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Investigation of ISP shooting may wrap in 2-3 weeks

Case involving Burley man turned over to Ada County

The investigation into an Aug. 16 fatal shooting by an Idaho State Police trooper may conclude in two to three weeks, said Mindoka County Sheriff Kevin Halverson.

The shooting unfolded when 29-year-old Cody Hanks, of Burley, was arrested for suspected DUI and possession of a controlled substance along U.S. Highway 30 northwest of Kimberly.

During the arrest by ISP Trooper Michael A. Wendler, 25 — a former

Marine with ISP since July 2006 — Hanks broke free and tried to drive away, according to an Aug. 18 ISP press release.

Wendler got entangled by Hanks' pickup truck, fired his gun when Hanks would not stop and killed him with one shot, according to the press release.

The Idaho State Police and Magic Valley Sheriff's Association Critical Incident Task Force is performing the investigation and will forward findings onto prosecutors.

Much of the investigation has been completed, but investigators are waiting on forensic results and additional reports from other involved people, said Halverson.

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Too young to drive?



Sara Federico, a senior at Twin Falls High School, pulls in to the school parking lot Wednesday for the second half of her day. A national auto safety group is trying to get states to increase the driving age to 17 or 16. To order photo reprints, go to MagickValley.com and click on the Pictopia button.

Eastland truck traffic could be reviewed

T.F. Council will reconsider study

At the end of Monday's meeting, the Twin Falls City Council agreed to vote again on a \$48,000 study to examine the impact of truck traffic on Eastland Drive.

The thing is, the council already had an opportunity — more than two months ago.

On June 30 a funding request from City Engineer Jackie Fields died after a motion for approval failed to be seconded. Councilmen wondered whether the request was too early or the contract was awarded fairly.

Fields said Monday morning there'd been no movement on the issue since June.

But that changed later Monday when Councilman Will Kezele said he worried the number of trucks stopping at intersections and

travelling the road would deteriorate the road prematurely.

"We don't have the money to repair that road and I don't think it was designed for truck traffic and perhaps we need to be preventative or proactive in restricting access to that road," Kezele said. "It's got millions of dollars in a brand new road, put in around the LDS Temple area, that is just going to be torn up before long with that becoming a major thoroughfare for trucks."

In June, that idea — studying the new stretch of Eastland near the temple — was given by some council members, including Lee Heider, as reason to hold off on the study.

But on Monday, after Fields told Kezele she still recommended examining the road as the next step, the council unanimously voted to reconsider the contract at a future council meeting.

City officials said the study could ultimately lead

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Call for higher driving age unpopular in Magic Valley

By Ben Bokkin
Times-News writer

Taking aim at a longstanding rite of passage for 16-year-olds, an influential auto safety group is calling on states to raise the age for getting a driver's license to 17 or even 18.

Adrian Lund, president of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a research group funded by the auto insurance industry, acknowledged the idea is "a tough sell," but noted that car crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers.

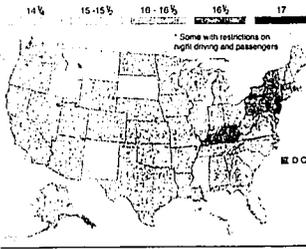
"The bottom line is that when we look at the research, raising the driving age saves lives," Lund said. He plans to present the proposal Tuesday at the annual conference of the Governors Highway Safety Association in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Education and law enforcement officials said Idaho's (CDL) program helps ensure that young drivers get enough practice behind the wheel.

Under state requirements, teens younger than 17 must

New Jersey's driving age is the oldest

Most states allow unsupervised driving between the age of 16 and 16 1/2. A new report argues that issuing licenses at age 18 — like most European Union countries — would reduce driving accidents.



SOURCE: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

have a six-month period of supervised driving instruction without any violations. In that period, they must have 50 hours of supervised driving time, with 10 hours coming at night. The six-month period does not begin until after teenagers have finished driver's education in school.

Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hlgens said he doesn't know if increasing the age would change anything, adding that inexperience contributes to accidents. He speculated that it's possible the death rate for 17-year-old drivers would go up if the driving age were increased.

"I don't know if it's going to

make a great difference," he said, adding that the requirements for a license "help young drivers." At least those youth are getting some experience in driving.

Earl Craythorn, a driver's education instructor at Burley High School, said he would be in favor of seeing the driving age increase in Idaho. He said 16- and 17-year-old students in his class take driving more seriously than younger students.

"As for teaching 15-year-old students how to drive, Craythorn describes it this way: "Sometimes, it's kind of scary."

Ron Adamson, driver's education instructor at Gooding High School, said parents need their teenagers who are able to drive. With high school activities and the price of gas, teenagers aren't the only ones opposed to raising the legal driving age, he said.

"The kids they're more upset about it, but I feel that the parents would probably be more upset," Adamson said. "There are some reliable

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REMEMBERING 9/11

CREATING A PLACE LIKE NO OTHER

By Nick Miraf
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon Memorial was designed in a studio on Amsterdam Avenue in Manhattan, but not the kind of skyline views or a brass nameplate on the office door. No, the 280-square-foot studio apartment where Keith Kaseman and Julie Beckman were living at the time was decidedly more modest than that.

Kaseman and Beckman were a young couple barely out of graduate school in 2002 when they made the

rough sketches of what would become the nation's first major September 11th memorial. Their lone architectural collaboration to that point had been a loft bed, which let them cram their desks and computers into their apartment's shoebox confines.

Their imaginations, though, had moved on to bigger things. The still-raw images and emotions of Sept. 11, 2001, that had hung over the city and their lives since they watched the towers fall. A Web site they had seen



A view of the Pentagon Memorial benches (it from beneath) pools of flowing water.

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Study links oil prices to investor speculation

By H. Josef Hobert
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Speculation by large investors — and not supply and demand for oil — were a primary reason for the surge in oil prices during the first half of the year and the more recent price declines, an independent study concluded Wednesday.

The report by Masters Capital Management said investors poured \$50 billion into oil futures markets during the first five months of the year as oil prices soared from \$35 a barrel in January

to \$145 a barrel by July.

Since then, these investors have withdrawn \$39 billion from those markets as prices have retreated dramatically, the report said. Oil traded at about \$102 a barrel Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"We have clear evidence the fund flow pushed prices up and the fund flow pushed prices down," said Michael Masters of Masters Capital Management, calling the amount of money moving into oil futures

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URA plans to buy Dell parking lot

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer



The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency plans to purchase the remote parking lot owned by employees for the Dell Computer Corp. call center sometime during the next 12 months, officials said.

Since 2002, when Dell arrived in Twin Falls, the 300-space lot located north of Costco Wholesale on Fillmore Street has been leased annually by the URA from a private company for about \$68,000. But the upcoming 2008-09 fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1, marks the first time the URA

can buy it outright. The price would be \$1.133 million, according to the lease, but that price could rise if bought at a later date. The URA has slowly been saving money with the plan to purchase the lot, said Twin Falls Finance Director Gary Evans.

"The agency has been planning to do that," said Economic Development Director Melinda Anderson, who serves as the director of the seven-member URA

board. "This is the first year that could be done." Anderson said the benefit is that the URA would have another asset, and it would appreciate in value. It's planned for in the URA budget.

The URA lured Dell to Twin Falls through a complex and unusual process that involved the exchange of millions of dollars and the use of "shoustring" approach — extending its urban renewal district from downtown Twin Falls to the location on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Evans said the URA spends

about \$10,000 annually on maintenance, an act required by the lease. The current owner, Manaus LLC, paid for the lot's initial construction work and installed the lights. A memorandum of understanding originally called for a 500-space parking garage. That idea was scrapped "because it was millions of dollars," to build said URA Board Member Tom Frank, who at the time was on the city's planning and zoning commission.

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Buhl, automotive garage owner at odds over property

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Dix Hudson, owner of Buhl's Gasoline Alley Muffler & Repair, knows he's behind schedule on getting his business property into compliance but said he doesn't think the city needs to pursue the issue through the courts.

"I have been working on it," Hudson said. "For instance I was supposed to get two trailers removed and one of them gone. The other is getting wheels on it to be moved out soon."

However, during Monday's City Council meeting Mayor Charles Sheridan gave direct orders to City Attorney William Nungesser to turn up the heat in getting the automotive garage, at 1000 Broadway Ave. N., cleaned up.

"I want you to pursue this

through the courts," Sheridan said.

Sheridan said "the scowfall" has ignored the city's code long enough.

Resident Glen Colley, who neighbors Gasoline Alley, said it's about time Colley addressed the council during the meeting explaining that he saw no noticeable progress in getting the property picked up for at least two months.

"He's lived up to none of it," Colley said about a timeline given to Hudson by Nungesser.

A copy of that correspondence, dated Feb. 25, had given Hudson until June 1 to remove excess vehicles, junkyard metal, trailers and old buildings.

Colley said the rundown building poses a safety threat to the area.

"If a spark comes along ... it

could burn down the whole neighborhood," he said.

Even though the city letter states that if the schedule is not followed citations would be issued, Hudson said he isn't receiving any.

"I have never been given any citations or tickets to speak of but have gotten a couple of letters," Hudson said. "Other than that there hasn't been too much communication from the city."

Hudson will likely receive communication soon.

"We are still pursuing what we can do," Sheridan said.

Gasoline Alley may be in hot water with the city but Hudson doesn't need to worry about losing it as a customer. The company will continue servicing city vehicles, said Councilman Regie Finney, because they charge less than other area businesses.

"The public works director made that [decision] and we will stand behind it," Finney said.

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Immanuel Lutheran expands school

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Immanuel Lutheran School started out the school year with a larger building.

Right before classes started, the school finished a four-classroom addition to its existing building in Twin Falls.

Principal Michelle Jund said the addition allows the school to have more, pre-kindergarten students. The preschool students are 3 years old, and pre-kindergarten students are older.

The planning moved quickly, she said. School officials decided in December 2007 to add to the school and broke ground the following March.

The school has 81 students in both the preschool and pre-kindergarten programs. While three of the classrooms in the expansion are used for the youngest students, all the grades will be one classroom.

One of the new classrooms will be designated for the

Spanish teacher, who previously moved around to different classrooms.

With 17 teachers and 229 students from preschool through sixth grade, students get individual attention in classrooms, Jund said.

"Our parents value our small class sizes," Jund said.

Two additional teachers were hired because of the expansion.

Jund said she appreciates support from the community, which included fundraisers and donations from businesses to make the project possible. So far, \$187,371 has been raised toward the project, which cost about \$376,000.

"We knew the need was there," Jund said, adding that more fundraisers will take place throughout the school year.

The school addition finished on Aug. 22 — the Friday before classes started.

Gladys Gallagher, a pre-kindergarten teacher, said she teaches her students to respect the new classrooms and keep them tidy.

"We make messes but we clean them up," she said.

The school will have an open house at 4 p.m. Sunday for the public. Activities include a bounce house and train ride for children and a horseshoe tournament. The school is located at 2055 Piller Ave. E.

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E. Idaho man pleads guilty to raping, impregnating child

ST. ANTHONY (AP) — An eastern Idaho man charged with raping his girlfriend's young daughter, a 10-year-old who later gave birth, has pleaded guilty to rape and now faces the possibility of life in prison.

Guadalupe Gutierrez-Juarez, 38, of St. Anthony, pleaded guilty Tuesday in 7th District Court in a deal reached with Fremont County prosecutors. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 28.

He was arrested earlier this year after the girl gave birth at Madison Memorial Hospital. St. Anthony police began

investigating the case April 28 after medical officials confirmed the girl's pregnancy. Gutierrez-Juarez was arrested the same day.

In exchange for his plea, prosecutors dropped two other rape charges. Initially tied to two other sexual encounters he allegedly had with the victim.

The girl's mother has also been charged and convicted for her role in the case. Isabel Chasarez, 27, pleaded guilty last month to failing to provide proper prenatal care for her daughter. She will be sentenced Sept. 30.

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Bank threatens to pull lifts from Idaho resort

Owners defaulted on \$260 million loan

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

NOISE — Bank of America threatened to remove two ski lifts after Tamarack Resort fell behind on lease payments, forcing the central Idaho development's majority owners to promise to cover future shortfalls, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Separately, the biggest owner of the struggling ski and golf resort on Cascade Lake, Jean-Pierre Boespflug, conceded he may be forced to quit as chief executive officer to lure a new investor. The resort also may be sold.

These developments come after companies owned by Boespflug and Alfredo Miguel Aff, who control a majority of Tamarack, sought bankruptcy protection earlier this year when Credit Suisse Group went to court to foreclose on the property after it defaulted on a \$260 million syndicated loan.

With real-estate sales slumping, construction at the resort 90 miles north of Boise is at a standstill. Tennis stars Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf have bailed out of a luxury hotel project and Boespflug and Aff are

seeking new investors. Ken Rider, Tamarack's spokesman, said the resort's board, including Boespflug and Aff, forged a new agreement with Bank of America in August to guarantee lease payments for the Buttercup and Wildwood lifts. He didn't disclose terms of the new pact.

"They gave us due notice," said Rider, of Bank of America's threat to remove the lifts. "We immediately opened the communication channels. Obviously, those are very important to our overall resort experience."

The four-person Wildwood lift takes skiers and snowboarders up 1,650 vertical feet, accessing intermediate and advanced terrain; the Buttercup shuttles riders from Tamarack's Whitewater residential development to the slopes.

Shirley Norton, a spokeswoman for Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C., didn't return a phone call.

Tamarack has paid its annual \$250,000 lease to Idaho for the 2,100 acres of state land where the resort's lifts are located. The next payment is due in January 2009, said Kathy Opp, deputy director of the Idaho Department of Lands.

She wasn't aware of Tamarack's problems with

"We have not received any notice."

— Kathy Opp, deputy director of the Idaho Department of Lands, on Tamarack's problems

Bank of America. "We have not received any notice," Opp said.

During Saturday's meeting of the Tamarack Municipal Association, the resort's homeowners' association, Boespflug told members he may exit management if that's what it takes to secure a new investor, Rider confirmed.

"That's something he's indicated to the management team; if that was the course that needed to happen, he'd be willing," Rider said. "It's obviously not something that's easy for somebody who has invested as much time, money, enthusiasm, emotion and passion in the resort as he has."

Since 2000, Boespflug has been Tamarack's public face, helping secure support of former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, the Idaho Legislature and property buyers as well as adding an international flair with his strong southern French accent that betrays his childhood in Nice, France.

Now, however, some resort property owners say he's standing in the way of new ownership they believe offers the best chance of stabilizing Tamarack's finances, helping

preserve the value of their investments or even shoring up insulation-flapping buildings in the unfinished Village Plaza. Some favor Credit Suisse's plan to take over.

Four property owners contacted by The Associated Press Wednesday confirmed their concerns about Boespflug's management but declined to comment on the record. Postings on a Tamarack Municipal Association Internet discussion group reflected their frustration.

Boespflug was meeting with bankers from Credit Suisse Wednesday and wasn't available for an interview, Rider said.

Tamarack is still trying to find a buyer or secure a cash infusion from a new investor, including working with Idaho's affordable-housing lender to arrange up to \$670 million in revenue bonds to be backed by future real-estate sales. Still, Steve Rector, an Idaho Housing and Finance Association spokesman, said Tamarack hasn't contacted the association since two public meetings in August over the bond plan.

"We haven't heard from them," Rector said.

E. Idaho tribe cleared to manage water

POCATELLO (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency has given the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in eastern Idaho authority to set and manage water quality standards on tribal rivers and reservoirs.

The decision announced last week allows the tribes to develop their own water quality standards in compliance with the federal Clean Water Act, much in the same way states have latitude to draft water quality rules. It also gives the tribes authority to issue water quality certifications and permits in cases when there is a federal discharge of pollution on a reservation waters.

"Building tribal expertise and increased capacity for environmental protection is a top priority for EPA," said Elin Miller, the agency's regional administrator. The decision "not only acknowledges the tribes' demonstrated commitment to protecting water quality, but also reflects how seriously we take our tribal trust responsibilities in the pursuit of environmental protection for all."

The EPA has already granted similar authority to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in northern Idaho, covering portions of Lake Coeur d'Alene and the St. Joe River. As many as nine tribes in Washington and two in Oregon have also have such responsibility on reservation waters. In passing the Clean Water Act in 1972, Congress made provisions for tribes to exercise sovereignty over the health and quality of the rivers, lakes and wetlands on reservations.

Effectuated waters on the Fort Hall Reservation include portions of the Snake, Portneuf and Blackfoot rivers and parts of the American Falls Reservoir, according to Rich McAllister, assistant legal counsel for the EPA regional office.

McAllister says the decision does not give the tribes regulatory and enforcement powers, but simply allows the tribes to create rules for maintaining water quality on tribal waters.

"We've gained a lot of confidence in the tribes' capability and determination to do this," McAllister told The Associated Press.



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ISDB readies for Special Olympics

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Fifteen-year-old Aliecia Paulin will snowboard next year at the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games.

Paulin, a student at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, was recognized by her fellow students on Wednesday at a school assembly for ISDB students, the 2009 Special Olympics games are highly anticipated because they will take place in Idaho.

This is the first year the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games will be held in the Gem State. The Special Olympics games draw some 3,000 athletes from more than 100 countries.

"I like the competition," said Paulin, a visually impaired student at the school. She's been snowboarding for about two years and said that learning the skill was scary at first.

Paulin earned a gold medal at the 2008 Special Olympics Invitational in Boise. Those games are a precursor to the 2009 games, which will be at various loca-



Salvador Fazzuaz, 13, holds a hockey stick on Wednesday near Debrah Roundy, local program coordinator of the Minico Spuds, at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind in Gooding. The Minico Spuds, a Special Olympics team of students from Minidoka County School District, did a floor hockey demonstration at an assembly Wednesday at ISDB.

tions throughout the state including Boise, Sun Valley and McCall.

She held up the gold medal and her classmates cheered. Mary Gervase, education director for the 2009 Special Olympics World Games, told students to support the athletes.

"We want to make sure at every event we have lots of people cheering our athletes," she said.

The Minico Spuds, a Special Olympics team of students from Minidoka County School District, put on a floor hockey demonstration. With their hockey sticks, they pushed a puck back and forth across the gym floor as students applauded.

Special Olympics events are a good tool for adding to students' learning experiences, said Debrah Roundy,

the local program coordinator of the Minico Spuds.

"The kids can go out of their shell and be part of the world," she said.

Gretchen Spomer, ISDB director of education, said that having the Special Olympics games in Idaho with area students competing makes the event more exciting for students.

Before the games, she'd like to see the students develop a service project to raise awareness about the Special Olympics and possibly support for athletes.

"We'd like our students to get involved," Spomer said. Miranda Williams, a 16-year-old junior at Wood River High School, was at the assembly with several of her classmates. She's part of a group at her school that promotes Special Olympics events and raises awareness.

"It's just a lot of fun," she said. "The smiles are the best thing in the world."

For more information, visit www.2009worldgames.org.

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Jonathan Price and Brandy Keele Open House 9-13-08



Brandy and Jonathan chose to be married on September 6, 2008 in Vernal, Utah.

An Open House will be held at the David Price residence, 514 Riverside Dr in Burley on Saturday, September 13, 2008 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Darcy Keele of Vernal, Utah. Brandy graduated from Uintah High School in 2002 and Utah State University in 2008 majoring in Kinesiology.

The groom is the son of David and Susan Price of Burley, Idaho. Jonathan graduated from Burley High School in 2000 and Utah State University in 2007. He majored in Marketing and Business Management and served a LDS Mission in Guatemala. Jonathan is self-employed with Riverside Construction.

The couple plan to live in Twin Falls.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Gooding deputy still in serious condition

One day after colliding with a truck en route to a burglary call, Gooding County Sheriff's deputy remains in serious condition.

Deputy Alex Boyer remained hospitalized at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, where he spent Tuesday night after undergoing surgery.

Boyer collided with a truck driven by Leopoldo Maraquias Mendez-Mendez while responding to a Tuesday morning burglary call. Mendez, who fled the scene, was arrested a mile away from the site and charged with a felony.

Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said Tuesday that Boyer served at least eight years with the county and was working at least an hour before the morning crash.

Idaho State Police are investigating the crash. Gough said Boyer had the lights and siren of his cruiser engaged.

CSI Falls Avenue entrance opens

Traffic from Falls Avenue is once again allowed to use the College of Southern Idaho's Falls Avenue entrance after a six-week closure for intersection construction. CSI Public Relations Director Doug

Maughan released Wednesday.

Officials from the Idaho Department of Transportation say that due to a delay in receiving the actual signal lights from the manufacturer, it could be another couple of weeks before work at the intersection is completed, the release stated.

In the meantime, traffic will resume with stop signs in place. Motorists are urged to use caution and watch care-

fully for pedestrians.

ITD spokesman Nathan Jerke said there may be occasional delays or detours at times over the next few weeks as the traffic signals are installed. When completed, traffic on Falls Avenue and from the new campus entrance to Quincy Street will be regulated by traffic signals. The release stated the signals are expected to improve safety for motorists and pedestri-

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McFarland stepping aside, but Hunt CAFO problems remain

Now that Gooding County dairymen Tony and Ryan Visser and William Dejong are officially owners of 1,150 acres adjacent to the Minidoka Internment National Monument, what happens to the feedlot that former owner Don McFarland was planning to build on the site?

Good question. McFarland still has a request before the Jerome County Commission for a permit for the confined-animal feeding operation, and it's likely to be approved.

Will the Vissers and Dejong bring dairy cows to the site, or would they listen to a potential National Park Service proposal to buy the property or a Bureau of Land Management pitch for a land swap?

Dairies can be built anywhere there's water and vehicle access, and there are some aspects of the former McFarland property that might make other locations more attractive.

The access road is poor, meaning that either the new owners or the county must pay to improve it. And the proximity of the North Side Canal means that there could be water-leaching issues.

Plus the new owners will still have to contend with federal lawyers raising objections to a feedlot so close to the site of the Hunt Camp, where 10,000 Japanese-Americans were locked up during World War II. Japanese-American groups vocally oppose the idea.

At the very least, the Vissers and Dejong are looking at delays as a consequence.

There are CAFOs in the Magic Valley that are excellent neighbors. They manage solid waste effectively, keep odor and flies at bay, and don't light up the countryside like the Las Vegas Strip. It's possible this could be that kind of model operation.

But the Vissers and Dejong might not own the feedlot forever. Will the next owners be as fastidious? The bottom line is that there are far better places for a dairy or CAFO in Jerome County or elsewhere in the Magic Valley. It's time to find one.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Camas County landowners should step into debate

There is good news to be thankful for in Camas County this summer. However, those who wear rose-colored glasses or close their eyes to the truth of the misconduct of Camas County leaders do so at a high cost to their pocketbooks and to the future of their county.

Aug. 20 was the fourth in a series of public court dates in the case of Martin vs. Camas County commissioners before District Judge Robert Elgee. At issue were an avalanche of procedural errors and record-keeping deficiencies. In previous decisions, Judge Elgee

granted plaintiff George Martin the temporary injunction he sought against Camas County and found for Mr. Martin on charges of conflict of interest against two Camas County officials. Camas County officials have been breaking Idaho law.

Earlier, on May 20, a verbal settlement between Mr. Martin and Camas County was reached in Judge Elgee's courtroom. The settlement would have ended the dispute.

At that time, about \$100,000 had been spent on county defense attorneys. Days later, the county reneged on their verbal agreement. More time. Thousands and thousands

Public now assuming risk for private mortgage companies

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson finally fired his "bazooka" over the weekend, and the markets responded with relief. The blast pretty much wiped out shareholders of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the faltering giants of the secondary mortgage market that in the process have become the nationalized companies they insisted they weren't.



LOREN STEFFY

During the two months since Congress loaded the bazooka — Paulson's characterization of the authority to pump capital into Fan & Fred — and handed it to him, Paulson swore he didn't want to use it. No one believed him, least of all the bond market, which kept rates of Fan & Fred's debt high relative to Treasuries in what amounted to a cry of "Shoot! Shoot!"

By last weekend, Paulson had no choice but to pull the trigger. The mortgage twins had deteriorated to the point of crisis, and their collapse would have evicted an already wounded housing market, shattering the fragile economy two months before this election.

Our view: The new owners of property in eastern Jerome County adjacent to the Minidoka Internment National Monument might be better off building a dairy elsewhere. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Now that we've backed Fan & Fred with direct investment of tax dollars, what happens with all the toxic debt languishing on the balance sheets of big banks like Citigroup, a charter member of the too-big-to-fail club?

was a boom.

As home prices soared, Wall Street saw his chance. Investors clamored for mortgage securities and all the Street had to do was find a way to increase supply. The answer was easy: create financial instruments that would get more loans to more people, and creditworthiness he damned.

Subprime mortgages were hawked like penny stocks at a rent revival. Borrowers signed on, often without realizing the risks or convincing themselves that their brokers' assurances must be true.

The music stopped as it always does, and the investment banks found themselves holding worthless paper they'd valued in the billions of dollars. The ensuing write-downs eroded the credit markets, which undermined the value of other assets, including the mortgages held by Fan & Fred. And thus, the great

unwinding began. Because Congress allowed Fan & Fred to lower their capital reserves, they couldn't absorb the declining values, and what had been an implicit government guarantee on their debt became explicit.

Worried, though, weren't enough, investors, especially the foreign owners of Fan & Fred debt, wanted to see action. Enter the Rambo of regulation, bazooka in hand, Ka-boom.

The estimated cost of the blast so far is as much as \$200 billion, according to the Treasury. In exchange, we get 80 percent of Fan-Fred's preferred shares and the comfort that Asbo governments will retain confidence in our IOUs.

Paulson himself acknowledged it's just the first shot. Fixing Fan-Fred will be left to the next administration, and whatever's required, you can bet we'll be chipping in more. After all, they're our companies now.

Meanwhile, Paulson's bazooka blast attracted the attention of other troubled industries. This week, automakers began lobbying for government-backed loan guarantees to save them from the consequences of their own bad decisions.

But the bigger concern remains the financial sector. Now that we've backed Fan & Fred with direct investment of tax dollars, what happens with all the toxic debt languishing on the balance sheets of big banks like Citigroup, a charter member of the too-big-to-fail club?

Factor in the earlier government-orchestrated bailout of Bear Stearns and Paulson's bazooka shot carries the implicit message for the subprime peddlers that the government will be there for them, too. The nod-and-wink guarantee once extended to Fan & Fred has now shifted to Wall Street, shielding it from the consequences of the scheme it perfected.

As the shock waves ripple through the market, the true effects will become clear: the public is now assuming the risk for private companies.

Where's the ka-boom? Sometimes, it takes a while for the sound to reach us.

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of dollars in additional expense.

As a Camas County property owner, here's my question. How long will other Camas County landowners remain mute as county commissioners fitfully spend more of their tax dollars in disputes where Camas County loses?

I've lived all of my 61 years in Idaho and have seen my share of bullying on schoolhouse playgrounds and watched partisan politics in their nastiness.

But I have never seen anyone who deserves it less receive such vicious incivility and belligerent treatment

as Mr. Martin. He has talked about issues from the beginning, but county leaders have not. Their attacks against him became personal more than three years ago and have grown meaner since. People of conscience know that sort of behavior is simply, small-minded and immoral, wrong.

A good Camas County house cleaning is overdue. PAMELA TUCKER Hatley

Teachers will remember cartoons at renewal time

I am a teacher. I have been teaching in Idaho for 22 years. I am absolutely floored by the insulting and crass editorial cartoon,

"Mallard Fillmore." That cartoon insults the millions of hard-working dedicated teachers who try their best every day. The Times-News has elected to run this filth and show its true colors. New format but same anti-education right-wing rhetoric.

I challenge you to go spend a day in a classroom — not to opt — and decide for yourselves what "teacher talk" is about. I double dare you to show up. I hope the many teachers who subscribe to the Times-News will remember these cartoons when the time comes to renew their subscription. I will.

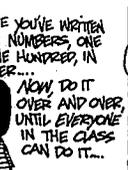
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Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Sen. Craig's lawyers argue to overturn plea in 2007 sex sting

By Brian Bakst
Associated Press writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Idaho Sen. Larry Craig, seeking to wipe away an embarrassing criminal conviction in an airport men's room sex sting, put his hope Wednesday in the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

An attorney for the Republican senator argued that he should be able to withdraw a misdemeanor disorderly conduct plea he quietly entered last year following an arrest during a flight layover. The attorney, Billy Martin, told the three-judge panel that Craig's behavior was "as consistent with innocence as it is with guilt."

The appeals court has 90 days to issue a ruling, which means it will come before Craig leaves the Senate. After initially saying he would resign after the incident became public, Craig decided

to remain in the Senate until his term ends this January.

A district court judge refused to invalidate the plea last year, prompting the appeal.

Craig didn't appear at the St. Paul court building where oral arguments were held. Martin offered the same arguments for allowing Craig to withdraw his plea that were made earlier in the case: that Craig's actions were misinterpreted by an undercover

police officer; that the mail-in guilty plea process was insufficient; and that Craig's conduct didn't violate the strict definition of the disorderly conduct law.

"The record is devoid of sufficient evidence for any judge to make an adequate finding of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt," Martin said. He described the encounter in the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport bath-

room in which Craig first stood outside an occupied stall and then made allegedly suggestive motions from an adjacent stall.

Martin refuted the conclusions of an undercover police officer conducting a sting of men cruising for gay sex. The officer said Craig peered inside his stall, tapped a foot next to his and swiped a hand beneath the divider—all perceived invitations for a sexual encounter.

Craig's fidgety behavior, Martin said, was merely reflective of a man "anxious to go to the bathroom." He attacked the disorderly conduct law, saying it requires not just one person

Prosecutor Christopher Renz rebutted each of Martin's arguments and concluded that the record shows Craig committed "multiple intrusions" of another person's private space. Craig's

decision to loiter outside the occupied stall was part of a pattern, Renz said.

"Upon one check it's occupied," Renz told the court. "You can wait until the stall is open."

Martin also took aim at the mail-in guilty plea bearing Craig's signature and said a judge should have determined whether there was a sufficient basis for arrest before permitting the senator to enter the plea.

Study says old growth forests bank carbon dioxide

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP)—A group of forest scientists from the United States and Europe reports that a growing body of evidence settles an old question over whether old growth forests store more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere than they release.

Based on a review of research from more than 500 forest sites around the world, the answer, published Thursday in an online edition of the journal Nature, is that most forests between 15 and 800 years old do, and the total amounts to about 1 billion metric tons a year, or about 10 percent of the net carbon uptake worldwide.

Co-author Beverly Law, a professor of global change forest science at Oregon State University, said the findings argue for including credit for preserving old growth forests in the Kyoto Protocol and cap-and-trade schemes for controlling greenhouse gas emissions blamed for global warming.

"If you have an old forest on the ground, it's probably better to leave it there than to cut it," she said. "For the countries that did sign on to Kyoto, it is suggesting that perhaps they need to consider unmanaged primary forests in their carbon accounting."

The United States did not sign the Kyoto agreement.

"The absolute amount of carbon stored in these forests is significant," Law said from her office in Corvallis. "Once you disturb them by logging or fire, there is carbon loss. When that occurs, there is material left on site that decomposes. And some is lost in the manufacturing process."

At U.N. talks last month in Accra, Ghana, aimed at a new global warming treaty, delegates agreed that countries should be compensated for slowing or halting deforestation, and that countries where forests have largely been depleted should be rewarded for conserving and expanding their forest cover.



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New career program targets younger students

Software also shows what kind of lifestyle they will be able to afford

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The Idaho Career Information System, which provides career guidance for high school students and adults, announced a program Wednesday to help elementary and middle school stu-

dents begin thinking about what they want to be when they grow up.

The program, which took four years to develop, contains career development information and activities that encourage students to "think about their futures," say officials with Idaho

Department of Labor.

"We're not asking students to pick a career, but rather we're helping them plan for a career that will interest them," said Christie Stoll, career information system administrator. "This can help them in the future so that they are not taking classes for jobs that will not interest them."

Labor officials say the program, which is called CIS junior, is based on the existing career information system that serves high school stu-

dents and adults.

"As advanced educational and training resources become tighter and tighter, it's ever more important to begin planning for the future and focusing on areas that would likely be personally satisfying and rewarding," Stoll said.

The new program provides tools for graduation coaches, counselors, teachers and administrators. Students can also access subject-based learning activities, guide-

books, self-assessments and an interest inventory.

Labor officials say the tools are designed to help students explore their interests and allows them to see how their interests and abilities fit into career fields.

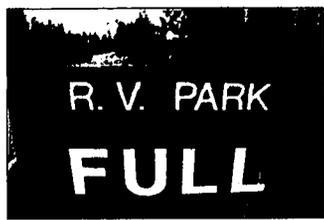
In addition, the Reality Check module, an interactive budgeting exercise, lets people understand the connection between their careers and the kind of lifestyle they will be able to afford in those careers.

The portfolios that students create can be transferred to any school using the same program — making the transition from different schools easier.

The program, which is offered at www.idahoedocs.org, is available in over 90 percent of Idaho's school districts, colleges and universities, say labor officials.

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Campers still filling 'em up



A sign marks the entrance to the RV park in Yellowstone National Park.



Russ and Celeste Faust of Denver walk their dogs past recreational vehicles in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. Despite high fuel prices and a spattering economy that have hurt RV sales and caused many people to put the brakes on vacation plans, there have been plenty of the lumbering, gas-guzzling rigs looking for a spot to temporarily set down roots this year.

Yellowstone RV park full despite \$4-a-gallon gasoline

By Bob Moen
Associated Press writer

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — In the heart of the park here on a recent warm day, all 358 spaces at the Fishing Bridge Recreational Vehicle Park were jammed with RVs and camping equipment.

Despite high fuel prices and a spattering economy that have hurt RV sales and caused many people to put the brakes on vacation plans, plenty of the lumbering, gas-guzz-

ling rigs have taken to the road this summer.

"If you want to stay out here and do this, you just suck it up and go," said Leyman Williams, lounging on a folding chair outside his 39-foot RV at Fishing Bridge.

The Williams live year-round in their motor home, which has all the comforts of a traditional home — running water, refrigerator, kitchen, private bathroom and bed space for up to six people.

But the huge vehicle gets only

about 10.5 miles to the gallon. With diesel prices above \$4 a gallon much of the summer, filling the 90-gallon tank means shelling out around \$400.

"I learned to drive a little slower," William said, noting the RV gets better highway mileage at around 60 mph.

More than 1.1 million RVs visited National Park Service campgrounds through the first seven months of this year, according to preliminary figures.

The numbers are down about 6 percent from the same period last year, said Park Service spokesman Jeffrey Olson. But July and August are the busiest months for RV camping in national parks and many campers are out during the fall, he said.

RV and campground trade associations say 2008 appears to be just as busy as previous years, though with some variations that could be attributed to fuel prices.

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OPEC to curb oil output

Producers agree to adhere more closely to quotas

By George Jahn
Associated Press writer

VIENNA, Austria — OPEC said Wednesday it would trim overall output by more than 500,000 barrels of oil a day by adhering closer to production quotas — a compromise meant to stop the rapid decline in oil prices.

Also coming out of the meeting in Vienna was a new agreement between Russia and OPEC intended to improve bilateral cooperation in energy issues.

Russia produces around 11 percent of the world's oil and OPEC 40 percent.

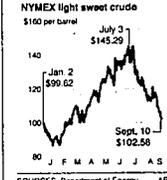
OPEC Secretary General Abdulla Salem El-Badri, who spoke of the memorandum of understanding after meeting with Russian Vice Premier Igor Sechin, said Russia and OPEC were in early talks.

"I don't think our cooperation will affect the consumer at all," El-Badri said, adding that OPEC had similar arrangements with China and the EU.

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Cutbacks do little

Oil continues to fall despite OPEC's announcement that it would cut production. Futures are down 29 percent since their peak.



Price pressures cast doubt on Montana sugar-beet industry

By Susan Gallagher
Associated Press writer

HELENA, Mont. — Strong grain prices and Montana's oil boom are leading to questions about the future of the state's beet industry and its sugar factories.

With the sugar-beet harvest only a few weeks away, farmers are considering whether to plant beets again or switch crops. Wheat

appeals to them both for its price and because growing it is less labor intensive than growing beets.

That is no small consideration as the region's surging oil industry siphons laborers for \$22 to \$25 an hour, making it

hard to hire farm help at a lesser wage.

All this has civic leaders in Sidney, an eastern Montana town of about 5,000 residents, wondering whether the Sidney Sugars Inc. factory built in 1925 will have enough

beets to operate in 2009.

Farmers recently rejected a proposed contract for next year's crop and will vote on another proposal this week through their organization, the MonDak Beet Growers Association.

"We're still negotiating with the growers," said Steve Sing, general manager for Sidney Sugars. "We're working hard to get an agreement between us, and we'll go from there."

Beet acreage under contract for this year is around 15,000 acres, the lowest since 1932 and about half what Sidney Sugars wants.

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"The cost of production for sugar beets went up significantly, but prices have not kept pace."

— Jeremy Norby, grower and secretary of MonDak Beet Growers Association

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Today in Washington

Commerce Department releases international trade for July.

Labor Department releases weekly jobless claims.

Treasury releases federal budget for August.

Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, releases weekly mortgage rates.

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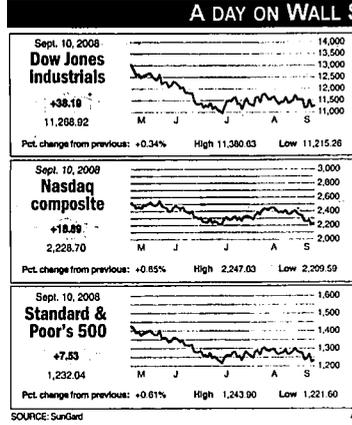
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Oct. gold	759.4	▼ 28.7	Sept. silver	10.74	▼ .90

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The Dow fell 2.4 percent Tuesday, essentially erasing big gains logged Monday, while the S&P 500 fell 3.4 percent and the Nasdaq composite index lost 2.6 percent.
Bond prices fell Wednesday after a run-up Tuesday. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 3.61 percent from 3.59 percent late Tuesday.

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Land where beets grew previously has been turned over to wheat, mauling sugar and corn, said Ben Larson at Montana State University agricultural specialist in Sidney.
Without sugar beets from more acres than currently under contract, the factory cannot operate in 2009, Sing said. If Sidney Sugars, which is a subsidiary of Minnesota-based American Crystal Sugar Co., closed the factory, the shutdown likely would be permanent. Reopening would be too costly, Sing said.
The Sidney Sugars plant, just west of the Montana-North Dakota line, is the only one struggling. Sprinkles Sugar in Mendocino, Calif., west of Fresno, was closing for lack of beets.
Across Montana, farmers planted nearly 32,000 acres of sugar beets, but the total acreage of work done was down from 47,000 acres last year.
In past years, growers in the Sidney area had little doubt that beets would be their crop and discontinue with the sugar plant occurred in May. The current negotiations are happening months earlier because Sidney Sugars knows growers are looking at alternative crops, Sing said.

Campers

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A survey earlier this year by the Virginia-based Recreation Vehicle Industry Association found that high fuel prices weren't stopping RV travelers, but in some cases were preventing shorter trips, said Kevin Brown, spokesman for the 550-member association.
Perhaps more importantly, the association expects a 14-percent decline in this year's RV sales. That comes on top of a 9.5-percent drop last year.
Brown said the same economic forces plaguing the housing market affect RV sales. Manufacturers have responded with new designs over the last several years to emphasize fuel efficiency. The large, luxurious RVs get as few as 6 miles to the gallon, while the smaller ones can get 10 to 18, he said.
Cheaper RVs are more popular, Brown said. On average, RV rentals cost about \$1,500 a week, he said.
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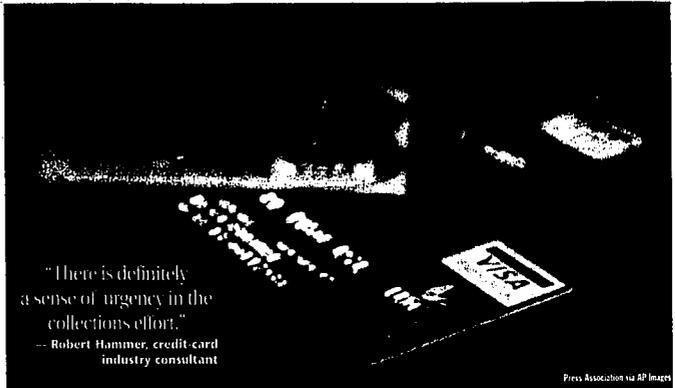
"The cost of production for sugar beets went up significantly but prices have not kept pace," said Lindsay Smith, a grower and secretary of the Montana Beet Growers Association, which has about 100 active members, some of them family corporations.
The price of sugar has not changed much in the past 20 years, Lindsay Smith said. The current price was roughly tripled in the past five years.
The price-cost squeeze affects beet producers in south-central Montana and Wyoming, as well. But there, farmers have an extra incentive to grow sugar beets. Through the Montana Sugar Cooperative, they own the factories that process them.
Timing of the contract negotiations in Sidney is critical given that autumn is when farmers prepare their fields — cultivating, leveling and fertilizing — for the coming crop season. The current work done comes with the kind of crop to be grown.
The Sidney Mayor Bret Smelser calls the sugar factory "the cornerstone" of the town's economy. "We're enjoying off right now, but that comes and goes," he said.
Overall production-tax revenues for oil and natural gas in Montana have increased from \$30.8 million in 1999 to \$324 million in fiscal 2008.

Oil

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 Corneila Meyer, who has helped negotiate several energy deals between Russia and Western companies said that "it's important that Russia and OPEC speak but the understandings are very loose."
 "Russia does not want to be in OPEC because it means adhering to quotas which is not what Russia wants. Russia does not want to comply with anyone's wishes but the Kremlin's," she said.
 "OPEC's decision to effectively cut output comes after prices spiked close to \$150 a barrel in July, only to shed nearly 40 percent in subsequent months."
 "Oil prices had lost more ground Tuesday ahead of the decision, falling \$3.08 to settle at \$103.26 on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest settlement price since April 1."
 "Light, sweet crude for October delivery rose 59 cents to \$103.85 a barrel on NYMEX Wednesday."
 "A statement issued by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries issued after all ministers ended their meeting early Wednesday said the organization agreed to produce 28.1 million barrels a day, OPEC President Chakib Khellil said that quota in effect meant that member countries had agreed to cut back 520,000 barrels a day in production over the established quota."
 "Saudi Arabia alone exceeds that amount of production in excess of its official quota. All members of the 13-nation OPEC have such formal production limits allotted to them except violence-torn Iraq."
 "But Khellil said that the cutbacks in overproduction would apply proportionally to all OPEC members bound by quotas."
 "OPEC overall regularly churns out all above the organization's overall quota, last set in November at 27.3 million barrels a day, and it remained unclear whether group members would abide by the decision to keep to their limits."
 "Still, the decision could have the psychological effect of steadying eroding prices at or above the \$100 mark — a red line for many OPEC nations concerned about their rapid loss of revenue in recent months."
 "While the new production limit of 28.8 million barrels a day is above that set in November, the statement

said it reflected adjustments to include new members Angola and Ecuador and exclude Iraq, as well as Indonesia, which used the Vienna meeting to announce it was suspending its full membership.
 "Saudi Arabia was widely believed to be leaning toward maintaining the status quo heading into this week's meeting — a view shared by its Arab Gulf neighbors. Wednesday's compromise, while promising to tighten up global supplies, does not amount to an official cutback by the cartel."
 "At the end of the day, all they're saying is: 'we've been cheating for the past year,'" said analyst and trader Stephen Schork, who was monitoring the meeting in Vienna. "I wouldn't say the Saudis backed down. I'd say it was a respectful nod to the other members of the group."

Saudi Arabia and others opposed to a major pullback are concerned that high oil prices will kill demand — a trend that has already begun in the U.S. and other big oil-consuming nations. But at the same time, OPEC countries' economies are being buoyed considerably by higher, historically high prices and members are not eager for the flow of money to ease.
 Saudi Arabia and other U.S. allies in the Middle East also do not want OPEC to become more of a target for American consumers, fuming over historically high fuel prices in a highly charged presidential election season.
 The impact of Wednesday's compromise remains to be seen.
 The half a million barrels OPEC said it will shave from the market is similar to the amount of additional crude Saudi Arabia unilaterally promised to pour onto the market over the summer when prices were setting new weekly, if not daily, highs.
 But analysts said several factors could stem any further slide in prices over the next few months.
 "There are good reasons ahead for prices to turn toward the upside," said Johannes Bengini, managing director of JBC Energy in Vienna.
 "Take the next hurricane," he said, alluding to the chances that — after a few near misses in recent weeks — further storms could savage oil installations in the Gulf of Mexico.



Payers under pressure

Banks push harder on credit-card debt

By Jane J. Kim
 The Wall Street Journal

As more people struggle under credit-card debt, banks are stepping in — to intensify their collection efforts.
 Citigroup Inc. has hired more collectors, increased the frequency of calls to delinquent customers and expanded programs that let borrowers temporarily postpone payments or settle debt for less than the borrowers owe.
 American Express Co. is giving some hard-pressed customers a break on their interest rate, fees or monthly payments. Bank of America Corp., meanwhile, is contacting late-paying customers earlier than it has in the past.
 "We are doing a lot more collection work than we ever have, putting a lot more people on the issue and paying off a call from the bank. Rather than have a letter go out in 15 days, they might send it out in five," says Robert Hammer, an industry consultant who runs a bank-card advisory firm in Thousand Oaks, Calif.
 "There is definitely a sense of urgency in the collections effort."

Increases in delinquency rates in their second-quarter earnings reports, and they expect the problems to get worse. One sign of the debt to be reckoned with: On Monday, the Federal Reserve reported that revolving debt — primarily reflecting the balances on people's credit cards — rose in July at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.8 percent to \$99.9 billion. That was faster than the 3.5 percent rise in June.
 For their part, banks are under tremendous pressure to shore up their balance sheets amid an onslaught of bad loans and mortgages. Financial institutions are responding by working past-due accounts more aggressively. They are putting their best collectors on their toughest-to-collect accounts (those that are at least 60 or 90 days past due), hiring outsourcing firms to supplement their internal efforts and putting new hires on accounts that are in the early stages of delinquencies, says Mr. Hammer.
 Some banks are using incentives to try to entice customers to pay them back. Citibank is contacting some borrowers with big balances with an offer to match a percentage of the payments they make over the minimum amounts due typically up to \$550 — if they agree to pay off a chunk of their balance over several months. The match is delivered as a credit to the account a few months after the offer period ends. In exchange, cardholders usually have to temporarily stop using their cards, and the bank could lower the borrowers' credit limits once they get their statement credit.

In July, D. Lavigne of Cincinnati got such an offer on one of his Citibank cards where he was carrying a balance close to the card's \$10,000 credit limit. The information technology

Late payers
 Banks are intensifying efforts to get borrowers to pay them back. Here's what to expect: Banks are calling delinquent customers sooner and more frequently — even after one missed payment.
 Borrowers who call early may be able to negotiate a payment plan or a break on interest rates and fees.
 Customers carrying big balances may get incentives to pay off debt more quickly — and may get fewer balance-transfer offers.

paying closer attention to any change in borrowers' payment and spending patterns. Borrowers who used to pay their bills early or who used to pay more than the minimum amounts due are likely to catch banks' attention if they suddenly start paying their bills exactly on the due dates and make only the minimum payments, says Tom LaMagna, director at Aurlenna Consulting Group, a consulting firm that specializes in payments and lending in Westbury, N.Y. Such customers might get put on a watch list or get lower credit-card solicitations. Industry consultants say.

consultant plans to pay off the entire balance over the next two months. "I think it's just Citibank trying to shore up their books with all of the writedowns the company has had over the last few months," says the 31-year-old. A Citigroup spokesman declined to comment on a specific customer's situation.
 Given the economic environment, companies are

Companies are also turning to new tools to get delinquent borrowers to settle their debts. Last year, for example, Washington Mutual Inc. started directing borrowers who were several months late with payments to a self-service Web site where they could make a payment or set up a payment plan.



Mohamed bin Dhaan Al Hamli, minister of energy for the United Arab Emirates, gestures as he talks to journalists before the start of the OPEC meeting at its headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

Make that the '99.99 Cents Only' store

By Andrew Chang
 Los Angeles Times

99 Cents Only Stores announced price increases Monday — by almost a penny an item. The chain's new top price: 99.99 cents, or essentially 81¢ at the cash register most of the time.
 "The price increases take effect later this month, and the chain, based in City of Commerce, Calif., has no plans to change its name or logo at its 277 stores."
 "Executives had hinted in recent weeks that inflation and higher food prices would force it to raise prices. That prompted concern among investors — and even among the store's industry analysts."
 "The new price will add 0.99 of a cent to

all prices. So an item currently priced at 39 cents will sell for 39.99 cents.
 The company's chief executive, Eric Schiffer, said, "We've absorbed it for as long as we can, and as hard as we can, but we've reached a point where we can't absorb it anymore, and we have to do something. This will give us plenty of breathing room."
 Based on last year's sales, Schiffer estimated the chain would take in an extra \$12 million at the cash register.
 Industry analyst Karen Short said such changes often were essential. "We've had a pretty abnormal inflationary period, and sticking to their strategy of 99 cents only becomes more challenging when prices are as volatile as

they are," said Short, an analyst with Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co.
 "Changing prices on items is not an attempt to move away from the strategy of helping the consumer," she said. "It's out of necessity."
 The announcement was expected after the retailer — faced with rising inflation, soaring food and fuel prices and a higher minimum wage — said last month that it was re-evaluating its long-standing price strategy after two consecutive quarterly losses.
 Founded in 1982 by Chairman David Gold, 99 Cents Only pioneered the single-price retail concept. The chain opened its first store in Los Angeles and has since expanded to 277 locations,

mostly in California but also in Nevada, Arizona and Texas.
 The deep-discount retailer sells groceries, household supplies and toys, as well as beauty products. It also sells some of the low true "dollar" stores. All items are priced at 99 cents or less, with some products grouped to sell for a total of 99 cents.
 But capping prices at 99 cents plus tax had become a burden for the retailer, which had to adjust the size or quantity of many of its offerings — including milk and eggs — to keep them on store shelves.
 The strict price strategy also led to the inability to carry some high-demand items, such as butter, on a regular basis.

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BEDROOM FURNITURE
 Double bed with fluted headboard, box springs and mattress - fluted bed, double bedstead with brass headboard, box springs and mattress - his and hers dresser, low mirror - large his and hers dresser with mirror - 1 each, 4 drawer and 5 drawer chest of drawers - night stand - lane cedar hope chest - home made cedar hope chest

LIVING & DINING FURNITURE
 Oval modern oak table, 1 tier, 4 round table - round maple pedestal table with 5 matching chairs - large lighted brocade china closet with glass doors - large recovered blue couch - 2 platform rockers - recliner - blue barrel chair - several bookcases, some with glass fronts - metal storage cabinet - nice wooden cupboard - electric serving cart - 2 coffee table with 2 matching end table sets, 1 has glass top - kitchen/kids shelf - glass top rattan table - small dinette table - hide a bed - 4 drawer file cabinet - stereo

OLDER FURNITURE
 Old Elgin mantle clock - Old Elgin table with enamel top - 2 ceramic lamps - large ornate wall mirror - Prince Albert tobacco cans

GLASSWARE
 Assorted cups and saucers, some bone china - assorted tea cups - figurines and statues - miniature sets - ceramic - salt and pepper shakers - marked knickknacks - vases - creamer and sugar sets - ceramic holders - crystal glassware - water glasses - silver plated and sterling silver items such as: tea pots, creamers, trays and serving dishes - Community silverware - serving sets - stainless steel sets - Nontak china - Lorton china - Czech dishes - saucers - salad and dinner plates - candy dishes - mixing bowls - and much much more

JEWELRY
 18 karat gold Wedding ring set - 14 karat gold engagement ring, gold wedding band - lots of smaller diamonds - gold - silver - powdered gold - assorted rings from 10 karat to 14 karat gold - salt water pearl necklace - gold bracelet - mens Bulova 23 jewel watch - lots of costume jewelry - including: clip on earrings, many bracelets, many necklaces, bangles, accumulated pearl necklaces, ladies belts, pendants, ladies watches, figural brooches, pearl and rhinestone items

LAWN & GARDEN ITEMS
 Yard Machine rotary self propelled lawn mower - D.E. rotary trimmer - Matigs gas powered - miniature lawnmower - snow blower - wood chipper - old hard garden cultivator - yard cart - portable clothes line - rubber tired wheelbarrow - folding patio table - redwood lawn furniture - sport chain - wooden lawn or porch swing - lawn chairs - shovels - rakes - hoses - sprayers - Ryobi electric blower

SPORTING - SHOP - MISCELLANEOUS
 Smith & Wesson 38 caliber revolver - fishing poles - new Gabel lavatory stool (blue) - new Caltonian bath tub (blue) - 2" extension ladder - step ladder - bench grinder - deep cutters - bumper car battery charger - draw knife - comicalong - Wagner power jigsaw - electric drills - skill saw - levels - wet dry vacuum - fruit tree covers - assorted hand tools - new chemical toilet and chemicals

HOUSEHOLD MISCELLANEOUS
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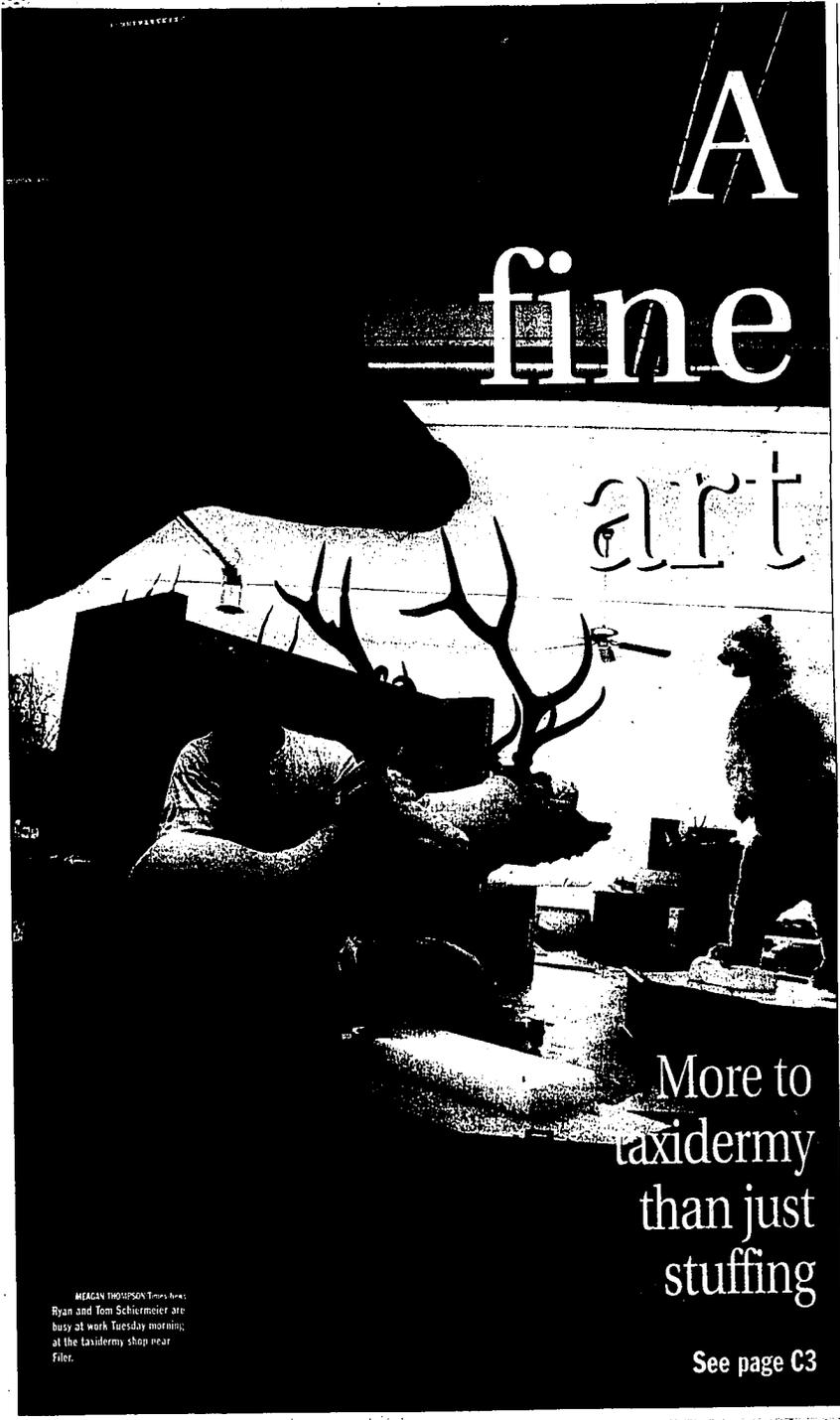
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A fine art

More to taxidermy than just stuffing

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Ryan and Tom Schiermeier are busy at work Tuesday morning at the taxidermy shop near file.

Up a creek

Feds won't extend protections to Bonneville trout

By Mike Stark
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Federal endangered species protections won't be extended to Utah's state fish, the Bonneville cutthroat trout.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says populations of the fish have increased in the last three decades. The agency says the fish is widely distributed across parts of Utah, Idaho, Nevada and Wyoming.

The Bonneville trout — one of 14 cutthroat subspecies in the West — is found in 35 percent of its historic habitat and occupies more than 2,300 miles of stream in these four states, according to the agency.

"Based on our analysis, it's doing well," said Paul Abate, a Fish and Wildlife Service biologist in Salt Lake City who helped lead the latest review of the species.

That review of the

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The do-all bike shoe revisited

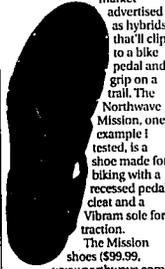
A common question I get from first-time multisport athletes revolves around the versatility of footwear in sports such as adventure racing and off-road triathlon.



THE GEAR JUNKIE
Stephen Regenold

Namely, newbies aspiring to speed transition times or cut back on the quantity of gear carried in a race wonder whether one pair of shoes might make it through multiple legs during an event, including cycling, trail running, and potentially paddling and off-trail navigation in an orienteering section.

The do-all shoe concept has long been a pipe dream for footwear designers, and a couple companies have pushed shoe products to market



advertised as hybrids that'll clip to a bike pedal and grip on a trail. The Northwave Mission, one example I tested, is a shoe made for biking with a recessed pedal cleat and a Vibram sole for traction. The Mission shoes (\$99.99) www.northwave.com) clip in and spin for efficient pedaling on a mountain bike. For hiking and trail running, they grip on dirt and stone for adequate traction, and the contoured outsole and comfy footbed is fine for many miles of

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Fish and Game survey indicates low chukar counts in Idaho

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

Hunters wishing to pursue chukars this season might be disappointed.

Surveys by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game indicate the chukar population is low again this year — thanks to Mother Nature, said Ed Mitchell, conservation supervisor for IDFG.

"We had a tough winter, which is always going to knock the numbers back," he said. "There were also relatively fewer birds coming out of the spring."

Chukars nest usually in

late May or early June, but because the spring "was long, cold and wet," Mitchell said, it didn't bode well for hatchlings. If a newly hatched bird even catches a chill it could die within a matter of hours, he said.

Recent aerial counts at Brownlee Reservoir on the Snake River and at Lucky Peak indicate low chukar densities relative to the long-term average.

Counts at Brownlee, a usual hot spot to hunt chukars, recorded 459 birds, compared with last year's 506 and the 10-year average of 1,325.

The number of chukar

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groups is also down from 70 last year to 61 this year. The average is about 107 groups. This is the third year in a row of below-average chukar populations at Brownlee; dropping sharply from 2005 when the bird count was 2,085, the second-highest on record, according to Fish and Game.

It's a trend that seems to be happening all over the state.

"We don't do formal aerial

counts like they do at Brownlee Reservoir. Most of the information we have is anecdotal and is based on hunter reports," said Regan Berkley, regional wildlife biologist with the Magic Valley Fish and Game office.

"But there's no real reason to think that numbers are higher than last year."

Chukar numbers declined in 2007 after four consecutive years of good chukar hunting.

Mitchell said it could take up to two years of good conditions before chukar populations bounce back.

"There's no guarantee when, we just need the right conditions," he said.

Other upland bird populations that suffer low numbers include the pheasant and gray partridge. However, good pheasant numbers were observed on several routes in Twin Falls, Jerome and Elmore counties, according to Fish and Game. Surveys also reflect that pheasant densities are two to three times higher on the west side of the region than the east side.

Fish of the Week

Largemouth bass
 Scientific name: *Micropterus salmoides*
 Also known as: Black Bass, Florida bass, green bass, big mouth, bucketmouth
 Habitat: stream, river, lake
 Water temp: 65 to 75 degrees
 Tackle: light tackle, casting, fly
 State record: 10 pounds 15 ounces, caught by Mrs. M.W. Taylor at Anderson Lake
 World record: 22 pounds 4 ounces, Ga.

Trout

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cultured examined threats from land-use practices, hybridization, nonnative predators and climate change.

The agency found that none of the threats warranted listing the Bonneville trout as a threatened or endangered species.

The result of the decision was published Tuesday in the Federal Register. The government was first asked to list the species as threatened in 1998.

The Center for Biological Diversity, an environmental group that sued the Fish and Wildlife Service over an earlier decision not to list the trout, may challenge the latest ruling.

Noah Greenwald, the group's science director, criticized the Fish and Wildlife Service for examining threats only to the trout's current habitat and not its much larger historic habitat prior to the West's settlement.

He also faulted the agency for not taking into account the long-term effects of climate change.

"I think that's naive at best and dishonest at worst," he said.

Adorned with spots and a colorful slash on its jaw, the Bonneville cutthroat once thrived in prehistoric Lake Bonneville, which covered some 20,000 square miles of what's now Utah, Nevada and Idaho. After the lake spilled out and receded, many of the fish survived to become cutthroat.

The cutthroat thrived in the region until the late 1800s and early 1900s. With settlement of the region also came logging, grazing, irrigation and larger-scale development.

"We don't see the wide-scale habitat above that we did back then, but that's not to say everything's perfect," Abate said.

Just a few decades ago, biologists thought the Bonneville cutthroat might have winked out forever.

But more recently, federal officials say there's been signs of improvement.

Changes in land-use practices, more attention to saving important habitat and careful selection plans in each of the states have helped the fish recover. So have restocking efforts in some waters and, in other places, decisions not to stock non-cutthroats where the Bonneville trout are established, said Eric Wagner, research director at the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' Fisheries Experiment Station in Logan.

"Public land management agencies are doing a better job than there's still room for improvement," Wagner said, noting careful attention still needs to be paid to water withdrawal for irrigation, cattle grazing and riparian habitat.

Today, about 64 percent of the trout's habitat is in Utah. Idaho has 23 percent, Wyoming 12 percent and Nevada 1 percent.

"My sense is that they're doing well and that the populations are on an upward trend," Wagner said.

In its existing range, 5 percent of its habitat is rated as excellent, 47 percent as good and 28 percent as fair, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The biggest wild card may be how the trout — which rely on cold water — respond to predicted temperature increases. Utah is expected to warm more than the global average in the coming years.

Get guns and dogs ready for doves

By Paul Brown
 Times-News Correspondent

Now that it's September, those of us who are avid hunters feel our trigger finger twitch.

September brings traditionally cool mornings and mounding dove hunting season.

One rural road near grain and alfalfa fields outside of Rupert was recently covered with hundreds of mourning doves sitting on the asphalt, flying off the road only when forced to by traffic.

As soon as the vehicles passed, the doves settled in again, almost covering the asphalt for a dozen or more feet in several places.

A scant few if any remain in the area since the opening of the hunt, which began Sept. 1.

Armed with a hunting license, migratory bird stamp and scatter guns stocked with No. 7 1/2 lead shot, my son and hunting partner, Doug Brown, and his two black labs took to the fields north of Rupert to get in some badly needed shooting practice for the larger upland game bird and waterfowl season that opened around the corner.

"Good shot, Doug," I said as he dropped the first bird that vaulted into the air from a fence. The second bird followed.

Latter, the doves were carried by 20 mph winds, which kept air between them and the end of our shotgun. The most productive areas were adjacent to grain stubbles. By walking through the mile-long stretch of sage near the road paralleling the grain field we



Doug Brown holds two mourning doves he bagged recently just north of Rupert. Photo by PAUL BROWN

Learn more

For regulations and more information on dove hunting, including where to go:
<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>

got some excellent jump shooting, harvesting about 10 birds.

Another area flanked by a weed patch on one side provided fine pass shooting, as the doves migrated in and out of the grain. Fortunately there was a deep ditch between the weeds and stubble that worked well for a blind.

Our last area was adjacent to a lava flow with juniper and sage, a favorite environment for the birds. The shooting was great even for those like me who burn up two boxes of No. 7 1/2 shot low-base ammo to put 10 birds in the bag.

At first the birds seemed

to ignore us as we hunkered down behind sagebrush and dropped them in their travels. By late afternoon the wind had died down, giving gunners a better chance at passing birds.

After a couple of hours, the doves still floated in and out of the field but found different routes that kept them out of range.

To prepare a meal from doves, you have to bring home the flint. The meat is tasty but minimal on each bird, especially young ones that seem to dominate flocks this time of year.

Remember to plug your shotgun to allow a maximum of three cartridges. A good retriever is almost a necessity for finding downed birds that have fallen among grass, sage and weeds.

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A world full of insects surrounds us

By Nelson Hatch
 For The Times-News

They are on the ground, in trees, in soil and in your house. They make up about 80 percent of all known species on Earth.

Insects are all around us. They are common in every habitat except the ocean.

Sometimes a small creepy crawler is crawling about. Or, sometimes, but not very small, something is an insect. To be an insect, an animal must meet three important rules. They must have three main body parts — head, thorax and abdomen — six legs and two antennae.

The head of an insect has the eyes, antennae and mouthparts on it. Insects have two large compound eyes. Compound eyes are faceted. They have more than one lens or surface. Compound eyes look a bit like a honeycomb. Insects may also have up to three simple eyes. You have simple eyes. A simple eye has one lens. The main fact is, without moving their heads, many insects can see in every direction around them. Insect antennae are used for touching, smelling and sometimes hearing. The mouthparts of insects are made to suck or to chew

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depending upon the insect and what it eats.

The thorax, or middle part of an insect, is where the wings and legs are found. All adult insects have legs, but not all insects have four wings. Mosquitoes have four wings. The two front wings are used for flying and the back wings help the mosquito to keep its balance in the air. The abdomen is where an insect breathes. Most insects breathe through tiny holes called spiracles.

Insects that live in water would drown if they had spiracles. Some aquatic insects breathe with gills like a fish; other insects come up to the water's surface and grab a bubble of air or suck a breathing tube above the water.

Insects do not have an internal skeleton of bone like you do. Insects have an exoskeleton. An exoskeleton is a hard, finger-like covering on the outside of the insect's body. The exoskeleton

is held together with soft, waxy membranes. The membranes work like rubber bands. They allow the insect to move its body and let the insect's abdomen grow while it eats. The exoskeleton can flex but not expand. As insects grow, their exoskeletons become too small. They shed their exoskeletons when they outgrow them, just like a snake sheds its skin.

Insects come in all shapes and sizes. Halfly-winged beetles are some of the smallest of insects. They can crawl through the eye of a needle. Fairyflies are also small. They can fly through the eye of a needle. The longest insect is a 13-inch long walkingstick found in Malaysia. Atlas moths in India have the largest wings, which reach 12 inches across. Goliath beetles found in Africa are the bulkiest and heaviest. They can be as big as a bear.



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.

OUTDOOR BRIEFS

Big Wood River open to fish salvage

Magie Reservoir Dam was shut off last Friday, Sept. 5. Because of drought and poor runoff, demand for irrigation water has exceeded the reservoir capacity.

It is anticipated that fish in the Big Wood River below the Richfield canal head gate and within the Richfield canal will be killed as the water level drops and conditions become unsuitable.

For these reasons, Fish and Game opened the Big Wood River downstream from the Richfield Canal diversion, the Richfield Canal downstream to the Gooding Dam, the Snake River to the Richfield and Lincoln Canal systems for fish salvage.

Licensed anglers may take the fish by any method except firearms, explosives, chemicals or electric shock, rent, effective now through Dec. 31.

For information: 208-324-4359.

Climb the 'Big Nasty' this weekend

Don't miss the Big Nasty Hill Climb Series, Friday-Sunday, at New Plymouth, Idaho.

The climb has been called Idaho's largest motorcycle event and will include a motorcycle movie show, road bike park, helicopter rides, a children's play area and more.

For more information: www.bignastyhillclimb.com.

Jerome club hosts shoot

The Jerome Gun Club will hold a sporting clays shoot on Saturday. This is a 100-target, "everybody wins" event. If you participate, you will win an award.

If you have never shot sporting clays at Jerome Gun Club, your first 50 targets are free. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$14 for those under 18. A \$3 charge for non-members. Sign up begins at 9 a.m.; shooting at 10 a.m. The club is located 11 miles north of the junction of Highway 93 and Interstate 84 at mile marker 64.

For more information: Kenny, 733-6045.

Sun Valley club hosts 'Fun Shoot'

The Sun Valley Gun Club, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on

Saturday, Sept. 27, will host a "Fun Shoot." One hundred targets are \$35; price includes lunch. Prizes will be given to first- and second-place participants.

The Sun Valley Gun Club hosts trap, double trap, mobile trap, steel, duck, tower, 5-stand and sporting clays. The club is open seven days a week during spring, summer and fall.

For more information or to reserve space: 208-622-2111.

Fall snowmobile expo next Saturday

Vintage Snowmobiles of Idaho will host the 4th annual Fall Vintage Snow Swap Meet and Snowmobile Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, in Stanley.

The event takes place in the grass field next to Mt. Vision for Vintage Snow Swap Meet and Snowmobile Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, in Stanley. The event takes place in the grass field next to Mt. Vision for Vintage Snow Swap Meet and Snowmobile Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, in Stanley.

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No penalty for filing harvest reports early

All deer, elk and pronghorn hunters must complete and submit a report for each tag issued within 10 days of harvest or within 10 days of the close of the season for which the tag was valid, according to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The easiest way to submit the harvest report card is online at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov> or on the logo below the photo, or <http://www.idahohunt.com> and use your hunting license number and the first four letters of your last name.

Reports may also be mailed to Idaho Fish and Game, Hunter Harvest Reports, P.O. Box 70007, Boise, ID 83707-0107; by calling 1-877-268-9365 or faxing to 208-323-0738. Submitting online is the only way to get confirmation that the report was received.

Hunters will not be able to purchase a license the following year until the report is filed.

—Staff reports

The moon's first visitor may surprise you

It's one of those trick questions: Which Earthling first reached the moon?

The answer to spring to mind might be Apollo 11's Neil Armstrong, whose boots first left prints in the powdery lunar soil on July 21, 1969. However, if "reaching the moon" includes "flying around the moon," the space history buffs may claim the flight of Apollo 8, on which Frank Borman, Bill Anders, and Jim Lovell read a passage from Genesis as they orbited Earth's natural satellite on Christmas Eve, 1968.

But unless you count the microorganisms that likely stowed away on the Soviet Luna 9 lander — first to execute a soft landing on the lunar surface on Feb. 3, 1966 — the Apollo 8 crew can't claim to be Earth's first lunar ambassadors.

Forty years ago Sunday, the Soviet Zond 5 spacecraft lifted off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in what is now central Kazakhstan. Its payload included wine flies, meal worms, plants, seeds and — appropriately — a Russian tortoise. The objective was to determine what harmful effects, if any, living organisms would experience outside the protective shield of Earth's atmosphere and magnetic field. Zond 5 swung around the moon on Sept. 18, 1968, skimming within 1,200 miles of the surface, and splashed down



SKYWATCH
 Chris Anderson

Sky calendar through Thursday:

Planets
 One hour before sunrise:
 No naked-eye planets visible.
 One hour after sunset:
 Jupiter: 5, low
 Moon
 Full moon Monday, 3:13 a.m.

In the Indian Ocean three days later.

The occupants survived their lunar odyssey. Although the tortoise lost 10 percent of its body weight, it had a healthy appetite after its flight, which suggested that a manned lunar mission was possible.

Of course, the Soviets never got to make use of this knowledge. Their manned lunar efforts were hampered when the test firing of an unmanned lunar rocket exploded, destroying both rocket and launch pad. The final blow came with Apollo 11's success less than three weeks later, prompting the Soviets to abandon their manned lunar landing goals.

Next week: *Spiral galaxies.*

A fine art

Taxidermists help sportsman preserve hunting memories

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

There's more to taxidermy than stuffing an animal. Truth be told, there is no stuffing involved. But a lot of work — a lot of "hard work," if you ask Tom Schiermeier — goes into it.

Schiermeier, who with his son Ryan owns Schiermeier Taxidermy Studio on Highway 30 near Filer, would know. He's been doing taxidermy since he was 10 years old. Now, as the 57-year-old looks back on his career, he realizes he has "remade" a lot of animals — everything from small game such as quail and muskrats to big game like bears, rhinos and giraffes.

And it's those two games — small and big — that present the most challenge for the serious taxidermist. Everything in between is a lot easier, he said.

"The smaller the game, the more detail you have to worry about," Schiermeier said. And with big game there's often a lot of building to or trimming of molds.

Artistic creations

To those who do it, taxidermy is art.

For one unfamiliar with the craft, however, it might be surprising to find that it incorporates many types of skills, including casting, carpentry, drawing, molding, painting, sewing, sculpturing, tanning and woodwork-

ing. Just modern taxidermy involves taking animal skin — whether furs, feathers or scales — and sewing it onto a pre-made polyurethane mold or what taxidermists call a "form." Basically, an animal's anatomy.

"We do an awful lot of sewing, believe it or not," Schiermeier said.

Forms, which come in small, medium or large sizes — there are about as many forms as there are animals," he said — may incorporate an animal's head for wall mounting or its whole body for larger display.

Sound simple? Think again.

Before a skin can be used, it has to be tanned and dried, then soaked for pliability before being stretched onto a form. If an animal's skin is too small for a mold, the form has to be trimmed.

Skinner's "horn" has to be added upon. To be able to complete this work successfully — to make the animal appear lifelike despite the subtractions and additions to forms, which have to be made and velms — taxidermists have to know something about animal anatomy.

Schiermeier has been studying anatomy since he was 10. When he burned out "three or four" models and was trying to prep skins in his mom and dad's basement," he said. He later progressed to a garage, then his



Tom Schiermeier takes out the staples on a mounted elk head Tuesday morning at the shop near Filer. Schiermeier says the taxidermy business started out as a hobby and turned in to a full-fledged business that now includes his son Ryan. Tom says that while they will see an increase in North American game animals due to hunting season, the family is busy year-round with wild game from around the world.



The tools of the trade: tubes and spray paint cans in natural hoon fill a table at Ryan Schiermeier's work station at Schiermeier's Taxidermy outside of Filer.



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SEE: more photos of taxidermied animals from Schiermeier's Taxidermy near Filer.

own shop ... then a larger shop. The progression of his career is much like taxidermy itself. It's a process, he said.

Patient waiting

Taxidermists, like their clients, have to be patient.

"They wait for skins to soak, wait for them to dry, wait for forms to set, wait for one thing after another."

It takes three to six months just to tan a hide, Schiermeier said.

But while taxidermists wait on one project, they are usually busy working on a number of other projects, whether touching up the area around an animal's eyes or mouth, preparing another skin or sewing one onto a form.

It can take anywhere from eight to 12 months for a taxidermied animal to be completed, Schiermeier said.

After a project is complete, the only thing used that came from the original animal is the skin and its horns, if it had any. Everything else is manufactured, including lifelike eyes, teeth and tongue. These also have to be fitted, placed and tweaked.

Eyes are made from glass, eyelids sculpted from clay, and the soft tissues of the nose and mouth are sculpted from epoxy or wax. And antlers, though real, are formatted to be removed from the animal for more conven-

ient moving of the finished product.

Often, such as are displayed in Schiermeier's studio, the taxidermied animals are mounted on bases that resemble the creature's real-life habitat. The Schiermeiers also make these, and often rely on photos taken from where the animal was bagged to recreate its natural surroundings.

"It's a process," Schiermeier said. "It's a challenge." But the rewards are simple enough, he said: Preserving memories for hunters.

Preserving memories

The most popular animal to have taxidermied in south-central Idaho is mule deer, said Jeff Frost, owner of Intermountain Taxidermy & Worldwide Adventures, Inc. in Twin Falls. But that doesn't mean deer is the most popular taxidermied animal over all. Nor is taxidermy a seasonal profession, which occurs only during local autumn hunts.

Taxidermists today, like Frost and Schiermeier, stay busy all year working on animals taken from across the globe.

"Hunting as a whole has dramatically increased in popularity," Frost said, "which is a good thing, because more money goes to conservation projects ... making sure there is a healthy, viable population of animals for gener-



Ryan Schiermeier, a taxidermist with Schiermeier's Taxidermy, works on an Alaskan Yukon Moose Tuesday morning at the shop near Filer.

Photos by MEGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

ations to come." With the increased popularity of hunting, he said, has come an increased popularity of taxidermy. More and more hunters want to preserve the memories of their trophy hunts. For some, Frost said, the best way to do that is through taxidermy.

Like Schiermeier, Frost has taxied animals from all over the world. With a clientele nationwide, he makes travel arrangements for hunters wishing to go abroad. Sometimes he goes with them to places such as Africa and Russia, where in April he bagged a 1,200-pound Russian bear. He also books travel for people who do not want to hunt animals but who want to shoot them with a camera, such as on a safari.

"It's a very complicated process," he said of his business, "it's very involved. But the easier it can make it for sportsman to go on trips, the better it is for both them and me."

Frost said he's seen taxidermy change over time and tries to adapt to new technology.

"Perhaps the biggest is with tanning," he said. "A product is only going to be as good as its tanning," which ensures that natural skin characteristics are represented. The sculpturing of forms is also important to preserve an animal's proper muscle tone and other features, Frost said.

Some limits

But taxidermy, like hunting,



Tom Schiermeier brushes the hair of an Alaskan polar bear that towers more than 10 feet in the air above the local taxidermist.

isn't for everyone. "That's OK. I respect that," said Schiermeier, noting that sometimes people do not understand all that taxidermy entails. And some, such as animal activists, just don't like hunting. Period.

"It's really, to us, an art," Schiermeier said of taxidermy. "But if people don't like it, that's fine. I respect their opin-

ions, just don't stomp on mine." Neither Schiermeier nor Frost taxidomestic animals, however. You want meritries of your cat fluffy? For that, you'll have to use a photo album.

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Gear

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off-the-bike motion.

But the shoes are heavy — about 1.25 pounds per foot — with my size 13s — and they are too stiff for running any long distance. Typical of hybrids I've tested over the years the Mission makes compromises to acquiesce with two very different activities. A bike shoe needs to be stiff in the sole; a hiking or running shoe needs flex. The Mission meets at a middle ground that accommodates both activities, though neither with great success.

Another entry, Pearl Izumi's X-Alp Enduro (\$110, www.pearlizumi.com) shoes, have a nylon plate in the sole to provide the stiffness needed for pedaling. But off the bike a cushioned EVA foam midsole similar to

that seen on the company's running shoes makes the X-Alp feel almost like it's not a bike shoe in disguise.

Further, the company designed a beveled heel on the X-Alp, an "flex grip" on the sole just behind the toes. These features accommodate a running stride and a toe-off spring while hiking. In my test, the X-Alp — which comes in men's and women's models — gripped rocks and dirt while hiking on a trail. At just more than a pound per foot, they were a couple ounces lighter than the Northwest Missions. For running, the X-Alp passed the basic exam but I would not mark them as capable of the performance needed for adventure racing or off-road triathlon.

A final hybrid I tested, the Keen Commuter (\$115, www.keenfootwear.com), appears to be a normal sandal from above. But a hol-

lowed area under the fore-foot accommodates a pedal cleat to let you clip in. Like the Missions and the X-Alp, the Keen shoes are heavy (1 pound 2 ounces per foot) and stiff in the sole. For casual use the Keens are fine, but in the woods — or

even for a long walk around home — I'd wear something more flexible to the activity and more suitable for the terrain.

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

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ANSWER: The Bankruptcy Code provides that when an individual who is insolvent transfers an interest in property but does not receive reasonably equivalent value, the transfer is a fraudulent transfer and is avoidable by the bankruptcy trustee if the transfer occurred within the two-year period immediately preceding the filing of a bankruptcy. Your interest in your father's house had value, although the amount is unclear. Because you received nothing in return for the Quit Claim Deed, and because you were insolvent at the time, the transfer of your interest was probably a fraudulent transfer. Because the transfer is likely avoidable and the value of your interest will be collected by the bankruptcy trustee, an experienced bankruptcy would have identified this issue and given you the appropriate advice BEFORE your case was filed.

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Jumpstart on reading

Program prepares youngsters to learn to read

By Ben Boklin
Times-News writer

Before youngsters learn to read in school, parents can prepare their children in advance.

Parents can learn how to get their children ready for reading at a free six-week workshop that the Jerome Public Library will offer starting in October. Library director Laura Burnett said the goal is not for parents to learn how to teach reading to their children.

Instead, the goal is for them to learn what they can do to get their children ready for kindergarten.

Examples include rhymes that parents can go over with their children and having youngsters summarize a story when the reading is done, she said. Parents also can point to and stress letters when reading books to their children.

"This isn't to teach kids how to read," she said. "It's about these little things you do at home that can prepare them so much better."

That way, children gain more from their story time than simply a story, Burnett said.

At the workshop, children can attend with their parents. "The teacher is teaching the parent but at the same time she's reading stories," Burnett said.

A \$5,000 grant from the Idaho Commission for Libraries is covering the cost of the sessions. The library had its first Every Child Ready to Read program in the summer and attracted about 15 families.

While the program will help children prepare for kindergarten, the program offers helpful tips for parents of children younger than four, Burnett said.

"We want to have them prepared for their first day of kindergarten," she said. "It's almost like teaching a parent



Two-year-old Spenser Pease is interested in what is going on over the counter at the book check-out area Tuesday afternoon in the Jerome Public Library. According to Joselyn Pease, Spenser's mother, the boy and his sister Kaley, 5, attended the 'Every Child Ready to Read' program that the library offered over the summer.

Jerome Public Library announces events

The Jerome Public Library announced a list of upcoming events:

Friday: Family Storytime begins at Jerome Public Library, 11 a.m.

Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27: Every Child Ready to Read workshop in English at Jerome Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 8, 15, 22 and 29: Every Child Ready to Read workshop in Spanish at Jerome Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 9 and 16: Every Child Ready to Read workshop in English at Jerome Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 9 and 12: Every Child Ready to Read workshop in Spanish at Jerome Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 11: Veteran's Day ceremony and 1940s oral history presentation at Jerome Public Library, time to be determined.

Information: 324-5427.

a class on how to prepare yourself for kindergarten."

Susan Reid, a reading teacher at Horizon Elementary School in Jerome, will be teaching the program.

"What we're doing is trying to help parents lay the foundation so that when children do come to school, they are more ready to learn," Reid said. "We're just modeling ways they can help at home."

It extends beyond reading to children.

"One of the easiest things is to have conversations with children," she said, adding that this will expand youngsters' vocabulary.

She also encourages parents to read a variety of books like nursery rhymes,

fairy tales and non-fiction books.

"They are their child's first and most important teachers," Reid said.

The workshops will be offered in English and Spanish. Each workshop is six sessions long.

The English workshop will start at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, and takes place every Monday evening through Nov. 10.

The Spanish workshop starts at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 and takes place every Wednesday evening through Nov. 12.

Registration is open to anyone in the Magic Valley area and will close Sept. 29. For more information: 208-324-5427.



Joselyn Pease gets her baby Ariah ready to leave after the family picked out books Tuesday afternoon at the Jerome County Library. Pease's 5-year-old Kaley, at right, was a part of the library's 'Every Child Ready to Read' program over the summer.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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. Friday at 1865 South Lincoln St., Jerome.

The event will feature entertainment by the Gem State Fiddlers and free hot dogs and drinks. Selwain's 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 remote by Mix 103. Information: 208-324-2711.

Jerome pinocle winners announced

The Jerome Senior Center announced their weekly pinocle winners for:

Aug. 1: Roger Andrews, Harold Zimmerman, Betty Mahan and Letha Keys and Donna Lickley.

Aug. 8: Lorraine Randall, Nicochewy, and Betty Ohlschlen.

Latino Service Providers meeting coming up Sept. 18

The next Latino Service Providers meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 18 at Catholic Charities of Idaho, 125 First Ave. E. in Jerome.

The Raíces Project will be showing a few of the digital stories made by Latino youth last March. Jovenes Latinos Cuarenta (JLC) is the Raíces youth group. A total of 19 youth received training provided by Third World Majority under a contract with Main Street Project, The University of Iowa Institute for the Support of Latino Families and Communities and the Northwest Area Institute.

These digital stories tell the experiences of our youth in rural Idaho.

Lunch will be provided, please RSVP. Information: Millie Galtan-Gonzalez at 324-4286.

Flag pole dedication to be held today

Logan Cartwright, a 16-year-old Eagle Scout from Idaho Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 88 has worked hard to make possible the addition of a second flag pole at the Idaho State Police Region 4 offices in Jerome.

The public is invited to a special dedication ceremony which will be held at 4 p.m. today at the ISP Region 4 office located at 218 W. Yakima in Jerome. In addition to the flag ceremony, a speech will be given by an area Iraq war veteran.

The additional pole will allow the flying of the United States and State of Idaho flags as well as Idaho State Police and POW flags.

Logan is the son of Doug and Leah Cartwright of Kimberly and, working with the members of his troop, made the installation of the additional pole possible as part of his required Eagle Scout project.

— Staff reports

OVER THE EDGE

A member of the Red Bull Crew drops off of the Perrine Bridge during the Perrine Bridge Festival Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls. The festival celebrated the bridge that serves as the main connection between Jerome County and Twin Falls County. To order a photo reprint go to <http://gallery.pertopia.com/magicvalley/>.

ASTIN JACKSON/Times-News



M-C holds Civil War class

The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia enrichment program has scheduled an eight-week opportunity to step back in time and learn about the Civil War. Classes will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 11 to Oct. 30.

Joe Colflesh designed this course to take students back in time to learn about the common citizen's experience during the American Civil War. Colflesh's interpretive course will look at the clothing, medicine, diet and weapons and war gaming. Participants will look at the clothing, medicine, diet and weapons and war gaming including museum quality replicas and original items from the era.

The cost is \$50. For information or to register by phone: 208-678-1400.

Avocados may be a breath of fresh air for halitosis sufferer

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 23-year-old female and should have a great social life, but I don't because of one serious problem. I have bad breath! It is so embarrassing that it has cost me every ounce of confidence I had and has ruined my relationships with everyone.

I've tried just about everything from my local drug store, but nothing seems to



ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

work. I brush, floss and use mouthwash at least twice a day. I've done some research

and know this is not the root of the problem, which began when I was in high school and was allowed to chew gum in school. Is there anything in gum that could have started this? Mints and gum seem to be only a temporary fix, and most of the time they make my problem worse.

I know I am going to have to see a doctor, but whom do

I make an appointment with? This is so embarrassing that I don't want to go to more doctors than I need to. I really need some answers.

DEAR READER: I am unaware of any component of chewing gum that would cause bad breath. And, yes, you will probably need to see a doctor. First things first. Halitosis (bad breath) is

often caused by poor oral hygiene, dental or mouth infections, tobacco use, the eating of certain foods such as garlic, alcohol consumption, or by some diseases, such as diabetes and liver disease. Because you are so conscientious about your condition, I can almost positively rule out poor dental hygiene and infection. Further, because you have

been fighting this since childhood, it may take a little time to get to the bottom of the problem.

I get the impression you don't see doctors often or have a primary care physician. Because of the referral system in place with so many insurance companies, you might need to select

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

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

CITY OF TWIN FALLS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Hark A. Maltzoff, 27, Twin Falls; driving under the influence: \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended; credit for one day served; one day house arrest; six months probation; one court pett bond \$25.

Michael J. Kinnear, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence: \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended; credit for one day served; one day house arrest; six months probation; one court pett bond \$25.

Shannon L. Meyer, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence: \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended; credit for one day served; one day house arrest; six months probation; one court pett bond \$25.

Justin C. Lindquist, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence: second offense; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail, 170 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol.

Christopher A. Blomgren, 25, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, excessive: \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail, 170 suspended; credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol.

Eugene L. Graybill, 40, Hansen; one court driving under the influence, second offense; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 365 days jail, 355 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 24 months probation; no alcohol; one court placing debts on public/private property; 10 days jail; one day court confinement; concurrent: Brian J. Rice, 46, Twin Falls; driving under the influence: \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended; credit for two days served; eight hours house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

12 months probation; no alcohol. Stephanie L. Speaks, 40, Twin Falls; one court pett bond; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 80 suspended; credit for one day served; nine days house arrest; six months probation; one court pett bond \$25.

Dustin R. Jones, 21, Filer; reckless driving: \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 80 suspended; credit for one day served; one day house arrest; six months probation; one court pett bond \$25.

Adam R. Pullin, 21, Twin Falls; violation of no contact order: \$500 fine, \$75.50 costs; 15 days jail.

Sanna K. Sanders, 19, Olympia, Wash.; frequenting a place where a controlled substance is used: \$300 fine, \$250 suspended; \$85.50 costs; five days jail, four suspended; credit for time served; six months probation; no alcohol.

Richard A. McWaters, 23, Twin Falls; one court possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 87 suspended; three days work detail; one court possession of drug paraphernalia dismissed.

Joshua A. Warner, 23, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; \$300 fine, \$500 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 87 suspended; three days work detail; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Reynaldo Ruiz Jr., 19, Twin Falls; one court minor possession; \$100 fine, \$150 suspended; 30 days work detail; one court restraining order; \$500 fine; 15 days jail; credit for one day served.

Patty O. Stojanek, 36, Twin Falls; open container; \$25 fine; \$75.50 costs.

Neyrali V. Vaughn, 27, Twin Falls; domestic battery; \$100 fine; one court without judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 87 suspended; credit for one day served; two days house arrest; six months probation; no contact with victim.

Jordan K. Wagner, 19, Twin Falls; pett bond; \$400 fine, \$500 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 180 days jail, 175 suspended; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Greg Giren, 21, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance: \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 170 suspended; 10 days house arrest; two days work detail; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS

Lisa M. Taylor, 24, Burli; possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor.

Breel S. Aragon, 23, Twin Falls; injury to domestic battery; dismissed by prosecutor.

Felony dismissed.

Dave A. Lowe, 44, Twin Falls; one court domestic battery and one court attempted strangulation; dismissed by prosecutor.

Tracy K. Murphy, 44, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor.

Joeden D. Muz, 21, Twin Falls; grand theft by possession of stolen property; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiations.

Terry D. Knudson, 27, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor.

12 months probation; one court open container; \$100 fine.

Robert V. Burkhardt, 41, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$1,000 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 150 suspended; credit for seven days served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Patricia N. Holloway, 22, Twin Falls; child theft; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended; two days work detail; 12 months probation.

David C. Gandolfo, 37, Burli; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive driving; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs.

Wade L. Jones, 35, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, excessive: \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 135 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 365 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Jose L. Luazo, 23, Ketchum; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 90 days jail, 87 suspended; credit for two days served; one day work detail; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Tina M. Hoffmann, 38, Burli; driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; \$24.50 fine; \$75.50 costs; one day jail; credit for time served.

Thomas E. Stronak, 29, Twin Falls; pett theft; amended to willful concealment; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 87 suspended; credit for one day served; two days work detail; 12 months probation.

Richard C. Burkhardt, 31, Twin Falls; unlawful conveyance, articles left out of car; costs waived; 90 days jail, \$300 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation.

Brittney E. Posthuma, 18, Twin Falls; one court possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended; two days work detail; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one court possession of drug paraphernalia dismissed.

Cary A. Matlock, 30, Burli; willful concealment; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended; two days work detail; 12 months probation.

Larry D. Heltzsch, 48, Twin Falls; purchase/possession wrong class; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 88 suspended; two days work detail; 12 months probation.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Thomas D. Evans, 42, Twin Falls; driving under the influence: \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail, 150 suspended; 240 hours work detail; driving privileges suspended 730 days; 18 months probation.

Timothy J. Hamilton, 46, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs.

Terry L. Connor, 50, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days jail, 80 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 180 days; 12 months probation.

Tillary A. Dyer, 20, Twin Falls; one court driving without privileges, two or more offenses; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days jail, 80 suspended; credit for one day served; new days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

Sheena B. Schoonover, 27, Hansen; driving under the influence: \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days jail, 85 suspended; credit for time served; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

William Juarez Tapia, 20, Filer; driving under the influence: \$700 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 80 suspended; credit for two days served; eight days house arrest; driving privileges suspended 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

Jersey M. Wade, 29, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$205 fine; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee.

Carlos E. Lopez Lopez, 39, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$25 fine; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee.

Dana Mornquist, 21, Twin Falls; one court driving without privileges; \$600 fine, \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days jail, 88 suspended; credit for one day served; one day work detail.

Simpson wins volunteer award

The Idaho Credit Union League has named the winner of this year's Outstanding Volunteer of Year Award, Jim Simpson of Magic Valley Federal Credit Union in Twin Falls was presented the prestigious award at the League's 72nd Annual Meeting in Boise on May 16.

Simpson's credit union praised his outstanding contributions during his tenure on its board of directors, which spanned four decades. Though his current position on the credit union board is as chairman, he has held a number of leadership roles throughout his years of service.

He has been a Boy Scout leader, an officer with the Idaho Professional Engineers Association, and served 39 years with the Idaho Army National Guard, achieving the highest rank possible — Command Sergeant Major. Currently he is site coordinator for the AARP Tax Preparation Program and leads a non-denominational Bible study group in his community.



Courtesy photo

Simpson will add this award to a long list of accomplishments including recipient of the Larry Barnes Memorial Award, the highest civilian recognition given by the federal government, Internationally Engineer of the Year, a number of performance awards for special acts of service, sustained superior performance, and extra effort.

In addition to receiving a plaque and a dia-

mond lapel pin from the Idaho Credit Union League, a donation of \$250 will be made to the National Credit Union Foundation in his name.



PROGRAM HELP

At the weekly noon meeting of the Twin Falls Optimist Club on Sept. 4, Jill Trowell of the Air Magic Valley Community presented a check to long-time club member Dennis Boyer for selling the Blue Angel program at the Air Show held at Jostin Field. Magic Valley Regional Airport. The Optimists were asked to volunteer at the air show and gladly sold the 2,000 programs over the two-day show. The club earned a percentage of the proceeds for use in helping children of the Magic Valley.

Courtesy photo

Dr. Gott

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one. Ask a friend or neighbor for a recommendation. You needn't indicate why you are asking. Make an appointment and explain your predicament. If the or she can offer appropriate solution to your health, all is well. If not, request a referral to a dentist or ear-nose-and-throat specialist.

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Afghan fight is getting harder, defense chiefs tell Congress

By Robert Burns
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Even with American troops headed soon from an increasingly quiet Iraq to a more turbulent Afghanistan, defeating extremists in Afghanistan is growing more complex and more urgent, President Bush's senior defense advisers say.

"Frankly, we are running out of time," Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the joint Chiefs of Staff, told the House Armed Services Committee on Wednesday,

referring to the international effort to stabilize Afghanistan.

"I'm not convinced we're winning in Afghanistan," said Mullen, adding quickly, "I'm convinced we can." What is needed, he said, is better Afghan governance, more foreign investment, a viable alternative to poppy farming, greater cooperation with Pakistan and more U.S. nonmilitary assistance.

Mullen and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, testifying together one day after President Bush announced that one Marine battalion

and one Army brigade would be shifted from Iraq to Afghanistan this fall and which stressed the futility of relying too much on military power in Afghanistan.

"We cannot kill our way to victory," Mullen said.

Gates did not address the issue of whether U.S. forces are winning, but after the hearing his press secretary, Geoff Morrell said Gates



Mullen

sees the conflict as an ill-fated attempt by the Taliban to overthrow the government.

"The secretary believes we won the war in Afghanistan back in 2001-2002 when we drove the Taliban from power," Morrell said. "They no longer run the country. They no longer control any significant territory within the country; however they are trying to reassert themselves ... and they will not be successful."

U.S. commanders in Afghanistan say they need another 10,000 troops —

about three times as many as they will receive this winter under the troop deployment Bush announced. The commanders also urge more non-military aid and say the Afghan government must perform better.

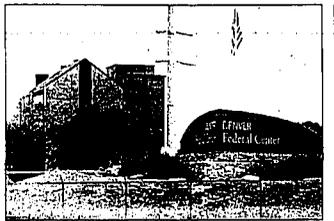
Gates said the insurgency in Afghanistan has gained "greater ambition, sophistication and coordination" since 2006, and he underlined the importance of denying them haven in neighboring Pakistan.

"As in Iraq, until the insurgency is deprived of safe havens, insecurity and vio-

lence will persist," Gates said. He was allowing, at least in part, to the effect of having eliminated Iraq's Arab province as a haven for Sunni Arab insurgents — a key to recent overall security improvements in Iraq.

Mullen, who has visited Pakistan frequently since he became Joint Chiefs chairman last fall, made a similar point.

"Until we work more closely with the Pakistani government to eliminate the safe havens from which they operate, the enemy will only keep coming," he said.



New York Times photo
The Federal Center in Denver, where the interior Department's Minerals Management Service, which collects oil and gas royalties, is based. As Congress prepares to debate expansion of drilling in taxpayer-owned coastal waters, the agency has been caught up in an ethics scandal.

Gov't officials probed about illicit sex, gifts

By Dine Cappiello
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Government brokers responsible for collecting billions of dollars in federal oil royalties operated in a "culture of substance abuse and promiscuity," a report that included having sex with energy company employees, accepting lavish gifts and rigging contracts to favored firms, investigators said Wednesday.

The alleged transgressions involve 13 former and current Interior Department employees in Denver and Washington. Their alleged improprieties include influencing contracts, working part-time as government consultants and having sexual relationships with — and accepting golf and ski trips, snowboarding lessons and concert tickets from — oil company employees, according to three reports released Wednesday by the Interior Department's inspector general.

The investigations expose a small group of individuals "wholly lacking in acceptance of or adherence to government ethical standards," wrote Inspector General Earl E. Devaney, whose office spent more than two years and \$5.3 million on the investigation.

"Sexual relationships with prohibited sources cannot, by definition, be arms-length," Devaney said.

The reports describe a fraternity house atmosphere inside the Denver Minerals Management Service office responsible for collecting oil royalties. The office and gas that energy companies barter to the government in lieu of cash royalty payments for drilling on federal lands. The government received \$4.3 billion in such royalty-in-kind payments last year.

"During the course of our investigation, we learned that some MMS employees frequently consumed alcohol at industry functions, had used cocaine and marijuana, and had sexual relationships with oil and gas company representatives," the report said. The employees frequently consumed alcohol at industry functions because they were too

intoxicated to drive home and were commonly referred to by energy traders as the "MMS Chicks."

Between 2002 and 2006, 19 oil marketers — nearly a third of the 55-person staff in the Denver office — received gifts and gratuities from oil and gas companies, including Chevron Corp., Shell, Hess Corp. and Denver-based Gary-Williams Energy Corp., the investigators found. The investigation focuses on nine employees — all but one of whom received ethics training — who attended meals, parties, paintball games and concerns whose value exceeded the \$20-per-employee or \$50-per-employee thresholds on outside gifts. In the case of two marketers, gifts were accepted on at least 135 occasions. The report identifies eight of the employees by name and a ninth only by job description.

One worker admitted having a one-night-stand with a Shell employee. That same individual allegedly passed out business cards for her sex toy business, the report said, and bragged that her income from that business exceeded her salary at the Interior Department.

The employee was authorized to conduct such outside employment, and denied to investigators that she advertised for it during work hours, the report said. She admitted selling products to several of her subordinates.

Devaney said the investigation took so long because Chevron refused to cooperate. An Interior Department official said Chevron would not allow investigators to interview its employees.

Dine Cappiello, a Chevron spokesman, said Wednesday that the company "produced all of the documents that the government requested months ago." A Shell spokeswoman said it would be reluctant to write a company to comment on the report until it had time to review it.

Maripat Sexton, a spokeswoman for Hess Corp., said the company's investigators "indicated no wrongdoing on our employee's part." "We do not believe we are the focus of the investigation," she said.

By Alexander G. Higgins
Associated Press writer

GENEVA — A small blip on a computer screen sent champagne corks popping among physicists in Switzerland. Near Chicago, researchers at a "pajama party" who watched via satellite let out an early midnight cheer.

The blip was literally of cosmic proportions, representing a new tool to probe the birth of the universe.

The world's largest atom smasher passed its first test Wednesday as scientists said their powerful tool is almost ready to reveal how the tiniest particles were first created after the "big bang," which many theorize was the massive explosion that formed the stars, planets and everything else.

Rivals and friends turned out in the few hours at Fermilab in Batavia, Ill., in pajamas to watch the event by a special satellite connection. Joining in from around the world were other physicists — many of whom may one day work on the new Large Hadron Collider.

Tension mounted in the five control rooms at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, as scientists huddled around computer screens. After a few trial runs, they fired a beam of protons clockwise around the 17-mile tunnel of the collider deep under the rolling fields along the Swiss-French border. Then they succeeded in sending another beam in the opposite, counterclockwise direction.

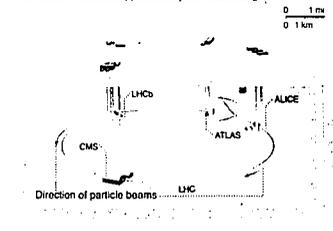
The physicists celebrated with champagne when the white jets flashed on the five screens of the control room, showing a successful crossing of the finish line on the \$10 billion machine under planning since 1984.

"The first technical challenge has been met," said a jubilant Robert Aymar, director-general of CERN. "What you have just seen is the result of 20 years of effort. It all went like clockwork. Now it's for the physicists to show us what they can do. We're going to go for discoveries," Aymar said. "Man has always shown he

Forces colliding

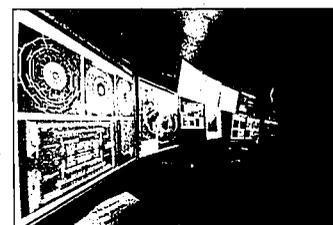
Scientists at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, are readying for the launch of a project two decades in the making. The multibillion-dollar massive particle accelerator called the Large Hadron Collider, or LHC, will be tested Wednesday. The first particle collisions will be conducted in about a month.

The Large Hadron Collider
The collider consists of a ring of supercooled magnets 17 miles in circumference and attached to huge barrel-shaped detectors. It is buried approximately 330 feet underground.



CERN scientists plan to hunt for signs of the invisible "dark matter" and "dark energy" that make up more than 96 percent of the universe, and hope to glimpse the elusive Higgs boson, a so-far undiscovered particle thought to give matter mass.

SOURCES: CERN; ESRN



Scientists at the European Center for Nuclear Research work computer screens while starting up the Large Hadron Collider, Wednesday near Geneva, Switzerland. The international group of scientists plans to smash particles together to recreate, on a small-scale, the Big Bang.

wants to know where he comes from and where he will go, where the universe comes from and where it will go. So here we're looking at essential questions for mankind."

The beams will gradually be filled with more protons and fired at near the speed of light in opposite directions around the tunnel, making

11,000 circuits a second. They will travel down the middle of two tubes about the width of fire hoses, speeding through a vacuum that is colder than outer space. At four points in the tunnel, the scientist will use giant magnets to cross the beams and cause protons to collide. The collider's two largest detectors — essen-

tially huge digital cameras weighing thousands of tons — are capable of taking millions of snapshots a second. It is likely to be several weeks before the first significant collisions.

"The CERN experiments could reveal more about "dark matter," antimatter and possibly hidden dimensions of space and time. It could also find evidence of a hypothetical particle — the Higgs boson — which is sometimes called the "God particle" because it is believed to give mass to all other particles, and thus to matter that makes up the universe.

Smaller colliders have been used for decades to study the makeup of the atom. Scientists once thought protons and neutrons were the smallest components of an atom's nucleus, but experiments have shown that protons and neutrons are made of quarks and gluons and that there are other forces at work. The LHC provides much greater power than earlier colliders.

North Korea has second long-range missile site

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — North Korea has quietly built a long-range missile base that is larger and more capable than an older and well-known launch pad for intercontinental ballistic missiles, according to independent analysts relying on new satellite images of the site and other data. Analysts said the base is the previously secret site to The Associated Press.

Construction on the site on North Korea's west coast began at least eight years ago,

according to Joseph S. Bermudez Jr., senior analyst with Jane's Information Group, and Tim Brown, with the satellite intelligence company. Bermudez first located the site in early spring and they have tracked its construction using commercial and unclassified satellite imagery.

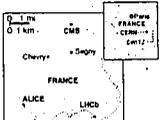
"The primary purpose of the facility is to test," Bermudez told The Associated Press in an interview last week. A base capable of a long-range test could

obviously be used in wartime to launch a missile that carried a warhead.

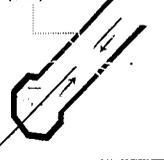
Bermudez is also unveiling the images on the defense web site Janes.com and in the Sept. 17 edition of Jane's Defence Weekly.

He said the launch pad has been operational since 2005 but has not yet been used. He believes North Korea wants to use it to develop longer-range and more accurate ICBMs. It could also launch satellites into space.

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The collision of two beams of protons takes place in four chambers, or collision detectors, installed in huge underground caverns along the ring. A Large Ion Collider Experiment (ALICE), ATLAS, the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) and the Large Hadron Collider itself (LHCb).



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James Arthur Blunt Jr.

JEROME — James Arthur Blunt Jr., 53, of Jerome and formerly of Winnemucca, Nev., passed away Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008, at his home. He was born Dec. 28, 1954, in Jerome, the son of James A. Blunt Sr., and Marilyn Phillips Blunt. Jim was raised in Jerome and Gooding. He married Laurie Stockton on March 16, 1979, in Elko, Nev. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Boise Idaho LDS Temple. They raised five children. Jim spent most of his working life farming and mining. He loved to fish and hunt and go four-wheeling and camping. Mostly, he loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his wife, Laurie Blunt of Hagerman; children, Brandy Blunt of Jerome, Blunt, Desirae Blunt and Kizzie Blunt, all of Winnemucca, Nev., and Halle Blunt of Hagerman. He is also survived by two sisters, Linda (Doug) Bickel of Jerome and Karla (Tom) Jones and one brother, Larry Blunt of Gooding; three grandchildren; and many



James Arthur Blunt Jr. was raised in Jerome and Gooding. He married Laurie Stockton on March 16, 1979, in Elko, Nev. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Boise Idaho LDS Temple.

extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and one brother. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Jerome LDS Stake Center Chapel, 26 N. Tiger Dr. in Jerome, with Bishop David De Laune officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1338 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83308.

Joe R. Goodrich

JEROME — Joe R. Goodrich of Jerome died suddenly of natural causes in his home Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008. He is much loved and will be well remembered by family and friends.



Joe was born in Wendell and grew up in Idaho Falls. He was the second son of Lloyd and Frances Goodrich. Following his graduation from Idaho Falls High School, Joe married Brenda Carlson. They had two children, Troy and Julie, and moved to Twin Falls to open his business, Joe's State Fish Injection, which eventually operated in Twin Falls and Boise. Brenda died in 1987. Joe married Karen Goodrich (and her daughter, Ami Abou-baker) on Aug. 13, 1988. At the time of his death, Joe continued to operate his business in Boise and had recently celebrated his 20th wedding anniversary with Karen.

Joe spent a great deal of time in his tent and gate 20s in Arco, working on a ranch where he first began tent roping. Joe had a great love for horses and riding. Joe enjoyed tent roping for many years and spent many hours with friends roping in his home area and traveling throughout the country. One of the highlights of his roping career was winning the "Century" Team Roping at the Caldwell Night Rodeo with his close friend, Dan Gorrel, in 1991 where he

team was surprised to win a pair of golden spittoons, instead of the traditional silver belt buckles.

Joe was a member of the Jerome Country Club, where he made many of his closest friends and recently celebrated his first hole-in-one on No. 12. He enjoyed an annual hunting trip with many of his "golf buddies." Joe served on the board of the JCC, headed the Greens Committee and was recently very active in the Jerome Country Club Beautification Project. Joe also worked with the maintenance crew and was responsible for building and designing an extensive flower garden at the entrance to the golf course.

Joe is survived by his wife, Karen; stepdaughter, Ami; son, Troy; daughter, Julie; and grandchildren, Brian Morris, Britney Luntie and Nicholas Goodrich. Other survivors include: brother, David Goodrich; brother, David L. Goodrich; and sister, Denise Goodrich-Lilly. He was preceded in death by his mother, Frances Goodrich; brother, Thomas L. Goodrich; his wife, Brenda Carlson-Goodrich.

Friends and family are invited to the Jerome-Country Club between 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, for an informal tribute to Joe's life.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations in Joe's name to the Jerome-Country Club Beautification Fund, in care of Axtaris Accounting, P.O. Box 136, Jerome, ID 83308. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83308.

Vernon Howard Slater

Vernon Howard Slater passed away Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008, at the age of 79, after a year and a half battle with cancer.



Vernon was born in Twin Falls to Harry Slater and Reva (Reid) Slater. His family lived in Filer, and he attended Filer schools through eighth grade. Vernon worked on several farms in the Buhl and Filer area, then joined the Army and was deployed to Korea. He was awarded three Bronze Stars for his service. Upon his discharge from the Army, he returned to the Magic Valley and worked on various farms, ending up working for Grundstadt Farms and attending the next 35 years there. Vernon married Clarice Miller of Buhl on Nov. 10, 1972, in Elko, Nev. They were happily married for 36 years. We could always count on Grandpa to share stories about his military days and his days on the farms he worked on. Grandpa was happiest when he was out-

doors. He loved working and enjoyed taking care of his yard, flowers and garden. He had a special place in his

heart for anti-racism, male and he enjoyed reading, especially the Reader's Digest.

Vernon is preceded in death by his father, Harry Slater; mother, Reva (Reid) Slater; his brothers, Eugene "Gene" Slater, William "Billie" (Duke) Slater and Don Slater. He is survived by his wife, Clarice (Miller) Slater; stepdaughter, Linda McGehee (Lilly); stepson, Wesley Miller (Candi); daughter, Bonnie Bauer; sister, Mary (Slater) Fox; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Twin Falls Cemetery, with a viewing from noon to 2 p.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com.

Hundreds volunteer to return tortoise to Mojave

By Tom Hassinger
Coeur d'Alene Press

COEUR D'ALENE — Dave and Ginger Ludwick were more than willing to give a desert tortoise a ride home with them.

The Ludwicks, vacationing from Palm Desert, Calif., at The Coeur d'Alene Resort, were headed back to the Golden State on Wednesday and offered to have the 10-inch reptile jump back in their car seat.

After all, Sadie needs to get back to the Mojave Desert, which is where the couple live.

"It seems so natural, I don't think there's a more direct ride home," Ginger said.

The only thing keeping Sadie from the Ludwicks' back seat is a prior commitment.

More like 500 of them.

Since Sadie was discovered by a plumber resident on the side of U.S. 95 and turned over to the Kivanti Wambli wildlife rehabilitation center in Cusick, Wash., center operator Dotty Cooper has been flooded with offers from the most unlikely sources vouching to get the cold-blooded reptile back to its natural habitat.

"I've been on the telephone for days straight," Cooper said, "I'm going a little nuts."

Through the constantly ringing telephone, Cooper and her volunteers managed to put together a 300-500 person waiting list offering help.

So Sadie will get home, just not with the Ludwicks.

Cooper took in Sadie back in July after it was believed to be abandoned by the side of the highway. Hanging out at the rehab center during the hot summer months agreed with the tortoise, but with the Pacific Northwest fall on the horizon, it needs a ride home, pronto.

So Cooper broke the story to the local newspaper, the Newport Mirror, not far from Spokane.

"All I was trying to do was catch a local snowbird," she said.

She got a lot more than that.

Talk shows started calling. CNN and newspapers called. Then more newspapers, even one from Paris that wanted to document Sadie's ride home in a photo journal. FedEx and Alaska Airlines offered to change their rules to accommodate a ride. Good Samaritans, who didn't have a car, wanted to donate gas money.

"It's unreal," Cooper said. "She was rehabilitating reptiles and animals for four years, and hasn't seen anything this extreme."

"I think everyone is tired of the presidential elections and a nice, fuzzy humanitarian story fits well with their night," she said.

When Cooper has called "Plan One A," involves Blythe, Calif., resident Wayne Cusick, who vacations in northwest Washington but lives in the Mojave Desert year-round.

SERVICES

Virginia Ann Schultz (O'Hara) Nessen of Rupert, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Power House Christian Fellowship, 2905 Sunbeam Road in American Falls; visitation at 9 a.m. today at the church (Davis-Rose Mortuary in American Falls).

Eldon Mathew Barnes of San Diego, Calif., memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Almo LDS Church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Cherril Rae Garner of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Buhl LDS 3rd and 4th Ward Church, 300 S. 500 W. of Heyburn; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

James Endres of Rupert, Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; visitation one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

Ruth Augustus Harr of Twin Falls, memorial at 2 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Edna Irene Gill of Fairfield, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Fairfield Community Church (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Lella Luella Livingston of Jerome, graveside committal service at 11 a.m. today at the Shoshone Cemetery in Shoshone; those attending are invited to join the family for a meal at the Shoshone City Park shelter after the service (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Garland Edward "Ed" Markham of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward

Church, 2200 Oakley Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Alexander James Molnar Raub of Burley, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Betty Lou Crawford of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Belva C. Knight of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the LDS Church at 229 Park Ave. in Twin Falls; gathering for friends and family at Belva's home after the service (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Allan Audwin of Richfield, memorial service at 4 p.m. Friday at the LDS Church in Richfield; celebration of life party begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Lauder farm with a potluck dinner barn party in Allan's barn (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Elwin Leslie Tinker of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome LDS 7th Ward Church, 50 E. 100 S.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Josephine H. Turner Colby of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Burley (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Robert Campbell

BURLEY — Robert Jesse Campbell, age 87, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Burley, died Monday, Sept. 8, 2008, in Gilbert, Ariz.



He was born Sept. 10, 1920, in Burley, the son of Joseph Newton and the late Edna H. Hinchmar Campbell. He received

and completed his education in Burley. He married Donna J. Campbell on April 19, 1947, in Burley. Together they had three daughters, Karen, Terri-Ann and Carla. In his early years, his working career was in the concrete field after his employment at Sprague's Sportshop. He later worked at and retired from the Burley Processing Plant.

Following the death of his wife Donna in 1985, Robert married Betty Ann Jones on April 30, 1986, in Mesa, Ariz. He was a member of the Burley Elks and enjoyed playing pool, winning a gold

medal at the Senior Olympics for the state of Arizona.

Survivors include his wife Betty of Mesa, Ariz.; his three daughters, Karen (Irv) Gehres of Peoria, Ariz., Terri-Ann Campbell of Burley and Carla (Richard) Gilbert of Jerome; three stepdaughters, Jennifer Evans of Scottsdale, Ariz., Marsha Holsen of Phoenix, Ariz., and Kim Steinginger of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; a brother-in-law, Lawrence Croft of Twin Falls; 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. In addition to his first wife, Donna, he was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, one brother, a half-sister and one great-grandchild.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Gem Memorial Gardens, 2435 Overland Ave., in Burley, with military rites provided by the Minuteman Veterans and Auxiliaries.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Jacqui Landrum, 64, dancer and choreographer, dies

By Mary Rourke
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Jacqui Landrum, a dancer who with her husband, Bill, choreographed a number of films, including "Great Balls of Fire" and "The Doors," has died. She was 64.

Landrum died of cancer Aug. 29 at her home in Los Angeles, her husband said.

As a team, the Landrums mixed classical, ballet, modern jazz, ethnic and club dancing to choreograph movies, television and stage productions.

"In research 'Great Balls of Fire,' a 1989 film with actor Dennis Quaid as rock 'n' roll

pioneer Jerry Lee Lewis, they cruised juke joints and cowboy clubs in Memphis, Tenn., looking for authentic steps to teach him."

"Every actor has a nightmare dance story," Landrum said in a 1989 interview with the Los Angeles Times. "If moving is not what they do well, they can feel inhibited, so we try to work out clean, simple moves for them."

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The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Rupert First Assembly of God Church at 4th and Snake Rivers, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and noon to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Thomas Watson

BURLEY — Thomas Watson, 77, of Burley, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

DEATH NOTICES

William P. Motta

BUHL — William "Bill" P. Motta, 80, of Buhl, died Monday, Sept. 8, 2008, at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Buhl.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Lois Poppelwell

HEYBURN — Beulah Lois Poppelwell, 82, of Heyburn, died Monday, Sept. 8, 2008, at her daughter's home in Jerome.

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Can the Vandals keep a winning streak going?

Times-News

The Idaho Vandals finally have something to smile about this week. The goal is to keep it that way.

After rebounding from a 70-0 season-opening loss at Arizona with a 42-27 home win over in-state rival Idaho State last Saturday, the Vandals are seeking something they haven't had in a long time.

A winning streak.

To make that happen, Idaho will need to beat a Western Michigan that is also 1-1, including a loss at Nebraska and a win over Northern Illinois. Idaho head coach Robb Akey praised Western Michigan's secondary on Wednesday.

"I think it's going to be a

physical game," he said.

While Idaho is still a work in progress, the Vandals are just happy they get to learn from a win this time around.

"Improving off last week's performance — that's what this week's goal has to be," said Akey. "Clean up things we didn't like. ... There are plenty of things to get cleaned up, but it was good to see everyone having fun again."

Akey said the difference in watching the ISU film this week compared to the Arizona debacle the previous week was night and day. Still, the ultimate purpose of those film sessions is the same.

"Obviously there were some bigger screws on the faces but it had to be



Western Michigan at Idaho
Where: 3 p.m. (MDT), Saturday
TV: none, Radio: 1310 AM
Line: Western Michigan by 8.

the same — come in and enjoy it. But it needs to be history. We're working on Western Michigan. We can't be looking back. It was good to have a victory under our belts and to see things get executed better out on the field, but there are also plenty of things we can continue to better.

"That's what our emphasis is going to be this week. Take the things we're going to do as we attack Western Michigan and make sure we're cleaning up as we go about doing those things. In that respect we need to do things the same."

The Vandals hope to again get solid contributions in all three phases of the game. Deonte' Jackson amassed 100 yards on 12 carries against the Bengals, while Princeton McCary added 68 yards. Defensively, 23 players had at least one tackle led Shiloh Keo's nine take-downs. Vindell Linkins and Andrew Blewins each added eight tackles.

Safety Isaac Butts recorded two interceptions against ISU in earning WAC defensive player of the week

honors. Eric Hunter, the conference's special teams player of the week, blocked an early punt, which he recovered in the end zone to give Idaho a 14-0 lead over the Bengals.

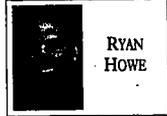
"Each of the three phases of the game played better," said Akey. "Each of the three still have work to accomplish."

Akey said his biggest areas of concern are the Vandals' pass rush and pass protection. He also said the team needs to clean up its penalty problems. Do that, and Akey could record his first win over a Football Bowl Subdivision team.

Saturday's kickoff is slated for 3 p.m. (MDT). The game will not be televised, but can be heard live on 1310 AM KLIX.

One step at a time for Minico football

Standing in the shadows of Idaho's highest peak, Minico football coach Tim Perrigo stared in awe at the huge task ahead of him. The symbolism was hard to ignore.



RYAN HOWE

Before two-a-days began this season, Perrigo and assistant coach Steve Haugberg set out to climb Mount Borah, elevation 12,668 feet.

At the base, 75 anxious people gathered to make the climb. Two lightning storms, golf-ball-sized hail, dangerous snow-covered terrain and steep inclines were too much for some. By the end of the day, only 15 withstood the adversity and arrived at the summit.

Before the main summit crest, the hikers arrived at Chicken Out Ridge. This hazardous crossing involves traversing over snow on hands and knees with steep slanting slopes on either side. "This is the point where many are afraid to take a chance and turn back."

With feet blistered and exhaustion setting in, it would have been easy for Perrigo and Haugberg to make excuses and give up. Instead, they blocked out the surrounding adversities and focused on what they could control: taking one step at a time.

It's the same philosophy the Minico coaches have used in building the Minico

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Bears waltz past Wendell in HDSC clash

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

This was to be Wendell's greatest test: The undefeated Trojan boys soccer team had already knocked off the Community School this season and had blown out Gooding, another team on the rise in the High Desert Soccer Conference. This was when they were to tell Bliss to step aside as well.

Someone forgot to show the Bears the script.

Junior forward Cole Erkins broke the deadlock 33 minutes into a cagey first half and Bliss added two more in the second stanza to take a 3-0 win on the road over Wendell on Wednesday evening.

Erkins warded off two defenders and lashed in a bounding effort from the left side of the penalty area to catapult a Bears team that was struggling to break down Wendell's defense despite enjoying far greater territorial and possession advantages.

"We started out a little flat, but we picked it up for 15 minutes or so in the first half," Erkins said. "The goal was just there for the taking for me. ... It's tough as a lone forward to get through all four defenders."

So dominant were the Bears (4-2-0, 3-1-0 HDSC) in keeping the ball in Wendell's half of the field, Bliss goalkeeper Javier Beltran and the rest of the rearguard had precious little to do. What little Bliss did have to contend



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Bliss midfielder J.J. Barosso (10) drives past Wendell's Jose Ruelas (30) Wednesday in Wendell.

with was dealt with almost effortlessly, either saved by Beltran or dispatched by the boot or head of stalwart central defender Cameron Schoessler.

"We just got the ball out of our half as soon as possible," Schoessler said. "The less

Javy sees of the ball the better, and we'd just as soon not have him see it at all and keep attacking instead."

Even though Bliss dictated the tempo and controlled the midfield, there was just one goal to show for the Bears' efforts in the first half.

But holding midfielder Erik Gutierrez ripped through the Wendell defense just after the opening kick of the second stanza and tucked a shot tidily inside the post to make it 2-0.

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No jump, loss for CSI in latest poll

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

Considering everything that the College of Southern Idaho volleyball program has faced so far this season, staying put is a good thing.

At least, as far as the NCAA Division I poll is concerned.

Despite some inconsistent play at tournaments the Golden Eagles feel they should have won but didn't, and on the heels of a season-ending injury to one of its starters, CSI remained No. 3 in the latest poll released Wednesday.

The Golden Eagles were jumped by two teams, but stayed steady with their 17-3 record. Head coach Heidi Cartisser said that her team deserved to stay exactly where it was.

"I was somewhat surprised to be ranked first, but looking over the poll I'd be pretty upset if we were ranked behind the teams right below us," she said.

Iowa Western Community College took over the top spot with a 21-1 mark to start the season. Defending champion Western Nebraska, unranked to start the season, is at No. 2.

Both of Western Nebraska's losses came to Iowa Western, and one of CSI's three defeats came to Western Nebraska.

Salt Lake Community College is fourth in the poll, followed by former No. 2 Frank Phillips College of Texas, Preseason No. 1 Miami-Dade Community College fell out of the poll altogether after losing to unranked St. Petersburg (Fla.) College, which is now ranked 10th.

North Idaho College is ranked 16th, putting three scenic West Athletic Conference teams in the Top 20.

NCAA Division I volleyball poll

Released Sept. 10

Rank	Team	W-L	Pts.
1.	Iowa Western CC (I)	21-1	60
2.	Western Nebraska CC	20-2	57
3.	CSI	17-3	54
4.	Salt Lake CC	17-6	51
5.	Frank Phillips College (Tex)	16-7	48
6.	Missouri State West Plains	16-5	45
7.	Texas College (Texas)	15-4	42
8.	San Jose State	15-3	42
9.	College Central (Texas)	12-2	36
10.	St. Mary's College (Calif)	11-2	36
11.	Pepperdine CC (Calif)	11-1	36
12.	St. Lawrence College (Pa)	10-3	33
13.	Northwestern State (Tex)	10-2	33
14.	Idaho State (Idaho)	10-1	27
15.	Idaho State (Idaho)	8-4	24
16.	North Idaho College	7-5	21
17.	North Idaho College	6-6	18
18.	New Mexico Military Institute	6-3	18
19.	St. Edward County CC (Pa)	1-3	9
20.	St. Lawrence College (Pa)	1-3	9
21.	Pepperdine CC (Calif)	4-3	3

Others making roster: Western Nebraska CC (Wyo.), Sacramento State (Calif.), San Diego State (Calif.)

Matt who? Little-known Cassel replaces Brady as Pats QB

By Howard Uman
Associated Press writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The day after Matt Cassel dropped a fumble in a high school game, his teammates thought they'd tease him.

"So they posted a picture of his miscue on his locker."

"I've never seen so many guys scramble out of that locker room in a hurry when he went in there and saw the coach of that Los Angeles area team. "He was going to track the guy down and probably body slam him. He had fun with it."

Cassel can take a joke. But he hates making mistakes, whether it's on the baseball or football field.

On Sunday, the Patriots' new quarterback will shake off what remains of seven years of cutbacks and deal with any butterflies in his first start since high school — against the archrival New York Jets and Brett Favre.

His task? Just replacing three-time NFL champion, two-time Super Bowl MVP and one-time regular season MVP Tom Brady.

"I'm not trying to be Tom Brady, I'm just trying to be Matt Cassel," he said. "I don't

know where that's going to take us."

For a change, it will take him to the field.

He threw just 33 passes at Southern California, where he had the misfortune of backing up Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart. But the Patriots saw enough in him to pick Cassel in the seventh and final round of the 2005 draft.

New team, same predicament — backing up an outstanding, durable quarterback. Cassel had thrown just 39 passes in three years for

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Former ISU quarterback rejoins Patriots

The New England Patriots signed quarterback Matt Gutierrez to their practice squad on Wednesday, choosing a youngster who knows their system over a more experienced player who would have to learn it.

Gutierrez could be activated for Sunday's game at the New York Jets. After last Sunday's season-ending left knee injury to Tom Brady in the season opening 17-10 win over Kansas City, the Patriots' two quarterbacks are starter Matt Cassel and rookie third-round draft pick Kevin O'Connell.

Veterans Chris Simms and Tim Rattay met with team personnel but didn't work out or take physicals. Simms signed Tuesday with Tennessee.

Asked what the decision not to sign a veteran says about his confidence in Cassel, coach Bill Belichick said Wednesday, "I don't know what else it could say. That's it. He's our quarterback."



Gutierrez

— The Associated Press

Buhl keeps streak of 'zeroes' alive with win over Filer

By Bradley Guire
Times-News Writer

The Buhl girls soccer team likes the number zero. It shows up a lot around this team. With Wednesday's game against rival Filer resulting in a 3-0 shutout, the Indians have zero losses in the High Desert Soccer Conference, zero defeats overall and zero goals allowed all season.

"We're playing with our heart every game. We're not taking any game easy. We're

fighting for everything we get," Indians forward Autumn Yurbe said.

Scoring started in the opening half as Yurbe put one into the net on a free kick. Prior to that, Yurbe and Mercedes Pearson took shots but they either cleared the ball or were saved by Filer keeper Katie Williams. Buhl continued taking shots during the half but didn't score.

Pearson opened the second half with an early goal.



"It was just me and the goalie. I just kept the ball and hit it in," she said.

Not long after, a yellow card on Filer's Alexis Jones gave Yurbe a penalty kick.

She converted it to cap the scoring.

Both teams kept shooting, but neither came up with a goal.

Filer's Amber Humphrey shot into the upper right corner of the net, but Buhl keeper Jessica DeKruft got a hand

up to tip it away.

"We're hoping with the wind in the second half that we could come back on that," Filer coach Shane Hill said. "We had our chances. It just didn't go in for us."

Play stayed on the east side of the field as a west wind blew through out the day, which was at times both an advantage and disadvantage for both teams. The Indians had the wind at their backs during the opening half, and the Wildcats had it during the second.

Yurbe — who's up to 135 career goals — tied again, and Stevie Barger shot twice, but Williams was there each time.

DeKruft's tip was just one of three important saves during the second, while Williams, a first-year player, made half a dozen saves for Filer.

"The big thing is that she has great instinct for how to play the position, and she'll only get better," Hill said.

The story doesn't end there as these west Twin Falls

County rivals will meet again in Buhl on Oct. 6.

"I look forward to beating them next time. We have a good idea of how they play now, and we know what to do," Filer midfielder AriWright said.

But first, Buhl (5-0, 5-0) Filer (3-2, 3-2) will travel to American Falls Saturday to face the Beavers and the Marsh Valley Eagles.

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Angels win AL West

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Los Angeles Angels became the first team in the majors to clinch a playoff berth this season, winning their fourth AL West title in five years Wednesday.

Francisco Rodriguez earned his 56th save in closing out the Angels' 4-2 victory over the New York Yankees. Second-place Texas lost to Seattle 8-7 about an hour later, clinching the division for Los Angeles.

The Angels (88-57), with the best record in baseball, can now spend their final 17 games resting and setting up their rotation for the playoffs.

by three weeks.

Jason Kubel had three hits and two RBIs for Minnesota, while Alex Casilla had three singles.

INDIANS 7, ORIOLES 1
BALTIMORE — Scott Lewis allowed three hits over eight shutout innings in his major league debut for Cleveland.

Kelly Shoppach hit two solo homers and scored the tying run for the Indians, who came in with a season-high six-game homeless drought.

NATIONAL LEAGUE CUBS 4, CARDINALS 3
ST. LOUIS — Ted Lilly pitched eight sharp innings and Chicago capitalized on shaky fielding by injured Troy Glaus' replacement to beat St. Louis 4-3 on Wednesday, night for its second win in nine games.

Backup third baseman Felipe Lopez made a fielding error and throwing error on consecutive plays in the second inning, helping the Cubs score four runs.

WHITE SOX 6, BLUE JAYS 5
CHICAGO — Mark Buehrle outpitched Roy Halladay and Chicago stopped Toronto's 10-game winning streak.

A.J. Pierzynski drove in three runs for the White Sox, who stayed one game ahead of Minnesota in the AL Central.

ATHLETICS 5, TIGERS 2
DETROIT — Ryan Sweeney and Jack Cust hit back-to-back home runs in the first inning for Oakland.

Sean Gallagher came off the disabled list and pitched four hitless innings for the As, who have won four of five.

GIANTS 4, DIAMONDBACKS 3
SAN FRANCISCO — Eugenio Velez hit a two-out, two-run triple in the ninth inning and San Francisco rallied to complete a three-game sweep.

The Giants matched their season-high win streak of five straight while Arizona lost its seventh straight overall and 10th consecutive on the road to fall three games behind first-place Los Angeles in the NL West. The Dodgers played at San Diego on Wednesday night.

THIERS 7, ROYALS 1
MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Slowey allowed four hits over seven innings for Minnesota, which notched consecutive wins for the first time in near-

MARINERS 8, RANGERS 7
SEATTLE — Ichiro Suzuki and Raul Ibanez both had four hits for Seattle. Ibanez had three RBIs and Suzuki moved within 10 of an eighth straight season with at least 200 hits.

That would tie Woe Willie Keeler for the most 200-hit seasons to start a career.

BREWERS 4, REDS 3
MILWAUKEE — Mike Cameron singled in the go-



ahead run in the eighth inning, and Milwaukee rallied to avoid a three-game sweep.

The NL wild card-leading Brewers, who have won three of their last 10 games, trailed 3-1 after six innings.

ASTORS 7, PIRATES 4
HOUSTON — Miguel Tejada's grand slam broke open a close game in the sixth inning and helped Houston to its fifth straight win and 13th in 14 games.

Brian Moehler (11-6) went six innings and allowed two runs and five hits. Jose Valverde pitched the ninth for his league-leading 42nd save. He stretched his franchise record for consecutive

saves to 15.

METS 13, NATIONALS 10
NEW YORK — David Wright hit a two-run homer and tied a career high with four hits for New York, which blew a six-run lead.

Carlos Delgado, whose streak of multi-homer games ended at two, hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the seventh inning.

MARLINS 7, PHILLIES 3
PHILADELPHIA — Ricky Nolasco struck out eight in 7 2-3 innings and Luis Gonzalez homered for Florida.

Josh Willingham snapped a 3-all tie with an RBI double in the eighth and helped the

Marlins win the three-game series. Dan Uggla added a two-run double in the ninth.

BRAVES 9, ROCKIES 5
ATLANTA — Kelly Johnson homered twice and James Pomeroy pitched six more scoreless innings for Atlanta.

Chipper Jones homered for the Braves, who won for the fifth run seventh after the Rockies scored four in the top half to tie the game.

Parr extended his scoreless streak to 12 innings since coming up from the minors and left with a 4-0 lead. But all his good work was quickly undone by Atlanta's hapless bullpen.

— The Associated Press

Buhl boys get past Filer

Times-News

A young Filer squad played its best game of the season Wednesday, but couldn't quite stay with Buhl in a 5-2 loss.

Jared Watt's two goals helped the Wildcats forge a 2-2 tie early in the second half. But the Indians notched three more second-half goals to take the win.

"I'm so proud of my boys," said Filer coach Bill Sweet. "They just refused to give up."

Gooding proved too much for host Declo Wednesday, winning 6-1 in High Desert Soccer Conference action.

The Senators took an early 2-0 lead before Nathan Gamary, through ball set up Erik Henriksen for Declo's lone goal.

But Gooding responded two minutes later for a 3-1 edge and added three more for the final margin.

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chances. Butler made her opportunity count to score the Bears' second conference win of the year.

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Steps

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football program, one step at a time.

The first step was to make Minico consistently competitive. When Perritto took over the reins in 1986, the school had slogged through the previous two decades with a 30-156 record, including five winless seasons and a school-record 28-game losing streak from 1989-1991.

Rome wasn't built in a day, and it took Perritto six seasons before Minico posted a winning record.

The next climb was to make the state playoffs, which Minico did in 2002. Then, the goal was to win a playoff game, which Minico accomplished for the first time in 2005.

The next step was to get the players believing that

BLISS 1, WENDELL 0
Dermis Butler's goal early in the second half lifted Bliss to its third win of the season, a 1-0 road triumph over Wendell on Wednesday afternoon.

In a game short of quality

they had a chance to vie for a state championship every year — something the Spartans accomplished last season when they were minutes away from beating eventual state champ Blackfoot in the Class 4A quarterfinals.

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The program ascends another peak this Saturday as it participates in the first-ever Rocky Mountain Rumble at Holt Arena in Pocatello, in which four California schools will take on four Idaho schools. More than 10,000 fans are expected to attend. Minico will kick off the action at 11 a.m. against Colfax High School.

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"We are not only representing our school and our community, but we're representing the state. I think we have a chance to put Idaho on the map when it comes to high school football."

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Tour director leaves door open for Armstrong

PARIS (AP) — Tour de France organizers are hardly thrilled at the prospect of Lance Armstrong returning for a shot at an eighth victory in cycling's showcase event.

Race director Christian Prudhomme said Wednesday the door is open for Armstrong to compete in the 2009 Tour, but he was

cool on the idea and stressed the 36-year-old American must meet stringent new anti-doping standards to clear up the suspicions that dogged him throughout his career.

Armstrong, who won the Tour a record seven consecutive times from 1999-2005, announced Tuesday that he

is ending a three-year retirement and aiming for another Tour victory in 2009. It is not yet clear for which team he'll ride. Prudhomme told The Associated Press that Armstrong and his team must follow all the drug-testing rules "that are much more strict than they were before."

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thing more than the team before them did. These kids have the opportunity to compete with the team outside the state and get national recognition for our school. I never dreamed we would have an opportunity like this. I'm all geared up. I'm as excited as the kids."

Minico's rise has been aided by many factors, foremost among them the continuity of Perritto's coaching staff that has been together for 10 years. All the pieces have fallen into place and the players are now feeling off the program's success. But the Spartans are hungry for more.

Being invited to participate in the Rocky Mountain Rumble is an indicator of how far the Spartans have come. However, this is not the summit.

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Gutierrez tipped through the Wendell defense just after the opening kick of the second stanza and tucked a shot tidily inside the post to make it 2-0.

Alex Cortez put the finishing touches on the win by dancing past two defenders and the goalkeeper and gently stroking the ball into an open net in second-half stoppage time.

It was a surprising turn of events for Wendell (4-1-1, 4-1-1) which had carried the play to the other team in its

Bliss

five unbeaten matches so far this season only to have the tables turned in one of the biggest games of the year.

"We weren't quite as organized as we would have liked to have been," said Wendell coach Jonathan Goss. "We couldn't generate the kind of offense we needed to win, but Bliss played very well, to their credit. But we'll rebound and get back after it."

Wendell still holds the lead in the HSDD with 13 points, but Bliss now has nine with two games in

hand. Right now, it's advantage Bears in the conference race, though anything can happen in what's turned out to be a surprisingly topsy-turvy conference. A far cry from the days when Bliss and the Community School dominated everyone else.

Bliss travels to its old foe in Keetchum to face the Cutthroats on Friday, while Wendell is at Gooding on Monday.

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Rocky Mountain Rumble

The inaugural Rocky Mountain Rumble pits four California school programs against four Idaho schools. All four games will be broadcast live on Altitude (Dish Network channel 410, DirecTV channel 681). Minico's game will be rebroadcast at 11 p.m., Monday and 10:30 a.m., Tuesday.

SATURDAY
At Holt Arena, Pocatello
Game 1: Colfax vs. Minico, 11 a.m.
Game 2: Del Oro vs. Lake City, 2 p.m.
Game 3: Whitney vs. Idaho Falls, 5 p.m.
Game 4: Shasta vs. Highland, 8 p.m.

A state championship is in the summit.

"The hard work and effort that they put in during the next two months is going to determine who's a champion and who's putting their helmets away in November," Perritto said.

At some point this season, Minico will undoubtedly

face adversity: its own "Chicken Out Ridge." If they can prevail and take that next step, the Spartans could find themselves standing at the summit come November.

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Eagles-Cowboys a major early event

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer



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"There is a lot of emphasis put on the first game of the season and it's the most important game for us that week. But the reality of it is that there are 15 more of them and that's just one of 16 games," the Philadelphia coach said. "Can we assess the talent? Well, we can for this week. We did well this week, but it's time to rip that one up and get on with the next one."

"The next one is a big one, even this early."

Philadelphia and Dallas were impressive last week and so were the Giants in an AFC East that may contain some of the top seven or eight teams in the NFL. In fact, any of them would be the favorite in one of the other three NFC divisions.

So division games will be even more important because they are the first tiebreakers. And a win in Dallas would be huge for Philadelphia, which is a 6½-point underdog.

The Eagles won at Texas Stadium last year, a 10-6 upset that was one of the Cowboys' three regular-season losses. That was the game in which Brian Westbrook broke the heart of his fantasy owners by falling down at the Dallas 1-yard-line in the final minute and avoiding a sure touchdown so the clock could run out without the Cowboys getting the ball back.

Wade Phillips, always an even-keeled coach, is well aware Dallas fans and the nation at large expect nothing less than a Super Bowl trip from him. So he was happy with the way last week's 28-10 win in Cleveland went.

"I think it's credit to our guys that with all the hype, or the supposed distractions, that they went out and played our kind of game," he said.

"They'll continue to play

their kind of game. The playoffs is when danger lurks. COWBOYS, 21-20
The Picks:

New England (plus 2½) at New York Jets
The Jets, favored because Matt Cassel is the New England QB instead of Tom Brady, are on alert. "They still have deep threats. They still have Randy Moss and Wes Welton," cornerback Darrelle Revis says. "We still have to prepare for them if Tom is playing or not. We have to go up there and focus on them and play." Actually, it's "down here," not "up there." Whatever. JETS, 16-13

Indianapolis (minus 2) at Minnesota
Two teams with Super Bowl dreams trying to avoid O2 starts. Center Jeff Saturday will be missed against D'S Kevin and Pat Williams, who could plug into Indy's offensive line, where the Bears' defense created havoc last week. VIKINGS, 20-17

Chicago (plus 3) at Carolina
Two recent Super Bowl teams who may have morphed into good teams again. Panthers have been a better

road team lately, so ... BEARS, 13-11

San Diego (minus 1½) at Denver
Bo wary of Denver's win against the horrible Raiders. CHARGERS, 31-27

New Orleans (pick 'em) at Washington
Have the Redskins figured out how to win the ball 10 yards on third-and-9? REDSKINS, 20-17

Pittsburgh (minus 6) at Cleveland
Cleveland's hopes of a division title could die in Game 2. STEELERS, 21-23

Buffalo (plus 6) at Jacksonville
The Bills are a lot better than folks think. And the Jags' OL is 'in bad shape. JAGUARS, 20-19

Tennessee (plus 1) at Cincinnati
At this point, Kerry Collins is a better fit for the Titans than the injured Vince Young. TITANS, 22-20

Atlanta (plus 6) at Tampa Bay
A little tougher defense for Matt Ryan than the Lions' unit. BUCC, 29-20

New York Giants (minus 8½) at St. Louis
After bettors looked at the Rams, the spread jumped 2½ points. Eleventh straight road win for New York ... not counting neutral site Super Bowl. GIANTS 31-10

San Francisco (plus 8) at Seattle
The Seahawks' receiving corps is in tatters. But they win at home. SEAHAWKS, 19-14

Green Bay (minus 3) at Detroit
The post-Favre Packers are still better than Lions. PACKERS, 24-14

Miami (plus 7) at Arizona
At least the Dolphins will be used to the heat — if the Dome is open. CARDINALS, 17-19

Baltimore (plus 4½) at Houston
Joe Flacco meets Marlo Williams. TEXANS, 12-11

Oakland (plus 4) at Kansas City
The Raiders were awful at home. Now they're on the road. CHIEFS, 31-13

LAST WEEK: 97 (spread); 11:5 (straight); 9

Ohio State-USC not only big game on tap

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press writer

There's The Big Game being played at the Los Angeles Coliseum on Saturday. And there is a slew of other big games going on all over the country this weekend that've been pushed out of the spotlight by the Ohio State-Southern California mega-matchup.

South Florida hosts Kansas, playing not only for its own aspirations but for Big East dignity. Georgia starts its Southeastern Conference season at South Carolina, where Steve Spurrier is playing musical quarterbacks against Texas and Arkansas receive a classic rivalry with a new twist: Welcome, Razorbacks coach Bobby Petrino, Oregon and Purdue offer a potential Big Ten-Pac-10 shootout.

Also, two potential BCS busters try to stay undefeated at home against teams from the Big Six conferences: BYU hosts UCLA from the Pac-10 and Fresno State gets a visit from Wisconsin out of the Big Ten.

Lots to like. The picks:

FRIDAY
No. 13 Kansas (plus 3½) at No. 19 South Florida
Integrating matchup between program on upswing ... SOUTH FLORIDA 31-24.

SATURDAY
No. 6 Ohio State (plus 10½) at No. 1 Southern California
Big game, if you haven't heard ... USC 28-20.

No. 2 Georgia (minus 7) at No. 15 Arizona
Buildups have won three straight in Columbia, but usually it's close ... GEORGIA 27-17.

No. 3 Oklahoma (plus 20) at Washington
Won't be much to celebrate for Huskies this week ... OKLA. HOMA 47-21.

Nevada (plus 26½) at No. 8 Missouri
Second straight ranked Big 12 team for Wolf Pack ... MISSOURI 50-21.

North Texas (plus 4½) at No. 7 LSU
Tigers can get by no matter where they play ... LSU 55-7.

Arkansas (plus 24) at No. 8 Texas
Razorbacks have won three of

last four meetings ... TEXAS 35-17.

No. 9 Auburn (minus 10½) at Mississippi State
Buildups snapped six game losing streak to Tigers last season ... AUBURN 23-10.

No. 10 Wisconsin (minus 1½) at No. 21 Fresno State
BCS talk would ramp up if Bulldogs can beat Badgers ... WISCONSIN 28-24.

Western Kentucky (plus 28) at No. 11 Alabama
Last warm-up for Tide before consecutive SEC road games ... ALABAMA 40-10.

SMU (plus 36½) at No. 12 Texas Tech
With all those passes, this could take a while ... TEXAS TECH 68-24.

No. 14 East Carolina (minus 13) at Tulane
Now Pirates are favorites ... EAST CAROLINA 28-13.

UNLV (plus 22½) at No. 15 Arizona State
Rebels are 3-9 vs. Pac-10 teams ... ARIZONA STATE 44-14.

No. 16 Oregon (minus 8) at Purdue
Chance for Boomerks QB Curtis Painter to grab some attention ... OREGON 41-27.

No. 17 Penn State (minus 27) at Syracuse
Have not played since 1990, but when Syracuse could compete ... PENN STATE 41-10.

UCLA (plus 8½) at No. 18 BYU
Split two games last season, with Cougars winning Vegas Bowl ... BYU 24-17.

No. 22 Utah (minus 24) at Utah State
Rivalry in name only; Utes have won 10 straight ... UTAH 38-10.

No. 23 California (minus 14½) at Maryland
Bears back in rankings and averaging 52 points ... CALIFORNIA 36-20.

Louisiana-Lafayette (plus 24½) at No. 24 Illinois
Illini outscored Sun Belt teams 183-36 in four previous games, all wins ... ILLINOIS 51-14.

LAST WEEK: 18-3 (straight); 12-7 (vs. points); SEASON: 37-6 (straight); 21-10 (vs. points).

NASCAR's top 12 gather for fun day in the city



NEW YORK (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. cruised past Kyle Busch in a crowded hallway, never bothering to glance in the direction of NASCAR's points leader.

"That's OK," Busch smiled. "I'll win the regular season championship. He can win the souvenir championship."

Ahhh, the dynamics of "Clash Media Day," when NASCAR sends the 12 drivers competing for the Sprint Cup title on a whirlwind blitz of New York City mere days before they begin the 10-race championship hunt.

Three teams — not much tension Wednesday, despite the perceived frostiness between Busch and Earnhardt. The two head into the Chase opener this weekend — "Clash Media Day," when NASCAR sends the 12 drivers competing for the Sprint Cup title on a whirlwind blitz of New York City mere days before they begin the 10-race championship hunt.

aren't friends — remember, Earnhardt's signing at Hendrick Motorsports before this season cost Busch his job — but they can be cordial in this setting.

Besides, Earnhardt has bigger issues to deal with right now. Saks Fifth Avenue sent him a new blue Zegna cashmere sweater that the ladies seemed to love as he wore it from stop to stop. Even talk-show host Kelly Ripa complimented it during a six-driver appearance on "Live with Regis and Kelly."

It came right before Busch,

Jeff Gordon responds to questions during the NASCAR Chase for the Sprint Cup championship media day Wednesday, 9/10.

for us in the 1999 city championship game at Dodger Stadium.

Chatsworth won. But Cassel skipped baseball as a senior the next year to focus on football. He stayed with it after Oakland drafted him in 2004 and remained at USC because he felt it could be the starter if Leinart stepped in.

Now Cassel is a starter and Studdard is a backup with the Arizona Cardinals.

"I don't think anyone is expecting him to play like Tom played because that's pretty hard. But he's been there for a while," Leinart said. "He's a smart guy. He's got a big arm."

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Cassel

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The Patriots. Then he went 13-for-18 for 152 yards last Sunday in a 17-10 win over Kansas City after Brady suffered a season-ending left knee injury.

But many guys have not been a starter in college and made it to the NFL and stuck with it this long," said Meusomb, who put Cassel in right field at Chatsworth High school because of his powerful right arm.

"It's an unusual story, but Matt's a different type of guy that could persevere through that and stay focused and be a team player and accept his role and not necessarily like it."

Cassel's athletic prowess started long ago, but he wasn't the only talented member of his household.

He played in the 1994 Little League World Series when he was 12 years old, less than a year after an earthquake struck his home town of Northridge, another Los Angeles suburb.

Jack, his older brother, pitches for the Houston Astros. Justin, his younger brother, pitches in the Chicago White Sox system. And Matt was drafted as a pitcher in the 36th round by the Oakland Athletics.

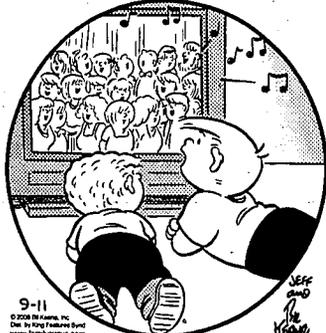
"Is Matt the best athlete?" Meusomb said. "Yeah, I'd say so. I think he had three hits

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MEDIUM #72

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-10.

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- Colorful moult
- Pauch's title
- Public upraors destroyer
- In the middle of
- Gunshoe
- Spade
- Taking cattle
- In favor of
- "Casablanca" role
- Cribbage need
- Infection stopper
- Scottish trill
- NCO, fondly
- Participated in a 10K
- Canal boat
- Book after Joel
- Chronicler of Paul Reverer's ride
- Family dog
- Leslie Caron role
- Finish
- Without any loopholes
- Bikini part
- Yvesvius or Etna
- Made certain
- Acter Delon
- Put in order
- Highway
- Ran the clock
- "Plinic" playwright
- Young lady
- Kind of drum
- Germ
- Otherwise

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- Rides the waves
- Greek meter

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AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE JEROME COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A HEARING ON September 23, 2008, at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Jerome County Courthouse...

PUBLISH: September 11, 2008

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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NOTICE OF CITY PLANNING & ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, the 14th day of October, 2008, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held before the City Planning and Zoning Commission...

PUBLISH: Sept. 11, 2008

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids of Sub Contractors, for the new Heritage Building Project, to be located at the North East corner of Ben Drive and Crossroads Point Blvd., Crossroads Point Building, Subdivision, Jerome, ID 83338...

PUBLISH: September 11 and 18, 2008

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NOTICE OF SALE

Waste Storage under the provisions of Idaho Code 20-7-702, the following sellable items are stored: propane tanks, propane tanks, propane tanks...

PUBLISH: September 11 and 18, 2008

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that an application has been filed with the Department of Water Resources for changes to water rights. Applicant is TERRY D. HODGSON, 2377 E. Bluffs Highway, Riggs Farm, LLC, 823 E 2700 S...

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 02-FMB-01242 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on December 23, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 P.M., of said day, FRONT STEPS OF THE JEROME COUNTY COURTHOUSE...

PUBLISH: August 28, September 4, 11 and 18, 2008

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 816

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SHOSHONE, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PARTY LIEN SEWER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2008B, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$21,000,000...

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