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Former substitute charged with child sex crimes

By Andrea Jackson
Times-News writer

A former Twin Falls School District substitute teacher and volunteer volleyball coach was jailed on Friday for lewd conduct and sex abuse charges against a 15-year-old boy, court records show.

William Arthur Stevens, 22, was charged Thursday with two counts of sex abuse of a child under 16, four counts of lewd conduct with a minor

under 16, both felonies, and distribution of obscene material, a misdemeanor.

Charges stem from an alleged September tryst, during which Stevens and the boy performed sexual acts on each other at the

entrance of Rock Creek RV Park in Twin Falls.

The 15-year-old boy told police this month that Stevens asked him to hang out and then they drove around, ending at the RV park, where sexual acts between the two allegedly occurred, according to court papers filed Friday.

Stevens told police he took the boy to the RV park, kissed him, they masturbated each other, and engaged in oral

sex, records show.

The boy, who authorities said is not a Twin Falls School District student, told police Stevens sent him pictures on a cell phone of naked women.

He called Stevens from the police department and asked while in the presence of police why they had had a sexual encounter, court papers show.

"I don't have a reason why ... I just thought it might be

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fun or whatever. Be interesting," Stevens was quoted by police as saying in court records.

Stevens volunteered as an eighth grade volleyball coach at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School for the most recent

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BUSINESS

Dade pleads guilty to murder

By Rachel Jackson
Times-News writer

Dana Dade confessed Friday in a Twin Falls courtroom to killing another man last year, but didn't say why he did it.

Dade, 45, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder for the Nov. 15 slaying of Leland Joe Hoshaw, 46.



Dade

Hoshaw was shot 17 times at a duplex on Washington Street and Dade faces at least 30 years to life in prison.

Motive wasn't given on Friday, but the killing may have been fueled by feelings for a woman.

"Mr. Dade never did say why he did it," said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb. "I think it's likely it had to do with the lady who was involved with Mr. Dade before she was involved with Mr. Hoshaw."

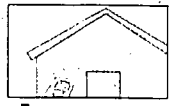
Dade said Friday he planned the killing.

"I premeditatedly killed



Above, members of the Twin Falls Fire Department combat a training fire Friday at a building used by the Eastside Baptist Church along Eastside Drive North. Below, firefighters from the Twin Falls Fire Department and the Idaho State Fire Academy train for a fire at a building used by the Eastside Baptist Church along Eastside Drive North. Firefighters from the Twin Falls Fire Department and the Idaho State Fire Academy train for a fire at a building used by the Eastside Baptist Church along Eastside Drive North. Firefighters from the Twin Falls Fire Department and the Idaho State Fire Academy train for a fire at a building used by the Eastside Baptist Church along Eastside Drive North.

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FAMILY LIFE



BIG GAME DAY
College of Southern Idaho volleyball takes on Salt Lake.

SPORTS

Twice as toasty

Community Action given twice as much in heating funds for winter 2008-09

By Mike Poppen
Times-News writer

As winter approaches and budgets get tighter, a bit of good news should keep Magic Valley residents warm.

The federal government has released \$5.1 billion this year under its Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, a service that helps people pay their heating bills during the cold winter months.

It's double the previous year's allocation. And though a lot of that money is headed for the eastern U.S., where many people rely on heating oil to get them through the winter, Ken Robinette still expects to have twice the resources to distribute through South Central Community Action

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No curbs on Wall Street pay despite meltdown

By Rachel Beck and Joe Bel Bruno
Associated Press writers

NEW YORK — Despite the Wall Street meltdown, America's biggest banks are preparing to pay their workers as much as last year or more, including bonuses tied to personal and company performance.

So far this year, nine of the largest U.S. banks, including some that have cut thousands of jobs, have seen total costs for salaries, benefits and bonuses grow by an average of 3 percent from a year ago, according to an Associated Press review.

"Taxpayers have lost their life savings, and now they are being asked to bail out corporations," New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said of the AP findings. "It's adding insult to injury to continue to pay outsize bonuses and exorbitant compensation."

Banks will decide what to pay out in

bonuses in the coming months. Just because they've been accruing money for incentive pay doesn't mean they will pay it out in full.

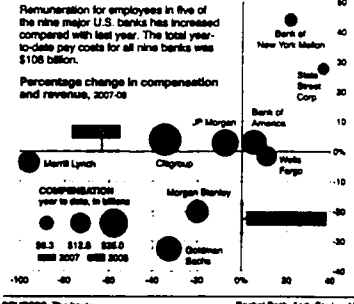
That there is a rise in pay, or at least not a pronounced dropoff, from 2007 is surprising because many of the same companies were doing some of their best business ever, at least in the first half of last year. In 2008, each quarter has been weaker than the last.

"There are, of course, expectations that the payouts should be going down," David Schmidt, a senior compensation consultant at James E. Rada & Associates. "But we haven't seen that show up yet."

Some banks are setting aside large amounts. At Citigroup, which has cut 23,000 jobs this year amid the crisis, pay expenses for the first nine months of this year came to \$25.9 billion, 4 percent more than the same period last year.

Even if you subtract what the bank has

Compensation holds up at most banks



Well closures less likely next year, but still possible

By Hale Poppino
Times-News writer

It's almost Halloween. So why not bring out the boogymen?

Water users across the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer will get a sober reminder this weekend that water is a precious commodity in Idaho.

On Friday, Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tuthill mailed out about 1,700 letters to cities, farmers and other junior water users who could be affected by three ongoing water calls, warning them that their wells could be shut off if the state sees a poor water year in 2009.

The letter isn't as dire as a similar one Tuthill sent out last year, on the heels of a dry and contentious irrigation season. He noted Friday that water users will see much more carryover storage water in reservoirs than they did in 2007, and that he, like all water users in the state, is hoping for a good snowpack this winter.

"But as IDWR director, I am obligated to give early notice to the water users that could potentially be affected by the water calls," he said in a press release put out Friday afternoon.

The calls in question collectively cover almost all of the aquifer, stretching from Gooding County in the Magic Valley to as far as Jefferson County in the northeast corner of Idaho. The broadest, made by seven irrigation districts and canal companies known as the Surface Water Coalition, could affect users with water rights newer than 1977. Two other calls, made by Blue Lakes Trout Co. and Clear Springs Foods could affect rights newer than Jan. 4, 1973.

The dates are calculated as a worst-case scenario using historical data from the year 1977. As many as 3,000 water rights could be affected.

Tuthill sent out 1,000 less letters this year than in 2007, a sign of the improved reservoir storage. IDWR spokesman Bob McLaughlin said, in the coalition call, for example, spring runoff into the Snake River this spring had to exceed 105 percent of "normal" — an average of past years — for water users to avoid being curtailed. For next year, runoff only has to be better than 85 percent, McLaughlin said.

Last year's letter also affected water rights as much as 30 years older than the current water rights, including for the same reasons, McLaughlin said.

Tuthill will make a final ruling in April as to how much water coalition members are expected to miss out on. Junior users in the two Thousand Springs calls will have to provide about 112 cubic feet per second total to the two trout farms.

Water calls are made when users with older rights get less water than they are entitled to. Users with newer rights, largely groundwater pump-ers, are then required by state law to make up for any shortages caused by their pumping.

Curtailment, or well closures, comes when junior users cannot supply for their mitigation plans. It can also be voluntary.

The letter and more information on possible 2009 curtailments can be found at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/>.

Castleford receiving treated water

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Ethan Harkins can't taste a difference, but there's been lot less arsenic in the 17-year-old's water since Monday.

"I don't think there is much of a difference," he said of the water that flows through Castleford's new arsenic treatment facility.

Harkins didn't give much thought to the city's water, previously having about 22 parts per billion of arsenic, and said people he knew weren't as worried about the arsenic as to how to pay for the city's federally mandated arsenic treatment facility.

In 2001, the Environmental Protection Agency adopted a new policy on how much arsenic can be present in potable water. The rule, which became enforceable January 2006, lowered the allowable amount from 50 ppb to no more than 10 ppb.

In April, work started on the large project which included construction of an arsenic treatment facility and a new water tank, along with new meters and water line installed through town.

"Now that the project is

complete I think people are just ready to move on," Harkins said.

After spending more than five years working on the issue, Mayor Rita Ruffing said the end of the project is quickly approaching.

"We're sending treated water to the people since Monday," Ruffing said.

By early next week Castleford's skyline will be altered by the removal of the city's old blue water tank, another indicator of how close the project is to being finished.

Crews began removing the massive structure Wednesday.

Jeff Huntington, a Class 3 water distributor and water treatment technician, will spend the next few weeks in Castleford to make sure the system keeps working the way it's supposed to. Huntington is a city of 100-year employee but Castleford has contracted his services as well.

Once the old water tank is removed, the next item in wrapping up the project will be the installation of a security fence around the treatment facility.

Blair Koch may be reached at 208-733-2607 or blairkoch@gmail.com.



Crews work at getting the top portion of Castleford's old water tank, scheduled now that the city's new water tank and arsenic treatment facility are online and delivering water. The tank should be completely removed by early next week.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY
Friday Arraignments

William A. Stevens, 22, Twin Falls, on indictment of obscene material; Jan. 13 pretrial; \$1,000 bond; public defender appointed

William A. Stevens, 22, Twin Falls, 16, four counts first conduct with a minor under 16; \$100,000 bond; Oct. 31 preliminary hearing; public defender appointed

Ashlee Ann McDaniel, 24, Twin Falls, grand theft; Oct. 31 preliminary hearing; \$5,000 bond; public defender appointed

AROUND THE VALLEY

Section of Eastland closed on Monday

Eastland Drive in Twin Falls, from Floral Avenue to Highland Avenue, will be restricted to one-lane one-way traffic on Monday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in order for city crews to work on that section of Eastland.

Delays can be expected. Flagger and signs will be in place to direct traffic through the construction. Please use caution and obey the flaggers and traffic control signs when traveling in this area.

Forest Service announces new deputy forester

Jerome E. Perez will become the new deputy regional forester for the U.S. Forest Service's Intermountain Region, officials announced Friday.

The job — recently combined from two positions into one — is directly under Regional Forester Harv Forsgren. Perez will help manage the region and its 12 national forests. The area includes southern Idaho,

Utah, Nevada and western Wyoming.

Perez graduated from West Virginia University in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in forest resource management. He received a law degree in 2005 from The Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law.

He's worked for the Forest Service for almost 20 years, and is currently forest supervisor on the Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky. He'll start his new job in January. Perez replaces Mary

Wagner, who accepted a regional forester position in Oregon, and Cathy Beatty, who retired.

Kimberly board holds special meeting

The Kimberly School District Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the district office, 241 Center St. W., Kimberly.

Agenda items include: bids for the new ag building, October budget revision, and Snake River Academy's charter school petition.

Proposed open-pit gold mine in N. Idaho stalls

LEWISTON (AP) — Work on a permit for a proposed open-pit gold mine in northern Idaho near Elk City has stopped because the company is using an outdated plan, an official at the Bureau of Land Management says.

BLM field manager Stephanie Connolly also said Elk City Mining LLC has not reached an agreement to compensate the agency for developing an environmental impact statement.

"We are not moving on the project at all," Connolly said Thursday at a meeting about the mine, the Lewiston Tribune reported. "There is no (memorandum of understanding) between us and the proponent to move forward. We are not going to use taxpayers' dollars to pay for it and they are not ready to enter into a cost recovery (agreement)."

She said the company's goal of having the impact statement finished by 2010 likely will be significantly delayed.

Connolly said the company is working of a plan approved 18 years ago before the state updated its cyanide regulations in 2005. The Idaho Department of

"We are not going to use taxpayers' dollars to pay for it and they are not ready to enter into a cost recovery (agreement)."

— BLM field manager Stephanie Connolly

Environmental Quality told her the company would need to submit a new plan.

The Associated Press was unable to reach the company by telephone for comment Friday.

Company officials contend the cyanide heap leach process they want to use to extract gold from ore can be done safely without damaging the environment.

The company wants to operate the mine for five years

and extract 100,000 ounces of gold. In the process using 5,000 tons of cyanide. Company officials say the mine would employ about 40 workers, and pay up to \$60,000 a year.

The proposed mine is located just outside Elk City and a few miles from the American River and South Fork of the Clearwater River. Both rivers contain salmon and threatened populations of steelhead and bull trout.

Environmental groups worry cyanide or other harmful compounds will enter the rivers. Residents in the area said they are concerned cyanide could end up in their drinking water.

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Former Idaho death row inmate to be resentenced

By Rebecca Bode
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Maxwell Hoffman spent nearly 20 years on Idaho's death row for the revenge slaying of a police drug informant. Now Owyhee County officials are preparing to resentence him — and the death penalty is off the table.

The resentencing is scheduled to begin Monday in 3rd District Court. Owyhee County Prosecutor Matthew Faulks said Friday. Faulks intends to ask the judge to sentence Hoffman to life in prison without parole.

The case began in the late summer of 1988, when the body of 28-year-old Denise Williams was found in a remote area of the county. Williams had disappeared eight days after helping police in the drug arrest of 35-year-old Richard Holmes.

After Holmes was released on bail, he had Williams brought to a campsite where he, Hoffman and another man, Ron Wages, were waiting.

Holmes left Williams with

the two men, telling them, "You know what to do," according to court documents. Hoffman slit Williams' throat. Wages stabbed her and both men tried to bury her with rocks, court papers say.

All three men were charged with murder. Wages pleaded guilty in exchange for life in prison, and Holmes also avoided the death penalty by agreeing to tell authorities where Williams' body was. Holmes was killed in a prison riot before Hoffman's trial.

Prosecutors offered Hoffman a plea deal as well, saying they would not seek the death penalty if he would instead ask the judge for life in prison if Hoffman pleaded guilty to the crime. Hoffman turned down the offer and went to trial. He was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death row on June 8, 1989.

Hoffman has brought several appeals. In one case arguing that he should not be put to death because he is mentally retarded and in one arguing that his attorneys were incompetent.

Tamarack receiver vows to open ski hill Dec. 12

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The head of the company that stepped in to manage financially crippled Tamarack Resort as the central Idaho vacation destination's bankers and owners fight over its future says his goal is clear: preserve the physical assets and make sure ski lifts are operating by Dec. 12.

"We come in as crisis managers, in a very user-friendly way, to take over control of the operations until there is a resolution of the underlying litigation," Douglas Wilson, of San Diego-based receiver Douglas Wilson Cos., told The Associated Press in an interview Friday.

As part of its foreclosure lawsuit, Zurich-based Credit Suisse had demanded that Wilson step in to run Tamarack after the resort, located 90 miles north of Boise, defaulted on a syndicated loan on which it now owes more than \$273 million.

Wilson is also the receiver for an \$11 million Hawaiian ranch formerly owned by actor Jimmy Stewart.

Wilson arrived Monday with four others from his company and is now awaiting a \$10 million loan pledged by the Swiss bank to prepare the ski hill and to winterize Tamarack's centerpiece Village Plaza, whose Tyvek-wrapped hulk is still more than \$70 million from completion and could be damaged by approaching wintry weather if adequate measures aren't taken.

Credit Suisse officials didn't immediately return an e-mail late Friday seeking comment on when the loan would be extended.

Wilson, who has retained key employees including Jim Spenser, Tamarack's head of operations, said he's hopeful the loan transaction will be resolved in the coming week.

"Everyone has an alignment of interests, and that is to preserve value," Wilson said. "I'm not just a consultant, I understand complex operations. We don't have all the solutions immediately, but we certainly are willing to roll up our sleeves and push this process along."

In all, about 30 employees are now on the job at

Tamarack and Wilson said he expects to rehire about 100 more who were laid off a week ago. Still, construction companies and others who have filed more than \$40 million in liens will have to wait for resolution. Wilson is responsible for operations moving forward, but will leave previous conflicts over debts to be sorted out in the courts.

Jean-Pierre Boespflug and Alfredo Miguel, who control nearly 80 percent of the resort's equity personally or through their real-estate holding companies, ran out of money from the Credit Suisse loan last year and have so far failed to find new investors.

Since then, the real estate market has soured further, construction on the Village Plaza centerpiece collapsed, tennis stars Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi pulled from a luxury hotel project, and two banks foreclosed on a conference center and employee housing.

As receiver, Wilson answers to Idaho 4th District Judge Patrick Owen, who last week issued a 12-page order out-

lining his role. Among other things, Wilson must in 45 days file an inventory of all fixtures, equipment, machinery, personal property and all other loan collateral that he's now overseeing, according to the order.

In addition to Credit Suisse's foreclosure action, a federal judge in a separate action earlier this month dismissed bankruptcy cases that had been protecting Tamarack assets owned by Boespflug and Miguel. Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Terry Myers ruled they improperly sought to buy time to find another resort investor or new money.

"I don't know what the ultimate resolution of the underlying litigation will be," Wilson said.

Meanwhile, Boespflug, Tamarack's chief executive officer and the main resort promoter for nearly a decade, has been relegated to a small modular building on resort grounds as he still seeks to find new investors. He can stay there as long as he doesn't meddle with Wilson's efforts to run the place, Judge Owen said.

Husband of suspended Nevada judge takes plea deal

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The husband of a suspended Nevada state judge took a plea deal Friday and agreed to serve three to 10 years in state prison for attacking and seriously injuring her with a frying pan.

Edward Halverson, 49, entered an Alford plea, the equivalent of a no-contest plea — to a single felony, battery with violence with use of a weapon resulting in substantial bodily harm.

He acknowledged the state could prove his guilt but told Clark County District Court Judge David Barker he couldn't remember hitting his wife, Elizabeth Halverson, late Sept. 4.

"Of that night, I don't have any recollection of the events of that night until I was being hit," said Edward Halverson.

"To get up here and say, 'I did it, I couldn't tell you,' he said."

Elizabeth Halverson, 50, was hospitalized for more than two weeks after she was struck multiple times with a skillet. Authorities said she received more than 100 staples and stitches to close deep lacerations.

In a 911 recording made during the attack, Elizabeth Halverson whispered to a police dispatcher that her husband was trying to kill her with a frying pan. She then left on a phone line open while she talked to her husband, recording a legacy that would survive if she did not.

"Why did you kill me?" she asked. "Well, you murdered me. Why did you do that?"

Elizabeth Halverson was suspended from her job as Clark County district court judge in July 2007 after she was accused of establishing a relationship with a man, sleeping on the bench and having her husband escort in to work if he had complained his household chores.

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Idaho lawmakers fight to stop Euro trainmaker bid

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo and Rep. Mike Simpson are among Idaho officials trying to stop a European-based train maker from winning a federally funded locomotive contract for Boston's public transit agency and help a rival company with operations in Boise that's also in the running.

In May, Boise's Motive Power Inc., a unit of Wilmerding, Penn.-based Wabtec Corp., and Germany's Vossloh AG, submitted competing proposals to supply at least 28 new diesel-electric locomotives that Boston's Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is ordering to replace aging locomotives. There are options for as many as 56 new locomotives.

Vossloh has said 60 percent of locomotive components would be manufactured in the United States, including final assembly at a Caterpillar Inc. plant in Kentucky. But the company conceded its plan to completely retrofit and in some cases rebuild existing locomotives.

The Federal Transit Administration is taking public comment on the Boston agency's waiver request for the purchase of the two pilot locomotives.

Under the Bay Area law, such waivers can be granted if applying the requirements "would be inconsistent with the public interest," according to the

such projects come largely from the United States.

As a result, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority has applied for a waiver of the requirement.

MotivePower argues the jobs of as many as 200 workers in Idaho's capital and additional jobs at supplier plants around the country could be negatively affected if the waiver is granted and Vossloh wins the contract. Crapo and Simpson, both Republicans, sent a letter on Oct. 7 to James Simpson, administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, to underscore the concerns.

"If MBTA's waiver is granted, 85 high skill engineering jobs would be exported to Spain and 200 Boise manufacturing jobs lost," they wrote.

"This action would accelerate existing pressures on our passenger locomotive industry and undermine the competitiveness of our domestic industry."

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Federal Transit Administration. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority argues that granting a waiver is appropriate in this case because it would expand the range of competitors who can make bids on the project.

"It's so that we can get the best offer possible from a qualified reputable firm for our next generation of locomotives," MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said Friday, adding his agency at this time favors neither Vossloh's nor MotivePower's proposal. Vossloh, whose officials didn't immediately return messages from The Associated Press, indicated in federal documents that getting the waiver for final assembly of the two pilot locomotives would limit its costs, speed completion and reduce Vossloh's bid price for the entire package.

"Vossloh estimates that if the waiver were not granted, the geographic separation between the design/engineering department in Spain and the final assembly facility in the U.S. would result in an unacceptable increase in labor costs according to the waiver request."

Progress Rail Services, a unit of Caterpillar in Mayfield, Ky., is slated to do the final assembly on all but the two pilot locomotives.

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EDITORIAL

Elexpuru's impressive, but we need Block's seniority

It's a fact of life for rural Idaho — or soon will be — that experience in the Legislature matters more than ever.

In 2011, the Legislature will be reappointed on the basis of the 2010 Census. In the past eight years, the state's growth has been concentrated in the Treasure Valley.

So much so, that south-central Idaho is certain to lose a legislative district when the maps are redrawn, going from the present 16 lawmakers to no more than 12.

Simply put, we're about to be badly outvoted. We can use all the seniority we can get in Boise.

The Magic Valley now has five House and Senate committee chairmen, including four-term Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, who heads the Health and Welfare Committee. We need to keep her in office.

We say that despite the fact that her opponent, contractor and rancher Carolyn Elexpuru, is the strongest legislative candidate Twin Falls County Democrats have nominated in at least a generation. A proven vote-getter — she was elected to two terms on the Gooding County Commission as a Republican — with a solid business background, she would make an effective legislator.

But Elexpuru, 62, would be a junior member of a House Democratic Caucus that's heavily outnumbered by Republicans. When the Legislature convenes in January, no more than 13 of the 70 members of the House will have more seniority than Block.

This race was a close call for the editorial board — close enough that we were left wishing that Elexpuru had been running in another district so that we could endorse her. The Magic Valley in general and Twin Falls County in particular need credible, mainstream Democratic candidates to keep the GOP honest. We hope Elexpuru stays involved in politics and runs again.

For the 67-year-old Block, a fifth term would mean a chance to achieve top-to-bottom reorganization of how Idaho treats the mentally ill — a cause she has embraced. An environmentalist — Block was a significant figure in the successful effort to stop construction of a coal-fired power plant in Jerome County in 2005 — she also supports a more active role by the state in assessing the consequences of climate change.

As a former kindergarten teacher, Block should support a comprehensive effort to reform the shameful way Idaho deals with early-childhood learning and daycare regulation. It's time the state got involved in educating 4-year-olds and provided meaningful protection for kids in private child-care facilities.

Block has worked hard for residents of Twin Falls County, and she's reached the point in her legislative career where her experience counts.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Idaho gas too expensive

According to GasBuddy.com, when oil was under \$75 per barrel, gas price in Idaho was \$2.70. Last week, Idaho averaged \$3.37 and the national average is \$3.06. Most of the stations in the Mini-Cassia area also have

increased their ethanol percentage, which should bring the cost down.

How many letters to editors or phone calls to senators and Congress will it take for this insanity to stop?

JUANITA SORG Paul

Waiting for Osama's October surprise

Somewhere, probably in Pakistan's tribal province of Waziristan, Osama bin Laden knows that a U.S. election is going on. The last time this happened, bin Laden injected himself into the campaign at the penultimate moment, releasing a nearly 15-minute videotape just four days before America went to the polls.



PETER CANELLOS

This year, both campaigns are wondering whether he'll try something again, delivering the "October surprise" document that as a national-security threat.

In it, bin Laden directly taunted George W. Bush, telling voters that "despite entering the fourth year after Sept. 11, Bush is still deceiving you and hiding the truth and therefore the reasons are still there to repeat what happened." By implication, bin Laden seemed to be saying that he might back off if Americans elected John F. Kerry — that is, the world's terrorist mastermind, preferred Kerry to Bush.

He even seemed at one point to be aping the American left's prime provocateur, filmmaker Michael Moore, whose "Fahrenheit 9/11" chided Bush for continuing to read "The Pet Goat" to schoolchildren when the World Trade Center burned.

It never occurred to us that the commander in chief of the country would leave 50,000 citizens in the two towers to face those horrors alone because he thought listening to a child discussing his goals was more



important," bin Laden sneered, in his best Band-villain style.

So one immediate interpretation of the video was that bin Laden wanted Kerry to win, and was already dancing on the grave of his mortal enemy, President Bush. But as author Tom Siskind revealed in his book "The One Percent Doctrine," the CIA analysts who tracked bin Laden felt that the Al-Qaida leader wanted the opposite result: Bush's reelection.

The analysis speculated that bin Laden believed that Bush's aggressiveness in Iraq, as well as embarrassments such as the treatment of prisoners at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison and at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, had devastated America's image. The "Arab Street," sending many young radicals into Al-Qaida's hands.

Whatever bin Laden intended, American voters clearly resented his taunting of their commander in chief, and the video helped rally last-minute support for Bush. Bin Laden's success in influencing American politics in 2004 makes it quite plausible that he would try to do it again — through another video, a direct

threat, or, perhaps, some sort of attack in the United States or abroad.

This possibility was on the mind of John McCain's senior adviser, Charlie Black, when he urged to Fortune magazine last June that an orbital attack on American soil would be "a big advantage" for McCain. Black was roundly criticized, but his prediction may not be that far off. McCain could benefit from anything that puts bin Laden back in the news.

At first glance, this seems illogical. Throughout the campaign, McCain has been the person insisting that Iraq is the central front in the war on terrorism, while Barack Obama has put greater emphasis on catching and/or killing bin Laden. It was Obama who made the risky pledge to go into the Pakistani territory of Waziristan and hunt down bin Laden, whether or not the Pakistani government approves. (McCain hasn't ruled out such a move but criticized Obama for telegraphing his intentions.)

So if bin Laden reassesses himself, a logical assumption might be that Obama, who has targeted the Al-Qaida leader more directly, would benefit.

But it's worth noting that in 2004, Kerry — like Howard Dean before him — also stressed his desire to capture and/or kill bin Laden, and claimed that the Iraq war was distracting from that goal. Bush, in fact, downplayed the threat from bin Laden, claiming that he had already been isolated.

But voters, in times of fear, turn to the more hawkish candidate overall. And in this race, McCain has shown greater faith in the idea that maintaining a strong military force in the Middle East can lead to "victory" in Iraq. Voters have tired of the war in Iraq, and are more willing than ever to see it as a distraction. But for McCain, just like Bush before him, Iraq has been an opportunity to stress his belief in American power and its ability to impose America's will on the world.

American voters are deeply skeptical. But when confronted with a threat, they want to believe that their military can protect them — that bin Laden is fearful of unleashing American rage, and wouldn't want a warlike Ike McCain in the White House.

Even if the opposite is true.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Termination has various definitions

I would like to take a minute to respond to the Times-News article titled "Sas records confirm Garcia, Carter resignations from agencies, candidates were accused of being fired" in the Oct. 17, 2008, story by Andrea Jackson.

The word that was used in the article was "terminated," not fired. Wikipedia lists the following: (1) Terminated, having come or been brought to a conclusion; "the harvesting was complete." "the affair is over, ended, finished," "the interview," all over, completed, ended, over, concluded, ended or brought to an end.

Webster's Student Dictionary — Terminate (2) To come to an end or cease. Throughout the different articles in the opinion section, the word termination and firing have become

About election letters ...

The Times-News welcomes letters from and on behalf of candidates for the Nov. 4 election. Deadline is Oct. 29 at noon; no election letters received after that will be published. Letters must be 300 words or less, and only one letter from each writer will be published in October. E-mail letters to ethan@magvalley.com, fax them to 734-5538, or mail them to Letters to the Editor, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

one in the same. There is a distinct difference. Termination is simply the coming to an end. In this case an employment relationship. Why that relationship with the Twin Falls Police Department came to an end, can be found in personnel files that no candidate will release. I would ask that until someone is sure of their terminology, i.e., termination vs. firing, to not take this out of context.

In the matter involving certification, the Times-News reported that Tom Carter is under investigation by POST, and that Bob Cooper from

the attorney general's office confirmed that they are representing POST in a matter involving Carter. Now, I ask once again for our citizens to please do some homework before voting and not to jump to conclusions based on someone else's use of terminology.

Please join me in voting for continued integrity and ethics by retaining incumbent Sheriff Wayne Tousylin in office.

JACK JOHNSON Murtaugh

Troy Hurd will be good for Gooding County

I have known Troy Hurd for about eight years. In that time I have found Troy to be a hard-working, dedicated family man who cares deeply about the future of our community. He is always willing to lend a helpful hand and work hard, even when the going is tough.

Troy has the dedication, time and energy needed to help keep Gooding County a place where we would all like to live. We need an official who will be willing and able to take decisive action when it is called for, and Troy Hurd is that person.

Join me in voting for Troy Hurd on Nov. 4. DEBBIE MCCLEAIN Gooding

Check out what local residents are saying about the upcoming election

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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to the Nampa debate

I just listened to the Nampa debate between LaFocco, Rammell, Risch and Marvin Richardson/Pro-Life.

Allow me to translate: Richardson/Life said: "Idahoans are selfish." And everything else he said last go-round. LaRocco said: "I take full responsibility for any good that happened when I was in D.C. I'm a classic politician telling you what I think you want to hear while repeating myself over and over again."

Rammell said: "This needs to be about the man. Risch hasn't the integrity." Risch said: "I would never stepped all over Bannell's God given American rights if I hadn't had the chance to do so. It wasn't my fault. It wasn't my fault."

Ahh — a peek into the future? ERIN MILLER Buhl

Cannon is a qualified prosecuting attorney

I was employed in the Minidoka County prosecuting attorney's office for a little over 19 1/2 years before I made a job change to Magistrate Court.

During my years in the prosecutor's office, I worked with six different prosecuting attorneys, numerous deputy prosecuting attorneys and legal interns. My first prosecutor was inexperienced in this position and I was new to the job market. We were a two-person office at that time. It quickly became a very unpleasant learning experience when a major homicide case happened. I can tell you from firsthand experience, it is extremely important to have a prosecuting attorney in that office capable of dealing with similar situations.

There is a tremendous amount of detailed, sometimes very complex work involved in the daily operation of a prosecuting attorney's office. Most of this work is never reported to the public by the news media. Although the prosecutor is ultimately responsible, it was not always a competent, reliable support staff. I believe Mrs. Cannon and her staff work together to achieve the goal of running the prosecutor's office in an efficient manner while dealing with the complexities of criminal and civil law enforcement. They have a good rapport with the judges, law enforcement personnel, court personnel, governmental agencies and the public in general.

While I never personally worked with Mrs. Cannon, I worked closely with members of her staff and know

firsthand how dedicated they are to seeing justice served to the very best of their ability.

Mrs. Cannon has been affiliated with the Minidoka County prosecuting attorney's office for more than 10 years as a deputy prosecuting attorney and now as prosecuting attorney. I believe the experience and skills she has gained during that time are invaluable in making her a successful prosecuting attorney.

JOANN BUTTARS Rupert

Carter an asset to Twin Falls

As a former Democratic candidate for sheriff, I am encouraging all voters to encourage all voters to vote for Tom Carter for Twin Falls County sheriff.

"Tom is an asset to law enforcement. I had the privilege of working with Tom for many years. Tom Carter's many years in law enforcement makes him the type of leader this county needs for our future.

Please elect Tom on Nov. 4 as our new sheriff. Thanks. PAUL BACH Kimberly

Cameron an advocate for education

I am supporting Sen. Dean

Cameron, who is running for re-election to the Idaho State Senate in District 26, because I care about children's education. As a teacher, I have watched Sen. Cameron and can tell education is a high priority to him. I have seen him advocate for funding for children's education while resisting spending in other areas.

As a Magic Valley educator, I have always felt Sen. Cameron listened to my concerns and did his best even in difficult years. He has supported improved reading and math initiatives. He also helped find money for school supplies so that those supplies won't have to come out of teachers' own pockets. He even has proposed increased funding for kindergarten and first grade to help make sure your children are reading at grade level.

When school funding was being shifted from property taxes to sales taxes, Sen. Cameron argued for and obtained sufficient reserves to protect public schools from holdbacks caused by economic downturns like the one we are in today. Obviously, this was good thinking considering the state our economy is in at this time.

Last year, when alternative pay programs were being pushed in Sen. Cameron stood up for teachers and what

they wanted. He articulately argued, on the Senate floor, against the bill that would have unfairly judged teachers and made it harder to attract and keep good teachers.

I am voting for Sen. Cameron and encourage you to do the same. JULIE KORK Jerome

A question for Tousey

I have a question for Sheriff Tousey: It was said in an earlier article in the paper that he could not guarantee public safety with people that are running against him or working for him. I want him to tell me how he can guarantee public safety period. If he could, we wouldn't be having these murders and drive-by shootings, among other crimes around here.

You have been taking quality deputies off the force. I would think that would be taking away from our safety in this county. I think it is time for a change to a sheriff that is secure with himself — that would be Tom Carter. KENNETH CORDIER Twin Falls

Idahoans paying more for gas

We were just in Montana 10 days ago and guess what?

Regular gas was \$3.13! So why are the people of Idaho paying \$3.29 to \$3.39?

I guess the gas companies just got to keep on ripping off the Idaho people some more and again! CORENE BUHLER Twin Falls

Re-elect Jaquet

I have known Rep. Wendy Jaquet for many years now, first meeting her at the 4-H Know Your Government Conference held in Boise each year, and I was also her legislative page for the 2006 session.

Not only is she a great mentor but she has always been supportive of all my endeavors. Working with her as a page, I was able to get a sense of her "legislating" abilities, and I found that she is a great asset to all of District 25 and she stands for all her constituents regardless of political affiliation.

I have personally seen her at county fairs, Fourth of July celebrations in Halley, 4-H functions and many other activities, as well as supporting District 25 youth in anything they do. She has the experience we need and the stamina to work hard for our District.

Re-elect Rep. Wendy Jaquet on Nov. 4! CARL DAYTON Shoshone

Second economic stimulus shows more promise

Now it's our turn. Ever since the government embarked on its \$700 billion bailout plan, homeowners and investors have been asking when they would get a bailout of their own.

Now that the immediate credit crisis seems to be easing, overnight bank lending rates have fallen for nine of the past 10 days. It's time to focus on the next phase. So lawmakers are discussing a new economic stimulus package to consumers.

The first attempt, in which the government doled out checks to the masses, stimulated little other than the already burgeoning budget deficit.

This time, though, it may be different. The new program would strengthen our economic safety net rather than put a one-time payment in everyone's pocket.

While lawmakers aren't



LOREN STEFFY

to fight this crisis. But if it's done right, Stimulus 2.0 could be more effective than its failed predecessor.

The deficit remains a concern, and if we had shored up our finances when times were booming, we'd be better prepared to weather this downturn.

But we first must address the current crisis before we can address the longer term budget crisis. The best way to do that isn't by showering the public with more cash. For those lessing jobs, impaired unemployment benefits and job retraining programs would do more good than a single check from the government.

The new stimulus plan would also extend federal loans to states struggling with declining tax revenue.

A report last month by the National League of Cities found property taxes fell nationally by an average of

3.6 percent because of declining home values. The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government at the State University of New York reports that last quarter corporate tax revenue fell 8.3 percent, sales taxes slipped 1.4 percent and motor fuels tax dropped 3.4 percent from a year earlier.

At the same time, many municipalities Houston included have seen borrowing costs rise because of tighter short-term debt markets.

Nothing in the new stimulus proposal, though, is aimed at addressing housing, though both lawmakers and the presidential candidates have suggested fixes.

As it stands, the crisis is still about home prices. It was spawned by mortgage defaults, many triggered by homes whose value had fallen below the amount that borrowers owed.

Congress could, for example, refinance all government-backed mortgages. It also could force banks to roll back the egregious lending terms. Surgingly adjustable rates, for example, could be replaced by reasonable fixed ones.

While addressing the mortgage problem is an essential part of any stimulus effort, it's fraught with pitfalls. No matter how it's structured, it will be inherently unfair, much like the bank bailout.

Those who managed to keep current on their mortgages are essentially punished for being responsible, while those who've fallen behind or took on too much debt are rewarded with better terms.

Fairness, as I've said before, was one of the first victims of our crisis response. As the credit crunch taught us, we all bear the costs of doing nothing. Rising foreclosures will drive down the values of surrounding homes, whether their mortgages are current or in arrears.

It's too early to tell if any of the stimulus efforts will work any better than the first one, but weathering this crisis is going to require more than checks from the government.

Twin Falls golf course deserves taxpayer support

Should the taxpayers subsidize fun? That is a good question. But who is the Times-News to decide what is fun?

According to you, the only fun things that should be subsidized are parks, city-run recreation programs and the municipal pool.

I am not sure you have ever played a round of golf or even stepped foot on the municipal golf course.

Let's start with some facts. In the past 11 years, the city has subsidized the city pool \$2,052,368. Let's make this clear, two million, fifty-two thousand, three hundred sixty-eight dollars. That's an



READER COMMENT Tracy Frank

average of \$186,579 per year. So, over the last 10 years, that's \$1,865,789. Now, subtract the \$440,000 the city has subsidized the golf course and that leaves a difference of \$1,425,789 of fun. Do you honestly think that the city pool is \$1.4 million more fun than the golf course?

Let's continue with some

more facts. The city does not believe in subsidizing the Junior Golf Program in Twin Falls. It does, however, subsidize baseball, football, soccer and possibly others. In the last five years, that might just total nearly \$300,000.

I am not sure if you have ever operated a business, but revenues and profits are two different things. "We don't know how much the revenue is, but it is significant." How could you know that? A business could have record revenues and show a loss for a year.

The only thing Mike Hamblin has done for the city of Twin Falls is a dedicated servant for more than 20 years. He has worked at the municipal golf course his entire adult life.

I have played golf professionally and as an amateur almost my entire life, most of all in Twin Falls. Mike Hamblin is one of the most respected golf professionals in the Pacific Northwest and, most importantly, in Idaho. Stop out at the golf course and I would be glad to introduce you to Mike. You will find that he is a great guy and an asset to the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Twin Falls businessman Tracy Frank is an avid golfer.

Let's Talk Real Estate by Shari Jones & Sandy Stock, Associate Broker, CRP. Presenting Your Home to Buyers. In competitive markets, savvy real estate agents are quick to point out to sellers that presentation is nearly as important as price. Sellers can work this to their advantage by cleaning their homes, removing clutter, and repositioning furniture. This is known as "staging." Whether sellers hire professionals or do this work on their own, the idea is to remove all the unnecessary personal items from walls, shelves, and floors that make a home seem less than roomy. In addition, professionals know how to eliminate and position furniture in rooms to improve their appearance and traffic flow. In a sense, by removing half the clutter from a home, it can be made to appear twice as large. KEYSTONE Realty Group 272-3116

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Fish and Wildlife Service reopens wolf delisting

By Ben Neary
Associated Press writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — In a move that's sparked sharp criticism from environmental groups, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Friday announced that it once again is proposing a plan that could end federal protections for gray wolves in Montana and Idaho while leaving them in place in Wyoming.

The federal agency's push comes after U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy of Montana last week signed an order reinstating federal protections for the wolves in all

"I expect they will look to the judge's decision, and determine that Wyoming's regulatory mechanisms are inadequate, and go forward with an attempt to delist in the other two states."

— Bruce Salzberg, Wyoming attorney general, saying that the FWS's proposed rule would allow removing federal protections for wolves only in Montana and Idaho

three states. Ruling in a lawsuit brought by a coalition of environmental groups, the judge this summer barred the Fish and Wildlife Service from turning wolf management over to the states.

Molloy ruled that Wyoming's management plan in particular wouldn't give wolves adequate protection.

Wyoming has proposed that wolves be classified as predators that could be shot on sight in much of the state.

Friday's announcement by the Fish and Wildlife Service says the agency will take public comments until Nov. 28 on the same proposed wolf delisting rule the agency released early last year. The

agency says there are now more than 1,400 wolves in the three states.

Bruce Salzberg, Wyoming attorney general, said Friday the FWS's proposed 2007 rule would allow removing federal protections for wolves only in Montana and Idaho. The rule would also allow lifting federal protections for wolves in

Wyoming, but only if the federal agency ruled that Wyoming's management plan was adequate.

The FWS found Wyoming's management plan acceptable before the environmental groups mounted their legal challenge. But the agency won't comment now on whether it still believes Wyoming's plan is acceptable that Molloy has ruled it is not.

Salzberg said he sees little doubt the federal agency is ready to leave Wyoming behind.

"I expect they will look to the judge's decision, and

determine that Wyoming's regulatory mechanisms are inadequate, and go forward with an attempt to delist in the other two states," Salzberg said.

Salzberg said Wyoming ultimately intends to address Molloy's concerns by modifying the state's wolf management plan and regulations. However, the Wyoming Legislature doesn't convene until January, so there's no way the state could adopt new regulations that the federal agency might find acceptable and have them considered in the federal government's current delisting proposal.

Teenage railway fans can pose dangerous distraction for engineers

By Michael Tarm
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — For young fans of trains, getting an up-close look at the massive machinery can be a dream fulfilled. For train workers, indulging the kids' fantasies can be an ego boost.

To rail officials, it's distressing, forbidden and potentially deadly.

A series of recent incidents suggests some engineers are crossing the line and putting passengers at risk by giving fawning young admirers too much access to trains.

An engineer in Chicago was recently suspended after reports that he let a teen operate a commuter train, a ride that the 18-year-old boasted about on his MySpace page. And a crash between a freight train and a commuter train that killed 25 people last month in Los Angeles allegedly occurred seconds after the commuter train engineer sent a text message to some young train buffs.

These and other incidents have unnerved passengers and railway officials alike, and they've raised questions about whether oversight and safety rules are adequate.

Passengers entering locomotive cabs and driving trains "is not an epidemic," said Matthew Melzer, a spokesman for the National Association of Railroad Passengers. "But what it brings into focus is that there are human safety factors."

The crux of the issue is concentration — ensuring engineers keep their attention on the controls and on the tracks ahead.

As commuter trains barrel along increasingly congested tracks, some sharing lines with freight trains, an accident is at least a possibility at any second, said Judy Pardonnet, a spokeswoman for Chicago's Metra. Among the potential hazards are car drivers who foolishly try to slip around crossing gates.

"Operating a train is lot more complicated than it appears to the average person, who might think, 'It's just a train that goes straight down a track,'" Pardonnet said. "But it is very complicated and it needs an engineer's full attention."

There are rules are designed to help make sure engineers aren't distracted. They are strictly barred, for instance, from letting passengers into a locomotive cab, and they can't use potentially distracting items such as cell phones, BlackBerry, newspapers and books, Pardonnet said.

Nether Pardonnet nor other Federal Railroad Administration could provide details about the teen's alleged operation of a Metra train, including when and on what line it supposedly occurred. Pardonnet said his MySpace page has been

taken down. The engineer allegedly involved has been suspended pending an investigation, as have two others accused of letting the same teen into their cabs on other routes, Pardonnet said.

"If these allegations are true, there will be very quick proactive actions," possibly including dismissal, she said. An investigative hearing is scheduled for early next month.

"If these alleged actions occurred it is completely unacceptable," said Federal Railroad Administration spokesman Steve Kalm. "No one should be operating a train who is not certified to do so."

A similar incident occurred in Boston earlier this month when a trolley driver was fired after he was caught by a passenger on camera with his young son and nephew with him behind the wheel — though there was no indication the kids operated the trolley. The incident came to the attention of authorities after the photos were posted online.

Among younger Americans, social networking Web sites like MySpace and video sharing sites like YouTube have become the forum of choice for rail aficionados to boast about trains they've seen or ridden, said Wayne Eissele, of the Strasburg Rail Road Company, which provides rides on steam trains to tourists in Lancaster County, Pa.

Eissele has had brushes with die-hard train aficionados — sometimes called "foamers" because "they foam at the mouth while they're looking at their favorite trains," Eissele said.

Engineers letting kids, friends or "railfans" into a locomotive's cab was fairly common decades ago, he said. Now federal, state and train service rules now prohibit it.

But even those who travel hundreds of miles just to watch trains can pose a hazard, Eissele said. "Some guys go around with cameras in hand at railroads — hanging out all day, getting on the tracks, making a nuisance of themselves by annoying employees," he said. "Generally it's not a problem — but there's always a fringe element."

Scientists link loss of seven orcas in Puget Sound to low salmon numbers

By Phuong La
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Seven Puget Sound killer whales are missing and presumed dead in what could be the biggest decline among the seven orcas in nearly a decade, say scientists who carefully track the endangered animals.

"This is a disaster," Ken Balcomb, a senior scientist at the Center for Whale Research on San Juan Island, said Friday. "The population drop is worse than the stock market."

While the official census won't be completed until December, the total number of live "southern resident" orcas now stands at 83.

Among those missing since last year's count are the nearly century-old leader of one of the three southern resident pods, and two young females who recently bore calves. The loss of the seven whales, Balcomb said, would be the biggest decline among the Puget Sound orcas since 1999, when the



Center for Whale Research/AP file photo
A baby killer whale swims in Horn Strait near Vancouver Island, British Columbia, in October 2002. Seven Puget Sound killer whales are missing and presumed dead in what could be the biggest decline among the sound's orcas in nearly a decade, say scientists.

center also tracked a decline of seven whales.

Low numbers of chinook salmon, a prime food for these whales, may be a factor in the unusual number of deaths this year, Balcomb said.

"It was a bad salmon year and that's not good for the whales," he said. "Everybody considers these wonderful

only among themselves, eat salmon rather than marine mammals and show a unique attachment to the region.

The population reached 140 or more in the last century, but their numbers have fluctuated in recent decades. They were listed as endangered in 2005.

"We may be in the beginning of another decline in the population," said Howard Garrett, director of the Orca Network, a non-profit education and advocacy group.

He said the whales seem to be having a harder time finding chinook salmon.

The whales recently have been traveling over greater distances than usual, suggesting they may be ranging farther for food, said Brad Hanson, a wildlife biologist with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Lack of food may be a concern, but it's too early to know the reason for the unusual number of presumed deaths, he said.

FBI testing evidence in Idaho cold case

POCATELLO (AP) — Southeastern Idaho detectives are working with the FBI in hopes of shedding new light on a four-year-old investigation into the murder of a state employee.

Nori Jones was found dead in her Pocatello home by co-workers who were concerned after the 25-year-old didn't show up for her job at the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor on Sept. 28, 2004.

Police say Jones had been stabbed several times and no suspects were arrested in her murder.

Detectives with the Pocatello Police Department have made the cold case a priority and submitted evidence to the FBI to undergo forensic testing.

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Stocks fall on belief
in global recession

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Deteriorating economy strains unemployment fund

State to increase employer tax rate

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Escalating unemployment in Idaho is putting increasing pressure on the state's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, which labor officials say will trigger a substantial increase in employer unemployment insurance taxes for 2009.

The increase in the tax rate comes after two years during which the rate was cut by more than half — that saved employers nearly \$100 million.

Labor officials say that without the tax increase, the trust fund would go broke and the state would be forced to borrow from the federal government, which would increase employer taxes even more.

than \$152 million to unemployed Idaho workers through September — about 63 percent more than was paid out through the first nine months of 2007.

Since January, Idaho's unemployment rate has jumped from 2.8 percent to 5 percent, and more than 17,000 workers now are with-out jobs. That translates into more than 590,000 weekly

benefit checks being issued since the year began.

Since mid-September, the state has been writing more weekly unemployment checks than during the record-setting year of 2003. Labor officials say the layoff of 1,500 workers at Micron Technology in Boise by the end of the year will drain the fund even more.

tax rate will increase significantly in 2009 under the legislated formula intended to maintain an adequate fund balance. At the same time, the maximum weekly benefit for jobless workers will decline to about \$362 — more than 3 percent less than what it would otherwise have been.

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When the economy tanked, Harvey DeSengro was forced to go West, a quality control job he saved for his daughter. The worst-case scenario: his daughter would be forced to leave home from college in Idaho.

Like many Americans, DeSengro is looking at an uncertain financial future. He was among many who rode the boom economy to its heights. He's still waiting to see how far he must ride it down.

Earlier this month, DeSengro wrapped up the only job he had going. He had nothing lined up to take its place.

"I've never, ever had only one job and then run out of work. Ever," he said.

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Idaho gas prices dip below \$3 per gallon

S.C. Idaho prices remain above state average

Times-News staff
and wire reports

The statewide average price for a gallon of gasoline hasn't dipped below \$3 since November 2007, but drivers in northern Idaho paid as little as \$2.64 per gallon this week.

The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in south-central Idaho was \$3.18 — about 10 cents higher than the state average.

AAA Idaho estimates the average price of regular gas in Idaho is \$3.06 per gallon. The national average is now \$2.78 per gallon, down from \$2.82 on Thursday.

AAA Idaho spokesman

Why are fuel prices higher in south-central Idaho, and what are lawmakers doing about it?
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Dave Carlson says prices at the pump are expected to drop even more this year and a gallon of gas could cost around \$2.50 by Thanksgiving.

Idaho's gas prices had been among the highest in the nation, at times in August more than 28 cents a gallon higher than the national average.

In futures trading, crude oil

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

IDAHO

Nampa contractors must pay \$333,866

BOISE — Owners of a Nampa contracting business have been ordered by a judge to pay \$333,866 in consumer restitution, civil penalties and attorney fees on grounds they violated Idaho's consumer protection laws and rules.

In April, Bert and Ilera Nash and IT Enterprises were banned from doing business in Idaho when they refused to cooperate with an investigation spearheaded by the Idaho attorney general's office.

The consumer protection division had received at least 11 complaints against IT Enterprises. Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden pledged to make every effort to collect on the judgment and pay the restitution.

Wasden said it was unclear if the Nashes had enough

assets to satisfy the judgment.

N. Idaho company delays spinoff plan

LEWISTON — Potlatch Corp. announced it will delay its plan to create a spinoff company because of turmoil in the credit markets.

It made the announcement Thursday and also says its third-quarter profit fell about 38 percent as sharply higher expenses offset moderately higher revenue.

Executives say the plan to create a company called Clearwater Paper from its manufacturing interests will be delayed about a month until December. Company officials say there are tax-avoidance advantages in the spin off.

The Spokane, Wash.-based forest products company is Idaho's largest private landowner and manages timberlands and makes wood products.

— Staff and wire reports

Alan Greenspan testifies before House Oversight Committee

By Martha Coughlin
and Henry Gartin
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — For nearly two decades, Congress treated Alan Greenspan with respect bordering on awe. No more.

the former Federal Reserve chairman found himself denigrating the nation's economic crisis was his fault on Thursday but conceding the meltdown had revealed a flaw in a lifetime of economic thinking and had left him in a "state of abject disbelief."

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WATCH: An Associated Press video of former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan testifying before the House Oversight Committee

year-old Greenspan by the House Oversight Committee was a far cry from his 18½ years as Fed chairman, when he presided over the longest economic boom in the coun-

try's history. He was viewed as a free-market icon on Wall Street, and lawmakers hung on his pronouncements when he testified on Capitol Hill.

More typical on Thursday was an exchange with conservative chairman Henry Waxman, who suggested Greenspan had contributed

to "irresponsible lending practices" by rejecting approval that the Fed intervenor to regulate a surging subprime mortgage industry.

The list of regulatory mistakes and misjudgments is long," Waxman said.

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	16.81	▼ .72	Dell Inc.	11.50	▼ .49	Idacorp	24.90	▼ .81
Lithia Mo.	2.14	▼ .22	Micron	3.55	▼ .37	Supervalu	13.28	▼ .86

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	87.55	▼ 1.90	Dec. oil	64.15	▼ 3.69
Oct. gold	729.1	▲ 15.8	Oct. silver	9.29	▼ 2.05

Monday in business

WASHINGTON — Weekly Treasury auction.

WASHINGTON — Weekly Treasury trading.

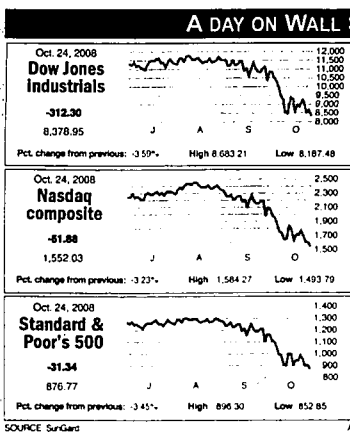
WASHINGTON — Commerce Department releases early morning news for September

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Table with columns for INDEXES and STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST. Lists various stock indices and individual stock prices.

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The Dow fell 312.30, or 3.59 percent, to 8,378.95 after falling 504 in the early going. Still, the blue chips remained above 8,000...

COMMODITIES REPORT: Table listing closing futures prices for various commodities like wheat, corn, soybeans, and livestock.

House: "My question for you is simple," he told Greenspan. "Were you wrong?"

Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan arrives as Capitol Hill in Washington to testify before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.



On the House side, at an often contentious four-hour hearing, Greenspan, former Treasury Secretary John Snow and Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Christopher Cox were repeatedly accused by Democrats on the committee of pursuing an agenda to regulate agencies that set the stage for the biggest financial crisis in 70 years.

That passed Congress on Oct. 3, said the administration was not only working to get federal purchases of bank stock started quickly but also was making sure that directives in the legislation to help struggling homeowners avoid foreclosure.

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As United States economy sours, some migrants return south

By Elliot Spagat
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — After struggling just to pay his \$300 monthly rent and send money to his wife and two children back in Honduras, Dionisio Urbina has given up. The day laborer is saving for a one-way plane ticket home.

"I lost hope about finding work," the 54-year-old illegal immigrant said outside a Home Depot store as he entered his fourth straight week without a job. "I'm homesick. It's best to leave."

Thousands of Latin American immigrants both legal and illegal are going back home as the economic crisis in the U.S. causes jobs to dry up in the construction, landscaping and restaurant industries.

The flow of immigrants back across the border tends to be cyclical, with many people going back home for the Christmas holidays. But some authorities say they are seeing a bigger-than-usual reverse-immigration effect this year.

Mexico City's municipal government predicts between 20,000 and 30,000 immigrants above the usual number will return from the U.S. in the next few months because they cannot find work.

Mexican consulates in California and Chicago report that around 4,000 non-Mexican immigrants that usually have already left for Mexico City because of the economic crisis.

There are other signs the U.S. is no longer the magnet it was a few years ago, when the economy was thriving and the housing boom produced plenty of work.

Fewer immigrants are getting caught crossing the U.S. border illegally. The Border Patrol said it made



Dionisio Urbina, an undocumented laborer from Honduras, waits at a labor pick-up site hoping to catch a day labor job in San Diego, Urbina says he is saving money to return home because of the lack of work in the slumping U.S. economy.

723,825 apprehensions in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, down 18 percent from last year and down 39 percent from nearly 1.2 million in 2005.

— Immigrants are sending less money home. Remittances by Mexicans living in the United States registered their biggest drop in August since

record-keeping began 12 years ago. Mexico's central bank said they fell 12 percent from August 2007. With an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in the U.S., the number returning home is relatively small.

The vast majority of Mexican immigrants who have lived in the U.S. a few

years will stay put because the job prospects are far worse back home and they have family in this country, said Wayne Cornelius, director of the University of California, San Diego's Center for Comparative Immigration Studies.

"They would be comfortable with a lower standard of living," he said.

Cornelius said.

Karina Corona, who came to the U.S. on a fake passport in 1995, is struggling to make ends meet but said she won't go home to Culiacan, Mexico, because there is no work there and her hometown is a hotbed of drug violence. The single mother had to quit a second job as a seamstress to care for her children, leaving her to live on about \$1,500 a month as a delicatessen cashier. She stopped taking graphic design classes at a San Diego community college and fell behind on rent.

But Mexico "would be even worse than here," said Corona, 34. "We're going to stick it out."

At a day laborer site in Laguna Beach, south of Los Angeles, Juan Pacheco, 48, said he planned to return to Oaxaca, Mexico, in January, about two years after he came north to work for construction. On an earlier stint in the U.S., he sent home \$200 a week to his wife and children and bought a house in Mexico, where his family grows corn and beans.

Pacheco has worked only one or two days a week in the past year, barely enough for food and the \$200 monthly rent. His voice cracks when he talks about phone calls to his 5-year-old daughter.

"She says she doesn't remember me, that she wants me to go home so she can meet me," he said. Tamon Lopez has lived north of the border for 36 years, working in hotels and restaurants. But he recently returned to Mexico with his wife and mother-in-law because he could not find work or pay his bills.

"I had my lows. I had my highs, but ultimately, things have become critical," he said in Tijuana. "They would be prepared for the rent, for food, for transportation."

Despite slump, Yahoo plans operations in Nebraska State tax breaks lure web firm

By Anna Jo Bratton
Associated Press writer

LA VISTA, Neb. — Yahoo Inc. says it will invest at least \$100 million in a new data center and a new service center in Nebraska, creating at least 100 jobs.

The announcement Friday from the Internet company and Nebraska officials comes just days after Yahoo said it would cut at least 1,500 workers as it deals with the economic downturn.

Earlier this year, Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Yahoo applied for the biggest state tax breaks available in Nebraska to help set up some operations in La Vista. The customer service center will be in west Omaha. Gov. Dave Heineman said, probably at the First National Bank business park near Boys Town.

Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey said Friday that with all the bad news in the economy, "Isn't this a breath of fresh air?"

Because of the incentives it will receive, within four years Yahoo will have to invest at least \$100 million and create at least 100 jobs with a minimum average salary of \$68,700.

But, said Heineman, "Ultimately, it's going to be hundreds of jobs."

Earlier this week, Yahoo announced that it would cut 10 percent of its employees, or 1,500 people, citing a 64 percent drop in its third-quarter profit.

Asked about the creation of new jobs while company employees were being let go, Kevin Timmons, Yahoo's vice president of operations, said the company's infrastructure needs continue to grow.

Both he and the governor characterized the Omaha and La Vista operations as "mission-critical facilities," and Timmons said in the case of the data center, the jobs couldn't be outsourced.

Timmons had high praise for Heineman, both cities and the state's Development, which worked for months to persuade the company to locate in the state.

"It looked as though you folks had done this 100 times before," Timmons said.

Especially important, Yahoo officials said, was the so-called Nebraska Advantage program, which was changed during this year's legislative session to allow Internet Web portal companies to qualify for business incentives.

Yahoo last laid off workers in February — about 1,000 people. But Yahoo's payroll returned to the previous level within months.

The company said it is preparing for a deep downturn well into 2009 by trimming \$400 million from its annual budget. Besides eliminating those 1,500 workers during the next two months, Yahoo may close some U.S. offices and assign more jobs to lower-paid contractors in other countries.

Yahoo shares were down nearly 5.2 percent in afternoon trading.

Chrysler slashing 5,000 jobs as sale talk goes on

By Tom Ikerster
Associated Press writer

DITROIT — As talks over the potential sale of Chrysler continued, the struggling automaker said Friday that it will slash 25 percent of its salaried work force and make further cuts to deal with a continued downward spiral in U.S. auto sales.

The negotiations for Chrysler's sale or merger, which involve majority owner Cerberus Capital Management LP, General Motors Corp. and the combined Nissan Motor Co.-Renault SA, were to continue into the weekend. But

they are snagged on items such as tax liabilities, right credit and the slowing economy, according to a person briefed on the talks.

The person, who asked not to be identified because the discussions are private, said multiple parties remain involved in the complex talks, which include several possible configurations such as the sale of Chrysler in its entirety, or a partial sale of the company.

Under the job cuts announced Friday, Chrysler, which has about 18,500 white-collar workers, will get rid of about 5,000 salaried workers and contract employees

— those who work for other companies under contract with the automaker.

Chief Executive Bob Nardelli, in a memo to employees ahead by The Associated Press, warned that more restructuring is coming at a pace faster than before.

"We recognize that in order to strengthen our competitive capability, and reduce the time and cost to achieve our objectives, we cannot operate as we have in the past," he wrote. "In the near future, we will be making organizational announcements as a result of restructuring actions reflecting the need to find new ways to operate."

Industry analysts said Nardelli's comments likely mean further plant closures and layoffs as the company shrinks itself to be acquired or to compete with other automakers to design and even produce its new vehicles.

The cuts are so dramatic that they likely spell the end for Chrysler as an independent company and its stock price, preparing to be sold, said Aaron Birgman, an auto analyst with the consulting company IHS Global Insight.

"Cutting fully one-quarter of your staff is not the way to develop future vehicles," he said.

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said, his voice betraying his Boston roots. "It's really scary. I've got the one job I'm owed \$2,500 bucks on it, and then I don't know what I'm doing for money."

As a remodeling contractor, DesAngelo builds swimming pools, spas, additions, master suites and covers for pools and patios. For years, there was work aplenty in Las Vegas, a city fueled by growth and enthralled by the sex, thrills of money, bigger and bigger.

The median home value in southern Nevada doubled from 2000 to 2006. Homeowners found themselves with instant equity which they freely tapped for the projects that paid DesAngelo's bills.

Just before the height of the market, DesAngelo got a lead on some property just south of the Las Vegas suburbs. He kept in built a low townhome and watched the resale go north.

"It was the heyday, it was a great run," he says.

It could not last.

The median home price in Las Vegas has tumbled 25 percent since last year. Almost no neighborhoods are immune. Banks have frozen many home-equity lines of credit, making it all but impossible for most people to finance the remodeling projects that keep DesAngelo afloat.

The effect was gradual at first. The once-steady pace of referrals slowed. DesAngelo cut back his team of laborers. And then the phone just stopped ringing.

"It just seems to me that nobody is spending money, they just can't get money. It's a domino effect," DesAngelo said.

From his little table, surrounded by three-ring binders and a phone book, DesAngelo now spends his days cold-calling property managers and former customers. He's looking for jobs, large or small. Repair work. Stucco work. Anything. "My mind-set is, 'Make a

Home sales

Sales of existing homes in millions of dollars annually (seasonally adjusted annual rate)



Home sales

Sales of single-family units in millions of dollars annually (seasonally adjusted annual rate)



day's pay, pay your bills and don't lose your house. And keep going," he says. "There will be opportunity, and when there is, I'll jump on it."

He has benefited from well-timed opportunities before.

Adventurous and restless, DesAngelo left Boston for Las Vegas in 1978 and went to work amid the glitz of the Las Vegas Strip. He was dealing in a textbook and a brunette cocktail waitress and fell in love.

The two married and went back East to Cape Cod, where DesAngelo built his first house, his own, with the aid of a textbook and skills learned in shop class.

He sold the home for a sizable profit. He'd found his gift.

DesAngelo and his wife returned to Las Vegas and the business. LTD Builders grew with the city.

The children of working-class Italian families, the DesAngelos never lost their heads. They built up six months' worth of savings. They put away money for the kids' school. They helped DesAngelo's parents move out West. Their splurges were man-

dane. A cleaning woman, manicures and pedicures, for her. The motorcycle, for him. Together, they would join friends for dinner at neighborhood spots.

Most of that is trimmed back now. The cleaning woman, the motorcycle, the pizza or backyard cookouts have replaced more lavish dinners.

"This is the easy stuff. Cutting corners on things, that doesn't bother me. I just want peace of mind, knowing that I have work, jobs on the board," he said.

The DesAngelos are the first to note how many others are worse off. Teresa has seen her grandchild's elementary school lose their homes. A parent sent a child with a note explaining there was no money for supplies.

Because they bought their parcel before the boom and built their house themselves, the DesAngelos still have equity. By some estimates, as many as one-third of southern Nevadans owe more than

their homes are worth. DesAngelo tells his daughter not to worry about her tuition, to focus on getting good grades. He's asked his son to look for a restaurant job, promising it will be temporary.

"Just until we get busy," he said.

He remains optimistic.

Sall Teresa sees her husband's stress. "He gets quiet," she said from the shade on the veranda, catching a hump in her throat.

DesAngelo contemplates what will go next. It may be the motorcycle. Or it may be the jugs of loose change he's collected over the years.

"She's always imagined his grandchildren would count the coins after he dies and 'whack up the money.' "My wife's like, 'You're an idiot, you should be getting interest on that.' But I say, 'You know something, it's like your grandkids would count the coins after he dies and I cash it in. I'll have one really tough,' he said. "That's probably going to get cashed in soon."

McCain opens fresh line of attack against Obama

By Michael Abramowitz
The Washington Post

DENVER — Sen. John McCain opened up a fresh line of attack against his presidential rival in Colorado on Friday, saying Sen. Barack Obama's election would give Democrats unchecked authority over the nation's purse strings.

"The answer to a slowing economy is not higher taxes, but that's exactly what's going to happen when the Democrats have total control of Washington," he warned,

while also taking a swipe at Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., for suggesting that taxes and spending may need to be increased to deal with the nation's economic crisis. "When he says that, quote, there are, quote, 'a lot of very rich people out there whom we can tax,' it's safe to assume that means you," McCain said.

McCain spent the day in Denver, Colorado Springs and Durango, campaigning in a traditionally Republican state where Obama is leading in the polls and has been flooding

the airwaves with advertisements. McCain was accompanied by John Elway, a former Denver Broncos quarterback legendary for fourth-quarter heroics, who told the Denver crowd that he "knows a thing or two about comebacks" and expressed confidence that McCain would defy predictions that he will go down to defeat here.

Judging from his speech Friday morning, McCain plans to keep hammering away at Obama on taxes, spending and the question of whether he is ready to

become commander in chief, the subject of a McCain campaign ad released Friday.

"Sen. Obama said yesterday that if you want to know how he would respond in a crisis, look what he's done during his campaign," McCain said. "But we've seen the wrong response from him over and over during this campaign."

McCain noted that Obama "opposed the surge strategy that's bringing us victory in Iraq and will bring us victory in Afghanistan," continuing: "He said he would sit down unconditionally with the

world's worst dictators. When Russia invaded Georgia, Sen. Obama said the invaded country should show restraint. He's been wrong on all of these."

The GOP nominee also picked up on new reports of rising foreclosures to sharpen his critique of the administration and Congress for not moving fast enough to help struggling homeowners. McCain wants the federal government to spend up to \$300 billion to buy bad mortgages and give homeowners a break, and on Friday morning

he appeared to refer to reports that the federal government may start guaranteeing home mortgages.

"Finally Congress and the administration are putting together a plan to address this problem," McCain said. "Let me say it's about time."

Obama, who was off the campaign trail on Friday visiting his illing grandmother in Hawaii, has wanted to deflect his rival's attacks, insisting that in his administration taxes would go up only for people making more than \$250,000.

A Happiness Gap: Doomcrats and Republigrins

By David Montgomery
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Now the good news for Republicans: You are happier than Democrats. You always have been, and you probably always will be.

Never mind that your presidential candidate is sinking in the polls while your president plumbs historic depths of popular scorn and your free market squeals for intervention while your investments evaporate on Wall Street. You are not just happier than the other guy, but more of you are (far) very (end) tall) happy indeed, according to new survey results published Thursday by the Pew Research Center.

The pollsters were in the field asking about happiness this month, a period when economic news was gloomy

for everybody and presidential campaign news seemed especially bleak for Republicans. Yet they found 37 percent of Republicans are "very happy," compared with 25 percent of Democrats; 51 percent of Republicans and 52 percent of Democrats are "pretty happy"; and 9 percent of Republicans are "not too happy," compared with 20 percent of Democrats.

The partisan happiness gap — broken for nearly four decades — is impervious to electoral ups and downs. It has something to do with worldview.

"I'm very happy," says Gover Nonquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, and a Republican. "When I was 12, I realized the world was not organized around my desires and wishes. The president with gays on the left is they never figured that out at

age 12. And they're just irritated the world is not organized around their vision. This makes them grumpy."

Chris Lehane doesn't sound grumpy. The Democratic consultant is on the phone from San Francisco: "My guess is if (Pew) checked the cross tabs out in California, we're all pretty happy out here. The wine is still good, the food is fresh, the people are beautiful."

But seriously, says Lehane, if Republicans are more happy, it's because they care less.

"The typical Republican is happy coming home to a 62-inch television, pulling out a fine bottle of cognac or Scotch, putting his feet on the table and enjoying the fruits of his labor, but not caring what's going on in the world outside their living room and their gated community."

Palin testifies to investigator in abuse-of-power dispute

By Matt Apuzzo and Jim Salter
Associated Press writers

ST. LOUIS — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin testified for two hours Friday in an abuse-of-power investigation that has been a distraction to her Republican vice presidential campaign.

Palin's leadership was questioned this month in a stinging but largely toothless legislative report that found she violated state ethics laws by letting a family dispute influence her decision-making.

Palin is hoping the Alaska Personnel Board, which is running a parallel investigation, will clear her of wrongdoing. It's unclear, however, whether any conclusion will be reached before Election Day.

"I am so pleased to finally have gotten the chance to tell what really happened



Palin

and get the truth out," Palin said in a statement filed with her attorney. "It was the right thing to do to bring this before the

Board and have a true arms-length unbiased and impartial investigator look into this."

The board is investigating the firing of her public safety commissioner, Walter Mortenson.

Mortenson claims he was dismissed because he refused to fire Palin's former brother-in-law, a state trooper involved in a messy divorce from Palin's sister. The controversy is known as "Troopergate," took on national significance after

John McCain selected Palin as his running mate.

The legislative inquiry found that Mortenson's firing was proper but pressured to fire the trooper, Mike Wooten, was not. Griffin says Palin stands by her decision to fire Monegan and her concerns about

Wooten.

Palin and her husband, Todd, say Wooten was unstable and had made threats against their family. Wooten had also used an electric stun gun on his stepson.

"I make no apologies for wanting to protect my family and wanting to publicize the injustice of a violent trooper keeping his badge," Todd Palin said in an affidavit submitted to legislative investigators.

Sarah Palin was not subpoenaed in that investigation.

Dragging death in Texas raises tensions

By Jeff Carlson
Associated Press writer

PARIS, Texas — In a gruesome case with chilling echoes of the dragging death of James Byrd a decade ago, a black man was killed underneath a pickup truck in East Texas and two white men have been charged with murder.

Black activists and the victim's mother are calling last month's killing of 24-year-old Brandon McClelland a racist attack. But prosecutors cast strong doubt on that Friday.

McClelland died after going with two white friends on a late-night beer run across the state line to Oklahoma. Investigators said. Authorities said he was run over and dragged as far as 70 feet beneath the truck. His torn-apart body was discovered along a blood-stained rural road on Sept. 16. His mother said pieces of his skull could still be found three days later.

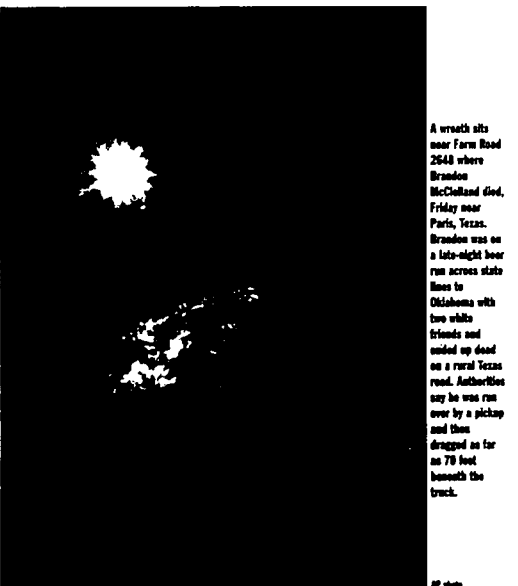
The case has raised racial tensions in Paris, a town of 26,000 with a history of fraught relations between blacks and whites.

To some, it sounded like the Byrd case, in which a black man in the East Texas town of Jasper, about 200 miles south of Paris, was chained by the ankles to the back of a pickup by three white supremacists and dragged for three miles. Two of the killers are now on death row, the third is serving a life sentence.

Prosecutors in the McClelland case said they are looking into whether one of the defendants, Shannon Keith Finley, was in a white supremacist gang while in prison for killing a friend.

But they said they have seen no evidence so far that McClelland's slaying was racially motivated. And they noted the three men had been friends for years.

"This is a group of guys who had black friends and white friends," said Allan Hubbard, a spokesman for the Lamar



A wreath sits near Farm Road 2548 where Brandon McClelland died, Friday near Paris, Texas. Brandon was on a late-night beer run across state lines to Oklahoma with two white friends and ended up dead on a rural Texas road. Authorities say he was run over by a pickup and then dragged as far as 70 feet beneath the truck.

AP photo

County district attorney's office. He added: "Any comparison to Jasper and James Byrd is preposterous."

Autopsy reports are expected back next week. While investigators don't believe McClelland was tied to the truck, they planned to look closely for marks on the body that would indicate precisely how he was dragged.

Community activist Brenda Cherry said authorities have not seriously considered the possibility this was a hate crime.

"There's a problem in Paris, Texas," she said. "I don't see a difference in getting dragged behind a truck and getting

dragged under a truck."

A flier advertising a Saturday memorial service for McClelland said he was the victim of a brutal and racist hate crime: "The New Black Panthers met with investigators and held a news conference at the courthouse promising to examine the killing."

"I truly feel that race played a part in it," said the victim's mother, Jacqueline McClelland. "It is a racist town, and Paris has always been a racist town."

The city is perhaps best known for its 70-foot Eiffel Tower replica topped by a giant red cowboy hat. Paris, which is 73 percent white and

22 percent black, was in the news last year after a black girl was sentenced to up to seven years in a juvenile prison hundreds of miles from her home for shooting a teacher's aide at school, while a white girl was sentenced by the same judge to probation for burning down her parents' house.

At the town square, decorated with pumpkins and hay bales for Halloween, the mother of the black girl said Friday that she began to feel Paris was a racist town after moving there from Oklahoma.

"There's a certain amount of fear that is pressed into black people when they live in Paris," said Creola Cortin

Police: McCain volunteer made up robbery story

By Joe Mandak
Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A McCain campaign volunteer made up a story of being robbed, pinned to the ground and having the letter "B" scratched on her face in what she had said was a politically inspired attack, police said Friday.

Ashley Todd, 20-year-old college student from College Station, Texas, admitted Friday that the story was false, said Maurita Bryant, the assistant chief of the police department's investigations division. Todd was charged with making a false report to police, and Bryant said police doubted her story from the start.

Dressed in an orange hooded sweat shirt, Todd left police headquarters in handcuffs late Friday and did not respond to questions from reporters. The mark on her face was faded and her left eye was slightly blackened when she arrived at district court.

Todd was awaiting arraignment Friday on the misdemeanor false-report charge, which is punishable by up to two years in prison. She will be housed in a mental health unit at the county jail for her arrest, and because of "her not insignificant mental health issues," prosecutor Mark Tranquilli said.

Todd initially told investigators she was attempting to use a bank branch ATM on Wednesday night when a 6-foot-4 black man approached her from behind, put a knife blade to her throat and demanded money. She told police she handed the assailant \$60 and walked away.

Todd, who is white, told investigators she suspected the man then noticed a John McCain sticker on her car. She said the man punched



A faint backward "B" is seen on the right cheek of Ashley Todd, a 20-year-old college student from College Station, Texas, as she is led from Pittsburgh Police Headquarters in Pittsburgh, Friday.

her in the back of the head, knocked her to the ground and scratched a backward letter "B" into her face with a dull knife.

Police said Todd claimed the man told her that he was going to "teach her a lesson" for supporting the Republican presidential candidate, and that she was going to become a supporter of Democratic candidate Barack Obama.

Todd told police she didn't seek medical attention, but instead went to a friendly apartment nearby and called police about 45 minutes later.

Todd could provide no explanation for why she invented the story, police said.

The woman told investigators she believes she cut the "B" onto her own cheek, but did not provide an explanation of how or why and she doesn't remember doing so, police said.

Police said the woman reported suffering from "mental problems" in the past.

Following the trail

How a serial killer victim was finally identified

By Monica Rhor
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — At first, all forensic anthropologist Sharon Derrick had to solve the mystery of ML73-3349 was the body of an unidentified boy found dead more than 35 years ago, the voluminous police files from a decades-old serial killings and a desire to give a name to the nameless victim.

Now, two years after she first began the search, ML73-3349 has a name: Randell Lee Harvey. And Harvey's family has the answer they've waited a generation to have.

Derrick unraveled the mystery using a combination of high-tech science and old-fashioned detective work.

When she started, she knew that ML73-3349 was one of three still-unnamed victims of notorious Houston serial killer Dean Corll and his two teenage accomplices, who had tortured and killed 27 young boys in the early 1970s.

ML73-3349 was found on Aug. 8, 1973, in a makeshift grave in a Houston boat stall, where 17 of Corll's victims had been buried. It was the day that Corll was shot and killed by accomplice Elmer Wayne Henley.

Ever since, three victims who couldn't be identified had been in a refrigerated storage unit at the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office. ML73-3349 had been shot in the head.

Derrick also had a possible name: Harvey was a boy who had been reported missing in March 1971 and lived in the Houston neighborhood where the killers lurked. Harvey, a skinny boy with an unusual overbite, had been 15 when he vanished.

"The name Randy Harvey kept popping up in missing persons reports. I knew it was a name we should follow," Derrick, a forensic anthropologist with the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office, said Thursday.

For two years, Derrick scoured through police

records and case files, searching for more clues that could lead her to the boy's identity. The medical examiner's office created anthropological and biological profiles of the victim, detailed enough to form an image of who he might have been.

He would have been white, between 15 and 20, about 5-foot-8 to 6-foot-1 and thin. A belt found near his remains was buckled to fit a lean 30-inch-waist.

Just like Randy Harvey.

In the paperwork, Derrick found more trails leading her toward Harvey. His name also turned up on a list of boys police believed might have been victims of Corll, and in other leads in the serial killing investigation.

Next, Derrick set out to find Randy Harvey's relatives. Not an easy task. Decades had passed. People who might have known the family in Houston had moved or passed away. His mother had remarried and changed her last name and that of Harvey's two sisters.

Finally, Derrick spotted a newspaper article about a member of their family. She called that person, who led her to the two sisters, Donna Lovrek and Len McNeil.

Their mother, Frances Conley, died more than 10 years ago, never knowing what had happened to her son. His sisters never stopped searching for their brother, but had always feared the worst. This week, they were still in shock.

"We are still going through our grieving stage. It's a little hard to describe how we're feeling right now," Lovrek said Wednesday night.

In May, the sisters submitted DNA samples, which were sent to the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification for comparison to samples taken from ML73-3349.

The process was slowed when the unidentified victim failed to provide enough DNA loci — a fixed position on a chromosome markers — for a good



Workers dig up a boat stall while searching for bodies in the Houston Mass Murders case in August 1973 in Houston, Texas. The object in the wheelbarrow was identified as the skull of the tooth victim of serial killer Dean Corll.



Forensic pathologist Dr. Sharon Derrick talks about the still unidentified victims of serial killers Dean Corll and Elmer Wayne Henley on May 12 in Houston.

comparison, Derrick said. New more advanced tests were then conducted. After several months, the

"It's a little hard to describe how we're feeling right now."

— Donna Lovrek, sister of recently identified murder victim

results finally came back. Mathematically inconclusive.

A full DNA profile could not be garnered from the bones of ML73-3349, Derrick said. The mitochondrial DNA was a match, but was also a common profile shared by about 1 in 13 whites.

The victim and Harvey's sisters also shared a number of alleles — genetic markers — in their nuclear DNA. But again, they were common profiles. However, the findings did

not rule out the possibility that the unidentified boy was Harvey, Derrick said.

Instead, she explained, "they were weakly, gently supportive."

Derrick and colleagues studied the findings: the DNA tests, the profiles, the circumstantial evidence.

The first time she met McNeil, Derrick said she stopped in her tracks. McNeil's chin and that of ML73-3349 were strikingly similar.

Harvey and the unidentified victim also shared that pronounced overbite.

Harvey was known to carry a plastic pocket comb, and wear square-toed boots, similar to the items found with the victim. Harvey's sisters also seemed to recognize a blue jacket that belonged to the victim, and had known at least two of the identified victims.

Harvey disappeared from his neighborhood around 1971. Corll and his accomplices first began to prey on boys from that area. ML73-3349's body had been buried alongside victims killed during that time frame.

In addition, Derrick had spoken to David Owen Brooks, one of Corll's teenage accomplices, and shown him the drawing of a facial reconstruction of the unidentified victim. Brooks could not recall the boy's name, but described him as a "tall skinny kid" and drew a map leading to the house where, Harvey and his family had lived.

Brooks and Henley are serving life sentences for their roles in the murders.

Using the DNA results and other evidence, the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office had also ruled out other possible candidates who fit the profile of Corll's victims, said Jennifer Love, director of the forensic anthropology division.

That left Randy Harvey. Last week, authorities officially identified ML73-3349, as Randell Lee Harvey, ending his three decades in limbo.

"It took a few months, but we wanted it to be right. For the family, it's good for them, to know, but it's hard for them to have concrete evidence. So this makes me feel," said Derrick. "I'm just very glad to be able to return him to his family."

Derrick is still working to determine the identities of the other two boys.

Newest sources of teen ire: car Web cams

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Ken Richardson does not have to ride in his 17-year-old daughter's Ford Escort to know when she takes a turn too fast.

The camera system installed in her car will e-mail him about it. "She's at that age where she's a little rebellious," said Richardson, 54, of Lusby, Md. "And I'm at the age where I'm not gonna take any crap."

The Richardsones are among more than 100 families in Southern Maryland enrolled in a state-sponsored study to install camera systems that record the moments before and after an unusual driving maneuver, such as sudden braking or a too-sharp turn. State officials say the cameras could decrease the number of teen drivers killed in crashes.

Some of the teenagers have other thoughts on the matter.

"I feel like I'm being babysat, like I'm being watched constantly," said Stacie Richardson, Ken Richardson's daughter. "It drives me nuts."

The cameras are among the latest tools in the struggle

to reduce teen car crashes, a problem that has been particularly vexing in Maryland. Last year, 16 crashes involving drivers ages 16 to 20 killed 112 people in the state. Such accidents are often caused not by alcohol or overt recklessness but by simple driver inexperience. The problem has persisted despite efforts by lawmakers to restrict teen driving privileges.

"Really, the single most dangerous thing we let our children do is drive a car," said Richard McGehee, director of the human factors and vehicle safety research program at the University of Iowa. "It's frustrating for those of us who study crashes in general."

Until recently, the in-car monitoring systems being installed in Southern Maryland were used primarily by commercial companies interested in monitoring their drivers. In the battle against driver inexperience, they are joined by other devices that keep a detailed log of a driver's speed or use GPS technology to constantly track the driver's position, said Bill Carpenter, an executive with DriveCam, the San Diego company that makes the cameras.

As campaign winds down, Christian right turns up volume against Obama

By Eric Corliss and Rachel Zoll
Associated Press writers

Terrorist strikes on four American cities, Russia rolling into Eastern Europe, Israel hit by a nuclear bomb, Gay marriage in every state. The end of the Boy Scouts.

All are plausible scenarios if Democrat Barack Obama is elected president, according to a new addition to the campaign conversation called "Letters from 2012 in Obama's America," produced by the conservative Christian group Focus on the Family Action.

The imagined look into the future is part of an escalation in rhetoric from Christian right activists who are trying to paint Obama in the worst possible terms as the campaign heads into the final stretch and polls show the Democrat ahead.

Although hard-edge attacks are common late in campaigns, the tenor of the strikes against Obama illustrate just how worried conservative Christian activists are about what should happen to their causes and influence if Democrats seize control of both Congress and the White House.

"It looks like, walks like,

"... rhetoric which is fear-based, strong-arms the listener, and states opinion as fact will only polarize rather than further the informed, balanced discussion that younger voters are hungry for."

— Margaret Feinberg, a Denver-area evangelical author

talks like and smells like leadership to me," said the Rev. Kirby Calkwell of Houston, an Obama supporter who backed President Obama the last two years.

The Methodist pastor of the 2012 letter "false and ridiculous." He said it showed that some Christian conservative leaders fear that Obama's faith-based appeals to voters are working.

Like other political advocacy groups, Christian right groups often raise worries about an election's consequences to mobilize voters. In the early 1980s, for example, direct mail from the Moral Majority warned that Congress would turn a blind eye to "meat peddlers" dangling pornography to children. "Everyone uses fear in the

last part of a campaign, but evangelicals are especially theologically prone to those sorts of arguments," said Clyde Wilcox, a Georgetown University political scientist. "There's a long tradition of predicting doom and gloom."

But the tone this election year is sharper than usual and the volume has turned up as Nov. 4 nears.

Steve Strang, publisher of Christianity magazine, a Pentecostal publication, titled one of his recent weekly e-mails to readers, "Life As We Know It Will End If Obama is Elected."

Strang said gay rights and abortion rights would be strengthened in an Obama administration, taxes would rise and "people who hate Christianity will be embold-

ened to attack our freedoms."

Separately, a group called the Christian Anti-Defamation Commission has posted a series of videos on its site and on YouTube called "7 Reasons Barack Obama is not a Christian."

The commission accuses Obama of "subtle diabolical deceit" in saying he is Christian, while he believes that people can be saved through other faiths.

But among the strongest pieces this year is Focus on the Family Action's letter, which has been posted on the group's Web site and making the e-mail rounds. Signed by "A Christian man," it claims a series of events could logically happen based on the group's interpretation of Obama's record, Democratic Party positions, recent court rulings and other trends.

Among the claims are a 6-3 liberal vs. a 5-4 Supreme Court that would "rule on like one making gay marriage the law of the land and another forcing the Boy Scouts to 'hire homosexual accountants and allow them to sleep in tents with young boys.'" (In the 2008 election, the Boy Scouts chose to Obama rather than Obay.)

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny and pleasant. Highs middle to upper 60s.
Tonight: Clear and calm. Lows upper 30s.
Tomorrow: More bright sunshine. Highs low to middle 60s.

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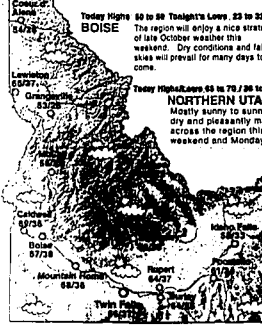
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Tonight: Mostly clear with a stiff breeze developing. Lows middle to 30s.
Tomorrow: More bright sunshine. Highs low 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
The region will enjoy a nice stretch of late October weather this weekend. Dry conditions and fair to nice weather.



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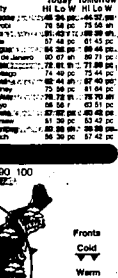
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WORLD FORECAST

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REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
I'd like to be responsible for a higher standard than anybody else.

CANADIAN FORECAST

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On the rise, 2 greenhouse gases worry scientists

By Seth Borenstein, Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Carbon dioxide isn't the only greenhouse gas that worries climate scientists. Airborne levels of two other potent gases — one from ancient plants, the other from flat-panel screen technology — are on the rise, too.

And that's got scientists concerned about accelerated global warming. The gases are methane and nitrogen trifluoride. Both pale in comparison to the global warming effects of carbon dioxide, produced by the burning of coal, oil and other fossil fuels. In the past couple of years, however, these other two gases have been on the rise, according to two new studies. The increase is not accounted for in predictions for future global warming and comes as a nasty surprise to climate watchers.

Methane is by far the bigger worry. It is considered the No. 2 greenhouse gas based on the amount of warming it causes, and the amount in the atmosphere. The total effect of methane on global warming is about one-third that of man-made carbon dioxide.

Methane comes from landfills, natural gas, coal mining, animal waste, and decaying plants. But it's the decaying plants that worry scientists most. That's because thousands of years ago billions of tons of methane were created by decaying Arctic plants. It lies frozen in permafrost wetlands and trapped in the ocean floor. As the Arctic warms, the concern is this methane will be freed and warm the planet.



This unrelated photo shows Scripps geoscientists Ray Weiss, left, and Jess Hobbie in San Diego, Calif., and cylinders used to collect air samples from locations around the world.

process is starting. It's still early and the data are far from conclusive, but scientists say they are concerned that what they are seeing could be the start of the release of the Arctic methane. After almost eight years of stability, atmospheric methane levels — measured every 40 minutes by monitors

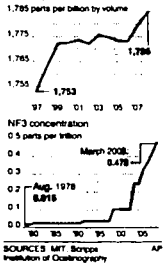
near remote coastal cliffs — suddenly started rising in 2006. The amount of methane in the air has jumped by nearly 28 million tons from June 2006 to October 2007. There is now more than 5.6 billion tons of methane in the air. "If it's sustained, it's bad news," said MIT atmospheric scientist Ron Prinn, lead

author of the methane study, which will be published in the journal Geophysical Research Letters Oct. 31. "This is a heads up. We're seeing smoke. It remains to be seen whether this is the fire we're really worried about," Prinn said.

Potent gases

Airborne levels of two greenhouse gases — methane from ancient plants, and nitrogen trifluoride (NF3) from flat-panel televisions — are increasing.

Greenhouse levels



SOURCE: MIT SOURCE: Institution of Oceanography

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trifluoride paper. It is set to be published in Geophysical Letters in November. Nitrogen trifluoride levels in the air — measured in parts per trillion — have quadrupled in the last decade and increased 30-fold since 1978, according to Weiss, who is also a co-author of the methane paper.

It contributes only 0.04 percent of the total global warming effect that man-made carbon dioxide does from the burning of fossil fuels.

But nitrogen trifluoride is one of the more potent gases, thousands of times stronger at trapping heat than carbon dioxide. Methane is more than 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide on a per molecule basis. Carbon dioxide remains the most important gas because of its huge levels and rapid growth.

Still, methane and the potential of future increases is a worry, Weiss and others say. "Its recent increase coincides with anecdotal evidence of more methane being released in the shallow parts of the Arctic Ocean. A scientist has just returned from the east Siberian Sea up to 10,000 times higher than normal," said Orjan Gustafsson, an environmental scientist at Stockholm University who has just returned from the six-week survey.

Memory erasure research might help trauma victims

By Denise Collins, Los Angeles Times

Scientists have succeeded in permanently erasing frightening memories in mice, an early step toward the development of treatments for people haunted by traumas they can't forget.

According to a study in the journal Neuron this week, researchers genetically manipulated the brains of mice to overproduce a key enzyme that appeared selectively to wipe memories from the animals' brains.

The enzyme, calcium/calmodulin protein kinase-2 (CaMKII) also is present in humans, making it a possible target for a drug to treat post-traumatic stress syndrome and other psychological disorders, scientists said.

According to the report, researchers from the Medical College of Georgia and East China Normal University in Shanghai trained the mice to associate environmental cues — a specific tone and cage — with an electric shock, and then looked to see what the animals could remember.

Ordinary mice will learn to freeze in fear when confronted with those cues. The engineered animals, however, did not show fear when they were placed in the cage or heard the tone, a sign they did not remember those things meant a shock was coming.

To find out if the memory loss was permanent, researchers gave the mice a drug that, in effect, reduced the amount of the enzyme to normal levels. The animals still failed to freeze when they heard the tone or saw the cue.

In a series of subsequent experiments, researchers discovered that they selectively could erase fearful memories related to the electric shocks while leaving other memories — for example, the loss of car odor — intact.

Study author Joz T. Tobin, a neuroscientist at the Medical College of Georgia, cautioned that formidable obstacles remain in the way of translating the research into a human drug. The genetic engineering technique used in the mice cannot be used in people.

Sen. Stevens jury sent home, deliberations halted

By Matt Axness and James J. Hadden, Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — A judge ordered a one- to two-day jury deliberation halt in Ted Stevens' corruption trial Friday, the latest setback in a gripping case and one that could delay a verdict until after Election Day. U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan said he wanted to accommodate a juror whose father died. The juror rushed to California early Friday morning, before jurors were sent to begin their third day of deliberations. Prosecutors asked Sullivan to bring an alternate juror onto the panel so deliberations could continue but the judge declined. The first two days of deliberations have been marked by reports of stress and violent outbursts in the jury room and Sullivan said jurors might benefit from a break. "Everybody needs a day off now and then," Sullivan told

the jury. "I want you to enjoy yourself this weekend." Sullivan said he would speak with the juror Sunday night and determine whether she could return Monday. He said he might delay deliberations until Tuesday or call in an alternate. If an alternate is tapped, jurors would be ordered to start deliberating anew. Election Day is 11 days away. Stevens, 84, is locked in a tight race with Democrat Mark Begich, who is trying to unseat the 40-year senator. The Senator's longest-serving Republican, Stevens is charged with lying for years

on Senate financial disclosure documents to conceal \$250,000 in home renovations and other gifts from his friend, millionaire oil contractor Bill Allen. The trial has been beset by problems since the eight women and four men received the case Wednesday afternoon. Within hours, jurors asked to go home, sending a note to the judge saying that things had become "intense" Tuesday afternoon, a more explicit note was handed up, with jurors asking that one of their members be dismissed. "She has had violent out-

bursts with other jurors, and that's not helping anyone," the note read. Sullivan did not send the woman home. Instead, he called jurors into the courtroom and told them to "exercise civility and mutual respect among yourselves."

Tension in the jury room normally is viewed as good for a defendant. It increases the likelihood that jurors won't reach the unanimous decision needed for a verdict. Without unanimity, a trial ends in a mistrial and prosecutors must decide whether to start over.

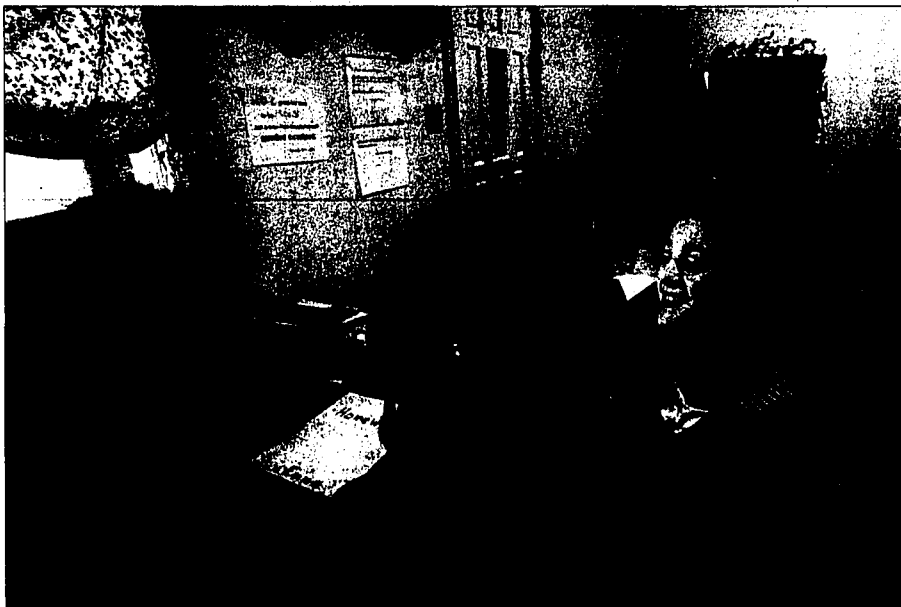
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"GOD SEES EVERY PERSON AS FULL OF TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY ARE ..."



Ten-year-old Emmalia Goemmer and her sister, Colette, 11, work on homework at the kitchen table Thursday evening at their home in Twin Falls. As Kathryn Goemmer helps Emmalia with a spelling assignment that she types out because of difficulties with handwriting, her father talks about the support group that the family attends. "It's kind of the whole wounded-healer concept," says Jay Goemmer about a nondenominational Christian support group for families of children with special needs and disabilities. Kathryn says that the group helps her family because the families share similar experiences and can learn from the lessons of others.

Facing the challenge

Families with special-needs kids look to God

By John E. Sauter
Times-News correspondent

Kids will be kids, but parents sometimes need a listening ear or helping hand to navigate the challenges of raising

a family.

When Jay and Kevin McClain made the decision to become foster parents in 1995, they had no idea the simple desire to provide a safe, Christian home environment for children would grow into something much more substantial.

"It just seemed like something we could do at the

time," Jay McClain said. "But we fell in love with them and started adopting."

A group of Magic Valley families like the McClains have turned to their churches and found the support they need to raise special-needs children in a community of faith. Though the Hansen couple stopped serving as part of the foster

care system in 2002, the adoption process has continued, expanding their family to include five siblings, all of whom have special needs ranging from attention deficit disorder to Down syndrome.

"We adopted our youngest, who's 4 years old, from the Ukraine," Jay said. "I'm certainly no expert on the culture, but I understand that if children have a disability, they're more likely than not to end up in an orphanage."

Through it all, she credits faith and support from the church with pulling all of them through difficulties, experiences she wouldn't trade for anything else in the world.

"God sees every person as full of tremendous potential, regardless of where they are, and I recognize that every time one of our children makes even the smallest amount of progress," she said. "I'm not saying it's easy, because when things get stressful I look forward to meetings at the church and the blessing of child care

On Monday evenings dur

ing the fall and spring, the McClains get together with about six other families at a Special Parents—Special Kids support group hosted by the Twin Falls Reform Church on Pole Line Road. The group started around eight years ago as a way to compare notes on doctors, health and education resources, answer questions or share a healthy dose of encouragement.

"I can't imagine life without our faith and I know my children have a better life because of it," Jay said.

Group leaders Jay and Kathryn Goemmer from Twin Falls became involved through their daughters, Emmalia and Colette.

Colette, now 11, was born with E. coli and had to be taken by air ambulance to Salt Lake. Emmalia, 10, walks with braces, goes to speech therapy and con-

tends with hydrocephalus, a condition that requires surgery and close monitoring for water on the brain.

"The people who originally started the group saw how we were struggling and invited us to join," Jay Goemmer said. "We had two

children born premature and that helps you connect with and help other parents who have special-needs children."

During non-summer months, the group starts with an evening meal, then progresses into an hour-long discussion time.

"During the summer months, we really don't meet except maybe for a few family picnics in a park somewhere," Jay said. "Everything picks up again when the season changes."

Since activities are open to anyone, the faith aspect is kept at a lower key. However, that doesn't stop Kathryn Goemmer from sharing when people ask how she copes.

"It's calming to know God is there, when everything seems hopeless, as well as walking through another day," she said. "I know that God surpassed expectation when doctors had said Emma would never walk or never talk."

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Heart savers: Lutherans stress importance of defibrillators

By John E. Sauter
Times-News Correspondent

The religious community has always made safeguarding the human heart's spiritual health a top priority. Operation HeartSaver, a project sponsored by Thirteenth Financial for Lutherans, is bringing the physical side into focus by championing the life-saving value of automatic external defibrillators, AEDs.

The size of a small carrying case, these portable devices are designed take the user step-by-step through the process of shocking the heart back into a normal rhythm.

"All of us know of or heard stories about someone whose heart stopped and I started thinking our churches should have these things available."

— Mike Fuller, community services director for Thirteenth Financial for Lutherans' Northern Rocky Mountain Region

Fuller discussed the idea and began work writing a grant to set HeartSaver in motion. "I was coming home from work on a Habitat for Humanity project in November when it struck me that AEDs were everywhere," he said. "All of us know of or heard stories about someone whose heart stopped and I started thinking our churches should have these things available."

In June, the first phase was launched with the goal of placing defibrillators in seven

Lutheran Bible camps. Two of those sites, Luther Heights and Camp Parkies, are located in the Stanley area of Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains National Forest.

Signe White, director of Camp Parkies programs, was glad to see the addition of a defibrillator to the camp's health resources this past summer.

"Having one up here is really great, because we have campers of all ages who attend retreat and outdoor ministry activities at these sites

around," she said. "And I know we have one staff member with a congenital heart condition."

The goal is to make defibrillators available to about 12 congregations within Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon, Idaho and Western Montana through \$30,000 in Thirteenth matching grant funds.

"The local churches raise a certain amount and we contribute," Fuller said. "We're kind of working through the American Heart Association to get these for a reduced price of around \$1,000 each."

By the end of next year, the third part of the HeartSaver effort will focus on offering the same AED opportunity to community police and fire departments as well as schools.

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CHURCH NEWS

Ticket registration under way for Christmas concerts

Singer Brian Stokes Mitchell and actor Edward Herrmann will be the featured guest artists for "Ring, Christmas Bells," this year's Christmas concert...

Conducted by Mac Willberg, the concerts also will feature 120 bell ringers from the community...

Tickets are limited to four per household, and seating is limited to ages 8 and above. All registrations received during the two weeks will have equal chances at receiving tickets...

Jerome church celebrates 100 years

The First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A in Jerome, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this weekend.

Biweekly worship service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the church. The chancel choir, directed by Bruce Whitehead, will present several numbers accompanied by organ and a brass quintet.

Former pastor Laurence Huggert, Daniel Klingler and Steve and their families will be in attendance at the regular worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Children and adults are asked to wear costumes depicting Jesus, which can include any person or event in Bible stories.

A light supper will be served during the evening, games depicting Bible stories are planned.

Each family is asked to bring a one-pound bag of candy to share.

Information: Jennifer Hebb, 436-5170, or the church, 436-3354.

Buhl Methodists celebrate Laity Sunday

The Buhl United Methodist Church...

Church, 908 Maple St., will celebrate Laity Sunday this week while the Rev. Jerry Butts is on vacation.

Following a shortened worship service, the congregation will go to the fellowship hall for an all church meeting.

Presbyterian churches recognize Presbytery Day. Kendall Presbyterian Day will be recognized at two area churches Sunday through a pulpit exchange event.

Janne Goldbeck, an elder from the First Presbyterian Church in Porterville and a commissioned lay preacher, will speak at 10 a.m. at the Twin Falls Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N.

Orthodox Anglicans host meeting Tuesday

The Orthodox Anglicans will host an invitation to a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W.

The Rev. David K. Baker, rector of the Grace Anglican Church in Boise, will explain the Orthodox view of Anglicans.

Everyone is invited to meet and greet Baker and his wife, Jeannine. The evening's activities will conclude by 9 p.m.

Rupert church hosts 'Orange You Glad' party

The Rupert United Methodist Church will hold its annual "Orange You Glad" party on Friday, Nov. 4, 7-9 p.m.

Children and adults are asked to wear costumes depicting Jesus, which can include any person or event in Bible stories.

A light supper will be served during the evening, games depicting Bible stories are planned.

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Harvest party planned in Gooding

The Gooding First Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W., will host its annual Harvest Party 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at the church.

The event is a luncheon for all ages. Costumes are welcome, but not scary or evil ones. A free supper will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Information: 934-4525. Information: Judy Steinmetz, 733-2588.



Betty Sabo and Carolyn Nelson finish decorating plum pudding sale by Ascension Episcopal Church in 2007.

Ascension Episcopal Church offers annual pudding sale

Ascension Episcopal Church is taking orders now for its annual sale of Christmas Plum or Carrot puddings for the holidays.

Each pudding serves six to eight people. Cost per pudding is \$7.50. The puddings are decorated and wrapped for giving as gifts or reheating for holiday dinners.

Called "pudding," the texture and appearance of the plum pudding is more like a dense cake.

The carrot pudding recipe was a family recipe from an Ascension parishioner.

Information: 733-3133 or www.thereverchristianfamily.org.

West End singers rebearse cantata

The West End Community Singers will present a Christmas Cantata on Dec. 5.

Rehearsals for the program will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Nov. 5.

Information: 732-6303. The Times-News welcomes news of church events.

Barley church hosts Harvest Festival

Galvany Baptist Church will host its Harvest Festival 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church, 515 W. 27th St. in Butley.

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Valley Christian Church holds fall festival

Valley Christian Church will hold a Fall Family Festival 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church, 1708 Hoyburn Ave. E.

Information: Judy Steinmetz, 733-2588.

Episcopal Church holds annual bazaar

The Shoshone Episcopal Church will hold its 43rd annual bazaar from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Jennings' house across from the Lincoln County Courthouse.

The event offers crafts, hand-knitted items, holiday gifts, homemade candy and pies for purchase.

Information: 886-2125.

Catholic women hold dinner, bazaar

The St. Nicholas Catholic Women's Guild will host its annual Harvest Dinner and Bazaar on Nov. 1 at the church, 806 F St. in Rupert.

The bazaar, featuring homemade gifts, crafts and treats, will be 2-8 p.m. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings and dessert will be served 5-8 p.m.

Information: 436-4918.

Local church hosts Halloween alternative

"Bibleland," a Christian festive alternative to Halloween, will be held 6-8 p.m. Friday at the River Christian Fellowship, 4002 N. 3300 E.

The agenda includes caroling, games, cake walk, jump house, crafts, puppet show, mystery shows and more.

Information: 733-3133 or www.thereverchristianfamily.org.

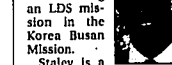
MISSIONARIES

Elder Matthew Nielsen has been called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Arizona-Texas-Spanish-speaking Mission.



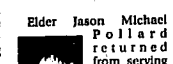
Nielsen is the son of Michael and Shantua Nielsen of Twin Falls and is in the Twin Falls 1st Ward. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2008, where he participated in Business Professionals of America and National Honor Society.

Elder Jason M. Staley returned from serving an LDS mission in the Korean Busan Mission.



Staley is a 2006 graduate of Twin Falls High School and will attend College of Southern Idaho.

He is the son of Eric and Nancy Staley of Twin Falls and is in the Twin Falls 9th Ward.



Pollard returned from serving an LDS mission in the Honduras Tegucigalpa Mission. Pollard is the son of Michael and Tammi Pollard of Burley, an Eagle Scout and is in the Burley 1st Ward.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries.

Send information to Ellen Thomason at ellen@magicalvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

Step out on the sea — and believe

ALTIANTA — Sometimes life gets mighty stormy. It feels like you're in a small boat about to sink.



LORRAINE V. MURRAY

That's what I thought when I saw the photo of the child in the newspaper. She is wearing an Impish grin, standing by a tree and smiling at someone in the distance, probably her mom and dad.

Sadly, they wrote in the paper because this child, only 2, died July 26. I thought about the Gospel passage where the apostles are in a boat with the wind driving hard and the waves growing.

There are the ones battling an illness, whether it is cancer, multiple sclerosis, heart disease. There are those struggling with disabilities. And people who are raising children all alone.

They get up in the morning and may think it's impossible to get on with the job, the kids, the chores. But their faith compels them to take the first step, and pretty soon they are buoyed up.

I think about the parents of Lilly and all the parents who have lost babies. These people are called by Jesus to walk on water every day.

Who did that storm happen as well? That's a mystery, just as any bolt of lightning out of the blue remains so today. But that storm became imbedded forever in the Gospels with the figure of Jesus right

there to help the apostles get through it. Peter was all too human. The strong wind frightened him and he started to sink, but Jesus didn't let Peter fail. He stretched out his hand and caught him.

This is the God of Christianity. He knows our fears, our sorrows, our hardships. He isn't sitting on a cloud, distant and aloof. He came into our world, he fed the hungry and he healed the sick.

When the disciples asked Jesus who was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, he called a little child over. Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven."

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Because, after all, they have Jesus there to give them a hand.

Lorraine V. Murray's new book is "Confessions of an Ex-Follower (Agnostics Press). This column was published in The Altitude Journal. Copyright © 2008 by Lorraine V. Murray. All rights reserved.

Supreme Court might take up church-state separation case

By David S. Savage, Los Angeles Times

Three years ago, the justices were evenly split in a pair of cases involving the Ten Commandments.

week to take up the case and to reverse a series of rulings that would "require the government to tear down a cross that has stood without incident for 70 years as a memorial to fallen service members."

Commandments of a cross — on public property.

Three years ago, the justices were evenly split in a pair of cases involving the Ten Commandments. They upheld, 5-4, a grand monument on the grounds of the Texas state capital but struck down a smaller display inside a courthouse in Kentucky in another 5-4 ruling.

Sandra Day O'Connor, who said both displays were unconstitutional, retired. She was replaced by Justice Samuel A. Alito II.

"I think the court is poised for a major change as to the Establishment Clause," said University of California, Irvine Law Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, referring to the First Amendment's ban on "an establishment of religion."

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Ex-Mormon calendar-maker has BYU diploma yanked

By Jennifer Dobner
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Brigham Young University has yanked the diploma of a man who created a calendar featuring shirtless Mormon missionaries and was later excommunicated from the church.

Chad Hardy of Las Vegas attended graduation ceremonies Aug. 15 after finishing up his last four units of study online in June. But on July 13, in between completing his studies and the graduation ceremony, he was excommunicated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A Sept. 30 letter from Norman B. Finlanson, the school's executive director of student academic and advisement services, said a nonacademic hold was placed on Hardy's record after the church-owned university learned of the excommunication.

"If in the future you are reinstated as a member of the church in good standing, you are invited to contact my office regarding your possible eligibility for the awarding of a degree," Finlanson wrote.

Hardy, 31, plans to challenge the school's decision.

"I intend to fight this tooth-and-nail," said Hardy, who learned about the hold a month after graduation. For reasons of confidentiality, BYU spokeswoman Carri Jenkins said she couldn't discuss Hardy's specific case. But Jenkins said all universities tell students to be in good standing before a diploma is issued.

At BYU, that includes abiding by an honor code that dictates student conduct and behavior standards that mirror the religious principles of the church.

"We do make it clear that even though a student is cleared to walk at graduation, a student must still be in good standing from an academic point of view and an



AP photo

Chad Hardy, publisher of the 'Men on a Mission' calendar, poses for a portrait on Monday in New York. Brigham Young University yanked the diploma of Hardy who created a calendar featuring shirtless Mormon missionaries and was later excommunicated from the church.

On the Web:

LDS Church: www.lids.org
Calendar site: www.mormon-exposed.com

honor code point of view," she said.

Hardy's excommunication for conduct unbecoming a church member was rooted in his failure to pay tithing, a lapse in other religious obligations and, according to Las Vegas regional church elder Frank E. Davie, his involvement with the 2008 "Men on a Mission" calendar.

Hardy's calendar sold nearly 11,000 copies and features 12 returned church mission-

aries in mostly modest poses, minus their trademark white shirts, ties and black plastic name badges.

The calendar was intended to shake up the stuffy, cookie-cutter stereotype often associated with Mormons, Hardy said.

News reports of his excommunication helped sales of the 2008 calendar and have landed Hardy larger U.S. and international distribution contracts for the just-released 2009 edition, which carries a disclaimer that it is not directly affiliated with or endorsed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Muslim nonprofit hopes film shows 'cultural jihad'

By Aari Cohen
East Valley Tribune

MESA, Ariz., (AP) — "We all know about terrorism. This is the war you don't know about," Dr. Zahdi Jasser intones from the movie screen over images of radical followers of Islam burning the American flag after Sept. 11.

Jasser, who lives in Scottsdale and practices medicine in Phoenix, is the narrator of the documentary "The Third Jihad: Radical Islam's Vision for America," which opened in selected cities across the country Thursday. The film contends that there is more to jihad than acts of violence.

"There's also 'cultural jihad,' in which radical groups use laws and rights given to them by free societies in a duplicitous way to try to overthrow those societies," Jasser said. The vehicles for cultural jihad in the U.S. include Saudi government funding of Middle Eastern studies departments at universities, radical teachings in mosques and prisons, and hate-filled textbooks in Islamic schools, he said.

"This is the 'third jihad,' according to the film. The first was when Muslim armies spread from Arabia throughout the Middle East, North Africa and Spain. The second jihad happened later, when Islamic armies toppled Constantinople and spread into Europe, India, and further into Africa.

Jasser, a regular worshiper at the Islamic Center of the Northeast Valley in Scottsdale, an ex-lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy and former physician to the U.S. Congress, urged viewers not to confuse the religion of Islam with political Islamism — a movement that he said seeks to establish government ruled by Islamic law called Shariah. Countries that



AP photo

'The Third Jihad,' a documentary about radical Islam, was screened at Harkins theater in Scottsdale, Ariz. Dr. Zahdi Jasser, at left, narrated the film and was on hand to take questions after the showing.

enforce Shariah are "human rights disasters," he said. The silent majority of Muslims are not radical and love the U.S., Jasser said.

"I'm also a Muslim and I've dedicated my life to fighting the threat of radical Islam," he said.

Jasser and six other Scottsdale Muslims formed the nonprofit American Islamic Forum for Democracy in 2003 to foster an alternative school of thought to Islamism.

Jasser is not without his detractors. In 2005, the Arizona Muslim Voice newspaper published an editorial cartoon depicting Jasser as a dog dismembering and devouring another Muslim. His views have been criticized by members of his own mosque.

The Scottsdale film premieres at a Harkins theater attracted about 300 people, including Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., who serves on the nation's Armed Forces and Judiciary committees. Franks said he believes Jasser is dedicated to the cause of human freedom and peace.

"I've just the highest affection for (Jasser)," he said. "If there were just a few more of him, we'd have a chance of

defeating this sooner."

The film opens with scenes from the 2004 massacre of schoolchildren in Beslan, Russia, by Chechen terrorists. Franks said he visited Beslan soon after the massacre.

"This film was my judgment, very accurate," he said. "Terrorism and the murder of innocents does not serve anyone on Earth and it does not serve any God that is real."

Brent Lowder, a partner in Frontline Strategies LLC, represented the nonprofit Clarion Fund, which produced the film. He said the turnout for the free Scottsdale screening was heavy.

"We had to move to a larger theater," Lowder said. The Clarion Fund describes itself as a nonpartisan organization aimed at educating Americans about national security issues, particularly about the threat of radical Islam.

Lowder said the U.S. should start translating the books that established the foundation for American democracy by thinkers like Thomas Jefferson into Middle Eastern languages and putting them into the region, just as the Saudi government attempts to influence thought in the U.S.

Mormon patriarchal blessings moving online

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormons will soon have access to their personal church blessings through an online database.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints maintains a paper file of patriarchal blessings in its history depart-

ment. Those files will soon be available in a digital, downloadable format through a project called LDS Tech.

The church announced the initiative on its Web site Tuesday. So far, 1.7 million blessings of an estimated 3.6 million have been scanned.

Patriarchal blessings are given by designated male church leaders to individual members in good standing. They are considered revelatory statements intended to provide warnings, comfort and guidance for a person's life.

Palin says election result rests in God's hands

By Eric Garalt
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin describes herself as a "hard-core pro-lifer" and expresses confidence that in spite of disheartening polls, "putting this in God's hands, that the right thing for America will be done at the end of the day on Nov. 4."

In an interview with evangelical leader James Dobson that aired Wednesday, Palin said she thought the vice-presidential candidate John McCain would implement the GOP platform if elected — "I do, from the bottom of my heart" — but McCain doesn't support the platform on three issues important to evangelicals: abortion, gay marriage and embryonic stem cell research.

The platform calls for a constitutional ban on gay marriage, an issue McCain says should be left to individual states. Similarly, the platform seeks a constitutional ban on all abortions, again, McCain supports allowing states to decide the question. McCain supports research using embryonic stem cells with the platform opposes. Palin called it a "strong



Palin

platform" and told Dobson, "They are there, they are solid, we stand on them and, again, I believe that it is the right agenda for the country at this time."

The Alaska governor talked by phone with Dobson for about 20 minutes Monday while she was in Colorado campaigning. Dobson's focus on the Family radio program aired the interview Wednesday.

Palin has not focused on her faith on the campaign trail, but it clearly has emerged, Dobson's radio show reaches an estimated 1.5 million Americans daily.

Dobson has come around to supporting the McCain-Palin ticket after previously saying he could not in good conscience vote for McCain. He endorsed former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee late in the primaries.

Palin thanked Dobson and supporters for their prayers and — when Dobson inquired about the impor-

ance of faith in her life — said, "It is my foundation, yes, my Christian faith is."

She also used terms like "prayer warrior" and "intercession" — words that might be unknown to the average listener but are common vocabulary in Pentecostal Christianity. Palin spent 20 years in a Pentecostal Assembly of God Church, but she usually refers to her faith generically as Christian, not even evangelical.

Palin said the campaign had to have faith that its message will be heard "minus the filter of the mainstream media."

"That filter has to be erased," she said. "So we have to have faith in the wisdom of the people that they'll understand what our message is. But even bigger than that, I have to have that faith that God is going to help us get that message out there."

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Earl Hansen 'Junior'

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Earl Hansen "Junior," formerly of Burley, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008, in St. George, Utah, at the age of 81.

He was born July 13, 1927, in Oakley, Idaho. He has returned to his original home with his father in Heaven. He has been known affectionately by the name Junior, or just JR. Having never married and having a family of his own, he lived rather a quiet existence, living most of his life with his parents. In his earlier years, he was a resident of Nampa State School in Idaho.

He is preceded in death by his father, Oscar Earl Hansen; his mother, Violet Lorene Harris Hansen; and his sister, Opal Beth Hansen Hobson.



Junior will be missed by his family consisting of sisters, Sherrie Hansen Martell (Dick) of Richland, Wash., and Jennene Hansen Godwin (Dave) of Cedar City, Utah; brothers, Jan Hansen (Sydney) of St. George, Utah, and Kent Hansen (Ludine) of Eugene, Ore.; and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary Chapel, 322 E. Main St. in Burley. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. A viewing will be one hour prior to the service at the mortuary. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen-Payne Mortuary.

Scott LeRoy Norris

JEROME — Scott LeRoy Norris, 39, of Boise and formerly of Jerome, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008.

He was born May 13, 1969, in Jerome, the son of Richard L. "Dick" Bryant and Martelle Morris Adams. He was later adopted by Walter and Hazel Norris. Scott grew up in Jerome and attended schools there. He loved nature, riding horses, fishing and hunting. He loved to make people laugh and joke around. Scott was a good soul who will be missed by all who knew him.

Scott is survived by his mother and stepfather, Martelle and Loren Adams; father and stepmother, Dick



and Patty Bryant; his children, Amber, Christopher, Kimberly, Brian, Eric and William; his wife, Rebecca Norris; sisters, Joan Harbison and her husband Bill, and Leslie Norris Bettes and her husband James; one step-granddaughter; and many nieces, nephews and cousins who loved him very much!

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at the Freewill Baptist Church, 810 S. Cleveland St. in Jerome, with Pastor Gene Kissinger officiating.

A visitation will be held Sunday, Oct. 26, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m., and again one hour prior to the service Monday at the church. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

SERVICES

Gloria Elaine Emery Katz of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at the LDS Church, 421 Maurice St. N. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Neil M. Riley of Meridian and formerly of Richfield, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Richfield Assembly of God on South Main Street.

Kenneth Dean Pickett Stevens of Twin Falls, celebration of life from 2 to 4 p.m. today at his home and shop, 1150 Kimberly Road in

Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Kyle Otto McGeehe of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 372 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

Sylvan Bodily of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Star LDS 1st Ward Chapel; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main in Burley, and one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the Church.

DEATH NOTICES

Michael G. Shillito
KUNA — Michael "Mike" G. Shillito, 55, of Kuna and formerly of Glenns Ferry, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008.

A tentative graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glenns Ferry (Serenicare

Funeral Home in Draper, Utah).

Floyd J. Hernandez
BUHL — Floyd J. Hernandez, 76, of Buhl, died Friday, Oct. 24, 2008, at his home. He will be announced by Park's Maple Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Police probe deaths of mom, brother of actress Jennifer Hudson

By Rupa Shenoy
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — The mother and brother of Jennifer Hudson were found shot dead Friday at a South Side home, and police were seeking a missing child who is the nephew of the singer and Oscar-winning actress.

"We can confirm that there is an ongoing investigation concerning the deaths of Jennifer Hudson's mother, Darrell Donson, and her brother, Jason 'Judson,' Hudson's personal publicist, Lisa Kasteler, said in a statement. "No further comment will be made and the family has asked that their privacy be respected at this difficult time."



Actress Jennifer Hudson, right, and her mother Darrell Donson are seen in March 2007 at the Chicago Theatre in Chicago.

Police spokeswoman Monique Bond said the deaths appeared to be the result of domestic abuse.

Deputy Chief Joseph Patterson said a family member visited the home around 3 p.m. Friday, found a woman shot on the living room floor and left to notify authorities. Responding officers found a man shot in the bedroom, Patterson said. There was no pattern, he said.

A police tape blocked access to the large, white house, where a crowd gathered outside.

Authorities issued an Amber Alert for 7-year-old Julian King, and were seeking a 1994 white Chevrolet Suburban. The child was the grandson of the female victim, Patterson said.

The alert said the child was possibly abducted, and accompanied by a man — considered armed and dangerous — who was a suspect in the double homicide investigation. Records with the Illinois Department of Corrections show the man, who has not been charged with a crime, is on parole and

spent nearly seven years in prison for attempted murder, vehicular hijacking and possessing a stolen vehicle.

The two could also be in a real or green Chrysler Concord with a temporary license plate, a left front headlight hanging out and scratches on the left side of the vehicle, police said.

The tragedy comes as Hudson, who grew up in Chicago, continues to reach new heights in her career. Her song "Spotlight" is No. 1 on Billboard's Hot R&B/Hip-Hop charts and a media star whose interviews were sought by France's major talk show hosts, she spoke candidly about her rebellious spirit, harangued the bourgeoisie and the right for not giving more to help the less fortunate, and called every one by his or her first name, presidents included.

She was born Madeleine Cinquin on Nov. 16, 1988, in Brussels, where her father made a small fortune as a lingerie manufacturer. She

was traumatized as a young girl when she watched him drown as he waded to her from behind crashing waves. "A little girl suddenly understood, one Sunday morning, that you cannot hang on to Jean or Mia," she told a French reporter in 2000. "In my subconscious, my vocation dates from that time. I searched for what was absolute and not what was ephemeral."

She dreamed of a lifetime of serving the poor or becoming a missionary in Africa. "To the convent, sir," she answered when a strapping young German came up to her as she balked on to the rails of a boat and asked her where she was headed with eyes like hers.

body else, or, when I go home to my men I'm just Jennifer. (So she says). "You get up and you take care of your own stuff. And I love that; I don't like when people tell you everything you want to hear. I want to hear the truth, you know what I mean."

Hudson recently announced her engagement to David Onton, best known for his stint on VH1's reality show "I Love New York."

Hudson's representatives would not disclose her whereabouts Friday. She had been scheduled to appear Monday in Los Angeles to collect an ensemble cast honor at the Hollywood Awards for "The Secret Life of Bees" with co-stars including Alicia Keys, Queen Latifah and Dakota Fanning.

Dee Dee Warwick dies at 63; soul singer, Dionne's sister

By Terence McArde
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Dee Dee Warwick, 63, the gritty soul singer elapsed — unjustly, in the opinion of some critics — by her older sister Dionne and other vocalists who covered songs she first recorded in the 1960s, has died.

Warwick, best remembered for her versions of "I'm Gonna Make You Love Me" and "You're No Good," both of which became hits for other performers, died Oct. 18 at a nursing home in Essex County, N.J. The family declined to provide a cause of death.

Dionne Warwick, working with producer and songwriter Burt Bacharach, developed a smoother middle-of-the-road pop style, but Dee Dee Warwick retained the rougher intensity of her gospel roots throughout her career.

Warwick recorded her first solo effort, "You're No Good," in 1963. Although the record failed to chart for her, a cover version by Betty Everett on New York released sessions for such luminaries as Ben E. King, Aretha Franklin, Solomon Burke and Nina Simone.

"At the time, I was making good money doing background work as a demo," Warwick once recalled. "Around New York, our group had become known as 'Dee Dee and her girls' because we were used on one another, so going out on a solo career wasn't as much a big deal to me."

"She Didn't Know" was nominated for a Grammy Award in 1970, but Los Angeles Times critic Robert Hilburn noted decades later that the record was "largely ignored in the pop world." He added belated praise for Warwick, who, he wrote, sang "with a soul-baring intensity that is reminiscent of the best of Gladys Knight or Candice Stone."

Dee Dee Warwick was born Sept. 24, 1945, in Newark, N.J. She sang in the family gospel group, the Drinkard Singers, whose members included Dionne, adopted sister Judy Clay, her mother, Lee Drinkard Warwick and her aunt Clasy Houston. Her cousin, Clasy's daughter, is Whitney Houston.

In 1954, Clasy Houston, the two sisters and Clay broke off from the family group to form an all-female group, the Gospelaires, with Doris Troy. After winning a weekly talent show at Harlem's Apollo Theater, they were hired by Savoy records to provide backup vocals on a single by saxophonist Sam "The Man" Taylor, "Won't You Deliver Me."

The Gospelaires started doing original material as the Sweet Inspirations, working with singer Betty Everett on New York recording sessions for such luminaries as Ben E. King, Aretha Franklin, Solomon Burke and Nina Simone.



Warwick

Humanitarian, French nun Sister Emmanuelle, dies at age 99

By Herb Broome
The Washington Post

Sister Emmanuelle, a French nun who became a prominent humanitarian in retirement by devoting herself to improving the lot of Egyptian slum dwellers and scavengers, died Monday in Callian, in southeastern France. She was 99. No cause of death was reported.

She opened field clinics and dispensaries, built schools, bought garbage trucks and set up a waste management plant by harassing her friends in France and elsewhere in Europe to raise funds.

She quietly distributed birth control pills to women in Cairo affected by domes-

tic violence and unplanned pregnancies. She wrote to Pope John Paul II to explain her humanitarian impulses. He never wrote back, which she interpreted as an act of discretion.

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"Don't you like adventure?" he probed.

"But that is why I am entering the convent," she replied.

She had experimented as a pleasure seeker in the 1920s, sneaking cigarettes and admiring fashionable clothing. But at 22, she joined the Sisters of Notre Dame de Sion, a congregation created in 1843. Her order specialized in setting up prestigious teaching establishments in countries bordering the Mediterranean.

For 40 years, she taught young girls from the privileged classes in Turkey, Tunisia and Egypt. It was not until she retired as a mother superior in 1971, at 62, that she embarked on her mis-

sion in Cairo.

Her initial plan to tend to a colony of lepers proved impossible because it was in a military zone.

The need for multiple official authorization letters from the ministries of health, foreign affairs and war proved too complex to fulfill.

Afterward, she settled in her first slum, Matereya, where she lived among lice and rats and tended to malnourished women and young men high on bad alcohol who fought one another with knives. Amid this squalor, she set up a clinic and a kindergarten to fight illiteracy.

She encouraged Muslim children to study but vowed

not to proselytize.

Then she moved her work to Mokattam, where a community of (ital) zabbaleen, (end ital) Arabic for garbage collectors, live in a waste yard of trash piles and pigs. She traveled \$30,000, there is nothing left for me to do except a holding," she said, and her wish was granted.

She helped create a network of schools, clinics and gardens to upgrade the lives of slum children and bought trucks to help the scavengers haul trash.

Covering the communities of
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DeMary library book notes

Here are the book notes from DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert.

Fiction: "Cold Case" by Kate Wilhelm
Senator Robert McCrutchien and controversial author David Elheridge had shared a past that the senator wanted desperately to keep under wraps. Both men had been questioned in the death of a young coed more than 20 years earlier. The case went unsolved. Now McCrutchien had been found shot to death and Elheridge was the prime suspect. It was up to attorney Barbara Holloway's instincts to lead her to the truth, but at what cost?

Mystery: "Devil Bones" by Kathy Reichs
A plumber working in a house under renovation in Charlotte, N.C., makes a grisly discovery in a hidden cellar that seems to be relics of religious ceremonies. Then, the torso of a boy is found in the nearby river. Temperance Brennan is called in to investigate, and hopefully, to ward off violence in the name of justice.

Fiction: "Eighth Shepherd" by Bodie Thorne
News travels fast that Yeshua of Nazareth has raised someone from the dead and the Sanhedrin begin their plot to kill him. In spite of the danger, Yeshua and his followers journey to Jerusalem for Passover. Book 8, "A.D. Chronicles Series."
Mystery: "Job to Kill For" by Janice Kaplan.

Lacy Fields is a busy, talented woman. In addition to being the doting wife of a plastic surgeon, and talented decorator-to-the-stars, she's also an amateur detective. This time she's working the case of Cassie Crawford, a client who's found dead in her newly-decorated L.A. penthouse. Lacy is smitten when her best friend, Molly, is suspected of the crime.

Fiction: "Damage Control" by Judith A. Janice

Although she's a sleep-deprived mother of a newborn, nothing stops Arizona Sheriff Joanna Brady from doing her job. That's good because there's been a shooting and a tragic auto accident that need to be investigated further.

The first case appears to be one of mistaken identity, and the second could turn out not to be an accident at all, but murder.

Fiction: "Faces of Fear" by John Saul
Though Alison McKenzie is fine being a Plain Jane, her mother Anne believes that beauty is the key to success.

When Allison suffers a burn, Anne takes her to a plastic surgeon who says he can take care of the scar and make Allison beautiful. Anne is enchanted by him. As a romance begins, Alison's transformation also begins.

But there are dark secrets in the doctor's past, which Alison soon uncovers, as well as a disturbing link between him and a series of recent killings.

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MaryLou (Pierce) Peak, a former resident of the area, was the winner of the personalized quilt made by the women of Elba.

Quilt blocks reflect Elba area, people

By Judy Albertson
Times-News writer

Elba Inc., the volunteer organization that manages the Cily Park, the historic Relief Society building and the cemetery in the Elba Valley, has come up with a unique idea to raise money. Because Elba is not an incorporated town or city, it receives no funding from the county to maintain these entities. As a result, they earn money by renting the park out for family reunions, church groups and other organizations. The community has also auctioned items donated from citizens or companies willing to support their efforts. The women of Elba have made quilts to auction as well.

This year's project was to earn money for an irrigation system for the Elba Park.

In the past, the quilts

have been pieced work. Last year someone suggested they craft a quilt that reflected the Elba Valley.

Using old family photos, Polaroid pictures, original drawings, and ideas gleaned from the public domain, patterns were made to be embroidered in blue-work thread. The patterns reflected the brick houses, log homes, animals and wild flowers indigenous to the area, as well as organizations, rodeo and ranching themes.

The blocks were embroidered by numerous women. The youngest person involved was Nashal Nelson Oakson, a college student in her 20s; the oldest was 88-year-old Bessie Nye. This spring the blocks were put together and quilted by the quilting group in Elba.

The group advertised the quilt to the people

who came to the park, and put posters in stores throughout the area. *Ruralite* magazine also featured their quilt in an article.

On Oct. 3, the raffle was held at the local harvest dinner. The group was pleasantly surprised when they found that the winning ticket was held by a former resident of the area — MaryLou (Pierce) Peak of Pocatello.

Peak had seen the article in the *Ruralite*, and because her family had held many reunions at Elba Park, she wanted to support the cause. She grew up in Malta, and graduated from Raft River High School in 1943. She became a pediatrician and worked in emergency room services. She and her husband, Ralph, reside in Pocatello, but still come to Malta to her parents' home, which the Peaks now own.

Former Declo resident promoted to colonel

By Judy Albertson
Times-News writer

Mas Kuwana II has always set goals and worked to make them a reality.

In September, with more than 25 years of service in the Idaho Army National Guard, Kuwana, a Declo High School graduate, was promoted to the rank of colonel. An official pin ceremony, attended by family and friends, was held at the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes in Washington, D.C.

The ceremony was hosted by Lt. Gen. Stephen Spokes, Deputy Chief of Staff, CG, who along with Colonel Kuwana's wife, Kris, and his children, Torrie, Mas III and Aaron, assisted in the pinning ceremony.

Also in attendance was his mother, Ida Kuwana of Declo, sister, Susan Kuwana and his "adopted" east coast parents Don



Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Spokes, Deputy Chief of Staff, CG, hosted the pin ceremony for Colonel Mas Kuwana, colonel at the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes in Washington, D.C. Also pictured is Kuwana's wife, Kris.

and Kay Watson. His father, Mas Kuwana, who recently passed away, said in one of his last comments that he was sorry he could not be part of the

big celebration, but he was there in spirit. His mother said that watching the ceremony was an overwhelming experience. With

friends and family from both the local area and from Idaho attending, the members in attendance for the ceremony helped make the occasion special and rewarding.

Kuwana's accomplishments come in part from growing up on a family farm that helped cement the values and work ethic needed to be successful in the military. Being part of the Idaho Army National Guard and having the mentorship of the leaders has helped with his success. Coming from the small community in the Magic Valley has helped shape Kuwana's goals, making the rewards an integral part of his success.

Kuwana is currently assigned as the assistant deputy to the director of force development, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G6 at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Supplement not a cure for statin side effects

DEAR DR. GOTT: Shortly after my doctor prescribed a statin drug for me, I saw an item in my local newspaper written by a pharmacist warning that Coenzyme Q10 was depleted by the use of statins.

I discussed this with my doctor, who had no objection to my taking the supplement, so I started taking 100 milligrams twice a day (morning and night). For

ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott

whatever reason, I have had absolutely no side effects from the statin medication, which has brought my cho-

lesterol back to normal limits. I am a retired registered nurse and an avid reader of your column, especially of what may concern me!

DEAR READERS: Unless you were experiencing side effects that were relieved by the Co-Q10, there is no evidence that this supplement was beneficial to you. You may simply be one of the vast majority of individuals

who don't experience side effects from statin therapy. That being said, while I have no personal experience with coenzyme Q10 alleviating statin side effects, I have received a few letters from people who claim that it relieved their aching muscles.

I am unaware of any reports that show a relation

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COMMUNITY NEWS

'Fiddler on the Roof' auditions held

Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will hold auditions for its winter production, "Fiddler on the Roof," from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, and from 9-11 a.m. Nov. 1, at the King Fine Arts Center Little Theatre. Performances will be Jan. 30-Feb. 7, 2009 and the musical will be directed by Christine Horsley.

Those interested should be prepared to read from a provided script and should bring a short vocal selection with accompaniment.

The cast will be comprised of mostly adults, with several roles available for older teenagers, two younger girls and two younger boys.

For more information, call Chris Horsley, 678-8298, or Felicia Poteet, 531-4510.

Rupert citizens earn blood drive gallon pins

The American Red Cross held a blood drive at the Rupert Civic Gym on Sept. 29. One hundred units of blood were donated. Several people were awarded their gallon pins. They include: Cindy Yela, one gallon; Karma Maxey, two gallons; Sandy Stoller and Amy Larsen, five gallons; Richard Pfeiffer, six gallons; David Bean, seven gallons; Bruce Berry, eight gallons; Ann Torix, 10 gallons; and Doyle Price, 13 gallons.

Volunteers from the Trinity Lutheran Church hosted the event and served refreshments. Minidoka Hospital volunteers added those giving blood, and Knights of Columbus unloaded and loaded all the equipment.

In addition, Doc's Pizza donated pizzas for the nursing staff. LDS 4th Ward young men delivered the posters for advertising and many other volunteers helped in various ways.

Russell Merrigen won the donors raffle. The next drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Rupert Civic Gym.

Information: Ann DeWald, 436-1344.

Minidoka County 4-H Teen Association offers photo deal

The Minidoka County 4-H Teen Association is offering a family sitting and 8-by-10 inch portrait from Ryan Thomas Photography for only \$10 to each family.

The fundraiser is to earn money to host a group of 4-Hers from Illinois in June 2009.

The photos are for couples and families with a minimum of two and maximum of 30 people. Extra photos, including Christmas cards, will be available for purchase at an additional cost.

Photo dates are from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 11 and from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 12. The portraits will be back in time for the holidays. Times are limited.

Call the Minidoka County Extension Office, 436-7184 to schedule an appointment.

BJ Duplicate Bridge announces winners

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced the results of play for Tuesday, North-South 1. George and Nancy Gibson, 2. Steve Sams and Kent Gillespie, 3. Margerite Manning and Billie Park, 4. Ella Annet and Lila Moorman.

East-West: 1. Wilma Shockey and Gary Carney, 2. Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland, 3. Shirley Harris and Mariena Temple, 4. Sheila Hubschmidt and Mildred Wolf.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and more information, Steve Sams, 878 3997 or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

Berley grads earn scholar awards

Jeffrey Harman, Timothy Johnson, Ashley Luna, and Laura Ward, graduates of Aubrey High School, have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school and

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BE AN INFORMED VOTER

Form for marking ballot with instructions and checkboxes for various candidates and issues.

A sample ballot for the Nov. 4 general election in Cassia County will be available on Thursday. A Minidoka County sample ballot is available today.

See how your ballot will look before going to the polls.

For more local and national election news, go to magiclevel.com and hit the Election 2008 button.

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

BIRK HAVES ANYONE PHOS OUT ON YOU DURING THE PROCEDURE?
IT USUALLY HAPPENS RIGHT AFTER I PULL OUT THE PRICE SUBJECT.

Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

HAAAA, I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT MY PUNING BUTTERBALL!
WUNT?
IT'S TOO WIGGITY!
YOU COME HOME WITH SHROODED CLOTHES, SHRAMED SHOES, SHRINKS.
OH, WHILE I WAIT ON THE SHRETTLE HERE.
ARE THESE YOUR TEEZEE?
WELL, NOT ALL OF THEM!

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker

I LIKE GOING TO THESE FORMAL MILITARY AFFAIRS
IT'S THE ONLY CHANCE I GET TO SHOW EVERYONE THE REAL ME
I SEE THE REAL YOU LIVES IN A DRAWER BEHIND YOUR SOCKS

Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

YOU SURE ENJOY SLEEPING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY, MR. B.?
I'M NOT SLEEPING, BLONDIE! I'M NAPPING!
LAZY PEOPLE SLEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY, BLONDIE... I TAKE NAPS.
I STILL DON'T SEE A DIFFERENCE, BLONDIE IS THAT I'M NOT ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE
THE DIFFERENCE, BLONDIE IS THAT I'M NOT ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE

Dilbert

By Scott Adams

CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME COMMENTS ON MY BUSINESS PLAN?
SURE.
YOUR PLAN IS A HOODEGE-PODGE OF UNWARRANTED OPTIMISM ENCASED IN AN IMPENETRABLE FORTRESS OF BUZZ-WORDS.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ IT?
THERE'S THAT UN-WARRANTED OPTIMISM AGAIN.

The Elderberries

By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Ah, Wah so high up on this tree, Ah saw angels!
Oh, Dushy, quit pulling our legs!
When Ah looked down, all the people looked like ants!
Those were ants, dummy, you were only six feet high.
Bob Newhart just call. He's taking pants off scene, he's stealing his joke.
Well, he can have these pants. They've always been a bit too snug in the behind.

For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston

HE'S ASKING YOU TO PLAN A BUSINESS ON A KITCHEN SINK?
ON A KITCHEN SINK? ANY CORNERS?
I DON'T WANT ANY CORNERS!
I HAVE AN ALTERNATE PLAN TO PLAN A BUSINESS ON A KITCHEN SINK. I DON'T WANT ANY CORNERS!
GOOD NEWS TRAVELS FAST!

Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves

THIS MEERK WILL INHERIT THE EARTH THING-- WILL IT BE A STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT OR A LUMP-SUM PAYMENT?

Garfield

By Jim Davis

EWW... ICK! GET AWAY!
HELP! AFFECTIONATE DOG!

Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne

THAT'S LARS HORRIBLE... EVERY TIME HE COMES HOME LOADED HIS WIFE MAKES HIM SLEEP OUTDOORS!
HE'S THE WELL-KNOWN OUTDOORS-MAN...

Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne

YOU'RE NOT WEARING THAT OLD PIE, ARE YOU?
WHY NOT?
IT MAKES YOU LOOK WIDE.

Luann

By Greg Evans

THESE PEEKERS SUCH AS HELP GREAT, TOO
THANKS, IT WAS A FUN JOB
IF YOU DO A CALCULATOR NEXT YEAR, I'LL HELP YOU WOULDNT EVEN HAVE TO PAY ME
WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY YOU?
I JUST MIGHT SO LET'S LOOK AT TOM AND LOON AND CARLOS AGAIN
HOW LONG ARE YOU AGING TO PICKING?
TWO HOURS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz

IT'S FROM YOUR PUBLISHER... THEY PRINTED ONE COPY OF YOUR NOVEL...
IT SAYS THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SELL IT.
THEY SAY THEY'RE SORRY... YOUR BOOK IS NOW OUT OF PRINT.

Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis

WELL, ZERRA I'M AFRAID I HAVE SOME BAD NEWS...
WORSE THAN THE FACT YOU REBELL MY LIFE ON A BEEHIVE GAME?
I'M AFRAID SO. AFTER PLACING FIVE HUNDRED BUCKS ON US TO WIFE, I GOT FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO LOSE.
YOU WHAT??
SORRY MY BOOKIE GAVE ME GREAT ODDS.
BRONK? WHAT KIND OF BRONK TAKES A BET LIKE A GOAT LIFE IN BORN LIKE ZOO?
Meh...

Pickles

By Brian Crane

I WOULD BE IF IT'S TOO LATE TO DO SOMETHING REALLY BIG WITH MY LIFE.
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE. WHAT DID YOU HAVE IN MIND?
I DON'T KNOW. HOW WITH THE BULLS. ANYONE OF US WANTS MET FLIT?
OR SLEEP THROUGH THE NIGHT WITHOUT GETTING UP.
HOW WOULD YOU TALKING?

Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady

THINK I'VE GOT TO GO?
OR WOULD HE BE IN A STRAITJACKET!
HE'S GOING TO BE IN A STRAITJACKET!
SO, BRONKS, PLEASE BE COME TO THE WIFE TO SLEEP ON THE WIFE INTEREST?
WELL, I'VE GOT TO GO TO THE WIFE INTEREST?

Non Sequitur

By Wiley

Denzle the Menace

By Mark Anderson

HE, I'M A BETTER FIGHTER THAN ANY PEOPLE WHOSE FEELINGS GO ON GROUND.
I'M GOING TO BE A BETTER FIGHTER THAN ANY PEOPLE WHOSE FEELINGS GO ON GROUND.
AND YOU'VE ALL BEEN IN THE WIFE INTEREST?
I'LL FINALLY FIND OUT ANOTHER'S TRACK!
I'LL FINALLY FIND OUT ANOTHER'S TRACK!

The Wizard of Id

By Brent Foster & Jeffrey Hart

HOW DO YOU SELECT YOUR ASSISTANTS?
BY THE RESURGENCE OF THE R. WOODS?
FOR DRIVING ASSISTANTS?
FOR CALLING BUNNY NUMBERS.

Zos

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

HE'S HAVING A LITTLE OF OUR HUNGER?
GREAT! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF MY OWN HUNGER!

Guantanamo guards struggle with hunger striker

By Ben Fox
Associated Press writer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Three years ago, the man known as Internment Serial Number 669 stopped eating.

Ahmed Zaid Zuhair, a father of 10 children in Saudi Arabia and Yemen, had been held at Guantanamo Bay since 2002 without charges and decided to join a mass hunger strike in protest. The U.S. military was determined not to let him succeed.

Since then, according to court documents reviewed by The Associated Press, guards

have struggled with him repeatedly, at least once using pepper spray, shackles and brute force to drag him to a restraint chair for his twice-daily dose of a liquid nutrition mix force-fed through his nose.

The documents, filed in federal court in Washington, are a rare look at the military tactics used on hunger strikers, which have sparked international condemnation but remained hidden from view, with officials refusing to even confirm the identity of the men taking part in the protest.



Zuhair

Zuhair's attorney, Yale Law School lecturer Ramzi Kassem, says the tactics described in the documents amount to "cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment." The military says the only reason it uses such tactics is that Zuhair is violent and dangerous.

"ISN 669 has a very long history of disciplinary violations and noncompliant,

resistant and combative behavior," according to Army Col. Bruce Vargas, commander of Guantanamo Bay's guards.

Zuhair's protest is the remnant of a mass hunger strike at Guantanamo Bay that began in the summer of 2005, with prisoners celebrating the 10 Irish Republican Army and Irish National Liberation Army militants who starved themselves to death in Britain's Maze prison in 1981 while demanding political-prisoner status.

At its peak, there were 131 prisoners refusing meals at the U.S. Navy base in Cuba.

The U.S. began force-feeding prisoners, but some were regurgitating the liquid-nutrient mix. In January 2006, commanders adopted a practice borrowed from American civilian prisons of strapping detainees into a special restraint chair for the feedings, and the number of strikers quickly dropped off.

Eventually there were just two: Zuhair, 43, and another Saudi, Abdul Rahman Shalabi. The number has since fluctuated and 12 were participating on Friday.

A number of prisoners have alleged brutal treatment dur-

ing the hunger strike, and lawyers and human rights groups have accused guards of using unnecessary force. Kassem and other attorneys say their clients have mostly complied with the force-feeding, and that the U.S. has used rough treatment in an effort to break the strike.

Physicians for Human Rights, the World Medical Association and the United Nations, among others, have condemned the use of restraint chairs and other tactics as a violation of U.S. law and basic human rights principles.

OPEC slashes production; crude prices still tumble

By George John
Associated Press writer

VIENNA, Austria — OPEC's attempt to stem a free-fall in oil prices fizzled Friday as global economic fears pushed crude down to lows last seen 15 months ago.

Prices slumped even as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, gathered for an emergency meeting in Vienna, announced it would slash production by a daily 1.5 million barrels. And if OPEC members under quota stop overproduction, reduction will be even higher — around 1.8 million barrels a day.

But oil's imperviousness to production cutbacks — the most potent weapon in the OPEC arsenal — reflected the cartel's diminishing control over oil prices, now driven by the lack of demand rather than supply.

OPEC's statement Friday reflected alarm over the erosion of revenues for oil-producing nations, as did the unusually short deliberations leading to its decision. "Oil prices have witnessed a dramatic collapse — unprecedented in speed and magnitude," said the 13-nation organization. "This slowdown in demand is serving to exacerbate the situation in a market which has been oversupplied with crude for some time."

OPEC warned of hard times ahead for suppliers, saying that deteriorating demand "will deepen" in coming months. In more orderly economic times, any Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries move to reduce output usually led to an upward spike in prices.

But Friday's oil market



OPEC Secretary General Abdullah Salem El-Sadr of Libya talks to the news media after an extraordinary meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries at its headquarters in Vienna on Friday.

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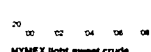
Production cut

OPEC plans to slash oil production by 1.5 million barrels daily to stem falling crude oil prices.

OPEC crude oil production, barrels per day



NYMEX light sweet crude \$150 per barrel



Source: Department of Energy, AP

reaction reflected a new reality.

With a financial vortex sucking the U.S. and other

major consumers into recession and slowing even booming economies in China and India — all at discounted prices is not finding buyers.

Crude prices have now fallen 56 percent from the highs reached in July. Prices have fallen more than \$41 per barrel in just the last month.

"The power to influence oil prices is moving farther and farther away from OPEC," said oil trader and analyst Stephen Schork. "Everybody thought China and India would go on buying oil forever, but that's not the case."

"The demand is no longer there," said Schork. "I think people are fooling themselves when they say more demand markets could weather a U.S. downturn. That's yanked OPEC right out of its role as the key player."

"World stock markets that reflected fear of a global recession moved the dominant influence on oil markets Friday, sidelining any OPEC hopes that its steepest out-

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Idaho gas prices dip below \$3 per gallon.

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put cut in five years would remedy crude's plunge.

Major European exchanges that were down more than 10 percent during the day improved by closing time but still suffered losses as high as 5 percent. Asian stocks also closed sharply down. Russia's two exchanges were shut down early because of double-digit losses and officials said they wouldn't resume trading until Tuesday.

Wall Street ended the week with another sharp loss. The Dow Jones industrial fell more than 500 points soon after trading began, and, following the pattern of recent sessions, recovering ground only to fall sharply again. The blue chips ended the day down 312 points at the 8,378 level, while all the major indexes fell more than 3 percent.

Light, sweet crude for December delivery fell \$3.69 to settle at \$64.15 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Prices had fallen as low as \$62.65 earlier in the day.

Reflecting the huge demand slump facing OPEC, a U.S. Department of Transportation report released Friday showed the largest monthly decline in miles driven in 66 years.

Americans drove 5.6 percent less, or 15 billion fewer miles, in August 2008 compared with August 2007 — the biggest single monthly decline since the data was first collected regularly in 1942.



Richard Garriott, left, an American computer game designer who paid some \$30 million for a 10-day stay on the space station, shakes hands with his father, Owen, 77, a NASA astronaut who visited America's first space station, Skylab, in 1973, after the Soyuz space capsule landed near Arkalyk, Kazakhstan, early Friday.

Cosmonauts, American tourist return from space

By Steve Gathman
Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — Soon after he touched down Friday, American space tourist Richard Garriott got a pat on the head and an admiring question from his astronaut father.

"How come you look so fresh and ready to go?" 77-year-old Owen Garriott asked his son, who was sitting in an armchair on the steppes of Kazakhstan after being pulled from the gum-dropper-shaped Soyuz capsule. "Because I'm fresh and ready to go — again," Richard declared. "What a great ride that was."

Richard Garriott, a 47-year-old computer games designer who created the Ultima game series, paid US\$30 million for trip to the International Space Station. When he lifted off Oct. 12, he became the first American to follow his father into space.

Friday's landing went perfectly — a relief to space officials. In the last two Soyuz landings, the craft went into "ballistic descent" — free fall — subjecting the occupants to high G-forces and sending one of the capsules far off target.

The smooth re-entry may ease concerns about plans to discontinue the U.S. space shuttle program in 2010. That will leave Russian Soyuz craft as the only way to ferry people to and from the station, which is scheduled to be replaced by a new Russian space agency Roscosmos. Anatoly Perminov, said on state-run Vesti-24 television that Kononenko had a tougher time than his crewmates during the descent but "feels good now." The longer a little easier in space the harder it is to adjust to gravity.

Iraqi government has plenty of money but lacks know-how in spending it

By Kim Gansel
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Iraq's government has an unusual money problem as much of the U.S. Security Council imposed sanctions to punish Saddam Hussein's regime for the 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"Our efforts are devoted to helping the Iraqis spend their own money," said Marc Wall, the U.S. Security Council spokesman for economic sanctions in Iraq. "We've agreed in on it in the last year or two."

The issue came to the fore this summer when the U.S. General Accounting Office

predicted Iraq could finish the year with as much as a \$79 billion cumulative surplus because of oil revenues and unspent funds from previous budgets.

The August report drew outrage in Congress, where lawmakers asked why the Iraqis haven't spent more of their own money on reconstruction efforts while U.S. taxpayers shell out some \$12 billion a month for Iraq's new military operations.

U.S. and Iraqi officials dispute the GAO figures, arguing they are inflated and do not reflect Iraqi accounting procedures. They also say Iraq spending on reconstruction is expected to increase by 50 percent from 2007 to 2008.

But most agree that major obstacles still include inexperienced bureaucrats, too few Iraqis contractors and a cumbersome approval process aimed at curbing corruption.

to help them allocate funds and effectively deliver government services such as electricity, water and security.

The \$339 million program — paid for by American taxpayers — began in July 2006 and is scheduled to finish in January 2011.

Instructors include Iraqis, Jordanians, Lebanese and Egyptians, native Arabic speakers who were mostly educated in the United States or other countries. Each earns about \$1,500-\$1,700 a month.

One recent class of bureaucrats from various Iraq ministries sit next to each other in a classroom setting around an oval table — listened intently as the instructor told them how to diagram a decision tree.

"The analysis and problem-solving tool is used at decision-making points in the course of events and their consequences to choose the best investment."

insecurity. You have to consider the black market," said Sherba Nasser, a 46-year-old engineer at the Water Resources Institute.

Nasser's concerns reflect the myriad problems facing Iraqis as they try to overcome decades of isolation from war, sanctions and centralization.

The postwar Iraq government inherited an old-fashioned, paper-based system. Violence also has taken its toll, with insurgents frequently targeting government employees.

"Wearing a black sari and equipped headscarf, Nasser said she has partnered with feasibility studies for nine years but never really knew how to do them."

"We didn't have clear guidelines or methods — because of any agreement Iraq and the international community" she said.

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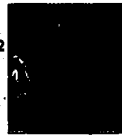
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San Jose State quarterback Kyle Reed (7) is sacked by Boise State linebacker Derrill Acry (52) and linebacker Ellis Powers, bottom, during the first half in San Jose, Calif., Friday.

No. 13 Boise St. beats San Jose St.

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Kellen Moore and his Boise State teammates showed San Jose State that the 13th-ranked Broncos are still the class of the WAC. Moore threw two touchdown passes and Ian Johnson ran for two scores to help Boise State keep its bid alive for a berth in a BCS game by beating the Spartans 33-16 on Friday night in a matchup of the top two

teams in the Western Athletic Conference. San Jose State (5-3, 3-1) nearly derailed bids for undefeated seasons by the Broncos (7-0, 3-0) in their last two visits to Spartan Stadium and hoped to be able to complete the job this year with what coach Dick Tomney considers the best team he's had here. But Boise State proved to be too much for the Spartans to handle, winning for the 49th time in its last 51 confer-

ence games. Jeremy Childs blocked a punt to set up one touchdown for the Broncos and caught a TD pass, while Jeremy Avery led the Broncos rushing attack with 96 yards on 21 carries. Boise State is looking to make it into the BCS for the second time in three seasons. The Broncos came into the game ranked 12th in the first BCS standings. In an spot behind Utah of the Mountain West Conference. In order to get an automatic bid into a

BCS game, the Broncos must finish in the top 12 and be the highest-ranked team from the five conferences without an automatic bid. The Broncos, who had allowed only one opponent to score more than seven points this season, shut down San Jose State's offense for most of the game. The Spartans did manage one big play when Brandon Flitely burst up the middle for a

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Twin Falls quarterback Tyler Myers (7) looks to pass Friday as he is pursued by Minico defensive end Matthew Fassett during the Bruins' game against the Spartans.

Spartans spank Bruins

Strong first half lifts Minico to victory

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

There would be no controversy ending this time. The Minico Spartans made sure of that in the first half. While last year's Minico-Twin Falls game came down to the final minute and a disputed call that took away a go-ahead touchdown for the Bruins, the Spartans dominated the opening two quarters Friday on their way to a 28-7 win in Twin Falls. Skyler "Poke" Morgan

rushed for 184 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries, while Chris Joyce completed 13 of 23 passes for 193 yards, including an 18-yard touchdown to Shad Hubsmith. Minico's defense was no slouch either, stuffing the Bruin rushing game early and picking off sophomore quarterback Tyler Myers twice, including a 40-yard touchdown return by David Griffin late in the first half. "I'm happy with our season, I'm happy where our kids are at, at this point,"

said Minico coach Tim Perrigot, whose 7-1 Spartans host Rigby to open Class 4A's Great Eight Playoffs. "We're looking forward to next week, and we'll just see where it all goes from here." While his usual stars performed well, Perrigot was especially pleased with junior running back Mark Leon, who came in for injured senior Landon Barnes and totaled six catches for 141 yards. "I thought he stepped up and made some nice catch-

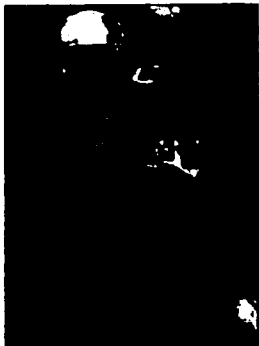
es and filled in at that spot," said Perrigot. "He's a playmaker for us, and we knew that. He's just been behind a really good player." Said Leon of replacing Barnes: "He has a lot of responsibility, so I had to just step in and do my best." He did just that with all of his catches going for double-digit yardage. As for Barnes, he suffered a mild concussion during the first series and missed

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Oakley shreds Hagerman in rout

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

Queen's power ballad "We Are the Champions" blared over the loudspeakers at Oakley High Friday night. Strange thing was, it played during pregame warm-ups. It's that kind of unshakable confidence that has amounted to 23 consecutive victories for the Hornets, including Friday's 52-4 trouncing of Hagerman. After the game, the song played again, and this time the Hornets sang along. The win gave Oakley its second straight Snake River Conference championship and the No. 1 seed heading into the Class 1A Division I playoffs in two weeks when the 8-0 Hornets (7-2 SBC) hope to defend their state title. "This is huge," said Oakley quarterback Mark Fickert, who scored three rushing touchdowns and threw for another. "These goals in making state, being good, and getting



Oakley's Brian Fickert runs to the end zone during the Hornets' 52-4 win over Hagerman Friday.

by our opponents one at a time, because there are some real tough teams that we'll have to get by, win state again." For Hagerman, which suffered its second loss in as

many weeks, next Friday's home game versus Raft River is a must-win if the Pirates wish to avoid getting the basketball out of the closet. Please see OAKLEY, Page D4

Tigers fall in semis

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News correspondent

CALDWELL — Friday's semifinal of the Class 4A boys state soccer tournament looked more like a championship game, but it was what it was. The Sandpoint Bulldogs will play today for a state championship, not the Jerome Tigers. Sandpoint won the game 3-1 by controlling the middle. The Bulldogs and Tigers won a combined 35 games in the regular season. Jerome had one tie. Sandpoint had one loss. Something had to give. "One of us had to lose," Jerome head coach Robert Garcia said. "This was the championship game mostly. Everybody that comes to state, that's why they come here — to win."

To suffer its first loss of the season in the semifinals hit the Tigers with a group agony. Still, those wins changed this team and its captain, Sergio Mendoza. "It's been an enormous change," Mendoza said, sorrow in his eyes. "I remember my freshman year, we lost every game except for two. From having a big-time losing season to playing the first or fourth place. It's a big change." That third-fourth place game is today at Brothers Park in Caldwell at 11 a.m. The semifinal match started slow, but the Tigers struck first on a separating centering pass from sophomore midfielder David Merado heading into the right corner of the net by junior forward Gabriel Pulido in the 27th minute. The Bulldogs owned a strong field advantage, and it showed in the second half in the Jerome zone, where Sandpoint spent much of the day. "They're big and tall and we just couldn't control it up in the air," Garcia said. "We



Photo by STEVE COMBIE
Jerome and Sandpoint players battle for a loose ball Friday during their Class 4A state soccer semifinal match.



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gotta keep it down on the ground." Positioning and headers were the bill of fare for Sandpoint. Senior midfielder Spencer Swerin (6-2) scored an assist on the play. Swerin's second header looked skillfully over the outstretched hands of Jerome keeper Roman Vasquez, who got a hand on but needed both. Ben Murray, another senior, got an assist on the play. Swerin scored his second goal along the goal-line. He made a nice move, created some space and fired a shot across the goal. The final Sandpoint goal, as Jerome tied feverishly to force a comeback from the 2-1 deficit, was scored in the 76th minute — a breakaway goal by Daniel Anderson. He flopped it over Vasquez, who came out to challenge the forward. Sandpoint corralled Jerome junior Fermín Martinez. He had a body on

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Lackluster Tigers top Wood River

Jerome starts fast, fades against Wolverines

By Nathaniel Garza
Times-News correspondent

It wasn't exactly what they were looking for, but they were doing. Concluding a regular season begun with high expectations, the Jerome Tigers sought to use the struggles of Wood River Wolverines as a springboard heading into the playoffs. The Tigers got the win, dropping their guests 45-24 on homecoming night to secure the second seed out of District IV. But whether they got the momentum they were looking for was another question. "We've got to pick it up by next week," said Jerome senior wide receiver Zach Ingraham. "Be ready for Blackfoot. I think we'll do it.

We were sloppy. (We) have to get excited about state." Ingraham got the Tigers off to a fast start, snagging a 14-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Jake Lammers on the game's opening drive. He then returned an interception 35 yards on Wood River's fourth play from scrimmage to put the hosts up 13-0 just over five minutes into the game. The game looked headed for a blowout as the Tigers went up 20-0 on their next possession, with Lammers connecting on a 48-yard heave to junior Gus Callen. Lammer finished the game with 311 yards passing, two TD tosses, and two picks. "I just sold Lammer a play on the ball," said Callen.

"He does the best he can and hits people that are open and I think we did pretty good." J-Town's momentum came to a halt in the second quarter, however, as sloppy play and a pair of interceptions allowed Wood River to make it a game with a pair of unanswered touchdowns thrown by senior quarterback Juan Martinez to senior Greg Wakefield to make it 20-14 with 6:16 to play in the half. "We've got to have better execution," said Jerome coach Gary Crummen, whose team heads into the post-season at 6-2. "We had some trouble with their taller receivers on the outside." Jerome responded with an eight-play drive capped off with a Lammerer heave to make it 28-14 following with Callen grabbing the 27-yard conversion in the corner of the endzone. Please see TIGERS, Page D2

STATE SOCCER ROUNDUP

Bliss, Wendell to meet again in 3A consolation title game

Times-News
Faced with possible elimination from the Class 3A boys state soccer tournament, the Bliss Bears and Wendell Trojans won their Friday matches and will advance to the consolation final...

"We're excited about it," Wendell coach Jon Goss said. "It's always a tough game for us. We're looking forward to a showdown."

The Trojans tied Weiser 0-0 but defeated the Wolverines 7-6 on penalty kicks. Wendell's successful penalty-takers were Rafael Alvarez, Jamie Cordero, Johnny Macias, Miguel Orozco, Jose Ruelas, Luis Valdez and Javier Velmas.

Valdez converted the winning spot-kick. Keeper Alexis Cabrango "came through when we needed him," according to Goss.

The Bears beat Aberdeen 6-1. J.J. Barroso and Cole Erkins each scored two goals for the Bears, along with one goal each from Alex Cortez and Francisco Sanchez. Bliss scored two goals during the first half and another four in the second to put the game away.

Wendell and Bliss have faced off three times this season. The Trojans lead the series at 2-1 and previously defeated Bliss for the HSDC championship.

Bliss coach Daniel Krapp said that a rematch with Wendell is "unfinished business. They're one team from our conference we'd like to play again. With our other losses, we were able to play that team again and beat them."

The Trojans and Bears will play at 11 a.m. today at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Girls soccer Class 5A

SANDPOINT 4, TWIN FALLS 0
The Bruin girls were eliminated from the tournament Friday after losing 4-0 to Sandpoint.

"The girls came out and played tough, but we were tired," Twin Falls coach Katie Kauffman said. "We made a couple of errors and that cost us goals, but the girls played well."

Kauffman added that the team was pleased with the season and that it accomplished its goal of reaching the state tournament. Twin Falls finishes its 2008 season at 13-6-3.

Class 4A

WOOD RIVER 8, BONNEVILLE 0
The Wolverines will have a chance to take home a trophy as they defeated Bonneville 8-0 Friday and advanced to the consolation championship.

Tanner Dreger scored three times for the Wolverines, along with two goals each from Amee Evans and Elsa Sweck

Oakley

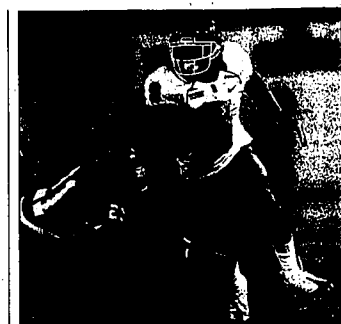
"Oakley is very good and there's a reason they're defending state champs," said Hagerman coach Louie Funkhouser. "We'll bounce back. I'll be ready to go next week. I guarantee it."

"I think our kids have good character. I wouldn't trade our kids for Oakley kids. We have strong character on our team."

Hagerman (6-2, 5-2 SRJ) scored on the game's opening drive, marching 63 yards in nine plays. The Pirates lined up in a trips set that Oakley wasn't expecting and Pirate quarterback Dylan Brooks took advantage. Brooks completed three long passes on the drive, including the 20-yard touchdown



Twin Falls defender Amanda Himple (11) tries to outmaneuver a Sandpoint player Friday during the Bruins' Class 5A state elimination game. The Bruins lost 4-0.



Boise State wide receiver Jeremy Childs, right, runs past San Jose State cornerback Cory Fraces during the first half in San Jose, Calif., Friday.

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60-yard run that cut Boise State's lead to 20-16 in the third quarter. But Boise State methodically closed out the game from there with three long drives that led to field goals by Kyle Brotzman and Johnson's second TD run.

That was a big change from the Broncos last two visits here. In 2004, they needed two overtimes before escaping with a 56-49 victory. Two years ago, they scored 10 points in the final six minutes to win 23-20 on Anthony Montgomery's 37-yard field goal on the last play of the game. Boise State went on to the Fiesta Bowl that season with its memorable win over Oklahoma.

San Jose State didn't record a first down until Kyle Reed's 14-yard keeper with 1:18 left in the opening half. But the Spartans still managed to score twice in the half, getting a 62-yard interception return for a touchdown by Justin Cole in the first quarter and a 47-yard field goal by Jared Strubeck in the final seconds of the quarter.

Spartans

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the rest of the game. He is expected to be OK for the playoff opener against a Rigby team that beat Bonneville 19-18 Friday night for its first win of the year.

Kelly called it also factors because of this game and focus on Idaho Falls next week, said Gilbert. "It hurts, but it's done. All of us have already forgotten about it and we're going to focus on Idaho Falls now."

Joyce fumbled during a pick after halftime as Minick was unable to add to its lead. But enough damage was done to earn a win over a nonconference rival that won't include the "Bout" the next time the teams meet.

"They're a SA school, but next year they're going to be in our conference so it's bigger for us junior," said Leon.

Michigan 26, Twin Falls 7
Twin Falls' offense was stymied by the Broncos' defense. The Broncos' defense was stymied by the Broncos' offense.

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him all day, many times surrounded by four defenders. He never left the game, but could barely get a shot off. For Mendozza, this is a season of learning, a season to be valued.

"It meant everything to me," Mendozza said. "It's taught me all about winning, the whole season, and it's about to be in our conference. I love my team. We gotta come back."

Moore then hit Childs on an 8-yard TD pass and Johnson ran it in from 2 yards to give the Broncos a 20-6 lead in the second quarter. They were poised to add more late in the half before Johnson fumbled at the goal line, leading to Strubeck's field goal that made it 20-9.

Moore finished 26-of-40 for 242 yards, while Reed was 16-of-29 for 105 yards.

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and one goal from Megan Maxwell. Keeper Madison Cove saved nine times.
"It was a good rebound from a tough loss Thursday," Wood River coach Greg Gozdzias said.
The Wolverines will play Century at 11 a.m. today in a rematch from last week's District IV title game. Wood River won that contest 1-0.

Class 3A

SHAKE RIVER 3, BURLE 2
The Bull Indians saw their season end Friday with a 3-2 loss to Snake River in an elimination match.

Forwards Mercedes Iverson and Autumn Yurbe each scored for Bull. "It was a really good game on both sides," Bull coach Christa Tackett said. "It was a good game to end on. We were playing well as a team."

The Indians are done until 2009, finishing at 14-1-1. "We couldn't put the ball in the net," Community School coach Kelly Feldman said. "We had a ton of opportunities in the second half."

Community school is done for the season with a 12-8-2 record. Feldman said she was pleased with the team's continued improvement. "I wouldn't have guessed in a million years we'd be in the position we were in (making the state tournament)," she said. "The girls really performed."

She credited the play of senior Marin Spilander, sophomore Emma Wilder and freshman Josie Bunce and Haley Hbenschild. Brooks on the ensuing drive to set up Bickerts third TD of the game.

Oakley got the ball back after a turnover on downs. Rhyann Greenwell caught a screen pass and was escorted 15 yards to the end zone by a line of blockers and the game was ended at halftime. Oakley (8-0 overall, 7-0 SRJ) hosts Hansen next week while Hagerman (6-2, 5-2) hosts Braxton.

This isn't the end." The loss to Sandpoint wasn't even the end of Mendozza's day. He had to drive home to help the Jerome football team against Wood River as he played the placemaker. "I gotta go back," he said. "It's a responsibility I committed myself to." He drove back today for Caldwell to play with his team for a third place trophy.

Goodell says expanded NFL season good for quality

LONDON — Roger Goodell wants to lengthen the 16-game regular season. The NFL commissioner knows it won't happen for a while.



Goodell told a sports conference Friday that an expanded regular season would improve the overall quality of the league and increase fan interest. It can't happen before the 2010 season and would depend on negotiations with media partners and the players' union.

"We think that's better content," his higher quality," Goodell said, noting the pre-season would be shortened. "That's what our partners, our fans are going to demand."

The NFL discussed adding one or two more games to the regular season at its owners' meetings this month, but no decision was made.

"But from a quality standpoint, we believe it's one alternative to improve the quality

of our game," he said, adding that the four-game preseason — five games for the teams that participate in the Hall of Fame game — has little entertainment value for fans. "It's clear that our four preseason games are not high-quality content. They're just not at the same level our regular-season games are. They don't have the consequences."

Goodell also said broadcasters already are seeing a drop in advertising revenue for NFL games because of the global economic crisis, but reiterated his belief the league can weather the downturn.

The commissioner was speaking during a panel discussion with Richard Scudamore, the chief executive of the English Premier League, held in conjunction with Sunday's game between the San Diego Chargers and New Orleans Saints at Wembley Stadium.

HASSELBECK WON'T PLAY AT SAN FRANCISCO

SEATTLE — Seahawks starting quarterback Matt Hasselbeck will not play Sunday, Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said Friday.

Holmgren told KING Radio that Hasselbeck will miss his third straight game when the Seahawks play at San Francisco and will have more tests Monday.

The three-time Pro Bowler is rehabilitating a hyperextended right knee that is being weakened by a bulging disk in his back.

Backup Seneca Wallace is ready for his second straight start against the 49ers. He has taken the first-team snaps in practice all week. Wallace completed 12 of 23 passes for just 73 yards in last weekend's loss at Tampa Bay that dropped Seattle to 1-5.

POLICE SAY STEELERS' HOLMES HAD POT DYING STOP

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Santonio Holmes will be charged with misdemeanor marijuana possession after a traffic stop in which police smelled burning marijuana and found marijuana-filled cigars in his car.

"It's going to be summarized," said police Sgt. R. Griffith, mentioning Holmes was not arrested after the incident Thursday, but will receive notice of the charge in the mail.

The charge, possession of a small amount of marijuana, is

punishable by a year in jail or probation or a fine is common in most cases.

Police said the 24-year-old Holmes acknowledged having marijuana when stopped and pointed out the blunts to officers.

"We're aware of what happened and are still gathering information at this time and will not comment," Steelers spokesman Dave Lockett said Friday.

But the team will deactivate Holmes for Sunday's game against the Giants.

DE TAYLOR WILL HAVE SECOND LEG SURGERY

ASHLEIGH, Va. — Washington Redskins defensive end Jason Taylor will have his left calf re-examined, and coach Jim Zorn said Taylor will have a second operation on the leg next week.

Taylor did not practice but still hopes to play Sunday against the Detroit Lions. He is listed as questionable on the injury report.

"To be honest, I don't even know what the game plan is, right now," Taylor said. "I'm going to the hospital now to find out what we're going to do, and the only thing I'm focused on right now is hopefully playing in the game on Sunday and trying to help this team beat the Lions. The rest of that stuff doesn't really matter right now."

SUNDAY DECISION ON WHETHER JACKSON WILL PLAY

ST. LOUIS — Running back Steven Jackson's availability for Sunday's game at New England will be a game-time decision. St. Louis Rams' coach Jim Haslett said Friday.

Jackson did some individual work before practice in St. Louis, but he did not work out with the Rams (2-4) as they prepared for the Patriots (4-2). Jackson, the Rams' leading rusher and receiver, has a strained right thigh muscle.

— The Associated Press

After so many years, Moyer makes his Series pitch

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The 100th anniversary of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" was Friday. No truth to the tale that Jamie Moyer was the first to sing it.

In a World Series full of juicy subplots, perhaps the most intriguing of all is about to play out: Can a 45-year-old man with a heater that rarely cracks 85 mph stop a lineup stacked with brash boppers?

Game 3 is Saturday night, weather permitting, when the Phillies face the Tampa Bay Rays with the teams tied at a game apiece. Steve Carlton will throw out the first ball.

Moyer won his major league debut in 1986 by outpitching the future Hall of Famer.

Moyer gets his chance to finally pitch in a World Series, fans of a certain generation get an opportunity to root for one of their own.

"The age thing, it's not an issue, but it's been around for a while with me and I think I'm kind of over it, because I've been around a lot of young players," Moyer said during Friday's off-day.

"Some kids haven't been born yet when I was in the major leagues."

"It's kind of weird to think about it," he said. "But back a few years ago when I played in Texas, I had two teammates, Nolan Ryan and Charlie Hough, that were in their 40s, and I really looked up to them and respected who they were and what they did in their careers. And now



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Jamie Moyer throws in the outfield Friday during a workout at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. Moyer and the Phillies face the Tampa Bay Rays in Saturday's Game 3 of the World Series in Philadelphia.

I've kind of come full circle with it."

Moyer will become the second-oldest player to appear in a Series. Jack Quinn was 47 when he pitched for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1930.

A month shy of his 46th

birthday and coming off two losses in the NL playoffs, Moyer could become the oldest pitcher to win a postseason game.

"He's obviously extremely mature," teammate Chase Utley said, smiling. "It's fun to play behind him."

That is, if the rain holds off the forecast called for showers into the night. When the Rays and Phillies finished batting practice, the grounds crew rolled out the tarp to protect the field before the first Series game at Citizens Bank Park.

Red Bull eyes image change after caught cheating

HAMPTON, Ga. — Red Bull Racing fired the employee responsible for manipulating Brian Vickers' car. The team, however, knows that isn't enough to overcome the perception that cheating is behind its improvement this season.

"The old saying that 'Any press is good press' is wrong in this respect," said two-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson, who has seen his team slip onto the wrong side of the NASCAR rule book numerous times.

"When you have that negative press on your team, it does put question marks in people's minds, and that is something that takes a long time to overcome. I've lived it firsthand. It's a tough thing to overcome."

That's the battle Red Bull faces with just one month left on a season in which it crawled from the bottom of the NASCAR pile and moved toward the front of the pack. Barely competitive during last year's inaugural season, Vickers has challenged for wins and was in position to grab a career-high finish in the final point standings.

All that progress was sullied by NASCAR action on the No. 83 Toyota following Vickers' 11th-place finish at Martinsville.

The car was randomly selected for post-race inspection Friday at Atlanta and sent back to NASCAR's RALD Center for a further look. Once there, inspectors found the sheet metal did not meet the minimum thickness requirements.

NASCAR docked Vickers 150 points, fired chief Lee's co-driver Hamlin \$100,000 and indefinitely suspended Hamlin and car chief Craig Strohman.

The points deduction dropped Vickers from 15th to 17th in the standings and suspended Red Bull's season goal of having him finish inside the top 15 in points. Vickers' career best finish was 15th in 2006, his first year with Hendrick Motorsports.

"I've decided to discuss the situation Friday at Atlanta Motor Speedway," but when in an e-mail he believes the team can overcome the setback.

Rain washes out Sprint Cup qualifying at Atlanta

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Another week, another rain-out. And, oh, by the way, another pole for Jimmie Johnson. Rain washed out Sprint Cup qualifying for the third consecutive week Friday, forcing NASCAR to set the field on points at Atlanta Motor Speedway. It gave Johnson the top starting spot, and put the 11 drivers chasing him for the title right on his heels.

Greg Biele, who trails Johnson by 149 points with four races to go, will start second. Jeff Burton, who is 152 points off, starts third in Sunday's race.

"It makes it sort of boring, but I'm happy to be here. It's because the 12 guys are starting right there," Biele said. "A lot of times we're talking about, 'Well, this guy is starting 30th, and this guy is 18th. Other than that, it's kind of unexciting to me.' It's the ninth pole of the season for Johnson, and four of them have been handed to him because of rain. But his starting spot is critical at this time of the season, when Johnson's charge is on his third straight Sprint Cup title.

been removed from the company and others have been disciplined."

STEVENY PLEASER COMMENTS-LED TO NEW ATLANTA TITLE

HAMPTON, Ga. — Tony Stewart will gladly take some credit if Sunday's race at Atlanta Motor Speedway is free of tire troubles.

The outcaster from two-time champion was installed Goodyear following the March race here, calling the tiremaker's product "the most pathetic racing tire I've ever been on in my professional career." Several other drivers also griped about the hard compound, which quickly lost grip and sucked — all the excitement from the race, but no one was as vicious as Stewart.

"I can't imagine right now, Goodyear, what the rest of us Atlanta fans just now believe, before this weekend's event," Stewart said Friday. He was pleased with the current set, selection, and doesn't regret the verdict, though he says he's "a little disappointed."

Oberholser leads Frys.com Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Aron Oberholser is making the most of his home-field advantage. He estimates he has played the Raptor Course at Grayhawk Golf Club 75 times, and his last two rounds were among the best.

Oberholser shot a 6-under 64 on Friday for an 11-under 129 total and a one-stroke lead in the Frys.com Open, the PGA Tour's Fall Series.

"This was my first practice facility in 2002 when I practice down here," he said. "I've played this golf course so many times and I've been in every spot imaginable, so I'm very comfortable around it, and I really have no fear of any golf shot here."

Oberholser shot a 5-under 69 on Saturday to lead the Frys.com Open.



Aron Oberholser hits his approach shot on the 18. He shot a 64 on Friday and a 69 on Saturday to lead the Frys.com Open.

5-under 62. Corydon was tied with Austin Melrose. George Best finished second, Robert Garriga at 5 under.

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The American had 10 birdies and a bogey to match the best round of her career. Without since 2002, the finished third last week at Kapalua.

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JAMES HENNESSY PROCLAIMS FOR NEW CHAMPIONSHIP LEAD

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GRAND FINISH, BULLDOGS TOB AT CHARLIE BRIDGES CASTELLON, Spain

Tournament host Sergio Garcia shot a 6-under 65 on his home course for a share of the second-round lead in the Castello Masters.

England's Richard Firth (64) and Denmark's Soren Kjeldsen (67) finished Garcia 11 under 111. Char de Castillon led his team.

— The Associated Press

Today's Top National Games

No. 7 Oklahoma State (7-0) at No. 1 Texas (7-0), 1:30 p.m.(ABC)
Line: Texas by 12½.
Last meeting: 2007, Texas 38-35.
What's at Stake
Texas' No. 1 ranking, first place in the Big 12 South and the Cougars' claim to national title contention are all on the line. ...

No. 2 Alabama (7-0) vs. Tennessee (3-4), 5:45 p.m.(ESPN)
Line: Alabama by 6½.
Last Meeting: 2007, Alabama 41-17.
What's at Stake
No. 2 Alabama is trying to remain the only undefeated Southern Conference team. ...

No. 3 Penn State (8-0) at No. 10 Ohio State (7-1), 6 p.m.(ABC)
Line: Penn State by 2½.
Last Meeting: 2007, Ohio State 37-17.
What's at Stake
Both teams are looking at this as the Big Ten championship game. ...

No. 6 So. California (5-1) at Arizona (5-2), 8:26 p.m.
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Last Meeting: 2005, Texas Tech 30-17.
What's at Stake
Off to the best start in school history, Texas Tech will learn if a tie is a national title contender with a brutal stretch that includes Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma in consecutive weeks.

No. 9 Georgia (6-1) at No. 11 LSU (6-1), 1:30 p.m.(CBS)
Line: LSU by 2.
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Vandals host N. M. State for homecoming

By Grant Joki
Times-News correspondent
One step forward, two steps back. That was the story for the Idaho Vandals after a promising effort against Fresno State was followed up by last Saturday's 40-14 loss at Louisiana Tech.

That lackluster effort leaves today's 3 p.m. homecoming game with New Mexico State full of question marks for the 1-7 Vandals (0-4 Western Athletic Conference).
"We're not stopping back," said head coach Robb Akey, who rebuffed the suggestion the team regress last week. "We'll get better. We have to be more consistent."

The Vandals do have a favorable schedule down the home stretch. Three home games, mixed in with a bye week, and the finale at Hawaii could help Idaho end the season with dome desperately needed positives.
Said Akey: "We're certainly happy to be off the road. We're going to be able to spend about a month here now, and I think that's a good thing. We're going into our ninth game of the season and we're looking forward to New Mexico State."

Akey said that this week's game preparation built on things the team has done well, while focusing on putting together as complete game.

"We've got to pay attention that there's light at the end of the tunnel," said Akey.
New Mexico State (3-3, 1-1) enters the Kibbie Dome with the nation's No. 11 passing quarterback in senior Chase Holbrook. Holbrook is averaging 290 passing yards a game and has notched up 14 aerial touchdowns. Holbrook's favorite target, Chris Williams is averaging 109 yards a game.

Meaning: The Aggies will severely test a Vandals secondary that has had little help from a pass rush. In eight games, the Vandals have tallied only five sacks, ranking 110th out of 119 teams in the category.
"We've got some tricks up our sleeves," said Vandals safety Virdeil Larkins. "Basically, we have to step up to the plate and hit a home



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run. Our secondary has to get picks."
Larkins said a split-head homecoming crowd, along with some different looks from the defensive unit, may give the Aggies fits.
"We're looking forward to a good game. Every game is different. A good crowd, lots of noise and we'll be fine," said Larkins, who lends the defense in the absence of Shiloh Koe, who is out for the season after undergoing successful shoulder surgery this week.

Aggie head coach Hal Mumme isn't buying his team's 13-point favorite role. Idaho leads the overall series 10-4 and the Aggies have only won one time in the Dome.
Said Mumme: "The Vandals are a scary group. They're getting better on offense and they're always tough at home. It's hard to play in that Dome.

You watch them — they've got guys you can make plays."
Junior wide receiver Max Komar is one of the players making Idaho better offensively.

"Max Komar showed up making some good plays catching the ball for us," said Akey, who credits Komar as a leader in "building those positive things toward making the Vandals a more complete and better football team."

Komar had five catches for 69 yards against La. Tech and last year grabbed four passes for 44 yards and a touchdown at New Mexico State.
Komar said the Aggies' defense will present a challenge. "They run a 3-3-5 and they mix it up a lot with blitzes," he said. "We've got to stick to what we've done. We've got to have all 11 cylinders going at one time."

He says the team is optimistic and welcomes today's encounter with the Aggies.
"Coach Akey is very good about getting us motivated. We're real alive. We're excited," Komar said. "It's homecoming and you want to get that first WAC win. Everyone is upbeat."

BYU tries to regroup today

No. 18 Cougars look for win vs. UNLV

PROVO, Utah (AP) — The BCS is pretty much out for BYU and the Cougars are behind in the Mountain West Conference standings for the first time in years.

With just one loss, the No. 18 UNLV at BYU has changed Noon. The Min. considerably Saturday's home game against UNLV.

"We're not as good as we thought we were. We've just got to work on some stuff," BYU quarterback Max Hall said. "We've still got a lot of potential and we're a good football team, but there's some stuff that needs to change."

BYU (6-1, 2-1 MWC) was humbled last week in a 32-7 loss last week at TCU. Just a month ago, the Cougars were getting questions about their chances in the Championship Series and even whether BYU should be considered a contender for a national title. Those questions won't be coming up again soon.

The Cougars had just 297 yards and turned the ball over four times in their first conference loss since 2005.
"I think this is the first time in my life I've really been flat out beat — and beat bad," Hall said.

BYU had the nation's longest winning streak entering the game at 11 in a row. But TCU was up 26-0 before the Cougars scored on Hall's 23-yard run late in the third quarter, much too late for a comeback.

TCU took advantage of BYU's turnovers and quickly turned them into points, much like the Cougars had in shutouts of UCLA (59-0) and Wyoming (44-0) that made BYU an early season favorite among the teams with a chance of cracking the BCS from a conference without an automatic bid.

"What I believe is that the last game is clearly who we are. I like to address brutal facts more than feeling good," BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said. "Once you acknowledge those, then you can start doing something about it. ... I would encourage them to do it."

UNLV (3-4, 0-3) hasn't won a game in the conference this season and has lost 17 straight MWC road games. The Rebels lost to Air Force 29-28 at home last week. UNLV coach Sanford said it was especially disappointing to lose such a close game because the Rebels had chances to win.

BYU is also disappointed entering Saturday's game, but whether that's an advantage for the Rebels will depend on how well the Cougars regroup.
"I don't have a feel exactly for where BYU is mentally, and that's not my concern. I'm more concerned about getting our team ready and us being prepared and being at our best," Sanford said. "Either way, we're playing a good football team and they're going to be ready to go."

Mendenhall pointed to the previous two seasons, when the



BYU head coach Bronco Mendenhall, right, keeps his head on the sideline in the fourth quarter against TCU in Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 16.

"I think this is the first time in my life that I've really been flat out beat — and beat bad."

BYU quarterback Max Hall, on last week's 32-7 loss to TCU

Cougars lost twice in the first few weeks and went on to close the year with 10 straight wins. There are only five games remaining in the regular season and what the Cougars can accomplish will depend on what they do and what happens with the rest of the league.

Mendenhall said technically the Cougars' goals of winning every home game, the league title and winning a bowl game haven't changed. But a third straight outright Mountain West title is now a long shot.

BYU would need TCU to lose twice in the conference in order to pass the Horned Frogs for the MWC title — and that's only if the Cougars can win the rest of their games.

"If the team chooses and the staff chooses to leverage this as a real indicator of where we stand, then we can move forward," Mendenhall said. "When it came time to making a play at any critical moment, TCU's execution was at a higher level than ours. That's the first time that's happened in a long time."

The regular season concludes Nov. 22 at rival Utah, which is now in position to do what the Cougars had wanted before the trip to TCU.

ISU looks to end losing skid vs. pass-happy PSU

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

If head coach John Zambertin and his Idaho State Bengals were going to have a sing-along this week, they might select the song first sung by the group Chicago in 1970 ... "Where do we go from here?"

It's a valid question when you are 0-7 and riding an 11-game losing streak, the third longest skid in the Football Championship Subdivision.

"You can fold your tents or you can keep playing and I'm telling you, the kids in that locker room are still playing," said Zambertin.
Today, ISU will get another chance to get off the skid when it visits Jerry Glanville and his Portland State Vikings for a 2 p.m. kickoff. The Vikings offer a tremendous challenge, according to Zambertin.

Just about everything they do is geared towards throwing the football and Glanville will throw just about any kind of blitz that he can think up at you," said Zambertin.

Indeed, Glanville and offensive coordinator Mouse Davis are the fathers of the run-and-shoot offense that produced incredible numbers at PSU in the late 70s and later in the NFL with Warren Moon and the Houston Oilers. Earlier this season, PSU averaged 623 passing yards against Eastern Washington.

Sophomore quarterback Drew Hubel is the triggerman for the Vikings' pass happy offense and he's used to throwing the football as much as 73 times a game, like he did against EWU in a 47-36 win back on Oct. 4.

To slow down Portland State, the Bengals are going to have to do something they've had trouble doing this season.

"We're going to put pressure on their quarterback and we have to get into a rhythm early," said Zambertin.

Gutted by injuries and without a consistent running attack, that's going to be a tall order for the Bengals.

Despite the losing streak and a tough challenge today, ISU's players are still positive.

"If we execute our game play and score some points, we can win this, nobody is giving up," said tight end Trevor Messersmith.

Even with its passing prowess, the Vikings are going to have to be ISU's best chance to end the losing streak.

The next month sees road games against Cal Poly (4-1) and Montana (6-1) and a home game against 6-2 Weber State.

Rodriguez finally signs contract as Michigan coach

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Rich Rodriguez is finalizing a contract as Michigan's new coach.
The year deal that he signed Friday is worth at least \$2.5 million a year. The school had said it less than those terms had been agreed upon when he left West Virginia in December last month.

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1191-900

First time Home Buyers! This Brand New 3 bed 2 bath home is just about finished. It is a great subdivision that is minutes from the new schools. This could be your Christmas Present! Talk to me about 100% Financing. *3AC* MLS# 98374092
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1808-900

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MLS# 98374180
Call Amy 428-5848 or Linda Lee 539-3458

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Realty/Shop Building! Well built masonry building in Downtown Twin Falls. Free spin design with two 12' overhead doors. New gas furnace. Three phase power. Commercial/General Business zoning. Lots of possibilities!
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4 car garage!!! Nice family home remodelled in 1978, large living room, tiled bath in master bath, 400 sq ft, 4 car garage, nice yard with a pool, RV parking & septic pump. Home has been owned by the sellers for 38 years.
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TWIN FALLS
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Buhl Highway frontage 1 acre commercial lot for lease
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TWIN FALLS Home 1600 sq ft w/ 4 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths, \$2700/month
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MLS# 98359595
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1227 KNOLL RIDGE RD, 1539 SF, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath. Great Location in Rock Creek Trail Estates, Stone, Stucco & Vinyl Exterior, Front Yard Landscaped, Covered Front Porch with Railing, Concrete Patio
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Best Beauty on the Block!! Beautiful "Panda" of Jerome 2007 Craftsman style home. This gorgeous 4 bed 2 1/2 bath sits on an extra large lot in one of Twin Falls most prestigious areas. Call for your show up today!
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TWIN FALLS Warehouse space available \$700 mo. It has 17 power roll up door 30x60 sq ft w/ 14 power roll up door. Office and bathroom in lot.
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Price Reduced!! One of a kind property in Jerome 3 bed 2 bath on almost 1 acre. The price is right and the potential is endless. Owner will consider lease with option to buy. *TOD* Drive 404-1118 is no listing agent.
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Quality & Elegance 3 bedroom, 2 bath elegant home sitting on a corner lot. Very private cul-de-sac. Kitchen features island & decor which flows to open kitchen dining space. 1 fireplace and large master suite.
MLS# 98378712
Call Linda Vlynn 308-7721

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Don't Miss Out on This Beauty! we'd care if you have the outlook of 1 bedroom, wrap around porch, Wood flooring, sky lights, Triple garage, 4 bedrooms 2 bath with bonus room on 1.5 acre.
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614 Wanted To Rent

WANTED TO RENT in Laramie. Single room & high school bus for off-road. Clean house. Good job and great credit.
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ONE OF A KIND Clean, well maintained home may be your new O'Leary. Open design with a large, upstairs family room. Separate master suite. upstairs adjacent to computer room. Great storage 1 space with room.
MLS# 98372112
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This home is selling your name! You see the you have had lot of options, wrap porch, tiled bath, that master bedroom plus dining, pantry, and breakfast bar. The home is ready for you today. The seller has to move on to the West. Make your offer today!
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616 Mobile Home Space

Buhl 3 bdrm, 1 bath, \$695 month + deposit
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Buhl Nice clean park, 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a/c, internet. Call Emily 208-385-8863 or Jennifer 208-648-8284

1191-900

Like new Home lots of extras! Like new home in Blainville, 4th bedroom plus, lots of extras. Double RV 22' x 12'. 100' power cord for home, satellite dish, wood #12, internet, telephone & W/D! Also DHE, option - 7 mpg DHE, available.
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Perfect Place, Perfect Home Price adjustment to \$440,000! Over 1700 SF with Family room, Large lot and excellent master suite with walk-in closet. Systems open floor plan. Private before sunset.
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LEARN OFFER!! Month financing the best in the Twin Falls. 2 bath home. Master suite overlooks a view of the city with great. All rooms are being completely updated with hardwood floors. New lighting & 3 1/2 bath.
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618

WANTED TO RENT in the Buhl area. 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a/c, internet. Call Emily 208-385-8863 or Jennifer 208-648-8284

619

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MINDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT NOVEMBER 4, 2008 SAMPLE BALLOT

NOTE: The order of the candidates on this sample ballot may not necessarily reflect the rotation in your precinct on Election Day. Sample Ballot Prepared by Elections Department, Mindoka County, Idaho

Ballot 1: GENERAL ELECTION STATE OF IDAHO. Candidates for President of the United States: Chuck Baldwin, Barack Obama, etc.

Ballot 3: GENERAL ELECTION STATE OF IDAHO. Candidates for Idaho State Legislative District No. 26: Dean L. Cameron, Scott F. McCure, etc.

Ballot 2: GENERAL ELECTION STATE OF IDAHO. Candidates for United States of Mexico: Lenny LaRocco, Kent A. Harrison, etc.

Ballot 4: GENERAL ELECTION STATE OF IDAHO. Candidates for Mindoka County Offices: Robert 'Doc' Moore, Daniel L. Stapelman, etc.

101 Lost and Found: Cockerill, 2 years old, gray, lost on E side of TF, in... 100 Lost and Found: Austin, my young dog in the Burley area... 101 Lost and Found: Banded Pit on 1022 in the Times News parking lot... 104 Personal: Looking for single gentleman 68-75 in the Burley area... 106 Special Notices: AL-ANON, ANONYMOUS, ALCOHOLICS, etc.

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MINDOKA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Mindoka County and the Mindoka County Fire Protection District are submitting a proposal to the Idaho Department of Commerce for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

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