 Farm Equipment ALMILLO'S Farm...

705 Farm Equipment MAGIC TOUCH Car...

705 Farm Equipment CONCRETE ZOOM...

705 Farm Equipment COUNTRY CLEANERS...

707 Irrigation CLYDE'S Sprinkler...

709 Hay Grain and Feed HAY Baled hay...

709 Hay Grain and Feed OAT HAY...

709 Hay Grain and Feed ALFALFA GRASS...

709 Hay Grain and Feed ALFALFA HAY...

709 Hay Grain and Feed ALFALFA SEED...

707 Irrigation ELECTRIC PUMP &...

709 Hay Grain and Feed CUSTOM PLOWING...

709 Hay Grain and Feed ALFALFA BALE...

709 Hay Grain and Feed STRAW BALES 100...

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BILL NO. 525 ORDINANCE NO. 1050

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JEROME, IDAHO, APPROPRIATING THE SUMS OF MONEY NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE SAID CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009...

Table with columns: General, Personnel, Operations, Capital, Debt Service, Transfers, Totals. Rows include various city departments like Lopsation, Administration, Law Enforcement, etc.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law. PASSED BY THE COUNCIL THIS 26th day of August, 2008.

ATTEST: My/Charon Lancastr, Mayor At/Kyria Conell, City Clerk PUBLISH: September 4, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF RICHLIFF PROPOSES TO INCREASE THE WATER ASSESSMENT FEES MORE THAN 3%...

PUBLISH: August 28 and September 4, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Case No. CV 2008-161 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of WAYNE D. BORENSEN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Deann Webb has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent.

CLAIMS must be presented to the personal representative's attorney...

STEPHEN KWANIG, STONE & TRAINOR Attorneys for Personal Representative

PUBLISH: September 4, 11 and 18, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-08-190 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of ADAM M. POPE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Noryn F. Pope is the personal representative of the above-named decedent.

STEPHEN KWANIG, STONE & TRAINOR Attorneys for Personal Representative

PUBLISH: September 4, 11 and 18, 2008

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that two Applications for Transfer have been filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources...

PUBLISH: September 4, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-08-205 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of LINO T. ORTIZ.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Juan Ortiz and Edith Ortiz have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of the above-named estate.

Publish in the Times News on 8/28 & 9/4/08.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION OF THE BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NOVEMBER 4, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to the General Laws of the State of Idaho a General Election will be held on November 4, 2008 for the purpose of electing two (2) Directors of the Burley Irrigation District...

WRITTEN NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE of Director, if any are made, must be signed by at least two (2) qualified electors...

PUBLISH: September 4, 11, and 18, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE JEROME COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A HEARING ON September 23, 2008, in the Commissioners' Room at the Jerome County Courthouse...

PUBLISH: September 4, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE JEROME COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A HEARING ON Tuesday, September 29, 2008 at 7:45 P.M. in the District Court Room of the Jerome County Courthouse...

PUBLISH: September 4, 2008

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

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PUBLISH: August 28, Sept 4, 11 and 18, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that on the 11th day of September, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider a Plat Variation Application to vacate a plat from the Ranch Gate Subdivision...

ATTEST: My/ Sharon Lancastr, Mayor At/ Kyria Conell, City Clerk PUBLISH: August 28 and September 4, 2008

ORDINANCE NO. 493

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WENDELL, IDAHO, GRANTING TO INTERMOUNTAIN GAS COMPANY TWENTY (20) YEAR EXTENSION TO ITS FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A GAS TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM...

DATE: APPROVED AUGUST 21, 2008

PUBLISH: September 4, 2008

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the Cassia County School District, Number 151, of Cassia hereby gives notice to all parents, legal guardians, and students eighteen years of age or older...

PUBLISH: September 4, 11 and 18, 2008



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Legal notices including public hearings, creditor notices, and election notices.

Public hearing notices and trustee sale information.



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PIONEER LENDER TRUST SERVICES LLC

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NOTICE OF SALE
Storage Unit Auction September 20, 2008
1000 E. 225th St., (Curtis), which is located

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COUNTY OF GOODING

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
FRANK W. BURTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Edna L. Burton
has filed a Petition for Appointment of the

ORDINANCE NO. 454
AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1,

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 504
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Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes items like Beginning Balance, Remit Town Fees, Interest, and TOTAL EXPENSES.

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Legal NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. In accordance with Idaho Code §§ 3-311A, B, C, the City of Gooding, Idaho, will call a public hearing on the proposed ordinance...

PUBLISH: September 4, 21, 28, 29, 31, 2008

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 9th day of December, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at Idaho Title & Escrow, Inc., 706 Main Street, Gooding, Idaho...

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referred real property...

Idaho Title & Escrow, Inc., as Successor Trustee, will sell the property located at 1509 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho...

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Legal NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho...

PUBLISH: Aug 7, 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 2008

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. RPW200107001AA The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder...

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Legal NOTICE OF SALE

On Friday, the 12th day of December, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the office of Land Title & Escrow, located at 1411, Fifth Street, Twin Falls, Idaho...

PUBLISH: Aug 21, 28, September 4 and 11, 2008

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No. EQ-479422 Title Order No. WB1785 Public No. RPT181000000A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder...

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For information concerning this sale please contact Idaho Title & Escrow, Inc. at 1-800-923-9166. Thank you.

PUBLISH: September 4, 2008

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ORDINANCE NO 588 AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, IDAHO, LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2008, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009...