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Bailout revival sought, with better deposit safety

By Charles Babington
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In a surprise move to resurrect President Bush's \$700 billion Wall Street rescue plan, Senate leaders slated a vote on the measure for Wednesday — but added a tax cut plan already rejected by the House.

Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and GOP Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky unveiled the plan Tuesday. The Senate plan would also raise federal deposit insurance

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limits to \$250,000 from \$100,000, as called for by the two presidential nominees only hours earlier.

The move to add a tax legislation —

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Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., center, talks with Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., left, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday.

AP photo

Voters worried about bailout defeat

By Ben Botkin and Paul Lewis
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Voters are deeply divided over the terms of the government's \$700-billion economic rescue package, but more voters than not are confident the House's rejection of the measure on Monday could

deepen the country's financial woes, according to the latest Washington Post-ABC News poll.

A majority of voters see the turmoil in financial and credit markets as an economic crisis, and are guarded in their confidence that

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SHOSHONE BASIN FIRE RAGES



Firefighter Jacob Soderflaw with the Bureau of Land Management takes a break Tuesday afternoon after working all night on the Shoshone Basin Fire east of Rogerson off U.S. Highway 92.

BLM crews battle 6,800-acre blaze near Rogerson

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

Bureau of Land Management crews spent Tuesday battling the Shoshone Basin Fire, which has scorched 6,800 acres three miles east of Rogerson.

The fire began Monday afternoon and its cause remains unknown and under investigation. The BLM was estimating that the fire would be fully contained by 9 p.m. Tuesday.

There was no threat to structures that required mandatory evacuations, said Sky Buffat, spokeswoman for the BLM.

"There weren't any structures immediately threatened in the Rogerson area," she said.

Crews did complete structure-protection measures on cabins in outlying areas of the fire on Monday night.

About 65 personnel were working on the fire, a figure that's expected to be lowered today.

Equipment at the Shoshone Basin Fire include 12 wildland fire engines, belonging to the BLM and Forest Service, a hand crew, two helicopters, three dozers and two rural fire department water tenders.

Firefighters also responded to the

Horse Fire, located 10 miles south of the Shoshone Basin blaze. The fire was estimated at five acres.

Meanwhile, BLM firefighting crews responded Tuesday to new lighting-caused fires that started along the Idaho and Nevada border.

While there were no mandatory evacuations from the Shoshone Basin Fire, there were voluntary evacuations reported in the area.

One family went Monday night to a center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hollister, which was arranged to receive evacuees.

Twin Falls County authorities

alerted the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho in Twin Falls on Monday night. Volunteers spent time loading up supplies and preparing to go but didn't need to take cots to the shelter, said Shawn Tolman, regional director, adding that it was a good drill for the Red Cross.

Other families went to Jackpot, Nev., said Jackie Frey, emergency services coordinator for Twin Falls County.

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County cleans up budget before new fiscal year

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Today marks a new fiscal year for Twin Falls County. And that means officials had to spend Tuesday cleaning up the past year's books.

County commissioners amended the 2007-08 county budget with more than \$600,000 in grants and unanticipated costs on Tuesday afternoon.

The Honey, County Clerk Kristina Glascock explained, was already spent, but was not listed as budgeted when officials first hammered out the budget more than a year ago. Amending the document satisfies a requirement in state code.

The largest revision added \$216,000 to a physicians' line item for indulgent medical costs — unpaid medical bills and other costs from county residents that end up billed to the county. Indigency costs across southern Idaho have climbed in recent years, and Twin Falls' increase was more than even county officials expected.

The sum represented about a 10 percent increase to overall indigent costs, Commission Chairman Tom Mikesell determined.

The county also seems set to again surpass a slightly more than \$1 million cap on indigency costs charged by St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, Glascock said. Any money over that cap is refunded back to the county.

Sheriff Wayne Tousley also received \$58,000 more for fuel costs, cleaning out that contingency fund, Mikesell

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Eighty Idaho inmates brought home from out-of-state facilities

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

The Idaho Department of Correction brought about one percent of its inmates back to Idaho on Monday.

Eighty inmates were bused back to Boise from privately run lockups in Texas and

Oklahoma, the agency said Tuesday.

Correction officials said the inmates were brought back from North Fork Correctional Facility in Sayre, Okla. and Bill Clayton Detention Center in Lufkinfield, Texas, because inmate numbers are lower now.

"The 2008 fiscal year was 'one for the record-books' with inmate numbers 431 lower than projections because of a falloff in crime and an increasing inmate success in completing terms of parole and probation, IDOC said in a press release.

"It shows just the kind of

success we can have when people throughout local and state government work together to reduce crime, improve treatment and find alternatives to incarceration," IDOC Director Brent Reinke said in a written statement.

IDOC's total prisoner count has dropped by about 2.3 per-

cent since May, the agency reports.

Still, almost 9 percent of Idaho's inmates remain out-of-state due to a lack of cells. There are now 7,293 inmates in the Idaho prison system, according to IDOC.

Idaho has been exporting prisoners for the past decade,

though the numbers fluctuate from year to year.

In February 1998, for example, IDOC brought 248 inmates back from Texas and Minnesota because hundreds of beds were added at the Idaho State Correctional

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MORNING BRIEFING

Pat's Picks ... Pat Marcantonio

Three things to do and do today



- Take a water bottle and good walking shoes to enjoy the Centennial Trail at Shoshone Falls Park. Go down to the park, but after the little lake, take a left and keep taking a left until you can't drive farther. Then park and walk about 1.6 miles from the park up the rim and within 100 yards of where Evel Knievel tried his famous jump in 1974. (However, that part is private property) Still, you're in for great views of the canyon.
- A screening of "What

About Me?" will be shown at 7 p.m. today through Friday at the College of Southern Idaho Rectal Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for CSI students with \$1 from each ticket sold donated to the Magic Valley Arts Council. The film is about world music and human experience and is sponsored by Magic Valley Hypnosis. For more information, call 208-736-1882 or visit <http://www.whataboutme.tv>.

- Wholly Brass opens the Mriti-Cassia Community

Concerts season at 7:30 p.m. at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave. in Burley. Admission is only by season membership, which is available at the door at any concert. Season membership is \$40 for adults, \$20 for students and \$10 for families. Information: 678-1798 or 678-7447.

Have your own pick you want to share? Something that is unique to the area and that may take people by surprise? E-mail me at patm@magicalvalley.com.

Coroner IDs body found in Buhl

Cause of death still under investigation

Passer-bys alerted police to a foul odor drifting from a Buhl storage unit where a man's body was found on Monday, said Twin Falls County Coroner Dennis Chambers.

Chambers said Tuesday he hasn't yet determined cause and manner of death for the body identified as a 42-year-old man.

Chambers is waiting for toxicology reports, he said, but foul play isn't suspected.

Buhl Police Det. Karen Trent said police found the body on Monday in a car in a storage unit on Broadway Avenue South. Police said Tuesday they don't believe a crime

occurred, but are actively investigating the case.

"We have to investigate all options," said Trent.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb agreed. "At the moment it's being investigated as if it's a possible crime," he said.

Chambers said the man's toxicology results may take two to three weeks, and authorities are still determining time of death.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association (IOTFA) Jammin' for the crowd and meeting, members will jam and entertain the public from 6 to 8 p.m., with monthly meeting to follow, Idaho Pizza Company, 1858 S. Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public and prospective members. 735-1580.

"What About Me?," a TV/film mosaic of multicultural wisdom and music, 7 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center, Rectal Room No. 119, Twin Falls, \$10 for adults, \$7 for C.S.I. students, (\$1 per ticket donated to Magic Valley Arts Council), (208) 736-1882 or (208) 731-3895.

"Wholly Brass," opening concert of Mini-Cassia Community Concerts season, 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave., Burley, admission by season membership only. \$40 for adults, \$20 for students and \$10 for families. 678-1798 or 678-7447.

BUSINESS

The Idaho Department of Labor 2nd annual Retail Holiday Job Fair, seasonal workers may submit applications, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., learn of seasonal job opportunities, 2 to 6 p.m., Magic Valley office, 420 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 735-2500 ext. 3454 or ext. 3722.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Embassadors meeting, 7 to 9 a.m., Parkers Restaurant, Twin Falls, 677-3073.

Organization of Rural Businesses (ORB), 8:30 a.m.; Doc's Pizzeria, 514 Sixth St.; Rupert, 436-3300.

"Magic Valley Quilts of Valor," a group that makes quilts for wounded soldiers, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Stitchin' Time, Twin Falls, newcomers welcome. 423-5758 or 735-4094.

Magic Valley Toastmasters Club picnic luncheon, 736-1025 for information and directions.

Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, program, College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Beck on C.S.I. Health and Human Services, noon, Norm's Catering, Room 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome. 312-5057.

Burley Kiwanis Club, noon, Morey's Steakhouse, 219 E. Third St. N., 436-0720.

Rupert Rotary Club, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S. 200 W., 436-6852.

Burley Soroptomist Inn, noon, Syringa Plaza, 626 Elba Ave., 438-8666.

Bliss Flower and Garden Club meeting, discussion, this year's programs and future plans. 1 p.m., home of Thomasee McCleary, 352-4260.

Rupert Business and Professional Women monthly meeting and no-host dinner, with guest speaker Lori Johnson on "Healthy Heart," 6:30 p.m. dinner with program and business meeting to follow, Rupert Elks interested individuals welcome. 436-4767.

EXHIBITS

Bob Nugent's "Under the Canopy," 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herritt Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

GOVERNMENT

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

City of Buhl Public Hearing, water/sewer rates, 7 p.m., City Hall, 203 N. Broadway, 543-5650.

Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30, 366-7436.

Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 191 State St. N., 837-6536.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The 2nd annual "Break for Breakfast," to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Day, 7 to 10 a.m., Minidoka Memorial Hospital front parking lot, Rupert, first 400 participants get free breakfast and breast cancer information packets. 436-0481.

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym, Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary, and 11:30 to 12:30 p.m., C.S.I. Burley Outreach Center gym, no cost, 732-6475.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Blaine County Senior Connection, 721 S. Third Ave., Harlow, no cost, 737-5986.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Center, C.I., 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 8 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins from 4:50 to 5:20 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6 p.m., Bridgeview Great Room (north entrance, third floor), Bridgeview Estates, 1628 Bridgeview Blvd., 404-4793 or 736-9282.

Griffithware Support Group, a 13-week program (Aug. 27-Nov. 19), 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave., Burley, child care provided, 654-2500 or 878-7613.

Centering Prayer Practice, focus: "The False Self in Action," 7:30 p.m., Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, no cost, open to the public, 734-9499 or 733-8881.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Woodcarving days, public welcome to come and carve wood, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., 310 Flier Ave. W., Twin Falls, classes available, 736-0061.

Lap blankets for injured soldiers, a knitting/crocheting group project organized by Caprina, 1 p.m., Burley Senior Center, 678-2666.

HOME AND GARDEN

Buhl Farmers Market, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Legacy Square (next to West End Senior Center), Buhl, 543-6682.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by email at sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of event.

THE MAJESTY OF NATURE



A bull moose is seen off the side of the road just east of the Bennett Springs campground Sunday evening north of Albion. To purchase reprints please go to <http://gallery.pictopia.com/magvalley>.

KIRSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Budget

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said. Any additional costs that Tousey may report before the budget closes will come from the 2009-09 budget, commissioners decided.

In all, the sheriff spent \$258,000 on vehicle maintenance and fuel this year. Commissioners, already approved a separate \$30,000 more for fuel in August.

During the short meeting, Mikessell said the fuel increase shows the need for Tousey to budget better at the start of the fiscal year. The "line item" was "37 percent more than the previous year, Mikessell said.

"We've got to get a handle

on his fuel expenses and budget," said Mikessell, who has criticized the sheriff several times in the past over the matter.

His fellow commissioners noted the effect high fuel prices has had this year, and suggested perhaps fuel costs would stabilize more in the next year. Tousey received a \$160,000 line item just for fuel in the 2008-09 budget, part of a 17 percent increase to his departmental budget.

Tousey could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Other expenses included \$72,000 from the county's justice fund for new hires by

both the prosecutor and public defender, a \$10,000 grant for the weed department and more than \$240,000 in other miscellaneous grants for parks, the safe House program, court services and others.

Commissioners also approved an extra \$20,000 to cover costs of building a second Safe House, a sum Glascock said was "shot in the dark." The money, she said, came from the program's unexpended fund balance.

"The city of Twin Falls held a public hearing on its own agenda on Monday evening.

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including a set of popular business tax breaks—risked a backlash from House Democrats insisting they be paid for with tax increases elsewhere.

But by also adding legislation to prevent more than 20 million middle-class taxpayers from feeling the bite of the alternative minimum tax, the step could build momentum for the Wall Street bailout from House Republicans. The presidential candidates Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Barack Obama, D-Ill., intend to fly to Washington for the votes, as does Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, the Democratic vice presidential candidate.

The surprise move capped a day in which supporters of the imperiled multibillion-dollar economic rescue fought to bring it back to life, courting reluctant lawmakers with a variety of other sweeteners including the plan to reassure Americans their bank deposits are safe.

Wall Street, at least,

regained hope. The Dow Jones industrials rose 485 points, one day after a record 700-point plunge following rejection in the U.S. House of the plan worked out by congressional leaders and the Bush administration.

Before Reid and McConnell's vote, lawmakers, President Bush and the two rivals is to succeed him all rummaged through ideas new and old, desperately seeking to change a dozen House members' votes and pass the \$700 billion plan.

The tax plan passed the Senate last week, on a 93-2 vote. It included AMT relief, \$8 billion in tax relief for those hit by natural disasters in the Midwest, Texas and Louisiana, and some \$78 billion in renewable energy incentives and extensions of expiring tax breaks. In a compromise worked out with Republicans, the bill does not pay for the AMT and disaster provisions but does have revenue offsets for part of the energy and extension measures.

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institution in Boise.

While the rough economy could tempt state leaders to cut criminal justice funding, Reinke said "the return of these inmates shows this kind of investment pays off in terms of dollars and people."

Sending prisoners elsewhere has never been popular. State lawmakers dislike the practice, in part because of higher costs while family of inmates complain that they cannot easily visit or stay in touch.

IDOC officials have said sending prisoners out-of-state isn't their preference, but they lack options.

More should come back to state prisons in coming months, though, as about 1,300 new beds are expected to come online in various Idaho locations.

That won't alleviate all of the overflow, however. IDOC expects the number of inmates to dip this fall but to "grow slowly" over the next four years, ranging from 3.1 percent to 3.8 percent per year through 2012.

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government action will ease the crisis and remain deeply pessimistic about the direction of the nation's economy. Concern about the House's rejection of the rescue plan is widely shared across party lines.

Fluctuations on Wall Street continue to roll the presidential contest between Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain, the new poll shows, with the economy still by far the dominant issue among voters with just five weeks to go before Election Day.

Negativity about the country's financial prospects continues to lift Obama, D-Ill.,

but he now has a narrower advantage over McCain, R-Ariz., in Post-ABC polling than he did last week. Overall, Obama holds a slim lead over McCain in the new national poll, with likely voters dividing 50 percent for Obama to 46 percent for McCain.

In the last poll, Obama led by a nine-point margin, a lead that, McCain advises sharply criticized the results as being out of step with other surveys. Still, the new poll marks only the second time either of the candidates has reached 50 percent. Other national polls also indicate that Obama opened up a lead as the country's financial situation deteriorated over the past two weeks.

The new survey began the night after the first presidential debate at the University of Mississippi, and while it Obama pulled up McCain performed better than McCain, 38 percent to 24 percent, large numbers said it was essentially a tie or close to a tie.

Contrary to the hopes of Obama and McCain advisers, the debate failed to help either candidate deal with major vulnerabilities, in part because few voters said the candidates' performances in the forum changed their views.

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TOMORROW IN OUTDOORS

Outdoors editor and photographer Justin Jackson take to the South Hills, this time biking Third Loop, a 1.5-mile single track loop.

Hurd, incumbent Edwards vie for Gooding County seat

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

After winning the GOP primary this spring, incumbent Gooding County Commissioner Helen Edwards is ready to take on a Democratic opponent, Troy Hurd for the District 1 seat in the Nov. 4 general election.



Edwards

"I have an awareness of what the duties are as a county commissioner," Edwards said. "I have had experience and that training."



Hurd

Edwards, 66, was appointed to the commission seat by Gov. Jim Risch in 2006 after the resignation of Tom Bingham. She has a long history with the county; one she says makes her more qualified to hold the position.

The commission, which oversees about 75 government employees, is responsible for the functions of planning and zoning, the sheriff's department as well as the general health and welfare of residents. The position, which will be for a two-year term in 2008, has an annual salary of \$25,200.

Edwards has resided in Gooding since 1966 and began working for the county in 1983. Before retiring as the county clerk in 2006, a position she held since 1995, Edwards had served as an assistant recorder and deputy auditor with the county.

"I'm concerned with our estimated revenues for the budget ... and that money coming in is going to be tight. We may have to do more without," she said. "But we have a very conservative budget and will continue to be very conservative."

She would also like to see a correctional facility built in Gooding County and is disappointed that the project to do so has been put on hold.

"I'd like to see the county would like to move that project back to the forefront."

"We need a correctional facility in the county," she said. "It just makes more sense to keep our inmates here."

Hurd, 54, is also in favor of building the correctional facility.

"It would create new jobs and increase our tax revenues," he said. Hurd is running for commissioner in hopes of balancing party involvement on the county level.

"I decided to run because we have had so many years of an unbalanced two-party system," he said. "I feel that, enough has been done to address our environmental issues. I care about the future of this county for all."

Hurd and his wife Bridget currently manage an income-based apartment complex in Gooding. The position has given him an opportunity to learn resolution and conflict management and he said he is attentive to government regulations and compliance requirements.

Among his priorities, Hurd included "curbing confined animal growth until we can adequately maintain what we currently have; that is, better enforcement of current CAFO regulations and accountability and responsibility to our environmental and ground water usage."

"Hurd said he is committed to considering credible and thorough research in making decisions for the betterment of the county including ways to cut spending if necessary. "I would study the budget and work closely with my other commissioners to make hard decisions that are best for our community," he said.

Incumbent Faulkner, Maestas seek Gooding County spot

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Incumbent Gooding County Commissioner Tom Faulkner, a Republican, is facing Democrat David Maestas for the District 2 seat in the Nov. 4 general election.

Faulkner, 50, was appointed to the position by Gov. Jim Risch in July 2006 when Carolyn Elouppur moved to Twin Falls. He said his experience sets him apart from Maestas, of Hagerman.

The commission, which oversees about 75 government employees, is responsible for the functions of planning and zoning, the sheriff's department as well as the general health and welfare of residents. The position has an annual salary of \$25,200.

"I have a more extensive background in the things we need to do," Faulkner said. "I understand our dealings

with SHRCOMM and the regional land use.

He had also served as a Gooding County commissioner from 1998 to 2004. He has financial experience as a certified public accountant and also in farming and ranching.

"It's a balancing act, weighing the needs and wants of the dairies versus the non-dairies," Faulkner said.

He said the county needs a correctional facility and if selected he will move to bring the project back on the drawing board.

The Bliss resident said that while the county needs to support its agricultural base it also needs to balance the development of recreation and housing in the Hagerman Valley.

Maestas, 59, is also concerned about the balance between dairies and their surrounding areas.

He said the issue is that



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the county has 125,000 acres of irrigated land with 250,000 permitted animal units, creating about 1.5 million tons of waste per year.

"These phenomena are creating an imbalance in traditional Gooding County resources," Maestas said. "Advanced numbers of livestock require prudent management to prevent disruption to the quality of life, the nutrient health of soils, and the life-giving flow of fresh water in our aquifer."

In addressing the issue, Maestas supports nutrient and waste management for hollies and the develop-

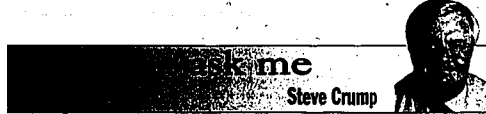
ment of digesters with ... "an all-out effort to encourage the (University of Idaho) or any other institution" in the research of the extraction of phosphorus, and potassium from waste material, and an absolutely undeniable understanding of the importance of liquid-waste control."

Maestas' experience includes sitting on the Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission, Hagerman City Planning and Zoning Commission, Board

of Directors for the National Oilseed Research Alliance, President of the Twin Falls Optimist Club, Vice President of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors and graduate of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce.

He and his wife are the owner/managers of Three Springs Vineyard in Hagerman.

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Steve Crump

Hasn't the NFL had enough of Idaho coaches?

"Of the dozen former Idaho, Boise State and Idaho State head coaches and assistant coaches who eventually made it to the NFL, only two ... have winning records in the pros."

If you're a football coach from Idaho, it's hard to have too bad a resume.

On Tuesday, the Oakland Raiders of the NFL, promoted former University of Idaho coach Tom Cable to Idaho head coach after firing Lane Kiffin. In four seasons with the Vandals, Cable's teams went 11-35. Worse, he lost to Boise State four times — 66-24, 45-13, 30-21 and 24-10.

Then after he left Idaho in 2003, Cable proclaimed that the U of I really wasn't a Division I-A-caliber program and that the Vandals ought to quit the Western Athletic Conference and go back to the Big Sky Conference.

You know, in the same league as Idaho State University. Which was coached by Tom Walsh from 1997-98, to a 6-16 record. In 2006, the Raiders hired Walsh — who was then running a bed-and-breakfast in the eastern Idaho town of Swan Valley — as their offensive coordinator. He'd held the same job earlier, from 1993-94, before the Raiders dismissed him.

In his second tenure with the Raiders, Walsh was demoted in the middle of his first season and fired by team owner Al Davis at the end of the year. After he left, Walsh proclaimed that the skills of wide receiver Randy Moss — whom he

had coached in Oakland — were "eroding." The following season, with the New England Patriots, Moss sent the NFL single-season record for receiving touchdowns.

Not that Davis should have been surprised, especially: On Monday the St. Louis Rams fired their head coach — one-time Idaho assistant Scott Linehan — after Linehan benched the team's franchise quarterback, Marc Bulger. St. Louis is paying Bulger \$10.25 million this year, and Linehan's 2 1/2-year record was 11-25.

Former U of I coach Dennis Erickson, who won two national championships on the college level (though none at Idaho), was just 40-53 in six seasons in the NFL. Erickson's predecessor in his second tour with the Vandals, Nick Holt — spent 18 hours as the defensive line coach of the St. Louis Rams in 2006 before changing his

mind and taking an assistant coaching job at the University of Southern California.

Of the dozen former Idaho, Boise State and Idaho State head coaches and assistant coaches who eventually made it to the NFL, only two — ex-USA coach Dirk Koetter, now offensive coordinator with the Jacksonville Jaguars, and former Idaho coach Keith Gilbertson, who coaches the Seattle Seahawks offense — have winning records in the pros.

Walsh, by the way, is back running his B&B in Swan Valley. They don't have Cable at his Hansen-Silver Creek Guest ranch, but stay tuned.

Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223 or scrump@mgvalley.com. Hear him live on KJZZ-1310 AM at 8:30 a.m. Friday or on the Web at www.jgvalley.com/lination.

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EDITORIAL

Why hysteria makes bad public policy

One Idaho congressman, Mike Simpson, voted for the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout on Monday. The other, Bill Sali, voted against it. Who was right? Like the rest of the nation, we wish we knew.

Simpson is correct that it's essential to get credit moving again. Without it things will get very nasty, very fast — even in the Magic Valley.

As an economy, Idaho can't farm, can't dairy, can't work without credit.

But Sali, an uncompromising conservative if there ever was one, also has a point — and the sympathy of most Americans.

Why should we be stuck bailing out a bunch of greedy — perhaps criminal — bankers, brokers and lenders?

Yet the reality is that in one form or another, some bailout package will soon be approved by Congress and signed by President Bush. It will probably be far more modest than the plan

outlined by the U.S. House of Representatives, but it will include a significant taxpayer contribution to buy up the so-called toxic mortgages.

Until that happens, the country would be best served by everybody taking a deep breath.

The economy continues to function and will do so as long as credit is either flowing freely or there is the prospect that it will soon.

In the meantime, the bailout package that finally becomes law will probably be a better bill than the one rejected by the House on Monday — less taxpayer liability, more lender accountability and a smaller price tag.

Simpson announced more than a week ago that he would vote for a bailout and criticized Sali for refusing to do so. Although it would be astonishing if that position cost the five-term Republican re-election in 35 days, it showed courage.

But we can't criticize Sali for saying no. The unfairness of asking ordinary, bill-paying, law-abiding Americans to clean up capitalism run, amok sticks in the craw.

And although the 1st District Republican is unlikely to vote for any bailout bill, he's had a hand in forcing Congress to pass a better one.

It took appalling mismanagement of America's economy 80 years ago to create a coherent, modern financial system. The 2008 credit crisis will likely force another transformation.

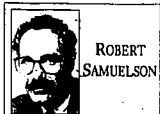
Let's hope the biggest change — finally — is a national consensus that unchecked greed inevitably leads to disaster. And that bankers, brokers and lenders just can't be trusted to regulate bankers, brokers and lenders.

Our view:

Congressman Mike Simpson made a principled — and unpopular — decision in voting for the \$700 billion bailout bill on Monday. But was it the right decision? What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

They're making this up as they go

WASHINGTON — What we are witnessing in the broadest sense, is the bankruptcy of modern economics. Its conceit has been that we had solved the problem of stability. Oh, there would be periodic recessions, but the prospects of a major economic collapse were negligible because we knew how the system worked and could take precautionary steps to prevent it. What's been so unsettling about the present crisis is that it has not conformed to the standard model of business cycles and has not submitted to familiar textbook solutions.

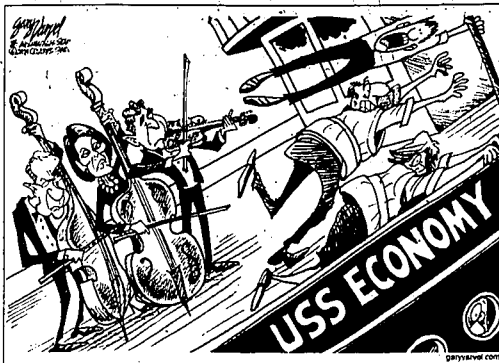


ROBERT SAMUELSON

A hallmark of the crisis has been the stark contrast between the "real economy" of production and jobs and the tumultuous financial markets of stocks, bonds, banks, money funds and the like. Even with the 60 percent drop in housing construction, the real economy has so far suffered only modest setbacks. Yet, payroll jobs have declined 605,000 since December; still, 137.5 million jobs remain. Meanwhile, financial markets verge on hysteria. The question is whether this hysteria will drive the real economy into a deep recession or worse — and what we can do to prevent that.

The word that best epitomizes mainstream "microeconomics" (the study of the entire economy, not individual markets) is demand. If weak demand left the economy in a slump, government could rectify the situation by stimulating more demand through tax cuts, higher spending or lower interest rates. If excess demand created inflation, government could suppress it by cutting demand through more taxes, less spending or higher interest rates.

Economists of this tradition watch consumer and business behavior. Are car sales soft? How much are



companies raising prices? What about profits?

The \$152 billion "stimulus" program earlier this year was a classic exercise in "demand management." It didn't work well mainly because this crisis originated in frightened financial markets. Massive losses on mortgage-related securities caused some financial institutions to fail. As fear spread, financial institutions grew wary of dealing with each other because no one knew who was solvent and who wasn't.

Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, this financial breakdown now threatens the real economy.

Companies depend on bank borrowings and sales of commercial paper (in effect, short-term bonds) to conduct everyday business — to buy inventories, to pay suppliers and workers before cash arrives from sales.

Credit markets were freezing, Paulson and Bernanke decided. Panicky investors were shifting from commercial paper to Treasury bills; banks weren't lending to each other. Consumers and firms wouldn't get essential credit.

If you reject that conclusion, then the whole crisis has been a conspiracy. Yes, some economists do; they note that downturns always involve losses and disruptions. This one isn't so different.

But many economists agree with Paulson and Bernanke. "If we can't calm down short-term credit markets, we're looking at a pretty severe recession," says Michael Mussa of the Peterson Institute. "If businesses can't roll over their short-term debt, they'll ask where we can cut back" — firing workers, reducing spending — "to avoid bankruptcy."

Unfortunately, we lack experience with stabilizing financial markets, and the issue has been at the fringes of economics. Mostly, markets should operate freely. When is intervention justified? How?

Of course, economists recognized that the Federal Reserve should act as a "lender of last resort" and that permitting two-fifths of banks to fail in the 1930s aggravated the Depression. But the creation in 1933 of deposit insurance (now up to \$100,000) was thought to prevent most bank runs, and the "lender of last resort" role never anticipated a worldwide financial system that mediated credit not just through banks but also through hedge funds, private equity funds, investment banks and many other channels. In congressional testimony, Bernanke admitted the Fed has been "shocked" at how elastic the "lender of last resort" role has become.

The resulting intellectual

vacuum has spawned political chaos.

Unpleasant and untested ideas invite opposition. Paulson's plan to buy up to \$700 billion of impaired securities is wildly unpopular. It may not work and raises many problems. If the government pays too little for the securities, financial failures may mount; if it pays too much, it may create windfall profits for some investors and losses for taxpayers. But Paulson's plan has better prospects to restore confidence by removing suspect securities from balance sheets than suggested alternatives.

Selective injections of capital into banks, for instance, might involve favoritism and operate too slowly to improve confidence. Psychology matters.

The economy will get worse, Mussa thinks unemployment (now 6.1 percent) could peak near 7 percent; other projections are higher. The harder question is whether financial turmoil heralds an era of instability.

Our leaders are making up their responses as they go by because old ideas of how the economy works have failed them. These ideas were not necessarily wrong but they're grievously inadequate.

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Other candidates deserve coverage

I am upset that you have published many articles about presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain, and few about Chuck Baldwin, Ralph Nader or Bob Barr. These candidates represent three other political parties and should have good media coverage, too. A lot of voters don't even know they exist. I don't until today. Please publicize more about these candidates and their political views. Inform people that they can vote for someone other than Barack Obama and John McCain. KATHRYN LUNDGREN Twin Falls

This is the year to change government

In my lifetime there have been only two balanced budgets both by Democrats, Kennedy and Clinton. Of the

40 other presidents there have been responsible for 70 percent of our national debt — Reagan, Bush and Bush. I am sure that once we have the envy of the world, first in most every category is now first in national debt, military spending and failed economy. The dollar once the rock that all others were judged against is in a free fall.

The proud middle class is now in a stagnant or declining pattern. The ultra rich are getting a free ride. The middle class have had their prime jobs lost overseas and their futures dimmed. Corporations can put their headquarters on paper on Podunk Island and evade taxes. The ultra-rich have gotten the significant tax breaks and the rest of us have gotten the bill. Never mind all the fancy talk and free-wheeling proposals. We are borrowing money to pay the interest on

the money we have already borrowed. The basket is empty. The rich are going to have to step back up to the plate like it or not. Tax increases not tax cuts for those who own mult

homes. Obviously the Republicans will not raise taxes on the multi-rich as they have already said the foolish tax cuts given them will remain permanently. If there ever was a time for change in government it is now.

Check the facts, vote independently and be sure you vote. Registration closes Oct. 10. People have died to give us this privilege. No excuses for not voting. TYLER SMITH Twin Falls

McCaIn the right choice in a crisis

World War III is inevitable and will start in the near future, no matter who

becomes our next president. We cannot prevent it. However I believe John McCain is the man who knows how to handle this crisis. He will use whatever means is necessary to win this war.

We need to strike first, strike hard and take no enemy prisoners. However, innocent civilian women and children should be spared whenever possible.

We know any agreement that is made by the enemy is worthless. Their word cannot be trusted and they will stop at nothing to destroy us. They'll shake your hand and stab you in the back at the same time.

Russia is trying to establish their empire again and has challenged us, so we need to keep our guard up.

Exercise your right to vote on Nov. 4 and go to the polls. It is your American duty. JACK STREETER Twin Falls

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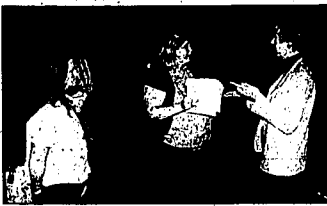
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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS



Dealing with dyslexia

Seminar discusses solutions for learning disability



Mother of two dyslexic children, Carrie Charba, seeks guidance from Susan Barton, right, founder of Bright Solutions for Dyslexia, LLC after a seminar on dyslexia at Declo High School Monday.

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

Parents of dyslexic children know their children are bright but often puzzle over seemingly insurmountable gaps in their learning abilities as they slip behind classmates or fail to learn to read.

As a mother of six children, Tracy Alvarez, of Burley, has a pretty good grasp of the developmental stages of childhood but was perplexed by her 7-year-old son's inability to process language.

During a seminar presented Monday at Declo High School by Bright Solutions for Dyslexia, LLC founder Susan Barton, Alvarez found the symptoms she described very familiar.

"When I was sitting in the seminar the lights came on for me," Alvarez said. "It was all I could do not to cry listening to this talk."

Alvarez said she first knew something was wrong with her son when he started kindergarten where he struggled to learn to read and often failed to recognize words he should have known.

"I knew the problem was somewhere between his brain and the paper and was some sort of a processing disorder," Alvarez said.

Alvarez said she could not get him to read but he would write his own books using wonderful language, as long as she did the writing while he dictated to her.

Alvarez started to fall behind his classmates, Alvarez made the decision to pull him out of school and began teaching him at home. She began trying different teaching methods and found that he would remember rote memorization better if she sang it to him and found that he could do math as long as he was involved in some other physical activity at the same time, but she had no idea why.

"I would toss a ball to him and ask, what is eight minus six," Alvarez said. "Even if he dropped the ball he would say the answer is two."

But he could not answer the same question if it was presented to him on a piece of paper.

Former teacher and owner of Dyslexia Solutions Reading Clinic in Burley, Kimberly Otley, said many children with dyslexia learn better if the lessons are combined with some sort of physical activity.

"In my clinic I often offer the child a chair to sit on or a ball and most often they choose the ball," Otley said. Barton said research shows that people with dyslexia have physical differences in their brain structure, which accounts for the different way they process language and is the cause of the condition known as dyslexia.

People with dyslexia have right brain hemispheres that are 10 percent larger than the general population. The increased size of the right hemisphere accounts for their extraordinary talents in art, athletics, music, people skills, intuition, mechanical skills and 3-D visualization and they also often have IQs that are above average, Barton said.

"You can pick them out as easily by looking for certain gifts as you can looking for the bad speakers," Barton said.

Warning signs of dyslexia

A preschool-age child with dyslexia will have at least three of the classic warning signs, including:

- Family history of dyslexia
- Begins speaking late
- Difficulty articulating letters such as R and L, or M and N
- Chronic ear infections
- Severe reactions to childhood illnesses
- Difficulty learning to tie their shoes
- Cannot distinguish between left and right
- Late establishment of a dominant hand or mixed handedness
- Trouble with rote memorization, often first seen when the child tries to learn the alphabet
- Inability to create words that rhyme

— Information provided by Bright Solutions for Dyslexia

Barton said dyslexia is well-studied and researchers have isolated three genes responsible for the condition. People with dyslexia are missing phonemic awareness or the ability to hear all the sounds or syllables in words.

"The nerve pathways are structurally less sensitive and account for the words sounding mashed together or fuzzy," Barton said.

The inability to distinguish the sounds or syllables is why traditional phonics-based programs do not work. Children with dyslexia start out reading by memorizing the words on sight and from sight clues contained in the pictures, which explains why they will recognize a word on one page, but fail to recognize it on the next. But, by the third grade 5,000

Coming tomorrow

Thursday's edition of the Mini-Cassia Times-News will explore how dyslexia is dealt with in the school systems as well as what teaching methods work best.

words are being added each year to their vocabularies and all the pictures are gone from the books, Barton said.

"That's when they hit the brick wall," Barton said. "They don't have any strategies left and they crash and burn."

An adult with mild dyslexia, Barton said, will say they did OK in school but they are slow readers and terrible spellers. They can verbally tell you anything but they hate to write reports.

"They are the ones who always run everything through spell check," Barton said.

They may have trouble learning a foreign language or struggle with a life-long problem of directionally confusion including being able to distinguish right from left or telling time on a circular clock. They may also mispronounce words such as aluminum or statistic. They may get lost driving around or only know one way to get somewhere and they may occasionally confuse letters like b's and d's especially when they are hot, tired, sick or under a lot of stress.

Otley said dyslexia only becomes a disability when it remains untreated, which may lead a person to struggle with lifelong self-esteem issues.

"Every adult even with mild dyslexia still remembers with dread being asked to read out loud," Barton said.

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FCC attorney explains digital TV transition

By Damon Hamacher
Times-News writer

It was an odd place to talk about TV — surrounded by books at the Burley Public Library.

Tuesday afternoon, Kristi Thompson, a Washington D.C. attorney with the Federal Communications Commission, explained the logistics of the nation switching from analog to digital television broadcasts, effective Feb. 17, 2009.

Nine people from the Mini-Cassia area attended the meeting. The transition will affect people who don't subscribe to a pay service — and, while that doesn't seem like many people nowadays, a lot of rural areas are still unable to receive satellite or cable TV. Rooftop antennas or "rabbit ears" are still needed in those places.

"Nationwide, about 85 percent have some kind of

paid service — or 15 percent who don't — but in this part of the country, it's closer to 25 to 28 percent who have no satellite or cable," Thompson said.

In order to watch most free, over-the-air channels after the February transition, people without cable service will need to either buy a television

equipped with a digital tuner or a converter box. The converter boxes cost anywhere from \$40 to \$80, but two coupons per household valued at \$40 will be dispensed by the federal government.

Thompson was careful to remind people that the government will stop offering the coupons on March 31, 2009.

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Buhl struggles to pay for unfunded federal mandates

Residents voice opposition to rate increases needed for arsenic treatment and wastewater facility

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Monday's stock market plunge was the last thing on many Buhl residents' minds, though some were wondering, where's our bailout?

A public meeting, attended by more than 150 residents, was held to educate residents that their city bills will likely take a larger bite out of their budgets come December 1.

"This is a dedicated council and the decision was difficult at best," said City Engineer Scott Bybee.

The fee increase is needed to repay the \$8 million and \$15 million in bonds approved by voters in August 2006 for an arsenic treatment facility and wastewater facility.

The bonds are slated to hit the market Oct. 8 and the repayment ability of the city needs to be iron-clad before they are sold, Bybee said.

"The rates are increasing to repay those bonds," said Bybee.

The annual repayment for the bonds is about \$1.5 million for 30 years. The city has applied for many federal and state grants but has only received an EPA grant for \$206,000 and an Idaho Department of Commerce grant for \$500,000.

Both projects, while unfunded, are mandated by the federal government, leaving the city — with around 1,600 households — to pick up the tab.

"The council has been forced into a corner by the

federal government," said Mayor Charles Sheridan.

Bybee said the city is out of compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's 2005 mandate that potable water systems must have no more than 10 parts per billion of arsenic, down from 50 ppb. The city's arsenic fluctuates from 3 to 23 ppb.

The new sewer system will bring the city into compliance with the new Middle Snake Nutrient Management Plan and the city's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit, which goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2010.

The proposed monthly increases are \$7.50 for water and \$20.36 for wastewater.

Currently, residents pay a

The Buhl City Council will hold a public hearing about raising rates for water and wastewater services on Oct. 7, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall, 205 Broadway Ave. N. Information: 208-543-6650.

will total \$62.50 and \$35, respectively. That brings the entire minimum city bill, which includes sanitation service, to about \$130 per household.

The consequences of not doing both projects would leave the city subject to fines of \$25,000 a day.

The EPA and state could also put a stop to any future growth, creating barriers for

buying or selling a home or conducting business in Buhl, Bybee said.

In the meantime, residents worry about how they'll find ends meet.

"Someone needs to tell the EPA ... we can not afford this," said resident Dix Hudson.

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Stocks make big rebound

(AP) Stocks rebounded Tuesday after Monday's more than 700-point decline as investors gained confidence that lawmakers would salvage a \$700 billion bailout plan to rescue the financial sector.

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Stocks surge nearly 500 points higher; credit worries persist

By Joe Bel Bruno and Tim Paradis
Associated Press writers

NEW YORK — Wall Street snapped back Tuesday after its biggest sell-off in years as growing expectations that lawmakers will salvage a \$700 billion rescue plan for the financial sector. But the seized-up credit markets where businesses turn to raise money showed no sign of relief.

The recovery in stocks was

not unexpected as carnage on Wall Street often attracts bargain-hunters, though questions remain about how investors will proceed. Without a bailout plan in place to absorb soured mortgage debt and other bad loans from battered banks, investors are left wondering what might restore confidence in lending.

Major stock indexes were almost a sideshow during the session, with the credit mar-

"If (bailout plan) doesn't pass, then look out below. It could get ugly."

— Jason Weisberg, an NYSE trader for Seaport Securities

kets as the main event. A key rate that banks charge to lend to one another shot higher, a tightening of the availability of credit that could cascade through the economy.

Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange,

still stunned from Monday's 778-point rout in the Dow Jones Industrial average, warned that the government needs to approve a plan that will sweep away the fears that hobbled the credit markets. While U.S. political leaders have vowed to revisit the

issue, the House isn't slated to meet again until Thursday. "If it doesn't pass, then look out below," said Jason Weisberg, an NYSE trader for Seaport Securities. "It could get ugly."

Though the blue-chip index rose nearly 500 points by late afternoon, the main worry for traders is that a lack of a plan will make it nearly impossible for some companies to fund basic operations like making payroll.

Participants in the credit market buy and sell debt that companies use to finance operations.

The benchmark London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, that banks charge to lend to one another, rose sharply Tuesday, making it more expensive and difficult for consumers and businesses to borrow money. In addition, credit card debt and

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WHAT COULD YOU DO WITH \$700 BILLION?

(As it turns out, a lot.)

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Brother, can you spare a billion? More like \$700 billion, to be precise.

With Washington trying to finagle a \$700 billion rescue for the nation's financial system, the federal money sought by other projects is starting to look like chump change.

You could buy yourself a war with that kind of money — the U.S. has spent \$648 billion on Iraq war operations so far.

You could match Franklin Roosevelt on his New Deal and raise him billions more.

Even in a town where billions come and go without anyone blinking, the money that could go into the Wall Street rescue is eye-popping. The House on Monday voted down a proposed \$700 billion bailout package, but congressional leaders said they were committed to trying again.

What else could the government do with a \$700 billion blank check? There are, well, billions of possibilities.

It could ensure universal health care coverage for six years, for example, or upgrade the country's most deficient bridges four times over. All the work to upgrade coastal levees that's been done since Hurricane Katrina? It's a mere drop in the proverbial \$700 billion bucket — \$7 billion, or just 1 percent.

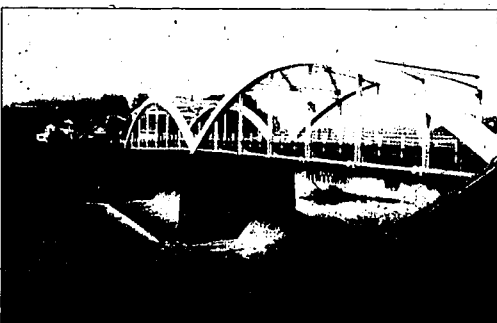
You could build 1,750 bridges to nowhere.

Or run an entire country. Seven hundred billion dollars is more than twice the size of the economy of Denmark, which had a gross domestic product of \$312 billion in 2007.

Seven hundred billion dollars would buy 70 Hubble-type space telescopes. Or about seven international space stations. It would finance the National Institutes of Health, the nation's premier medical research institute, for two decades. Or pay the U.S. national intelligence budget for 15 years.

According to the Wall Street Journal, half the

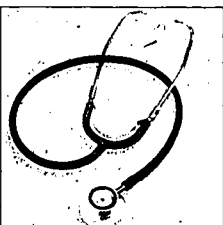
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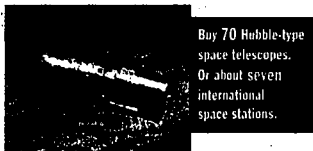
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Palouse wheat farmers hope for higher prices

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Some wheat farmers in Idaho and Washington are hanging onto their harvest, hoping that prices will soon rise.

Bruce Baldwin of Palouse Grain Growers said he's seen a drop in the number of farmers selling grain this year. So has Sam White, chief operating officer for the Pacific Northwest Farmers Cooperative.

White told the Moscow-Pullman Daily News that more farmers are delaying selling their crops, prompted by low wheat prices and the memory of last year's late-season wheat price hike.

Last month a bushel of wheat sold for \$8 or more. But weak yields in some parts of the Palouse farming region, combined with forecasts of strong international markets, caused prices to drop to between \$6 and \$6.50 a bushel.

That's got many farmers hoping for a repeat of 2007, when wheat prices soared to as much as \$15 per bushel, White said.

"You have to keep in mind what happened last year," he said. "A lot of farmers sold off early and then the prices rose to very high levels afterwards and they couldn't take advantage of it. So a lot of the holding back is a reaction to what happened."

White said speculation, not farming, had much to do with last year's market and

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added that it could happen again this year.

"I don't know what's typical anymore," he said. "There's been a lot of volatility in the market lately with price swings of 25 to 30 cents a day. Speculation has a lot to do with it. People were buying into these hedge fund investments that didn't have anything to do with grain."

Endicott, Wash., farmer Clark Miller said that with higher fuel and fertilizer costs he needs prices to rise to at least \$7 a bushel to turn a profit. Miller said he'll rely on his cash reserves to tide him over if the price doesn't rise.

"If the price goes up another dollar, you're going to see a

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Nevada mineral production value up 10 percent to \$5.4B

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Rising gold prices pushed the value of mineral production in Nevada up 10 percent from 2006 to a total of \$5.4 billion last year, a new report said Tuesday.

Three-fourths of the value came from the gold, which saw its price rise to an average of \$695 an ounce in 2007, according to the report prepared for the Nevada Mining Association.

That's built on the net proceeds of miners jumped 23 percent from 2006 to more than \$75 million, with the revenue going to the counties of origin as well as the state.

All industry-paid taxes, including property and sales taxes, totaled \$199.5 million in 2007, and average wages in all mining categories were \$67,392, up 8.3 percent from 2006.

"We expect Nevada (gold) production to remain fairly steady and perhaps increase slightly over the next few years, as long as prices hold near their current levels," John Dobra, director of the Natural Resource Institute at the University of Nevada, Reno, who wrote the annual Economic Overview of the Nevada Mining Industry.

"While all of this is certainly good news for the industry and areas of the state that rely on the industry for economic activity, it is difficult to say that the past year and a half have not been challenging for the industry," he said.

"He cited Nevada producers' struggle to get needed equipment and supplies to keep pace with demand."

Labor shortages have also been an issue as the industry

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	19.46	▲ .07	Dell Inc.	16.48	▲ 1.07	Idacorp	29.09	▲ .02
Lithia Mo.	4.31	▼ .19	Micron	4.05	▲ .02	Supervalu	21.70	▼ .91

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	98.90	▲ .85	Nov. oil	101.80	▲ 5.43
Oct. gold	861.8	▼ 26.4	Dec. silver	12.13	▼ .90

Today in business No reports available for today.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and GAINERS/LOSERS. Includes stock names, prices, and volume.

Table with columns for INDEXES and STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST. Includes Dow Jones Industrial, S&P 500, and various regional stock prices.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT
Market Summary highlights significant by the company's full name (including subsidiaries). Company names used to illustrate appear on the left side of the report.

Gains

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more than half of adjustable-rate mortgages are tied to LIBOR, so an increase isn't welcome for many consumers.

lower overall drift in stocks. It will be a slow bleed.
Traders also will likely focus on how the bond market will look on paper Tuesday marks the final session of the third quarter...

Treasury bill rose Tuesday to 0.89 percent from 0.14 percent last Monday. The yield fell Monday as investors clamored for the safety of government debt.

For a complete listing of stocks and mutual funds, go to Maglev.com. All stocks are reported in real-time, as well as the latest news on issues affecting the market.

Table with columns for COMMODITIES REPORT, CLOSING FUTURES, and METALS/MONEY. Includes prices for oil, gold, and various metals.

Wheat

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of wheat hit the market," he said. "It depends on how much reserve you get sitting back. At these production prices nobody wants to sell grain right now."

through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency, to hold them over until prices rise.

expects more farmers to seek assistance if prices don't climb.
"I think a lot of the reason we haven't seen a lot of loans is that this price drop has only been going on for a few weeks," he said.

Billions

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moon. The Apollo program that put man on the moon in 1969 cost roughly \$164 billion in today's dollars.

armada of satellites and technical programs to collect electronic signals, environmental samples, imagery, computer and phone communications; and a small fleet of armed unmanned aerial vehicles, among other weapons.

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Union rejects Quest contract proposal
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Quest employees in Montana are represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The union said the contract proposal included raises of more than 10 percent over three years and an increase in pension benefits for new hires.

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Mines Continued from page B1 dramatically over the period. The report noted that Nevada, with 6 million ounces, remains the world's fourth-biggest gold producer behind China's 9 million ounces.

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Crisis could test resolve and resources of Fed and FDIC

By Peter G. Cozzolino and Jim Pappalardo
Washington Times

WASHINGTON — If Monday's House vote against the \$700 billion financial rescue bill's proposed standards, analysts might be in for a test of federal economic policy's likes of which the country hasn't seen since the early 1930s.

With the Treasury Department blocked by the rejection of its plan, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. are the chief government institutions still standing between the nation and the Darwinian process that would allow the financial markets are left to sort their problems out alone.

It's an open question whether those two institutions acting alone have the resources and power to avert such a debacle — the cascading failure of hundreds, perhaps thousands, more financial institutions and

paralysis spreading across the economy.

"We're entering a new phase of the crisis," said Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist with the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi in New York. "If you don't stop the domino effect, you're going to see one institution after another go down."

That's something the United States last experienced in the early 1930s when Herbert Hoover was in the White House. Some conservatives believe that still the best long-term solution, although none go so far as Hoover's Treasury secretary, Andrew Mellon, who said: "Liquidate labor, liquidate stocks, liquidate the farmers, liquidate real estate. ... It will purge the rottenness out of the system."

But House members and their supporters who insisted Monday that the government has no business starting a massive intervention in the financial marketplace

were essentially making a modern-day argument for the laissez-faire economic policies of the Mellon era.

For now, the Fed and FDIC are doing what they can.

Early Monday, the Fed pumped an extra \$630 billion into global banks. Its goal: Keep money flowing through the financial plumbing that's hidden from most people but is crucial to the global economy's operation.

Meanwhile, the FDIC, for the second time in a week, orchestrated the safe demise of a major bank, this time helping engineer the sale of Wachovia Corp., the nation's fourth-largest bank by assets, to Citigroup Inc. The deal puts Washington on the hook if losses in Wachovia's \$312-billion loan portfolio top \$42 billion.

However, the two government agencies are severely limited in what they can do to keep the crisis from affecting ordinary Americans.

For the Fed, the problem is

that, with business confidence so shaken, banks on the receiving end of its latest flood of cash are parking the money in their vaults, rather than lending it. Bankers worry that they might need the money if conditions keep getting worse.

"They won't even lend it to each other," said Brooking Institution economist Robert E. Litan, "and if they're not going to lend it to each other, they certainly aren't going to lend it to you and me."

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or buying the supplies needed for people to do their jobs tomorrow depend on loans.

With those loans, companies and the economy as a whole begin to grind to a halt.

The slowdown is feeding back into the other problems that plague the nation: plunging home prices, imploding mortgage-security values and collapsing confidence. Among other things, that's all but certain to push more banks and financial companies over the edge.

When that happens, the Fed and the FDIC have only one course of action: Pick and choose among collapsing companies, deciding which ones to help make soft landings and which ones to let crash.

And the ad hoc rescue efforts create their own damaging ripples. "It's very difficult for the market to know how to react when each government intervention is different," said Larry Seligman, a financial services analyst

with Stanford Group Co. "There's no rhyme or reason, and that leads to more market instability."

In addition, there's another problem with leaving the Fed and the FDIC to solve the financial crisis: Each likely has a limit on their capacity to keep pulling off rescues.

For the Fed, the limit is not the central bank's ability to pump out cash, which is essentially limitless. Instead, it's how many of the risky securities of troubled financial companies it can take on (as collateral for the loans it makes them) without weakening its own financial condition.

Dollar stores help shoppers stretch for deals

By Sarah Skidmore
Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — A buck will still buy you a bottle of shampoo, two rolls of paper towels or four containers of generic breath mints at some dollar stores. It even buys a lot of excitement in the hunt for a deal.

But it won't buy motor oil. Or a multipack of Tic Tacs. Or many other items that were once a steal for a single dollar.

Though economic times have meant a boom in business for many dollar retailers as shoppers hunt for bargains. Most have seen their traffic and sales grow. But the rising cost for goods has some retailers examining their offerings more closely.

When all prices began to tick up a few years ago, several dollar store chains phased motor oil out of their mix. When the cost of Tic Tacs went up last year, Dollar Tree switched to a generic brand so it could continue its four-pack deal. And in September, 99 Cents Only Stores said commodity and fuel prices were forcing it to raise its prices.

"The dollar today is what the penny was to the grandparent's generation," said Marshall Cohen, an analyst for the research firm NPD Group. "When you can get something for a dollar and it works, people get excited."

A few of stores are trying to cash in on that, even though many "dollar" stores sell items for a few bucks as well. Family Dollar Stores, for example, says just about 21 percent of the thousands of items in its stores these days are priced at a dollar or less.

McDonald's has a dollar menu that figures heavily in its advertising. Target had a "one spot" feature for several



JP photo
Jacques Elair shops at a 99 Cents Only Store in Los Angeles on Sept. 8. In early September, 99 Cents Only Stores said commodity and fuel prices were forcing it to raise its price for the first time in 26 years, to \$9.99 cents, which rounds up to \$1 at the register.

years, where items sold for a dollar or under, before it was expanded in 2006 to include a larger array of items and pricing.

"It's a treasure hunt," said Target spokesman Josh Thomas.

And in some cases, it's necessity.

"Dollar stores say they've seen sales of items such as food and grooming products grow the fastest as consumers try to limit spending to just these necessities."

"We feel right for the times, we are relevant," said Chelle Davis, spokeswoman for Dollar Tree Inc. "Who doesn't want to save money?"

Shopper Linda Birmingham said she regularly goes to Dollar Tree in Altus, Ok., for "little extras like party supplies or gift bags for her kids. She bought some wax paper for her kitchen, batteries for her son's toy and a jump rope for her daughter on her recent visit."

Susan Lane, another shopper in the store that day, said each store carries something different, but she tends to come for the same items that are much cheaper than at the grocery store next door — disinfectant wipes, toothpaste and other personal care items.

"Believe it or not, this is the best deodorant I've ever used," Lane said as she held up a stick of generic deodorant.

For the stores, maintaining a compelling product lineup at the dollar price can be a challenge. But while some are raising prices or changing the items they offer, don't expect dollar stores to go the way of five-and-dimes just yet.

Stores say they are working aggressively to find the best deals. They are able to get the less expensive goods by working closely with vendors, limiting packaging, selling overstock items and maintaining flexible layouts to switch out products quickly.

"It has to be an extreme value to, our customers,"

Davis said. "It has to be compelling."

In the case of 99 Cents Only Stores, the product lineup remains largely the same. But company leaders say the fraction of a penny change will help it balance out some of the losses from rising costs. Unlike many of its competitors, the California-based company had lost money its past two quarters. It also recently announced it would close all its Texas stores, which were less profitable than its other operations.

99 Cents Only officials say the decision to raise prices did not come easily — likening it to when Motel 6 had to start charging more than \$6 a night for its rooms.

Dollar discounters say they expect their popularity to continue as consumers watch their spending and media continues to focus on how consumers can stretch a buck. Cohen said the stores allow consumers to shop guilt free, with some adventure, and he doesn't expect people's desires for that to change soon.

"A dollar of detergent is smaller than what I'm going to get at the grocery store," Cohen said. "But when I'm hard-pressed for money and every dollar needs to go as far as it can, I'm happy to get what I can. ... That's how the majority of consumers shop,"

State insurance officials work to calm AIG policyholders

By Nancy Trejos
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government may have seized control of American International Group (AIG) two weeks ago, but state insurance regulators and guaranty associations are still fielding calls from panicked holders of policies from the insurance giant.

Officials are also stepping up efforts to prevent unscrupulous insurance agents from swooping in and frightening customers into selling their AIG life insurance policies and annuities, which are popular retirement products. Several state regulators have warned agents that such tactics are illegal. Some, such as those in New York and Kentucky, are investigating complaints from consumers.

Consumers are concerned about the viability of their policies," said Thomas Hampton, commissioner for the District of Columbia's Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking. "We've been trying to get on the forefront about providing information to consumers. There's a lot of misinformation out there."

The most common questions consumers are asking are: How should they cash out their AIG life insurance policies, and switch to another provider? Should they get out

of their annuities? The answer: Stay put, regulators say. If you cancel your insurance policy, you might not even be able to get a policy elsewhere, depending on your health. If you pull out money from your annuity, you will probably incur a steep withdrawal fee.

"The principal thing they should know is not to panic," said John Boritas, executive director of the Maryland Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Corp. "It will not be to their benefit to act rashly."

The government bailout of AIG has confounded many consumers in part because the insurance business is so difficult to understand, the experts said. State regulators and guaranty associations, which protect insurance policies and annuities if a company is declared insolvent, have been working furiously to help consumers understand that AIG is a holding company with many subsidiaries, including the insurance companies that actually service policies.

AIG may be troubled right now, but its insurance subsidiaries are not and they have enough money to cover claims, regulators say.

"Even if an insurer is declared insolvent, each state's guaranty association will help to ensure that funds are protected. The amount of coverage you get varies from state to state, but

typically, you will be able to replace up to \$300,000 in life insurance death benefits, \$100,000 in cash surrender or withdrawal value for life insurance, and \$100,000 in withdrawal and cash values for annuities, which contain money invested in the stock market, are not always guaranteed because the consumer assumes the investment risk."

All know that the insurance companies are quite solvent. It's the holding company that has the problems," said Susan Voss, secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and commissioner of the Iowa Insurance Division.

Nonetheless, consumers are reaching out for more information.

Robert Bland, chief executive of insure.com, which rates insurance companies, said in each of the last two weeks, his firm received more than 4,300 requests for financial stability ratings of insurance companies. Typically, he said, he gets about 3,000 per week.

"For the consumer, this is very confusing," he said. "The level of angst is clearly the highest I have ever seen. It's there's no question there are a lot of tremors out there to the AIG brand, but going beyond the AIG brand I believe there is a new level of

angst out there that is going to be with us for a while."

It hasn't helped that some agents have been calling customers and telling them they should abandon AIG because of its troubles, AIG

spokesman Joseph Norton said the company has reported complaints of unfair sales practices on the part of its competitors, both domestically and overseas, to insurance regulators.

WAUGH AUCTION
Friday, Oct 3, 2008

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Sale Time 2:00 PM Lunch by A & D's Deli

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HUNTS AUTO AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCT. 4, 1:00PM
Auction, Twin Falls
Furniture • Appliances • Tools
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HUNT BROS. AUCTIONS

SATURDAY, OCT. 4, 11:00AM
Don Wolverton, Twin Falls
Shop • Antiques • Vehicles
Trailers • Horse Items • Misc
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SUNDAY, OCT. 5, 10:00AM
Bob Lawrance, Twin Falls
Trailer • Household • Shop
Sporting Items • Garden
Tools • Misc
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MONDAY, OCT. 6, 6:00PM
Antiques & Collectibles, TFI
Furniture • US Coins • Tools
Appliances • Computer Hardware
Times-News Ad: 10-1
www.auctionidaho.com

TUESDAY, OCT. 7, 5:00PM
Household • Tools • Antiques
Outdoors • Oddities • Jerram
KLAUS AUCTION BARN
Times-News Ad: 10-1

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8, 10:00AM
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Machinery • Parts • Lotion
Times-News Ad: 9-30, 10-5
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SATURDAY, OCT. 11, 11:00AM
Don Wolverton, Twin Falls
Furniture • Appliances • Lamps
Antiques • Sporting • Lawn
Times-News Ad: 10-9
www.us-auctioneers.com

SATURDAY, OCT. 11, 11:00AM
Annual Teton Trees Harvest
Fossil Fuel, Rupert • 1183 Trees
25 & 15 Gal Trees • Shrubs
Grasses • Times-News Ad: 10-13
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FRIDAY, OCT. 17, 1:00PM
Francis Blesholder Estate, Jerome
Furniture • Household • Fishing
Household • Outside Misc.
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny and warm. Highs middle 80s.
 Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low to middle 50s.
 Tomorrow: Warm. Highs low 80s

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly sunny and warm	Partly cloudy	Warm	Slight cooling	Cool, showers possible	Less likely to shower
High 85	Low 53	81 / 46	74 / 45	65 / 40	65 / 41

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Wind
Boise	80	47	0-10
Burley	83	49	0-10
Chubbuck	80	48	0-10
Coner of Kane	79	48	0-10
Idaho Falls	80	48	0-10
Jerome	81	48	0-10
London	81	48	0-10
Lovell	75	45	0-10
Matta	84	49	0-10
Post Falls	82	49	0-10
Rupert	82	49	0-10
Twin Falls	78	47	0-10

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

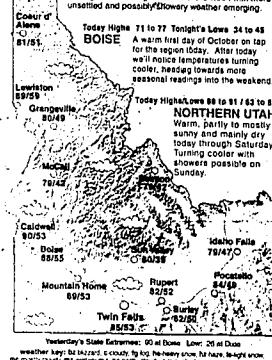
Today: Mostly sunny and warm. Highs low 80s.
 Tonight: Fair and dry. Low near 50.
 Tomorrow: Temperatures slightly higher. Highs 70s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
 Precip and partly to mostly sunny today. Slowly turning cooler through the end of the week with more unsettled and possibly stormy weather emerging.

BOISE
 Today Highs 71 to 77. Tonight's Lows 24 to 48. A warm final day of October on tap for the region today. After today we'll notice temperatures turning cooler, heading towards more seasonal readings into the weekend.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Warm, partly to mostly sunny and mainly dry today through Saturday. Turning cooler with showers possible on Sunday.



ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure
Yesterday's High: 84 Yesterday's Low: 53 Normal High/Low: 73 / 47 Record High/Low: 98 in 1987 / 26 in 1988	Month to Date: 0.07 Year to Date: 6.27 Normal Year to Date: 11.17	Yesterday's Maximum: 42% Today's Maximum: 25% Year to Date: 25%	6 pm Barometer: 30.22 in Yesterday: 30.22 in

Sunrise and Sunset

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Today	7:36 AM	5:18 PM
Monday	7:37 AM	5:17 PM
Tuesday	7:38 AM	5:16 PM
Wednesday	7:40 AM	5:15 PM
Thursday	7:42 AM	5:14 PM
Friday	7:44 AM	5:13 PM

Pollen Count

TF Pollen Level: 99 (High)
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 TF Pollen Level: 100 (High)

MOON PHASES

Date	Phase
Oct 1	Waxing Crescent
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Oct 31	Waxing Crescent

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Day	Moonrise	Moonset
Today <td>10:14 AM</td> <td>8:30 PM</td>	10:14 AM	8:30 PM
Monday <td>11:29 AM</td> <td>8:34 PM</td>	11:29 AM	8:34 PM
Tuesday <td>12:54 PM</td> <td>8:38 PM</td>	12:54 PM	8:38 PM
Wednesday <td>2:12 PM</td> <td>8:41 PM</td>	2:12 PM	8:41 PM
Thursday <td>3:33 PM</td> <td>8:44 PM</td>	3:33 PM	8:44 PM
Friday <td>4:57 PM</td> <td>8:47 PM</td>	4:57 PM	8:47 PM

U.V. INDEX

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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	80-90	75-85	70-80
Idaho Falls	75-85	70-80	65-75
Rupert	75-85	70-80	65-75
Jerome	75-85	70-80	65-75
Post Falls	75-85	70-80	65-75
Twin Falls	75-85	70-80	65-75

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	70-80	65-75
Chicago	60-70	55-65
Denver	50-60	45-55
Los Angeles	70-80	65-75
New York	60-70	55-65
San Francisco	60-70	55-65

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	10-15	10-15
Paris	10-15	10-15
Tokyo	50-60	50-60
Sydney	15-25	15-25

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The sad reality, the question of why bad things happen to good people... asking why something happened, but asking what happened, what we intend to do now that."

Harold S. Kushner

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	70-80	65-75
Edmonton	60-70	55-65
London	10-15	10-15
Ottawa	10-15	10-15
Quebec	10-15	10-15
Vancouver	60-70	55-65
Winnipeg	60-70	55-65

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Neither snow, nor rain, nor—aw, the heck with it

By Ed White
 Associated Press writer

DETROIT — In a case that echoes a "Seinfeld" episode, a former postal worker has been charged with stealing thousands of pieces of mail that authorities say she had

couldn't deliver it on time. Some mail has postmarks from 2005.

Postal spokesman Ed Moore said the case is a "black eye" for carriers who faithfully deliver mail.

"The sanctity of the mail is important to us and the American public," he said.

In a 1996 "Seinfeld" episode, Newman (Wayne Knight) stored mail in Jerry Seinfeld's storage unit instead of delivering it.

Hull worked for the Postal Service for 34 years, filling in for other carriers in the

Howell area, about 60 miles northwest of Detroit.

"Hull said she was unable to get the mail delivered on time, so she left what she could not deliver in her car and drove around with it," postal agent Douglas Mills wrote.

"She said after a couple of weeks of doing this, she realized that nobody seemed to notice that she did not deliver it. ... At that point she knew she had to get rid of the undelivered mail," Mills said in an affidavit to support a theft charge filed in federal court in Detroit.

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A for effort

As harvest comes to a close, canners reflect on the season



Knights by his wife, Dennis Asmusen of Gooding issued to can a few months ago. While picking up the skill has been a challenge, he said, preserving jams, jellies and fruit is a lot of fun. Some of the bounty, shown here, was for sale at the Twin Falls Farmers Market on Saturday.

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

If the number of pressure cooker lid gauges tested at the University of Idaho Extension office in Twin Falls serve as an indicator, the number of people canning in the Magic Valley is on the rise, said

Extension educator Rhea Lanting.

"I've tested over 100 lids this year ... last year we tested about 56 lids," Lanting said. "The way the economy is and the cost for groceries, people are going back to basics and canning."

Abundant in harvest and useful in juices, stews and soups, tomatoes seem to be this year's favorite canned food, she said.

"I'm getting calls every day from people," she said. "It's just amazing how many more people seem to be canning this year."

With harvest coming to a close, the Times-News checked in with a variety of canners, novice to expert, to see just how stocked their pantry shelves are this year.

Dennis Asmusen, Gooding

"Scary." That's how this beginner canner regarded his first how-to lesson from his wife, Debby, three months ago.

"My wife got too busy and so she started having me help with the canning," Asmusen said. "At first I was apprehensive, but it's gotten a lot easier."

Intimidation has subsided, giving way to Asmusen's feeling of accomplishment and excitement about the jams and jellies the couple sells at farmers markets around the valley and the cans of tomato products stored at home.

Problems in the kitchen: "The sugar-free jellies. I tried a few batches and the cans explode. I was on the phone with Splenda asking what to do and I was following their recipe but still had the cans warping and exploding. It was a mess," Asmusen said. "I got lucky with one batch, but for now, I'm done doing sugar-free."

Pantry report: 30 quarts of tomatoes, 30 quarts of salsa.

Peggy Candy, Hagerman

This master food preserver knows her stuff. For 26 years Candy has been on the cutting edge of canning techniques through yearly certification in the U of I Extension's food preserving outreach program.

"At first I had no skill but we planted a fruit orchard and I was interested in canning, so I went through the master food preservation program and learned how," she said. "I've been canning ever since."

While Candy stresses the importance of not veering from tried-and-true canning recipes — for safety's sake — she enjoys trying a new recipe every year. This year she found a peach fondue recipe and said it's a hit.

"It's so important not to get creative and try making up your own recipe. You can't do that with canning. But it seems that the 'Ball Blue Book' (a must-have for any canner) is providing some more creative recipes in their updated publication." The peach fondue sauce sounded too crazy not to try."

Not finished yet: Candy is picking apples now and will can apple pie filling, apple butter and applesauce. Once her plums are ready she wants to try a new plum chutney. Her pears are picked, but will take some time to ripen.

Pantry report: Candy doesn't keep tabs on how many jars she's put up but says her orchard is providing an abundant harvest.

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Searching for the perfect pumpkin? Pick your own

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

This Halloween, start a new harvest tradition. Brave the scratchy straw and chilly autumn wind to support area farmers at your local pumpkin patch, choosing your favorites right off the vines.

And when you're out in the field, make sure you have your pumpkin purpose in mind: Pie pumpkins and carving pumpkins are not created equal.

While all are edible, some varieties taste better than others, said Dan Landers, owner of Landers Pumpkin Patch in Paul. Sugar Pumpkins are sweeter, denser and creamier — perfect for pies and savory dishes, he said. The medium-size pumpkins are also aesthetically pleasing, with a short, squat body and strong stem.

"I raise a lot of them and most people use them for decoration because they're cute," Landers said.

Big pumpkins that are ideal for jack-o'-lanterns aren't as sweet and have a stringier texture, so keep those on the front porch and out of the oven. Your pumpkins like Jack Be Little can be filled with stuffing and baked for individual dinners or hollowed out and used as dessert cups or soup bowls.

Still can't tell one orange squash from another? Ask the farmer for help. It's yet another reason to buy local, directly from the farmer.

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Crismon Pumpkin Patch

1748 E. 4500 N., Buhl
Hours: Dawn till dusk, daily
Season: Today until Oct. 31.
Prices: \$1 to \$6.

What else: The Crismons depend on the honor system at their pumpkin patch.

Customers show up, pick a pumpkin and pick a suggested price in a box. You can wander the vines to pick your own, or choose from pre-picked pumpkins next to the road.

"Our pumpkins tend of grow extra large this year," Diane Crismon said. "I mean, really extra large. The melonberries are available, too. All your goods back to the store. Squash, pumpkins, gourds, baskets and more available. Information: Diane or Leonard Crismon, 734-4953.

B & G Produce

2156 E. 4100 N., Ellert
Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
Season: Today through Nov. 3.

Prices: Between 25 cents and \$1.50 per pound.

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The Pumpkin Patch

214 16th Ave. E., Jerome

Hours: Dawn to dusk, daily

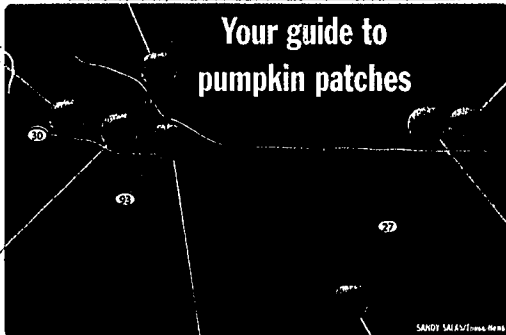
Season: Oct. 6-31.

Prices: 50 cents to \$5.

What else: Spencer Winn started selling pumpkins when he was 7 to save for college. Now 14, Winn is well on his way to attending University of Idaho's law school. "He has quite a bit saved," said mother Patti Winn.

Indian corn and gourds are also available. The biggest draw, however, might be the candied apples that Spencer's dad, Kevin, sells for \$3.50 apiece.

Information: 324-8799.



Kimberly's Market

2882 Adams

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

Season: Today through Nov. 3.

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Robin's Pumpkin Patch

270 N. Worthington, Coeur d'Alene

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, plus Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday closed Sunday

Season: Now through Nov. 3.

Prices: Between 25 cents and \$1.50 per pound.

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The Great Pumpkin Patch

252 W. 100 S., Rupert

Hours: Dawn till dusk, daily

Season: Today until early November.

Prices: From 49¢ for \$1 to \$5 each for larger pumpkins.

What else: Look out for the patch's new variety, Super Freak Knuckle Head. It's just an orange pumpkin with orange warts all over it, said co-owner Amy Carter.

"They're pretty cool."

Information: Carter, 431-6350, or Debra Johnson, 436-8355.

Landers Pumpkin Patch

106 B N. 600 W., Paul

Hours: Dawn till dusk.

Season: Today through Halloween.

Prices: Ranges from 25 cents per min to \$4 for large pumpkins.

What else: Customers can buy pre-picked pumpkins or harvest their own.

Varieties include Jack Be Little, We Be Little, Pumpkin, Autumn Gold, Fox, and Fox.

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Costs: Between 25 cents and \$4 per pumpkin.

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Canning

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Arlene Burton, Burley

Canning isn't just a hobby for Burton, who grew up preserving foodstuffs with her mother and grandmother and says canning is just part of life. "I do a little every day and just end up doing an awful lot."

This year's harvest has been slow, Burton said, due to summer's late arrival.

"My raspberries are just coming on. Usually I pick them mid-August and in October, but this year they didn't arrive until last week and I'm nervous they will freeze and I won't get any," she said.

End-of-season pride: "I love downsizing and seeing all the cans lined up and pretty. I love doing it, always have."

Pantry report: Burton's pantry, while not counted to the far, includes green beans, strawberry jam, peaches, apricots, stewed tomatoes, tomato juice, grape juice and apple juice.

Arlene Shaw, Gooding

In the 1960s Shaw recalls assisting her mother in the yearly duty of canning foods to get the family through the year. A decade later she started working with the U.S. Extension's canning program.

"I had to practice what I preached," she said. "And have been canning every year since."

Shaw reflects that when packaging and prepared food started hitting American shelves, people stopped preserving and storing food for the long haul. "Now, there is an upsurge in canning again, and depending on how hard families are hit, I think the trend toward returning to canning will continue to increase."

Conditions of the season: "This year, Shaw had a bumper crop of apricots. Good thing, she said. Apricots are her husband's favorite. They also enjoy Italian prunes and plan on eating them fresh out of the jar or pureed, for pancake toppings."

"This year, I'm learning patience. Everything is late coming on this year," she said.

Pantry report: 20 quarts of apricots, 21 quarts of Italian prunes, still to do: Peas and apples.

Molly Mahler, Rupert

Mahler is one busy lady. At 75, Mahler isn't lounging in retirement but busies herself in kitchen. There isn't any place she'd rather be. "I started helping when I was 12 and it's just something I always do," Mahler said.

This year's season started with the ripening of her apricots and peaches. The summer flew by with the canning of strawberries, pickles, peaches and more. "I still need to make some peach jam."

"Now, there is an upsurge in canning again, and depending on how hard families are hit, I think the trend toward returning to canning will continue to increase."

—Arlene Shaw, Gooding

This winter she'll use her harvest to make jellyrolls, cakes and pies.

By the books: "Everything I do coincides with what the USDA says to do. I don't get creative but stick to the rules, and that way I know our canned goods will be good for months and months to come," Mahler said.

Pantry report: Ten 12-ounce jars of raspberry jam, 10 8-ounce jars of strawberry jam, 14 quarts of Alberta peaches, 12 12-ounce jars of apricot jam, 12 12-ounce jars of peachot, 16 3-cup jars of peachot, 14 quarts of pears, 28 3-cup jars of pears, seven pints of dill pickles and 14 pints of bread and butter pickles. Whew.

Joan Holloway, Filer

This summer Holloway taught half a dozen gals how to can bread and butter pickles.

"I think it's really neat people are interested, but it always surprises me that people don't know how to can," Holloway said.

Her star student, however, was her grandson.

"We did the bread and butter pickles and apricot jam," Holloway said. "For the pickles we tried English cucumbers and they were really good. We didn't have to peel them; they were real crisp and had a rough, fluted outside, so we just scrubbed, sliced and seeded them."

What's next: With those crops out of the way, Holloway is just waiting to make grape juice.

"The grape juice is a real easy recipe out of the 'Ball Blue Book.' You just pull the grapes off the vine and remove the stem. Put two cups of grapes in a jar and fill it with canning syrup. It's not terribly sweet and turns out just beautiful."

If Holloway gets a few spare moments she has an inkling to try pickled cauliflower.

Pantry report: A few jars each of pickled asparagus, apricot/peachapple jam, apricot jam, bread and butter pickles and peaches.

Victor Azevedo, Filer

Prior to this year 12-year-old Azevedo hadn't given much thought to canning. But when his grandmother, Joan Holloway, suggested learning, he perked up. "It was fun and real interesting. Once we got doing it, it wasn't as easy when I thought," Azevedo said.

The rewards: With his grandmother's help Azevedo learned how to can pickles and apricot jam. He entered the goods in the Twin Falls

County Fair and ended up with a few ribbons. "My pickles got a first-place ribbon and the jam came in second. I think we'll do it again next year."

Pantry report: Six pints of apricot jam and 12 pints of bread and butter pickles.

Karen McMan, Gooding

With six growing children at home, McMan puts up quite a bit of food each year. While she's on doctor's orders to rest for two weeks, McMan said her family has already canned most of the year's necessities.

"We just began started on the tomato food and hope they wait for me," she said.

The motivation: It's not always cheaper to can the family's staple food items, but the master canner feels better knowing exactly what is being eaten. "I like to know what goes into the bottle. It's not always cheaper, but the food always tastes better and the quality is better than what you buy in the store. So I feel like I'm getting my money's worth."

Pantry report: 150 quarts of peaches, 49 quarts of pears, 14 pints of relish, 14 pints of pickles, 20 pints of salsa and 50 pints of green beans. And as soon as they are ready McMan will preserve over 100 quarts of tomato-based products like spaghetti sauce and juice. That's ambitious.

Joyce Reas, Burley

"Thank goodness for the long fall," Reas said.

Although Reas was able to get her apricot harvest — albeit in August, a month late — her peaches, peaches and tomatoes all came at the same time. Needless to say, the last two weeks have been a whirlwind.

"The harvest has been good, just a little off schedule," she said.

Reas, 72, has seen seasons like this before. She's been canning as long as she can remember.

The old reliables: Don't expect Reas to preserve anything exotic or newfangled. "Everything I try is pretty standard. I want to make sure it's safe."

Pantry report: 42 pints of beans, eight pints of bread and butter pickles, 12 pints of dill pickles, 14 quarts of apricot juice, 14 quarts of tomato juice, 14 pints of stewed tomatoes, 21 pints of apricots, four quarts and 14 pints of pears, and eight quarts and 21 pints of peaches. She'll eat well this winter.

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Foreign fare: CSI culinary students' Italian dinner

Times-News

This sounds like an evening to avoid your own kitchen:

Students in the College of Southern Idaho's Culinary Arts program, the Hostess Club, will hold their ninth annual Italian Buffet fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 9 in the Desert Building cafe on the CSI campus.

The menu: Sicilian chicken; Italian meatballs; spaghetti; penne ravioli; lasagna; Alfredo, pesto and marinara sauces; salad bar including pasta salad; focaccia; lemon and orange cheese cake; biscotti; fruit; and drinks. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 5-12. Children under 5 eat free. All proceeds help the CSI Hostess Club members with their educational experiences. Tickets sell out quickly; organizers say; they recommend buying in advance. Call Tracie in the CSI Business Department office at 732-6458 or e-mail taylor@csi.edu.



Twin Falls man's cornmeal treat takes baking honors

Times-News

With his buttermilk-and-berries specialty, Joshua Spooner of Twin Falls was the blue-ribbon winner of Saco Foods' "Bake Your Best Brunch" contest at the Twin Falls County Fair.

Spooner started with a basic corn bread recipe from the Internet, then spiced it up with rum, coconut and other original touches, eventually arriving at the winning recipe.

"I kind of added to it and made it my own," he said Monday.

The dish usually gets a surprised reaction from his tasters. "They're not really used to a cornmeal dessert," Spooner said. Participants entered the contest, which offered \$175 in prizes, by creating a favorite brunch food that included one of the company's baking products.

Courtesy of Wisconsin-based Saco Foods, here is Spooner's winning recipe:

CORNMEAL BERRY POCKETS

- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup yellow cornmeal
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup cold butter, in small chunks
- 2 tablespoons Saco Cultured Buttermilk Blend
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons coconut flakes
- Splash of rum
- 1 1/2 teaspoon lime peel, finely shredded
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup frozen mixed berries
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 6-8 teaspoons lime juice
- 3 tablespoons almonds, chopped
- Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Grease 7-Inch pie pan. In large bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, granulated sugar, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt.



Cut butter into flour mixture to resemble coarse crumbs; Make a well in center of dough.

Mix the buttermilk blend with water separately and add egg and lime peel. Add to well in dough and stir with fork until moist.

Toss blueberries in 1 teaspoon cornstarch to coat. Add to flour mixture with rum and coconut. Stir the flour blend 3 to 5 turns until berries are incorporated.

Separate dough into halves. Press half into pie pan. Toss remaining berries with 1 teaspoon cornstarch and pile in center of the pan. Press the remaining dough over the top of berries.

Bake 15 minutes or until top is golden brown. In a small bowl, whisk lime juice into powdered sugar until drizzling consistency. Drizzle over warm pocket and sprinkle with nuts.

Sawtooth Botanical Garden's festival features corn bread contest

Times-News

Here's your chance to prove your corn bread prowess.

The Sawtooth Botanical Garden will host its annual Harvest Festival from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 19, and featured this year will be a Community Corn Bread Contest, along with a chef chill cook-off. The garden is five miles south of Ketchum at 11 Gimlet Road and Idaho Highway 75.

Bring your famous corn

bread — for free admission — and join to win. Prizes to be awarded to the top three recipes include a season pass to Soldier Mountain near Fairfield. Prizes were donated by daVinci's, Pioneer Saloon, Ketchum Kitchens, Blaine County Recreation District, Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Company of Foods, Backwoods, Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce and Soldier Mountain.

The festival also includes pumpkin painting, apple

bobbing, sack races, farm animals, a cider press demonstration, horse bounce and dancing to the tunes of musical trio The Damphooks.

Cost is \$40 for a family of four, \$15 for individuals or \$10 for kids — or bring a corn bread entry for free admission. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. Information or to enter: 732-9358. To enter the corn bread contest, call by Oct. 17 to sign up.

A wicked way with culinary words

By Jane Black
The Washington Post

You can't accuse Barry Foy of taking food too seriously. His satirical new book, "The Devil's Food Dictionary: A Pioneering Culinary Reference Work Consisting Entirely of Lies" (Frogchart Press, September 2008), creatively defines popular food terms. Along with the hilarious skewers food writers, cuisines and sacred culinary traditions. The book's motto: "The most unreliable food book ever!"

Foy, a 53-year-old Seattle

writer and musician who describes himself as "food obsessed," originally intended to write a parody cookbook. But it was a draft of the glossary that received the most raves from friends. Four years later, Foy had nearly 1,100 tongue-in-cheek definitions of everything from abalone to zucchini.

Dip in and you'll find laugh-out-loud entries for trendy terms such as "foodies" and cult foods such as the stinky durian fruit, which Foy describes as "a favorite among food writers who never tire of pointing out that it is forbid-

den on subways in Singapore." Read all the way through and you'll find clever, cross-referenced terms: Foy defines chardonnay as "a type of wine flavored with chard," lamb chops as "a type of wine made from lamb" and "Gewurztraminer" (sic) as "a type of wine made from sausages." Of course.

An edited selection of some of our favorite entries:



"Foodie: A category of generally affluent hypogermant that developed as a reaction to progress. This is primarily a North American designation; a foodie from Italy, by comparison, is known simply as an Italian."

"Kitchen: Known for most of its history as the room devoted to food preparation, the kitchen has undergone several improvements and is now chiefly a display platform for color-coordinated appliances."

"Pear: Perhaps the only fruit famous for being shaped like itself."

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Master baker Beranbaum teaches tender lessons

By David Hagdon
Special to The Washington Post

"Everything I've done my entire life with pies is wrong!" Sarah Fairbrother declared in my D.C. kitchen a few weeks ago.

She had just watched Rose Levy Beranbaum, author of the landmark "Pie and Pastry Bible," roll out a silken, butter-infused circle of perfect pie crust dough and couldn't fathom how she would be able to make such a thing of beauty.

Fairbrother, a 42-year-old project director for Cultural Tourism DC, also got a lesson in what happens when you ask for pie-making advice.

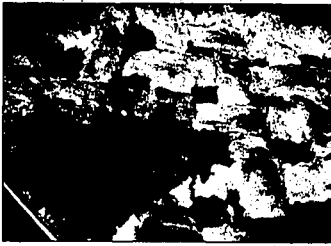
"I lost my ability to make crust," she had written to us. "It just comes out dry or soggy (there's no in-between) and won't roll out. Can you help me make edible pie again?"

It was a natural lesson. Beranbaum, 64, agreed to make a day trip from New York and give Fairbrother a three-hour tutorial, adapting recipes from her cookbook for flaky cream cheese pie crust, a two-cream peach pie, a cherry pie with a lattice top and a pecan pie, which Fairbrother specifically had requested.

Beranbaum's method and appearance were neat, delicate and precise. In a soft, enthusiastic voice, she relayed a constant stream of anecdotes and information, bringing to mind my first favorite teacher.

And she got in a few well-placed, good-natured zingers. "Could someone clean up some of this mess?" she inquired innocently at one point. "Someone who lives here?"

The only actual demand she made, and understandably so, was that the lesson take place in an air-conditioned kitchen, which dis-qualified Fairbrother's home. The most important thing about pastry, Beranbaum stressed, was keeping it cool. Because the minute it starts getting warm, butter is absorbed into the flour, and



Rose Levy Beranbaum's Cherry Lattice Pie.

that can diminish the crust's flakiness.

Beranbaum began the lesson at noon by addressing Fairbrother's dilemma. She explained scientifically how the crust's flavor, tenderness and golden-brown crispness depend on achieving the right balance of protein, fat, water and acid, and then maintaining that balance during baking.

Given that she holds bachelor's and master's degrees in food science from New York University, it was not surprising that Beranbaum approached the subject matter in that way. Chemistry cannot be ignored or rushed; therefore, it follows that to make a good pie, no step in Beranbaum's process is expendable.

Let's face it: The reason so many cooks make imperfect pies is that we take shortcuts and then rationalize failure by saying we lack a pastry chef's touch that's more acceptable than admitting laziness or impatience.

Beranbaum gets that concept.

"I used to do unnecessary things so I hate telling people to do unnecessary things," she said, letting on that she knew her meticulousness sometimes goes too far. "I once took the weight of beans every hour to see just exactly at what point they stopped absorbing water," she said with a giggle.

Teacher and student stood side by side and started making a two-cream batch of flaky cream cheese pie crust. Beranbaum's favorite, which would be used for three kinds of pie. It's not as flaky and crisp as an all-butter crust, but it has a delicious extra tang and doesn't distort much during baking.

To the classic ingredients of cream cheese pastry (cream cheese, butter, flour), she added vinegar to relax the dough when it is rolled out, and in a food processor she creamed and baked powder to make it puff up in the oven, which translates into greater tenderness.

All ingredients were kept cold at all times and combined in a food processor as minimally and quickly as possible. Beranbaum said that if you process the dough too much, you lose flakiness, but if you don't process it enough, big clumps of butter become holes in the rolled-out dough.

"As soon as you can gather the dough together, then you knead it just slightly," Beranbaum explained. She recommends wearing food-safe latex gloves to do so (keeping hands cool) and preferably working on a cool counter. "When you're finished and you pull it, there should be a slight elasticity, just slight. You see all the nice buttery streaks, but it doesn't just break apart. Don't handle it much more after that."

She wrapped the kneaded dough in plastic, formed it into a disk and relegated it to the refrigerator for a 45-minute rest, long enough to help make the dough easier to roll out and less elastic, to reduce shrinkage during baking. Fairbrother did the same with her half of the dough.

What was truly amazing about the dough was that it was already cool at that point; cool enough, in fact, that it could have been rolled out right then, formed and sent to the fridge for resting.

Beranbaum deemed 65 degrees the right temperature for dough that is to be rolled out. (It has been refrigerated overnight rather than for 45 minutes, she suggests leaving it out for 10 minutes.)

The rolling-out process, done in strokes from the dough's center that stopped short of the edges, was a breeze, thanks to a few bakers' helpers. Beranbaum placed a canvas pastry cloth rubbed with flour underneath the dough and covered the rolling pin with a cloth sleeve, both of which prevent sticking and overuse of flour. Fitted, 1/8-inch-thick rings placed on the ends of the pin ensured the crust would be rolled to an even thickness.

"When you can't roll it any thinner, you're done," she said.

The hardest part was over. Well, perhaps Fairbrother didn't think so right then, but she soon got the hang of it.

Onward to the fillings. Beranbaum had made a promise that her pecan pie would be distinctive, and she made good on it. She eschewed Karo corn syrup for Tyle's Golden Syrup, which is made from cane sugar. She baked the pie in a tart pan to equalize the ratio of nuts to filling to crust.

Instead of relying only on cornstarch to thicken the peach pie filling, Beranbaum collected the fruit's juices, reduced them to a near-carameled syrup and added

them back to the peaches. Once assembled with its filling and top crust, the pie had to rest in the refrigerator before baking, a notion that exasperated Fairbrother a bit. "This is very demanding pie!" she blurted.

So was the cherry pie, as it turned out. We had furnished her cherries rather than the sour ones the recipe called for, so Beranbaum had to compensate for that variety's extra liquid by thickening the juice in a saucepan before baking the pie. Problem solved.

Throughout the afternoon, directives on handling dough, making fillings, crimping edges and baking oven-ready pies came in waves. Key among them:

- Use templates to cut out pre-measured sizes of top, bottom and lattice crusts. That will ensure a correct fit and avoid cumbersome trimming after the dough is in the pie pan.

- If using a tart pan with a removable bottom, push the dough thinner against the sides. That will make it rise up

higher than the rim. When the crust shrinks during baking, it will still have a good height.

- For blind baking (baking a pastry shell before it is filled), use a large-urn coffee filter to hold rice as the weight that keeps the crust from rising. The filter absorbs butter from the crust, and the rice, which toasts slightly, can be used for pilot.

- Try baking a pie on the oven floor for the first 20 minutes or so. Use a clear glass pie plate so you can monitor darkness. Once the bottom crust is nice and dark, bring it up to the lowest rack and finish baking.

- Baking a pie that starts out frozen is good; the hot oven crust gets a chance to crisp before the filling has softened. Baking from frozen generally takes 20 extra minutes. (Freeze a pie only after it has rested in the refrigerator for an hour.)

- By 3 p.m., Fairbrother's head was swimming, and Beranbaum had a train to catch. The start-to-finish

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Tips for crisper salad greens

The Washington Post

Some cooks already know the trick of crisping salad greens in lots of water, but there are tricks to doing it right. Use cool-to-room-temperature water instead of cold water, and never use ice, which can burn or wilt the leaves. And add 1 tablespoon of salt for every 1 1/2 quarts of water used. Let the greens sit for no more than 5 minutes, then

spin or towel-dry.

Bonus tip: When building a vinaigrette, dissolve the salt in the vinegar before adding the remaining ingredients. That will keep salt crystals from breaking down the salad greens and will make a well-blended dressing.

Tips are from chef Susan Cattalini, an instructor at the Shady Grove campus of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

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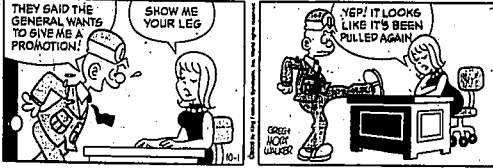
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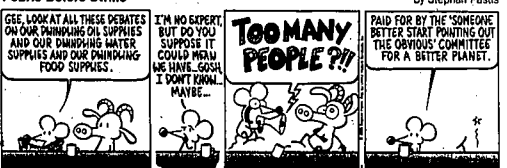
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AROUND THE WORLD

INDIA

At least 168 dead in stampede at temple

NEW DELHI — At least 168 people were trampled to death and more than 425 were injured in a massive stampede at a Hindu temple in Jodhpur city, officials said, the third such tragedy in India in three months.

With no crowd control, more than 12,000 people had gathered at dawn to celebrate Navratri, a nine-day Hindu festival to honor the Mother Goddess, Jodhpur Police Superintendent Mallini Agarwal told reporters. Witnesses said the early morning stampede began as false rumors of a bomb spread among the crowd.

"Everyone was yelling, 'there's a bomb, there's a bomb,' then I heard horrible screaming. It was the sound of total panic," said Vikki Koshi, who manages Yogi's Guest House very close to the temple.

IRAQ

Iraqi forces win more control and lose lives

BAGHDAD — The number of Iraqi security forces killed in September rose by nearly a third to 159 compared with the same period last year, Associated Press figures showed Tuesday.

U.S. troop deaths for the same period fell by nearly 40 percent to 25.

The figures are a sign that U.S. military is increasingly relying on the Iraqis, including U.S.-allied Sunni fighters, to take the lead in operations so they can assume responsibility for their own security and let the Americans eventually withdraw.

Overall civilian casualty figures remained relatively low despite a spate of deadly attacks in Baghdad and surrounding areas during the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan, which ended Tuesday for Sunnis and ends Thursday for most Shiites.

SOMALIA

Pirates deny report of infighting aboard ship

MOGADISHU — Somali pirates said Tuesday they celebrated a Muslim holiday aboard a hijacked freighter and denied reports that three comrades were killed in a shootout on the vessel, which is being closely watched by a half-dozen U.S. warships.

The hijacking of the MV Faina — laden with 33 Soviet-made R72 tanks, rifles and heavy weapons that U.S. defense officials have said included rocket launchers — was the highest-profile act of piracy in the dangerous waters this year. The U.S. Navy has said it wants to keep the arms out of the hands of militants linked to al-Qaida in impoverished Somalia, a key battleground in the war on terrorism.

— From wire reports

Tom testimony



Bill Allen, right, the chief government witness against Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens, leaves the federal court Tuesday in Washington. Allen is a former confidant of Stevens and the founder of oil pipeline company VECO Corp., which allegedly provided more than \$250,000 in free renovations for the senator's home, according to the Justice Department charges. The man at left is unidentified.

AP photo

Cred friend turns star witness in Stevens trial

By Matt Apuzzo and Tom Hays
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — A longtime friend of Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens crossed the powerful lawmaker Tuesday and testified that he gave the Republican senator thousands of dollars in gifts.

The fiercely loyal Stevens gave no indication he even saw former fishing and drinking buddy Bill Allen enter the courtroom, and the two men barely looked at each other as Allen testified about the expensive gifts he gave Stevens during their 26-year friendship.

Stevens, 84, is on trial for failing to disclose about \$250,000 in gifts and favors on Senate financial documents.

"That's 'ed, right over them," Allen said, pointing across the crowded courtroom to an expressionless Stevens.

At the heart of the case is a massive home renovation project in which Allen helped transform the senator's small A-frame cabin into a two-story home with a garage, sauna, wine cellar and wrap-around porch.

There were other favors, too, said Allen, who founded the multibillion-dollar oil pipeline company VECO Corp. in late 1989. Allen said, Stevens feared that the 2K computer bug would crash the power grid and leave his house in the dark.

"So I went and got a generator and put it in," Allen testified.

"Did he ask you for this?" prosecutor

"We really liked each other, you know? Ted really worked hard. Ted loved Alaska and I loved Alaska."

— Bill Allen, while testifying against his longtime friend Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens

Joseph Bottini asked.

"Yeah, he said he needed a generator," Allen responded, his head lowered, as he told jurors that Stevens never paid for the \$5,000-to-\$6,000 generator.

At the apex of their careers, the two friends held nearly unrivaled power. Stevens was a master of the Senate, a beloved figure in Alaska who steered billions of dollars to his home state. Allen was a self-made millionaire who could summon state lawmakers to his hotel room for drinks and tell them how to vote.

Wearing an electronic hearing aid and speaking slowly because of a head injury that followed a motorcycle accident, Allen at times seemed wistful about those days, and about his lost friendship.

"We really liked each other, you know?" Allen said. "Ted really worked hard. Ted loved Alaska and I loved Alaska."

But the Justice Department corruption investigation targeting Stevens

changed everything.

Confronted with overwhelming evidence against him, Allen turned on the senator. The last time the two men spoke, FBI agents were listening in. Since then, Allen has pleaded guilty to bribing Alaska lawmakers, sold his company and turned against his old friends in hopes of reducing his own prison time.

Prosecutors spent much of Tuesday trying to bolster Allen's credibility by discussing a backbiting career that took him from picking crops to learning to weld to running VECO.

Over the past few days, VECO employees have testified to working long hours at Stevens' home south of Anchorage, building a balcony and a roof, installing a custom staircase and a generator, upgrading the electrical system and more.

The complicated project involved raising the house on stilts and building a new floor below. Workers testified they were pulled off their regular jobs or received nighttime phone calls to work on Stevens' house.

Allen spent 90 minutes on the stand Tuesday and was expected to spend most of today discussing the house project.

The senator says he never asked Allen for any free work. In fact, he says he made it clear he wanted his friend to send him every bill for the job. If freebies were tacked on, he says, Allen did so without telling him.

Study: Voting could be hazardous so be careful

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Could voting for president be hazardous to your health?

An analysis of Election Day traffic deaths dating back to Jimmy Carter's 1976 win suggests yes, but the authors say that's no reason not to go to the polls.

The study found that on average, 24 more people died in car crashes during voting hours on presidential election days than on other October and November Tuesdays. That amounts to an 18 percent increased risk of death. And compared with non-election days, an additional 600 people suf-

fered disabling injuries. The results were pretty consistent on all eight presidential Election Days that were analyzed, up to George W. Bush's victory over John Kerry in 2004.

"This is one of the most off-the-wall things I've ever read, but the science is good," said Roy Lucke, senior scientist at Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety.

He was not involved in the study, which appears in Wednesday's journal of the American Medical Association.

Flushing to get to polling places before or after work, driving on unfamiliar routes, and being distracted by

thinking about the candidates were among possible reasons cited by the study's Canadian researchers.

So why would a couple of Canucks want to examine this troubling aspect of Yankee voting habits?

Apparently not out of any across-the-border sense of smugness.

Co-author Dr. Donald Redelmeier, a professor of medicine at the University of Toronto, said Canada would probably have similar results. Even though it's less populous, Canada typically has a higher voter turnout than America, he said.

Redelmeier said he and researcher Robert Tibshirani, now at Stanford University,

were partly motivated out of concern about public health implications of traffic accidents. They claim about 1 million deaths worldwide each year, including about 41,059 last year in the United States, which has one of the highest traffic death rates among industrialized countries.

Other analyses have found traffic deaths go up when more people are on the road, as during festive times when alcohol use increases, including Super Bowl Sunday and winter holidays, said Ellen Martin, a spokeswoman for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Nobel literature head: U.S. writers too insular to compete for prize

By Maza Rising and Hilal Italie
Associated Press writers

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Bad news for American writers hoping for a Nobel Prize next week: the top member of the award jury believes the United States is too insular and ignorant to compete with Europe when it comes to great writing.

Counters the head of the U.S. National Book Foundation: "Put him in touch with me, and I'll send him a reading list."

As the Swedish Academy enters final deliberations for this year's award, permanent secretary Horace Engdahl said it's no coincidence that most winners are European.

"Of course there is powerful literature in all big cultures, but you can't get away from the fact that Europe still is the center of the literary world ... not the United States," he told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview Tuesday.

He said the 16-member award jury has not selected

this year's winner, and dropped no hints about who was on the short list.

Americans Philip Roth and Joyce Carol Oates usually figure in speculation, but Engdahl wouldn't comment on any names.

Speaking generally about American literature, however, he said U.S.

writers are "too sensitive to trends in their own culture," dragging down the quality of their work.

"The U.S. is too isolated, too insular. They don't translate enough and don't really participate in the big dialogue of literature," Engdahl said. "The ignorance is restraining."

His comments were met with fierce reactions from literary officials across the Atlantic.

"You would think that the permanent secretary of an

academy that pretends to wisdom but has historically overlooked Proust, Joyce and Nabokov, to name just a few non-Nobelists, would spare us the categorical lectures," said David Henken, editor of The New Yorker.

"And if he looked harder at the American scene that he dwells on, he would see the vitality in the generation of Roth, Updike, and DeLillo, as well as in many younger writers, some of them sons and daughters of immigrants writing in their adopted

English. None of these poor souls, old or young, seem ravaged by the horrors of Coca-Cola."

Harold Augenbraum, executive director of the foundation which administers the National Book Awards, said he wanted to send Engdahl a reading list of U.S. literature.

"Such a comment makes me think that Mr. Engdahl has read little of American literature outside the mainstream and has a very narrow view of what constitutes literature in this age," he said.

Voting for president begins in pivotal Ohio

At stake: 20 electoral votes — perhaps, the presidency itself

By Liz Sidoti and Thomas J. Sheeran
Associated Press writers

CLEVELAND — In the state that may again determine the presidency, voters started casting ballots Tuesday as Barack Obama struggles to thwart a John McCain victory in Ohio four years after it tipped the election to President Bush.

Both candidates visit often while spending millions of dollars flooding TV and radio with advertisements, mailboxes with literature and even voicemail with automated phone calls to get supporters to the polls, particularly during the one-week window in which people can register and vote in one swoop.

Early participation appeared light; officials in the state's largest counties that are home to Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo and Dayton each reported several hundred ballots cast by afternoon. Many of those who voted cited convenience.

"I wanted to avoid the traffic and the people," said Charlene Glass, 49, of Cleveland Heights. A first-time voter, she said she and Obama expressed her enthusiasm for a black candidate. In Dayton, Terri Bell, 49, chose McCain because of his experience and his military service. "I have a lot on my plate. I wanted to do this early," she said.

At stake: 20 electoral votes — perhaps, the presidency itself.

Most recent state polls show a dead heat; others give McCain an edge. National surveys show Obama slightly ahead if not more. The disparity underscores the difficulty Obama is having in closing the deal in this pivotal state. It's a first-term senator from Cleveland with a liberal voting record and would be the country's first black president.

In all, 270 electoral votes are needed for victory. Ohio is crucial to McCain's election strategy. Bush narrowly won the state, and a loss for McCain here would be very difficult to make up with victories elsewhere given that the political landscape favors Democrats and several other key states are tilting toward Obama.

Obama, however, now leads McCain in enough other states Bush won in 2004 that he could lose Ohio and still reach the 18 electoral votes needed to carry it. He carries all the states Democrat John Kerry did in 2004. Still, winning Ohio itself could do the trick.

Marie Ellen Lyda

Marie Ellen Lyda, 84 of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, at her home.

She was born Feb. 8, 1924, in Minnesota. She married Norman B. Lyda; to this union they had three sons, Jerry, Vern and Mike.

She is survived by her sons, Jerry of Lisle, Ill., Vern of Boise and Mike of Boise; sister, Ramona Baker of Las



Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Melvin Anderson of Burley and Al Anderson of Hayden; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman B. Lyda.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at the Kimberly Church of the Nazarenes, 3550 E. 3750 N. in Kimberly, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.magic-valleyfuneralhome.com.

Helen Miller Randle

The funeral for Helen Miller Randle, age 90, of Challis, will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at the McCaleb Cemetery in Mackay. Visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Challis Funeral Home, 121 Main St. in Challis.

Helen passed away Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, at the Salmon Discovery Care Center.

Helen was born Oct. 6, 1917, in May, the daughter of Rollin and Frances Grubb Ellis. She attended school in May and graduated from Challis High School in 1935. On Feb. 10, 1939, she married James M. Miller in Challis. In 1941, they moved to San Francisco, Calif., the Bay Area, until



1975 when they moved to Twin Falls to be nearer to their two sons. Helen's husband Jim died in 1981. On April 10, 1992, Helen married Ross M. Randle. In 1994, she moved to Wendell and then moved to Challis in October of 2004.

She is survived by her two sons, Kenneth Miller and Mike Miller, both of Challis; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Jim; and her second husband, Ross.

Arrangements are under the direction of Challis Funeral Home. Burial will be in the McCaleb Cemetery. The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Challis EMTs, P.O. Box 24, Challis, ID 83226; or to Discovery Care Center, 600 Shanafelt St., Salmon, ID 83467.

Dalai Lama plans another Idaho visit

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Dalai Lama plans to make his second visit to Idaho in less than four years, with the Tibetan spiritual leader due to attend the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics 2009 World Winter Games in February.

The ceremony is to be held at Nampa's Idaho Center on Feb. 7. The games run through Feb. 13. Special Olympics board

member Pirie Grossman told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the 73-year-old 1989 Nobel Peace Prize recipient will arrive in Idaho Feb. 6 and plans to stay four days. He plans no public events outside the games, she said.

In 2005, Grossman worked with the exiled Tibetan leader's Sun Valley benefactors to bring him to central Idaho to mark the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks. After that visit ended, she fol-

lowed up with an invitation for him to attend the 2009 winter games, and visited him in February of this year at his residence in northern India, where she described the Special Olympics movement to him.

"I'd never heard of Special Olympics before,"

Grossman said. "We thought it would be great to have one of the world's greatest humanitarians come and celebrate with us. He was very inspired by Special Olympics and wants to come and meet athletes and to encourage their family members."

EPA sues Bradley Mining Co. for cleanup costs

BOISE (AP) — The federal government is suing Bradley Mining Co., asking for at least \$7 million to cover the costs of cleaning up arsenic-laden mining waste at the Silbrite Mine near the central Idaho town of Yellow Pine.

In the lawsuit filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Boise, the government, suing on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service and the Environmental Protection Agency, also asks that Bradley be held liable for any future cleanup costs associated with the waste left at the remote pit mine.

The Associated Press could not reach company

officials for comment on Tuesday. The company has not yet been served with the lawsuit, according to the federal court file, and so does not yet have any attorneys listed in the court record.

Court documents say Bradley operated the mine, starting in about 1927, pulling tungsten, antimony and gold from the ground along a tributary of the Salmon River. Antimony is extracted from silbrite.

The federal government contends that Bradley workers left ground-up rock on the ground, and that hazardous metals in the rock contained leached into the environment.

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Probe into 2nd possible brucellosis herd continues

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Wyoming state veterinarian Walter Cook said Tuesday that a nearby half of the cattle from a Wyoming herd that's the subject of a brucellosis investigation have tested negative for the livestock disease.

State and federal livestock

officials have tested 94 animals from a Sublette County ranch in western Wyoming. A cow that tested positive for brucellosis at a Nebraska slaughter house early this month has been preliminarily traced to the Bondurant-area herd.

Cook said more than 100 cattle from the ranch still need to be tested. Those cattle are currently being kept on a mountain pasture and will be tested when they're rounded up late next month or in early November.

"We're encouraged obvi-

ously that they all tested negative, but on the other hand, they haven't been with the rest of the herd for a year's time," he said. "They're all younger animals, and just having those test negative doesn't mean that we're out of the woods."

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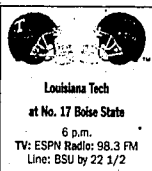
By Dustin Lantry
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — The Boise State Broncos go into their fourth game of the season with a bunch of new expectations. Before No. 17 BSU (3-0, 0-0 Western Athletic Conference) beat Oregon last week, few sports prognosticators expected them to cause much of stir in the college football rankings. They had a freshman quarterback, an

untested, young offensive line and no one really knew if they could bring it all together.

As it turns out, Kellen Moore is a pretty good quarterback. The offensive line has given up few sacks and it all seems to be coming together.

But tonight at Bronco Stadium, a fresh test of ability comes in the form of the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs (2-1, 0-0 WAC). The Broncos lead



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the series 6-3, and have won six in a row.

They are unbeaten and they'd like to stay that way. With ESPN's national audience in tow, BSU surely won't be looking past this team.

"La Tech is a team we've always paid very good attention to because of the athletes they have," BSU head coach Chris Petersen said. "Coach (Derek) Dooley is doing a great job with those guys now and they're obviously playing better as a team. It should be a good game."

Dooley, a former LSU and Miami Dolphins assistant for now-Abilene head man Nick Saban, is pulling double duty this season, taking over as athletic director as well as head football coach. His team is getting better, but it has some holes.

If Moore continues to excel, this is the game to do it. The Bulldogs' pass defense gives up almost 350 yards per

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White Sox finally a winner in AL Central

By Rick Gano
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Thanks to Jim Thome's bat and Ken Griffey Jr.'s arm, the AL Central has a winner at last: the Chicago White Sox.

John Danks pitched eight innings of two-hit ball, Thome homered and Griffey threw out a runner at the plate while a tough tag by A.J. Pierzynski, helping Chicago beat the Minnesota Twins 1-0 in a 163rd-game debreaker for the division title Tuesday night.

The White Sox joined the Cubs in the postseason, the first time since 1906 that both Chicago teams are in.

Next up for the South Siders, a first-round matchup with the surprising Rays. Game 1 is Thursday at Tampa Bay.

The White Sox got a huge boost Tuesday from two of their oldest players: Thome and Griffey, both longing for their first World Series championship.

Thome's long drive on a 2-2 pitch from rookie Nick Blackburn cleared two rows of shrubs in center field, traveling an estimated 461 feet to snap a scoreless tie in the seventh. It was the 541st homer for Thome, who raised his right fist as he rounded first base. He hadn't been to the playoffs since 2001.

Griffey, who came to the White Sox in a trade with the Reds so he could have a chance at playing in the postseason, cut down Michael Cuddyer with a nice throw in the fifth.

Griffey, who like Thome, is 38, will be making his first postseason appearance since 1997 with Seattle.

Bobby Jenks worked a perfect ninth for his 30th win in 34 games. Catcher fielder Brian Anderson ended it with a diving catch of Alex Casilla's bloop.

Danks, pitching on three days' rest for the first time in his career, went with just one win in his previous seven starts, held the Twins hitless through the

White Sox's 163rd game.

Chicago rounds out its regular season schedule by hosting Wood River on Thursday. The Tigers have wrapped up the No. 1 seed and home-field advantage throughout the Great Basin Conference West tournament, which starts next Thursday.

Twin Falls is at Highland on Saturday.

David Bashore may be reached at 208-735-3230 or dbashore@magicvalley.com.

First impressions

CSI men, women put on show at Bash

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

First impressions are pretty important. Two good ones were made Tuesday night.

Twin Falls made a solid impression on this year's College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball players. And from the cheers and hollers of the crowd throughout Tuesday's CSI Basketball Bash, it appears the players returned the favor.

"I've never had a turnout like this for anything," said men's point guard Jamelle Barrett. "So just to have it for 'Meet the team night' is great. I loved it. It was crazy."

So were some of Barrett's passes. The freshman from Las Vegas wowed spectators during the men's 10-minute intrasquad scrimmage, which often resembled dunk contest. Barrett hooked up with sophomore forward Jay Watkins on two alley-oop dunks and found freshman guard Carrick Felix on another perfectly placed lob, all in the opening minutes.

"I knew if I got it up to J-Wat he was going to get it, no matter who (else) was there," said Barrett.

Of course, the men weren't the only ones to impress.

Transfer Martina Holloway, a 5-6 point guard from Albuquerque, N.M., had a number of sweet assists during the women's scrimmage. The sophomore said she "fell



College of Southern Idaho's Jamelle Barrett, right, drives past his teammate Paul Becklens during the Basketball Bash Tuesday night in Twin Falls. To purchase reprints please go to <http://gallery.pictopia.com/magicvalley/>

in love right away" with CSI after seeing the crowd reaction at last year's home game against Salt Lake Community College.

"I love basketball. I have a lot of fun with this team," said Holloway. "I like being the pass-first, shoot-second

point guard."

Even when she settles for that second option, things should turn out nicely for the CSI women this season. Holloway knocked down 18 treys in 60 seconds during the 3-point contest, giving the women a big early lead.

Freshman Cheyne Martin got the men back in front in the contest by sinking 17 shots in his round, and Quinton Watkins sank 15 more as the men rallied to make 41 compared to the women's 32.

The women claimed the

event at last year's Bash, making Tuesday's win that much sweeter for the men.

The night also saw solid performances from returning women's post players Maddy Plunkett and Soana Lucket.

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Bruin girls win big on senior night

By Bradley Galt
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls girls soccer team made it five wins out of the last six games as the Bruins defeated Jerome Tuesday. It was senior night under the lights of Bruin Stadium.



Amanda Keebler and Kaitlyn Simpson

With just two games left in the regular season — a home game versus Region Four-Five-Six Ice Highland Saturday and a road game in Reburg against Madison next week — the Bruins (10-1, 3-2-1) are preparing for a run on the regional tournament for their first Class 6A state berth of the decade.

"We're definitely going to state," senior Amanda Keebler said.

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Jerome thrashes struggling Bruins

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

Fermin Martinez has two goals this season: He wants to finish as the state's top goal scorer and help the Jerome boys soccer team claim the Class 4A state championship. The speedy, skillful junior took a big step toward the former and helped his team continue its path toward the latter, scoring three times as Jerome waltzed past visiting Twin Falls 7-1 in nonconference action on Tuesday afternoon.

It was hardly unexpected, given Jerome's dominance this season and the Bruins' season of struggle. But the Tigers treated Twin Falls as any other opponent, with the knowledge that Twin Falls beat Jerome's conference foe Wood River earlier this season

and has enough talent and creativity to cause problems.

"Twin Falls is talented, but we expected to win, maybe by one or two goals," Martinez said through a translation. "I was glad that our team was able to score a lot of goals."

Martinez's hat trick topped his goal total to 19 on the season, tops in the classification so far. Sergio Martinez and Gabriel Pulido each kicked in a pair of goals for Jerome, which improved to 13-0-1. All three of Jerome's goalscorers found the back of the net in each half, with the Tigers taking a 4-0 lead into the break.



Martinez

Jerome coach Robert Garcia rotated Fermin Martinez and influential midfielder Sergio Mendoza in and out of the lineup to put other players to the test without the team's star players in the game. He said the test was passed, in this instance.

"All three of those guys seem to find each other. It's always nice to have them all scoring," said Garcia. "We took (Martinez and Mendoza) out because I wanted to test the other players, to see how they did because those guys could get hurt, and we'd have to play without them."

Josh Laskey converted a second-half penalty for the Bruins (2-1-2), who have lost four in a row after they thought they had turned the corner with a win over the Community School. "We were getting better,

keeping games close, and now I'm not sure what it is," said Twin Falls coach Jose Morales, who addressed the team for nearly 30 minutes after the defeat. "We're just going out there and forgetting what we've learned in practice about the simple things. But we treat this game like a scrimmage so we can see what we need to improve on."

Jerome rounds out its regular season schedule by hosting Wood River on Thursday. The Tigers have wrapped up the No. 1 seed and home-field advantage throughout the Great Basin Conference West tournament, which starts next Thursday.

Twin Falls is at Highland on Saturday.

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Former BSU coach sues, alleges sex discrimination

BOISE (AP) — A former Boise State University assistant track coach is suing the school, another coach and the head of the athletics department, alleging they discriminated against her because she is a woman.

A lawyer for Amy Christoffersen has filed suit in Ada County District Court against the university, athletic director Gene Bleymeyer and head track coach Mike Maynard.

Christoffersen was hired as

an assistant BSU track coach in 1998. She was temporarily appointed as head coach in 2000 "with the understanding that she would become head coach," according to a copy of the lawsuit obtained by The Associated Press.

Later that year, the university hired Maynard for the head coaching position.

"I expected to see there. I was training and planning on being the head coach," Christoffersen told The AP.

In the lawsuit, Christoffersen says she was wrongfully demoted to an insurance coordinator post within the athletic department in 2007 and then fired earlier this year.

The lawsuit outlines several instances in which Christoffersen said she felt she was discriminated against, yelled at and treated poorly in comparison with male coaches.

"I was crying every day," said Christoffersen, a 47-year-old

who lives in Caldwell, about 40 miles west of Boise. "Right before I got demoted it was pretty hard because they were trying to get me to quit."

At a university Tuesday, university spokesman Frank Zang confirmed that Christoffersen's contract with the school was not renewed this year, but he called the Sept. 25 court complaint "groundless."

In her lawsuit, Christoffersen said she was restricted from offering schol-

arships while recruiting athletes for the university track and field team and often forced to perform secretarial duties and tasks "that are stereotypically done by females," such as arranging transportation and hotel accommodations for the team.

Christoffersen also said Maynard threatened to fire her if she didn't get athletes to write good things about him in student evaluations. She described her relationship

with the track and field head coach as "strained and tense."

"He spoke disparagingly towards her. He yelled at her. He accused her of not supporting him," according to the court filing.

After her contract with the university was terminated in June, Christoffersen took a teaching position at a middle school in southwestern Idaho. "It's just sad because I totally support Boise State," she said. "She suffers damages to be determined at trial."

BASEBALL

American League

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New York Yankees	87	63	.579
Boston Red Sox	79	82	.490
Tampa Bay Rays	76	85	.472
Baltimore Orioles	69	92	.429
Detroit Tigers	68	93	.423

National League

NL East	W	L	Pct
St. Louis Cardinals	87	75	.534
Philadelphia Phillies	81	81	.500
Atlanta Braves	75	87	.461
San Diego Padres	71	91	.436
Arizona Diamondbacks	67	95	.412

Baseball Schedule

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

8 p.m. ESPN - Louisiana Tech at Boise State

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

7 p.m. TBS - Yankees, National League Division Series, Game 1, Milwaukee at Philadelphia

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12:30 p.m. ESPN2 - Champions League, Liverpool FC vs. PSV Eindhoven

3 p.m. ESPN CLASSIC - Champions League, FC Schalke 04 vs. FC Barcelona

8 p.m. ESPN2 - Playoffs, In San Antonio

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Nebraska coach Pellini calls himself a poor loser after VT loss

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska coach Bo Pellini is a loser — one that helps explain his side of the blowup late in Cornhuskers' loss to Virginia Tech.

The 35-30 setback was Pellini's first as Nebraska head coach.

"I'm a poor loser. I'm not very fun to be around the next morning," Pellini said Tuesday. "I take losses hard. I took them hard as a coordinator and position coach. When I start enjoying losing, or when I can handle it well, it's time for me to go into another profession."

Pellini said Monday that he had no concerns about his ability to control his temper and that no one, such as athletic director Tom Osborne, had told him to keep his cool on the sidelines.

Pellini on Tuesday acknowledged that he had not been judged by drawing an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty late in the fourth quarter against Virginia Tech. He called an official an unflattering name after Huskers linebacker Ndamakong Suh went penalized for hitting Hokies quarterback Tyrod Taylor out of bounds.

The two penalties gave Tech the ball at the Nebraska 10, and Virginia Tech scored a touchdown three plays later to go 35-23 with 2:28 left.

Locker looking for new position while thumb heals

SEATTLE — Ultimately, Jake Locker doesn't want to be a spectator.

Washington's star quarterback said Tuesday he'd be willing to play a different position in the coming weeks while his broken right thumb heals, as long as it's determined such a move would help the team and not risk additional injury.

"I'm definitely open to it. It'd rather be playing than sitting over on the sidelines," Locker

said on Tuesday, speaking for the first time since his injury. "Whatever is the best interest of this team, whether it's playing or not, I'll give it a shot."

Locker had surgery Monday to stabilize his thumb, which he broke in the second quarter of last Saturday's 35-28 loss to Stanford.

The sophomore is the Huskies' leading rusher this season with 180 yards on 56 carries, and has thrown for 512 yards. Redshirt freshman Ronnie Funch will be the Huskies starting quarterback indefinitely. Head coach Tyrone Willingham has called talk of Locker changing positions "premature," but hasn't ruled out the possibility.

Tedford reopens Cal's QB race

BERKELEY, Calif. — Coach Jeff Tedford reopened California's quarterback competition Tuesday, giving backup practice time to Kevin Riley and Nate Longshore this week before choosing a starter for Saturday's game against Arizona State.

Not many teams averaging 445 yards and 43 points per game would be contemplating a quarterback change, but Tedford is wary of the Golden Bears' 1-9 Pac-10 record if offense starts in an embarrassing loss at Maryland and last Saturday's 42-7 win over Colorado State.

With a looming visit from the Sun Devils (2-2, 1-0) that could have a big impact on both schools' hopes for a bowl game, Tedford said he'd like to shake up Riley, the starter who struggled in last Saturday's start against the Rams.

"We need a little boost there," Tedford said. "We cannot afford to continue to wait and wait for things to happen, so we need to find out who the best guy to put us in a position to start a little faster."

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- ### T.F. men hold final scramble
- TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Men's Golf Association's End of the Year Scramble will be held Sunday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. The entry fee is the four-person scramble fee \$25.00. Registration is by phone and cart. Players may make their team or sign up individually. Play begins with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.
- Information: 733-3326
- ### JRD holds women's hoops sign-ups
- JEROME — Jerome Recreation District will hold sign-ups for women's basketball through Oct. 17. Team fees are \$180, while player fees are \$15 for those in the district and \$20 for those outside the district. The eight-week season begins Oct. 20. Registration may be done by phone (324-3389) or at the JRD office.
- A preseason meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Oct. 22 in the JRD Conference Room.
- Information: JRD at 324-3389
- ### JRD holds volleyball registration
- JEROME — Jerome Recreation District will offer registration for adult volleyball through Oct. 12 for returning teams and Oct. 13-31 for new teams. The team fee is \$160, while player fees are \$5 for those in the district and \$10 for those outside the district. The 10-week season begins Nov. 10-14. The D League will play on
- Monday, the B League Group 1 on Tuesday, B League Group 2 on Wednesday, C League on Thursday and Women's League on Friday.
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- A preseason meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Nov. 5 in the JRD District Conference Room.
- Information: JRD at 324-3389.
- ### CSI rodeos coming up
- TWIN FALLS — The Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 12 at the CSI Expo Center. The entry fee is \$120 per team and includes lunch. Play begins with a 10 a.m., shotgun start. Tickets for both events may be purchased in advance at Vickers' Western Store, Twin Stop Logistics and The Expo Center.
- Information: The Expo Center at 732-6620.
- ### Gooding Elks best ball news
- GOODING — The Gooding Elks Two Man Best Ball Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at Gooding Golf Course. The entry fee is \$120 per team and includes lunch. Play begins with a 10 a.m., shotgun start. Contact the Gooding Golf Shop at 934-9977 to register.
- ### Burley men hold closing scramble
- BURLEY — The Burley Men's Club's Closing Golf Scramble will be held Saturday. The format is A, B, C, D scramble and the golf shop will handle pairings. The entry fee is \$10 and includes lunch. Green fees and cart are additional. Play begins with a 10 a.m., shotgun start. Information: Burley G.C. at 878-9807.
- Staff and wire reports

Cliff Lee, Brad Lidge win comeback player awards

PHILADELPHIA — Brad Lidge has a shot to cap his perfect season with a World Series ring.

Cliff Lee should be ready to clear the trophy case for a Cy Young Award.

First, the two pitchers received a different honor Tuesday when they were selected Comeback Players of the Year.

of 27 for the Houston Astros and lost his spot as an elite closer.

"I never lost confidence in myself, no matter what the years were like or the results," Lidge said, "I always felt I was going to come back and pitch to the best of my ability."

Lidge hopes he can remain perfect in the playoffs, starting Wednesday when the Phillies open the best-of-five division series at home against Milwaukee.

"If we weren't in the playoffs, this season would not be a success for me," Lidge said before the Phillies worked out.

The 31-year-old Lidge reclaimed his reputation as one of the most reliable relievers in the game. After two up-and-down seasons in

Houston — following Albert Pujols' mammoth homer off him in the 2005 playoffs — Lidge responded with the best year of his seven-year career. He was on the mound Saturday when the Phillies clinched their second straight division title and there's no one else manager Charlie Manuel wants on the mound with the game on the line.

"Where could we go get anybody better? He's been that good," Manuel said.

Lee, an 18-game winner in 2005, was nearly as flawless this season for the Indians. No one knew what to expect from Lee after he won a three-way competition for the final starting spot during spring training.

He was hurt last season, demoted to the minors and relegated to a relief role when he returned. Lee was even left off the Indians' postseason roster.

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CC Sabathia for the AL Cy Young Award.

"I've never seen a season like that," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said. "From start to finish he was incredible. There were real reasons for it. He worked hard physically to get back."

Lee was Cleveland's first 20-game winner since Gaylord Perry in 1974. He joined Perry along with Hall of Famers Bob Feller, Bob Lemon, Early Wynn and 20 others who have worn a Cleveland uniform in the 20-win club.

"I'm sure he's going to be busy this winter," Wedge said.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES
Cliff Lee
Brad Lidge

Angels Dodgers.

The 65-year-old Pinella guided the Cubs to a 97-61 record, the best mark in the league.

Pinella signed a three-year, \$15 million deal with club option after the Cubs went 66-96 in 2006 under Dusty Baker.

CASHMAN GETS 3-YEAR DEAL TO REMAIN YANKEES GM

NEW YORK — Brian Cashman is staying on as general manager of the New York Yankees, agreeing to a three-year contract that runs through 2011.

The Yankees missed the playoffs this season for the first time since 1993. Cashman took over as GM in 1997 and his current deal was set to expire at the end of October.

The move Tuesday was expected, though there had been rumblings that Cashman might be interested in running another club. Yankees co-chairman Hank

Steinbrenner told Cashman earlier this season that the team wanted him back.

INDIANS FIRE LONGTIME BULLPEN COACH

CLEVELAND — Longtime Indians bullpen coach Luis Isaac has been fired by Cleveland manager Eric Wedge.

Wedge said Tuesday that "it was tough to dismiss the 62-year-old Isaac, who had been with the club for 44 years."

Isaac joined Cleveland's organization as a player in 1965 and also served as a minor league manager and scout.

"Luis was as loyal as the day is long," Wedge said. "Ultimately, I felt we needed a different dynamic in the bullpen for that role. It's been something I've been thinking about for a while."

Wedge said the popular Isaac would not be reassigned in the organization.

— The Associated Press

Los Angeles Angels, sporting the majors' best record, laid on the evasive as defending world champion Boston Red Sox.

Boston Red Sox
95-67
BA 280
RHP 172
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ERA 4.01
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Los Angeles Angels
100-52
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ERA 3.99
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AMERICAN LEAGUE DIVISION SERIES
Halos clash with wild-card Sox

Los Angeles Angels vs Boston Red Sox
95-67 vs 100-52

Los Angeles Dodgers
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LHP 333
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Chicago Cubs
97-54
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RHP 184
LHP 354
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SAVES 44

NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION SERIES
Cubbs look to end dry spell

Los Angeles Dodgers vs Chicago Cubs
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Milwaukee Brewers
90-72
BA 253
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LHP 326
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Philadelphia Phillies
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Torre's new story contains familiar playoff scene

CHICAGO (AP) — Joe Torre is no longer bombarded by questions about his boss, no longer caught up in the New York tumult. One constant remains for him, though: October baseball.

So here he is again, managing in the playoffs and leading the Los Angeles Dodgers against a Chicago Cubs team looking to break its 100-year championship drought.

This his old Yankees sit while one out, Torre discovered he could again have fun in the dugout.

"The last couple years in New York were not very comfortable," he said Tuesday.

And this certainly wasn't his easiest season, going into Game 1 on Wednesday.

He was hurt last season, demoted to the minors and relegated to a relief role when he returned. Lee was even left off the Indians' postseason roster.

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"I thought it was just time for (me) to leave, and I have a feeling they felt the same way," Torre said.

Communication with Steinbrenner had eroded over those final three seasons, and the Yankees' offer seemed more like a nudge toward the door than a welcome embrace, ending one of the most successful eras in the franchise's history.

Only Joe McCarthy (1,460) had more wins for the club than Torre, who went 1,173-767.

And Torre's reign was the longest uninterrupted stint by a Yankees manager since a 12-year run by Casey Stengel, who was let go after his team lost the 1960 World Series to Pittsburgh in seven games.

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"He adjusted to the league," Bowe said. "We did all kinds of stuff. We hit-and-ran. We squeezed. We double-switched. That myth that all he could do was manage in the American League was gone, too. I don't think he'll say, 'I told you so,' but deep down, he says, 'I did this.'"

Away from the Bronx madness, Torre seems more at ease now — even though he always had that calm and laid-back demeanor. Bowe said, in New York, it was the perfect antidote. In Southern California, it's a good blend.

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the Dodgers (84-78) made their final Arizona by 4½ games on Aug. 29. They had a losing record as recently as Sept. 3.

But they rallied to win their first NL West title in four years last week in a 16-5 spurt, with late pick-up Manny Ramirez providing the big hits and Torre the steady hand.

"As far as the satisfaction, you never really know when you go someplace new, especially when you've been in one place for 12 years, how you're going to be received," Torre said.

"I know I've had success, but that doesn't mean that the players should believe

what you're telling them because you haven't proven anything yet as far as what you can do with this new team," he said.

Related out West, he's loving his L.A. life. Just look at him in that TV commercial — on a surfboard, doing yoga, zooming around the freeways and pitching a screen-pitch.

Those days under George Steinbrenner seem like forever ago, when his job status made for daily tabloid fodder. By the end, some people made it sound as though he was a failure, rather than a guy who'd won four World Series titles.

"Joe's not the kind of guy you'd think to say, 'I told you so,'" said third-base coach Bob Bowe, who spent two years on Torre's staff in New York. "I'm sure maybe deep down he's very happy that some of the negative stuff that you read about that he couldn't do, he came out here and did it."

The Yankees never missed the playoffs in Torre's 12 years, but after three straight first-round exits, they offered him a one-year deal worth \$5 million, plus a \$2.5 million contract, resulting by way of incentives for post-season performance, the Brooklyn native declined even though he still would have been the game's highest-paid manager.

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Raiders fire Kiffin 4 games into second season

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders fired Lane Kiffin on Tuesday just four games into his second season, ending a public feud with owner Al Davis that has been simmering since the start of the year.

"I reached a point where I felt that the whole staff were fractionalized, that the best thing to do to get this thing back was to make a change," Davis said during a lengthy news conference. "I hired because I picked the guy I picked the wrong guy."

The Raiders promoted offensive line coach Tom Cable to interim head coach. Kiffin had a 5-15 record, losing his final game 20-16 on Sunday to San Diego.

REPORT: RICKY WILLIAMS FIGHTS OFF URGE TO USE POT

MIAMI — Ricky Williams says he was briefly tempted to smoke marijuana during the Miami Dolphins' bye week-end, an act that could have ended his roller-coaster NFL career.

Williams has been in the league's substance-abuse program since 2002 and has tested positive for marijuana.

Williams told The Miami Herald for Tuesday's editions that when players were given Friday off, "automatically your mind which is so constrained since training camp can go," says, "I'm free, what can I do?"

"So there was definitely an urge," he said. "But I just thought about what I have to lose, and it was easy. The urge didn't last very long."

Since 2004, the Dolphins running back has played only 16 NFL games, including three this year. If Williams were to smoke marijuana again, he would likely be out of the NFL for good because he has already violated the league drug policy four times.



Oakland Raiders new interim head coach Tom Cable, left, and owner Al Davis, right, listening during a news conference at Raiders headquarters in Alameda, Calif., Tuesday. The Raiders fired head coach Lane Kiffin on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008, just four games into his second season.

The decision to remove Kiffin was as much about his former critics as the team's franchise as it was the field. Those critics reached a peak when Kiffin distanced himself from the defense after a blowout loss in the season opener, saying that under coordinator Rob Ryan and Davis' control.

However, during a news conference Tuesday, Davis also criticized several of Kiffin's coaching and personnel decisions, meaning that other things, he said Kiffin objected to the Raiders using the first pick in the 2007 draft on quarterback JaMarcus Russell.

The Raiders said Kiffin was fired because, meaning they will likely try not to pay him for the remainder of his con-

tract. He signed a three-year deal worth about \$6 million when he took over last year.

REPORT: RICKY WILLIAMS FIGHTS OFF URGE TO USE POT

MIAMI — Ricky Williams says he was briefly tempted to smoke marijuana during the Miami Dolphins' bye week-end, an act that could have ended his roller-coaster NFL career.

Williams has been in the league's substance-abuse program since 2002 and has tested positive for marijuana.

Williams told The Miami Herald for Tuesday's editions that when players were given Friday off, "automatically your mind which is so constrained since training camp can go," says, "I'm free, what can I do?"

"So there was definitely an urge," he said. "But I just thought about what I have to lose, and it was easy. The urge didn't last very long."

Since 2004, the Dolphins running back has played only 16 NFL games, including three this year. If Williams were to smoke marijuana again, he would likely be out of the NFL for good because he has already violated the league drug policy four times.

BENGALS SIGN EX-BROWNS RB BENSON

CINCINNATI — Running back Cedric Benson signed Tuesday with the Cincinnati Bengals, who needed another runner and were undeterred by two alcohol-related arrests in Texas that prompted the Chicago Bears to turn him go.

Benson will take the spot of running back DeDe Dorsey, who was placed on injured reserve Tuesday after hurting his hamstring in a 20-12 loss to Cleveland. Chris Perry is Cincinnati's starting running back.

Sox

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first four innings until Cuddyer led off the fifth with a double and moved to third on Delmon Young's fly to center. When Brendan Harris hit a fly to Griffey in shallow center, Cuddyer took off for the plate. He crashed into Pierzynski, who held onto the two-hop throw from Griffey while tagging Cuddyer for the out. Pierzynski then popped up and showed the ball as the crowd of 40,354 — mostly dressed in black — roared.

Danks (12-9) delivered in the biggest game of his brief career. He won a duel with Blackburn (11-11), who had

retired 13 of 14 before Thome led off the seventh with his long homer.

The White Sox hosted the game because they won a coin flip earlier this month and what an advantage it was: Chicago went 8-2 against the White at U.S. Cellular Field this season and 1-8 at the Metrodome.

It was the eighth one-game playoff in major league history and the first in the AL since 1955 when Seattle beat the California Angels 9-1 to win the AL West. Playing for the Mariners in that game was Griffey and Chicago bench coach Joey Cox.

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FOUND

1. Rotweiler cross tan/chocolate male adult, Victory Road, Twin Falls
2. Pit Bull cross chocolate/white female adult, Victory Road, Twin Falls
3. Chocolate Lab male adult, Victory Road, Twin Falls
4. Black Lab cross female young adult, Addison Ave East Twin Falls
5. Chesapeake/Lab cross red female adult
6. Lab/BBoxer cross female small puppy, Kimberly Road
7. Lab/Retriever gold male adult, Marion Drive
8. Beagle tri-color, male older adult, Longview Ferle, Park Avenue
9. Pit Bull female adult, mostly white/brown spots.
10. Gold Lab cross, male, small puppy, Victory Road, Twin Falls
11. 2 Lab/Dane cross white male and female adults, South of Hollister

ADOPTIONS

1. Pit Bull whittan, female 7 month old young adult
2. Chocolate Lab older, neutered male adult
3. Husky cross, black/brown, neutered male puppy
4. Pittever/Lab cross yellow male puppy
5. Lab/BBoxer cross 2 year old spayed female black
6. 4 Australian Shepherd/Coile cross, female puppies
7. Shepherd cross spayed female adult
8. Black Lab/BBoxer cross male, 2 year old adult
9. Border Collie/Lab cross, black spayed female 12 week old puppy
10. Auss Lab grey Merle spayed female black 1 year old adult
11. Hound/Mastiff cross, very large gold male 1 year old adult
12. Australian Shepherd cross spayed female 12 week old black/pan puppy
13. Lab/Border Collie cross black male puppy
14. Lab cross black female adult
15. Shepherd cross, tan male 5 month old puppy
16. Alstair Shepherd/Border Collie cross male young adult

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