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Mercury rising?

Test show high levels of pollutant at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

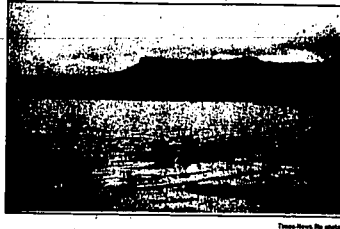
SALMON FALLS CREEK RESERVOIR — There's something in the water here.

And, in the air. You might expect to find high levels of mercury in water bodies near mining operations — not at a remote reservoir southwest of Twin Falls near the Nevada border.

But state and federal tests at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir

reveal mercury at levels 180 times greater than what is considered relatively normal. Mercury is a pollutant that causes neurological damage in humans and poses an elevated threat to pregnant women and infants.

Idaho has no major sources of mercury emissions — a fact that has raised a lot of questions among the state agencies and environmentalists even though mercury can occur through mercury. Page A2



Recent tests conducted at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir revealed mercury at levels greater than what is considered relatively normal.

FROM COAL TO SUGAR



Rex Christensen, a boiler house foreman at Amalgamated Sugar, checks on a coal-fired boiler at the facility in Twin Falls.

T.F. factory exempt from federal regulation

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

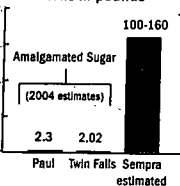
TWIN FALLS — Bright orange flames and dark ash swirl in what looks like a gigantic furnace as Rex Christensen opens one of several small metal doors and peers inside.

A stiff, silver flame-retardant jacket protects Christensen from the heat as he uses a long metal poker to push a chunk of coal back into the boiler. Four stories tall, the structure takes up the space of a small bedroom.

"The whole bed is always advancing like a trough," Christensen said. Coal dumps onto a hot, glowing bed. Water flushes ash out of the furnace. Heat and dust cling to every surface and every particle of air in the boiler room at the Amalgamated Sugar plant in Twin Falls. Old pipes transporting steam weave through the factory.

In the boiler room, steam from the coal operation is used to generate electricity.

Annual mercury emissions in pounds



Recycled several times, the steam also helps boil down sugar beets, which are 75 percent water, said Phyllis Beard, environmental director for the plant.

Everything, it seems, runs off steam generated by the tons of coal burning under the careful watch of Christensen.

Lately, however, Christensen isn't the only one keeping an eye on the sugar factory's coal-burning operation. With a coal-fired power plant knocking on Jerome's door, residents want to know about Magic Valley's existing coal-fired operations.

Unlike the 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant that Sempra Generation has planned for northeast of Jerome, Amalgamated Sugar's coal-burning boiler doesn't fall under the federal Clean Air Mercury Rule. That rule is designed for power plants, not industrial boilers, said Martin Bauer with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Bauer and IDEQ recently accepted comment on whether the state should opt in to the federal cap and trade program for mercury emissions. Under the federal rule, Idaho has a zero allowance for mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants; entering the program would allow energy companies to buy

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U.S. soldiers ride the mighty 'Buffalo' in search of Iraq's deadly IEDs

The Associated Press

ROUTE TAMPA, Iraq — At 8 a.m. soldiers from the Army's 467th Engineers set off on the roads of central Iraq, accompanied by a 45,000-pound armored truck called the "Buffalo." Their job: searching for the deadliest weapon in the insurgents' arsenal — the dreaded "improvised explosive devices," or roadside bombs.

Sometimes they get lucky and find the bombs before they explode, saving fellow American soldiers from death or horrific injury.

"Sometimes we have a bad day and they find us," quipped Sgt. Roland Galvan of Holcomb, Miss. Homemade bombs, known here

as IEDs, have become the biggest killers of American troops in Iraq, accounting for about 64 percent of the deaths and injuries suffered by U.S. forces in October. It was the fourth deadliest month for the United States since the Iraq war began in March 2003.

The bombs, hidden in garbage, buried along the highway and sometimes even stuffed into road kill, can be detonated remotely, enabling insurgents to inflict death and injury without risking the withering U.S. return fire they would expect in a classic infantry ambush.

"That's their No. 1 weapon," Sgt. Dave Weyant of Wichita, Kan., said of the IEDs. Insurgents "can sit off in a field, where we'll never see them,

and attack us."

With casualties on the rise, finding ways to combat roadside bombs has become a top priority for the U.S. military in Iraq. At military research facilities in the United States, engineers and scientists are looking into ways to detect and defuse them.

On the dusty battlefields of Iraq, that task falls to soldiers like those of the 467th Engineer Battalion, who scour the roads looking for IEDs before they can target supply convoys and military patrols.

"We are the IED hunters," said Sgt. Matthew Hill of Ogden, Utah. "We make it safe for all the other convoys that come through here."

When the IED hunters set out Saturday morning, Weyant commanded the armored truck, perched five

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Is bird flu planning worth the expense?

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Don't worry if you missed it when the Bush administration released its draft in August 2004 for fighting a potential flu pandemic. So did most of the rest of the country.

The draft generated fewer than 50 public comments for the Health and Human Services Department to consider when assessing the final plan, a top agency official said.

By comparison, the Food and Drug Administration reported last week that it received 2,268 comments about whether to make the "morning-after pill" available without a prescription.

The interest in bird flu has grown dramatically over the past 14 months. So much so that a few lawmakers are questioning whether official Washington is overreacting.

"I'm not a medical doctor or a public health specialist, and I'm not saying we should do nothing," Rep. John Duncan said Friday at a congressional hearing, the third of the week on bird flu.

"In today's political climate, almost every threat is exaggerated, and legislators have to try to do everything possible to prove that they're doing more than anyone else in case something does happen," said Duncan, R-Tenn.

Democrats and Republicans have held numerous press conferences and congressional hearings to show they are working to protect the U.S. against a potential pandemic.

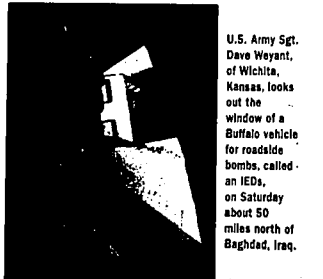
The administration took two days to roll out its plan last week. The president announced it on one day and on the next, the health secretary gave more details.

HHS head Mike Leavitt makes clear during every speech that even if a pandemic does not strike, the investment and planning will be worth the wait.

The result, according to Duncan, is that the U.S. is getting ready to spend billions of dollars on medicine that it is not sure will work in a pandemic, and people everywhere are so scared they are hoarding the antiviral medicine Tamiflu, which also may not work.

Duncan raises the issue of whether, in this post-Hurricane Katrina environment, lawmakers are trying to score political points or just doing their best to avoid a repeat of the carnage that can result from being unprepared for a natural disaster.

"I believe the American people want us to be safe rather than sorry," said Rep. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., at a hearing of the House Governmental Affairs Committee.



U.S. Army Sgt. Dave Weyant, of Wichita, Kansas, looks out the window of a Buffalo vehicle for roadside bombs, loaded with IEDs, on Saturday about 50 miles north of Baghdad, Iraq.

AP Photo

7 days, 7 reasons to read

Sitting pretty
Office workers combat hours spent in chairs.
Monday

Rocking babies
Volunteers give time to neonatal unit.
Tuesday

Bridging the gap
Church brings two cultures together.
Thursday

Strike up the band
Symphony tunes up its fall concert.
Friday

Dwindling supply?
A look at municipal water rights around the valley.
Saturday



Church and state
What's at stake with the Alito nomination.
Saturday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Break winds and rain showers. Highs, 50s. Tonight: The rain showers are likely to continue. Lows near 40. Tomorrow: More rain to start the week. Highs, 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

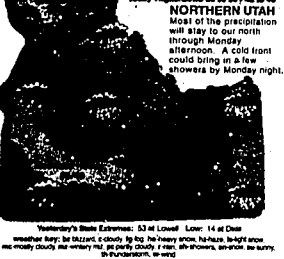
Today: Rain showers with breezy conditions at times. Highs, 50s. Tonight: Rain likely. Highs, 50s. Tomorrow: The rain continues. Highs, 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Good news is on the way for residents at the High Country. Misted showers if not an snow during the night will be a good bet through Monday.

BOISE Scattered rain showers and breezy conditions will prevail through the weekend. The rain could intensify through Monday as a cold front moves through. Expect cooler conditions Tuesday.

NORTHERN UTAH Most of the precipitation will stay to our north through Monday afternoon. A cold front could bring in a few showers by Monday night.



Yesterday's Storm Estimate: 4.4 at Lowell. Low: 1.4 at Cassia. Weather Dept. says: Forecast for the next 24 hours: Partly cloudy with scattered rain. High: 50-55. Low: 40-45. Wind: Light to moderate. Direction: Variable.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for various Idaho cities.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Nov 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, Today/Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

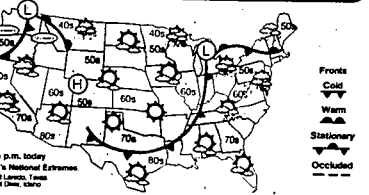
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, Today/Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for major US cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, Today/Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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Mercury

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Air quality monitoring at the reservoir is giving officials a short list of potential sources.

It's in the water

"These are some of the highest numbers we've seen," said Michael Melanys, surface water program manager for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

DEQ, together with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, are involved in a comprehensive mercury testing program at Salmon Falls Reservoir.

In September and October, water samples at various spots along the reservoir came back with mercury concentrations ranging from 0.54 nanograms per liter to 2,926 nanograms per liter.

"It's elevated relative to aquatic and human health," he said.

Coal

Continued from A1 mercury emission credits from existing facilities out of state.

Near the end of October, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that several points in the mercury rule were up for reconsideration, and IDEQ postponed any decision until the federal agency concludes its reconsideration.

The boilers at the Amalgamated plant in Twin Falls were installed in 1946 and -1976, Beard said.

IDAHO LOTTERY

Table showing lottery results for Wild Cards, King of Clubs, and Wild Cards.

How mercury threatens humans

• Concentrations of mercury in the air tend to be low and pose little concern.

• When mercury enters the water, it can become a more soluble form of mercury, called methylmercury.

• Fish consume the methylmercury through their gills, allowing the chemical to accumulate in fish tissue.

• The danger to humans comes in eating contaminated fish.

• Commercial fish generally have lower levels of methylmercury than do noncommercial fish.

• Fish that feed off other fish — such as bass — accumulate greater concentrations of methylmercury, thus posing a greater risk to humans.

• Exposure to high levels of mercury has been associated with serious neurological and developmental effects in humans.

• These effects can include: subtle losses in sensory or cognitive ability, tremors, inability to walk, convulsions and death.

• Developing fetuses and young children are especially susceptible to the effects of methylmercury.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Mercury advisories for Magic Valley

• C.J. Strike Reservoir — The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare advises young children, nursing or pregnant women to consume weekly no more than one meal of fish caught from this reservoir.

• Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir — Young children and nursing or pregnant women should limit fish consumption to no more than one meal per month from any species — except rainbow trout — caught from this reservoir.

• Note — Health and Welfare cautions four ounces of uncooked fish a meal for children under the age of 7. For everyone else, a meal constitutes eight ounces of uncooked fish.

Source: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

It's in the air

Preliminary results from two weeks of air quality monitoring near Salmon Falls show that the source of mercury in the reservoir just might be gold mines in northern Nevada.

"When the wind is blowing out of northern Nevada, it shows we're getting elevated levels of mercury," said Mike Dubois, an air quality specialist with the DEQ.

During those episodes, Dubois said, testing shows levels of mercury four times the normal background level of mercury in the air.

"We're feeling pretty confident about that correlation," Dubois said.

But two weeks' worth of air pollutant testing isn't nearly enough to definitively link the two. The EPA wants to see testing of mercury near the Nevada mines, said Madrona Narvaez, an environmental engineer and air toxics specialist with EPA's Region 10.

If testing at the mines reveals only the long-lived form of mercury — a form that generally floats in the atmosphere for long periods of time — then the agencies will need to start looking for other sources. However, if the type of mercury is one that deposits quickly, then the mines will remain the chief suspect.

"It's possible there are other sources in Nevada," said Narvaez.

Mercury emissions from gold mines are not regulated under the Clean Air Mercury Rule, Narvaez said. The federal law, currently under consideration, imposes limits on coal-fired power plants such as the 600-megawatt facility proposed by Sempra Generation for Jerome County.

How to comment

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced recently that it will consider several points of its policy on mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants.

To view the reconsideration notice, check out EPA's Web site: www.epa.gov/air/mercury/rule.html.

Submit comments by e-mail to send-docket@epa.gov or by mail to Air and Radiation Docket Information Center, EPA, Mail code: 61021, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

The agency will accept comments until Dec. 5.

Contact William Maxwell in the EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-5430 or by e-mail at maxwell1@epa.gov.

Salmon Falls

"I don't know what happens during the season," Dubois said. "We're trying to capture every possible input."

Last year, the Idaho Conservation League threatened to sue the EPA if the agency did not begin regulating mercury emissions from gold mines.

The Conservation League remains in a "wait-and-see" mode regarding the lawsuit, said Justin Hays, program director of the state of Nevada's drafting plan to address mercury emissions from gold mines.

In the meantime, the DEQ, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the EPA and the U.S. Geological Survey collaborate on the state's fish advisory program.

"We usually try to look at sources that have never been tested," said Tom Shanahan, spokesman for the health department.

In the near future, the health department will be testing fish from American Falls Reservoir and Priest Lake for the first time he said. However, there are water bodies in southern Idaho around the state that go untested for mercury.

"The program doesn't have any funding for it," Shanahan said.

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IEDs

Continued from A1 feet above the ground. The Buffalo's blast-resistant hull enables it to withstand an IED detonated underneath by directing the force of the blast away from the vehicle.

If a bomb is detected just off the road, Weyant uses his video camera to zoom in for a better view. Then he uses a crane-like arm attached to the front of the Buffalo to prod the suspicious object. If necessary, he detonates it. "I'm glad we have the Buffalo," Galvan said. "It helps us a lot."

Driving in the lead of the patrol is the "Rhino," a smaller South African-manufactured vehicle that will be tested for its ability of withstanding most IED blasts. If the Rhino spots anything suspicious, the Buffalo moves up to investigate.

"I'm kind of an adrenaline junkie," he said. "I was commanded the Rhino on Saturday. Months ago, the engineers used armored Humvees during the hunt for IEDs. But the boys got over more potent and lethal. The Army brought in the new, heavier vehicles."

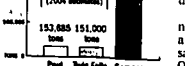
"With the Humvees, there's no way in hell we would get near a bag of trash in the road," Hill said. "Our lives are just valuable. Our job is to spot this thing before it hits a Humvee."

coupled with the one in Paul — emitted more than four pounds of mercury. By comparison, Sempra officials estimate their proposed facility will emit between 100 and 160 pounds of mercury.

Even on a gray November morning, white steam flows out of several vents at the sugar plant.

This is 99 percent steam, Bead said. "There's nothing coming from these stacks that you should be able to see."

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Annual coal consumption. Amalgamated Sugar: 1.7-2.4 million tons, estimated. Paul Tule Falls Sempra plant: 153,885 to 151,000 tons.

A fight in the making

State-by-state battles likely if Supreme Court reverses landmark abortion ruling

By David Gray
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Undoubtedly, there would be turmoil — likely rolling every statehouse in the nation. Beyond that, little is certain about what would unfold if the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, the divisive 1973 decision establishing a woman's right to have an abortion.

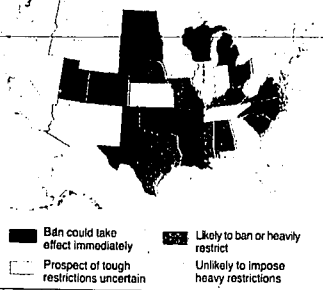
Reversal remains only a hypothesis for now, yet both sides in the abortion debate are discussing the demise of Roe as an increasingly serious possibility. President Bush's nomination of conservative Samuel Alito to replace moderate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor heightens the prospect of tighter restrictions on abortion, and another vacancy could occur any time that might tip the balance on Roe itself.

Roe's reversal would not outlaw abortion nationwide, the issue would revert to the states, with patchwork consequences. Some states would likely ban almost all abortions, others would allow them to continue unaltered, and a middle group might impose restrictions that would make abortions harder

Women's right to choose in jeopardy

If the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade it would not make abortions illegal in the United States. It would remove federal constitutional protection for a woman's right to choose.

Possible state abortion bans if Roe v. Wade repealed



SOURCES: Center for Reproductive Rights, Life Legal Defense Fund, Americans United for Life

to obtain.

If the pre-Roe past is any guide, affluent women in states with bans would likely find ways to have safe abortions, either traveling to a no-ban state or hiring a doctor willing to flout the law. Abortion-rights activists say poor women would have fewer recourse; some might resort to using cheap, widely available abortion-inducing medicines that didn't

exist before Roe.

"What an appalling thought — American women reduced to going outside the health care system and acting like they're in a Third World country," said Dr. Wendy Chavkin, a Columbia University professor who chairs Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health.

The political consequences of Roe's reversal would be complex — and perhaps awkward

for some Republicans. Roe has been a longtime target of conservative candidates' and advocacy groups; its disappearance would shift the battleground to state legislatures where the actual banning of abortion might trouble some swing voters.

"I'm sure there are some Republicans who prefer not to deal with it," said Bill Saunders, a bioethics expert with the conservative Family Research Council. "Sometimes politicians like to slough off issues to Supreme Court, and criticize the court and not have to deal with it themselves."

Some anti-abortion groups seek to minimize the immediate impact of Roe's reversal, suggesting that abortion initially would remain legal in all but six or seven states with pre-Roe bans still on the books.

In contrast, the Center for Reproductive Rights says abortion access would be at high risk in 21 states, notably in the Southeast and Great Plains.

The center's president, Nancy Northrup, noted that South Dakota lawmakers passed a bill this year that would automatically outlaw most abortions if Roe were overturned.

In some heartland states, however, moves to ban abortion could trigger political free-for-alls.

"I don't know what's going to happen — except it's going to get ugly," said Susan Hays, a Dallas attorney who has defended abortion rights in Texas courts.

Ex-teacher sentenced to house arrest in deaths

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A former elementary school dance teacher was sentenced to two years of house arrest early Saturday for speeding away after her car hit and killed two young brothers.

Jennifer Porter pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of the March 2004 accident that killed Bryant Wilkins, 13, and his 3-year-old brother Durantae Caldwell. An 8-year-old sister and 2-year-old brother were injured.

Circuit Judge Emmett Lamar Battles said he weighed Porter's clean police record and the "extreme trauma" she endured



Jennifer Porter

during the crime in sentencing her to "community custody," which he described as "a stricter form of probation — essentially house arrest."

Porter was also sentenced to three years probation, 500 hours of community service benefiting children and psychiatric treatment. She could have faced up to 15 years in prison if convicted at

trial, and was previously offered a plea deal that would have sent her to prison for three years. But her attorney said Porter decided to plead guilty and hoped the judge would impose a lighter sentence.

During a long sentencing hearing, the boys' mother, Malissa Wilkins, sobbed and urged state Circuit Judge Emmett Lamar Battles to sentence Porter to the maximum three years.

"I want her to be punished," Wilkins said. "I want her to go to prison. I want her to see what it's like to lose someone."

Wilkins declined comment

after the sentence was handed down at about 1:30 a.m. — as did prosecutor Kim Seeger and Porter's attorney, Barry Colin.

Porter is white and her victims were black, and some in the black community say she has been treated leniently because of her race and economic background.

The children were struck by Porter as they returned home from a community center near the newly opened elementary school where Porter was working.

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NATION

Briefing book makes case Alito is mainstream jurist

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito's opinions on abortion, discrimination and other contentious issues are the work of a mainstream jurist, not the ideologue depicted by critics, the White House argues in a voluminous briefing book meant for Republican senators.

Alito's dissent in a 1991 abortion ruling showed "concern for the safety of women," the material says. By approving a requirement for spousal notification, he "reflected the position advanced by the Democratic governor of Pennsylvania."



Alito

cause women who seek abortions despise their husbands' objections.

"The plight of any women, no matter how few, who may suffer physical abuse or other harm as a result of this provision is a matter of grave concern," he wrote in his dissent.

student newspapers from running advertisements for alcohol.

"If government were free to suppress disfavored speech by preventing potential speakers from being paid, there would not be much left of the First Amendment," Alito wrote.

A 1996 dissent in a sex discrimination case in which Alito sided with the employer shows he "simply questioned the wisdom of a 'blanket rule' on dismissing such complaints before trial, in the White House view."

Bush nominated Alito, a judge on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, to succeed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Confirmation hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee are scheduled to begin Jan. 9.

O'Connor often has cast the swing vote on 5-4 rulings on abortion and other issues, highlighting the importance of Alito's nomination for conservative groups eager to usher in a new era at the court and for liberals who charge Alito would push it sharply to the right.

The White House compilation systematically lays out anticipated criticism of Alito on abortion, free speech, civil rights, religious liberties and other topics, then counters them in language that senators or other supporters might use in public. The bulk of the material is made up of legal citations.

Administration aides distributed their research in senior Republican aides on the Judiciary Committee in a White House meeting within hours of Alito's appointment on Oct. 31.

Many of the same committee aides strongly opposed Harriet Miers' nomination to the court, and the White House was forced to spend hours trying to prevent their views from coloring the impressions of GOP senators. Miers, the White House counsel, withdrew her nomination 10 days ago, leading to Alito's nomination.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of the "Judge Samuel A. Alito Briefing Binder," which runs roughly 600 pages.

In the case most frequently cited by critics who say he would roll back abortion rights, Alito is described as mindful of the trouble his view could

Even so, he supported the requirement, arguing that whether the state legislature's approach was sound policy "is not a question for us to decide."

Alito's position was rejected by colleagues on the 3rd Circuit as well as the Supreme Court.

The briefing book casts such opinions as a "restrained approach to judging and his adherence to the rule of law," and says it showed Alito struggling conscientiously to apply precedent.

On workplace discrimination, the material says, "Judge Alito has rejected a one-size-fits-all approach."

Apart from the case in which Alito sided with the company while the court ruled for the employee, the White House summarized five other cases in which he joined unanimous decisions favoring employees alleging workplace discrimination or harassment.

The White House also says that Alito has operated within Supreme Court precedents on states' rights and congressional power.

On the issue of free speech, White House officials sought to rebut what they called the allegation that Alito "is an ideological conservative who would be too deferential to the government and do too little to protect the First Amendment right to free speech."

Officials cited Alito's opinion in the 2001 case of *Saxe v. State College Area School District*. In the unanimous ruling, the 3rd Circuit struck down a school's anti-harassment policy, saying it was a violation of the free speech clause in the First Amendment.

A group of students who identified themselves as Christians had challenged the policy, saying their religion teaches them that homosexuality is a sin and they believe "they have a right to speak out about the sinful nature and harmful effects of homosexuality."

The White House cited Alito's opinion in a unanimous ruling in 2004 that struck down a Pennsylvania law prohibiting

Bush orders staff to review ethics

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, reacting to the indictment of a high-level White House aide in the CIA leak case, has ordered his staff to get a refresher on ethics rules.

In a memo sent to all White House aides on Friday, the counsel's office said it will hold briefings next week, on ethics, with a particular focus on the rules governing the handling of classified information.

Attendance is mandatory for anyone holding any level of security clearance.

"There will be no exceptions," the memo said.

The week after, the counsel's office is holding sessions on general ethical conduct for the rest of the staff.

"The president has made clear his expectation that each member of his Executive Office of the President (EOP) Staff adhere to the spirit as well as the letter of all rules governing ethical conduct for EOP Staff," the memo said.

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Cruise ship attacked by pirates

MIAMI (AP) — Pirates fired a rocket-propelled grenade and machine guns Saturday in an attack on a luxury cruise liner off the east African coast, the vessel's owners said.

Two armed boats approached the Seabourn Spirit about 100 miles off the coast of Somalia and fired as the boat's occupants attempted to get on off the east African coast, the vessel's owners said.

The ship outran them and escaped its course. "Our suspicion at this time is that the motive was theft," Good said, adding that the crew had been trained for "various scenarios, including people trying to get on the ship that you don't want on the ship."

The attackers never got close enough to board the Spirit, but one member of the 161-person crew was injured by shrapnel, said Debrah Natansohn, president of the cruise line.

Press Association, the British news agency, said passengers awoke to the sound of gunfire as two 25-foot inflatable boats approached the liner.

Edith Laird of Seattle, who was traveling on the ship with her daughter and a friend, told British Broadcasting Corp. TV in an e-mail that her daughter saw the pirates out of their window.

There were at least three rocket-propelled grenades that hit the ship, one in a state room," Laird wrote. "We had no idea that this ship could move as fast as it did and (the captain) did his best to run down the pirates."

The vessel's 151 passengers, mostly Americans with some Australians and Europeans, were gathered in a lounge for their safety, Good said. None were injured.

The Spirit had been bound for Mombasa, Kenya, at the end of a 16-day voyage from Alexandria, Egypt. It was expected to reach the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean on Monday, and then continue on its previous schedule to Singapore, company officials said.

The 10,000-ton cruise ship, registered in the Bahamas, sustained minor damage, Good said. "They took some fire, but it's safe to sail," he said.

HITLER AND EX-WIVES Campaigns for governor get nasty

The Associated Press

In an off-year election, campaigns for governor in New Jersey and Virginia have turned especially nasty, dragging in Adolf Hitler and an ex-wife's claim of betrayal in negative ads that pollsters say have turned off the public.

And that's not all. A paralyzed teen in a wheelchair criticized one candidate's stem-cell research stance in New Jersey. Spending records were broken in both states, and a \$470,000 loan to a politically connected ex-lover sparked accusations of wrongdoing in New Jersey. Spending records were broken in both states, while polls show voters are unenthusiastic.

"It's awful," said Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia. "These two races are the worst possible combination — nasty and dull. It doesn't get any worse."

Still, these contests top the bill Tuesday, when mayors will be selected in New York, Detroit, Boston, Atlanta and several other cities. Ballot questions also go before voters in seven states, including several in California that are seen as a referendum on the sagging popularity of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

President Bush's stature is sure to be evaluated by election results, too, with Democrats hoping that his low approval ratings will help push them to victory in both gubernatorial races — at least, they'll claim that as fact.

In New Jersey, the latest polls show Democratic Sen. Jon Corzine with a slight lead over Republican Doug Forrester for an open seat.

In Virginia, Republican Jerry Kilgore, the former attorney general, is in a too-close-to-call race against Democratic Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine for an open seat.

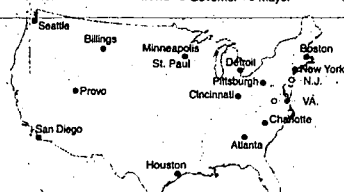
Virginia's harshest ad criticized Kaine, a Roman Catholic, for his opposition to capital punishment. On radio and television, the father of a murder victim tells viewers: "Tim Kaine says Adolf Hitler doesn't qualify for the death penalty. This was one of the worst mass murderers in modern times."

Kaine, a former criminal defense attorney who had suggested to a panel of newspaper reporters that he wouldn't

Campaigns in high gear for Tuesday

Voters go to polling stations Nov. 8 to decide on a host of elections, including governors and mayors. Voters will also consider a host of ballot measures from gay marriage to election reform.

Selection of Nov. 8 elections: Governor • Mayor



SOURCE: The United States Conference of Mayors

favor executing Hitler, Josef Stalin or Idi Amin, fired back with an ad pledging to carry out death sentences "because it's the law."

The death penalty, property taxes and immigration dominated debate in Virginia, which has voted more and more Republican in recent years — even while current Democratic Gov. Mark Warner, barred by law from seeking a second term, holds soaring approval ratings.

In New Jersey, each candidate flung accusations about ethical improprieties and tried to tar the other with links to political corruption.

Corzine accused Forrester, a Republican businessman, of being part of the state's "pay-to-play" culture of awarding no-bid government contracts to political donors. Forrester tied Corzine, a former Wall Street executive, to a convicted businessman and former Gov. Jim McGreevey, who resigned over an extramarital gay sex scandal.

Forrester, who had repeatedly raised family values against the divorced Corzine, ran a TV ad noting Corzine's ex-wife. She had told The New York Times: "All I could think was that (on) did let his family down, and he'll probably let New Jersey down, too." Joanne Corzine said her former husband's political ambitions destroyed their 33-year marriage.

Corzine's \$470,000 loan to a former girlfriend, the head of a state employees' union, also

drew headlines.

Corzine's campaign has run its own controversial TV ads, including one that featured Carl Riccio, a 19-year-old who lost the use of most of his limbs nearly three years ago during a wrestling match. "Doug Forrester doesn't support embryonic stem cell research, therefore, I don't think he supports people like me," Riccio says.

In other races around the country, California voters are being asked to cap state spending and give Schwarzenegger more power to cut budgets, rein in public employee unions, and take away legislators' power to redistrict. New York City polls showed Mayor Mike Bloomberg far ahead in his bid for a second term, while Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick appeared at risk of defeat. Other cities electing mayors include Atlanta, Boston, Houston and San Diego.

Many voters in New Jersey and Virginia have complained about the negative ads. One poll in New Jersey found that more than half the respondents said negative ads bothered them "very much."

Some observers and pollsters, however, say that those results don't portray a complete picture.

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U.S.-led force launches major attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — About 4,500 U.S. and Iraqi troops backed by jets launched a major attack Saturday against an insurgent-held town near the Syrian border, seeking to dislodge al-Qaida and its allies and seal off a main route for foreign fighters entering the country.

U.S. officials describe the town of Husaybah as the key to controlling the volatile Euphrates River valley of western Iraq and dislodging al-Qaida in Iraq, led by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The U.S.-led operation includes about 1,000 Iraqi soldiers, and the offensive will serve as a major test of their capability to battle the insurgents — seen as essential to enabling Washington to draw down its 157,000-strong military presence.

Thunderous explosions

shook Husaybah early Saturday as U.S. Marines and Iraqi scouts, recruited from pro-government tribes from the area, fought their way into western neighborhoods of the town, 200 miles northwest of Baghdad, residents said.

As fighting continued throughout the day, U.S. jets launched at least nine airstrikes, according to a U.S. Marine statement. The U.S. command said there were no reports of casualties among American or Iraqi forces.

However, the military said Saturday that three more U.S. troops had been killed elsewhere in Iraq.

One soldier was killed Friday by small-arms fire south of Baghdad, and another died the same day when the vehicle in his patrol was hit by a mine near the capital. The third soldier was

killed Saturday in a traffic accident in southern Iraq.

Those deaths raised to at least 2,045 the number U.S. service members who have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Also Saturday, five Iraqi police were killed and three wounded when a roadside bomb exploded in northern Baghdad, hospital officials said.

And 11 members of a Kurdish Shiite family — including an infant — were killed and three wounded when gunmen sprayed their minibus with automatic weapons' fire northeast of Baghdad, police said.

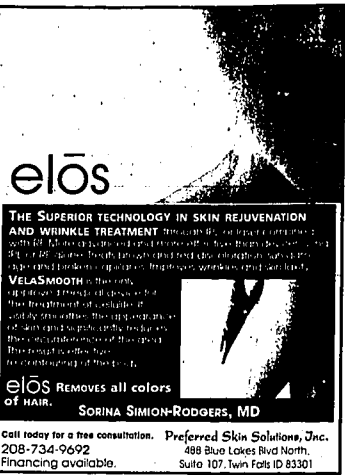
The relatives were returning to their home in the Baghdad area after visiting a family cemetery near Balad Ruz, about 50 miles away. Shiite Muslims traditionally pay their respects to their dead during the three-

day Eid al-Fitr holiday, which marks the end of Ramadan and ends for most Shiites on Sunday.

The attack's motive was unclear, but tensions between Shiites and Sunnis have been on the rise in the area, with extremists from each community targeting the other.

Elsewhere, a 65-year-old male detainee died Saturday of natural causes at a U.S. military prison camp in southern Iraq, the U.S. military announced. Camp Bucca is located near the southern part of Umm Qasr near the Kuwaiti border.

U.S. commanders hope the Husaybah offensive, code-named "Operation Steel Curtain," will restore control of western Anbar province ahead of the parliamentary election Dec. 15 and enable Sunni Arabs there to vote.



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Bin Laden publicly quiet for longest stretch since 9/11

WASHINGTON (AP) — Osama bin Laden, known for his fiery public statements, has been publicly mum for the longest stretch since the suicide hijackings on Sept. 11, 2001.

That leaves U.S. counterterrorism experts questioning what, if anything, his silence means.

The al-Qaida chief with a \$25 million U.S. bounty on his head issued two audio statements in December, his last known public words.

He was last seen on a videotaped message to Americans on Oct. 29, 2004, saying the United States could avoid another Sept. 11 attack if it stopped threatening the security of Muslims.

"Any state that does not mess with our security has naturally guaranteed its own security," bin Laden said in a translation of an address aired on the Al-Jazeera network discussing the 2004 presidential elections.

Since the 9/11 attacks, the longest bin Laden had gone without issuing a new public statement — audio or video — was just over nine months. He has now let 10 months pass.

Two U.S. counterterrorism officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the subject's sensitivity, said there is no evidence to suggest bin Laden is dead. The working assumption is that he is alive, even if he isn't churning out tapes.

Ben Venke, chief executive at the IntelCenter, a government

contractor that does support work for the intelligence community, said terrorism analysts are positive.

"This is the first time things have changed in years. Messages have generally come in a consistent pattern, and now they aren't," Venke said. "It is likely that these changes in messaging by al-Qaida are the result of planning and a PR strategy, as opposed to their computer broke."

Venke noted it was also the first October since 2002 that bin Laden had not delivered a message addressed specifically to Americans.

The terror leader is believed to be hiding in a rugged area along Afghanistan's border with Pakistan, where the Pakistani government has little control and tribal loyalties run deep.

Venke notes there could be a number of factors contributing to bin Laden's public silence. He may have decided to change the messenger. His deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, has been much more vocal, issuing seven messages this year. In years past, he and bin Laden delivered roughly the same number of messages.

Or the earthquake in Pakistan could have inhibited bin Laden's ability to transmit messages. Or a tape could have been destroyed in the rubble. Yet, al-Zawahiri has managed to end out a message since the earthquake, calling on Muslims to provide aid.



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Travel in Iraq remains risky

Some areas show signs of improvement



An Iraqi Army soldier walks along a high leading to the Airport Road on Oct. 30 in Baghdad, Iraq. Ever since the invasion of Iraq in 2003, one of the most dangerous stretches of highway in all of Iraq, was the four-lane, six-mile stretch of road leading from central Baghdad to the country's main airport.

ANBAR DESERT, Iraq (AP) — The four-lane highway from Baghdad to Iraq's borders with Syria and Jordan is among the most dangerous in the country, so the unexpected improvements along the road were hard to believe at first.

New restaurants and gas stations have opened, and some are busy with Iraqi customers making the grueling five-hour drive from Baghdad to the borders.

Some of the gas pumps and eateries remain open after dark, even though few people risk driving the highway at night.

During a recent roundtrip drive from Baghdad to Damascus, the road also appeared to be guarded by more U.S. military patrols than ever before, each one made up of several Humvees and armored vehicles.

But the risks remain clear on a highway that passes through the empty desert in Iraq's most dangerous province, skirting militant "hot spots" such as Ramadi. When this reporter stopped at a gas station at dusk to get fuel, an employee refused.

"There is little gas left. We are saving it for mujahadeen," he said, referring to the insurgents. "You better leave now."

Two Moroccan Embassy employees were abducted on the road last month. Al-Qaida in Iraq claims to be holding the Moroccans and to have sentenced them to death. For Iraqis, however, the road offers a relatively safe option for journeys to Syria and Jordan.

Traveling in Iraq is hardly a safe and pleasant experience due to the constant threat of roadside bombs or stumbling into an ambush. Motorists can get stuck for hours in traffic jams when U.S. and Iraqi forces close roads as part of sweeps for insurgents.

There are a few signs of progress.

Several commercial airlines, including Iraqi Airways, offer service from Baghdad to inter-

national destinations, including Jordan, Syria and the United Arab Emirates. Limited domestic service is also available to Basra in the south and a couple of cities in the north.

A few months ago, just getting to the airport could be a life-threatening experience. Insurgent ambushes along the four-lane, six-mile stretch of highway leading from central Baghdad to the airport made it one of the most dangerous roads in the world.

However, better security has cut down sharply on airport road attacks.

Last April, 37 people were killed or injured in ambushes on the airport road, which the U.S. military calls "Route Irish." Last month, there was only one injury, according to a U.S. spokesman, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch.

"The difference is that the Iraqi police mechanized brigade actively patrols Route Irish, 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Lynch said. "It transformed it from the highway of death to one of the most safe and secure routes in all of Iraq, again a tribute to the capabilities of these

trained and ready police forces."

Recently, an Associated Press photographer embedded with U.S. forces in the area saw signs of improvement there too.

Iraqi security forces now man checkpoints at virtually every entrance to the airport road between central Baghdad and a large statue near the airport's entrance of Abbas Ibn Fimas. Commonly called the "Flying Man," the statue depicts a winged medieval Arab astronomer.

The Iraqis do not search every vehicle, but they stop every car, truck, bus or taxi, and decide on the spot if it is worth searching. Open areas between the highway and side roads have been blocked with razor wire to prevent such bombers from crossing the open terrain.

U.S. troops now regularly patrol the airport road too, keeping careful watch for suspicious items like trash that could hide roadside bombs. They also investigate all stopped cars.

U.S. soldiers also patrol neighborhoods bordering the airport road, with and without Iraqi soldiers. The Americans have built and maintain con-

crete, sandbagged blast bunkers at each of the Iraqi entry checkpoints to the highway, where soldiers can rest in the shade, or protect themselves from car bombs.

Six die in blast in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — A blast possibly caused by mis-handled explosives ripped through a suspected militant compound in northwestern Pakistan on Saturday, killing at least five men and a woman, a Pakistani army official said. The explosion was in the tribal village of Mosaki, the main town in the North Waziristan tribal region, the army official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the media. Four of the victims were believed to be foreigners but their identities were not immediately known. It was not clear whether any senior Taliban or al-Qaida figures were among them, the army official said in Peshawar. Mosaki is in a part of the North West Frontier Province that was not affected by South Asia's Oct. 8 quake. Military officials say hundreds of Arab, Afghan and Central Asian militants with alleged links to al-Qaida operate in the rugged area, near the border with Afghanistan.

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Immigrants often unpaid for Katrina work

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — A pattern is emerging as the cleanup of Mississippi's Gulf Coast months into its multibillion-dollar restoration: Come payday, untold numbers of Hispanic immigrant laborers are going hungry.

Sometimes, the boss simply vanishes. Other workers wait on promises that soon, someone in a complex hierarchy of contractors will provide the funds to pay them.

Nonpayment of wages is a violation of federal labor law, but those workers — thousands of them, channeled into teams that corral debris, swaddle punctured roofs in blue tarps and gut rain-ravaged homes — are especially vulnerable because many are here illegally.

After Katrina hit, Armando Ojeda paid \$1,200 to be smuggled across the desert border from Mexico, a walk that took several nights. Talk of \$10 an hour — more in a day than he made each week at a computer factory back home — led him to say another \$1,200 to be crammed in van with a dozen other immigrants and driven 1,500 miles, from a safe house in Arizona to Mississippi.

The passengers were not fed. Ojeda recalls his mouth watering when he smelled tacos the driver ate — and were discharged near the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, where Ojeda slept-walked through his first day clearing hurricane-strewn junk.

The job was supposed to pay \$7 an hour. But six weeks later, Ojeda still hasn't been paid the \$600-plus he said he is owed for eight days of dawn-to-dusk labor.

Karen Tovar, the subcontractor on the job, acknowledged she hasn't been able to pay dozens of workers a total of about \$130,000. She insisted she was not at fault, blaming the way payments can be stalled along a long chain of subcontractors, often led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

At one point, Tovar had 83 workers cleaning the Navy base under a broader, \$12 million contract held by KBR, a firm owned by Vice President Dick Cheney's former company, Halliburton.

After several weeks without pay, many workers grew frustrated and left.

"I've told them, 'When I get paid, you will receive your funds. And they say, 'When?' she said. 'I'm very sure it's going to be shortly.'"

An Army Corps spokesman said he wasn't aware of any problems with payments. A KBR spokeswoman wouldn't provide details about the base cleanup, referring inquiries to the Navy, which referred questions about subcontractors back to KBR.

Tovar said she knew of other subcontractors who disappeared with their payrolls, and wondered whether her former workers expect she will abscond to her home in North Carolina.

"I don't know if they're thinking that I've left and took the money or that I'm trying to hide the funds, because I wouldn't do that," said Tovar, 47. "In my type of work, you're working on trust."

Armando Ojeda is not trusting. He doesn't think he'll be paid, though he remains among the platoons of workers bivouacked along the coast. His goal: to wire his parents in the poor southern state of Chiapas enough money to offset the cost of his trip, which he has come to see as a folly he had to indulge before age or commitments would ban him home.

"I am stupid for coming," he said, with a smile and shake of the head. "It was a foolish thing, nothing more."

Nonpayment of immigrant workers is not a new phenomenon — and it doesn't appear to be as much of an issue in New Orleans. With so much work to do and not enough laborers to do it, the market there appears to favor workers, said immigration lawyer David Ware.

What's remarkable in Mississippi is the apparent scope of the problem, though it is impossible to quantify. In this beleaguered state, which doesn't have a labor department, the issue isn't even on the radar.

Nonpayment is not specified as a crime under Mississippi law and the state Department of Employment Security defers wage claims to the federal Department of Labor. Workers who claim back wages have two formal options: Filing a civil suit in state court or a federal complaint.

The federal Labor Department reports increasing collections of unpaid wages nationally, but a spokeswoman said she could not say whether there have been any

post-Katrina claims in the Gulf region, Mississippi prosecutors haven't received any complaints, according to special assistant attorney general Cleveland.

Out in the cleanup-zone, however, dozens of Hispanic immigrant workers interviewed by the AP shared a common refrain: "I worked without being paid."

In Gulfport, several dozen men living in makeshift bunkers in a hangar-like building said

they were owed tens of thousands of dollars.

Like other workers, Alfredo Roblero saw opportunity in the wreckage, and was recruited from Ft. Pierce, Fla., with promises of steady work, for good wages, expenses paid.

"They bring you to nothing," said Roblero, 26, who figured he was due about \$500 for five days spent demolishing what was left of the coastal Casino Magic Blvd. "They owe you, and you wait for them."

Many of the workers wore the shirts of Dallas-based Restoration Group. In a subsequent telephone interview, company president James Rea said the workers were the responsibility of a subcontractor. He insisted all have been paid and blamed insurance companies for any delay.

"We're all standing in line and we take our piece of each dollar off as we hand it down," he said, "and eventually it gets down to the end of the line."

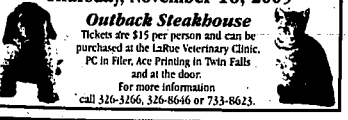
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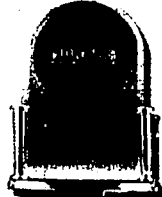
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EDITORIAL

Property tax proposals still look like tax shifts

Just when you thought Idaho's 5 percent sales tax rate was as safe as Fort Knox, the Legislative Interim Property Tax Task Force has reset its targets on the penny-prize.

This week, the 14-member committee agreed to push a plan forward that could lift the sales tax back to 6 percent, in exchange for \$126 million in local property tax relief across the state.

Problem solved, right? Wrong. This is a tax package that makes the 2003 sales tax hike look like kickball.

For the past five months, the task force has held community hearings where homeowners vented about higher property valuations and taxes. That effort concluded this week, but because of the complexity involved with the property tax frustration, creating a final proposal almost didn't happen.

Eventually, they agreed on a multifaceted plan to go before the full Legislature in January. The plan proposes:

- Reducing half of the local property taxes that go to school districts' maintenance and operation. That move would create almost \$126 million in property tax relief.
- Increasing the 50-50 homeowner's exemption (50 percent of home value, or \$50,000, whichever is smaller) to 50 percent or \$75,000. The exemption would also include the land, and the total would be linked to a consumer price index.
- Expanding the circuit-breaker property tax relief to more low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners.
- Other ideas for simplified development fees, repealed developer discounts, and more uses of reverse mortgages.

Clearly, it's the first proposal that stirs up the most debate. Shifting local districts' M&O costs over to the state will make many taxpay-

ers happy. Property taxes are arguably the most unpopular tax of Idaho's three-legged stool, and much of the tax burden has shifted onto residential properties and away from commercial property.

But if the state is going to give property taxpayers relief, the sales tax has to fill in the gap — \$126 million of it. A six-percent increase would be necessary this year. So in other words, the measure is purely a tax shift. Property owners will pay less, but they will join all other Idahoans to pay more at the cash register. The homeowner's exemption is also a tax shift.

Since the homeowners' savings must be absorbed by someone else, most likely businesses. Economic leaders will oppose that, but remember, the pendulum has already swung too far against residential taxpayers.

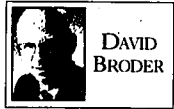
But a key cautionary flag with the M&O tax switch is with the future cost. What happens when those budgets increase each year? Is the state prepared to fund more on an annual basis? It's worth remembering that Idaho tried to do this before under Gov. Phil Batt back in 1995. Eventually, the costs rose so high legislators capped them.

And these proposals really don't do anything to stop the original problem — excessive growth of assessed property value and tax rates. The torrid real estate market has a significant role in those increases. But if Idahoans want more restraint in assessment values and tax rates, they should also demand it from locally elected leaders.

The fact that legislators are willing to wage a tax battle in an election year reveals how crucial the issue has become. But as far as the interim committee's initial proposals ideas are, taxpayers shouldn't expect them to be the easy fix. With long-term tax issues, there is no such thing.

War at the top of Bush's troubles

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A year after the close Ohio vote gave President Bush his second term in the White House, I came back to the capital of this battleground state last week as part of a team of Washington Post reporters interviewing voters in various areas of the country.



DAVID BRODER

Before heading to my precinct, I stopped by the office of a former Bush Republican I had known for many years and asked him what he thought I would hear about Bush that afternoon. His answer was simple: "I'm all for Bush, but he's not on the ballot this year."

Public and private polls confirm that, as usual, Ohio is an accurate barometer of the national political trends. Bush has slumped badly there, as he has across the country. Ohio adds its own twists to the national story. Some sectors of the economy have shown improvement in the past year. But a series of financial scandals have hit the dominant GOP and emboldened Republican voters. Ohio is suffering from pathetically low approval ratings after admitting that he was slow in reporting free golf outings and other favors from lobbyists. Democrats, who have lost every statewide contest in recent years, sense an opportunity for a comeback in next year's races for governor and senator.

But the dominant factor in the changed political climate — identified by my Republican friend and confirmed by the news interviews I did in Iraq. He reminded me that last August, nine Marines from a Columbus-based unit had been ambushed and died in a single attack and that



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that same week, five other Marines from the Cleveland suburb of Breck Park had met a similar fate.

These deaths are much more personal — and the wounds much deeper — than the damage to the president's support that has been caused by any of the more recent controversies that have rolled the waters in Washington. The ups-and-downs of Bush's various Supreme Court choices, John Roberts, Harriet Miers and Samuel Alito, have stirred little curiosity among the voters I met.

The plight of Hurricane Katrina victims does stir their sympathy, but these voters have little patience for trying to sort out the responsibility for their mess in New Orleans among all the officials — local, state and national — involved.

As for the indictment of Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Cheney's main man, for allegedly lying to the grand jury investigating the "outing" of Valerie Plame, it might as well be happening on another plan-

et. More often than not, voters say they know something of what has happened, but as they start to describe their reactions, they find themselves saying that they are not sure who was doing what — or why. Except for an occasional Democratic partisan, I found no one who was upset with Bush for the actions in his official family — or for the president's silence on the subject up through the time these interviews were being conducted.

But the war is something else. The Republican friend, who is a true Bush loyalist, said he feared that Iraq is splitting this country in a fashion all too familiar from Vietnam War days. "The opponents of the war are increasingly vocal," he said, "and they want the troops out now, and to hell with the consequences."

But, he said, "I'm also hearing more voices on the other side. Let's get in with guns blazing and win this thing, once and for all, so we can get out. People are saying, 'We've got to tell the Sunnis to

clean out the insurgents — or else.' I've heard people say we ought to surround those Sunni villages where the fighters are hiding, give them 24 hours to get out, and then level every building, so they can't come back."

"What people can't stand," he said, "is this unending story of two or three more Americans dying every day — and nothing to show that the end is in sight."

Far more than anything else, the voices in Columbus suggest that the president's biggest problem — and therefore the Republicans' biggest worry — is the unresolvable and uncertain struggle in Iraq. Bring it to some sort of satisfactory conclusion and all the other issues confronting the administration at home and abroad probably become manageable. But let it drag on for another year of deaths and frustrations — and you are really tempting the fates.

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District lawsuit reflects local interests

Recently an editorial in the Times-News manuscript resembled a number of points regarding the current negotiations stalemate between teachers and the local school board. That's unfortunate. We know these are confusing times, and we feel we must write to set the record straight.

First, The Times-News charged that Twin Falls teachers are doing the bidding of others. That is not true. As every parent with a student in the Twin Falls School District knows, teachers are responsible, intelligent adults who work hard every day to educate, guide and lead our students to become the same — responsible and intelligent.

Long before we had a lawsuit, Twin Falls teachers — that's us, not someone else — verbally asked the district to do a very simple thing: follow the law regarding paying teachers. That's right. Idaho law re-

quires school districts to do exactly what we asked the district to do. Unfortunately, Twin Falls School District leaders refused. Then we sent a letter, once again asking them to follow the law; but this time we provided an additional bit of information: If you don't, we will have no choice but to file a lawsuit. Again, the district refused.

The decision to take our case to court was ours and ours alone. No outside entity. We, Twin Falls teachers, thought this through, explored all our options, tried to resolve our concerns at the lowest possible level, then decided we just can't stand for such an injustice.

Second, while Twin Falls teachers strongly support the efforts of the Idaho Education Association to explore every

possible option to securing increased funding for our state's financially starved public schools, our lawsuit against the district has absolutely nothing to do with that campaign. This is about the teachers' right here in Twin Falls and where we fall in the district's priorities.

But in case you didn't know, the Idaho Education Association is us, too. Like the business leaders in this state (Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry), like the agricultural industry (Farm Bureau), like Realtors and car dealers and lawyers and, yes, even newspapers (Idaho Newspaper Association), we recognize that decisions about what we can and cannot do, what we are paid and just about everything else that goes on in our lives is decided by policy makers. We are proud members of the IEA, and we are mighty thankful that our association is there for us and for every other public

school employee in Idaho. The decision to file this lawsuit was not an easy one. Teachers don't relish the mistrust that exists with the current administration and board. It is unfortunate that in Twin Falls the teachers and the school board have not come to an agreement.

However, all of us recognize that much of the blame for that falls on the Idaho Legislature, which continues to ignore the true financial needs of our state's public schools. While that problem is being sorted out, Twin Falls teachers will continue to insist that we be treated as professionals, that we be paid fairly, and that our school district demonstrates with more than words the respect they say they have for us.

Peggy Hoy is the president of the Twin Falls Education Association and one of the teachers filing the lawsuit.

Olsen-Frank best candidate for council

First of all, I wish to express my appreciation to the editorial staff of The Times-News. It is great to have a policy of moderation instead of the radical right wing policies of the past. Now, I respectfully would disagree with your recent endorsement for Seat 5 on the City Council.

I agree that we need a business person on the council, however, we also need persons of compassion, especially when we are choosing a person to replace someone of the compassionate nature of Elaine Steele. This need calls out for Sherry Olsen-Frank!

I can take you back about 40 years to the time I was privileged to serve as Twin Falls County chairman of the National Foundation March of Dimes and Sherry was one of my most compassionate and faithful workers. It was with her work, along with several others, our current council member named the outstanding chapter in Idaho (there is a plaque in the chamber of commerce office to this effect).

Twin Falls is crying out for

Sherry Olsen-Frank to succeed Elaine Steele on the City Council. REV. DELBERT P. REMALEY
Twin Falls

Clow led the way to senior center transition

As chairman of the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Board during the purchase and remodeling of the Treasure Cove, I worked with the city and Mr. Clow.

Lance Clow was the guiding light that helped in developing this property to the excellent facility that it has become. The city purchased the building with a bond issue that passed by more than a two-thirds majority of Twin Falls citizens. The bond was paid in full in January 2004. The facility was leased to the senior citizens for 100 years.

We thank the Twin Falls citizens, Lance Clow and the Twin Falls City Council for their tireless effort in our behalf.

Lance Clow has a vision for greater Twin Falls. Please support him in his bid for the City Council.

BOB HUMPHRIES
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Bob Humphries is a past chairman of the Twin Falls Senior Citizens.)

Lanting defends what's right, not what's popular

Greg Lanting is an outstanding choice for City Council Seat 5.

Greg has a passion for the city of Twin Falls. His family roots are here, and we have made Twin Falls our home for almost 30 years. Greg's involvement in community service extends back to his Uncle "Willie" Lanting who represented western Twin Falls County in the Idaho Legislature, serving six years as Speaker of the House. His father, Corrie Lanting, served many years on the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission.

Discussions and debates on issues affecting the people of this community have always been a part of his family gatherings. Greg learned very early to evaluate the sides of an issue, carefully weighing the merits of each view before making an informed decision. He looks for what best serves this community, protecting the wonderful life that Twin Falls provides for its citizens.

Greg has integrity and applies it to every aspect of his life. Greg

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speaks up for what is right, not just what is popular. He is known for being a very good person, the kind of man that will return the money when given in error by a clerk at a checkout counter. He is a radical leader, intelligent and wise. Greg has served public education for more than 28 years, first as teacher and for the last 14 years as a principal. The employees, students and parents of Filer Middle School know of his leadership, dedication, ability to solve difficult problems and his respect for all people in the process.

Greg is also a fantastic money manager and has years of experience making minimal budgets serve the greatest good.

Greg brings to the City Council a unique combination of exceptional expertise. He has served more than eight years on Twin Falls Planning and Zoning, a lifetime of exceptional service in public education, a master's degree in administration and a lifelong history in the community of Twin Falls. He cares about the future of his community and will work very

hard as your representative on city council.

Going door to door over the past two weeks, Greg has had the wonderful pleasure of meeting hundreds of people throughout the city. Many people have expressed their support for him and thanked him for choosing to run for city council.

I encourage you to join in the vote for Greg Lanting on Nov. 8.
MARCIA LANTING
Twin Falls

Band shell renovation had Clow's fingerprints

I was very pleased when I read in The Times-News a few weeks ago that Lance Clow is a candidate for re-election to the Twin Falls City Council.

I believe Lance to be dedicated to improving the quality of life in Twin Falls and that he has worked diligently to that end in his years of service on the City Council. He has obviously been attentive to the needs of our town and has made every effort to fairly and judiciously solve problems that have arisen.

Among his many accom-

plishments, he should especially be commended for instigating and overseeing the remodeling of the historic band shell in Twin Falls City Park. When Lance went to the Municipal Board of Directors in 2003 and suggested that they take on remodeling the band shell in honor of their 100 years of performances, they agreed to assume this worthy project. During the two-year process of completing the remodeling, Lance offered encouragement and personal support to the band and kept the City Council focused on the project until it was completed earlier this year. The improvement of the band shell has greatly enhanced performances held in the city park for the enjoyment of all of us.

This is just one example of the way that Lance has supported the arts in Twin Falls, not just through "lip service" but through participation and being actively involved in all related activities and projects.

I believe that Lance's experience and proven abilities make him the best candidate for Seat 5.

RUTH TURNER
Twin Falls

OPINION

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Johnson and Hall can help retain T.F. police

As the recently retired chief of police in Twin Falls, I have carefully listened to the candidates for each of the open seats in the 2005 City Council election. There are a number of issues facing our community that make this election especially critical.

These are issues that could have serious consequences for our quality of life in the years to come. These issues include our use and conservation of water, the tremendous growth we are experiencing, traffic issues and others.

Both David Johnson and Don Hall have demonstrated a good understanding of these matters and a positive approach to working with them. Both have backgrounds and experience needed for the position, including experience as managers of fairly large companies. They demonstrate an understanding of the importance of treating their employees right in order to get the job done through others.

There is another issue facing our community that could have just as serious an impact on our future as those I have mentioned. That issue is the retention problem being experienced by the Twin Falls Police department.

Just last week, four more police officers were hired by the Boise Police department and will leave in early December. Together, they represent 30 years of experience in police work. Boise Police managers tell me that they were hired because of the reputation of the Twin Falls Police department for recruiting and training exceptional officers and the fact that all four could be assigned to protect the streets of Boise with no additional training other than learning local policies and procedures. The department is now unable to maintain school resource officers in the schools and has had to move all the traffic officers back to patrol in order to provide enough patrol officers for minimum staffing.

Maintaining the reputation that the Twin Falls Police department enjoys as one of the best in the Northwest will be lost if this continues. The reputation of the police department can impact the decision of companies to relocate. More important is the negative impact on our community.

Again, Hall and Johnson have demonstrated an understanding of the importance of this issue and have ideas on how to bring it around to ensure the continued growth and safety of our community.

LEE DEVORE
Twin Falls

Houser ready to shake up the status quo

These come a time when you have to ask why things are not being done. Promises that are easily made in the run up to elections are not always honored. I used the word "honest" deliberately because surely it is a matter of honor to keep such election promises. Unsurprisingly, when such promises are broken, there is anger and frustration. Everyone here is all too familiar with that scenario. It is a pattern played out throughout the country. Yet now, and again, someone comes along who

wants to change this situation. That someone is a rare person indeed, for he is not merely a good public speaker. He speaks the truth from his heart.

Today, we are not going to waste our time with someone who favors only a small group of narrow interests. We want and deserve someone who is the genuine article. That person will have seen our democratic process abused and will be happy for change. Jason Houser is such a man. He is not content to watch our resources and good will wasted. How many years must we stand by and watch while incompetence, lack of will and courage are allowed to flourish in this city? The good news is, for those who are fed up to the back teeth with ineptitude and indifference, that time is here.

Jason Houser knows this like every one of us. He is aware of all of our frustration. Yet the difference is he is the one who is prepared to hold up his hand and say enough is enough. There is no more room for incompetence, for dilithering or procrastination. He knows he cannot accomplish change on his own. He needs everyone to unite behind him.

He is a realist. He knows the world will not change overnight. He knows good will not simply triumph over evil with the help of Superman. On the other hand, he knows very well laws can be changed and so can attitudes. He knows many of the problems in our society are caused by lack of foresight and planning. Above all, he knows politicians need much more consultation with those they represent.

Jason Houser wants our support so we might at last feel pride in what is being done in our name. He cares about the future of our children.

Vote for Jason Houser, the candidate for change.
GERBEN VANDERZEE
Wendell

Lanting shows zeal and wisdom in campaign

I would like to encourage the voters of Twin Falls to vote for Gregory Lanting for City Council. You may have met him in the past weeks as he campaigned door-to-door in your neighborhood. He has spent his evenings and weekends knocking on doors, listening to concerns and asking for your support. This shows the kind of dedication you would want from your city councilman.

Lanting is a proven leader in our community. He has lived his life in Twin Falls County and has worked for its betterment throughout the years. Lanting has worked in education for 30 years as a teacher and principal. He has learned how to stretch a meager budget as well as maintain a quality staff of veteran educators. Under Lanting's leadership, his school has seen extremely low staff turnover, demonstrating Lanting's abilities to solve problems, oversee a tight budget and maintain staff satisfaction. Lanting has also served the Twin Falls community on the planning and zoning committee for years, as well as volunteering on many community projects.

Lanting has a vision to improve our community and encourage business growth. He is fair-minded, well-informed

and has the skills to implement his ideas. Lanting has run his campaign with a personal touch, on a lean budget, not relying on big donations from special interest groups and individuals. Lanting would be a valuable addition to our city government. Vote for Gregory Lanting.
JANE GARRETT
Twin Falls

Facts prove Olsen-Frank knows T.F. issues

As election day draws closer, the experts come out of the woodwork. One such expert surprised me that in 10 months in our city, he feels he has the answers. I've been here 10 years; I'm still studying these situations. It seems to me that Mr. Holton gathered his facts at a different meeting than the chamber of commerce's "Meet the Candidates Forum."

I listened intently to what Sherry Olsen-Frank had to say. She did not say she would raise taxes for the arts. In essence, she said there was a program that was presented to the Twin Falls City Strategic Planning Group changed with developing a plan to enhance the appearance of Twin Falls. If adopted, it would have put money aside for public art in a dedicated public art trust fund. This would be funded by a percentage (1 percent) for public art on public works projects and large commercial developments. Seems to me Sam Holton says that 1 percent and his power of thought hit the off switch.

The same letter said Sherry is against agribusiness located in Twin Falls. In essence, Sherry said because of our current limited water sources, we need to be cautious of recreating any business or industry requiring lots of water. Traditionally, agricultural-based industries have a high water usage requirement. Each would need to be looked at on the individual basis. I personally would not see every business to be looked at individually as to what part of our infrastructure and how much it uses. It appears to me Sherry Olsen-Frank uses her thought process in very constructive ways.

On Nov. 2, a letter from Frank Hegy stated that Sherry Olsen-Frank, while on planning and zoning on one occasion, wrote her opinions and we heard the discussion. Come on, Frank, she wrote the code numbers for that discussion. My husband sat on that commission at the same time as Hegy and it just isn't so.

Last but not least, I was amazed by *The Times-News* endorsement of Johnson and Lanting for Seat 5 right after it said any of the three would make a strong council member. Perhaps declining to endorse would have been a more intelligent conclusion.

Chris Talkington said this council could use some fresh people with new ideas, and Sherry Olsen-Frank will bring innovative thinking to Twin Falls. This town needs her.

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NATION

PREHISTORY AS PREY

Thieves sell fossils for up to \$10,000

Los Angeles Times

RAINBOW BASIN NATURAL AREA, Calif. — Sweat beads on the paleontologist's reddening forehead as he points to nothing.

More precisely, the jagged, buff-colored holes on a jutting slab of mudstone and volcanic ash in this dusty corner of the Mojave Desert show where something used to be. The heart-shaped footprints left by an ancestral camel on a prehistoric lakeside 12 million to 20 million years ago are gone, pinched by a longtime scourge of the desert fossil thieves.

And more, these relics get destroyed because of ignorance or whatever, said Robert Hilburn, a Barstow paleontologist and president of the Mojave River Valley Museum there. "Instead there'll be a heart-shaped piece of rock in a box in somebody's garage."

The prized tracks were fixed in formations that draw paleontologists and geologists from around the world. Minerals from the layers of volcanic ash north of Barstow allow researchers to precisely date the fossils and cross-reference them with other specimens of more uncertain origins. Plus they offered a singular glimpse into a camel ancestor's pause at an ancient watering hole.

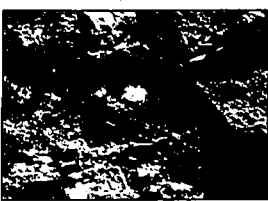
As long as park rangers have been trying to protect the sites, black market fossil dealers and curious collectors alike have been chipping off chunks of prehistory from Barstow's geologically unique Rainbow Basin Natural Area. Here, the multicolored Barstow Formation is a collision of jumbled angles, with faded red and green rock outcroppings and canyons exposing millions of years of dramatic geologic change, unobscured by vegetation.

Scientists would have to "travel the world over to find all the geologic features you find in this single compressed area," Hilburn said.

California isn't as rich in dinosaur bones as Utah, Wyoming or the Dakotas. But it does contain a trove of fossils and artifacts left by prehistoric animals and ancient civilizations. Elephants, rhinoceroses, saber-toothed cats and bear-dog hybrids roamed Southern California millions of years ago leaving behind tracks and tracks. Researchers have also uncovered American Indian rock art, arrowheads and cooking



Robert Hilburn, a paleontologist and president of the Mojave River Valley Museum in Barstow, Calif., shows where tracks of an early camel, millions of years old, were chipped from volcanic ash and mudstone.



Robert Hilburn points to a track made by an ancestral camel. This part of the Mojave Desert is rich in vulnerable artifacts.

pottery from as far back as 10,000 years ago.

The market for such items includes both artifacts legitimately unearthed on private lands — with the owner's permission — and poached public relics.

Prices for a projectile point from an arrow or spear can run from \$50 to \$100, said Joan Oxendine, archeologist and cultural resource program manager with the federal Bureau of Land Management in Mojave Valley. Dinosaur skulls cost \$100,000 at some gem and mineral shows, while smaller specimens can go for \$50 to \$200, said Robert Reynolds, a paleontologist and senior cultural resource manager with LSA Associates, a company that helps preserve specimens found during construction projects. Dealers can sell prime mammal fossils for thousands as well.

Thieves routinely outnumber and outmaneuver the few state and federal law enforcement agencies responsible for protecting fossils and artifacts on public land.

The BLM has six agents to patrol 6 million acres of the Mojave Desert under its jurisdiction. California state park

rangers are responsible for protecting more than 10,000 archeological specimens and countless fossils sprinkled over 1.5 million acres statewide, said Walter Gray, chief of cultural resources for state parks.

State park rangers arrest about 50 so-called pot hunters and collectors each year, said Randy Seiderquist, chief of the state parks' public safety division.

Experts say the total number of violations is impossible to pin down. But when one-time funds were appropriated in 1991 for a full-time cultural site monitor in Joshua Tree, the

number of reported archeological violations there jumped from two the previous year to 146. Now, the number of violators caught has hovered around 10 to 20 annually.

Generally, fewer than 10 such incidents are reported by rangers each year at Death Valley National Park and Mojave National Preserve, said Kathy Clark, staff ranger with the National Park Service's regional office in Denver, which tracks such trends. Nationwide last year, the National Park Service logged 372 violations of laws protecting fossils and archeological relics. Fifty-one cases were prosecuted, said spokesman Al Nash.

Archeological relics such as pots, baskets and masks are in greatest demand, supporting an international underground industry, said Bob Bryson, an archeologist and cultural resources program chief at the Mojave National Preserve.

"It's a huge problem," Bryson said, that "has gone largely unnoticed by the public."

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NATION/WORLD

Bush leaves summit with nothing lost, little gained

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina (AP) — President Bush left the Summit of the Americas Saturday with no more than he expected: a cold shoulder from some Latin American leaders, no consensus on a free trading bloc for the hemisphere and biting criticism from anti-U.S. protesters and Venezuela's leftist President Hugo Chavez.

It amounted to a nothing-lost-and-little-gained two days for the president.

He may have made progress on setting up a Free Trade Area if the Americas that would stretch from Alaska to Argentina.

After hours of talks, 29 of the 34 summit nations expressed a desire to keep negotiations alive.

Bush avoided a potentially embarrassing confrontation with Chavez, whose speeches were a rallying call for thousands of protesters opposed to the trade area and Bush policies.

After those demonstrations Friday, a smaller number of hundreds of protesters broke storefronts and set fire to businesses in this seaside resort city. Saturday was calm.

The Bush administration did not travel to the summit with high hopes.

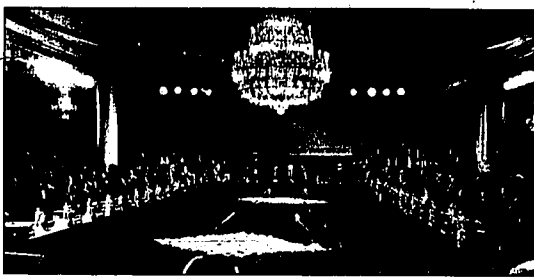
The White House viewed the step as important, if only to reaffirm U.S. commitment to the Americas in the face of the widespread impression that his administration's interest in the region has been on the back burner since the 2001 terrorist attacks.

The president also had sought to revive negotiations for a vast proposed Western Hemisphere free trade area. Bush says that such a pact is the best way to help raise the standard of living for Latin Americans, including the estimated 220 million who live in poverty.

By late afternoon Saturday, the closing day of the summit, Bush departed the summit for Brazil on schedule as negotiators extended their sessions and continued talks. Mexico, the United States and 27 other nations support setting an April deadline for new talks on creating the vast new trade zone, but the key countries — Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Venezuela — are opposed and may not commit to more talks at all.

That was about as much as Bush could hope for. Even before he left Washington, he acknowledged the FTAA was "stalled." There was talk here of moving forward on a free-trade zone that would exclude the five nations.

"Free trade hasn't done anything for these people and Washington just doesn't get it," Bush once said. Director of Latin American studies at Johns Hopkins University, said Saturday, pointing to high unemployment and poverty throughout the region. "The White House will call it a success, but without major players like Argentina and Brazil, you don't have a free-trade zone."



Leaders at the Summit of Americas gather around the table for plenary session Saturday in Mar Del Plata, Argentina.

Negotiations on hemispheric free trade zone go beyond deadline

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina (AP) — Leaders from across the Americas, wrapping up a two-day summit overshadowed by violent anti-U.S. protests, debated a deal Saturday for negotiations sometime next year on creating a vast free trade zone, a top negotiator said.

The meeting dragged on for hours past a deadline, with the 34 nations participating in the Americas Summit deeply divided over setting a date for future talks, the negotiator told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because no declaration had been finalized.

President Bush and U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice left Argentina on Air Force One as discussions scheduled to end before lunch continued into the late afternoon. Thomas Shannon, U.S. assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, was left in charge of negotiations for Washington.

Mexico, the United States and 27 other nations wanted to set an April deadline for talks, but that was opposed by Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Venezuela.

The United States says the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas, stretching from Canada to Chile, would open up new markets for Americans and bring wealth and jobs to Latin America.

The zone's main opponent, Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez, says it will enslave Latin American workers. He came to the summit vowing to "bury the FTAA."

The last-minute haggling at the summit of Latin American and Caribbean nations came after Brazil — a key regional player with Latin America's largest economy — hedged at setting a firm date because it wants to focus for now on ongoing World Trade Organization talks aimed at cutting tariffs around the world and boosting the global economy.

"Anything we do now before the WTO meeting, could confuse the facts and we'd be creating an impediment to the WTO," Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva told reporters on the sidelines of the summit at Argentina's most renowned summer resort city.

Mar del Plata was calm Saturday after protesters opposed to Bush's presence the FTAA clashed in street battles with riot police, burning and ransacking businesses just 10 blocks from the theater where the summit opened.

Protests have become commonplace at summits, especially those dealing with

free trade and U.S. policies. But Friday's violence was on a much smaller scale than clashes in 2001 during the Americas Summit in Canada, when police detained 400 people and scores were injured.

Rallies earlier Friday were peaceful, with Chavez declaring the deal dead in a speech to more than 20,000 demonstrators.

On Saturday, Mexican President Vicente Fox expressed irritation with Chavez, saying, "This is a personal position of the Venezuelan president."

Fox also denied allegations by Chavez that Washington is trying to strong-arm the region into a free trade agreement. "No one has ever been forced into a free trade deal," he said.

The summit declaration was also expected to address key issues for Latin America, including job creation, immigration and disaster relief for an area often devastated by hurricanes and earthquakes.

But the battle over the trade zone dominated the meeting, with Chavez pushing for an anti-FTAA formed just for Latin America and the Caribbean based on socialist ideals.

Fox argued that the 29 countries that want to forge ahead should form the trade zone on their own — even though that would dash hopes of creating a bloc that would eclipse the European Union.

Though there were no immediate signs that protests would re-ignite on Saturday, security remained tight at the summit site: a huge downtown section of Mar del Plata remained closed by metal barriers and police and soldiers tored semi-automatic weapons.

Leftist activists also protested Friday in Uruguay, Venezuela and Brazil — where Bush was headed for a much-anticipated visit with Silva. He travels Sunday to Panama.

The violence was front-page news Saturday across Latin America, with dramatic photos of masked rioters smashing the glass storefronts of at least 30 businesses in Mar del Plata, setting a bank ablaze and battling riot police with slingshots and sharpened sticks.

Sixty-four people were arrested, but police reported no deaths or major injuries.

Bush planned to spend the night in the Brazilian capital, Brasilia, and be Silva's guest at a barbecue Sunday.

The visit is aimed at strengthening relations with Silva, who was distrusted by Washington after becoming Brazil's first elected leftist leader in 2003. Since then, Silva — a former shoeshine boy, grade-school dropout, lathe operator and radical union leader — has abandoned his leftist rhetoric and has stabilized Brazil's economy.

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In a statement on government television, Arroyo congratulated police and soldiers for catching Radulan Sahiron, describing him as "a very notorious leader" of the Abu Sayyaf militant group. The one-armed Sahiron, Abu Sayyaf's chief of staff, was on a U.S. list of wanted terrorists. Authorities have linked him to several kidnappings, including the April 2000 abduction of 21 Western tourists and Asian workers from Malaysia.

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French police use new tactics as violence spreads through suburbs

ACHERES, France (AP) — Youths armed with gasoline bombs fanned out from Paris' poor, troubled suburbs to shatter the tranquility of leafier towns, torching 900 vehicles, a nursery school and other targets Saturday in the worst wave of arson since the urban violence began more than a week ago.

Police deployed a helicopter and small teams of officers to chase down youths who sped from one attack to another in cars and on motorbikes. The new security tactics yielded more than 250 arrests during the ninth straight night of unrest.



A youth walks past charred remains of torched vehicles filling a covered parking lot in Suresnes, west of Paris, on Saturday, after a wave of mass disorder swept through the country. Bands of youths burned more than 750 cars and burned warehouses and a nursery school in a ninth night of violence.

The violence — originally concentrated in neighborhoods north of Paris — has targeted migrant populations, forcing France to confront anger long-simmering in its suburbs, where many Africans and their French-born children live on society's margins, struggling with unemployment, poor housing, racial discrimination, crime and a lack of opportunity.

Triggered by an outburst of fury over the deaths of two teenagers, the unrest has taken on unprecedented scope and intensity. The violence hit far-flung corners of France on Saturday, from Rouen in Normandy to Bordeaux in the southwest to Strasbourg near the German border, but the Paris region has borne the brunt.

Along with messages of condemnation and appeals for calm were insults targeting police, threats of more violence and warnings that the unrest will find support for France's anti-immigration extreme right.

"Civil war is declared. There will no doubt be deaths. Unfortunately, we have to prepare," said a posting signed "Hama."

"We are going to destroy everything. Rest in peace, guys," wrote "Saint Denis."

Police detained 258 people overnight, almost all in the Paris region, and dozens of them will be prosecuted, Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy said after a government crisis meeting. He warned of possibly heavy sentences for burning cars.

"Violence penalizes those who live in the toughest conditions," he said.

Most rioting has been in towns with low-income housing projects where unemployment and distrust of police run high. But in a new development, arsonists were moving beyond their heavily policed neighborhoods to attack others with less security, said a national police spokesman, Patrick Hamon.

"They are very mobile, in cars or scooters. ... It is quite hard to combat" he said. "Most are young, very young, we have seen seven young minors."

There appeared to be no coordination between separate groups in different areas, Hamon said. But within gangs, he added, youths are communicating by cell phones or e-mails.

"They organize themselves, arrange meetings, some prepare the Molotov cocktails."

By daybreak Saturday, 897 vehicles were destroyed — a sharp rise from the 500 burned a night earlier, police said. It was the worst one-day toll since the unrest erupted Oct. 27 following the accidental electrocution of the two teenagers who hid in a power substation, apparently believing police were chasing them.

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In quiet Acheres, on the edge of the St. Germain forest west of the capital, arsonists burned a nursery school, where part of the roof caved in, and about a dozen cars in four attacks over an hour that the mayor said seemed "perfectly organized."

Children's photos clung to the blackened walls, and melted plastic toys littered the floor. Residents gathered at the school gate demanded that the army be deployed or suggested that citizens band together to protect their neighborhoods. Mayor Alain Outreman tried to cool tempers.

"We are not going to start militias," he said. "You would have to be everywhere."

In one particularly malevolent attack, youths in the eastern Paris suburb of Meaux prevented paramedics from evacuating a sick person from a housing project. They pelted rescuers with rocks, then torched the moving ambulance an interior. Ministry officials said.

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WORLD

Violence sparks rumors of 'social cleansing'

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Some are shoved into cars with dark windows and never seen again. Sometimes bodies turn up in gutters and abandoned buildings with messages left on paper or carved into their bodies: "Car thief," "I behaved badly," "I'm going to hell." This is how snitches die.

A string of violent and mysterious killings targeting Guatemalan gang members and criminals has prompted rumors of a "social cleansing" in a country where crime is rising and gangs are rampant. In recent weeks, at least two previously unknown groups have left fliers in parks claiming to be civilian vigilantes at war with gang members. Guatemala's human rights ombudsman, Sergio Morales, suspects rogue police, but Attorney General Juan Luis Barrios blames mob warfare — perhaps "drug dealers, bank robbers or gang members."

So far there is little evidence supporting any of the theories, though the ombudsman's office calls it "social cleansing" and is trying to determine how many of the 1,615 violent deaths in the first half of 2005 fall into that category.

Morales claims information that some security forces were involved, but refuses to give details. He also says he doubts those in charge have knowledge of the killings.

The killings appear to have begun late last year. The term "social cleansing" was coined in July by Mutual Support Group, a human rights organization, and was widely accepted in a coun-

try known for vigilante justice and a deep mistrust of public officials, stemming in large part from its 36-year civil war.

For one thing, the murders seemed different — groups of unidentified gunmen arriving in poor neighborhoods and pulling gang members or suspected criminals out of their homes or off the street.

Some were never seen again, while the bodies of others turned up wrapped in blankets or sheets of plastic.

Most victims have been criminals or members of gangs whose ranks have swollen as the United States increasingly deports Central American immigrants suspected of gang activity.

Interior Minister Carlos Vielmann agrees with the gang warfare theory, saying gang members fight for territory, for drug distribution, to blackmail bus company owners, to blackmail businesses and even private citizens.

But in the city's poorest, most crime-ridden neighborhoods, many blame police.

One 19-year-old gang member, who asked not to be identified for fear of reprisals, said 14 of his friends have died

or disappeared this year in circumstances he believes were social cleansing cases.

He said one of them was Mario Toscano, 19, with whom he was having a drink in a

neighborhood store on Aug. 27 when two men shot him, then drove him away in a green car with tinted windows. Witnesses said they saw a police cruiser follow the car.

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Officials: U.S. and China have tentative textile agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and China have reached a tentative agreement to limit imports of Chinese clothing and textile products into the United States, U.S. industry officials said Saturday.

These officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has not yet been announced, said it could be signed as early as Tuesday when U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman and Chinese officials will be in Geneva.

They said that the tentative deal was reached during the fifth round of discussions, which took place over the past week in Washington. Both sides agreed on the major issues, they said, and discussions were continuing on details.

The deal would be similar to an agreement China reached with the 25-nation European Union earlier this year. However, in a victory for U.S. manufacturers, the deal would last through 2008, one year longer than the EU agreement.

U.S. textile and apparel companies and their labor unions have been pushing for a comprehensive deal to stem a flood of Chinese imports that began last January when global quotas, in place for more than three decades, were lifted.

The Bush administration has been reimposing quotas, known as "safeguards," for individual categories of clothing and textiles. The industry wanted a comprehensive deal covering all threatened categories of U.S. production and lasting for three years. The safeguard quotas were only good for a year at a time.

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WORLD

India delays earthquake victim plan

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP) — India on Saturday sharply curtailed plans to open its Kashmir frontier with Pakistan early this week to aid earthquake survivors — a setback for the disaster diplomacy that has brought the nuclear-armed rivals closer in a time of need.

Meanwhile, forecasts of snow on the Pakistani side of the disputed Himalayan territory added to the ordeal for hun-

dreds of thousands of survivors still without shelter nearly a month after the quake, as U.N. and other aid agencies struggle with limited budgets to deliver help before winter.

After the Oct. 8 quake killed about 60,000 people across Pakistan and the divided territory of Kashmir, India and Pakistan reached a breakthrough agreement to open five border crossings starting Monday. But Intila said Saturday that

only one crossing would be ready — a blow for survivors eager to cross over to check on relatives, exchange provisions and seek help at relief camps being set up along the heavily militarized frontier.

Indian army spokesman Lt. Col. V. K. Bara said that two crossings were not ready because of the threat of land mines and landslides on the Indian side, but he also blamed Pakistan for delays in clearing

another two routes, saying its work on bridges at the crossings was incomplete.

Pakistani officials, however, said their side was ready to open the crossings.

"All preparations on the Pakistan side are complete at the designated places," Pakistani army said in a statement.

The Indian Foreign Ministry said two of the crossings may be opened by the middle of next week.

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A virtuous virtual game: Will China's youth play?

Los Angeles Times

BEIJING — Fed up with what it sees as the corrupting influence of computer games on youth, the Chinese government plans to introduce to the online world a new cast of characters based on old-fashioned Communist values.

Instead of heavily armed superheros licensed to kill, the new game will highlight the likes of a model Communist soldier famous for helping other people. To advance in this game, players won't gun down their enemies. They'll mend socks, lots of them, and gain points by getting appreciation letters for doing good deeds such as helping old ladies home in a rainstorm and stopping people from spitting on the sidewalk.

The prize is a signed virtual copy of Mao Tse-tung's Little Red Book.

This soon-to-be-released video version of a vintage Communist scenario is part of an effort to clean up the Internet. Sponsored by the government and developed by the country's biggest online game company, Shanda, the "Chinese Hero Registry" aims to revive 100 icons of Chinese history and turn them into virtual warriors to combat the negative influence of video games.

It's a classic approach: If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. But some observers say players doubt that such clean-cut heroes can outdraw the gun-toting protagonists of many Western games.

Beijing has made minimal progress taming the foreign-dominated gaming industry, which is making a killing providing entertainment to China's youths. Of the country's 100 million Internet users, about 20 million play computer games, according to industry data. Revenue from China's computer gaming market reached \$298 million in 2008, up 48 percent from a year earlier, and could quadruple by 2009 as Internet access becomes more widespread, according to the market research company IBC.

Young people make up a large percentage of the gaming population — and thus of those believed to be suffering from online addiction or involved in Internet-related crimes. For many of them, the computer is less a modern tool for learning and communicating than a hypnotically attractive video arcade.

Although reliable statistics are hard to come by, in recent years the Chinese media have been replete with stories of cyber victims.

A 13-year-old boy leaped from his family's 24th-floor apartment after playing online games for 36 hours straight. According to his diary, he had "fallen to the sea" to join his friends in the virtual world.

A man stabbed another in the chest after the victim sold a hard-earned and coveted virtual sword *virtu* in cyberspace to another player.

An online feud between rival gamers continued "outside," leaving a 23-year-old man dead on the street and another with a death sentence.

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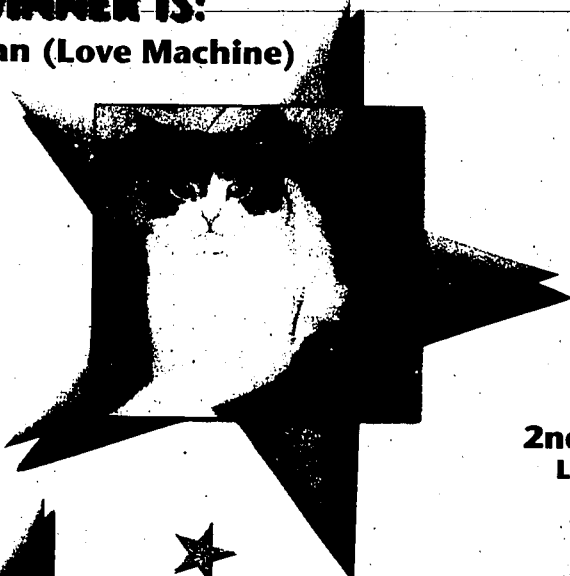


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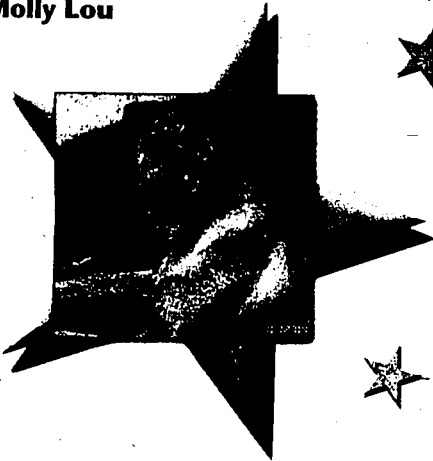
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Idaho's roads less traveled

I heard from some cousins in California last weekend who are planning to come to Idaho next summer. They're keen to see the St. Anthony Sand Dunes, celebrated in the movie "Napoleon Dynamite." "You're driving 700 miles to see a sandbox?" I asked.

"Well, it must be a destination resort," my cousin Dorie said.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

"I grew up in the neighborhood," I replied. "It's Rexburg." That's the problem with "Napoleon Dynamite." It has made visitors to the Gem State expect what we ain't got.

According to the Preston Chamber of Commerce — the movie was filmed in Preston, where its director grew up — visitors to the southeastern Idaho border town have tripled since the film was released last year.

That's just nuts.

Once you've driven down Oneida Street, what's left to see? Franklin? Bandida? Bed racing down Highway 91?

The great mass of Idaho is devoid of destination resorts, and that's the way we like it. After an exhilarating day of dune bugging at the St. Anthony Dunes, what's better than relaxing music from the alarm clock radios at the Super 8 in Rexburg?

A couple of years ago, I had some house guests from the Midwest eager to see Craters of the Moon National Monument. "Is there a golf course?" they wanted to know.

"No," I replied evenly. "Just craters."

We've tried destination resorts over the years, and they just didn't work out. The Ponderosa in Butley, for example — a lovely property with a hotel and all the amenities — just couldn't keep visitors from traveling on to Pocatello. And the holiday inn in Twin Falls had hundreds of rooms and an convention center. It's now a Lowe's.

Maybe it's because our greatest attractions can be appreciated in a glance: Balanced Rock, Shoshone Falls, the Perrine Bridge. It's not really necessary to get out of the car.

Plus there's an awful lot of empty in between, encouraging folks to keep going. Maybe that's why the 250 miles of freeway between Boise and Pocatello have exactly four rest areas.

It's not that way in Oregon or Utah, where tourists have to wander to see anything. You can't experience Astoria or Park City without renting a hotel room.

But in Idaho — shoot, sleep in your van. Visitors come here with \$20 and a clean shirt and don't change either of them.

And if you really need a postcard of a jackalope, that's what truck stops are for.

When I was driving up in Pocatello, the family would drive up to Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks for the day, then turn around and come home, eat at a hole-in-the-wall, a balcony sandwich from the gas station in Victor.

See anybody who dawdles just doesn't understand Idaho. We have a good time, and then get on with it.

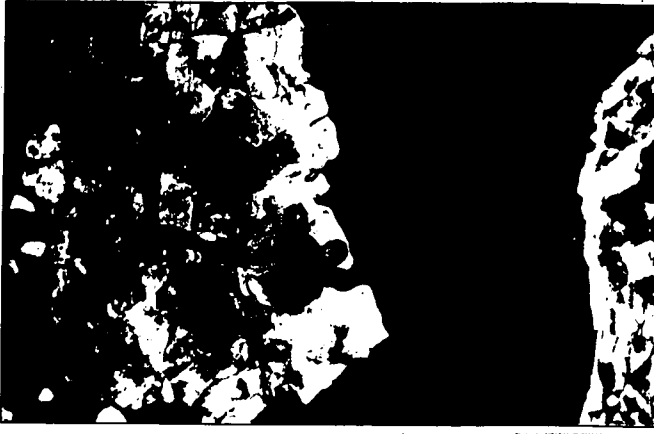
So "Napoleon" is setting up lots of visitors for a fall — just like his grandma, who broke her coxyc when she flipped over the St. Anthony Dunes.

Preston isn't the glamorous place that it pretends to be: on Saturday night, everybody goes to Malad. And later toots? They're not even on the menu at Kelly's Exxon on State Street.

So I'm encouraging my cousins from California to visit Pocatello instead next summer. It doesn't have a beach, and it doesn't have a beach, but you can always get a darn good balcony sandwich.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at scrumpp@magicvalley.com.

Taking the plunge



Above, Bryan Jones, of Kendrick, Idaho is introduced to the sport of bungee jumping Saturday while taking his first jump off the Hansen Bridge east of Twin Falls. Top, Dave Nevins, of Boise, bungee jumps Saturday afternoon off the Hansen bridge east of Twin Falls. Nevins, a diabetic, tries to stress to other diabetics the importance of being active and participating in things that add to an exciting lifestyle.

Man bungee jumps to bring awareness to diabetes

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

HANSEN — Perched on a foot-wide slab of concrete overhanging the Snake River Canyon, Dave Nevins looks remarkably calm.

As a large truck full of sugar beet drives by Saturday morning, the entire Hansen Bridge shakes a little — but not enough to shake the smile off Nevins' face. The slender Boise-resident simply leans forward slightly to keep his balance, to keep himself from falling — at least just yet.

With his face to the road, Nevins can't see the deep purple and brown rocks along the canyon wall. He doesn't notice the water cascading halfway down

More information

No Limits promotes both fitness and fun for diabetics. To find more about the nonprofit organization, contact Dave Nevins at (208) 863-9928.

the south side of the canyon and plummeting into the chilly Snake River. The November breeze does little to ruffle either Nevins' resolve or his blonde, spiky hair. The man has something to prove: if he can do it, you can, too.

Having successfully managed his diabetes for 30 years, Nevins wants to show others with the disease that they can lead a full — if not downright ad-

venturesome — life, too. His nonprofit organization, No Limits, teamed up with Over the Edge Inc., to raise money for diabetics by bungee jumping off the bridge.

"If I go to getting people out there and doing things," Nevins said.

Tever Alters, also of Boise, was one of a dozen who gathered to take the plunge and aid Nevins' cause. Also a diabetic, Alters takes to heart "No Limits' message."

"The goals are to educate and promote a healthy, active lifestyle for everyone with diabetes," he said.

Since Alters became involved with No Limits, he has pursued those goals for himself, taking up swimming and

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CHANCE TO BE HEARD

Buhl council candidates speak their minds during forum

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — About 50 interested citizens made their way to the Buhl High School cafeteria recently to listen to the mayoral and city council candidates discuss various issues.

Get out and vote!

To cast your vote in Buhl trek to the Buhl City Fire Department by Tuesday at 203 North Broadway. The polls will be open from noon to 8 p.m.

The public forum was sponsored by the Buhl Chamber of Commerce and Buhl Economic Council and was facilitated by former Twin Falls County Commissioner Judy Felton and Idaho Power's Dan Olmstead.

The debates gave those interested an opportunity to meet the three candidates running for mayor: Mimi Ford (as a write-in), Stacie Kees and Charles Sheridan. Mayor Barbara Gletzen decided not to seek reelection.

Also introduced were the three candidates running for two available council positions: incumbent Reggie Finney, Steve Highberger and Dick VanZante. Highberger was unable to attend the forum due to a previous engagement. Citizens in attendance were



Mimi Ford Charles Sheridan Stacie Kees Dick VanZante Reggie Finney Steve Highberger

given the opportunity to ask the candidates questions. However, some ground rules were laid down. "Please remember to keep your questions pertinent to Buhl," Olmstead said.

Buhl twenty-something resident Payson Reese wanted to know what kind of activities the candidates could provide for younger adults. The twenty-something said, "The skate park is great but there's just not a lot of things out there to do."

Responses all included that the council needs more public input in knowing what citizens want.

However, those running pointed out activities that are available.

Although Ford stated that there needs to be more activities available to keep youth in Buhl, she noted that, "We do have a lot. There is the community education program and the art programs through the 8th Street Center."

Kees stated, "I think that it is a matter of seeking it out."

Some community members

were concerned about cleaning up Buhl.

One concerned citizen wanted to know if there was any way the council could be more effective in making people clean up their property because (with the trash and mess) made him ashamed to bring friends and family to Buhl.

All three mayoral candidates touched on the difficulty of private property issues and owners and explained that the city ordinances are in effect — but not always easy to enforce.

Sheridan said, "We need to encourage pride of ownership."

Ford and Kees both thought that the council would need to take into consideration why the property was not being kept up — if it was due to the occupant being sick or elderly — or if they just didn't have the time.

"Even I have had a hard time keeping up," Kees said. "If we work together to get it cleaned up it would be a team effort for the whole city."

Council candidate Finney

said, "We have updated ordinances but it is hard to corner landowners. When a property is cleaned up by the city, taxpayers pay. With volunteers to help, that would be better."

Another area of concern was what the mayoral candidates thought of the responsibility of the local government to attract commerce to Buhl.

Kees responded that the city officials should find and do what they could to attract commerce to the area.

"We need to attract clean commerce to Buhl," Ford said. "We don't need a business that is going to leave a smokstack behind."

Sheridan agreed that business coming in should meet criteria of what was wanted, but added, "We could offer tax incentives and find out what we could provide to attract businesses."

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_206@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

Jerome officer involved in shooting

JEROME — A city police officer was involved in a shooting near a Jerome hospital Saturday evening.

Few details were available at press time on the shooting, which occurred at 8:30 p.m. near St. Boniface's Family Medical Center, according to a press statement provided by Travis Rothweiler, city administrator for Jerome.

The investigation was turned over to the Idaho State Police, but the city of Jerome will cooperate in the investigation.

Further information will be released by the city as it becomes available.

Albion City Council meeting stalled by attendance

By Mary Lynne Bristol
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — Once again, the Albion City Council could not conduct business during its regular monthly meeting because of the lack of a quorum.

Only two councilmen, Rick Mahoney and Nate Warren, were present. Councilman Don Bowden was too ill to even participate by phone, so the appointment of a person to fill the remaining two months of Kelly Forgrisen's term could not be approved. The meeting was tentatively rescheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday in the city office. This will be after the city election, so the council will be able to canvass the ballots.

Because no business could be conducted, items of information only were presented. Bill Hays, a circuit rider with the Idaho Rural Water Association, explained a computer program the association has that will help the city determine its new water rates.

In introducing Hays, Mayor Don Danner said, "The council wants to be sure we are setting the fairest rates possible, but still covering city expenditures."

Hays showed what factors feed into the program to determine reasonable and effective rates.

"No two cities are alike," he said. "There are many variables."

Hays explained that the fixed

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Intermountain Gas to review service in Filer

By John E. Swazy
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Intermountain Gas Company has formally stated an intent to renew its service franchise with the city of Filer.

Rick Moore, the central division manager for Intermountain, brought the request for a 20-year extension before the Filer City Council on Tuesday evening.

"We have some that run anywhere from 10 to 15 years, but they're pretty much standard agreements and don't change from one time to the next," Moore said.

Since the first gas line was installed in 1957, the franchise has come up for Council review three times.

Approving the ordinance extension guarantees that city coffers will receive three percent of the annual gross income generated from company service.

In 2005, that percentage will translate into about \$11,000.

But formal approval will not be given for at least the next 30 days. This will assure that announcements have been published in area newspapers and community residents are given the chance to comment.

Councilman Don Barkley announced that Walters Incorporated has completed a \$44,000 sewer project to replace

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Gerald Heidemann



TWIN FALLS — Gerald Heidemann, 89, of Twin Falls and a longtime resident of Kimberly died early Friday morning, Nov. 4, 2005, at Bridgewater Estates in Twin Falls.

Gerald was born on March 14, 1916, in Tobias, Neb., the son of Fred August and Pauline Burkhardt Heidemann. He grew up and attended schools in California. Twin Falls and Kimberly. On Dec. 3, 1941, he entered into the U.S. Army, Third Division, where he served his country proudly. Gerald participated in these landings, North Africa on Nov. 8, 1942 and Iwo Jima on Feb. 19, 1945. He was awarded a bronze star for each landing. He also received the American Defense Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart. In 1943, he was shelled on the banks of the Volturno River near Naples and was listed as missing in action. Gerald was taken to a field hospital in Tunisia, where he spent months trying to heal. Col. Heidemann was sent to McCaw General Hospital in Walla Walla, Wash. He was honorably discharged in October 1944. Following the war, he briefly worked as a sheepherder in the Wood River Valley before settling in the Kimberly area.

Gerald married Shirley Palmer on Sept. 8, 1949, in Twin Falls. The couple lived in Hansen for three years and then moved to Kimberly,

where they farmed for many years. After Shirley passed away, Gerald moved to Wood: stone calling it home and the residents there his friends.

Gerald was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church for 80 years; serving on the Board of Trustees, Board of Education and the Board of Elders. He was also a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Society of the Third Infantry Division U.S. Army.

Gerald enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and traveling with his wife, Shirley. In his younger days, he loved to cross country ski as well as downhill ski all over the Magic and Wood River Valleys. He constructed a cabin with a family friend in the Wood River Valley, where they spent many week-

ends and vacations. Gerald is survived by his son, David (Linda) Heidemann of Hawaii. He is also survived by his daughter, Martha Hacker of Mountain Home; one brother, Robert Heidemann of Twin Falls; and one sister, Marlene Bolton of Hawaii. He is also survived by his two grandchildren, Erik Heidemann and Kristin Heidemann, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, in 2000; one daughter, Alice Heidemann; two brothers, Aaron Heidemann and Lauren Heidemann; and one sister, Vera Edwards.

Gerald was a quiet loving husband, father and grandfather, a friend to all who knew him. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

A celebration of Gerald's life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Flier Ave. E., Twin Falls, with Pastor Lawrence Vedder officiating. Military honors by area veterans and auxiliary. A private family interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. At the families request, there will be no public visitation.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Gerald's name to the Immanuel Lutheran School Library Fund. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Monica Marie Elcock Mackay



MCCALL — Monica Marie Elcock Mackay passed away early Sunday morning, Oct. 30, 2005, from causes related to an accidental fire at her home in McCall, Idaho.

Monica was born Oct. 17, 1935, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Harry A. Elcock and Esther Christensen Elcock. She was raised in Twin Falls, Idaho, where she graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1953. She then attended the University of Idaho, where she was a Delta Gamma in the pledge class of Omicron. It was there where she met and married Tom Mackay in 1956. Monica was the only child of Harry and Esther Elcock. Harry was a pioneer of Idaho agriculture and the sugar beet industry, and he and his family were greatly respected and had many friends in Idaho and Utah. Monica enjoyed a fun and rewarding childhood in the Twin Falls area. She had many close childhood friends, and many adventures there. She loved the Blue Lakes Country Club and she learned to ski under the tutelage of skiing legend Stein Erickson at Sun Valley.

Throughout her life, she spent a great part of her summers in McCall, developing a deep and enduring affection for the area and her family and friends who gathered frequently each summer. She also enjoyed time in Southern California with her father's family, including attending the opening day of Disneyland, some 50 years ago.

She and Tom had two children, Stephanie and Clinton.

As a young mother and wife, she learned to adapt to frequent moves as Tom pursued his love of the cattle business in the state of Washington. She put her heart and soul into her children's activities, as she dedicated herself to staying at home with her children. She was a Camp Fire leader, mother, a great cook, and active in the small communities where the family settled. After her divorce from Tom, she eventually moved to Boise with her children, and then to Ogden Utah, to care for her parents. Fortunately, she was able to spend the last several years of her life in McCall, which she loved so much.

Monica — tall, quiet, intelligent, sensitive and slender as a reed — was shy and fragile. She did not make friends easily, but kept the ones she did make for a very long time. Her family and friends will miss her, but are somewhat consoled that when she passed

away, she was truly where she wanted to be, surrounded by the lake and mountains that meant so much to her throughout her life.

Monica is survived by her son, Clinton R. Mackay (Debbie) of Portland, Ore.; her daughter, Stephanie K. Mackay; and two grandchildren, Morganne L. McCulley and Gordie C. McCulley, all of Salt Lake City. She was also very fond of her son-in-law, George McCulley of Salt Lake City. She was preceded in death by both her parents and Tom.

A memorial service for close friends and family will be held next summer in McCall, though the date is still to be determined. A special service will be held at McCall Fire and EMS, police and sheriff personnel for their kind words and support. In lieu of flowers, you can make donations to the McCall Fire and EMS Volunteer Fund, P.O. Box 1597, McCall, ID 83338.

Vivian Estella Brittain



TWIN FALLS — Vivian Estella Brittain, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, peacefully passed away to be with her loving husband, Britt, on Friday, Oct. 28, 2005.

Vivian was born May 4, 1918, to Charles and Florence Johnson in Independence, Kan. She moved with her parents, one sister, Marie, and four brothers, Ralph, Rusty, Charles "Dusty" and Kenny, to Buhl, Idaho, in 1928. They lived at the Carlson place, now known as the old Ralph Skinner place. The family moved over the next several years, where Vivian attended Nampa High School and the old room River School, down on the Snake River, and Ell, Buhl School.

Her family moved back to Kansas during the Great Depression then back to Buhl, Idaho, in 1933, where she later met and married Noel "Britt" Brittain on Feb. 17, 1937. They had four children, Phyllis (Doy) Lamb of Mica, Wash., Norma (the late Darrell) Sanders of Huntington Beach, Calif., Noel Jr. "Budd" (Joanne) Brittain of Buhl, Idaho, and Dennis Brittain of Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Vivian worked for many years for her brother, Ralph, who owned the R & R Cafe in

junction with Glenn Young. She enjoyed playing Pinochle, Bingo, and attending Mass at St. Edwards Catholic Church on a daily basis. But very probably the one shining thing about Vivian which will be remembered by all who knew her was that she was the truest friend a person could ever hope to know. She was truly a lady of great class and integrity and always strived to be as fair as possible with everyone she came in contact with. If there was only one person in Heaven, Vivian could be the one.

A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls. Vivian's funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, at St. Edward's Convent Catholic Church, 139 Sixth Ave. E., Twin Falls with Fr. John Koelsch as celebrant. Friends may call from 9 p.m. until the time of the rosary on Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, you may make a comfortable donation to the St. Vincent De Paul Store for many of the poor on Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

11 grizzly bears killed illegally in Montana

KALISPELL (AP) — Federal officials plan to announce a substantial reward for people who provide information leading to the arrest of those responsible for killing grizzly bears after 11 bears were illegally killed in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem this year.

The 2005 tally of 11 illegal kills is the highest in seven years and accounts for nearly half the 24 documented grizzly bear deaths so far this year, said Chris Servehn, grizzly bear recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"We're on the verge of going out with a big reward for illegal kills," Servehn said. "This illegal mortality is something that every soul feels."

Servehn said the reward announcement will come next week. There is no set reward now, but game wardens have offered a reward for information in grizzly death investigations.

Servehn provided an accounting of the 2005 mortality statistics Tuesday to a panel of state and federal officials in charge of grizzly bear recovery in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem — an area that includes Glacier National Park, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and surrounding lands.

Servehn said this year's total of known human-caused bear deaths also includes seven that were destroyed by bear managers because of conflicts with people; four that died due to management handling; one killed in self-defense and one killed by a car.

Ten of the bears were female and eight of those were adults. Servehn said that is very disturbing because the trend of the population is directly correlated to the number of adult females.

The handling deaths have been investigated and it appears that bear management specialists followed all protocols for druging and handling the animals, Servehn said.

The illegal kills raise the greatest concern, he said. "This illegal mortality is going up and we are deeply concerned that they are occurring, because we certainly don't know about them all," he said.

Last year's mortality count was 34 bears, including 16 management removals. The 2004 count for the ecosystem was the highest since bears were listed as a threatened species.

This year's lower count of seven management removals can partly be attributed to the removal of so many problem bears last year, Servehn said.

Servehn is critical of this year's only self-defense incident, which involved hunters who had killed a male deer in the Scappoose Wilderness.

— SERVICE —

Florence Olson Barffus Thompson of Rupert died at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel, 710 S. 2nd St., and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

Charles A. Tony Maline — HEYBURN — Charles A. "Tony" Maline, 61, of Heyburn, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Cecil Day — RUPERT — Cecil Day, 93, of Rupert, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Violet Olive Baker-Hawk — LEWISTON — Violet Olive Baker-Hawk, 88, of Lewiston and formerly of Jerome, died Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, 2005, at the New Life Apostolic Church in Lewiston. Visitation will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005, at Mountain View Funeral Home in Lewiston.

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High-rises will change Denver skyline

DENVER (AP) — Downtown Denver's skyline is set for its biggest metamorphosis in 20 years.

At least a dozen buildings along the fringe of the central business district either are under way or on the drawing boards.

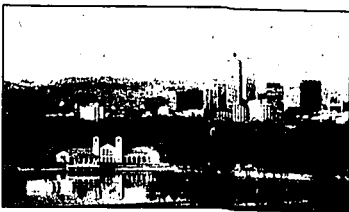
Together, the buildings represent more than \$1.2 billion in new construction. And no one doubts that others will follow in the coming years.

The buildings will not be as large as some skyscrapers built during the oil boom days of the 1960s. But there's little doubt that the new buildings will change the fabric of downtown.

"This will clearly be the first major time the skyline has changed since the '60s," said developer George Thors.

For the most part, the new breed of buildings will be hotels and condominium towers instead of the office projects of the previous boom.

But the new buildings, which range from the first Four Seasons in Denver to smaller buildings by famed architect Daniel Libes-



The boathouse at Ferris Lake in City Park is seen with the downtown Denver skyline and the Rocky Mountains in the background on April 14, 2005.

kind and Daniel Adjaye, will change the view of downtown from every direction.

The buildings are coming at a time when there's a worldwide trend to spend more money on architecture, especially for residential properties, as developers are finding that the well-heeled are willing to pay a premium for

great design. The concept even has led to a new word: starchitecture.

The latest buzzword is used to describe works of celebrity architects such as Libeskind and London-based Adjaye. A recent Time magazine article on starchitecture used a drawing of Libeskind's Museum of Drawing

in Denver as its main illustration. This marks the first residential development in the U.S. for Libeskind, who created the master plan for the World Trade site in New York City.

"I think the key here is that I hope that the buildings that are constructed are of such significance that they draw national and international attention," said Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper.

"I hope 100 years from now, people will cherish these buildings like we cherish buildings constructed a century ago."

Why is the skyline important? Mark Hinshaw, director of urban design for LMN Architects in Seattle, has an answer.

"Skylines are powerful symbols of culture and community," Hinshaw said. "They're a literal bar chart. You can see it from a distance, and you know it is something that is dynamic and growing."

Prince Charles, Camilla tour comes to California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, took their royal tour of the United States to northern California on Saturday, examining local produce at a market and lunching with locals at an organic farm near San Francisco.

The prince and Duchess of Cornwall will spend more than three days in the region, as the trip shifts from the power centers of New York and Washington to more rural areas, and issues close to the prince's heart — organic agriculture and sustainable food production.

Following a stop at the farmer's market in the Marin County town of Point Reyes, the couple will visit Bolinas, a small coastal community about 30 miles north of San Francisco, where they planned to lunch at Star Route Farms run by organic pioneer Warren Webster.

They also planned to visit a Berkeley school organic garden sponsored by chef Alice Waters.

The prince is a firm supporter of environmental causes and runs an organic farm on his high-grove estate in England. He also has a multi-million-dollar line of organic foods, Duchy Organic, whose profits go to charity.

"We're excited because it

takes our message into the world," said Helge Hottelberg, executive director of the farming association Marin Organic. "It's not just royalty or a celebrity coming. It's somebody who stands for what we are doing."

In a recent interview, the prince urged support for small-scale farmers, saying he feared agribusiness would end up "completely industrializing the landscape."

Charles and Camilla flew to San Francisco late Friday after a brief stop in New Orleans, where they saw a neighborhood obliterated by Hurricane Katrina.

Standing atop a patched 20-foot levee in the impoverished Lower Ninth Ward, they shook their heads in disbelief at the destruction: splintered homes, chunks of concrete, overturned cars. The couple also met residents and rescue workers.

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BYU investigates leak of Provo mayor's grades

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Brigham Young University is trying to determine how copies of grades earned by Mayor Lewis Billings 30 years ago were leaked to news organizations, contradicting campaign accounts about his education.

Other copies of the mayor's transcripts were left outside City Hall entrances on Oct. 19 for anyone to inspect.

Billings' challenger in Tuesday's election, Dave Bailey, denied any involvement and encouraged any witnesses to come forward.

As part of the investigation, Brigham Young's Honor Code Office has interviewed student employees, including at least one volunteer for the Bailey campaign, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Bailey acknowledged a BYU student on his campaign was questioned but said the person was innocent.

"They should be investigating," Bailey told the Deseret Morning News. "Anybody who has a lead, if they've overheard something or someone close to the campaign, they ought to tell BYU."

BYU spokeswoman Curt Jenkins would confirm only that an inquiry was under way into the leak of the mayor's transcripts.

The mayor's reports indicate he was a lackluster freshman during a 1974 fall semester before withdrawing from BYU, and that he wasn't studying business, contradicting a campaign biography.

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Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
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Tuesday: Blueberry pancakes
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs
Thursday: No School
Friday: No School
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Chicken drumsticks
Thursday: No School
Friday: No School

BUHL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Hot oatmeal
Friday: No School
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Chicken drumsticks
Thursday: No School
Friday: No School

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal. Burley High School offers a hamburger bar, salad bar or a main dish each day. Breakfast is served starting at 7:50 a.m.
Monday: Waffle
Tuesday: Breakfast pastry on a bun
Thursday: Breakfast pocket
Friday: Scrambled eggs
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Ham and cheese or turkey and cheese
Tuesday: Beef stew
Wednesday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or burrito
Thursday: Turkey noodles
Friday: Taco or corn dog

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Pancake on a stick
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Biscuits
Friday: Scrambled eggs
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served daily.
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Burritos
Wednesday: Chicken burgers
Thursday: Beef nuggets
Friday: Barbecue burger

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Lunch Menu
Monday: Peanut butter and jelly
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Hot dogs
Thursday: Macaroni and cheese
Friday: Barbecue rib on a bun

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Beef bites
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Sausage patty
Friday: No school

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Egg muffin
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cereal
Lunch Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Finger steaks
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Ham and potato soup
Friday: Sweet and sour chicken

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day.
Monday: Chicken strips
Tuesday: Baked chicken
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Hamburger gravy
Friday: Cheese pizza

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Pizza square
Tuesday: Nachos
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Baked ham
Friday: No school

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Pizza square
Tuesday: Nachos
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Ham wrap
Friday: No School

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday: Sub sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken soup
Wednesday: Fish sticks
Thursday: Taquitos
Friday: Pizza

LIGHTHOUSE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Monday: Potato bar
Tuesday: Meatball sandwich
Wednesday: Tostada
Thursday: Chicken soup
Friday: Sroganoff

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Hamburger deluxe
Tuesday: Pepperoni hot pocket
Wednesday: Baked potato
Thursday: Turkey, broccoli and cheese wrap
Friday: Pizza

MINIDOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Muffin or graham crackers
Tuesday: Yogurt
Wednesday: Waffle sticks
Thursday: Toaster tarts
Friday: Cereal or cheese toast
Lunch menu
Monday: French bread pepperoni pizza
Tuesday: Sloppy Joes
Wednesday: Turkey noodle soup with ham sandwich
Thursday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Crispito

MINIDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Monday: Muffin or yogurt
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy or graham crackers and yogurt
Wednesday: Churros or yogurt
Thursday: Waffle sticks or cheese toast
Friday: Breakfast burrito or yogurt

Lunch menu
Monday: Crispito
Tuesday: French bread pepperoni pizza
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Hard shell taco or taco salad
Friday: Turkey gravy with whipped potatoes

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Free breakfast served daily.
Fruit and salad bar served daily at lunch.
Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak
Wednesday: Pizza sticks
Thursday: Baked ham
Friday: Turkey sandwich

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Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap
Tuesday: Chicken strips
Wednesday: Mini taco, burrito and beef taquito basket
Thursday: Chicken sandwich
Friday: Pizza

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Baked potato bar
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Beef stroganoff
Friday: No school

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Italian lasagna
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich
Wednesday: Crispy taco
Thursday: Baked ham
Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served daily.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
Monday: Popcorn chicken
Tuesday: Turkey pot pie
Wednesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger
Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Friday: Pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served daily.
Monday: Lasagna
Tuesday: Cheeseburger
Wednesday: Turkey grave with mashed potatoes
Thursday: Chicken chunks
Friday: Baked cheese sandwich

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Ravoli
Tuesday: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Burrito
Thursday: Chicken noodle soup and sandwich
Friday: Pork chops

CASSIA SCHOOLS

Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
Wednesday: Oatmeal

Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Yogurt
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Taco
Thursday: School choice
Friday: Spaghetti

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Hot dogs
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Tuna or peanut butter and jelly sandwich
Thursday: Potatoes with turkey gravy
Friday: Tacos

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Submarine sandwich
Wednesday: Egg roll
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Cook's choice

GOODING SCHOOLS

Choice of milk served daily. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.
Monday: Crispy chicken salad
Tuesday: Tacos
Wednesday: Hamburger
Thursday: Chicken burger (no school for elementary)
Friday: No school

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal or oatmeal
Tuesday: Sausage
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Sausage or cheese pizza
Tuesday: Egg rolls
Wednesday: Chicken pot pie
Thursday: French dip sandwich
Friday: Fish nuggets

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Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: French toast
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Cinnamon toast and apples
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken and noodles
Tuesday: French dip sandwich or chicken and rice bake
Wednesday: Chicken burger
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Chili or clam chowder

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served daily.
Monday: Beef nachos
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Barbecue beef on a bun
Thursday: Ham slice
Friday: Chili

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal
Lunch
Monday: Crisp taco
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Hamburger
Friday: Potato bar

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.

Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Chicken patty
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Soft taco
Friday: No school

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Chicken patty
Wednesday: Baked potato
Thursday: Sloppy Joe
Friday: Turkey gravy and mashed potatoes

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Police say man used ladder to climb outside bedroom

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Police arrested a man for allegedly stalking a woman by using a ladder to climb to her bedroom window.
Paul Earl Robinson, 26, of Hurricane, followed the St. George woman home after she took a jog and watched her from a ground-level window. Then he took a ladder off his vehicle to climb outside her bedroom window, police said.
Robinson was arrested Thursday for voyeurism, criminal trespassing, stalking and disorderly conduct. Police said he was charged with stalking the same woman a year ago.

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Lawmakers mull gay marriage amendment

BURLEY (AP) — Idaho Republicans are discussing whether to try for a third time in as many years to add a ban on gay marriage to the state's constitution.

Last year, the state Senate failed to muster the necessary two-thirds majority needed to pass the issue up a public vote, which is required to change the Idaho Constitution.

A moderate Republican, former state Sen. Sheila Sorenson of Boise, who's now running for U.S. Congress, used her position as chairman of the Senate State Affairs Committee to deny the issue a hearing after it had passed the state House.

The Idaho Republican Party's platform includes a ban on gay



Newcomb

marriage, and some legislators believe this, along with property tax reform, could be the dominant issue of the 2006 legislative session.

Idaho already has a law defining marriage as between a man and a woman, but socially conservative legislators in an election year could try to use the debate over inserting it into the constitution as a way of raising their profiles.

Eleven states passed ballot measures for constitutional gay

marriage bans in 2004. And on Friday, a judge upheld Oregon's voter-approved ban on gay marriage, which could give Idaho proponents new momentum.

"This isn't just a conservative issue," said Speaker of the House Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley. "I can tell you everywhere I go and whenever I give a talk, the people of Idaho tell me this is what they want."

If it comes up, such legislation would begin in the House, and Newcomb said he'd want to address it as the first issue — to make sure there aren't any "emotional issues hanging around."

Newcomb wouldn't carry such a bill — but he has been plotting strategy with the Senate

Pro Tom Bob Geddes, R-Soda Springs, and other southern Idaho and the Boise-area Republicans who are interested in the subject. At the center of the talks now: How a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage would be worded.

Some senators who voted against the measure in 2005 pledged to renew their opposition in January, when the 2006 session starts.

"My contention is, that is not the way to use the constitution," said Sen. Chuck Collier, R-Twin Falls. "We have a law on the books. It's not challenged. It's a very contentious issue. It will burn up a lot of legislative time that could be used more constructively."

Idaho high court to hear legislative districts case

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court is due to hear arguments Monday on an attempt to have the state's map of legislative and congressional districts thrown out on claims that it gives some northern Idaho districts more representatives in the state Legislature than is justified by their populations.

Two years ago, counties such as Bonanza and Teton and several former and current legislators, including Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes, R-Soda Springs, and Rep. Bill Sall, R-Kuna, asked the Supreme Court to draw up the current legislative map.

The group, from southern and eastern Idaho, maintains that 10 of 11 northern Idaho election districts have fewer than the 36,570 people the state uses as a benchmark for districting, giving that region so-called "hidden representatives." In addition, they say the existing legislative map violates the Idaho Constitution by failing to divide Kootenai County

into three districts entirely contained within that county.

The Constitution requires that counties not be split "unless it is necessary to meet the standards of equal protection."

It's a battle that pits one of the state's fastest growing counties with its more sparsely populated areas, with legislators in eastern Idaho convinced they are losing on influence.

"On this side of the state, we see the short end of the stick, big time," said Bonanza County Commission Chairman Roger Christensen.

Petitioners want the Supreme Court to reconvene a citizens redistricting commission, originally formed 11 years ago to draw up a new legislative map.

Some are skeptical that the Supreme Court will require new maps to be drawn up. If it did, however, Idaho Secretary of State Ben Ysursa said county election offices could probably reach in time to reduce any confusion in advance of the 2006 election.

"We can adapt," Ysursa said.

Court: Convict didn't have right to see files of accuser

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man accused of sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl did not have the right to subpoena the victim's mental health records, the Utah Supreme Court ruled.

The case caught the attention of national victims' rights organizations, which feared a ruling for convicted sex offender Arthur Anthony Gonzalez would violate victims' privacy. Gonzalez is serving four years to life in prison for attempted rape and forcible sexual abuse. He was engaged to the victim's mother, claimed the girl had a history of psychiatric problems and contends he was wrongly convicted.

His attorney, Ed Montgomery, sent a subpoena to the University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Institute without asking a judge to approve the request or review

the records in private to decide if they could be used at trial.

The District Judge Sheila McCleve threw out the evidence and reprimanded Montgomery for obtaining it without her approval. Montgomery was replaced by another defense attorney.

In its decision on Friday, the Utah Supreme Court upheld that and another lower-court ruling preventing Gonzalez's attorney from questioning the victim about a prior juvenile shoplifting case.

The high court said defendants must give accusers notice when they attempt to subpoena mental health records.

"When a victim's confidential records are reviewed before she even knows they are subpoenaed, she cannot choose to protect them," Justice Ronald E. Nehring wrote.

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Skull returned to Maui for burial

HONOLULU (AP) — A 200-year-old skull of a Native Hawaiian woman that was advertised for sale on eBay was returned to Maui this week.

Jerry Haddon of Huntington Beach, Calif., now in his 50s, said he sneaked onto a beach construction site in 1969 and found an entire skeleton, but took only the skull.

Haddon sold it for \$2,500 to

an undercover agent with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Haddon pleaded guilty to a federal charge of interstate commerce with illegally unearthed archaeological items.

"The hope for the future is that this type of disrespect for indigenous cultures will be curtailed and the ancestors will be able to journey in peace," said John Fryar, a HIA special agent.

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Coroner's inquest begins in fatal shooting

BOISE — A coroner's inquest begins this month into the fatal shooting of a 16-year-old boy by a Boise police officer last year.

The Ada County coroner's inquest is scheduled to start Nov. 14, even though the boy's family and Boise Mayor Dave Blatter want it canceled.

Despite the opposition, coroner Erwin Sonnenberg said he feels he owes it to citizens to hold the inquest on such questions about the shooting as are answered in a public forum.

But Blatter said other investigations by Boise Community Ombudsman Pierce Murphy, the FBI and the Ada County Multi Agency Critical Incident Task Force ensure that the public will get answers even without the inquest.

"I came to believe that a corone

Idaho in brief

ner's inquest into the death of Matthew Jones would be neither necessary or helpful," Blatter said in a statement issued Thursday. "In my conversations with the Jones family, it's clear they reached the same conclusion."

Sonnenberg said the inquest is not set up to question police policies about using force; it is just to determine if there is evidence a crime was committed.

The Jones family has questioned whether Boise police officer Andrew S. Johnson used excessive force when he shot and killed Matthew Jones in front of his North End home Dec. 18. The family's attorney, Rex Blackburn, said the Joneses are less interested in a criminal investigation

than an examination on the Boise police use-of-force policy.

Man will serve time for shooting death of wife

LEWISTON — A 71-year-old Spalding man has been sentenced to serve 180 days in a Boise prison hospital wing for the death of his wife.

Joe G. Eagan pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in the shooting of his wife of 51 years, 74-year-old Louella Eagan. The shooting happened February at the couple's Spalding home.

Eagan has advanced Huntington's disease and will probably die soon, family members said.

He was sentenced Thursday in 2nd District Court in Lewiston. Eagan's daughter and grand-

daughter asking Judge Carl B. Kerrick to forego the prison sentence and let Eagan return to the Sandpoint care facility where he has been living for several months.

"I am a victim, too," said Eagan's granddaughter, 17, lost my grandmother, who I loved very much. ... Please don't kill my grandfather, too."

Eagan had been charged with first-degree murder, but pleaded guilty to the lesser charge through an agreement with prosecutors. The agreement calls for him to spend 180 days in the prison hospital, and then serve probation at extended care facilities in Sandpoint or elsewhere. He will be required to wear an ankle monitor during his probation.

—compiled from wire reports

Businessman's daughters accuse him of molestation

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The director of a northern Idaho business development group is the target of a lawsuit filed in by his adopted daughters, who claim he sexually molested them as children and teenagers. According to documents filed in 1st District Court, Veronica

Nikki Glaze, 41, of Alaska, and Viola Ralston, 40, of Arizona, allege that James Delfenbaugh committed fraud by concealing the abuse from family members. Delfenbaugh is director of the Kootenai County's Panhandle Area Council, an economic development agency for

northern Idaho.

Glaze and Ralston are asking for more than \$10,000 each for emotional suffering, as well as punitive damages of more than \$500,000.

The two women, whom Delfenbaugh and his former wife adopted in the early 1970s, said

he would fondle them, perform oral sex on them and force them to perform oral sex on him. Glaze also told the Coeur d'Alene Press that her father had sexual intercourse with her.

The alleged abuse occurred several times a week, according to court documents.

Albion

Continued from B1. expenditures determine the base rate and variable expenditures the usage rate or cost per so many gallons.

"The program cannot figure tiered usage rates," he said. "That has to be determined by

the council."

He answered questions from the council and the audience. He noted that in Idaho, the average water usage per person is 300 gallons per day as compared with a national average of 125. Other matters discussed or

announced were: issues to be resolved concerning the Mountain Meadow subdivision; a rescheduled date for the final Gem Community presentation of the year a letter of recommendation requested by Galena Engineering that performed the

water study for Albion; a letter for the city auditors to proceed with the audit of the city's books. Also, Marcella Mahoney announced that the annual turning on of the Christmas lights in front of the city office/library will be at 6 p.m. on Dec. 3.

Bungee

Continued from B1. jogging. The exercise has paid off, keeping Alters' blood sugar levels stable and helping him "just feel better."

"It makes a huge difference," Alters said. Alters, who has bungee jumped before, laughed and joked with his fellow jumpers when his turn to take the plunge arrived. Nevins asked Alters whether the Hansen Bridge was high enough for him while Marcus Rojas of Over the Edge Inc., attached straps to Alters' ankles.

"Yeah," Alters said. "Actually, could you give me another couple hundred feet?"

A line of semi-trucks barreled across the two-lane bridge passing within a few arm-length from where Alters sat

waiting to jump. Letting out a little whoop, Alters plunges head-first off the bridge down to where the Snake River weaves its way through Magic Valley. As Alters reaches the end of the cord and swings under the bridge, he allows another "whoop" to follow up the canyon walls.

"That was great," Alters said. "Oh yeah."

First-time bungee jumper Bryan Jones doesn't seem quite as enthusiastic or laid-back as Alters while Rojas readied the Kendrick, Idaho resident for his jump. Admittedly nervous, Jones had one last minute question.

"Has anyone ever soiled themselves when doing this?" he said, with a smile.

The smile evaporated as Rojas began the jump countdown. "One — four — three — two — one," Rojas shouts.

For about a half second, Jones hesitates before doing the recommended swan-dive approach, leaping face-first into the depths below. Jones doesn't remember what crossed his mind in that moment. But, he had plenty to say as the "rope-canyon" pulled Jones out of the canyon.

"That's one of the coolest things I've done in my life," he said. "I want to go again." There's a first time for everything, but Saturday wasn't Nevins' first time bungee jumping. Having bungee-jumped 14 times before, this was Nevins'

first off the Hansen Bridge and his first rifort jumping backwards with the cord just attached to his ankles.

"I've got to keep it challenging," he said. "I live high-lives Rojas and lives up to one more of life's challenges."

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"We legally need to have the votes canvassed by the following Monday," Mayor Jay Fort said. "They won't be official until they've been canvassed by the council."

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Schools look to forests for heating fuel

Biomass project may save \$1M

COUNCIL (AP) — The tiny Council School District used to pour thousands of dollars into outmoded oil and electric heaters. Nearby, the Forest Service burned brush piles on the mountainside to keep the brush from fueling forest fires in dry summers.

Looking for some savings, Council Superintendent Murray Daigleish developed Idaho's first public school biomass heating system — a project that's expected to save Council \$1 million on fuel over the next 15 years.

"We're surrounded by the Payette National Forest," said Daigleish. "We're the Saudi Arabia of wood."

Biomass is plant or animal waste that can be burned as fuel. Modern biomass furnaces burn such matter — wood, manure or crop waste, for example — at very high temperatures, reducing pollution to levels acceptable under federal air quality standards.

"We're at a fraction of what our oil boiler used to stink up the air with," Daigleish said.

In some other heavily forested states — such as Vermont, which heats many public buildings with wood — biomass has long been used for fuel. But it hasn't taken off until recently in the Midwest, where power has been relatively cheap.

"It wasn't part of the culture out here," said David Naccarato of Siemens Building Technology, which installed the Council boiler. "People burned wood in their stoves, but they did not tend on an institutional level to look at wood as a fuel."

Daigleish started looking for oil alternatives in 2002. The high school, built in 1963, used costly radiant electric heat; the boiler at the elementary school next door was 50 years old and headed for extinction. Some months it cost Council \$10,000 — about a third of its buildings and maintenance budget — to provide heat for its 300 students and their teachers.

So he turned to Fuel for Schools, a U.S. Forest Service program that promotes the use of biomass at schools in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, and Utah. The program gave Council a \$386,000 grant toward a new \$2.8 million heating system. The rest of the money came from a \$1.2 million bond approved by the taxpayers, and from projected savings on fuel.

Energy switching to biomass is only feasible if the school is replacing an aging heating system anyway, as Council was.

"About 75 percent of the people up here in the mountains here heat their houses with wood," said Daigleish, whose own home has a wood stove. "And why? Because it's a lot cheaper than heating with electricity or natural gas or oil."

Council is the first Idaho public school to use biomass for heating, though the University of Idaho in Moscow has had a large biomass heating system for 20 years. Kellogg residents voted Tuesday to approve \$8.6 million in levies to pay for a school district biomass heating system.

Fuels for Schools was started in Darby, Mont., by a group looking for ways to use slash, or extra brush and limbs, piled up every year by the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service thins the forest to prevent wildfires and burns the brush on the mountainsides, casting a pall of smoke.

That's the wood now being used in Council. The highway department put the extra wood through a chipper and dumped it in a Council's new storage shed — and in a field behind for free, leaving a mountain of fuel that Daigleish expects to last for two or three winters.

With help from the Biomass Energy Resource Center, or BERC, in Montpelier, Vt., the



Murray Daigleish, superintendent of the Council School District, stands with a pile of biomass chips used to fuel school furnaces in Council. This tiny district used to pour thousands of dollars into outmoded heating systems.

Darby group identified several sites in Montana that would save money by converting to biomass.

Now Montana has five biomass-heated schools, said Dave Atkins in Missoula, Mont., who coordinates the U.S. Forest Service's biomass program for the region. A school in Ely, Nev., is also heated with biomass through the program. Another six Fuels for Schools projects are underway in Montana, and there are other biomass heating systems in neighboring states. Biomass supplies about 9 percent of all industrial energy consumed in Oregon, according to that state's Department of Energy.

About 30 public schools in Vermont are heated by biomass, said Tim Maker, executive director of Biom, Inc., with two or three schools being added each year. Vermont is the leader, but "it's slowly permeating out from Vermont," said Maker, noting that Maine has one school biomass system and New Hampshire has two. His group is now working in New Mexico and South Dakota to help install biomass school systems there.

With biomass, "we can switch our rural communities off fossil fuels and onto local resources," Maker said. "This money can't be kept in the local region, at least in terms of shipping it to energy companies in other parts of the country, or suppliers in other countries."

Biomass makes sense when the system is close to a source of wood. There's no size limit for the systems. All of downtown St. Paul, Minn., is heated and cooled — with a 25-megawatt heat and power wood boiler, said Maker. About 500,000 square feet of office space in Montpelier is heated by a central steam plant that gets half its fuel from a wood boiler.

Wood — at \$35 per ton delivered — becomes economically favorable when conventional fuel prices top \$1.50 per gallon for oil, \$1.05 per gallon for propane, and \$1.50 per million BTU for natural gas, Maker said.

"We are way above these levels right now for oil and propane; the economics of wood system installation is very favorable," he said.

And there's plenty of biomass, said Mike Tenney, the Fuels for Schools coordinator for Idaho. Slash is burned as waste around much of the country.

"All you have to do is drive around north Idaho this time of year and you see the slash piles being burned," Tenney said. "Those slash piles could be put to an excellent economic use, and in an environmentally responsible way."

Atkins said thinning a forest of ponderosa pine and Douglas fir generates about 10 tons of waste per acre every 20 to 30 years — meaning a school the size of Darby's, which burns 770 tons of biomass a year, would need about 2,000 acres of forest to support it.

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SPORTSQUOTE

Historians are calling it irrefutable proof that mankind has officially run out of good ideas.

—Greg Cote of the Miami Herald, on Sylvester Stallone, 59, planning to film Rocky VI

TRIVIA

QUESTION: The Denver Broncos produced an NFL milestone on Oct. 30 by having the first 300-yard passer and two 100-yard rushers in the same game. Name the three players involved in the feat.

...answer below

IN BRIEF

TFHS girls jamboree is soon

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High girls basketball program will host a jamboree Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the high school starting at 6 p.m. The Bruins play Shoshone, followed by Butley versus the Indians at about 6:45 p.m. The event concludes with Butley scrimmaging Twin Falls at 7:30 p.m. Twin Falls opens its season on Friday, hosting Meridian and then Mountain View on Saturday.

Minico basketball hosts fund-raiser

REPORT — The Minico High School Lady Spartans will hold a fundraising dinner on Monday, Nov. 7 in the Minico lunch room. A New York steak dinner will be served from 6-7:30 p.m. The Lady Spartans 2005-06 basketball team will be introduced at 7 p.m. Tickets, which cost \$10, can be purchased from any member of the Lady Spartans basketball team or by calling Alice Schenk at 438-5562. The menu also includes a drink, baked potato, salad, corn rolls and homemade dessert.

Two QBs throw for 10,000, run for 1,000 PHILADELPHIA — Adam Knoblauch of Delaware Valley and Jimmy Terwilliger of East Stroudsburg became the sixth and seventh players in NCAA history Saturday to throw for 10,000 yards and run for 1,000.

Knoblauch broke the passing mark in the first quarter of the Division III Aggies' 58-27 win at Juniata.

He threw for 350 yards and two scores on 19-of-25 passing and ran for another score. Terwilliger reached the mark in the second half of a 57-20 drubbing of Mansfield in which the Division III Warriors scored 50 unanswered points.

He was 14-for-23 for 334 yards and four touchdowns and ran for 12 yards on three carries.

Montana State quarterback Travis Lulay, a senior, joined the 10,000-1,000 club last weekend and now has 10,328 yards passing and 1,335 yards rushing for the Division I-AA Beccats.

Knoblauch and Terwilliger join Tennessee Titans quarterback Steve McNair (Alcorn State), Doug Nussmeier (Idaho), Curt Ales (Grand Valley State) and Adam King (Howard Payne) as the only other players on the list.

Knoblauch, a senior, has 10,223 passing yards and 1,297 rushing yards in his career.

Terwilliger, a junior, has 10,145 passing yards and 1,093 on the ground.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Jake Plummer was the quarterback (309 yards passing); Mike Anderson (126 yards rushing) and Tatum Hill (107 yards rushing) were the running backs.

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO Eagles sweep Salt Lake



After scoring a point in Game 3, Golden Eagles Anell Cubi-Olivera (6) celebrates with teammates Christine Manuel (5) Pahal Mu'ulhwa (2) Cory Farnsworth (4) and Joanna Kaczor Saturday at the CSI Gymnasium.

CSI will host Region 18a tournament next weekend

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Marta Siemiatkowska may never see Lake Coeur d'Alene again. That suits her just fine.

The sophomore captain and the rest of the No. 1 ranked College of Southern Idaho volleyball team clinched home-court advantage for next Friday and Saturday's Region 18a Tournament with a dominating 30-15, 30-24, 30-13 victory over the Salt Lake Community College Bruins Saturday afternoon at the CSI Gymnasium.

"We feel better," Siemiatkowska said. "We feel comfortable here with our people and our fans. Right now we just believe in it. We believe that we are fine. We can win it."

The "C" Siemiatkowska is referring to is not only the Region 18a Tournament, but the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Tournament. Those chances vastly improved with the win, as the Eagles will host North Idaho College that beat them last Saturday on a home floor CSI has gone undefeated on this season.

As for Saturday's match, the 44-2 Eagles finished out their regular-season Scenic West Athletic Conference schedule with a 9-1 mark thanks to their best blocking effort on the year. CSI finished the match with 29 blocks — four of which were stuff blocks for points.

Siemiatkowska led the way with nine blocks — three of them stuffs — while Christine Manuel and Kayse Herman blocked seven and five Bruins spikes, respectively.

"Oh, it was awesome," CSI head coach Ben Stroud said of CSI's blocking. "I think they helped us out a bit too. They kept hitting into it. They didn't adjust and make any cut shots. Our timing was great and we stacked the block a little bit to the right so our middles could get over and close, because we didn't feel like their right sides

or middles could hurt us. We had two people on it all the time, blocked their left sides, and took them out of the match."

Meanwhile, the CSI attackers treated the Salt Lake block with utter disregard, pounding down 39 total kills against the Bruins three-player block. Freshman Anell Cubi-Olivera led the way with 15 kills, also finishing with 11 assists, six aces, and 15 digs. Cubi-Olivera's strong game made up for an off match from freshman JoAnna Kaczor, who finished with 10 kills, but nine attacking errors.

"She got it a little bit going late in the second game, but she wasn't on the top of her game by any stretch of the imagination," Stroud said. "But Anell picked her up. It's kind of like against Dixie, it was pretty much the opposite. It's just nice to have two weapons like that."

The loss comes as a heavy



CSI 76, E. WYOMING 63 Golden Eagles men rally past Lancers

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Whatever Barrett Peery tells his team at halftime is working.

For the third straight night, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team dug itself a first-half hole. For the second time, the Golden Eagles were able to climb back out. Bolstered by the uptempo play of reserve point guard Jermaine Calvin, the Eagles finished the 2005 K&T Steel Tournament with a 76-63 win over the East-

ern Wyoming College Lancers. In 18 minutes of play, Calvin dropped in 8 points and dished out 5 assists, helping the Eagles crawl out of the 12-1 hole they fell into to start the game.

"I really liked our bench tonight," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said. "Jermaine (Calvin), (Henry), and Ronnel (Hansley) continue to make sparks. The bench got us going and back in the game."

The Eagles trimmed the Lancers' lead to 34-32 at the half, and took a 46-45 lead with 13 minutes, 14 seconds left in

the second half on a Reggie Larry layup. Calvin then helped the 21 Eagles take over, finding sophomore Zaryon Ferezi open on the wing for a three-pointer and connecting on two transition layups to help the Eagles take a 65-55 lead with 4:39 left in the game after a 17-4 run.

"Just coming off the bench, I saw everything was kind of slow, so I wanted to pick up the pace," Calvin said. "I want to give so much energy out there that I have to raise my hand to get it."

With a relatively small lineup

of Calvin, Ferezi, Larry, Darrell Jenkins, and Abray Milson in the game, the Eagles were able to pester the O-3 Lancers into a number of forced shots with the shot clock winding down. With standout forward McCade Olsen in foul trouble and hounded by Larry, the other Lancers had trouble finding the basket.

"We knew Olsen was a pretty talented player and pretty quick," Peery said. "We thought he'd get his. He moves out there."

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Broncos rout N.M. State, 56-6

By Dustin Lapsy Times-News correspondent

BOISE — The Boise State Broncos came one first-quarter touchdown shy of their first shutout of the season in their 56-6 shelling of New Mexico State Saturday at Bronco Stadium. The Broncos have now won 30 games in a row at home and 31 in the Western Athletic Conference.

"Our biggest task is to win the WAC and hopefully have a chance to play a bowl game," BSU head coach Dan Hawkins said.

The Broncos (7-2, 5-0 WAC) scored touchdowns on their first three possessions of the first half to go up big and made the 13-yard touchdown pass from Joey Vincent to Derek Dubois senior almost null and void — and all Aggie (0-9, 0-5 WAC) attempts at victory futile. BSU held NMSU to 176 yards of offense, 61 rushing and 115 passing. They held starting tailback Justin Buries to 10 carries



Boise State's Antwan Carter is tripped up by New Mexico State defenders Saturday during the second quarter in Bronco Stadium. Broncos teammate Ryan Clady (79) lost his helmet during the play. On 11 yards and picked off three Vincent passes (two by Ashley Nyong-Dunham). He was 58-for-38 through the air with that one score. The Broncos macked up 303 yards on the ground and 14 carries from eight different

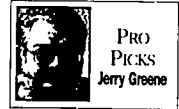
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It's big-game time

ORLANDO, Fla. — "To be or not to be" is not the question. (Shakespeare is past his prime anyway. Name one decent play by him in the last 100 years.)

Here's the question: How important is Monday night's football game between Indianapolis and New England?

Let's ask Tony Daney, As coach of the Indy Colts, he's entitled to an opinion. "It's going to be big hype because of what's happened in the playoff games the last couple of years and the fact that we're undefeated and Monday night and Tedy Bruschi coming back, all of which is good for the game. But what we have to do is focus in on what's really important, which is preparing for the Patriots like we would anyone else and getting ready for the game. But what we have to do is game. But what we have to do is winner-take-all do-or-die game." Thanks, Tony, but now I'll tell



you how important this game really is. "It's a monumental winner-take-all do-or-die game" Glad we settled that. LAST WEEK: More media than the NFL. PICKS: Tampa Bay (2) at Miami (3-4) — straight up (73-43 for season) and dead-even 7-7 against the spread (53-61-2 for season). And that was with the help of a Tarot card reading for each game. Going to try something different. It's called 5-Pickup. Note: We have 10 home dogs in 14 games. That's not good. PICKS: Atlanta (5-2) at Miami (3-4) — Falcons favored by 2.5. Those of us into hip-hop culture know

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SPORTS

Raft River routs Idaho City Shelley Russets roll against Buhl



Raft River's Paden Baker heads downfield Saturday after fielding a punt during first-half action.

By Mark Jones For The Times-News

MALTA—The Raft River Trojans scored early and often en route to a 54-8 crushing of the Idaho City Wildcats in a quarterfinal in the 1A-8-man Division I Football playoffs. Raft River High School Saturday afternoon.

"This was a great game for us in the first round," said Raft River coach Randy Spaeth. "We could afford to make some mistakes and the younger kids found it was just another game."

Raft River put the game away with 20 first quarter points. The first quarter scoring began on a 3-yard run by Reagan Ward.

On Raft River's next possession, Paden Baker ran 23 yards to give the Trojans a 14-0 lead. Ward capped the scoring in the opening quarter with a 23-yard run on a fourth down situation.

"We just ran an option," Ward said of his second touchdown.

In the second quarter, senior Eric Look scored on runs of 41 and 18 yards to break the contest wide open.

"I was really pleased we got Eric going on the option," Spaeth said.

Later in the second quarter, Zach Hatcherback hauled in a 17-yard touchdown pass to extend the Trojans' lead to 40-0.

Raft River's first half scoring was capped on 34-yard run by Cody Powers in the late stages of the half.

Due to the mercy rule in 1A

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football, it appeared Powers' score would be the final score of the game. A game ends at half time if the lead is 45 points or more.

However, Idaho City (5-5) marched back down the field to get its lone score of the game. The drive was capped by a 12-yard pass from Ian Callahan to Josh Pook. The score was set up by a 43-yard pass from Callahan to Luke Schuchardt.

"We had a couple of miscues on their option," Spaeth said.

However, Raft River's desire to win the contest was too much for Idaho City to overcome.

"We just set the tone right at the kick," Ward said. "With these being the playoffs, we needed to come out with more fire."

For the game, Look finished the game with 130 yards rushing on seven carries and two touchdowns. Baker had three carries for 26 yards and one touchdown.

"We had to shut them down on their first couple of drives," Look said. "They were coming off a win over Council. So they had more momentum than we did. And I feel like we did that."

The 1A-7 Trojans took the opening kick of the second half and went 65 yards in four plays for the game-ending score.

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Shelley Russets roll against Buhl

By Mark Liptak Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — Dreams die hard.

For Buhl, the dream of moving on and possibly winning a state title died Saturday night on the turf at Holt Arena.

3A playoffs Shelley defeated Buhl 41-7.

The 3A playoff game really wasn't a game. Buhl never was in this one, trailing 28-0 at halftime.

Russets quarterback Andy Higham torched the Buhl secondary for 167 yards and three touchdowns, including a 40-yard TD strike.

Meanwhile, Buhl quarterback James Osterkamp didn't get the time to run his offense, getting sacked five times including three in a row early in the third quarter.

Suns handle Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Shawn Marion had 20 points and 14 rebounds, and the Phoenix Suns handed the Utah Jazz their first loss of the season with a 97-88 victory Saturday night.

Steve Nash had 14 points and 11 assists and Boris Diaw added 14 points, including two clutch baskets after the Jazz had closed within three points late in the game. Gordon Girardeau scored 17 points for Utah. Andrei Kirilenko had 14 points and 14 rebounds but shot just 4-for-15 shots. Mehmet Okur had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

game, leading Dallas past former teammate Michael Finley and San Antonio.

In their first home game since Finley's departure, the Mavericks held their former leader to two points.

Bucks 105, Heat 100

MILWAUKEE — Terry Stotts' home debut trumped Dwyane Wade's homecoming.

Bobby Simmons and Michael Redd each scored 23 points as Milwaukee secured its third straight comeback win over a playoff team with a 105-100 victory over Miami. Wade missed on three critical free throws in the final 34 seconds.

Nets 100, Bulls 99

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Richard Jefferson connected on a three-point play with 1.5 seconds remaining to lift New Jersey over Chicago.

Jefferson's shot came after Chicago's Ben Gordon missed the second of two free throws with seven seconds left. Jefferson drove the lane at the other end and scored while being knocked down by Tyson Chandler, then sank the free throw.

Mavs 103, Spurs 84

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 34 points and combined with Devin Harris to spark a 16-2 run that broke open a tie

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well without the ball and has a good package going for him."

Olsen led the Lancers with a game-high 21 points, while guards Greg Shadowvine and Ryan Kleck clipped in nine each.

Ferrell led the Eagles with 16 points on four three-pointers and a monster two-handed dunk in the first half, while all tournament team members Jenkins and Larry each clipped in 13.

The Eagles out-rebounded Eastern Wyoming 49-31, and shot 577 from the field in the second half after connecting on only 11-of-32 attempts in the first half.

"We made some steps," Peery said.

"We weren't perfect by any means and there were a lot of flaws, but I'm more excited about next week's practices than any game this week. I can't say because there are so many things we can improve on."

The Eagles next play Thursday, Nov. 17 against Waubesa Community College (Ill.) during Day 1 of the Arctic Circle Classic.

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drive that was capped with a Bryan Hill TD reception. With the Cowboys lead cut to 42-38, the two teams traded touchdowns again. Hill ran one in from 12 yards out for the Cowboys to stretch their lead to 49-38. Then Hill caught a 5-yard TD pass for the Panthers with 1:14 left in the game.

With the Cowboys clinging to a 48-44 lead, a miracle almost happened for the Panthers. Almost. After the Hill touchdown, the Panthers received the ensuing outside kick at the North Gate. But Cook's first pass from the line of scrimmage was picked off (by whose else, of course) Hill.

In the semifinal game next week, North Gem will face Mackay, a team that beat them

Garden Valley runs past Castleford

The Times-News

Football playoffs

GARDEN VALLEY — Castleford players and fans will remember Kyle Shepherd for some time.

The Garden Valley tailback scored three touchdowns in the first quarter Saturday to overcome an 85-yard opening kickoff return by junior Eduardo Hernandez as the Wolverines defeated the injury-depleted Wolves 56-12 in a first round of the Class 1A Division I football playoffs.

Shepherd turned in two straight big defensive plays to stop one Wolves drive — a 15-yard sack on third down and a tackle on fourth and 21 — setting up the go-ahead touchdown drive.

A 44-yard run by Brandon Moore set up Shepherd for a 30-yard scoring run with 5:38 left in the first quarter. Moore broke two tackles to get outside. Shepherd ran in the two-point conversion for a 14-6 lead.

Shepherd reeled off a 70-yard TD run to open the next Wolverines possession to make it 20-6 with 2:18 left in the first quarter. Castleford's offense struggled to string big plays together, usually with sophomore quarterback Zach Kline find

Nathan Prent for a first down catch, but the 8-2 Wolves were unable to convert third and fourth downs. Prent hauled in 14 catches for about 170 yards. Hernandez finished with 200 yards total offense.

Big finish gives Bryant a three-shot lead

ATLANTA (AP) — Bart Bryant blasted out of the sand and into a three-shot Saturday in the first round of the 2005 PGA Tour's money list.

Woods worked out some kinks in his swing overnight and managed to make birdies on the first hole for the first time this week.

"Mine's do happen," he said — and shot 67 to finish four shots behind at 10-under 200.

Gooen is trying to become the first back-to-back winner of this All-Star game for the top 30 players on the money list. Woods needs a victory to become the first PGA Tour player to break \$11 million in one year.

Sorenstam one stroke back in Mizuno Classic

OSU, Japan — Annika Sorenstam remained in position for her record fifth straight victory in the Mizuno Classic, birdieing the final two holes Saturday for a 5-under 67 that left her a stroke behind South Korea's Young Kim.

"She'll be hungry tomorrow and just might pull it off, but I'm hungry too," Sorenstam said. "I'm going to chase her all day long ... play as aggressive as I have to or be conservative."

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onto the state semifinals next week against the Pocatello Indians, a 44-34-23 winner over Madison Friday night.

"I thought it was a great game to go out on," Minico coach Tim Perriotto told the South Idaho Press.

"We had our chances. The pieces just didn't fall into place."

The Spartans appeared to have the game won in regulation as Coachman hit Chad Pebley from 45 yards to give the Spartans a 41-14 lead with 3:36 remaining.

However, the Broncos got a big kickoff return by Drew Batten, and had a Minico late hit added onto the end of the run, putting Blackfoot in business at the Minico 35.

Six plays later, Blackfoot's Brian Eastley found the end zone for the game-tying score.

Still in regulation, the Spartans marched right back down the field and got in position for a potential game-winning field goal. However, the field goal attempt was missed wide right.

In overtime, the Broncos converted on a fourth down situation for the first score. It was a 55-yard pass from Cal Calister to Bryan Kirwan.

On Minico's possession, Broadhead hit Matt Tracy from 6 yards out for the game-tying score.

Both teams exchanged touchdowns in the second overtime, sending it to a third overtime tied at 35-35. In the third sudden death, the Spar-

whatever it takes."

Sorenstam, tied with Laura Davies for the LPGA Tour record for consecutive victories in a tournament with four, had six birdies and three bogeys in her round on the Sete course. Davies won the Standard Register Ping from 1994-97.

Sorenstam, a nine-stroke winner in each of the first two seasons, is 87 under in her last 14 rounds in the event. The Swedish star has eight LPGA Tour victories this year and also won a European tour event in Sweden. She has 64 career LPGA Tour victories.

Kim, who opened with a 63 on Friday for a one-stroke lead over Sorenstam, had eight birdies and three bogeys in her 67 to take a 14-under 130 total in the final round. The 25-year-old South Korean player is winless in three Korean seasons in the United States.

Philipo star Jennifer Rosales (65) was two strokes back, and Australia's Karrie Webb (66) and South Korea's Jeong Jang (67) followed at 11-under 131.

Sophie Gustafson (67) was 10 under along with Japan's Shiko Ohyanagi (69), while France's Karine Icher was another stroke back after a 64, the best round of

tians missed a 20-yard field goal, which would have given them the lead. The miss gave Blackfoot a golden opportunity to end the game there. However, Baldesteros' kick hit the upright, sending the game into the fourth overtime.

In the fourth overtime, Blackfoot took the ball first and Baldesteros knocked in the eventual game-winning field goal from 20 yards out.

On Minico's ensuing possession, Broadhead rolled out to the right, trying to find Tracy. However, a Blackfoot defender stepped in front to end the game.

"This devastating," Perriotto said. "I told them to walk off the field with their heads up. This might be the best team Minico has ever had."

For the game, Broadhead finished 14 for 23 passing for 229 yards with four touchdowns and one interception. Dale Slayles closed out his career at Minico (2-3) with 26 carries for 90 yards and one touchdown.

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Ducks hold on 'Hawks humble Huskers, 40-15



Oregon's James Finley is tackled by California's Harrison Smith after catching a pass in overtime Saturday at Autzen Stadium in Eugene, Ore.

No. 15 Oregon upends No. 23 California in overtime

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Third-string quarterback Brady Leaf threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to James Finley in overtime and No. 15 Oregon beat No. 23 California 27-20 on Saturday.

The Ducks (8-1, 5-1 Pac-10) played their first game without starter Kellen Clemens, who is out for the season with a broken ankle. Dennis Dixon started, but it was Leaf who led them to victory in a game played in constant rain and unpredictable winds.

California (6-3, 3-3) had a chance to win in regulation, but No. 3 Schneider missed a rushed, 53-yard field goal attempt. The Bears have lost three of their last four games.

The Golden Bears' not won in Eugene since 1987.

No. 2 Texas 62, Baylor 0
WACO, Texas — Receiver-tight end Vince Young threw the ball for No. 2 Texas. He can still catch it, too.

Young ran for 102 yards and three touchdowns and had a 42-yard catch from Vince Young for another score in the Longhorns' 16th straight victory, 62-0 at Baylor on Saturday.

No. 5 Miami 27, No. 3 Virginia Tech 7
BLACKSBURG, Va. — Miami swamped into Virginia Tech as underdogs and took a huge bite out of the Hokies' national title hopes.

The fifth-ranked Hurricanes put the clamps on Miami Tech, forcing him into six turnovers, and blew the Hokies right out of the national title picture with a stunning 27-7 victory on Saturday night.

Miami (7-1, 4-1) helped clear the clutter at the top of the BCS and ensure that Virginia Tech won't be this season's Auburn.

No. 4 Alabama 17, Mississippi State 0
STARKVILLE, Miss. — Ken-

eth Darby ran for 122 yards and Alabama returned two turnovers for touchdowns.

Brodie Croyle was 14-of-22 for 116 yards for Alabama (9-0, 6-0 Southeastern Conference), which forced four takeaways and held the Bulldogs to 26 yards rushing in beating Mississippi State coach and former Bama player Sylvester Croom.

No. 6 LSU 24, ASU 0
BATON ROUGE, La. — Ja-Marcus Russell passed for 200 yards and two touchdowns and No. 6 LSU beat Appalachian State 24-0 in a non-conference game Saturday night.

No. 8 Notre Dame 41, Tennessee 21
SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Brady Quinn threw three touchdown passes and Tom Ziskowski had a punt return and interception return for scores to lead Notre Dame.

Quinn was 20-of-33 for 295 yards and three two-touchdown passes in the span of a minute to give the Irish a 14-0 lead.

NC State 20, No. 9 Florida State 15
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Andre Brown ran for 179 yards and a touchdown and North Carolina State intercepted Drew Weatherford three times to upset No. 9 Florida State 20-15 for its third victory in five years over the Seminoles.

Florida State (7-2, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) backed into the league's first championship game scheduled next month in Jacksonville, because Boston College lost at North Carolina.

No. 10 Penn State 35, No. 14 Wisconsin 14
STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Michael Robinson threw two touchdown passes and ran for 125 yards, and linebacker Tamba Hali led a ferocious defense.

ense as Penn State shut down Wisconsin's high-scoring attack.

Penn State held Wisconsin tall back Brian Calhoun to 38 yards on 20 carries — well below his 135-yard average.

No. 12 Ohio St. 40, Illinois 2
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Troy Smith threw three touchdown passes and Antonio Pirman ran for two scores for Ohio State, which routed Illinois 40-2.

Ohio State's fourth win in a row allowed the Buckeyes (7-2, 5-1) to keep pace with first-place Penn State in the Big Ten with two league games left.

No. 13 Florida 49, Vanderbilt 42, 20T
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Backup cornerback Reggie Lewis, beaten all game by Vanderbilt's bigger receivers, intercepted by Cutler's first pass in the second overtime to give No. 13 Florida a 49-42 victory over the pesky Commodores on Saturday night.

Cutler threw for 361 yards and four touchdowns, including two in the final 2:17 of regulation to send the game into overtime. Vanderbilt (4-5, 2-4) needs to beat Kentucky and Tennessee to become bowl eligible for the first time since 1982.

North Carolina 16, No. 19 Boston College 10
CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Connor Barth broke out of a season-long slump with three field goals and Willard Wright ran back the opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown.

Jesse Holley set career highs with eight catches for 125 yards for the Tar Heels (4-4, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who got their second consecutive upset at home. Two weeks ago, they beat No. 23 Virginia 7-0 and their offense was every bit as stingy in this one.

No. 17 Auburn 49, Kentucky 27
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kenny Irwin III, Tylan Davis and The Smith combined for 364 yards rushing and five touchdowns for the Tigers.

Kentucky (2-6, 1-4) has lost 15 straight games to Auburn, dating to 1966.

No. 20 TCU 33, CSU 6
FORT WORTH, Texas — No. 20 TCU wrapped up its first outright conference win in nearly 50 years by beating Colorado State.

TCU (9-1, 6-0), playing its first season in the MVC, last won an outright league title in 1958 when it was in the Southwest Conference. The Horned Frogs shared MVC titles in 1959 and 1984 and a piece of championships in the Western Athletic Conference (1999, 2000) and Conference USA (2002).

No. 25 Colorado 41, Missouri 12
BOULDER, Colo. — Lawrence Vickers scored on four touchdowns runs, and Mason Crosby kicked a 56-yard field goal to help Colorado move closer to another division title.

Vickers scored on runs of 1, 2, 20 and 77 yards for the Buffs (7-2, 5-1 Big 12) and finished with a career-high 85 yards on 18 carries.

Colt Klutznick threw for 253 yards and a touchdown and the Buffs took a two-game lead over Missouri (5-1, 3-3) in the Big 12 North.

Arizona State 27, Washington State 24
PULLMAN, Wash. — Arizona State quarterback Rudy Carpenter threw two touchdowns and the Sun Devils held off a Cougars comeback try 27-24 on Saturday. Carpenter threw for 381 yards.

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas finally beat Nebraska, ending a 36-game losing streak to the Cornhuskers with a 40-15 victory Saturday and thousands of fans rushed the field to celebrate one of the biggest wins in school history.

Mark Simmons caught two touchdown passes and Jon Cornish ran for 72 yards for another score as Kansas ended the NCAA's second longest losing streak against an opponent in an unimprinted series. The record wins in a row by Notre Dame against Navy.

In the 100th consecutive game between Kansas (5-1, 2-4 Big 12) and Nebraska (5-4, 2-4), the Jayhawks ended the streak of futility in front of a Memorial Stadium record crowd of 51,750.

The loss was the third straight for the Jayhawks, and came five days after coach Bill Callahan was reprimanded by the Big 12 for his apparent throat-slashing gesture at an official in a loss last week to Oklahoma.

Midway through the fourth quarter, many of the several thousand Nebraska fans began quietly filing out.

Of their last streaks linking them to the glory days of Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne had been severed in the second year after Callahan.

During its run against Kansas, Nebraska had runs of 54-0 in both 1979 and '80 and 70-0 in 1986.

From 1971-74, the Huskers outscored the Jayhawks by a combined 177-7.

Nebraska got a turnover on the Kansas 16 and scored on Cory Ross' 1-yard touchdown run to close the margin to 17-15 midway through the third period.

Two plays later Kansas struck back, with Cornish taking a delayed handoff and speeding 72 yards up the middle, giving the Jayhawks a 24-15 lead over a team they hadn't beaten since Lyndon Johnson was president.

A few minutes later, after Kyle Tucker's punt put the Huskers in their own 5, Eric Butler sacked Zac Taylor in the end zone and Kansas led 26-15.

Then, Jason Swanson hit Simmons with a 12-yard TD pass for a 33-15 lead for the clincher, sending many of the red-clad Husker fans on their way home.

Kevin Kane intercepted Taylor's pass and returned it 40 yards for the final TD.

Swanson also hit Simmons with a 40-yard touchdown pass on his first possession.

The Jayhawks also scored on Daren Ius' 20-yard return of a blocked punt and Scott Webb's 21-yard field goal.

Clark Green had 100 yards rushing and Cornish had 101 while Simmons caught six passes for 100 yards, a 100-yard reception in a game for the first time in 25 years.

It's been so long since Kansas has beaten Nebraska, that eight presidents had occupied the White House since the Jayhawks last beat the Huskers, 23-13 in 1986.

Bengals win thriller

POCATELLO — Senior Jared Johnson hit the longest game-winning field goal in Idaho State University history, a 54-yarder with one second remaining, to lift Idaho State (5-4) past visiting Portland State Saturday afternoon, 36-34.

Johnson's field goal gave the Bengals a 36-34 lead when it looked like Oregon State would score. State's Eric Azor hit a 42-yard field goal with 23 seconds left to give the Vikings a 34-33 lead.

Hogan, taking over with 20 seconds left from the ISU 25, Matt Hagler hit Josh Barnett for a short four-yard gain.

After an incomplete pass interference with 10 seconds left, putting the ball on the Portland State 40.

Hagler then found Akilah Flagler for his only catch of the game, a 12-yarder to the 37 with seven seconds left, setting up Johnson's heroics.

The game featured six lead changes, including five in the fourth quarter. ISU trailed entering the fourth quarter 24-21, but Matt Hagler scored from a yard to make it 28-24.

Then, on Portland State's first play from scrimmage, quarterback Sawyer Smith's pitch to Joe Rubin rolled into the end zone where Rubin picked it up and ran out of the back of the end zone for a safety, giving ISU nine points in 12 seconds.

ISU went 55 yards in 13 plays, helped by a pass interference call on 4th-and-6 with just under 1:30 to play. That set up Azor's kick with 23 seconds left.

Montana 23, N. Arizona 0
FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Dan Carpenter kicked three field goals, including a 50-yarder, and Montana got one touchdown each on defense and special teams to beat Northern Arizona 23-0 on Saturday.

Emmy Wilson scored first for the Wildcats (7-2, 4-1 Big Sky), returning a blocked field goal 67 yards at 1:30 of the second quarter, and Alex Hawthorne made it 12-0-0 when he scored on a 42-yard interception return with 7:29 left in the fourth.

Montana beat the Lumberjacks (2-7, 0-6) for the 17th time in 18 games.

BYU 55, UNLV 14
LAS VEGAS — BYU's Curtis Brantley and Nathan Fabi scored two touchdowns apiece Saturday and the Cougars ran off 34 unanswered points in a 55-14 victory over UNLV.

John Beck added 267 passing yards and three touchdowns in leading the Cougars to their fourth win in five games.

It was the second straight high-scoring effort for BYU, a week after the Cougars topped Air Force 62-41.

UNLV led the game at seven early in the second quarter on a Jarrod Jackson 59-yard touchdown pass to Greg Estadina.

But BYU intercepted Jackson passes on the following two possessions and capitalized on the short field to expand its lead to 27-7 by halftime.

Utah 43, Wyoming 13
SALT LAKE CITY — Utah's Brian Johnson passed for a career-high four touchdowns and ran for another score and kept the Utes in contention for a bowl berth with a 43-13 victory over the Cowboys.

The Utes (5-4, 3-3) gained 563 yards against the top-ranked defense in the Mountain West Conference and extended the Cowboys' losing streak to four straight.

Utah also beat Wyoming (4-5, 2-4) for the sixth straight time despite playing without leading runner Quinton Gander, who had his left knee drained during the week and watched from the sideline.

Louisiana Tech 27, Utah St. 17
LOGAN, Utah — Matt Kubik ran for one touchdown and threw for another as Louisiana Tech beat Utah State 27-17 on Saturday.

Broncos

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rushers. Lee Marks led the ground attack with 112 yards on 18 carries and a touchdown.

"It was one of those things you dream of," said Bell, a senior who has experienced so many bad Saturdays of losing football. "It was a blessing for it to finally happen here."

Freshman Mike Thomas caught five passes for 104 yards in a rushing, five different Broncos scores rushing touchdown in the game. Antwan Carter (14 carries, 60 yards) scored twice, both bounding leaps on the goal line. Ian Johnson (nine carries, 54 yards), Joe Carpenter (seven carries, 44

"It was one of those humble but-kickings that you're going to have to take and get yourself ready to play again next week."

Hundreds of fans, mostly students, stormed the field at the finish.

The Bruins (8-1, 5-1 Pac-10) had come from behind in the fourth quarter to win in three of their previous four games, including erasing a 21-point deficit last week against Stanford. That wasn't going to happen this time, not with the Wildcats up 52-7 after three quarters.

"This team, we think we have a lot of character, we think we have a lot of heart," UCLA quarterback Drew Olson said. "It's going to have to come out, and

we'll see what we're really made of this next week."

UCLA's Maurice Drew gained 41 yards in 12 carries. Olson completed 23-of-38 for 232 yards, including two touchdowns to Mercedes Lewis to tie the school record for scoring passes in a season with 25. The record-tying toss came against the Wildcats' second-string defense with 6:07 remaining.

"It's not an upset," Wildcats safety Darrell Brooks said. "We knew we were going to do this all along. You can ask anyone in this locker room."

Arizona (3-6, 2-4) scored touchdowns on its first four possessions in 31-7 at the half, then scored two touchdowns in a 53-second span early in the second half to go up 45-7.

With all that running, there was bound to be a standout on the Aggie defense.

"They really had two quarterback runs and a personal foul and that's pretty much all (the ISU defense) allowed in the game," Hawkins said.

SPORTS

Eagles suspend Owens for conduct

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Terrell Owens was suspended indefinitely by the Philadelphia Eagles on Saturday, two days after he criticized the organization for not publicly recognizing his 100th career touchdown catch two weeks ago.



The star receiver apologized Friday in a statement and later on his weekly radio show, but the damage already was done. The Eagles issued a statement that said Owens was suspended "for conduct detrimental to the team." The team added that it will have no further comment.

Owens' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, refused to comment. It's unlikely Owens will be paid for sitting out this game, though neither the team nor Rosenhaus would discuss the situation.

Owens is scheduled to make \$3.5 million in base salary this season, so the suspension would cost him more than \$200,000 per game if it's without pay.

The collective bargaining agreement states that a player can be suspended for up to four games without pay for conduct detrimental to the team. However, the Eagles could decide to

pay Owens to stay home the rest of the season.

The Eagles (4-3) will line-up with unproven rookie Reggie Brown instead of Owens at one of the wide receiver spots for an important game at Washington (4-3) on Sunday night.

This is the second time Owens has been suspended during his controversial 10-year career.

In 2000, he was suspended one game by San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci following his infamous touchdown celebrations on the Dallas Cowboys' famed star logo at the center of Texas Stadium.

Owens got in trouble this time after taking shots at the team and quarterback Donovan McNabb in an interview, with ESPN.com on Thursday.

Owens was upset there was no in-stadium acknowledgment of his 100th career TD reception in a victory over San Diego on Oct. 23.

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all about Run-DMC. Why, I'm humming "You Be Illin'" right now. Well, the Vikings have got the rushing combo of RB Warwick Dunn, QB Mike Vick and, when healthy, RB T. Duckett — or as we hip-hopsters call them: Run-D.M.C. As for the Fish, they've got Gus Frotter. Run-D.M.C. by 8.

Carolina (5-2) at Tampa Bay (5-2) — Panthers favored by 1.5. So how did young Bucs? QB Chris Simms feel after leading his team to a 15-10 loss to the pathetic 49ers? "I don't want to say I was rusty, but I know I can play better." Rusty? Chris, you were The Tin Man before Dorothy showed up with an oil change. But nobody has scored 17 on your defense this year, which should be enough help at home. In a Simms-Gets-A-New-Heart Upset Special, Bucs by 5.

Houston (1-6) at Jacksonville (4-3) — Jags favored by 13.5. Hard to trust the Jags. And if they lose this home game to the Texans, the city should evict them. Untrustworthy Jags by just 10.

Cincinnati (6-2) at Baltimore (2-5) — Bengals favored by 3. You want the definition of desperation? OK, desperation is when you are counting the days until you get QB Kyle Boller back. Bengals by 3.

Detroit (3-4) at Minnesota (2-5) — Lions favored by 1.5. Should they play this game? Think about it. Somebody else is bound to get hurt and who good can come from it? Shouldn't everyone go home, board up and not come out until the spring? And by the way, how can you favor the tough lions on the road against anybody? In Brad Johnson, the Vikings still have the best QB involved not on crutches. In a Win-One-For-Daunt-Culpepper Upset Special, Vikes by 3.

Oakland (3-4) at Kansas City (4-3) — Chiefs favored by 4.5. First team to hit 50 wins. Chiefs just by 1 as in 50-49.

San Diego (4-4) at East Rutherford Jets (2-5) — Chargers favored by 6.5. Football players rarely tell us what their problems really are. But LB Jonathan Vilma put it into perspective perfectly for the Jets: "When we watch it on film, we say it's easy to correct, but in the game everyone is like, 'What's going on?'" — I have that feeling every week about these picks. Chargers by 8.

Tennessee (2-6) at Cleveland (2-5) — Browns favored by 3. Hey, you thought Vilma was

honest. Listen to Titans OL Benji Olsen: "I don't know what to do." Thanks, Benji, that explains it. Not, from my view.

Chicago (4-3) at Baton Rouge Saints (2-6) — Da Bears favored by 3. For the first time this season, the Saints are playing consecutive games in the same city. But it never stops. Saints practices in San Antonio's Alamodome have been interrupted by a home-builders convention. One problem is that they built a house in the end zone. "OK, Joe, you go deep, up the porch steps, knock three times, go through the kitchen, out the back door and I'll look for you behind the swing-set." Comfy Bears by 7.

East Rutherford Giants at San Francisco — Giants favored by 10. You know how the 49ers picked their latest QB? Coach Mike Nolan called the team together and said, "Who wants to be quarterback?" Everybody quickly took a step backward — except poor Cody Pickett. You're in our prayers, Cody. Giants by 13.

Seattle (5-2) at Arizona (2-5) — Seawahs favored by 4. Nobody cares about the outcome, so here's our Fantasy Hot Tip of the Week — Seattle RB Shaun Alexander leads the league with 12 TDs and needs 3 on Sunday to become first player to total 15 or more TDs for 5 consecutive seasons. (Some Hot Tip. Like you weren't going to start Alexander against the Cards.) Seawahs by 7.

Pittsburgh (5-2) at Green Bay (1-6) — Steelers favored by 4.5. Apparently the league office has asked the Steelers to make it competitive by not playing QB Ben Roethlisberger. We cannot confirm nor deny that Cheesehead Nation is asking the Packers to not play Brett Favre. Steelers by a marginal 10.

Philadelphia (4-3) at Washington (4-3) — Washington favored by 3 on a Sunday night without Terrell Owens, who was suspended by the Eagles. They should put this one in a steel cage and let Vince McMahon promote it because loser must leave the playoff hunt. Washington by 8.

Indianapolis (7-0) at New England (4-3) — Colts favored by 3 Monday night. How good are the Colts?

I know, you think that somehow, someday, the Patsies will rise up and corral the Colts again. You would be wrong. Colts by 6.

Resting in declining order: Denver (6-2), Dallas (5-3), St. Louis (4-4), Buffalo (3-5).

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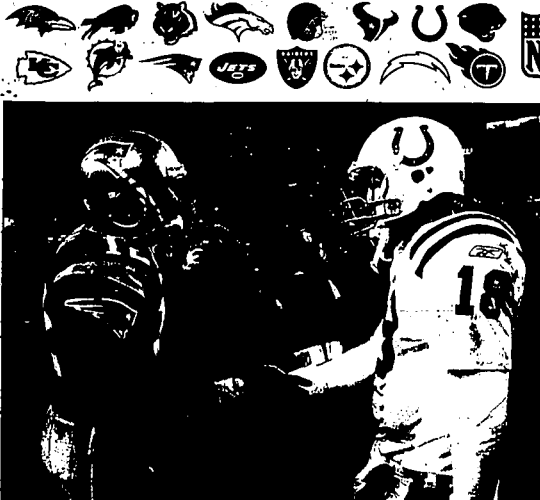
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New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, left, and Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning shake hands after their AFC divisional playoff game at Gillette Stadium, Jan. 16, in Foxborough, Mass. The Patriots won, 20-3. Manning is coming back to New England, the site of so many disappointments, with his best chance yet to knock the Patriots from their perch atop the NFL.

This could be the year for Colts

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — By next week, the Indianapolis Colts will no longer have to wonder if they choke when they play the New England Patriots. They'll have the answer, for sure.

If the Colts beat New England on Monday night, they can continue to argue that their failures against their former AFC East rival have been due more to personnel than psyche. And should the Patriots win, it will be just as obvious that they simply have the Colts' number.

"Obviously, you hear a lot of Patriots this Patriots that. Rightfully so," defensive lineman Dwight Freeney said. "They've beaten us every year since I've been here. So, you have to just handle it and go out there and do what we have to do."

Patriots this: New England has won three of the last four Super Bowls. Patriots that: The last two have come after knocking the Colts out of the playoffs. Patriots one other thing: Indy came into those playoff games thinking it was their chance to finally break through against New England.

"I don't think it's any magical or special things that we do, or else everybody would be doing it," Patriots linebacker Willie McGinest said. "The Colts are a very good team. All of that has been in the past, as far as us winning. That was in the past. This is a new year. They're the best football team in the game right now."

The Patriots (4-3) have undoubtedly been a good team lately, as evidenced by the three silver footballs in their crowded trophy cabinet. And no one knows that better than the Colts (7-0) as they come to Foxborough for what has remained an annual rivalry game even after their move to the AFC South.

The Patriots are 17-4 against their former AFC East rival since 1993, including six consecutive victories and seven

straight in Foxborough. Peyton Manning is 10-2 against New England; Tom Brady is 6-0 against the Colts and Bill Belichick is 7-1 when leading the Patriots against them.

But this year is supposed to be different: Indianapolis is the last unbeaten team in the NFL and 1.5 games better than its closest pursuer. And even though the Patriots have won the last two Super Bowls, this year they've struggled to overcome the kind of injuries they shrugged off in the past.

Safety Rodney Harrison is but for the season, cornerback Randall Gay has missed four games and defensive lineman Richard Seymour has missed three. Running backs Carey Dillon, Kevin Faulk and Patrick Pass are all ailing.

That tells a lot about why New England has already lost more games this season than in the previous two. And why the Colts have their best chance yet to stop answering questions about the hex the Patriots hold over them.

"The only way we can end that is to win some of these games," Dungey said. "The last four years, they have been the

guard in place of Elton Brown, out with a knee injury.

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dominant team in the league and a lot of people are chasing them, including us."

Belichick also denies there is any magic to the streak, noting that New England won last year's opener 27-24 when McGinest sacked Manning for a 13-yard loss, forcing Mike Vanderjagt to try a 48-yard field goal, that he missed with 19 seconds left. Manning threw for 259 yards and two touchdowns in the game.

"Well, look," Belichick said when asked about his team's success against Manning. "It's completed plenty of passes against us. I'm sure he probably had to lie down his arm a couple extra days after the opener last year, he got tired of throwing those 60-yarders. I'm just saying it's not like the guy hasn't completed a pass against us."

McGinest stuffed Edgerrin James at the goal line on a fourth-and-1 to preserve New England's 38-24 regular-season victory in 2003. But even with the games have been close, they've all turned out the same way.

The conventional wisdom is that the Colts need to beat the Patriots so that, if they meet again in the playoffs, they won't have to answer the same old questions. And it would help if they could maintain their lead in the conference so they wouldn't have to play outdoors in the New England cold.

"The Colts aren't buying it. Who knows how this is going to play out," Dungey said. "We have to feel like we'll see them again somewhere down the line... But it's still Week 8, and it's still one game. If we win the game, we certainly don't want to feel like all of a sudden we've arrived or we beat the New England Patriots so our season's over, we can just wait for the playoffs. That will get us in trouble."

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Coaching NFL's youngest team 'unique' challenge

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Coach Jeff Fisher let his team sleep late Thursday.

While the Tennessee Titans are trying to heal some nagging injuries, some players on the NFL's youngest team are just trying to get used to a full 16-game schedule.

So many Titans were dragging Wednesday that Fisher turned the practice into a glorified walk-through, and he pushed Thursday's practice back five hours to give the team a break.

Fisher has been coach of this franchise since 1994, but his abilities are being tested this season like never before. The Titans are trying to rebuild with younger players after slashing \$27 million in salaries in the offseason.

"I don't necessarily see it as a challenge. I see it as an opportunity. It's an opportunity for us to put a team together that's going to be good for a lot of years," Fisher said.

"This one was unique because of the youth, but it's also become a little more of a challenge with the injuries. We'll push through that. We've done that before."

Not with a team this young. This roster features 28 players with two years or less experience, including 12 rookies. Last week, five rookies started in a loss to Oakland.

Fisher has only 12 veterans with at least four years experience or more, such as quarterback Steve McNair and left tackle Brad Hopkins, who remember bouncing from Houston to Memphis to Nashville before contending for Super Bowls.

Hopkins was in his third season with the then-Houston Oilers when Fisher became interim coach, and he thinks the coach's experience is serving him well now.

"He knows what it's like to coach a team that doesn't necessarily have all the Xs and Os

Jeff Fisher

Position: Head coach, Tennessee Titans
Year: 11th full season, all with Oilers/Titans
Age: 47, born Feb. 25, 1958
Coaching record: 100-83
College: South-Becken V. (1981)
Pro career: Seventh-round draft pick by Chicago in 1981, he played in 49 games as a defensive back and return specialist. He earned a Super Bowl ring despite spending the 1985 season on injured reserve with an ankle injury that ended his career.
Coaching career: He started

coaching defensive backs in Philadelphia in 1986 for Buddy Ryan and was his defensive coordinator 1988-1990, for the Los Angeles Rams and defensive backs coach in San Francisco in 1992-93. He went to Houston as defensive coordinator in 1994, where he was promoted to interim head coach for the final six games.

lined up and everything going in the right direction. You have to know which direction to push your team. Eventually, we'll find that wavy," Hopkins said.

It's not been easy during a 2-6 start that is Fisher's worst ever. It's the franchise's worst start since opening 1-9 in 1994 before Fisher was promoted from defensive coordinator after Jack Pardee was fired.

This season, owner Bud Adams knew his team would struggle after releasing nine starters. The lone free agency signing was defensive end Kyle Vanden Bosch, who agreed to the veteran's minimum, but now ranks third in the NFL with 7.5 sacks.

Even with this unheralded bunch, the Titans have had their chances. McNair overthrew a pass in the end zone that could have beaten St. Louis. They blew a fourth-quarter lead against Cincinnati, lost a 10-0 lead at Arizona and trailed by two midway through the fourth quarter before losing to Oakland.

Cleveland quarterback Trent Dilfer, who helped knock the

Titans out of the playoffs in 2000 with Baltimore, said he loves how Fisher is able to get his teams to play with great energy.

No matter how many injuries they have or what adverse circumstances they are going through, they seem to stick together as a team. It seems to be the type of leader that is perfect for this type of project," Dilfer said.

There's still an AFC-high 17 turnovers and untimely penalties to fix. But Fisher has been able to correct mistakes such as a Houston-down defense that has gone from one of the worst to fourth in the NFL, allowing only 10 of the last 49 to be converted into first downs.

Fisher may not be able to pull off a rebound like 2002 when they finished 11-5 after a 1-4 start. But the Titans will be out of salary cap jail after this season and able to spend cash on free agents next year.

For now, he's busy persuading his Titans to work hard to snap a three-game skid.

"We're not going to beat ourselves up over what's happened," he said.

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Seahawks look to add to NFC West dominance with win in desert

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — A three-game winning streak and a 4-0 record at home have the Seattle Seahawks in solid command of the NFC West.

Now after a week off, they escape the damp Northwest rain for the warmth of Arizona, where the game plan on Sunday seems certain to center on handling the ball to Shaun Alexander and letting him do his damage behind one of the NFL's best offensive lines.

"I think those guys have done a great job all year," Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said. "They don't get talked about a great deal, but we have two Pro Bowlers on the left side and three other guys who are really good, too. The fact that we have been able to keep them together is huge because the offensive line is the one group that continuity means a lot."

The Arizona offensive line offers a sad comparison. It has played all year, especially in OLV blocking. It should help that Oliver Ross returns at right tackle after missing four games with a broken right hand. But the center will be Nick Leschey, who never has played at that position in a regular-season game. The usual center, Alex Stepanovich, moves to right

guard in place of Elton Brown, out with a knee injury.

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Same names as always atop men's hoops

NEW YORK (AP) — This season will be no different from most in college basketball. There will be a lot of changes, and nothing much will have changed.

Twenty-two schools will be playing in a different conference. Quite a few star players left early for the NBA. More than 40 schools will have a new coach this season.

But when the Final Four begins in Indianapolis, it's possible that all that city — Duquesne, Arizona in 1997 and Michigan State in 2000 — will be there again.

That's college basketball: Things keep changing, and things stay the same.

Duke has J.J. Redick and Sheldon Williams back to lead a team that will be much deeper than the one that won the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament for the sixth time in seven years and reached the third round of the NCAA tournament.

Four seniors and a six-man freshman class that is among the best recruited to Durham by Mike Krzyzewski in his 25 seasons there will have Duke looking like, well, Duke.

"They've been accustomed to walking the ball up and having a player step in to use that freedom. That'll be a big thing in teaching the older guys how to do that."

Michigan State has four seniors back from a team that reached the Final Four last season, though the three seniors who left provided a lot off the bench.

"I feel better that our key players are very confident, very

stable," Spartans coach Tom Izzo said. "I feel worse that we definitely don't have the depth. We have more depth inside than we had last year, but no experience. And we have no experience or depth inside or outside in comparison to what we lost."

Arizona coach Lute Olson also has most of his roster back from the team that won a wild overtime regional final to top-ranked Illinois.

"We've always played up-tempo," Olson said. "And we've gotten a lot of pressure on turnovers and fast-break opportunities and that type of thing. But I think we have the depth and the quickness to where we can put a lot of pressure on the opposing team to hold up under 40 minutes of that kind of play."

Connecticut, Kentucky, Villanova, Texas and Gonzaga are among the other teams included in most preseason Top Tens.

One of the regular names missing from the favorites is defending national champion North Carolina. The Tar Heels lost the top seven scorers from the team that won it all in St. Louis, three to graduation and four to the NBA draft.

The field of 65 again will be dominated by the power conferences, although which one will be the most prominent will change.

The Big East added Louisville, Marquette, Cincinnati, DePaul and South Florida to get to an awkward 16 schools. Boston College left the Big East for the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Conference USA lost the five schools to the Big East, Saint Louis and Cincinnati to the Atlantic 10 and Texas Christian to the Mountain West. Six schools — Central Florida, Marshall, Rice, Southern Methodist, Tulsa and Texas-El Paso — joined



North Carolina head coach Roy Williams holds the trophy with his team after UNC beat Illinois 75-70 in the NCAA championship game, April 4, in St. Louis. Coach Williams didn't have much time to enjoy his first national championship before it was time to start coaching about defending the title. North Carolina had four players declare early for the NBA draft and lost its top seven scorers — a mass exodus that will throw four freshmen into the fire in 2005-06 and test Williams like few seasons have before.

Conference USA, which could use name tags as part of the uniforms early in the season.

"I don't see any league that will be as up-tempo as this one. In this league, it's rip and run." Coaches are college basketball's constant, and two of the

most recognizable won't be on the sideline this season.

Bob Huggins was forced out at Cincinnati in August by school president Nancy Zimpher. Suddenly, the troubled program is in the hands of 37-year-old Andy Kennedy, who never has been a head coach before and had two months to prepare.

"I've certainly been dealt some adverse circumstances in

the past," Kennedy said. "I don't think anything can prepare anyone for what we're dealing with now, simply because of the way that everything played out."

Matt Painter had all last season to get ready to take over at Purdue as he sat beside Gene Keady during his 25th and final season with the Bollweavers. On-court problems won't be the only ones facing Painter — in

terest in Purdue basketball isn't

where it was in recent years.

"I'm not upset that 4,000 people haven't bought their tickets. I'm excited that 10,000 people have," Painter said. "It's our job to convince the other 4,000 people to get in here."

Three schools that turned to coaches with NBA backgrounds to run their programs: Former Chicago Bulls coach Tim Floyd takes over at Southern California, former Denver Nuggets coach Jeff Bzdelik moved within the state to Air Force, and former NBA player, and Louisville assistant Reggie Theus takes over from the retired Lou Henson at New Mexico State.

One familiar face at a smaller program will be former North Carolina and Notre Dame coach Matt Doherty, who takes over at Florida Atlantic.

Bob Knight starts the season at Texas Tech needing 25 victories to tie Dean Rusk atop the career coaching list with 879. The Red Raiders have averaged 22 wins in Knight's four seasons there, and his current contract runs through the 2008-09 season.

There are a couple of interesting individual statistical chases as well.

Keydren Clark, a 6-foot-9 guard from Saint Peter's, has led the nation in scoring the last two seasons. The only players to lead Division I three years in a row are Oscar Robertson and Pete Maravich.

Paul Millsap, a 6-7 junior at Louisiana Tech, has been the nation's leading rebounder the last two seasons and now has led three straight years.

Redick is the only returning All-American, and the cast of impact newcomers includes his teammate, Josh McRoberts, North Carolina's Tyler Hanus, and Julian Wright of Kansas.

Does parity finally rule in women's basketball?

NEW YORK (AP) — Baylor is the defending champion, Connecticut has no All-Americans, and the team's most heralded player is a freshman who has yet to appear in a game.

This is really women's basketball. Amazingly, it is.

The season begins its 25th season as part of the NCAA with a feeling that the Final Four no longer is the exclusive domain of a few elite teams, and a belief that the path to a championship doesn't have to go through Storrs, Conn., or Knoxville, Tenn.

And it's due in large measure to Baylor and the team the Bears beat in last season's national championship game, Michigan State. Their run to the final night of the season — neither had been in the Final Four previously — showed that with the right combination of players, coaching and chemistry, anything is possible.

"I probably gave every team in the country a chance," coach Dick Ferreri said. "That's what our sport needed. You can't take away from the great teams, but we needed someone new, some new enthusiasm."

There's certainly plenty of the

later as the season gets underway, from Durham and Chapel Hill, N.C., to Baton Rouge, La., from Athens, Ga., to Columbus, Ohio, and certainly in Knoxville, where Candace Parker will make her long-awaited debut with Tennessee.

Fans had looked forward to watching Parker last season after she won a slam-dunk contest against boys, but she had to sit out because of knee problems. If anything, the anticipation is even greater now, especially after the 6-foot-3 forward dunked over a Tennessee men's player in a pickup game.

"She just plays over people," teammate Sharnia Zeller said. Parker still has to prove herself in the college game, something LSU senior Simone Augustus already has done — time after time. Augustus, a first-team All-American and the national player of the year, will join 6-5 sophomore Sylvia Fowles in leading LSU's bid for a fourth straight Final Four trip.

Two other first-team All-American selections are back: Monique Currie, Duke's strong, athletic wing player, and Jessica Dawson, Ohio State's imposing 6-5 center.

Currie passed up a chance to begin a WNBA career to return for one more season, which could very well end at the Final Four in Boston. With Currie, Duke has all five starters back from a 31-5 team that lost to LSU in the NCAA regional finals.

And if that's not enough, point guard Lindsey Harding returns the team after a yearlong suspension and super recruit Abby Waner is on board. A national championship is the only thing that has eluded the Blue Devils and coach Gill Goetsenko. This looks to be their best chance to remedy that.

Some of Duke's fiercest competition will come from its own backyard. Speedy junior Ivory Latta has a strong cast at North Carolina, which beat Duke three times last season en route to the ACC championship. The ACC was the nation's top-ranked league and should be even better now with the addition of Boston College from the Big East.

Ohio State returns 80 percent of its scoring. Georgia should go a long way with 6-3 Tasha Humphrey in the middle, guard Cappie Pondexter's return makes Rutgers a Final Four con-

tender and Texas still has Tiffany Jackson to go with an outstanding recruiting class.

There are so many good teams in our league and across the country," North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "You look at the Top 20 and I think any of those teams could win

the national championship.

There used to be only a few. You knew the national champion would be one of three or four teams. Not any more."

Two experimental rules will be tried in some early season tournaments. The 3-point line will be moved back 9 inches to

20 feet, 6 inches and a 10-second backcourt violation will be enforced.

In another change designed to avoid competition with the men's game, the announcement of the NCAA tournament bracket will move from Sunday to Monday.

Arizona moves ahead without Polk

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — When Arizona's players pulled on their uniforms for their first scrimmage, it began to sink in that they were moving ahead without Shawntina Polk.

It was Polk who danced and sang in the locker room to get the Wildcats ready before game. She was lively, below court, when she smiled and shone through a room and across the basketball floor, died in September after collapsing at the Kiehl Center. She was 22, and this would have been her senior season.

"It's still shocking in a lot of ways that Polk is not with us," coach Tom Bevins said. "I was Wednesday at Pac-10 women's basketball media day, a day after her players scrimmaged without her star."

"I knew prior to the season we were going to have a close team, but this will be the closest team I've ever coached... I don't know anyone in the country has anyone to replace Polk," she said. "We miss her terribly on the court."

Arizona's media guide, a page is dedicated to Polk. Another page says "Remembering Polk," with a black-and-white photo.

Without Polk — a two-time honorable mention All-American selection by The Associated Press and three-time Pac-10 first team choice — Arizona is picked to finish seventh in the conference after a fifth-place showing last season and a first-round win over Oklahoma in the NCAA tournament.

"We will all miss her terribly, because there was a wonderful human being in addition to being a great player," Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen said. "The affection is obvious the way everyone reacted to her loss. We can't believe she's gone. Losing any young person is the worst thing that can happen in life. We will be thinking of her throughout the season."

Stanford was picked to win the conference for the fifth straight year. The Cardinal, with reigning conference player of the year and freshman of the year Candice Wiggins, won 32-3 last season and reached the final eight of the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year. UCLA is picked to finish second, followed by USC, Arizona State, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, California, Washington State and Oregon State. Players and coaches from

throughout the conference and the country have reached out to Arizona.

Bonivici received 400 e-mails after Polk's death and close to the same number of phone calls.

"When she played, you couldn't help but like her," Bonivici said. "Polky was bigger than life. We miss her. But her spirit will live on in so many other ways."

The team held a moment of silence before Tuesday's scrimmage and struggled early against a group of men the Wildcats often practice against.

"Yesterday was really hard," guard Natalie Jones said. "For me, it's still a shock because I was so close to Polky. We're going to have a very special season this year. It's going to be hard without Polky."

The California team dealt with a similar situation in January 2004, when reserve Alisa Lewis died after apparently contracting bacterial meningitis.

Several of the Golden Bears' players have offered moral support to Arizona. And Arizona State's players visited the Wildcats in Tucson last week as a show of friendship and sympathy.

There is no right way or wrong way for grief," Bonivici said. "This is something we'll never get over."

This Veteran's Day
Friday, Nov. 11, 2005

Remember Their Bravery

A special section honoring veterans in The Times-News

They are our family, friends and neighbors; everyday citizens, yet so much more. They are the brave men and women who have put their lives at risk to protect and serve our country in war. Time and again, our country's veterans have been on the front lines in defense of our freedom. We take this opportunity to say thank you to the brave souls who have served in battle for our Armed Forces in a special section to *The Times-News* on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2005.

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Section D

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

ISBDC offers free business training

TWIN FALLS — Free monthly Business Boot Camps are being held by the Idaho Small Business Development Center in Twin Falls and Burley.

The two-hour sessions are designed to help individuals plan their business properly and be aware of regulations and details of their business before they look for financing. Personalized "Survival Kits" are provided to each participant.

Afternoon sessions are free. The next free boot camps in Twin Falls will be from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 14, Nov. 22 and Dec. 12. The next free classes in Burley are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 9 and Dec. 14. An evening class will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 16 in Twin Falls. The fee is \$30 per person for the evening class.

Pre-registration is required for both the free and fee-based boot camps to ensure track and seating. For information or to register, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or at srust@csledu.net.

Quick Books classes start this Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The latest round of Quick Books classes from the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will begin Thursday.

Quick Books Pro 2004 is specifically designed for Quick Books Pro novices who need to be more proficient with the program.

The workshops will teach how to track inventory, set up a company, handle accounts receivable and payable, track and age merchandise, do payroll, reconciling and reporting. Students need to be computer literate and be familiar with accounting principles.

Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 10 and 17 and Dec. 1. The instructors will be certified public accountants Dennis Hill of Douglas Lincoln. Cost is \$75 per student. Early registration is encouraged.

Students must register before the class. Classes are limited to 15 students. For information or to register, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or at srust@csledu.net.

One-evening workshop available at CSI center

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center will hold a one-evening workshop designed to help franchisees who are thinking of opening their own franchise business.

The seminar will provide the key steps in evaluating franchise opportunities, whether to start from scratch, buy into an existing business, and how to evaluate the kind of business that's right for your needs. Participants will be asked to evaluate what kind of personal and financial risk they're willing to take.

Presenter Liz Beck will discuss what it means to own a franchise business and help students develop a commitment based on their personal attributes.

The workshop will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in Room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The fee is \$20 per person, which must be paid in advance of the meeting.

For more information and to sign up, contact Rust at 732-6455 or at srust@csledu.net.

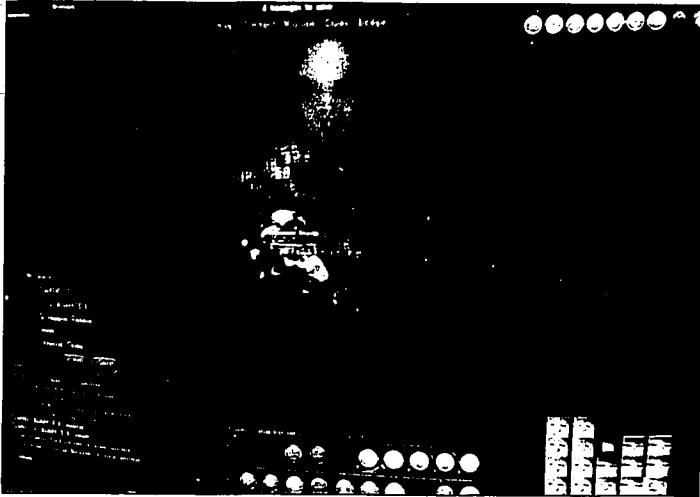
Barley commission plans marketing class

RUPERT — The Idaho Barley Commission will sponsor a grain marketing and risk management workshop from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Nov. 15 at the Barley Extension Office, 85 E. Baseline Road.

The topic will be "Identifying Sources and Tolerance for Risk and Fine-Tuning Your Costs of Production." For more information, call Dale Baker, Minidoka County extension agent, at (208) 436-7184.

— compiled from staff reports

THE RISE OF VIRTUAL JOBS



A Romanian gamer is reflected in a monitor while playing computer games in Cárcel, Romania, at Gamersloot.net in March 2005. The Romanian office is started around the clock in three shifts with gamers, known as "gold farmers," who collect gold and other virtual riches, which are then sold on the Gamersloot Web site to people who don't mind spending real money to enrich their in-game characters.

Telecommuting to a brave new world

By Peter Svensson
Associated Press writer

CHIARTREUSE REGION — Kasi Nafus' clothing store has become surroundings. There's a maple tree in fall colors outside, a large enough that it supports about 100 virtual jobs, according to Philip Hoeselade, chief executive of Linden Research Inc., which created Second Life. Some design virtual buildings, others design schemes of movement that make virtual bodies dance or perform other complex actions. There's even a virtual journalist, though he's employed by Linden Research.

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or sell it and get real dollars via checks or PayPal transfers. Its 60,000 users trade \$2 million a month, making its economy about the same size as that of the South Pacific Island of Tuvalu. That's small, but large enough that it supports about 100 virtual jobs, according to Philip Hoeselade, chief executive of Linden Research Inc., which created Second Life. Some design virtual buildings, others design schemes of movement that make virtual bodies dance or perform other complex actions. There's even a virtual journalist, though he's employed by Linden Research.

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shapes it into three-dimensional forms. She sells her regular inventory (for instance, "Linen Tie Suit, Black"), for about a dollar each, and limited editions for around \$5.

Selling digital clothes is quite different from selling real clothes. For instance, Nafus doesn't actually have to make each item, just design it. Also, the store runs itself; customers just click on images of the clothes, and have copies of them transferred to their accounts.

Even so, some aspects of a virtual business are similar to the real world. Once, the Second Life computer didn't actually transfer goods to the buyers for three days. To Nafus, it was as if the post office had lost all her shipments.

Most virtual jobs are, however, quite different from Nafus'. Second Life is an unusual virtual world in that the residents have great freedom to shape the world and create objects in it, which creates an opening for skilled professionals. The most popular virtual jobs, however, are centered on fighting, and there's limited scope for creativity. There are plenty of jobs there, but some of these moved overseas pretty much as soon as they were created, in what is perhaps the fastest example ever of a new job category being outsourced internationally.

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Housing market will cool, group says

By John Handley
Chicago Tribune

LOS ANGELES — Rising mortgage rates and construction costs will cool the red-hot residential market and home prices could actually fall on the East and West coasts in the next 18 months, real estate experts told the fall meeting of the Urban Land Institute on Thursday.

"Prices on the coasts could see a 5 to 10 percent decline ... in the next year to year and a half," Narim Behravesi, chief global economist at Global Insight in Lexington, Mass., told gathering members of the global research and education institute.

But there is no bubble to burst in the middle of the country, he said.

The experts looked across the whole real estate spectrum.

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National preservation program secures farm's future

SHOSHONE — Land that has been farmed since 1883 will always be a farm thanks to a preservation program.

Barbara Farm, located west of Shoshone, is believed to be the first farm in south-central Idaho to be enrolled in the federal Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program.

The program is designed to protect prime agricultural soils and to preserve farms that are likely to remain in agricultural production, explained Bob Bartholomew, assistant state conservator for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Barbara Farm meets those requirements.

While the farm was not in imminent jeopardy of being developed, development pressure is spilling over Timmerman Hill from the Wood River Valley to Shoshone.

To keep the 1,800-acre farm viable, 297 acres of irrigated farmland plus another 100 acres of riparian habitat along the Little Wood River was put in a voluntary perpetual conservation easement. That protects the



A collaboration between the Wood River Land Trust, landowners and a federal agency is protecting a working farm near Shoshone. The 400-acre contiguous conservation easement includes both prime ag land and riparian habitat. Looking at a map of the easement are: Heather Kimmel, from left, Wood River Land Trust; Janice Stanton, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service; Fred Broady, landowner; and Kate Gleason, Wood River Trust.

farm from future development.

Phosphorus levels catch regulators' attention

BOISE — The Idaho State Department of Agriculture issued a press release Wednesday announcing that soil tests have revealed higher-than-acceptable levels of phosphorus in fields that receive manure.

However, as of Ag Weekly's deadline, no one at the agency was available to discuss where

those fields are located, what levels were found or why levels have caught the attention of regulators.

Ag Department Director Pat Takasugi had said in the press release that the fact we were able to identify and problem and take corrective steps shows we have the appropriate protocols in place to protect the public and the dairy industry from elevated nutrient levels. This is the type of program we want to have in place. We'd rather be in

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Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, Lee Ag media's weekly report on agriculture.

hundredweight range, and they'll likely stay up.

"I think they are poised to go higher," said Dan Hanger of the Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative.

"It's because the demand exceeds supply. We've had reduced acres, and Mother Nature gave us an average yield. Inventories are down."

Across the state, acreage was down about 27,000 acres from last year's 338,000 acres to about 365,000 this year.

Beet growers harvest sweet crop this season

Sugar beet growers should wrap up one of their better harvests early next week, depending on the weather, said

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Callie Carney

BURLEY — Callie Carney of Jensen Jewelers completed a course of study through the Diamond Council of America in Nashville, Tenn., and received a Certified Diamondologist degree.

The 21-lesson course includes the 4 C's of color, clarity, cutting and carat weight. Diamond treatments, synthetic diamonds, and facts about diamond jewelry, presents information on where diamonds come from, how they're mined & how they come to market; and focuses on customer service and professionalism in the retail jewelry business.

Carney is a sales associate at Jensen Jewelers in Burley.

Realtors

TWIN FALLS — Western Real Estate Group welcomed three new agents to the Western family.

Kay and Ernie Kendrick bring more than 50 years of combined sales experience to the team and specialize in residential and commercial real estate. The Kendricks are former owners of Twin Falls residents.

Doris Barker brings 45 years of sales experience to the Western Group. She has had an active real estate license since 1975 and specializes in home construction. She was raised in Jerome.

The Kendricks and Barker can be reached at 733-7653. Western Real Estate Group is a service real estate company with offices in Twin Falls and Jerome.

Insurance agents

TWIN FALLS — Premier Insurance announced two employee awards.

Joel Hochstrasser received the Team First Award for his excellent efforts in providing team work to the four Premier locations. He has been an accountant at Premier Insurance for 25 years.

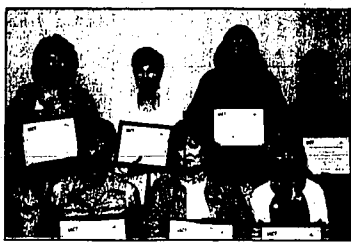
Toni Hughes received the company's annual Dennis D. Conrad Leader Award. She has been with Premier Insurance since 1988 and is the training and development administrator. She was the first recipient of this award in 1994.

College instructors

TWIN FALLS — Jeff Fox and Shelly Brulotte won honorable mention from the National Council of Teachers of English for their editing of a professional journal called "Inland: A Journal for Teachers of English/Language Arts."

The journal was published by the Idaho Council of Teachers of English and was one of 12 submissions to the nationwide contest.

Fox is the chairman of the



Several county treasurers received awards for Certified Financial Professional for completing 100 hours of education. Pictured from left to right in the front row are Vicki Dick, Blaine County; Gayle Erkeson, Cassia County; and Laura Twiss, Minidoka County; and in the back row, Debbie Kaufman, Twin Falls County; Mary Childers, Jerome County; Gayle Bachtell, Camas County; and Fae Christopherson, Gooding County.

County treasurers

POCATELLO — The Idaho Association of County Treasurers held its annual conference in Pocatello. During the conference, awards were given for achieving certain levels of education.

The association signed an agreement with North Idaho College's Customized Committee for consultant-education and training services. The college works with the association to provide professional training and development opportunities during three meetings each year. As a result, county treasurers have increased their skills and knowledge base, which enhances job performance.

During the August meeting, two county treasurers received the Certified Finance Professional for completing 34 hours of education; nine treasurers received the Certified Finance Professional Award for completing 68 hours of education; and 27 received the award for Certified Finance Executive for completing 100 hours of education.

Those receiving awards for 100 hours of education are Vicki Dick, Blaine County; Gayle Erkeson, Cassia County; Laura Twiss, Minidoka County; Debbie Kaufman, Twin Falls County; Mary Childers, Jerome County; Gayle Bachtell, Camas County; and Fae Christopherson, Gooding County.



Wills Toyota was honored with a special 40 Year Award from Toyota Motor Sales USA. The company is one of the oldest Toyota dealers in the United States, taking on the franchise in 1965. The dealership originally opened in 1946, selling Nash automobiles and is now the oldest continually owned car dealership in the Magic Valley. Pictured from left to right are Chris Willis; Ernie Willis; Clyde Dyson, Toyota Portland Region manager; Hank Willis and Greg Willis.

English department at the College of Southern Idaho, and Brulotte is an English instructor at CSI.

Philip Riney

HAILY — Philip L. Riney was appointed commercial loan officer for the new Haily office of D.L. Evans Bank. Riney has more than 20 years of banking experience, including all phases of retail banking and commercial lending. He attended Brescia University and has a graduate degree in banking from the University of Wisconsin. He and his wife have four grown children and live in Bellevue.

The Haily office is the second Wood River Valley location of D.L. Evans Bank. Riney can be reached at the new Haily office of D.L. Evans Bank, 12 E. Bullion St.

Richard Ranger

TWIN FALLS — Professional Truck Driving School announced the graduation of Richard Ranger on Oct. 21. Ranger completed the three-week class and obtained his Class A commercial driver's license. He is working with Werner Enterprises.

John V. Evans Jr. BUHLEY — John V. Evans Jr. is a new board member of the

include character and leadership, sports, fitness and recreation, arts, career and education, and health and life skills development. The club serves more than 1,000 young people across the Magic Valley.

Maria Aquilar

BURLEY — Aspen Grove Home Health & Hospice announced Maria Aquilar is the employee of the month for October.

Aquilar has been with Aspen Grove In-Home Assistance for a

1 1/2 years. She has three sons and two Yorky dogs. She and her fiance, Rodney Fairchild, enjoy snowmobiling, camping and four-wheeling.

Truck drivers

TWIN FALLS — Top Gun Truck Driving Academy announced a recent graduate from its training program. All graduates received Class A commercial driver's licenses and ended a

Ramon Carrasco of Twin Falls and Javier Urra of Jerome graduated Oct. 12. Sergio Alarcon of Arden graduated Oct. 18.

Denis Delalle and Mustafa Duranic, both of Twin Falls, graduated Oct. 28.

Bankers

KETCHUM — U.S. Bank announced two promotions at its Ketchum office.

Ellen Swenson is now the Business Banking Relationship manager for the Wood River Valley. She will help with the credit needs of builders, developers and commercial clients. Swenson previously worked as an assistant relationship manager and real estate loan officer. She received a bachelor's degree in Business from the University of Washington and lives in the Wood River Valley.

Sheri Kunkel is now the Assistant Relationship manager. She will provide underwriting expertise and financial support for business clients in the Wood River Valley and will assist clients with loans and other banking products. Kunkel was previously the sales and service manager for U.S. Bank in Ketchum. Before joining the bank, she and her husband operated a bookkeeping service for professionals. She has an extensive background in business banking products and customer service.

U.S. Bancorp is the sixth largest financial holding company in the United States. It provides a comprehensive line of banking, brokerage, insurance, investment, mortgage, trust and payment services products.

Crystal Greene

BUHL — Crystal Greene was named service manager for Wells Fargo at the Buhley.

A 22-year financial services veteran, Greene most recently worked for Washington Federal Savings. She is a member of the Bull Chamber of Commerce. In her new position, Greene is responsible for business development, managing the store's community activities, training and developing staff, managing store operations, ensuring the delivery of excellent customer service and helping her customers succeed financially, said Janet Key, South Central Idaho Community Banking president for Wells Fargo.

CONTRIBUTIONS



William Bryant, right, region president for US Bank, presents a \$5,000 check to Ken Robinette, left, executive director for the South Central Community Action Partnership. The funds will be used to help SCCAP's housing program for homeless families with children.

The US Bancorp Foundation recently contributed a gift of \$5,000 to South Central Community Action Partnership to help its housing program for homeless families with children. William Bryant of Twin Falls, region president for US Bank, presented the contribution to Ken Robinette, executive director for the SCCAP.

SCCAP is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the effects of hunger, poverty and homelessness in the eight-county area of south-central Idaho. It has a long-term plan to increase affordable housing for homeless and other low-income individuals. SCCAP currently has 11 transitional housing units where the families can stay for up to 24 months in Twin Falls, Jerome, Cassia and Minidoka counties. Rent is

based on income. The transitional housing program allows time to help the previously homeless families stabilize their lives, find permanent housing, keep their children in school and become self-sufficient. The program also provides assistance and referrals to help the families reach their goals.

US Bank Foundation funds will be used to assist these families to become self-sufficient and work toward permanent housing or homeownership. For more information about SCCAP's transitional housing, call Leanne Truppen, community services director, at 733-9351, ext. 3010.

Smith's Food & Drug stores is offering a convenient way for customers to donate tuna, rice, fresh oranges and other meal components — even a turkey — to help their hungry neighbors during the holiday season. Customers may add the items to their grocery order as they check out and Smith's will deliver the gift for them.

The "Gift of Giving" program includes two options for a food donation. First is a gift bag priced at \$7 consisting of four boxes of macaroni and cheese, three cans of tuna, two pounds of rice, two cans of cream of mushroom soup, a jar of

peanut butter, a jar of grape jelly and six oranges. The other option is a turkey for \$10. All items are sold at or near Smith's cost.

While this is the second year of the program in some areas, it is the first year it has been offered in southeastern Idaho, including Smith's stores in Burley and Twin Falls.

The stores will select a local food bank to receive the Gift of Giving products purchased in their stores. Smith's is a division of Kroger Co. For more information, visit www.smithsfoodanddrug.com or www.kroger.com.

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES



The United Way held a ribbon cutting to celebrate its new location at 421 Second Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Pictured left to right are Paige Jensen; Patty Johnson, president of the United Way Board of Directors of South Central Idaho; Jason Brue, executive director of the United Way of South Central Idaho; and Mindy Carie. The United Way can be reached at 733-4922.



Andy Jensen cuts the ribbon to celebrate the opening of Hollyberry Nursery, located near the Snake River at 4243 E. 3800 N. in Hansen. The nursery, owned by Walt Colner, has ornamental grasses, trees and shrubs. Products are grown and acclimated to the environment of the Intermountain West. The nursery can be reached at 423-4781.



Marod Medical Spa and the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the new store at 706 North College Road, Suite C. Marod is a full-service day spa for both men and women with services ranging from mud wraps to medical facials. Complimentary skin care analysis and make-up application are included in any of the services offered. Pictured left to right in the front are Cassi Jaker, Kim Compton, Jessi Ericson, Triah Larson, Dr. Rod Kack, Dr. Marilyn Rigeiti and Jam Slason, and in the back, Danica Van-Vooran and Rachel Loveland. The spa can be reached at 73M-AROD.

Lazy Daisy Bakery opens for business in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The Lazy Daisy Bakery opened Oct. 17 at 122 Second Ave. N. (on the first floor of The Ballroom). Local owners Andrea and Steve Seaman are Will-ton-trained cake decorators. The store offers fresh baked cookies, muffins and turnovers (including a line of sugar-free goodies), dessert catering, gift



baskets for all occasions; and cakes for any occasion including weddings and birthdays. Sugar-free cakes and icing are available. A grand opening will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Free samples will be given away. The Lazy Daisy Bakery can be reached at 733-1173.

Head Start program plans fall reception

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The South Central Head Start program will hold its annual Fall Reception and Award Ceremony from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday in Rooms 276 and 277 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Following are the award recipients: Program-wide service providers — Family Health Services (Patty Brown), Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services and Summer Youth Crews (Keith and Lellani Mietzner), and Deseret Industries (K. Wayne Tonge). Community service providers — Patty Tucker, Ident-A-Kid (Twin Falls center), Frank DeLeon, volunteer (East End center in Hansen), Bush Fire Department (West End center in Buhl), Jerome Middle School, Terry Lloyd and Maggie Stump (North Side center in Jerome), Kellie Kast, Gooding County Leader (Orchard Valley center in Wadwell), Amy Sant, Shoshone School District (Little Wood center in Shoshone), Papoose Club (Haley center), Pamela Harris, Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women

and Children (Cassia center in Burley), Sharon Kimber, Rupert Library director (Minidoka center in Rupert), Doug Glasscock, Lions Club (Power center in American Falls).

National Head Start Association nominations — Ann Phipps Memorial Scholarship (Linda Anderson, West End center), Phyllis J. Jones Memorial Scholarship (Paulina Moteezuma, North Side center), Parent of the Year (Amber Grooms, Twin Falls center), Beating the Odds (Brandie Alvarez, North Side center), Support Staff of the Year, Secretary (Kim Kestler, central office), Teacher of the Year (Alice Westerman, Twin Falls center), Margaret M. Coughlin Memorial Award-Head Start Coordinator of Disability Services (Debra Featherston, Twin Falls and West End centers), NHA Leadership Award (Cindy Scott, Orchard Valley center), Corporate Award (Jerome High School, Positive Youth Development) Students and Patti O'Dell, Golden Eagle Award-College of Southern Idaho (Carolyn Turner, CSI mall-room).

For more information, call Twilla at 736-0741.

Business opportunity conference Wednesday

BOISE — The Governor's Business Opportunity Conference, presented by Idaho Commerce & Labor, will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Boise Center on the Grove. Idaho businesses looking for expanded sales and new customers are invited.

A number of corporations and federal agencies will attend, including the Department of Commerce.

Homeland Security, which will provide information about potential contacts now available for disaster relief efforts on the Gulf Coast.

"Being able to continually grow your customer base is a major ingredient for a successful business," said Roger B. Root, Idaho Commerce & Labor director. "This conference provides a tremendous opportunity to meet one-on-one with purchasing professionals from some of the Northwest's largest companies and government agencies."

The 17th annual event, sponsored by Washington Group International and co-sponsored

by the Idaho National Laboratory and The Idaho Business Network, is expected to attract representatives from more than 50 corporations and government agencies. Some of this year's participating buyers include Boeing, Micron Technology, Albertsons and the Idaho Energy Alliance.

The event includes opportunities to meet buyers and seminars to help businesses gain additional customers. The seminars include introduction to procurement practices, advertising strategies for small businesses, introduction to radio frequency identification and selling to large corporations.

The cost to attend is \$40 per person, which includes a luncheon featuring keynote speaker Stephen C. Hanks, president and chief executive officer of Washington Group International.

For more information about the conference or to register, contact the Idaho Business Network at (208) 334-2470 or idahovorks.com/ibn.

Cattle association holds annual convention, show

SUN VALLEY — The Idaho Cattle Association's Annual Convention and Trade Show will be held Nov. 14 through 16 at the Sun Valley Resort.

This year's theme is "Working Together, Achieving More." The schedule of speakers and events includes opportunities for ICA members to learn about new technologies and new opportunities for increased profitability on their operations.

The convention features general sessions each day with specialized speakers of interest to cattle producers.

Monday's sessions will focus on marketing and profitability and conservation programs. A casino night and benefit auction and a book signing with David Stoecklein signing copies of his newest book, "Cattle," conclude the day's events.

Nov. 15's morning session focuses on public lands, wildlife and environmental issues and a wilderness discussion. Federal and state agency leaders from the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Idaho Depart-

ment of Lands, and Idaho Fish and Game will be available to answer questions from producers. The session includes discussion of cattle health and marketing issues and updates on efforts to privatize the national animal identification database. Representatives of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture will provide updates on brucellosis and other disease efforts in the department. The day's activities conclude with the President's Banquet honoring ICA President Ernie Robinson and the awarding of the Cattlemen of the Year.

Activities on Nov. 16 include the Pfizer Cattlemen's College, followed by the annual membership meeting. The ICA Annual Convention and Trade Show provides ICA members an opportunity to guide the policies and positions of ICA in the coming year. ICA members are urged to participate in this year's meeting. Participants can register online at www.idahocattle.org or call (208) 343-1615 for more information and fees.

Idaho housing association hosts free mold workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Housing and Finance Association will host a free workshop on mold issues from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 14 at the IHFA office, 844 Washington St. N., Suite 300.

Property owners, managers, landlords, homebuyers and sellers, bankers, and Realtors are encouraged to attend. Sunny Jensen, branch supervisor.

Ron Reese, president of REE-Construction and a certified remediation specialist, will discuss mold types, causes and clean up.

Seating is limited; those planning to attend must call 734-8531 or (866) 234-3435 to reserve space.

IHFA administers Section 8

Rental Assistance on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In 2004, IHFA administered about \$5 million in housing assistance payments to participating landlords. As a result, 1,500 low-income households through tenant-based and project-based programs have benefited from this investment.

To be eligible for rental assistance, households must qualify under HUD income limits and pay 30 percent of their adjusted gross monthly income for rent and utilities.

IHFA's four branch offices, located in Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Twin Falls, and Idaho Falls, administer the Section 8 program and regularly conduct landlord workshops.

SBA program aids victims of hurricanes

WASHINGTON — In an effort to provide faster financial assistance to business owners in the areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the U.S. Small Business Administration launched the "Give a Lending Hand" initiative, asking for volunteers from the business lending community to help process business disaster loan applications.

The initiative is designed to get money into the hands of disaster survivors more quickly. In recent weeks, the Small Business Administration has expedited the disaster loan application process for business loans under \$100,000, simplified documentation requirements for business disaster loans, urged lenders to provide deferral relief to borrowers in disaster-stricken areas, and hired additional staff to double the size of the agency.

Under the "Give a Lending Hand" initiative, the SBA is asking the business lending community to solicit its professional employees and identify and recruit those willing to assist in processing business disaster loans. Pursuant to this initiative, private loan officers will temporarily be hired as "special government employees." They will review and recommend the approval or decline of business disaster loans. Those involved in the program will be temporarily detailed to the Fort Worth Processing Center in Texas for a minimum of 60 days.

In addition to lenders currently employed in the industry, Small Business Administration is seeking professionals who have retired. These individuals must have retired within the last 10 years and be interested in becoming temporary government employees for a minimum of 180 days.

Those interested in participating in the program may contact Allan Hoberman, director of Disaster Relief for the SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance, at Allan.Hoberman@sba.gov or (202) 205-6734.

For more information on the SBA's Disaster Assistance efforts, visit www.sba.gov/disaster.

Farmbeat

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an official for Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Boise.

"The harvest has been an ideal harvest," said Agricultural Manager Vic Jaro. "We've had ideal weather for the most part."

The harvest was nearly 96 percent complete by Wednesday. And barring wet or freezing weather, it should finish not too far past the usual goal of Nov. 1. Jaro said yield is projected to average about 28.6 tons per acre. But individual fields varied from mid-20 tons an acre to more than 40 tons per acre, he said.

Further, sugar content is looking good, though an exact number awaits the end of harvest.

"It could be one of our best years, probably one of our top three years," Jaro said.

Fish processing facility contests waste plan
JEROME — A fish facility is

seeking review of a waste-load-allocation plan for the Mid-Snake River.

The plan covers three watersheds the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is required to write pollution-loading plans (total maximum daily loads or TMDLs) for: the Mid-Snake, Upper Snake, Rock and Billingsley creeks.

The plan was approved by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in September.

Pristine Springs, Inc. of Jerome filed a petition with the Idaho Board of Environmental Quality in mid-October to review the plan, arguing the plan will negatively impact its operations at its Warm Springs facility in Jerome County. In the petition, Pristine Springs said DEQ erred in setting a load limit for phosphorus on Warm Springs since the tributary to the Snake River has never been included in the state's list of water-quality-impaired streams.

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Unscramble these six jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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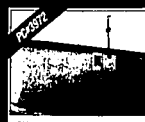
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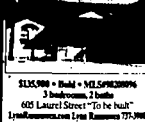
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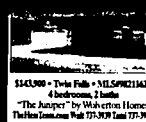
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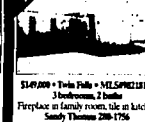
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Very private, secluded setting plus great home
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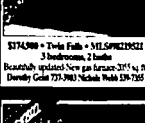
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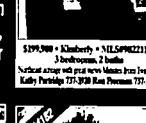
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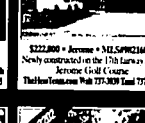
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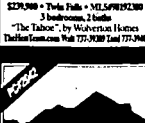
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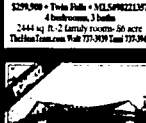
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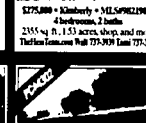
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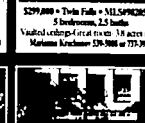
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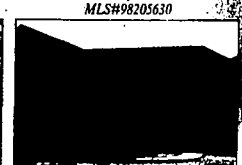
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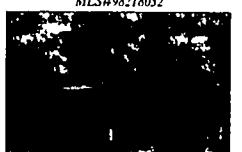
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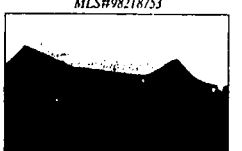
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 I'm looking for that special person to be with me in the outdoors and someone to cuddle up with. Someone who isn't shy, likes to go dancing and movies. Holster #2823736 @ casale

STARTING NEW LIFE
 SF, 23, looking for a friend, a companion, to build a new life. Seeking a man with Seeking SM, 21-36, N/S. Holster #2764788 @ sweet_paw_867

LOOKING FOR LOVE...
 at the wrong place. SF, 24, likes to hang out with friends, the outdoors, watching birds, living life. Would like to settle down and have a family. ISO kind-hearted, understanding man. Holster #2748265 @ candanmon

HOPE 2 FIND YOU
 Lonely affectionate SF, 42, quiet type, ISO friend maybe more someone to help me get to know life again. It's been a very long time since I had a life. Appleton #2748265 @ candanmon

COMPASSIONATE WOMAN
 SF, 49, honest, loves movies, dining out, bowling, hanging out with friends. Looking to meet a man, 44-55, who's caring, honest, for nice moments, possible LTR. Holster #2760685 @ donkella

BORN IN TWIN FALLS
 SWF, 48, looking for someone who knows how to treat a lady. I like camping, walking, fishing, gardening, movies, romance, BBQ's, hot tubbing, country fun. TV cupid, seeking SWM, 37-55. Holster #2777998 @ ScorpionBites7

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
 SWF, 48, 5'11", likes learn more, horse-back riding, camping, hiking, exploring life. W/MTA single cowboy 5'8", with same interests, who knows how to love a woman. Kimberly #2736254

OVER HERE!
 I'm looking for someone who can appreciate a great catch. I'm an independent, strong sweet girl. I love romance, music and hanging with friends. I'd love to hear from you. Holster #2781270 @ larrah-haydenkrom

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS
 Someone who enjoys the things I enjoy: like country western music, blue jeans, horseback riding, spending time with kids and grand kids. I'm laid back, out spoken and independent. Holster #2802581 @ 739893

INTERESTING & INTERESTED
 SWF, 50, well read, adore gardening, like day hikes, hot springs, picnics, movies, your mood and conversation. Seeking SM, 47-55, non-smoker. Burley #282256 @ kate543

REAL FUN
 DWF, 29, N/S, new to area, loves road trips, camping, sports activities. Looking to meet a motivated man, 30-45, for friendship, maybe more. Holster #2807034 @ dave

SEEKING MEN
 I'm looking for that special person to be with me in the outdoors and someone to cuddle up with. Someone who isn't shy, likes to go dancing and movies. Holster #2823736 @ casale

TIME FOR US TO MINGLE
 Athletic SWF, 49, 6'0", 35, 5'11", married/divorced, N/S, appreciates nature dogs, simple pleasures of life, seeks SWF, 30-51, who is athletic, tender, compassionate, spontaneous. Kds ok. Halley #287817

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE
 SWM, 54, enjoys outdoors, likes hiking and snowing, doing anything. Seeking SF, 47-57, to share same activities. Holster #281752 @ onehorse

NOT THE SAME OLD...
 SWF, 48, looking for SF, 28, who enjoys walks, outdoor, snowboarding, video games, dancing, eating out, and trying new things! Holster #2817697 @ kullid866

ONE WOMAN MAN
 SWM, 58, 5'6", 150lbs, clean-cut, N/S, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing, Country music, outdoors, camping. Seeking fun SWF, 48-58, slender, for friendship maybe more. #2831827

LET'S HANG OUT
 SWM, 20, looking for SF, 18-24, who enjoys walks, outdoor, snowboarding, video games, dancing, eating out, and trying new things! Holster #2817697 @ kullid866

LOCAL TRUCK DRIVER
 W, 6'2", 185lbs, likes fishing, camping, cooking the mountains, quiet times at home and time with a significant other. Seeking WF, 35-55, for dating, hopefully leading to LTR. Holster #283262 @

A BLAST TO BE AROUND!
 SWM, 36, likes rodeos, sports, loves to make people smile, would like to meet similar. SF, 24-38, who is independent, attractive, and smart. #2751115

LOOKING
 SWM, 53, kind-hearted, laid-back, enjoys driving in the mountains, frugal, sports, fishing, hunting, gardening, slow dancing. I. Seeking SF, 40-55, N/S, to share my interests together. Rogerson #2742028 @ wylee

MALE
 Male, 32, 6'1", 170lbs, fairly attractive, very busy with 2 sons, seeks woman, 18-35, for dating more. Fairfield #2781403

HOW ABOUT ME?
 SWM, 62, hard-working, loves the outdoors, horseback riding, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, cozy nights in. Seeking happy, sincere lady who loves animals and the great outdoors. Ideal #2743399

HOP TO HEAR FROM YOU
 SWF, 40, 6'1", 155lbs, enjoys the outdoors, motorcycling, camping, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, late night walks, relaxing. Seeking level-headed lady, not into games, to share life and all it offers. Hageman #2747549

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
 Single, easygoing, affectionate SWM, 45, likes fishing, hunting, snuggling, laughing. BSO. Seeking nice lady, share friendship, fun, special times, possible LTR. Holster #2810128

SEEKING ATTRACTIVE FEMALE
 SM, 41, father of one, enjoys dancing, movies, good conversation, seeking attractive SF, 35-45, wisest personality who is not afraid to speak her mind. Holster #2832776 @ Gerontimo1

PREY OR PREDATOR?
 Kind-hearted WM, 29, 5'7", 180lbs, brown/brown, likes camping, fishing, outdoor, carping, country music, and friends more. Looking for an honest, outgoing, adventurous female. SWM, 30, like kids but not sure I want them, enjoys sports, outdoors, taking dogs, seeking 20-30, lady, 25-35, to spend time with. Gooding #2836290 @ Digistrapper420x3

WORTH A CALL
 SWM, 29, 5'9", 160lbs, very muscular, attractive, looking for compatible, easygoing, adventurous female confident and independent, who loves life and knows how to live it to the fullest. Gordon #282621

JOIN ME!
 SWM, 23, enjoys most movies, hunting, fishing, carping, country music, seeking SF, 19-24, into the same for friendship and possibly more. Greenwood #2849731

WORTH A CALL
 SWM, 43, likes country music, camping, nature, laughing, playing around, having a good time. Love my job, my country, and my life. Seeking SF, 25-35, Holster #2776506 @ Drake

WORTH A CALL
 SWM, 36, auto technician, 150lbs, dark hair, enjoys racing, rodeo, quiet nights at home, the outdoors, looking for someone to share these with. Gooding #2850534

SEEKING FUN & FRIENDLY
 level-headed, kind, honest, outgoing SWM, 29, 5'9", 280lbs, balding gray hair, enjoys fishing, hunting, camping, good meals and good company. Seeking a loving, easygoing lady with similar interests. Holster #2817150

LOOKING 2 MEET NEW PEOPLE
 I'm looking to meet some new friends. Wanting to have fun, going out and doing things together. Any interest contact me. Holster #2822495 @ helio_777

SEEKS PRETTY CF
 SF, 28, energetic, enjoys hanging, fishing, outdoors, church, animals, cruising in my muscle car. Seeking pretty Christian lady, 20-30, Twin Falls #2806698

A GOOD MAN STILL EXISTS
 SM, 32, hard-working, active, enjoys family time, golf, snowmobiling, snowplowing, simple times. Seeking similar child-friendly woman who knows how to enjoy life. Fairfield #2742028

ACTIVE
 SWM, 67, enjoys rock hunting, 4-wheeling, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, snowmobiling. Seeking SF, 60-67, for possible relationship. Wicker #2735765 @ shaffer

MAKE IT HAPPEN
 SWM, 21, 5'11", average build, Saginaw, MI, seeks WF, 18-30, N/S, just as a friend. Curry #276166

MAYBE IT'S YOU
 Easygoing, good-hearted, affectionate SWF, 47, long blonde hair, friendly, fun, smile, 170lbs, likes fitness, camping, fishing. Seeking kind, open-minded, loving SF with similar interests. Burley #2787893

MR. WONDERFUL
 Easygoing SM, 19, tall, handsome, dark curly hair, enjoys outdoor sports, snowmobiling, simple times. Seeking similar child-friendly woman who knows how to enjoy life. Fairfield #2742028

WORTH A CALL
 SWM, 36, employed, easygoing, enjoys fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, snowmobiling, outdoor female who enjoys the outdoors, fishing, hiking, camping, 4-wheeling, to share and enjoy life. Holster #2771172

TRY THIS ONE
 Health-conscious SM, 25, student, likes hiking, snowmobiling, snowmobiling, horseback riding, action, movies, and drama. Seeking an outgoing, open, communicative, honest female who likes to have a good time. Holster #2732121

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LONESOME!
 I love the outdoors, dining and movies. I would like a companion for local drives and someone to just do things with. Holster #2802188 @ orphaneddrwin

WORTH A CALL
 SWM, 20, outgoing, caring, love boating, fishing, relaxing, camping, love. Seeking SWF, 20-30, who is independent, attractive, and smart. #2751115

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN
 Easygoing DWM, 60, 5'7", 140lbs, self-employed, N/S, likes fishing, traveling, driving out. Seeking active SWF, 40-60, N/S, looks unimportant. Holster #2802725 @ bau_baiba

WORTH YOUR CALL
 Employed SM, 39, 5'8", 165lbs, brown/hazel, Leo, secure, sociable, likes camping, fishing, snowmobiling, snowmobiling, movies, sports, NASCAR. Seeking outgoing, spontaneous SF, 25-46, similar interests. Holster #2771172

JUST A NICE GUY
 SWM, 25, quiet personality, sincere, like the outdoors, camping, snowmobiling. Looking to meet a woman, 18-30, who is independent, attractive, and smart. Burley #2814082 @ Look_its_me

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Parents and pupils - no problem Balancing kids and college can be done - carefully

By Matt Christenson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Debbie Cvencek-DiFiore was homeless. A year ago, she says, her husband emptied the bank account, skipped town and left the mother of four with no significant income and a stack of bills she lost the house. She lost her dignity. But she sure as heck wasn't going to lose her children.

They moved into a shelter. She applied for federal aid. It wasn't enough — a telemarketer's wages, no amount of overtime was going to save her family.

Her best option: Go back to school.

The 41-year-old enrolled at the College of Southern Idaho, where nearly one in three students has children. The college makes accommodations for student parents by offering a child-care center, counseling services and a support group for single parents who juggle kids and classes. And most professors, say student parents, make allowances for family emergencies.

Still, supporting children while maintaining good grades is no easy task. The key, Cvencek-DiFiore says, is perseverance. "You just do what you have to do."

For parents in school, that means sacrificing the college experience for their children's well-being. She helps her kids with homework instead of doing her own. She wakes early and cooks breakfast instead of sleeping late. She chews her son's soccer squad volleyball team. She does laundry for five instead of one. She drives her son on his paper route instead of taking her friends to the bar.

And if her kids have a problem, she has a problem. Daughter Ariana, 15, is a severe asthmatic. Zoe, 5, has a learning disability. They need picking up, dropped off, fed, cleaned and nurtured.

She used to say "I used to use to it," Cvencek-DiFiore says through a twisted smile. "I survive on five hours of sleep, generally. And a lot of coffee."

At just past 5 p.m. Tuesday, Cvencek-DiFiore begins to round up her children to start their homework. Cvencek-DiFiore's daughter Ariana, 15, a student at Twin Falls High School, finishes her report on the computer before joining the rest of the family at the kitchen table.



Debbie Cvencek-DiFiore helps her daughter Zoe DiFiore, 5, with her homework as her other children, from center to left, Nigel Cvencek, Ariana Cvencek and Mya DiFiore, work on their own homework. Cvencek-DiFiore also has homework, as she is a student at the College of Southern Idaho, but says that she can't get to work until the children are in bed.



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With a little help from their friends (and family and day care)

Most student parents don't face homelessness. However, they all have to deal with scraped knees and midterms. The trick, says Center for New Directions counselor Carol Vanhooser, is finding someone to lean on.

Vanhooser leads a support group for single parents that meets for lunch twice a month near the CSI cafeteria. At the last meeting, a guest speaker gave tips for reducing stress.

Parents seek out help elsewhere, too.

Cvencek-DiFiore gets relief from a friend who baby-sits. The sitter provides a sympathetic ear and a shoulder to cry on when times are tough.

The mother of four also counts on her son, Nigel, 12, to look after the little ones when she's making dinner or doing homework.

Turns out, sometimes family is a student parent's salvation.

Vanessa Robbins, a 20-year-old sophomore with an infant daughter, couldn't have made it without help from her folks — even though that support didn't

come until after the baby was born.

"My mom spent my whole pregnancy trying to convince me to give her up for adoption," says Robbins, who got pregnant during her first semester at CSI. "That all stopped the moment she saw her."

Robbins' mom let her and the baby move back home after the child was born. And she has looked after the infant off and on since. When Robbins quit school for a year to work two jobs, Robbins' family was there. Now, the would-be nurse is back at CSI, and her folks are still helping out. In fact, she moved back home in July after struggling on her own again.

"There was no way I could have made it. I had bills racked up beyond belief," the single parent says.

During her time away from home, Robbins' boyfriend and a day care center kept the baby while she worked. A significant other, says Robbins, can be a lifesaver.

Alisa Lee, mother to a 5-year-old son, agrees. "Her husband, Doug, looks after the boy two days a week while Alisa is at CSI, then again when she has class at night."

"Doug is awesome," she says. "He's really supportive and he's a great dad."

The 30-year-old mother's biggest encouragement is finding time for her child, husband, class work — and herself.

Take her Wednesday schedule, for example. She's up at 6 a.m. to get herself ready and by 7 she's coaching her grumpy son out of bed. At 10 minutes to 8, it's off to day care. Class is from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. She studies at a table in the student union until 4:30 p.m. Then she picks up her son and rushes home to prepare dinner. Doug takes over child care duties when she heads back to CSI for class from 6 until 7 p.m. Then she drags herself home, and if she's lucky, her son is still awake and she can spend some time with him. When the boy goes to bed, she might have an hour with Doug before she collapses. But sometimes, it's more homework.

When she doesn't have class at night, Alisa tries to study while her son colors or works on his reading. She's rarely successful.

"It breaks my concentration," she says. And when it's time for him to go to bed at 8 p.m., "I have to tell him to brush his teeth 10 times." By then, she's too tired to study, anyway.

If it weren't for the few hours of homework time in the afternoon, she'd never get anything done.

That's why Alisa loves the CSI Child Care Center, where her son spends three days a week. Normally open only to students, the center is accepting staff's children this year because enrollment is down.

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Can't sleep; tummy is occupied.

No one seems to have any idea of when things are supposed to happen during a pregnancy. At eight weeks, people were asking me if I'd felt the baby move yet. At 13 weeks, I was asked if I knew whether it was a boy or a girl. At first, these questions were cute. "Nope, not yet. I'd say with a smile, 'But I can't wait!'"

But a few weeks ago, a man I just met caught my attention with a new question: "Do you have insomnia yet?"

Back up. What do you mean, just?

I take pride in being a high-quality sleeper. All my life, I've been most comfortable staying up late, sleeping in late and, in general, just staying asleep for a very long time. Most nights I accept nine hours as being an adequate amount of sleep. But if I've had a hard day, or even just forgot to set an alarm, 12 hours will zip right by. I can nap. I can sleep in a car or on a plane.



MAMA TALK
Suzanne DeSelms

The desks at my college were perfect for catching a few extra zzz's. And not once have I ever had the problem of involuntarily waking up earlier than the alarm. But now I have to get up for something like an early doctor's appointment. I just crawl right back into bed when I get home as though nothing has happened. Sometimes my husband doesn't even know I was gone. (He is also a high-quality sleeper.)

Throughout my pregnancy, I've taken Olympic sleeping to a whole new level. I go from one from around midnight, stay up an hour or two, and then sleep until the time to get ready for school the next day. In my first trimester, I was sleeping that much, plus adding a half-hour nap on my dinner break. Carrying a baby is really hard work, you know.

So what does my sleep "man" who inquired about my sleep "habits" to I actually laughed. (Note to self: Never laugh. Less than a week later, I found myself snoring at the college, 10-0-0.)

I put my birthday money toward a new mattress and pillow. Partly because these were much-needed items anyway, but partly because not sleeping is unacceptable. Is it better? Well, sometimes. At least, now when I can't sleep, I'm not uncomfortable in the bed.

I've tried hot, I've tried reading, I've tried baths, I've tried massage. (My husband is a massage therapist, so that last one is incredibly convenient.) They're all nice, and they all help... sort of.

The problem is, all I can do is try things that help me relax and feel sleepy. Which is great, except that the whole reason I'm not sleeping doesn't have anything to do with me at all.

Contrary to what all the pregnancy books say, Thumpy McThumperson does seem to know a night from day. He just prefers to burn it out at night. I joke with my husband that he is trying to make himself a skylight. But really, being kicked in the ribs hurts about as much from the inside as it does from the outside. So amount of herbal tea is going to make me sleep through it.

Unfortunately, this means I've been going less sleep recently. A lot less. Just ask my co-workers. I'm sure they are just as excited as I am for this baby to be born.

At least then I'll be able to sleep peacefully. Wait...

Times-News copy editor Suzanne DeSelms is eagerly awaiting her son's arrival on 11/25/05. She can be reached at 735-1232 or sdeselms@mag.ivalley.com.

Pediatricians warn against infants sleeping with parents.

See page E3

At some U.S. schools, the sweet birthday party's over

By Yan Q. Muil
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Red-headed birthday boy Jake Balcom, nearly 11, walked into the principal's office at Centennial Lane Elementary School in Ellicott City, Md., ready for his big surprise. His name had been announced over the loudspeaker moments earlier. Today was going to be special.

Back in the day — like, before fifth grade — Jake's parents were bringing cupcakes to school in his honor. But this year, for the first time, his Howard County school has forbidden parents from bringing "edible treats" for students' birthdays. That means no more cupcakes, brownies, chocolate chip cookies, cake, ice cream, Rice Krispies treats or pizza.

Instead, Jake got a handshake from Principal Robert Bruce. And a colorful pencil and card.

"We hope that you have a terrific birthday," the card read. Jake just smiled. And went back to class.

Centennial Lane is part of a movement across the country to take the battle against childhood obesity to one of education's most beloved functions: the school party. But some are worried that the fight is going one step too far — and taking some of the fun out of being a kid.



For their birthdays, Austin Johnson, 8, left, and Jake Balcom, 11, receive pencils and cards from Principal Robert Bruce at Centennial Lane Elementary School in Ellicott City, Md.

Schools, where many children eat two of their day's meals, are being pushed to the front lines of the battle against kiddie bulge. A federal law requires schools to create

wellness policies that encourage students to be more active and eat more healthfully. Some schools in Virginia have started exercise clubs. In Maryland, schools are cracking down on

vending-machine junk food. Now, there is a focus on school parties, said Margo Wootan, a policy director at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a Washington-based

nutrition advocacy group. The birthday party, the Halloween party, the Valentine's Day party, the end-of-the-year party — all are centered on junk food, according to the advocacy group.

"There is this good food movement sweeping the country where schools are really looking at their policies in new ways and bringing them in line with concerns about childhood obesity and children's poor diets," she said.

Wootan's daughter is a second-grader at Janney Elementary in Washington. Wootan said some celebrations at the school have gotten out of hand. Last year, for example, one mother brought pizza and Cheetos for lunch, plus cupcakes and ice cream for snacks.

"Parties are no longer a special treat for kids. Parties happen all the time," she said. "Any" each party has just escalated to the point where the amount of junk food at just one party has really gone overboard."

Administrators usually plan at least two school parties — one before winter holidays and one at the end of the school year. But on top of that are several holidays, numerous birthdays and any number of other occasions for celebration.

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FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center
530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m.

over rice, mixed vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, zucchini bars
Wednesday: Hash brown casserole with ham, creamed corn, fruit salad, pudding, biscuits

Silver and Gold Senior Center
Eden
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee.

Activities:
Tuesday: Quilt, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Business meeting, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Tops, 9 a.m.

Menus:
Tuesday: Chicken cordon bleu, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, fruit salad, cheesecake
Wednesday: Beef with mushrooms over rice, corn, bread, green salad, bowl of fruit, cookie

Activities:
Tuesday: Board meeting, 9 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.

Menus:
Tuesday: Potato bar
Thursday: Spaghetti, meatballs, green beans, salad, fruit, dessert, bread

Camas County Senior Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Wednesday: Chicken and dumplings, fried potatoes, carrots, fruit salad, cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Spaghetti, french bread, salad, Italian vegetables, fruit and cream

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee, juice and tea served. Note new hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday.

Golden Years Senior Citizen Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 7 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise, 7 a.m.

Friday: Ham and beans, stewed tomatoes, cornbread, salad, pie
Activities:
Tuesday: Dance, 2 to 5 p.m.
Quitting: Exercise
Quitting: Bridge

Monday: Turkey dinner
Monday: Vegetable soup, tuna sandwich, fruit cobbler
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff over noodles, mixed vegetables, Jell-O with whipped topping
Friday: Closed

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.

Monday: Exercise, 7 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercise, 7 a.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 7:30 a.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl

Monday: Fried chicken dinner
Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, peas and carrots, salad, fruit, dessert

Monday: Turkey dinner
Monday: Vegetable soup, tuna sandwich, fruit cobbler
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff over noodles, mixed vegetables, Jell-O with whipped topping
Friday: Closed

Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Counting the minutes, or hours, of twilight

Several years ago, I got a call from a lawyer asking when twilight ended on a particular date. It seems his client had sustained personal injuries when she collided with a farm vehicle driving without lights after sunset. As is often the case in real world astronomy, the answer was a little complicated.



Sky calendar through Saturday

Since the actual horizon is rarely flat, astronomers define an "ideal horizon," an imaginary circle surrounding the observer that is everywhere 90 degrees from the point directly overhead. A calm sea approximates an ideal horizon, except that it's a little bit lower due to Earth's curvature.

There are actually three definitions of when twilight ends and nighttime begins. Civil twilight is the time when the sun's disk is 6 degrees below the ideal horizon. Practically speaking, under good conditions the horizon is still clearly visible at the end of civil twilight, and bright stars have begun to appear.

Planets:
One hour before sunrise: Jupiter, ESE, extremely low
Saturn: S, very high
Mars: WNW, very low
One hour after sunset: Venus: SW, very low
Mars: E, very low
Moon: first quarter 6:57 p.m.
Tuesday

Nautical twilight ends when the sun lies 12 degrees below the horizon. By this time the horizon has become indistinct even under good atmospheric conditions. Astronomical twilight is the time when the sun is 18 degrees below the ideal horizon, and scattered sunlight no longer causes any perceptible sky glow.

Here in southern Idaho the longest duration of twilight occurs around the summer solstice in late June, when 138 minutes pass after sunset before true darkness falls.

For serious amateur astronomers seeking out the faintest targets, the best time to observe is during twilight begins to interfere.
Next week: The reddest of red stars.

Chris Anderson is the production specialist and observatory manager at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herriot Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Don't hide transaction from loved one, Libra

IF NOV. 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you will grow strong and resilient in the month of Libra. A surface lack of purpose may mask a reluctance to compete. Your energies will return and fresh opportunities will appear in January when you can put important plans in motion.

HOROSCOPE
Jeralaine Saunders

More help is on its way in May and you will attract others who can help you climb the ladder of success in any area you choose to pursue. From May through July something entirely new may change your viewpoint and you can easily shed unneeded people and situations, leaving a clean slate.

better than usual, but don't make crucial purchases. Be realistic in late June, when 138 minutes pass after sunset before true darkness falls. For serious amateur astronomers seeking out the faintest targets, the best time to observe is during twilight begins to interfere.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stay home and watch football live on TV or knit a new winter warmer. Avoid attention to friendly spectator sports or keeping hands busy will prevent disputes and arguments with others.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't fly these unfriendly skies. Stay home and keep a low profile. Take pains to avoid arguments or confrontations with others and put off signing important documents or business deals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't hide a transaction from a loved one. It is small deceptions that can cause mistrust and erode a good relationship. Honor agreements and remember that sometimes individuals disagree.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your overall judgment and wisdom is just a bit better than usual. Write down your inspirations, but wait for better stars to put them into action. Don't rub someone's face in it if you are right.
CANCER (June 21-July 21): It is impossible to make progress when torn two ways. You may consider standing up for your rights when an important goal is concerned, but others may not give you the support you expect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a day off to unwind and put your feet up. Success can have an unpleasant backlash. Keep your talents sheathed when dealing with others to avoid accidental aggravations.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Go ahead and be a couch potato as this isn't the time to start something new. Lucid communication with a loved one is the ticket to use to escape from potential quarrels.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't toot your own horn. Avoid public gatherings or outings, as the attention you receive might not be favorable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Flying off the handle can land you in hot water. Abrasiveness is in the air, so try to be as polite and even-tempered as possible. Your judgment about finance is

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Remain clear and on track. Irritations can appear from unrelated sources. Try to ignore challenges even if what you think is kind and tolerant is viewed by others as obtuse.

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Parties
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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the proportion of children ages 6 to 11 who are overweight has skyrocketed in recent years, from 7 percent in 1980 to 16 percent in 2002.

tripled, from 5 percent to 16 percent. Health officials have called obesity a pandemic.
Some, however, think that well-meaning efforts to raise higher obesity standards are turning into draconian mandates.
"Getting rid of birthday treats is absolutely absurd," said Dan Minchus, senior analyst at the Center for Consumer Freedom, an advocacy group funded by the food industry.

The occasional treat is not going to cause what has been termed an obesity epidemic. This is a hysterical response to a legitimate problem. Mindus said.
Susan Combs, agricultural commissioner of Texas, last year implemented rules banning junk food in schools and forbidding elementary-age students from sharing unhealthy snacks from home with other students, effectively putting

the kibosh on school birthday parties.
But a backlash was so strong that Combs soon issued a clarification that allowed students to bring cupcakes and other sweet treats to their classes on their birthdays.
Texas legislators drove the point home by unanimously passing a bill, dubbed the "cupcake amendment," which ensured that baked goods remained legal.

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Many children are sleep-deprived

By Abigail Leichman
The Record

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Wake up sleepyhead? Time for school? For most kids, these are not welcome thoughts and yet we're almost impossible to obey.

According to a National Sleep Foundation poll, 52 percent of preschoolers and 27 percent of school-aged children don't get enough sleep. Yet studies consistently show that sleep-deprived children do poorly in school.

The problem can be as simple as too much stimulation or food before bedtime, an erratic bedtime routine or sleeping on an uncomfortable mattress, say physicians who specialize in sleep difficulties.

However, many children also are among the 70 million Americans estimated to have a sleep disorder that disturbs their rest.

Some common ones:

- **Sleep apnea**, where an obstructed windpipe wakes a person momentarily at least once an hour and as many as 100 times per night.
- **Restless leg syndrome**, which can keep sufferers from sleeping in the first place.
- **Periodic limb movement syndrome**, where involuntary kicking or thrashing wakes a sleeper as many as three times a minute.
- **Delayed sleep phase syndrome**, a sort of internal "clock" malfunctioning.

All of these can be treated by a sleep medicine specialist.

"One survey showed 25 percent of parents who went to see their pediatrician have concerns about a child's sleep," said Dr. Damon Salzman, program director of the Sleep/Wake Disorder Center of New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Medical College.

It's best to seek the help of a sleep specialist if kids are always sleepy, consistently having difficulty falling asleep or have been diagnosed with a deficit disorder or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, he advised.

About 40 percent of kids with attention deficit disorders really are just chronically sleep-deprived.

Dr. John Villa, co-medical director of the Northern New Jersey Center for Sleep Medicine at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, N.J., said sleep disorders often cause irritability and hyperactivity in children between ages 5 and 8. Treatment with medication or eliminates their daytime symptoms.

Most disorders are treated with short-term medication, while sleep apnea can be eased by removing the tonsils and adenoids to make the back of the throat larger. Villa said.

But even kids who don't have a diagnosable disorder may need help with falling or staying asleep. Children from 1 to 10 years old need 10 hours of sleep, said Salzman. Those older than 10 should average nine hours.

It's during sleep that the brain organizes memories and processes the information it has taken in during the day.

That's why infants — who absorb so much new information each day — need a lot of sleep, added Salzman, who's expecting his first child.

If you don't suspect a sleep disorder, here are some ways to help kids get the sleep they need:

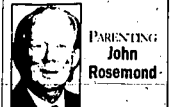
- **Select a good mattress.** Have your child lie down on a variety of mattresses and choose one that provides comfort and support. Luis Barragan, president of 1-800-MATTRESS, said many parents are investing in higher quality mattresses for children, and even some ones to allow for greater movement.
- **Kids need as much support as adults.** Because their bodies are still growing, Barragan said, aim to spend \$350 to \$500 for a good twin bed.
- **Get the right pillow.** Too soft gives no support to the head and neck, but too firm is uncomfortable. "Observe where your children tend to end up in position, and match the pillow to that position," he said.
- **Use a firm mattress.** "It will give them a more comfortable feel for where they spend most of their time." Expect to pay \$25 to \$60.
- **Create a "sleepy time" bedroom environment.** Keep your

child's room cool but comfortable, around 65 degrees. Darker is better, but young children may want a nightlight. Place a few drops of an essential oil such as lavender or sweet orange on the pillow. These scents have a calming effect.

- **Encourage your child to go to sleep and wake up around the same time every day, even during the weekend.** "We sleep in but we're tired, meaning we're not getting enough rest during the rest of week," said Salzman, "but you can't really play catch-up."
- **Unwind.** Reading activities, such as a hot bath, tend to soothe children, lowering their adrenaline levels and preparing them for sleep. Avoid exciting movies, video games and active play close to bedtime.
- **Don't serve big meals or caffeinated beverages** within a few hours of bedtime.
- **Teach your child deep breathing or progressive muscle relaxation.** "Taking a series of five to 10 deep breaths before going to sleep helps relax children and eases tension out of their bodies," said Salzman, "and that makes it easier to fall asleep and stay asleep. Even 5-year-olds can learn PMR, where you focus on each body part, starting at the feet, concentrating on letting tension out of that part and then moving to the next part."
- **Sing or play relaxing music** — lullabies, nature sounds or soft classical music — to help induce a more restful sleep.
- **Develop bedtime routines.** A series of winding-down activities to follow, from brushing teeth to showering to putting on pajamas and hearing a story, help prepare kids for bedtime. Start it in toddlerhood and change it as necessary, but maintain some sort of routine even with teenagers, said Salzman.

Children handle grief often better than adults

Question: Our small Mississippi town was almost completely devastated by Hurricane Katrina. My brother's children are 3, 6 and 4. Their home was reduced to rubble, as was their school, their church and both sets of grandparents' homes. My brother and his wife want to know if taking his kids back to the site of their former neighborhood is a good idea. The children have asked to go back, and the oldest has seen pictures of the devastation, but would seeing the real thing be too much for them?



PARENTING
John Rosemond

Answer: Before I answer your question, thank you for helping me draw attention to the damage Katrina caused in Mississippi. The disproportionate attention given to New Orleans has overwhelmed the fact that for 50 miles, from Pass Christian to Pascagoula, the Mississippi coastline was swamped by a huge tidal surge — the biggest on record — that destroyed homes for some distance inland and left thousands of people homeless and much of their areas business in disarray.

Despite a general perception to the contrary, created in large part by a trauma-counseling industry that has arisen over the past 20 years, children generally handle major life disruptions more effectively than do adults. Quite often, in fact, adults who have experienced such disruptions report afterward that their children were a major source of comfort and stability. It goes without saying, however, that in situations like this, our children look to adults for affirmation that their lives will eventually return to a state of normalcy. As a parent, you must do without a life-disrupting event, the better a child is going to handle it.

The prerequisite conditions for taking the children back to their former neighborhood are that your brother and his wife have visited their former home site, grieved sufficiently, and moved on with plans for their family's future. Make it clear that they have taken place, in which case it's now time to give the kids opportunity to grieve over their loss. To bring that closure, it will

be necessary for the children to see first-hand that their former home is no longer habitable and many of their possessions are gone forever and damaged beyond repair. Photographs cannot adequately convey what the children need to experience in order to release their attachments to the old and move ahead into the new.

In taking the kids back to their former neighborhood, the parents should give them complete permission to express whatever emotions they need to express, including anger. Your brother and his wife should prepare the children beforehand by showing all three of them the pictures, but only the oldest has this far seen and talking about the fact that their loss was shared by neighbors and friends, some of whom they may never see again.

The parents may think that one way to help the kids get over their grief is to buy them replacements for the things they lost. I would not recommend that for a number of reasons: first, it might give the children the impression that their needs take priority over everything else; second, hastily buying new things for the children implies that they are not emotionally sturdy little people; third, there is value in learning that things "don't grow on trees," and fourth, for the kids to grieve sufficiently, they must do without for a sufficient period of time. Just as they are capable of dealing with their loss without falling apart, they are capable of doing so with the help of their parents. That's what raising their kids is all about. This is an opportunity for your brother and his wife to show their kids I hope they maximize it.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist.

Baby love is having to say, 'Sorry'

By Susan Reimer
The Baltimore Sun

"I am so-o-o-o sorry!" It is one of the most common words you will hear often after the birth of your child.

Along with, "You won't believe what happened today," which is usually followed by a hilarious tale or an anecdote that only your spouse will find adorable.

But parents can be certain they will get a lot of apologizing before their child, or on behalf of their child.

Either you have just run the stroller into someone's Achilles tendon, or your child has just burped up lunch on a friend's blue suit, or your child has just gotten into a screaming tug-of-war with another child over a toy.

Inter this entrepreneurial opportunity steps Lane Walker Ford with his latest book, "New Parent Apology Cards" (Chronicle Books, \$9.95).

Actually, it's less a book than it is a collection of tear-away postcards that busy new parents can use instead of the thank-you notes the NYT has used. The apology they don't have time to write.

"As it turns out, yes, we are still alive," begins one apology card. The card is for falling to stay in touch with single friends. The card goes on to make the case that new parents are no fun to hang out with, anyway. "Call us after you've found someone, married and had your baby," it concludes.

There is an apology for being late — again — for falling to send a baby gift, for driving erratically while reaching back for a dropped pacifier, and for calling a friend too often for comfort and advice.

And there is one for the parent, apologizing pretending to be asleep when the baby started crying at 4 a.m. and falling asleep during the long-awaited "date night."

Pediatricians warn against infants sleeping with parents

By Kate Shatzkin
The Baltimore Sun

Yes, Megan Humphrey of Annapolis, Md., has heard that the American Academy of Pediatrics now recommends that parents sleep separately from their babies.

No, she isn't planning to stop sharing a bed with her 2-month-old daughter and toddler son.

"I couldn't imagine putting a baby in a crib," the 28-year-old mother said. "They expect to be carried and held and to sleep right next to you. This is the only developed country in the world where we don't sleep right next to our children."

In a policy statement designed to reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, a task force of the American Academy of Pediatrics wrote this month that a number of case studies suggest that "bed sharing is hazardous." SIDS deaths have dropped by 50 percent since the academy recommended in 1992 that babies be put to sleep on their backs instead of on their stomachs. But the task force said it wants to reduce SIDS even further. Though it has discouraged bed-sharing in the past, this was the group's strongest statement yet against the practice.

The academy now recommends that babies sleep in the same room as their parents to reduce the risk of SIDS — something advocates of breast-feeding laud. But the

policy, which says putting the baby in his own bed is the best way to reduce SIDS, diverges from the practice of many parents.

As breast-feeding has become more common, more mothers have made room in their beds for little ones, saying it is an easier way to meet their nursing demands through the night. The family bed also is part of a popular philosophy called "natural" or "attachment" parenting, in which mothers keep their babies close by wearing them in slings or carriers, breast-feeding and sleeping with them to help infants feel more secure.

The proportion of infants usually sharing an adult bed at night grew from 5.3 percent to 12.8 percent between 1993 and 2000, according to the National Infant Sleep Position Study. Nearly half the infants in the study had spent at least some time in the previous two weeks sleeping on an adult bed at night.

A number of parents who sleep with their babies said their own instincts should trump the doctors'. Several said they also would disregard a recommendation that babies use pacifiers at night to reduce the risk of SIDS, saying they would rather nurse the babies through the night instead.

Colleen Newman, a Westminister, Md., mother of two who sleeps with her 8-month-old daughter Claire and runs a parent coaching business, said she

is telling mothers in her classes "to go with their heart" in deciding how their babies should sleep.

"If we tried to do everything we are told, we'd be running around in circles," the 28-year-old mother said.

Dr. William Sears, a pediatrician who sparked the attachment parenting movement with a series of books, said he thought the academy should have issued guidelines on how adults and infants can safely share a bed.

It advises parents to avoid soft sleeping surfaces and soft bedding for babies such as pillows or comforters; not to use alcohol, drugs or any over-the-counter medications that might cloud their awareness of the child; and to fit mattresses securely against headboards to keep infants from falling into a gap.

John Katzwinkel, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Virginia School of Medicine who led the academy task force that issued the policy, said the group felt there was enough evidence to put a categorical statement that infants should sleep separately.

"It's hard for me as a physician to make recommendations to people about how to make something unsafe a little less unsafe," he said. "There are absolutely no studies showing how to share beds safely."

College

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At full capacity, the center looks after 53 children. This semester, the center has 47 kids, 25 of whom stay full time. Costs differ depending on the age of the child. The fee for infants is \$150 a month; for kindergartners it's \$325.

Work hard, have a plan and stay busy

Wendy Jasso thinks she can do it. The 18-year-old CSI freshman is due in January and she's making the bases covered. She and her husband, Carlos, have been saving money since she got pregnant in May. She'll postpone her business studies during the spring semester for the birth, then return during the summer term. And her mom has promised to look after the baby when she goes back to school.

So is she worried? Of course.

"Having a baby and going to school at the same time isn't going to be easy," she says. "I'll be tight financially, but I think I can do it."

Jasso plans to rely on grants

and scholarships to cover her education costs when the baby is born. From now until then, she'll work part time as a secretary in Jerome. She's taking 13 credits this semester in addition to working about five hours a day.

"Planning ahead is the only way a student parent can survive," says on-line-homeless Cვენек-Differe.

"If you can stay busy, you don't have time to stress," Cვენек-Differe fills every moment of her day — by choice. Besides full-time classes, kids and calamity, she's the president of the medical assistants club at CSI. And she does it all in harmony.

"I have maturity on my side," says the 41-year-old. "I can look at things and say, 'This is what I want to do.'"

But she says even young parents can make it through college.

"You just have to be motivated. Know what you want to accomplish, and go for it."

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Dreading holiday family get-togethers?

Holidays bring together relatives of all sorts — both the delightful and the difficult. The Times-News wants to hear from people who must endure the difficult type during family get-togethers.

If you have a family member with whom you just don't get along, call features writer Matt Christensen at 735-3243 or e-mail matt.christensen@lee.net.

"Real Estate Corner"
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by Laura Fitzgerald
RE/MAX American Dream Realty

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FAMILY LIFE

Skating club lets rest of world slide on by

By Mark Elrod
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — "Happy, Happy Birthday, Baby," Rhoda Rarick glided onto the floor of the Franconia Skating Center, ready to take a solo turn.

"We have someone who has a birthday, and it is a milestone," rink manager Charlie Lowe announced over the loudspeaker. "Rhoda, if we look as good as you will when we reach your age, we'll be very, very lucky."

Rarick, turning 90 that week, glided over her shoulder with a grin.

"Well, you don't have too far to go, Charlie."

For many 90-year-olds have roller rink birthday parties. But Rarick, who has been lacing on skates at the rink since 1975, said there is no better place to celebrate than the rink.

— and the one of two men — of the Tuesday morning skating group.

Every Tuesday at 9:30, they file into the rink, handling over \$4 apiece to Lowe as he greets them at the door. There's 80-year-old Dora Borland, who has been coming since the mid-1980s, driving in 50 miles to the rink in suburban Fairfax County, Va. and Kay Ray, 72, who admits that she can't even recall when she started.

There's always a good ride with her neighbor Florence DeWalt, 82, who has a Dodge Stratus with the license plate "SK8N FLA."

The ladies say this is their time. Doctor's appointments, and even an occasional surgery, are scheduled around skating. Most of the husbands stay home and Denzil and Dennis are, in fact, 54, a substitute teacher, tells administrators that "Tuesdays are off-limits."

"We're like the mallman used to be," Evelyn Foster, 70, said. "Through rain, sleet, snow and hail."



Rhoda Rarick, 90, takes a lap around the rink with other members of her skating group, which for years has met every Tuesday to chat, commiserate and celebrate. Just behind Rarick is Dora Borland, 80.

On that Tuesday, Lowe, 80, set out coffee and doughnuts for the group, a treat he supplies free each week. Once a week, perhaps a skater, Lowe knows his customers. Discard the rock 'n' roll, he popped in a recording that Ray's brother, Jimmy Boyer, made years ago on a cassette. The skaters circled the wooden floor to "Blue Moon." "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "The Beer Barrel Polka."

"It's me going back in time," said Joy Gubernick, 55, a former school guidance counselor who attended the first Tuesday after her retirement in June and hasn't missed a gathering yet.

About 20 regulars skate Tuesday after Tuesday, sharing

stories about their children and grandchildren. There's chatter about everything from the weather to art to recipes and occasional commiserating over uncooperative husbands.

When someone doesn't show, she usually gets a call, just to make sure she's all right. There's no formal name for the group, and anyone is welcome. Most of the women came after they stopped by the rink for a child's party and noticed the session listed on a schedule.

The group has evolved over the years. Tuesdays at the rink can be a time for jokes — even the occasional off-color one. But the sessions have also become a support system. The women talk about illness and

challenges at home. They send cards when someone isn't well and visit one other in the hospital.

Vera Gadeken, 49, a regular since the late '80s, said her skating friends "walked me through two pregnancies."

"If something happens, they've got you through it," Gadeken said. "Just to come here and talk to the ladies, you know you're not the only one." Rarick said she'll never forget the comfort the group gave her when her husband, Wilmer, died in 1997. "They were more important to me than my church," she said. "They called me and talked to me and said, 'Don't stay home, come out and skate as soon as you can.'"

How do dogs sleep? That depends.

By some estimates, seven out of 10 Americans with pets let them sleep in bed with the human family. My wife, Teresa, and I are among the majority, as we're joined atop the pillow-top mattress every night with our beloved papillon/poodle/Yorkie cross or portkipoo, Quixote. The other day Teresa noted that Quixote seemed to sleep about twice as long as we did and asked me how many hours a day dogs sleep. And should we ever



THE BOND Marky Berkey

worry about Quixote, the lag-gate sleeping too much!

"All mammals need a certain amount of hours of sleep per day that is physiologically and biologically related to how efficient a hunter their ancestors were and hibernation patterns during the winter," says Larry Lachman, animal behavior consultant and author of "Dogs on the Couch."

"Dogs were efficient hunters and didn't take as long as humans to stalk, catch and eat their prey, and therefore had more time to sleep, about 10-16 hours per day."

Dr. Stanley Coren, professor of psychology at the University of British Columbia, author of "The Dog Mind" and a recognized expert for both pets and people, says that middle-aged dogs sleep an average of 14-16 hours per day. Coren notes that older pets can sleep much more than that.

"But determining an overall average amount of hours a pet sleeps per day is difficult because it depends on so many different factors such as environment, breed, sex and age of the pet," says Pierre S. Bichsel, a board certified neurologist with Michigan Veterinary Specialists near Detroit, who thinks that dogs sleep anywhere from 10 to 13 hours per day.

"For example, a dog living as an only pet inside a house may sleep much more than a dog that spends the day outdoors working on a farm. Also, some breeds are more energetic than others, while aging pets may need more rest than pets in their middle age."

"A 2-year-old basset hound likely sleeps more than Irish setter of similar age," says Dr. Suzanne Hertz, certified animal behaviorist in Denver, and co-author of the award-winning "Raising a Behaviorally Healthy Pet."

Hertz, who works from home, reports her 9-year-old Dalmatian is quite content to nap on her couch or on her bed near the desk, while her 1-year-old Irish Setter is zooming around the back yard frenetically, harassing birds and squirrels all day.

Besides breed and age differences, pets are very adaptive in their sleep.

"Dogs are meant to be night hunters so they get up and move around at night (we aren't aware of it), so like human beings, pets will sleep more if given the opportunity, but they don't have to sleep that long," says Coren. "For example, a working dog, a herder,

may only sleep 10 hours per day whereas the same dog if put into an urban setting might sleep 16. Dogs follow the pulse of humanity."

Even weather can change a dog's sleep as pets will tend to sleep more on cloudy days than sunny ones, snuggle up more on cold days than warm ones. Just like humans, not all sleep is the same of the same pet animals, says Coren, the dog is really napping, not in the deepest stages of sleep. Generally speaking, predators (our dogs) sleep less than prey animals (squirrels and mice) and they tend to sleep deeper.

"Our domesticated pet predators will have bouts of deep sleep, but a lot of the sleep is 'vigilant sleep' where the pet is very easily aroused. You walk by, the doorbell rings and dog barks in the distance and your dog's eyes pop open and they're ready to respond," says Coren.

At Almost Heaven Ranch, Quixote will ignore the chatter of chipmunks and stay in the grasp of the sandman. But if he hears the UPS or FedEx truck coming down the driveway or the doorbell rings, his eyes pop open and rockets ignite on his feet.

"General illness, medications, hypothyroidism, depression and senility can cause dogs to sleep more than normal," says Dr. Nicholas Dodman, director of the Animal Behavior Clinic at Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and author of "The Dog Who Loved Too Much."

Coren says he's typically only worried about a dog sleeping too much if its sleep becomes so deep that it's not aroused by normal activity levels like the doorbell, which is rare. Coren cautions that with older dogs such failure may be a hearing loss sign.

If a dog isn't sleeping enough, or has very restless sleep, Dodman says your veterinarian may need to rule out medication (sedatives), anxiety, painful conditions and cognitive disorders (like doggie Alzheimer's). Lachman adds metabolic conditions like hypothyroidism and Cushing's Disease, chaotic household sibling dog fighting, abusing toddler and allergies that cause a lot of itching can interfere with sleep.

"To make older pets more comfortable as they sleep Hertz suggests beds with built in heaters, eggshell foam, orthopedic mats, sheepskin rugs, even air mattresses for pets."

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Mary Becker hosts "Top Vets Talk Pets" on www.healthandhappinessnetwork.com.

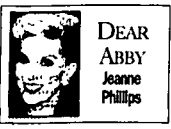
Dad doesn't make the cut when ex-wife throws party

DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced father of a son, 10, and a daughter who is 13. I share joint custody with my wife and spend time with them every week, depending on their schedules. My ex and I get along.

When it's time to celebrate one of our kids' events — birthdays or graduation — I ask if I can be invited to join with them and she tells me she doesn't, but then my kids ask me why I'm not going to be there.

We were married for 16 years, and I was always there until the divorce, which was her idea. When I ask her about these get-togethers, she says it's just her family and my kids' friends.

How should I handle not being invited to these events? It hurts me that I'm not allowed to be there for them. I am my children's family, not just their parents' brothers and sisters, who would also like to attend. Should I just have a second party and not include their mother? Please tell me the best



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

way to handle this.

HURT IN KANSAS CITY

DEAR HURT: Regardless of how civilized your divorce may have been, and how respectfully you and your ex treat each other, perhaps you should accept that she and her family may no longer wish to socialize with you and the former in-laws. Not only would hosting your own party enable you to include whoever you want on the guest list, but I'm sure your kids would be delighted to "double their pleasure." You have come up with the solution to your own problem.

DEAR ABBY: I was a soldier serving in Iraq. Last April, I was in a vehicular accident while

part of a military convoy and was medevaced to the nearest medical treatment facility.

When you're a trauma patient in the United States, you're put in a cubicle in an emergency room, blocked off from the rest of the patients. That is not the case in the military during a war.

I didn't mind sharing the trauma room with the Marine who had arrived there before me. He had been shot three times in the face. While I was in the room with his brave Marine, the trauma crew fought valiantly to save his life. He fatigued seven times in just his short period after I got there. The nurses, doctors and medics worked tirelessly on him, not giving up. Finally, the

doctor told them it was over, and they covered him up. I never knew his name. I lay on my litter while they started to work on my arm, which had been pinned under the truck during my accident and crushed, crying silently for the life that had been lost.

I'm writing this to you, Abby, to let that Marine's parents and friends know how hard the doctors and crew fought to save his life. Besides the medical crew, I'm the only one who knows. He wasn't just a face, or a name on a memorial to them. He was a life, and many people tried hard to keep him alive. If he had been my child, I would want to know.

— ANOTHER SOLDIER, CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

DEAR SOLDIER: Thank you for your letter, and for taking the time to share the last moments of life of that Marine. I'm sure you feel a much time off of the parents who have lost sons and daughters in this war, as well as the parents of those whose lives are on the line every day they serve on active duty.

At a distance, grandparenting presents challenges

New York Times News Service

ALBANY, N.Y. — While awaiting the birth of her son nine months ago, Esther Berkowitz, 54, who is originally from London, found herself in a scheduling predicament. She knew her mother wanted to come over soon after the baby's birth, but Berkowitz couldn't exactly give her precise dates.

"How do you book a flight when the birth will happen? If you leave it to the last minute, it's even more expensive. It's thousands of dollars if you don't," Berkowitz says. Going under the assumption that most first-born children are late, they ended up booking the flight eight days after her due date, which turned out to be three days after she gave birth.

Scheduling is just one of the issues facing many families to close. Joan Forman, 34, mother of a 21-month-old son, is wishing her mother's watchful eye, which 11 years ago she couldn't wait to get out from under, was looking out for her now.

Forman lives in Georgia now. Her mother has since retired to Florida and her father still lives in New York City, where she grew up.

"Having a child of her own has not only caused Forman to appreciate her mother more, it has made her cuter aware of

the miles between them.

"I often wish someone from my family was closer. On days when Joshua is sick and cannot attend day care, I have to stay home with him," she says.

Mucated can relate. Though she and her parents are only separated by an hour-and-a-half plane ride and see each other every four to six weeks, she wishes it were more. When her son was born six months ago, Mucated found it extremely hard to be away from her own parents.

"I had questions that needed to be answered face-to-face," referring to feeding schedules, napping and new parent concerns she knew her mother, a neonatal nurse, could answer. "I wanted them to be able to stop by just to give me a little break," she says.

A childbirth educator and author of "Journey Into Motherhood," Sheri Menelli, based

in San Diego, Calif., finds it is not unusual for expectant moms to miss their own parents in the time leading up to the child's birth and immediately after.

Menelli explains: "Grandparents feel very stressed as well during this time, because they want to spend more time with their new grandchildren but may not have much time off of work or the money to take a long trip."

Of course, the idea of raising your own children far from your parents and in-laws is an appealing to many. Michael Rayel, a psychiatrist and author from Canada with expertise and training in both geriatric and forensic psychiatry, explains: "The advantage is total independence. I mean, raising kids without the watchful eye of your parents. In addition, your spouse doesn't have to deal with the in-laws."

Juggling holidays with in-laws? We want to know

Do you and your spouse juggle holiday schedules between your parents and your parents-in-law? And do competing demands have you watching the clock during family parties so you can make it to the other house? Times-News wants to talk to couples whose holidays are

complicated by their parents and their in-laws — those who are feeling the tug from both directions, and those who've learned to deal with it gracefully.

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THOMPSON-MURDOCH

PAUL — Stephanie Thompson and Jonathan Murdoch were married Saturday, Oct. 29, in the Logan LDS Temple. The bride is the daughter of Henry and Kathy Thompson of Tremonton, Utah. The groom is the son of Fritz and Patty Murdoch of Paul. The bride is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah, studying graphic design. The groom is attending USU and is in the flight technology program. A reception to honor is the couple will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Murdoch residence, 125 S. 650 Lane W, Paul.



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MAIER-MILLER

TWIN FALLS — Karissa Deanne Maier and Daniel Marshall Miller were married Aug. 6 at the Twin Falls Reform Church. The bride is the daughter of Don and Janaye Maier of Kimberly. The groom is the son of Dr. Ron and Jane Miller of Twin Falls. The Rev. Paul Austin officiated. Carol Kulebsch was the organist. Lannie Kay Bolster was the soloist.



Karissa and Daniel Miller ceremony at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. Jason Abston, Dana Boyles and Martone Yardley, aunts of the bride, served at the reception.

Mary Britain, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Debbie Vandenberg, friend of the bride, and Suzanne Miller, sister of the bride. Macey Britain, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Andrew Miller, brother of the groom, was best man. Grooms-men were Aaron Todd and Keith Deaton, friends of the groom. Ushers were Adam Russ, Leo Maclula, Josh Fisher and Garrett Webb, friends of the groom; Bud Yardley, uncle of the bride; and Byron Britain, brother-in-law of the bride. Austin Novinger, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer. Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Jonathan and Margene Aldridge of Kimberly and George and Shirley Newberry of Rupert, and grandparents of the groom, Hal and Lyn Marshall of Tucson, Ariz., and Helena Miller of Paradise Valley, Ariz. A reception was held after the

JONES-PIERCE

BURLEY — Kiley Jones and Eric Brent Pierce were married Thursday, Nov. 3, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. The bride is the daughter of Chad and Bonnie Jones of Burley. The groom is the son of Brent and Debbie Pierce of Burley. The bride graduated from Burley High School in 2000 and Brigham Young University-Idaho in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in child development. She spent a semester in Urumqi, China, teaching English to young children. The groom graduated from Burley High School in 2000 and the College of Southern Idaho in 2002 with an associate's degree. He plans to attend Idaho State

University in Pocatello. The groom is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and ISU. He is employed at ERA Home Connection, MI Place and Chi-Alpha Campus Ministries in Pocatello. The couple resides in Pocatello.

When it comes to their families, mothers — influence spending decisions on everything from what sports teams their children follow to where they will spend their next vacation.

No kidding. Yet, many businesses ignore or sorely underestimate mothers' buying power, said Nora Lee, author of "The Mom Factor: What Really Drives Where We Shop, Eat and Play" (Urban Lab Institute; \$19.95). According to Lee, women influence 60 percent of all consumer spending in the United States, and about three-fourths of those women are mothers.

In "The Mom Factor," Lee examines how and why businesses should do better by mom. Lee, a consultant, author and mother who lives in Altadena, Calif., spoke about the purchasing power of moms at a recent event in Boise, Idaho.

Why aren't businesses getting the mom message? As things are improving, some developers are starting to focus on moms with younger children. They're offer-

By Love Croghan
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — You know it would be a good thing to pay down your credit cards instead of making them out, and sock away savings in safe mutual funds or CDs. While you live from paycheck to paycheck, this will never happen — unless you cut back your personal spending.

There are drastic ways to tighten your budget. But it's best to make changes you can stick with, month after month, to get the numbers to add up in your favor, experts said. "Eat, is good," said Valerie Adelman, a certified financial planner at Chestnut Financial, with offices in New York. "Small steps will keep it from being overwhelming."

Those small steps can add up to thousands of dollars in savings a year, she said.

10 easy ways to trim your budget

1. Spend more wisely. This could be your biggest avenue to savings, Adelman says. You can take your lunch to work. A made-to-order salad might cost about \$6, or \$36 per week if you leave tips.

2. Buy in bulk. For "big items" — like organic lettuce, grape tomatoes, carrots, uncooked chicken and salad dressing — costs more like \$20. In a 50-

week year of work, you'll save close to \$800.

Avoid expensive takeout dinners during the workweek by cooking and cooking on the weekends.

"We do things for convenience," Adelman said. "Take a deep breath and plan ahead."

3. Cut out one restaurant dinner per month. You might save \$60 per couple, said Kathleen Plaggies, a certified financial planner at K/I/P Planning Advisory. That's \$720 a year — or more if you're frugal and cancel, or drink expensive wine.

4. Cut out gifts, but spend less for them. "Gifts are a really big part of people's budgets that they don't even think about," Adelman said.

Pool your money with other friends or relatives, and buy the person something special, she said. Make a personalized gift basket without spending a bundle. Give your sister a gift certificate promising 10 nights of babysitting her kids.

5. Check books out of the library instead of buying them. "You can get the latest and greatest — at most, you'll have to put your name on a waiting list," Adelman said. "Fire is a beautiful thing."

6. Brew your Starbucks at home and carry it to work in a thermos. Said Plaggies, You can save \$540.30 a year. "Don't give up things — do them in a more economical way," she said.

A cup of regular Starbucks costs \$2 — not the fancy flavored beverages, just the plain coffee. That's \$12 a week when you have two cups, or \$600 for a 50-week year of work.

A pound bag of House Blend beans costs \$9.95 and makes 45 cups — enough for two months

New releases of hard-cover novels cost \$25 and more these days. If you buy just two a month, that's \$600 a year.

7. Leave your little kids with a spouse or sitter when you do errands. You can avoid the inevitable purchases of toys, snacks and drinks to keep them placated, Adelman said. And you can focus on your shopping list — and avoid impulse purchases.

8. Question your bills. If you've had the same car insurance, life insurance and phone service for several years, you may have missed out on bargain rates spawned by competition, Adelman said.

9. You may not have to switch phone carriers or insurance companies to cut your payments. Call them and ask what deals are available to you if you stay put. The shop around.

10. Check your cable bill — you could get along just fine without the premium channels.

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A pound bag of House Blend beans costs \$9.95 and makes 45 cups — enough for two months

of work days. So a year's worth of coffee in a thermos costs \$59.70.

8. Spend less on movies without seeing fewer of them. Many folks go to the movies every weekend. Plaggies suggests you see every fourth movie at home — by checking free DVDs or videos out of the library.

"They have great titles at the library," Plaggies said. "Everybody's missed a movie or two they want to see."

You'll save on expensive eater snacks as well as tickets. 9. Do your own dog-grooming once a month. Just be sure to bathe that beast before your scheduled day to clean the bathroom, not after.

10. It costs Plaggies \$47 to have her pooch groomed. Cutting out a dozen visits would save \$564 per year.

10. Check that extra Internet provider. Many people have more forms of Internet access than they need. At first, there was a good reason Plaggies had two Internet providers. She was trying out cable-based access, and wanted to be sure she didn't have any problems with it before she cancelled her dial-up provider.

The cable-based system's free — but she still hasn't canceled her original service. Doing so would save \$20 per month — or, \$240 per year.

"It's an automatic debit — it's easy to forget about it," she said.

The spending power is in moms' hands

By Kathleen Kernick
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

When it comes to their families, mothers — influence spending decisions on everything from what sports teams their children follow to where they will spend their next vacation.

No kidding. Yet, many businesses ignore or sorely underestimate mothers' buying power, said Nora Lee, author of "The Mom Factor: What Really Drives Where We Shop, Eat and Play" (Urban Lab Institute; \$19.95).

According to Lee, women influence 60 percent of all consumer spending in the United States, and about three-fourths of those women are mothers.

In "The Mom Factor," Lee examines how and why businesses should do better by mom. Lee, a consultant, author and mother who lives in Altadena, Calif., spoke about the purchasing power of moms at a recent event in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Why aren't businesses getting the mom message? As things are improving, some developers are starting to focus on moms with younger children. They're offer-

ing places to go and breastfeed; family bathrooms; special parking for pregnant women. They're focusing on capturing you as a young mother and keeping you.

The thing that gets me when I talk to people in business, and for the most part that's still men, the reaction is, "My wife spends all the money in our house." The biggest "aha" for me is that (businesses) don't really understand where the purchasing power is. There are very few areas where men out-spend women. It's not like this should be news anymore.

Q: So do you feel that there is a disconnect here? A: Look at major sports franchises. They're suffering. There's a big disconnect between their vision and who is going to buy the tickets and use their facilities. They don't understand that mom is the one who takes the kids to soccer games and baseball practices. She's raising the next generation of sports fans. You make it difficult for mom by having high ticket prices, high food prices, facilities that are not family friendly. Women buy jerseys for their husbands, their kids, for themselves. If you want a new generation of rabid

fans, you need to bring us in somehow.

Q: Do mothers fare better at malls or small shopping centers with mom-and-pop places? A: I think you're more likely to find a higher level of service in smaller stores. A small or medium-size business can accommodate itself a little bit in the marketplace by offering exceptional customer service at a level that a huge retailer can do, but isn't doing. With the price differences being so small among stores, if you can set yourself apart in customer service, you've got a leg up on the beginning of word-of-mouth that can be multi-generational among women.

Q: Do mothers value customer service over other factors, like price? A: On a day-to-day stuff, yes. Most women more likely to give up (high-quality customer service) for what we consider to be the best price or the one-stop shopping. That's why places like Costco and Kmart are so widely loved by moms.

Health and safety issues are important to moms. It's son of your son who is in the store when you're shopping. Where are the bathrooms? What do they look

like? Do I allow my 10-year-old to buy by himself? Your feelers are out, especially when your children are little.

Q: What can mothers do to influence how companies do business with them? A: By continuing to spend money where you get what you want. Buy those products. It takes you two minutes to find the manager and say, "That guy who bagged my groceries was phenomenal. I want 10% off!" Do as much positive as you do negative.

Women need to realize that they have a tremendous amount of financial power and they're in a position to make decisions in the marketplace.

Q: What can businesses do better to appeal to mothers? A: Little things can make the difference. It's the subtle things, that say "your business makes a difference to me." It's the little things that annoy shoppers, like asking too many times if you're finding everything. Or, making you bring in the coupons if you want the special savings.

Be aware that a word-of-mouth recommendation from another mom trumps any kind of advertising or product placement that you'll ever do.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE MECHAMS

JEROME — Charles and Barbara Mecham of Jerome will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, in the Galena Room at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn, 2633 S. Lincoln, Jerome. Chuck Mecham and Barbara Jane were married Nov. 5, 1955, in Pocatello.



Charles and Barbara Mecham semi-retired from the farm. They both enjoy spending time in Salmon.

They lived in Pocatello and Twin Falls, and then moved to Jerome in 1953.

In 1968, they moved to the Sugarfoot area, east of Jerome, where they farmed and raised their family. She taught elementary school for nine years and was a high school counselor for 22 years. She retired in 1997. He is

THE LAMMERSES

BUHL — "Wt. Bill" and Lois Lammeres of Buhl will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, in the reception hall at Moon Valley Village, 910 Moonglo Road, Buhl. Bill Lammeres and Lois Adams were married Nov. 11, 1945.



Lois and Bill Lammeres The event is hosted by their children, Steven (Donorly) Lammeres and Larry (Linda) Lammeres of Buhl. The couple has five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Weekly deadline

The Times-News welcomes engagements, wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. (That is, anniversaries

of 50 years or more.) To submit an announcement, stop by the office at 132 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls and fill out a form. The announcement also can be sent by e-mail to ramona@magivalley.com. If emailed, the photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following

OLSON-ROBINSON

BURLEY — Kirt and Lisa Olson of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Morgan Noel Olson, to Colt T. Robinson, son of Rick and Alyssa Robinson, of Oney.



Morgan Olson and Colt Robinson

Olson is a 2005 graduate of Burley High School. Robinson is a 2003 graduate of Oakley High School.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the stake center.

VANOURNEY-BACHMAN

BUHL — Mike and Ann Vanourney of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Vanourney, to Lynn Bachman, son of Frank and Cindy Bachman of Bruneau.



Lynn Bachman and Tiffany Vanourney

Vanourney is a 2001 graduate of Buhl High School and a 2005 graduate of Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa. She is employed as the activity coordinator at the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise.

Bachman is a 2001 graduate of Rimrock High School and is employed on the family ranch in Bruneau. The wedding is planned for 6

MITCHELL-PAGE

DECILO Dell and Susan Mitchell of Declo announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Mitchell, to Derek Page, son of Darris and Dixie Page of Tanton, Utah.



Jamie Mitchell and Derek Page Temple. No formal reception will be held.

Mitchell is a 2004 graduate of Utah State University and is employed at USU Community Credit Union in Logan, Utah.

Page is attending Utah State University and is employed at Mountain Side Builders in Logan. The wedding is planned for Friday, Nov. 11, in the Logan LDS

Tell us who sits at the kids' table at your house

The Times-News

In many families during Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, there's a definite pecking order about who gets to sit at the big table — and who is relegated to the smaller, less prestigious table reserved for children.

The Times-News is preparing an article about the politics of who has to sit at the kids' table and would like to hear from readers who've dealt with this

To share your family's experience, call Steve Gramp at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump6@magivalley.com.

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Agape Schools students and staff prepare to welcome home local soldiers. From left to right are Brenda Batchelor, child care; Julie May, early childhood director; Connor Root, Vincent Andrews, Nathaniel Kennedy, Brannah Andrews, Lucas Gardner, Eli Onelda, Davia Hicks, C.J. Rendo and Samantha Rendo.



Children welcome home 116th

TWIN FALLS — The Agape Christian School and Child Care Center is welcoming home the National Guard Unit 116th Brigade Combat team from deployment in Iraq.

The welcome home event will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at 181 Morrison St., south of

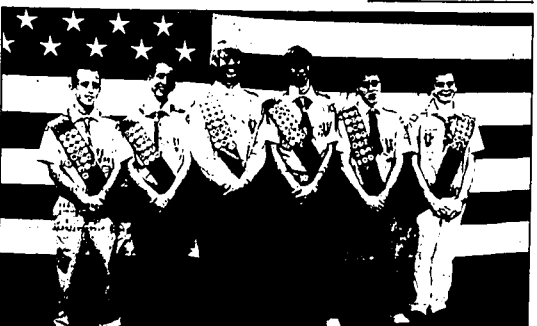
Welcome home events
If your family, church, school, club or organization is holding a dinner or celebration send your information to:

"Welcome Home" Jami Whited, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548, call 735-3278 or e-mail to jwhited@magicvalley.com.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center at the spotlight. All veterans and the public

are welcome to attend. For more information, call Julie May at 734-3693.

NEW EAGLE SCOUTS



Several Scouts in the Unity 1st Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints received their Eagle Scout awards recently. From left are David Turner, Jason Turner, Kurt Howard, Nicholas Malloy, Adam Turner and Jayce Boehler. Their leader is Neil Thomas.

SERVICE NEWS

Rice completes naval training in Illinois

Navy Seaman Recruit Jason J. Rice, son of Travis A. Rice of Caldwell, and Greg L. Rice of Elko, Nev., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at the Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Rice completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Rice is a 2005 graduate of Elko High School of Elko, Nev.

McFarling wraps up U.S. Navy basic

Navy Seaman Recruit Lawrence J. McFarling, son of David L. McFarling of Jerome, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at the Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, McFarling completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. McFarling is a 2005 graduate of Jerome High School of Jerome.

Knobbe completes training at Navy base

Navy Seaman Recruit Gary E. Knobbe Jr., son of Christine Rodgers of Beala, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Knobbe completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Twentieth Century Club meets, has style show

TWIN FALLS — The Twentieth Century Club will meet at noon Tuesday at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave.

There will be a style show by Black Rock Clothier of Bull. Models are members of the club. The books sale will also be held.

For more information or tickets and reservations, call Helen Shaff at 734-2552.

CSI North Side Center offers variety of classes

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E., is offering several courses.

Learn to Make Lotion will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at Wendell High School, 750 E. Main. The course will cover seasoning, cooking and clearing. Recipes and samples will be available. Students should bring

a non-alcoholic beverage to class. The cost is \$15.

"Introduction to Computers" will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 15 to Dec. 13, at Wendell High School. The class introduces Windows and the use of a mouse. Hands-on experience in word processing, spreadsheets, and database management is included. No previous computer experience is needed. The cost is \$104 plus the book.

For more information or to register, call the center at 934-8678 or visit the office.

T.F. Senior Center travels to Jackpot

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Senior Center residents can travel to Jackpot, Nev., on Wednesday. The bus will leave the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., at 9 p.m. and leave Jackpot at 9 p.m.

The cost is \$8 and the public is invited. For more information, call 734-5084.

Local sorority offers Santa letters for kids

TWIN FALLS — The Xi Alpha Tau chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is selling Current Items and Santa Letters to benefit a needy family at Christmas.

To have a child receive a letter from Santa send a pre-addressed envelope and \$2 to Santa's Workshop, 331 Knottling Lane Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, before Dec. 1.

Current items are available by calling Sylvia at 735-1192 or Rebecca at 732-8202.

Hagerman church holds harvest dinner, bazaar

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman United Methodist Church, 270 E. Salmon, is holding a harvest dinner and bazaar from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

A turkey dinner will be served. Adults are \$6, children age 6 through 12 are \$4 and children age 5 and younger are free.

Dancers group holds regular dance on Friday

SHOSHONE — The Desert Sun Dancers will have a regular dance on Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B Street. Rounds will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by squares at 8 p.m. Dancers should bring finger foods.

VFW sells popples for annual fundraiser

TWIN FALLS — Members of

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Brenden Lee Atwell, son of Melissa Sue Pratt of Filer, was born Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005.

Adrian Madrus Martinez, son of Jillian Renee and David Martinez Chavez of Kimberly, was born Monday, Oct. 24, 2005.

Braden Anthony Wayne Shetler, son of Marsha Ann and Jacob Wayne Shetler of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005.

Dylan Toy Fish, son of Mala Ruston and Alan Ray Fish of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005.

Emma Leann Combe, daughter of Rea Dianne and Randy Louis Combe of Butte, was born Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005.

Kasey Rae Hendren,

To announce a birth

Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
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More Information?
Call Jami at 735-3278

born Friday, Oct. 28, 2005.
Sophia Grace Lemos Ward, daughter of Renee Lee and Rex Ray Ward Jr. of Kimberly, was born Friday, Oct. 28, 2005.

Audrey Hannah Schlieder, daughter of Renee Lee and Levi Justin Schlieder of Gooding, was born Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005.

Levi Abel Flores, son of Melinda Faye Thurman and Abel Ray Flores of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005.

Katherine Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of Sarah Jane and Patrick Steven Wilson of Jerome, was born Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005.

Josiah Michael Bolyard, son of Trisha Anne and Garrett Owen Bolyard of Gooding, was born Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005.

daughter of Jolene Marie and Robert Hunter Hendren of Richfield, was born Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005.
Lanie May Bear, daughter of Amy Marie and Jason Handley Bear of Hagerman, was

ROTARY GOVERNOR VISIT



Photo courtesy of Blue Lakes Rotary Club

The Blue Lakes Rotary Club of Twin Falls enjoyed a recent visit from District 5400 Governor Rusty Broughton, left. With her are Blue Lakes Rotary Club President Cathy Lynch, center, and Assistant District Governor Mo Barry. The 2005 theme for Rotary International is Service Above Self and Broughton's emphasis for the year will be on projects focusing on conflict resolution in order to bring increased peace and harmony to the community and to the world. The Blue Lakes Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Red Lion.

RIDING CLUB OFFICERS



The Filer Junior Riding Club announced its officers. From left, Karen Stoker, club leader; Sharon Peterson, vice president; George Haney III, president; Sharlee Blick, secretary; and Cindee Weatherly, treasurer. Not pictured is assistant club leader Kim Crystal. The club promotes horsemanship skills and teamwork for people ages 8 to 18. The team, which does precision drills, placed first in the Buhl Sagebrush Days, Filer Fun Days, Kimberly Good Neighbor Days and Twin Falls Western Days. Members also performed at the Jerome and Twin Falls rodeos.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2136 and its Ladies Auxiliary will sell Buddy Poppies from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Magic Valley Mall. Fred Meyer and K-Mart.

VFW by-laws require that the proceeds from our distribution of Buddy Poppies must be used to benefit disabled and needy veterans and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans right here in the community," said Post Commander Bob Jackson.

West Magic Rec Club celebrates Veterans Day

SHOSHONE — The West Magic Lake Recreation Club is celebrating Veterans Day with breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 13 at the Burren West Resort, 960 W. Magic Road No. 20. Veterans should bring their awards, pictures and anything else they wish to share. A general membership meet-

ing will follow at 1 p.m. For more information, call 487-2288 or visit www.damfools.com.

Foundation fundraiser benefits animals

TWIN FALLS — The Sheena Foundation, a nonprofit animal organization that promotes spaying and neutering and provides adoption services, will hold its second annual benefit lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Outback Steakhouse, 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Tickets, which are \$15 each, can be purchased at the LaRue Veterinary Clinic in Filer. Ace Printing in Twin Falls or at the floor.

For more information, call 326-3266, 326-8646 or 733-8623.

New books added to Kimberly City Library

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly City Library, 120 Madison W., has added several new books for October.
Adult Fiction: "School Days" by Robert B. Parker; "Polar Shift" by Clive Cussler; "A Breath of Snow" and "Ashes" by Diana Gabaldon; "Without Mercy" by Jack Higgins; "The Lincoln Lawyer" by Michael Connelly;

"Blackbird House" by Alice Hoffman; "Blue Smoke and Gabriel's Angel" by Nora Roberts; "The Divide" by Nicholas Evans; "The Sunflower" by Richard Paul; "Debbie Macomber's Double Take" by Jo Hellely; "The Highest Tide" by Jim Lynch; "A Killing Rain" by P.J. Parrish; "With No One as Witness" by Elizabeth George; "Dreamkeepers" by Dorothy Garlock; "Angry Hitwives Eating Bon Bons" by Lorna Landbeck; "A Wedding in December" by Anita Shreve; "Evenblood," "Evenborn" and "The Elvenbane" by Andre Norton; "Off the Chart" by James W. Hall; "Act of God" by Susan R. Sloan; "Savage Moon" and "Racing Moon" by Cassie Edwards; "Nobody's Baby but Mine" by Susan Elizabeth Phillips; "A Man Saw My Own" by Johanna Lindsey; "Greek God at the Ladies' Club" by Jenna McKnight; "Dead Certain" by Mariah Stewart; "Final Edge" by Robert W. Walker; "Split Second" by David Baldacci; "Killing Cousins" by Alex Minter; "The Hearing" by John Lescroart; and "Last Car to Elysian Fields" by James Lee Burke.

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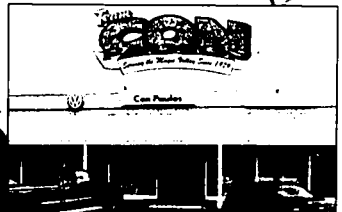
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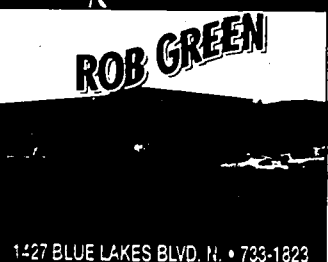
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2006 BUICK LACROSSE



Impressions: Introduced last year, the Buick LaCrosse was the nameplate's first all-new premium midsize sedan in eight years. Boasting an all-new design inside and out, the LaCrosse features a powerful new engine with enhanced body and suspension architecture engineered to provide a smooth, quiet ride with agile and responsive handling. Safety and upscale touches abound in the LaCrosse sedan. For 2006, side curtain airbags and four wheel disc brakes with anti-lock are now standard across the model line. Base engine for the LaCrosse is the popular 3800 Series III 3.1L V6, while the top-of-the-line model is powered by a performance-oriented all-aluminum 3.6L V6 with variable valve timing. Both prime movers are bolted to a sophisticated electronically-controlled four-speed automatic transmission. One of a new generation of "high feature" GM powerplants, the 3.6L V6 features dual overhead camshafts and four valves per cylinder. Its fully variable intake and exhaust valve timing achieves outstanding flexibility, delivering 50 percent of the engine's peak torque where it is most useful, between 1,500 rpm and 6,000 rpm. The sedan's body, suspension and power-train have been engineered using QuietTuning, an exclusive all-encompassing initiative aimed at achieving impressive ride quietness under all driving conditions. In addition to the standard strong "safety cage" body structure, available safety options include: StabiliTrak electronic stability system, ultrasonic rear parking assist and a factory-installed remote starting system with

2006 BUICK TERRAZA

a 500-foot range. **Body style:** four-door sedan **Models:** CX, CXL and CXS **Dimensions & Specifications** **Engine:** 3.1L V6 - 200 hp at 5,200 rpm and 230 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.6L V6 - 240 hp at 6,000 rpm and 225 lbs-ft of torque at 2,000 rpm. **Transmission:** Hydra-Matic 4T65-E electronically-controlled four-speed automatic with overdrive and torque converter clutch. **Cargo capacity:** 16.0 cubic feet.

2006 BUICK LUCERNE



Impressions: Marking the return of V8 power to Buick passenger cars, the all-new full-size Buick Lucerne is the nameplate's most premium and elegant model - incorporating themes of the brand's new design direction. Replacing two long time staples of the Buick passenger car line-up - the LaSabre and the Park Avenue sedans, the Lucerne is loaded with safety, comfort and convenience features normally found in a high-end luxury car. Base power for the new Buick is provided by the always reliable 3800 3.4L Series III V6 engine, while the top-of-the-line trim level is equipped with the Northstar 4.6L V8 (yes, you heard right). Buick is getting its own version of the refined and accomplished Cadillac V8) Torque is communicated to the pavement through the Hydra-Matic 4T65-E electronically-controlled four-speed automatic for the V6, while the V8 is bolted to the Hydra-Matic 4T60-E electronically-controlled four-speed automatic transmission. The Lucerne offers drivers four specifically tuned suspension packages. The base model is equipped with a standard FE-1 suspension with 16-inch wheels, while the CXL with the V8 engine benefit from an F-41 suspension with a

slightly firmer calibration and complemented with 17-inch wheels. CXL V8 models feature firmer suspension damping and GM's magnetic assist steering system for Buick. The top-of-the-line model features 18-inch wheels and adds Magnetic Ride Control paired with another first for Buick.

Body style: four-door sedan **Models:** CX, CXL, CXS **Dimensions & Specifications** **Engine:** 3.1L V6 - 197 hp at 5,200 rpm and 227 lbs-ft of torque at 3,800 rpm; 4.6L V8 - 275 hp at 5,600 rpm and 290 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm. **Transmission:** four-speed electronically-controlled automatic. **Cargo capacity:** 17.0 cubic feet.

2006 BUICK RIO NEZAOIS



Impressions: Labeled as a luxury crossover vehicle that combines capability, security and comfort, the Rendezvous brings together the best features of a sport utility, premium sedan and a minivan in a way customers will appreciate. Buick increases the pressure on its competitors with a host of changes and upgrades for 2006. Exterior changes include a monochromatic exterior appearance and a revised front grille design with the new, large Buick tri-shield emblem. Safety upgrades and improvements standard for 2006 include electronic rear park assist, theft-deterrence system and OnStar safety and security system. Engine choices have been upgraded this model year as well. Replacing last year's 3400 3.5L V6 is a more refined 3500 3.5L V6. The top-of-the-line model is outfitted with a 3.6L V6 with variable valve timing. Torque for both engines is communicated to the asphalt through a Hydra-Matic 4T65-E electronically

controlled four-speed automatic transmission. The nameplate's Versatrak "on demand" all-wheel drive system is available across the entire model line. The Rendezvous receives the benefits of Buick's QuietTuning engineering initiative that is being implemented for all Buick models for 2006. QuietTuning is designed to reduce or tune out unwanted noise and harshness throughout every area of the vehicle. The Buick's stout underpinnings start with a welded-steel unibody safety cage with a rubber-isolated front powertrain cradle along with a rubber-isolated aluminum cross member for the rear drive module. Bolted to the chassis is an independent four-wheel suspension system with front struts, coil springs and anti-roll bar. Rear suspension hardware consists of a short and long control arms with one toe-control link per side, coil springs and anti-roll bar.

Body style: five-door wagon **Models:** CX, CX Plus, CXL, CXL Plus **Dimensions & Specifications** **Engine:** 3.5L V6 - 201 hp at 5,600 rpm and 216 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.6L V6 - 242 hp at 6,000 rpm and 232 lbs-ft of torque at 3,200 rpm. **Transmission:** electronically controlled four-speed automatic with overdrive and torque converter clutch. **Cargo capacity:** 108.9 cubic feet **Towing capacity:** 3,500 lbs.

2006 BUICK TERRAZA



Impressions: Introduced last year, the new Terraza crossover sport van extends the Buick tradition of smooth power, quiet ride and high level of comfort into the premium end of the mid-van segment. Available in front drive or Versatrak all-wheel drive configurations, the Terraza is powered by a 3.5L V6 and joined to an electronically-controlled four-speed automatic transmission. For 2006, a new 3.9L V6 engine joins the line-up for CX and CXL front-drive models. CXL models also receive dual-stage front driver and passenger airbags with side-impact airbags for first and second-row outboard passengers standard. Bringing a rich blend of style with an ability to carry seven people in comfort with plenty of cargo, the Terraza makes an extensive use of Buick's QuietTuning engineering initiative for a driving experience that is noise and vibration free. The Buick Terraza starts with a ladder unibody design with robust frame underbody construction. The four-wheel independent suspension features MacPherson struts, coil springs, L-shaped stamped lower control arms and aluminum knuckles in front; double wishbone cast aluminum short and long arm control arms and cast aluminum cradle at the rear. Inside the cabin, a low step in height facilitates entry and exit. Chrome and wood trim accents highlight the interior, providing a rich appearance throughout. Seven-passenger seating is standard, with individual captain's chairs in both the first and second rows. The second and third-row seats are both foldable and removable for additional cargo room, while the third-row seat has a 50/50 split.

Body style: four-door crossover sport van **Models:** CX, CXL **Dimensions & Specifications** **Engine:** 3.5L V6 - 201 hp at 5,600 rpm and 216 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.9L V6 - 240 hp at 6,000 rpm and 240 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm. **Transmission:** Electronically controlled four-speed automatic w/overdrive. **Cargo capacity:** 136.5 cubic feet **Towing capacity:** 3,500 lbs.

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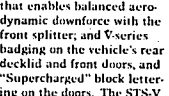
2006 CADILLAC STS-V



Impressions: Designed for everyday driving, the new rear-drive STS-V performance sedan takes the craftsmanship and sophistication of the standard STS to an entirely different level. Equipped with a supercharged 4.4L dual overhead cam Northstar V8 prime mover, the STS-V features the all-new Hydra-Matic 6L80 six-speed automatic transmission - the first use of GM's new six-speed automatic. Exterior elements in the STS-V enable higher performance capabilities, yet express sophisticated elegance. Exterior refinements include a larger polished stainless steel wire mesh front grille that enables the required additional airflow for engine heat dissipation; a new lower front fascia that incorporates a larger lower grille (also wire mesh) for increased cooling capability; brake ducts for front caliper and rotor cooling and splitter to counteract life created by the larger grille openings; a new lower rear fascia that facilitates smooth airflow under the vehicle for improved cooling; lower rockers that visually bridge the lowered front and rear fascias; a specific, fluidly sculpted hood designed to provide space for the engine supercharger; ten-spoke, flangeless, painted aluminum alloy wheels that assist in brake cooling; a higher, more rearward-positioned rear spoiler that enables balanced aerodynamic downforce with the front splitter; and V-Series badging on the vehicle's rear decklid and front doors, and "Supercharged" block lettering on the doors. The STS-V features a four-wheel independent suspension system that features a short-leaf spring (SLA) coil-over performance-tuned monotube shocks and anti-roll bar up front with a modified multi-link rear suspension, coil springs, Nivomat performance-tuned load-leveling shocks and an anti-roll bar. The STS-V is shod with Pirelli Extended Mobility tires. P255/45R18 up front, P275/40R19 at the rear.

Body style: four-door sedan **Models:** STS-V **Dimensions & Specifications** **Engine:** 4.4L supercharged V8 - 409 hp at 6,400 rpm and 439 lbs-ft of torque at 3,800 rpm. **Transmission:** electronically controlled six-speed automatic with overdrive. **Cargo capacity:** 13.8 cubic feet

2006 CADILLAC XLR-V



Impressions: New for 2006, the XLR-V roadster starts with the goodness of the nameplate's standard XLR hardtop convertible and raises the bar. Setting new standards in power, performance and personal amenities, the Cadillac two-door combines distinctive, bold styling with contemporary luxury, ingenious technology and rear wheel drive performance. Styling modifications to the XLR-V impart a bolder character consistent with its performance capabilities, yet retains an aura of refined elegance. Exterior design refinements include: polished mesh upper and lower front grilles; an aggressively sculpted hood that makes room for the supercharger; new 10-spoke aluminum wheel design with sterling silver finish; unique V-Series and Supercharged badging; four polished stainless steel exhaust tips; and black finish brake calipers with machined V-Series logos. The Cadillac XLR-V will be offered in three exterior colors: Infra Red, Black Raven and Light Platinum. At the

heart of the XLR-V is a new supercharged variant of the Northstar V8 engine family. Outfitted with a positive displacement intercooled supercharger, the new Northstar 4.4L V8 also powers the STS-V sedan. All this torque is communicated to the pavement through GM's new Hydra-Matic 6L80 six-speed automatic transmission. As one of the most technologically advanced automatic transmissions in the industry, the Hydra-Matic six-speed uses clutch-to-clutch operation and an advanced integrated 32-bit transmission controller to deliver smooth, precise shifts. In addition, a wide 6.04:1 overall ratio spread enhances performance and fuel economy. The 6L80 transmission also incorporates a host of advanced driving enhancement features, including advanced Performance Algorithm Shifting (PAS), Performance Algorithm Lift-off (PAL) and Driver Shift Control (DSC). Chassis modifications on the XLR-V include larger brakes; recalibrated Magnetic Ride Control (MRC); larger front stabilizer bar and the addition of a rear stabilizer bar; stiffer rear lower control arm bushings; larger wheels and tires; a power steering fluid cooler; and a higher capacity fuel pump.

Body style: two-door roadster **Models:** XLR-V **Dimensions & Specifications** **Engine:** 4.4L Northstar supercharged V8 - 443 hp at 6,400 rpm and 414 lbs-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm. **Transmission:** Hydra-Matic 6L80 six-speed automatic. **Cargo capacity:** 11.6 cu. ft. (top up); 4.4 cu. ft. (top down)

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2006 CHEVROLET AVEO



Impressions: Introduced as a 2004 model, the subcompact Chevrolet Aveo is imported from Korea and built by GMDAT (GM Daewoo Automotive & Technology) in its Bupyeong, Korea manufacturing plant. Although the Chevrolet Aveo is inexpensive, the good news is that it does not mean cheap or barren. The exterior design for the Aveo was crafted in Giorgio Giugiaro's Italdesign studios in Turin, Italy. For 2006, the Aveo receives standard front-side mounted side-impact airbags and advanced dual-stage frontal airbags with GM's Passenger Sensing System. Cruise control and remote keyless entry join the optional equipment roster for the first time. Other refinements and enhancements include a retuned suspension with improved steering response and a larger diameter front stabilizer bar. Power for Aveo is generated by a peppy E-TEC II 1.6L four-cylinder engine. Torque is communicated to the road via the standard five-speed manual gearbox or an optional four-speed automatic transmission that features a "hold control" button. Selecting "hold control" turns the four-speed automatic into a three-speed manual, with the driver changing gears by moving through the gated "hold control" mode enables the driver to better control wheel spin at low speeds on slippery surfaces by manually selecting a high gear. It is also useful on hilly roads, allowing the driver to stay in the appropriate gear for better control while also reducing brake wear. Based on the GMDAT Kalos platform, the Aveo employs proven suspension hardware to keep the five-door under control. The independent front suspension features MacPherson struts with offset coil springs and a stabilizer bar, while the semi-independent trailing arm torsion beam with coil rear axle provides good camber control under a wide variety of loads.

Body style: four-door sedan

five-door hatchback
Models: Special Value, LS and LT
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 1.6L four-cylinder-103 hp at 5,000 rpm and 107 lbs-ft at 3,600 rpm
Transmission: (M78) five-speed manual, (MV6) five-speed automatic with over-drive
Cargo capacity: 11.7 cu. ft. - hatchback



2006 CHEVROLET COBALT
Impressions: With a confidence not seen by the world's largest automaker in almost 40 years, Chevrolet introduced its all-new import-fighting Cobalt coupe and sedan to the American motorist last year. Based on the automaker's Delta global small car platform, the front-drive Cobalt is a "critical next step" in Chevrolet's resurgence, "engineered from the ground up to compete at the premium end of the small car market," according to GM President Gary Cowger. He added that the Cobalt "is unlike any other small car Chevrolet ever produced." Designed to replace the aging Cavalier in the product lineup, Chevrolet moves the new vehicle upmarket, built in an extensively retooled assembly plant in Lordstown, Ohio. Power for the small Chevrolet is generated by an Ecotec 2.2L four-cylinder engine bolted to the F24 five-speed manual gearbox. A Hydra-Matic 4T45-E four-speed electronically-controlled automatic transmission is optional. I have to tell you, Chevrolet's modern rendition of the small sedan is right on the money. Superior to the Cavalier in every way, the Cobalt is well equipped, solid and very responsive. It seems that GM paid attention this time.

Body styles: two-door coupe, four-door sedan

Models: LS, LT, LTZ
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.2L four-cylinder-145 hp at 5,600 rpm and 155 lbs-ft at 4,000 rpm
Transmission: five-speed manual, four-speed electronically controlled automatic
Cargo capacity: 13.9 cubic feet (both coupe and sedan)

2006 CHEVROLET IMPALA SS



Impressions: Chevrolet's popular flagship sedan is reunited with a legendary power plant in the form of the 2006 Impala SS sedan. Paying homage to the first in a long line of SS model variants starting with the 1961 Impala SS - the newest member of the SS family is equipped with an all-new aluminum small-block 5.3L V8 engine. The new small-block V8 features fuel saving Displacement on Demand technology (DoD) and was exclusively developed for front-drive applications. Power is communicated to the pavement through a strengthened version of the Hydra-Matic 4T65-E four-speed electronically-controlled automatic transmission. DoD technology enables fuel economy gains by reducing the number of cylinders engaged in the combustion process. A sophisticated engine controller determines when to deactivate cylinders, allowing the engine to maintain vehicle speed in lighter-load conditions such as highway cruising. When the cylinders are deactivated, the engine effectively operates as a V4, with alternative cylinders on each cylinder bank disabled. The engine returns to V8 mode the instant the controller determines the vehicle speed or load requires additional power. The process is seamless and virtually imperceptible. Exterior cues for the Impala SS includes a distinct dual-split grille with a SS-signature black-diamond cross-hatch pattern. At the rear, a

spoiler and Corvette-inspired bright exhaust tips completes the aggressive look. The Impala SS benefits from revised chassis and suspension systems applied across the entire Impala model line which includes: a robust front-end structure that provides a firmer foundation to help reduce noise, vibration and harshness (NVH) while also enhancing steering and handling performance; fully boxed upper frame rail assemblies that feature a wider, deeper and structurally stronger upper front tie bar; a stronger front-of-dash panel constructed of Quiet Steel laminated steel which reduces resonant sound; and an extruded aluminum engine cradle contributes to a vibration-free ride. Front suspension hardware consists of an independent MacPherson strut coil-over spring setup with gas-charged struts, taller jounce bumpers and a stabilizer bar. The rear suspension uses a trailing arm, tri-link set up with gas-charged struts, coil springs and a stabilizer bar. The Impala SS is equipped with a FE3 suspension, which includes 18-inch Waxed P235/50R18 AL3 (performance) tires and five-spoke alloy wheels, to provide a sporty ride that complements the V8's performance. A 34-mm hollow front stabilizer bar and 18-mm solid rear stabilizer bar combine to provide more roll control than the standard Impala suspension packages. Also, increased stiffness helps reduce body lean and contributes to greater high-speed stability. The new Impala SS enters the midsize sedan segment with enhanced premium-quality features and attention to detail.

Body style: four-door performance sedan
Models: SS
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 5.3L V8 - 303 hp at 5,600 rpm and 323 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm
Transmission: four-speed electronically-controlled automatic
Cargo capacity: 18.6 cubic feet.

2006 CHEVROLET HHR



Impressions: With distinctive styling, a spacious, easily configurable interior and economical engines, the all-new Chevrolet HHR suits any lifestyle. Borrowing elements from the 1949 Chevrolet Suburban SUV and the SSR roadster, the front-wheel drive HHR is uniquely identifiable - anywhere. Based on the automaker's Delta global small car platform, its chassis architecture provides the fundamental structural integrity that gave Chevrolet engineers the ability to fine-tune road feel with excellent ride and handling characteristics. Standard power for the HHR is provided by an Ecotec 2.2L four-cylinder engine, with an Ecotec 2.4L four-cylinder mill an available option. Torque is communicated to the street

through the standard F24 five-speed manual gearbox. A Hydra-Matic 4T45-E electronically-controlled four-speed automatic is optional. The HHR is a four-door vehicle with a rear towhead liftgate. Its high roof evokes the look of the 1949 Chevrolet Suburban, while other exterior cues carry the expressive attributes of the SSR roadster - all part of Chevrolet's design language. All HHR models include standard features such as air conditioning, power windows, power door locks, power outside mirrors and remote keyless entry. In addition, every HHR sound system features an auxiliary channel and front-mounted auxiliary input jack, so that an iPod or other audio source can be played through the vehicle audio system. A powerful, 260-watt Pioneer enhanced-performance audio system with sub woofer is available. Starting with the rigid foundation provided by the Delta chassis architecture, the HHR uses an independent MacPherson strut-type suspension with a stabilizer bar

up front and a semi-independent torsion beam suspension with a stabilizer bar at the rear. Two suspension systems are available: FE1 on the base and midrange models and the FE3 for the top-of-the-line model. The FE1 suspension is tuned for a softer ride and includes 16-inch wheels, while the FE3 provides sportier handling traits and offers standard 17-inch wheels and monotonous shocks, which provide improved ride and handling. Forged aluminum hub-pollished 17-inch wheels are available.

Body style: five-door wagon
Models: LS, LT and LTZ
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.2L four-cylinder-143 hp at 5,600 rpm and 150 lbs-ft of torque, 2.4L four-cylinder - 173 hp at 6,200 rpm and 162 lbs-ft of torque at 5,000 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed manual, four-speed electronically-controlled automatic
Cargo capacity: 6.1 cubic feet
Load capacity: 900 lbs.
Towing capacity: 1,000 lbs.

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Fresh from an incredible 2005 model year, with the introduction of the Chrysler 300 sedan and the redesigned Town & Country minivans, Chrysler keeps things humming for 2006 with the Chrysler 300 SRT8, a totally redesigned PT Cruiser/PT Cruiser Convertible and the sporty and spirited Sebring TSI sedan. The 300 SRT8 is powered by a new Hemi V8 and features 20 inch wheels and tires. New products and updated and freshened vehicles dominate the new offerings from the Dodge boys this year. The Dodge Charger Sedan's aggressive good looks are backed up with go-fast hardware and sophisticated control components. The Street and Racing Technology (SRT) team took

the Charger and Magnum and turned up the heat and cool factor for the Dodge Charger SRT8 sedan and the Dodge Magnum SRT8 wagon. Boasting the largest full-size cab ever, the Dodge Ram Mega Cab pickup adds some 20 inches to the cab resulting in class-leading rear seating space, storage and legroom. Available in 1500, 2500 and 3500 Series, the underpinnings are all Ram Heavy Duty. They're powered by a 5.7 L Hemi V8 or the Cummins 5.9L 16 turbo diesel. After last year's introduction of an all-new second generation Grand Cherokee, the Trail Rated folks have upped the ante this year with exciting new products. Designed to

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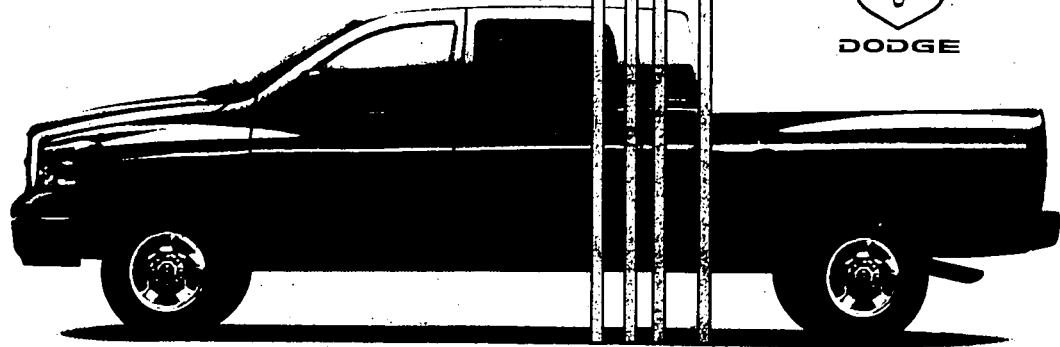
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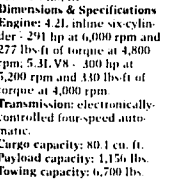


Impressions: Fast, Nimble, Sophisticated. With equipment and appointments that could easily be mistaken for a luxury sedan, the Chevrolet Trailblazer has quickly established itself as one of the most popular midsize SUVs in the marketplace. Combining Chevy truck toughness with style and versatility, the midsize SUV is available in two or four-wheel drive configurations and is moved by a powerful and efficient Vortec 4200 inline six-cylinder engine or Vortec 5400 V8 motor. Both prime movers are bolted to a Hydra-Matic 4L60-E four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive. For 2006, Trailblazer receives new front and rear fascias, grille, headlamps, rocker panels, and body side moldings for updated LT models. An Enhanced Quiet Package makes the most of an acoustic windshield and additional sound insulation in areas that can transmit noise.

Displacement on Demand (DoD) technology is available for Vortec 5400 equipped models. The DoD technology regulates between eight- and four-cylinder power to produce up to five percent improved fuel economy in certain light-load driving conditions. In addition, Chevrolet has made the StabiliTrak vehicle stability control system standard equipment across the entire Trailblazer line-up. StabiliTrak helps drivers maintain control during sudden maneuvers or in low traction conditions by using a comprehensive series of sensors to measure acceleration, deceleration, steering angle and yaw rate. By monitoring these inputs, the system automatically controls the vehicle to help maintain the driver's intended path when a measurable deviation from the intended course is detected. The system maintains control by regulating vehicle acceleration or applying the brakes at any wheel. For example, if the vehicle begins to oversteer, StabiliTrak applies the outside front brake to straighten the vehicle. The Chevrolet Trailblazer starts with a body-on-frame vehicle structure, stiff frame and a world class suspension system to provide an above average ride, handling and sense of control and stability.

Body style: five-door wagon
Models: LS, LT
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 4.2L inline six-cylinder - 291 hp at 6,000 rpm and 277 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm; 5.3L V8 - 300 hp at 5,200 rpm and 330 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm
Transmission: electronically controlled four-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 801 cu. ft.
Payload capacity: 1,150 lbs.
Towing capacity: 6,700 lbs.

2006 CHEVROLET SILVERADO



Impressions: With crisp exterior sheetmetal that projects a modern, handsome and upscale image, the Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck continues to win converts since its debut in 2004. Available in three cab configurations: regular, extended and crew, the Colorado cargo box is six foot long for regular and extended cab models, five foot for the crew cab. The midsize Chevrolet pickup is available in Z85, Sport and 271 models and two or four-wheel drive configurations. Power for the pickup is delivered by two inline powerplants: a Vortec 2800 2.8L four-cylinder and a Vortec 3500 3.5L five-cylinder engine. The Vortec 3500 is the first application within GM of a five-cylinder engine. Both engines share a com-

mon design as part of the same engine family derived from the inline Vortec 4200 six-cylinder engine used in the Chevrolet Trailblazer SUV. Torque is communicated to the ground via the standard Aisin AT 4E-5 five-speed manual gearbox or the optional smooth-shifting Hydra-Matic 4L60-E four-speed automatic transmission. For those motorists that desire more, Chevrolet offers the Colorado Xtreme. Going even further, the Xtreme comes with the overall package of the Colorado with sports car-like handling and contemporary sport truck styling. Available on two-wheel drive versions of the LT Regular Cab, Extended Cab and Crew Cab models, the edgy pickup truck starts with a ZQ8 suspension that has been lowered 1.6 inches and special exterior enhancements. Suspension enhancements for the Xtreme include: front and rear stabilizer bars, 18-inch alloy wheels and low-profile performance tires.

Exterior design cues include a unique body color front fascia with foglamps, rear fascia and rocker extension moldings; rear tailgate spoiler, new front grille, monochromatic paint scheme and special badging. The Xtreme is available in the following exterior colors: Victory Red, Black, White, Superior Blue and Yellow. The Colorado Xtreme comes with LT trim, but also includes special instrument cluster graphics and interior badging. Chevrolet developed three different suspension engineers to work with every Colorado cab configuration: Z85 (standard suspension), ZQ8 (sport suspension) and ZQ7 (off-road suspension). For those motorists that like the high stance, imposing look and rugged suspension of the all-wheel drive model, there is no need to get as complex. Chevrolet offers the Z71 2WD Off-Road suspension option.

Body style: Regular cab, Extended cab and Crew Cab
Models: LS, LT and Xtreme
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.8L four-cylinder - 175 hp at 5,600 rpm and 185 lbs-ft of torque at 2,400 rpm; 3.5L five-cylinder - 220 hp at 5,600 rpm and 225 lbs-ft of torque at 2,800 rpm
Transmission: five-speed manual; four-speed electronically controlled automatic
Cargo capacity: 1,733 lbs.
Towing capacity: 4,000 lbs.

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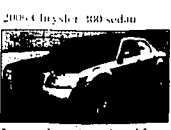


Impressions: With a model for every personal and professional truck need, Chevrolet continues its momentum in the full-sized truck market with the Silverado. For 2006, Silverado receives a new front-end appearance with revised grille design and a new, power dome hood borrowed from the Silverado 3500. A prominent gold bowtie is centered on a new dual-port grille design, while the power dome hood conveys strength. The Silverado is available in regular, extended and crew cab body styles and two or four-wheel drive-line configurations. This year, the Silverado 1500 is now available with a new extended cab/short box configuration. Available in 2WD or 4WD, the extended cab design is matched with a 5 ft 8 in. cargo box. The crew cab models, giving customers three bed choices: short, standard (6 ft. 6 in.) and long (8 ft.). Powerplant selections include: Vortec 4300 V6, Vortec 4800 V8 or Vortec 5300 V8. Gearbox choices include the standard five-speed manual gearbox or optional five-speed electronically controlled automatic with tow/haul mode. To enhance the towing capability of the Silverado 1500 4WD models, Chevrolet has introduced the VortecMAX Performance Package. Starting with a high-output Vortec 6000 V8 engine, the

enhanced equipment package includes a heavy-duty trailing package, locking rear differential, new 9.5-inch rear axle, special exterior badging and a unique engine cover.

Body style: 1/2 ton pickup - Regular, Extended and Crew Cab
Models: Work Truck, Base, LS, Z71, LT
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 4.3L V6 - 195 hp at 4,500 rpm and 260 lbs-ft of torque at 3,200 rpm; 4.8L V8 - 285 hp at 5,200 rpm and 295 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 5.3L V8 (LM7) - 295 hp at 5,200 rpm and 335 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 5.3L V8 (LS3) - 310 hp at 5,200 rpm and 335 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 6.0L V8 (VortecMAX) - 345 hp at 5,200 rpm and 390 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed manual; four-speed electronically controlled automatic
Payload capacity: 2,052 lbs.
Towing capacity: 10,400 lbs.

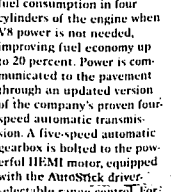
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Impressions: Introduced for the 2005 model year with great fanfare, the all-new award-winning Chrysler 300 sedan marked the return of the great American car. Based on an all-new platform architecture, rear-wheel drive makes a dramatic comeback after a long absence in the marketplace. The Chrysler 300 was designed to deliver contemporary rear-wheel drive performance and world class handling. Engineered to redefine the classic American car, the Chrysler 400 exterior sheetmetal reflects a modern rendition of the lines and shapes of elegant full-size flagship sedans of the past. Engine choices include the base 2.7L V6, 3.5L V6 and the popular 5.7L HEMI V8. The HEMI engine makes a triumphant return to the Chrysler brand after a 50-year absence. The HEMI motor also features a cylinder deactivation system that seamlessly turns off the fuel consumption in four cylinders of the engine when V8 power is not needed, improving fuel economy up to 10 mpg. Power is communicated to the pavement through an updated version of the company's proven four-speed automatic transmission. A five-speed automatic gearbox is bolted to the powerful HEMI motor, equipped with the AutoStick driver-selectable power shift. For 2006, the five-speed automatic with AutoStick will also be mated to the 3.5 V6 as an option (late availability). Additionally, all-wheel-drive is an available option.

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: 300, Touring, Limited, 400
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.7L V6 - 190 hp at 6,400 rpm and 190 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.5L V6 - 250 hp at 6,400 rpm and 250 lbs-ft of torque at 3,800 rpm; 5.7L HEMI V8 - 340 hp at 5,000 rpm and 390 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm.
Transmission: four-speed automatic; five-speed automatic with AutoStick.
Cargo capacity: 15.6 cubic feet.

2006 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER



Impressions: As one of the more expressive vehicles to come out of the cross-fertilization of German and American cultures and ideas at DaimlerChrysler, the Crossfire has been designed to evoke emotion and turn heads on the road or in the driveway. With the addition of the convertible, last model year, the spirit of the coupe's design DNA has been maintained while enhancing

structural rigidity and sharing common components. Power for the Crossfire is generated by a robust 3.2L 18-valve V6 engine bolted to the standard six-speed manual or optional five-speed electronically controlled adaptive automatic transmission with AutoStick. As in any true performance vehicle, the chassis is the foundation for the suspension system. The more robust the chassis, the easier it is to calibrate the suspension hardware for optimum performance. Mounted dynamically, the Crossfire has a body structure that is twice as stiff as a Porsche Boxster and stiffer than a Porsche 911. A rear-wheel drive layout allowed engineers to distribute the vehicle weight more evenly, as opposed to a front-wheel drive car that has much of its weight ahead of the driver. The Chrysler Crossfire features a four-wheel independent suspension with coil springs and gas-charged shock absorbers that secure the corners. A double wishbone front setup and a five-link rear suspension configuration facilitate flat cornering and aggressive grip. Beefy tires keep the two-door convertible connected to Mother Earth. Four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, all-speed traction control and an electronic stability program assure that things will rarely get beyond the driver's control.

Body style: two-door coupe, two-door convertible
Models: Base, Limited
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.2L V6 - 215 hp at 5,700 rpm and 229 lbs-ft of torque at 3,000 rpm
Transmission: six-speed manual; five-speed automatic with AutoStick driver-interactive manual control
Cargo capacity: 7.6 cu. ft. (coupe), 6.5 cu. ft. (roadster top up), 3.6 cu. ft. (roadster top down)

2006 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER



Impressions: Affordable personal transportation has never been so cool. Launched in July 2000 as a 2001 model, the Chrysler PT Cruiser continues to win converts and fans with an exterior that is a cross between a 1980s style sedan and a "surfing safari" beach wagon/panel van. For 2006, the PT Cruiser has been completely upgraded. Exterior changes include updated front and rear fascias, a new front grille with the Chrysler winged-badge and chrome accents, new headlamps and new round fog lamps. Power for the PT Cruiser is provided by three variants of the automaker's robust 2.4L four-cylinder multi-valve engine: normally aspirated, turbocharged and high-output turbocharged. The high-output turbo motor receives an inner seal of 10 horses for 2006. Standard gearbox choices include the

NVG T350 five-speed manual gearbox or the heavy-duty Getrag five-speed manual with overdrive (GT). Automatic transmission options include a four-speed electronic with overdrive and a four-speed electronic with overdrive and AutoStick. Composed and controlled, the PT Cruiser is equipped with an independent front suspension utilizing MacPherson struts, asymmetrical lower control arms, coil springs and link-type stabilizer bar. The rear setup comprises trailing arms, a solid twist-beam axle, Watt's linkage, coil springs and gas-charged shock absorbers. The result is a dynamic chassis exhibiting very little body lean at speed in the twists.

Body style: four-door wagon
Models: Base, Touring, Limited, GT
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.4L four-cylinder (base) 150 hp at 5,100 rpm and 165 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm (turbo) 180 hp at 5,200 rpm and 210 lbs-ft of torque at 2,400-4,000 rpm; (high output turbo) 230 hp at 5,100 rpm and 245 lbs-ft of torque at 2,800-4,500 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed manual with overdrive; heavy-duty five-speed manual with overdrive; four-speed automatic with overdrive.
Cargo capacity: 62.7 cubic feet.

2006 CHRYSLER DODGE CHARGER



Impressions: Extensively upgraded last year, the Chrysler Town & Country minivan redefines the standards by which all other aspiring luxury minivans may be judged. The big news for 2006 is the introduction of "Stow 'n Go" seating for the long wheelbase models, in which second and third row seats fold into the floor. The second and third row split bench seats flip and fold into compartments in the floor to create a flat cargo area. According to the automaker, the "Stow 'n Go" seating design adds 12 cubic feet of covered storage space when the second and third row seats are in the upright position. Chrysler contends that there are over 250 different seating configurations with the new minivan. Power for the Town & Country is generated by a pair of six-cylinder engines: 3.3L and the 3.6L. Torque is communicated to the pavement through a four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive. The new body structure was designed for high bending and torsional stiffness, which helps isolate suspension vibration and chatter from the passenger compartment. The new Chrysler minivan is more than 16 percent quieter than the previous model thanks to the use of "Quiet Steel", a viscous-elastic treatment sandwiched between two steel layers. Additionally, structural tubing and a liquid

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: SE, SXT, R/T
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.5L V6 - 250 hp at 6,400 rpm and 250 lbs-ft of torque at 3,800 rpm; 5.7L HEMI V8 - 340 hp at 5,000 rpm and 390 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm
Transmission: five-speed fully automatic with AutoStick.
Cargo capacity: 16.2 cu. ft.

spray-on damper were integrated into the recessed floor design to reduce vibration, road noise and stone impingement.

Body style: short wheelbase minivan
Models: Base, LX, Touring, Limited
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.3L V6 - 180 hp at 5,000 rpm and 210 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.6L V6 - 205 hp at 5,200 rpm and 240 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm.
Transmission: Four-speed automatic with overdrive.
Cargo capacity: 146.7 cu. ft. (SXT) 160.7 cu. ft. (LWB)
Towing capacity: 3,800 lbs.

DODGE

2006 DODGE CHARGER



Impressions: It's a name from the American muscle car past - selected for an all-new sedan offering from Dodge. Coupe styling meets four-door functionality with the all-new 2006 Dodge Charger sedan. Flaunting bold, provocative exterior styling and substance, the newest addition to the Dodge family is built at the automaker's Brampton, Ontario, Canada, assembly complex.

Introduced in early 2005 as an 2006 model, the new Dodge Charger is powered by a high-output 3.5L 60-degree V6 engine while the lethal R/T model is propelled by a 300-horsepower Dodge Charger engine. Torque for both engines is communicated to the pavement through a fully-automatic W5A500 five-speed automatic transmission with AutoStick. Styling cues for the new Dodge Charger include a held front end, long hood/short deck and fastback that pays homage to Charger granddaddy, the classic car era. The Dodge Charger shares its underpinnings with the Chrysler 300 sedan. All Dodge Charger models are equipped with the Electronic Stability Program (ESP), which includes brake assist, anti-lock brakes and all-speed traction control. The Charger rides on a robust steel chassis that serves as the foundation for the performance-tuned, four-wheel independent suspension system. Control hardware up front features a Short and Long-Arm (SLA) suspension with high upper 'A' arm, lateral and diagonal lower links with dual ball joint front knuckle, coil spring over gas-charged shock absorbers and revised stabilizer bar lower 'A' arm. At the rear, a five-link suspension works with coil springs, gas-charged shock absorbers, isolated suspension cradle and a revised stabilizer bar.

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: SE, SXT, R/T
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.5L V6 - 250 hp at 6,400 rpm and 250 lbs-ft of torque at 3,800 rpm; 5.7L HEMI V8 - 340 hp at 5,000 rpm and 390 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm
Transmission: five-speed fully automatic with AutoStick.
Cargo capacity: 16.2 cu. ft.

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2006 DODGE CHARGER SECTS



Impressions: It's a name from the American muscle car past and the quickest sedan in the Dodge lineup. As the latest SRT variant, the rear-drive Charger SRT8 features balanced performance, race-bred handling and world class braking. Powered by a big-bore 6.1L HEMI V8, the Charger SRT8 transfers power to the pavement through an SRT-modified A580 five-speed automatic transmission with adaptive electronic control and performance-tuned AutoStick driver-interactive manual control. A heavy-duty four-flange prop shaft sends the torque from the transmission to an upgraded differential and axles. As an all-around performer, the all-new 2006 Dodge Charger SRT8 is capable of impressive numbers: zero-to-sixty mph in the low five-second range; quarter-mile time in the mid-13-second range and braking distance from sixty-to-zero in approximately 110 feet. The Charger SRT8 is also capable of accomplishing SRT's signature performance test of 0-100-0 mph in the mid-16-second range. Styling cues for the new Dodge Charger include an all-new front fascia featuring integrated ducts that direct fresh air to cool the brakes. The front fascia also incorporates an air dam to reduce lift. The hood is equipped with a functional scoop to funnel cool air into the engine compartment. The rear fascia features integrated lower strakes to direct air flow and aggressive cutouts to accommodate dual 3.5-inch exhaust tips. A dramatic decklid spoiler set on dual stranchions increases downforce for high-speed stability and traction. The Charger rides on a robust steel chassis that serves as the foundation for the performance-tuned, four-

wheel independent suspension system. The Charger SRT8 features a ride height that is one-half inch lower than the standard Charger sedan. SRT-tuned dampers, specially tailored spring rates and suspension bushings, and large-diameter anti-sway bars work with the suspension system components.

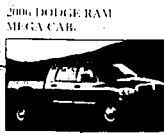
Body style: four-door sedan
Models: SRT8
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 6.1L HEMI V8 - 425 hp at 6,200 rpm and 420 lbs-ft of torque
Transmission: five-speed fully automatic with AutoStick
Cargo capacity: 16.2 cu. ft.



2006 DODGE RAM 1500
Impressions: Big, aggressive, handsome, roomy, proud, American. Nothing shouts American to the world as much as the full-sized pickup truck. And nothing is as visually big and bold as the full-size Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck. The exterior sheetmetal is an over-the-top rendition of the "big rig" look that Dodge pioneered with the introduction of the 1994 Ram pickup. Drivers of the Dodge Ram will not be mistaken for anything else on the road - nor will they be readily ignored. For 2006, Dodge ups the ante for truck owners everywhere with an all-new frame, a freshened exterior look and redesigned interior amenities. Exterior changes include a new front fascia, grille, headlamps, fenders and wheels. An all-new frame, suspension system and body mounts improve ride, handling and quietness. Available in regular and Quad Cab body styles, full-size 6' 3" or 8' cargo box sizes and two- or four-wheel drive, the Quad Cab models feature four full-sized doors and is available with an optional sunroof. The sunroof provides one-touch open-and-close features and

includes a power vent position for highway cruising.

Body style: Regular Cab, Quad Cab
Models: ST, SLT, Laramie
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.7L V6 - 215 hp at 5,200 rpm and 235 lbs-ft at 4,000 rpm; 4.7L V8 - 235 hp at 4,800 rpm and 300 lbs-ft of torque at 3,200 rpm; 5.7L HEMI V8 - 345 hp at 5,400 rpm and 375 lbs-ft of torque at 4,200 rpm.
Transmission: six-speed manual, multi-speed automatic, five-speed automatic.
Payload capacity: 1,750 lbs.
Towing capacity: 9,100 lbs.

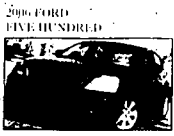


2006 DODGE RAM MEGA CAB
Impressions: Just when you thought you have seen it all from Detroit, comes the latest rendition of big pickup truck capabilities from Dodge. Responding to the strong demand for full-size crew cab pickup trucks, Dodge introduces the largest, longest cab in the full-size market - the Ram Mega Cab. This is Texas-sized truck - big everything! Starting with the interior, the Mega Cab boasts the largest interior cargo volume, the largest cargo volume behind the rear seat, largest second seat leg room, largest rear door opening, largest rear door angle and finally, rear seats that recline from 22 to 37 degrees. If six people can't get comfortable in the Ram Mega Cab, they can't get comfortable anywhere! Available in Ram 1500, 2500 and 3500 models, the Mega Cab is derived from the 160.5-inch wheelbase Ram 2500 long cargo box model. Engineers re-proportioned the cab and pickup box by replacing the eight-foot cargo box with Ram 2500's 6-foot, 3-inch box, providing additional 20 inches for the cab. The result is a cab length of 111.1 inches - some 12 inches longer than

the nearest competitor. As a result, all Mega Cab models are built on the Ram Heavy Duty structure. Chassis, frame, axles and wheels are combined with the power choices available on Ram Heavy Duty - the 5.7 HEMI V8 and the Cummins 5.9L 16 Turbo Diesel - to provide maximum power and payload consistent with the Ram Heavy Duty trucks.

Body style: four-door pickup truck
Models: 1500, 2500, 3500 series
Trim Levels: SLT, Laramie
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 5.7L HEMI V8 - 345 hp at 5,400 rpm and 375 lbs-ft of torque at 4,200 rpm; 5.9L Cummins 16 turbo diesel - 325 hp at 2,900 rpm and 610 lbs-ft of torque at 1,600 rpm.
Transmission: six-speed manual, four-speed automatic, five-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 71.0 cubic feet
Payload capacity: 2,970 lbs.
Towing capacity: 15,900 lbs.

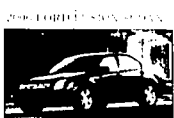
FORD



2006 FORD FIVE HUNDRED
Impressions: Introduced last year, the Ford Five Hundred sedan reinvented the family car by marrying the body of a contemporary sedan to an all-new crossover vehicle architecture. Based on Volvo's P2 large car platform architecture, the Five Hundred is available in front and all-wheel drive variants - boasting many of the advantages associated with sport utility vehicles and crossovers. Power for the premium sedan is provided by the Duratec 30 3.0L V6 engine. Torque is transferred to the street via one of two transmissions: an Aisin AW six-speed automatic and a smooth-operating CVT continuously variable transmis-

sion) developed with joint venture partner ZF-Batavia. Starting with a stiff body structure as the foundation, the Five Hundred employs a four-wheel independent suspension system to assure confident ride and handling characteristics. The front suspension hardware consists of MacPherson struts with rearward-facing lower L-arms and stabilizer bar, while the rear suspension components include a multi-link coil-over, shock configuration with stabilizer bar. Inside the cabin is one of the sedan's most impressive elements. SUV-like Command Seating gives driver and passengers a clear view of the road, yet possessing the low step-in height of a car. Occupants sit up to four inches higher than in other midsize sedans. Overall legroom is best-in-class for both front and rear occupants. High-quality fabrics or leather surfaces are accented by inviting materials and surface treatments - such as smooth metal-plated door handles and soft touch paint finishes - through out the cabin.

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: SE, SEL, Limited
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.0L V6 - 203 hp at 5,750 rpm and 207 lbs-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm
Transmission: CVT automatic, six-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 21.2 cubic feet



2006 FORD FUSION
Impressions: Breathing a fresh attitude into the American mid-size car, Ford introduces the 2006 Fusion sedan. Inspired by the Ford 427 sedan concept, the front-drive Fusion distinguishes itself in what is the most competitive of vehicle segments with impressive exterior design and engaging driving dynamics. Fusion brings

to the segment good fuel economy, advanced safety, clean emissions and roomy interior space - all at an attractive value. Positioned in the Ford passenger car lineup between the Focus and the Five Hundred, Fusion takes several design cues from the 427 concept car, incorporating its bold three-bar grille and multi-element projector beam headlamps. The concept car also inspired Fusion's optional charcoal black leather interior with contrasting oatmeal-colored seat stitching. Power for the new Ford sedan is generated by a choice of the automaker's Duratec 23 2.3L, four-cylinder or Duratec 30 3.0L V6 engines. The four-cylinder motor is paired with either the standard five-speed manual gearbox or an optional five-speed automatic. The standard transmission for the six-cylinder powerplant is a wide-ratio six-speed automatic transmission, a rare find in Fusion's market segment. As the company's first fully "digital" car, Fusion was completely designed, engineered and tested for manufacture in a digital environment - using the most advanced design tools available for precision, quality and efficiency. The all-new sedan rides on Ford's new CDA vehicle architecture, which has been modified for the Fusion chassis. The width has been stretched by 30 mm while 55-mm has been added to its overall length. This will result in a serious challenge to the segment leaders in key interior dimensions such as front shoulder room, rear-seat legroom and trunk space.

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: S, SE, SEL
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.3L four cylinder - 160 hp at 6,500 rpm and 150 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.0L V6 - 221 hp at 6,250 rpm and 205 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed manual, five-speed automatic, six-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 15.8 cubic feet

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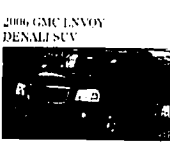
Impressions: Ford takes the bull by the horns for 2006 with a complete redesign of its segment-leading, Explorer SUV. As the sales leader for the last 15 years, the Explorer is considered the world's best selling SUV - a tough act to follow. The automaker has answered the call and responded with more power, improved fuel economy, low emissions, new advanced safety technologies, class-leading interior quietness, improved ride comfort and bolder styling. The 2006 Explorer is available in rear- or four-wheel drive configurations and is powered by an improved 4.0L V6 engine linked to Ford's 5S55WS five-speed automatic transmission or a new optional three-valve 4.6L V8 prime mover mated to the 6R six-speed automatic transmission; a first for the segment. For 2006, the 4.0L V6 engine is certified to the same level of ultra-low emissions as the Ford Escape Hybrid as a result of the following improvements: a fifty percent improvement in idle quality due to a new camshaft and spark plugs; new engine calibrations; and improved emission controls that cut smog-forming emissions by 74 percent compared to the previous model. The new optional 4.6L V8 shares the same variable cam timing and three-valve cylinder heads used on the wildly successful Mustang GT and 5.4L Ford F-150 engine. The all-new six-speed automatic transmission features a wide 6.0:1 gear ratio, enabling the engine to spend more time in its optimum power band - either at peak power for acceleration, or at peak efficiency for more fuel economy. The awesome goodness of the new Explorer starts with an all-new body-on-frame construction. Thanks to increases in section height and width, it is 63 percent more torsion and bending and 55 percent more resistant to twisting than the previous model. The Ford SUV adopts the F-150's tube-through-tube frame design, where the cross-members pass through the section of the frame-rails, creating an inherently stronger joint. The joints are then completely welded around the perimeter for a fully bonded seam. The stiffer frame provides a smoother ride with better road feel, crisper handling and improved steering response because it allowed Ford engineers to improve the vehicle systems - including the front and rear suspensions, braking and steering systems. Pioneered with new manufacturing techniques that decrease manufacturing tolerances, the Explorer's solid foundation also helps significantly reduce long-term squeaks and rattles.

Body style: five-door midsize wagon
Models: XLS, XLT, Eddie Bauer, Limited
Dimensions & Specifications
 Engine: 4.0L V6 - 210 hp at 5,100 rpm and 254 lbs-ft of torque at 3,700 rpm; 4.6L V8 - 292 hp at 5,750 rpm and 300 lbs-ft of torque at 3,950 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed automatic, six-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 85.8 cu. ft.
Payload capacity: 1,520 lbs.
Towing capacity: 7,300 lbs.

2006 GMC ENVY SUV

frame toughness and GMC versatility in a garageable package. Available in two- or four-wheel drive configurations, Envy is propelled by a powerful and efficient Vortec 4200 six-cylinder engine and joined to a smooth-shifting Hydra-Matic 4L60-E electronically-controlled four-speed automatic gearbox. For 2006, the appearance of the Envy is freshened with a new chrome grille accent, new chrome bodyside molding and new side and rear badges on SLE and SLT trim levels. In addition, StabiliTrak, GM's electronic stability control system with Proactive Roll Avoidance is now standard. StabiliTrak uses an accelerometer, yaw position sensor, wheel speed sensor, yaw sensor, brake master cylinder pressure sensor and a steering wheel angle sensor as inputs to interpret the driver's desired path and whether to accelerate or decelerate the vehicle. Along with StabiliTrak, available safety features include optional head curtain side airbags that inflate from the roof rail between the A-pillar and side window header. When the bag deploys in a moderate to severe side impact, it is angled somewhat toward the window to help provide protection for front- and second-row outboard passengers. In vehicles equipped with the head curtain side-impact airbags, the integral rollover protection sensing system helps protect occupants in a rollover event by triggering both the side curtain airbags and safety belt pretensioners.

Body style: five-door wagon
Models: SLE, SLT
Dimensions & Specifications
 Engine: 4.2L six-cylinder - 291 hp at 6,000 rpm and 277 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm
Transmission: electronically-controlled four-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 80.1 cu. ft.
Payload capacity: 1,146 lbs.
Towing capacity: 6,300 lbs.



Impressions: Setting a new standard of sophistication and performance by delivering new levels of comfort, convenience and capability, GMC introduced the top-of-the-heap Denali model to the Envy lineup last year. Imbedded with instant-recognizable premium styling, appointments pioneered by the original Yukon Denali, the Envy Denali includes the following upgrades and enhancements: signature chrome-plated grille with honeycomb texture, and a body-color single-piece front fascia which includes a large, horizontal air intake flanked by round fog lamps that set deeper in the fascia and accented with deep bright bezels. A lower rear fascia is part of the Denali design package. It has been lowered to visually conceal the vehicle's undercarriage components and, like the front fascia, features tighter gap tolerances for a precision look. Air deflector extensions surrounding the trailer hitch area also help create a lower look for the vehicle. The Envy Denali also features integrated running boards painted body color and equipped with rubberized mats to prevent stones and other debris from being kicked up onto the vehicle's exterior surface. Other exterior design cues for the Envy Denali include thinner body-color side molding, body-color outside mirrors (heated with integrated turn signal indicators), unique rear badging and high-polished forged aluminum 18-inch wheels. The GMC Envy Denali is available as a four-door wagon in two- or four-wheel drive configurations. The midsize upscale SUV is powered by a powerful 5.3L V8 prime mover joined to a Hydra-Matic 4L60-E four-speed automatic transmission. No other powertrain is offered.

Body style: four-door wagon
Model: Envy Denali
Dimensions & Specifications
 Engine: 5.3L V8 - 300 hp at 5,200 rpm and 330 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm
Transmission: four-speed electronically controlled automatic
Cargo capacity: 80.1 cu. ft.
Payload capacity: 1,376 lbs.
Towing capacity: 6,600 lbs.

2006 GMC YUKON

Impressions: looking for exceptional power, cargo-space, passenger room and towing capacity, the full-size GMC Yukon XL delivers. The truck people at GMC worked overtime to assure that GM's largest (and most profitable) SUV remains both competitive and relevant in the cut-throat American marketplace. Based on the same chassis as the larger Yukon XL, the Yukon has an overall length that is 18 inches shorter. Offered as a four-door or two-door or four-wheel-drive, the Yukon is available with two V8 powerplants: Vortec 4800 and Vortec 5300. Torque is transferred to the road via a smooth-shifting Hydra-Matic 4L60-E electronically-controlled four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive. The automatic gearbox features a tow/haul button on the end of the gear selector that can be actuated by the driver to manage transmission shifts when carrying heavy loads. By lengthening the time between gear shifts, shifts are quicker and transmission wear is reduced. This feature is also designed to take the end of the automatic transmission and suspension in order to manage heavy trailering. For 2006, GMC adds the following enhancements: a Vortec 5300 Flex-Fuel V8 engine - which can run on standard 87-octane gasoline or a combination of gasoline and E85 ethanol fuel - up to 85 percent ethanol can be used; available power-adjustable pedals for all equipment groups; and an extendable power-adjustable camper mirror featuring heated, power adjustable larger glass, a convex "spotter mirror" and integrated turn signals.

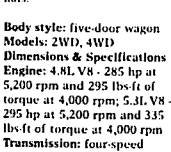
Body style: five-door wagon
Models: 2WD, 4WD
Dimensions & Specifications
 Engine: 4.8L V8 - 285 hp at 5,200 rpm and 295 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 5.3L V8 - 295 hp at 5,200 rpm and 335 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm
Transmission: four-speed electronically controlled automatic with overdrive and tow/haul mode.
Cargo capacity: 104.6 cu. ft.
Payload capacity: 1,590 lbs.
Towing capacity: 7,800 lbs.

2006 GMC CANYON



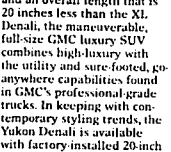
Impressions: GMC moved to the front of the midsize truck pack with 2004 model year introduction of the all-new Canyon pickup. Outstanding range of model configurations and plenty of power are strong points for the GMC Canyon pickup. The GMC Canyon is available in three cab configurations: regular, extended and crew. The crew cab is six foot long for regular and extended cab models, five foot for the crew cab. Power for the midsize GMC pickup is delivered by two engines: a Vortec 2800 2.8L four-cylinder and a Vortec 3500 3.5L five-cylinder engine. The Vortec 3500 is the first application within GM of a five-cylinder engine. Torque is communicated to the ground via the standard Aisin five-speed manual gearbox or the optional smooth-shifting Hydra-Matic 4L60-E four-speed automatic transmission. For 2006, Canyon receives a newly available sport suspension option. The ZQ8 sport suspension features a 22 mm rear stabilizer bar, high-pressure monotonu shocks, quick-ratio power steering and rubber/urethane joint bumpers. For an even sportier look, ZQ8-equipped Canyon models have a two-inch lower ride height than those equipped with the base 285 suspension, ride on 17-inch aluminum wheels shod with P235/50R17 tires and feature body-colored wheel flares. The SLT package is available on Extended Cab and Crew Cab models and includes: the Vortec 3500 five-

2006 GMC SIERRA



Impressions: With a model for every personal and professional truck need, GMC continues its momentum in the full-sized truck market with the Sierra. For 2006, Sierra receives a new front-end appearance, with a revised grille design and a new, power dome hood borrowed from the Sierra 3500. A prominent gold bowtie is centered on a new dual-port grille design, while the power dome hood conveys strength. The Sierra is available in regular, extended and crew cab body styles and two- or four-wheel driveline configurations. This year, the Sierra 1500 is now available with a new extended cab/short box configuration. Available in 2WD or 4WD, the extended cab design is matched with a 5 ft. 8 in. cargo box - the same as Crew Cab models - giving customers three bed choices - short, standard (6 ft. 6 in.) and long (8 ft.). Powerplant selections include: Vortec 4800 V8 or

2006 GMC SIERRA HD

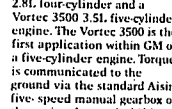


Impressions: Built for hard work - designed for total enjoyment. This professional-grade vehicle from GMC is a truck on a mission - the ultimate carriage of payload and passengers - in almost any terrain. The Sierra HD is available in regular, extended and crew cab body styles, two- or four-wheel drive and short, standard or long cargo bed configurations. Model choices include: Series 1500HD, 2500HD and 3500.

Impressions: GMC introduced the VortecMax Performance Package. Starting with a high-output Vortec 6000 V8 engine, the enhanced equipment package includes a heavy-duty trailing package, locking rear differential, new 9.5-inch rear axle, special exterior badging and a unique engine cover.

Body style: 1/2 ton-pickup - Regular, Extended and Crew Cab
Models: Work Truck, Base, SLE, SLT, Denali
Dimensions & Specifications
 Engine: 4.3L V6 - 195 hp at 4,600 rpm and 260 lbs-ft of torque at 2,800 rpm; 4.8L V8 - 285 hp at 5,200 rpm and 295 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 5.3L V8 - 310 hp at 5,200 rpm and 335 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 6.0L V8 - 345 hp at 5,200 rpm and 380 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed manual, four-speed electronically controlled automatic
Payload capacity: 2,052 lbs.
Towing capacity: 10,300 lbs.

2006 GMC SIERRA



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To enhance the towing capability of the Sierra, GMC has introduced the VortecMAX Performance Package. Starting with a high-output Vortec 6000 V8 engine, the enhanced equipment package includes a heavy-duty trailing package, locking rear differential, new 9.5-inch rear axle, special exterior badging and a unique engine cover. Engine choices for the Sierra HD include two versions of the Vortec 6000 V8; the Vortec 8100 V8; and an all-new version of the Duramax 6600 V8 turbo-diesel that will debut during the 2006 model year. Gearbox options include the following units:

New Venture Gear 3500 five-speed manual, ZF 56-650 six-speed manual and the Hydra-Matic 4L80-E four-speed automatic. The Allison 1000 heavy-duty automatic transmission gets upgraded from a five-speed to a six-speed for 2006. Sierra HD features a modular, sectional frame with outstanding strength and precise dimensional control provides the ideal platform for rugged daily use and a smooth ride. A long and short arm independent front torsion bar suspension is standard with semi-elliptic two-stage multi-leaf rear springs in the rear. The result is a smooth ride, impressive durability, good on-center feel and predictable stability whether the truck is loaded or unloaded.

Body styles: regular, extended and crew cab
Models: 1500HD, 2500HD, 3500
Dimensions & Specifications Engine:
 Vortec 6000 6.0L V8 (LQ4) - 300 hp at 4,700 rpm; 360 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm
 Vortec 6000 6.0L V8 (LQ9) - 345 hp at 5,200 rpm; 380 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm
 Vortec 8100 8.1L V8 (L118) - 330 hp at 4,200 rpm; 450 lbs-ft of torque at 3,200 rpm
 Duramax 6600 6.6L V8 (LBZ) - 360 hp at 3,200 rpm; 650 lbs-ft of torque at 1,600 rpm
Transmission: New Venture

Gear 3500 (MW3) five-speed manual, ZF 56-650 (ML6) six-speed manual, Hydra-Matic 4L80-E 4-speed automatic, Allison 1000 (MW7) six-speed automatic
Payload capacity: 5,511 lbs.
Towing capacity: 12,000 lbs.

2006 GMC SIERRA HYBRID



Impressions: Introduced during the 2004 model year to fleet and commercial customers, the GMC Sierra Hybrid pickup truck achieved a limited availability for retail customers last year. For 2006, the Sierra Hybrid will be available to fuel-thrifty motorists in all 50 states. The Sierra Hybrid boasts of an up to 10 percent improvement in composite fuel economy and a 13 percent increase in city-only driving over a conventionally powered Sierra truck. Based on the Sierra 1500 extended cab and available in two- or four-wheel drive, the Hybrid is powered by a Vortec 5300 V8 and bolted to a Hydra-Matic 4L80-E four-speed electronically-controlled automatic transmission. An advantage of the Sierra Hybrid is that it essentially a mobile power-generating station - with four 120-volt/20-amp electrical auxiliary power outlets with ground fault detection. Located under the rear seat of the cab and in the pickup bed, customers can operate power equipment without taking up the cargo bed with a portable generator. A key contributor to the Hybrid's fuel efficiency is its ability to automatically stop and restart the engine under different operating circumstances. In place of a conventional starter motor and alternator, the Hybrid pickup uses a compact 14-kW electric induction motor between the engine and transmission. This unit provides fast, quiet starting power and allows automatic engine stop/starts to conserve fuel. It also smoothes out any driveline surges; generates electrical current to charge the batter-

ies and run auxiliary power outlets; and provides coast-down regenerative braking as an aid to fuel economy.

Body style: 1/2 ton extended cab pickup truck
Dimensions & Specifications
Payload capacity: 1,050 lbs.
5,200 rpm and 330 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm.
Engine: 5.3L V8 - 295 hp at 5,200 rpm and 330 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm.
Transmission: Hydra-Matic 4L80-E four-speed automatic.
Towing capacity: 7,700 lbs (2WD); 7,400 lbs (4WD)

HONDA

2006 HONDA ACCORD



Impressions: The seventh generation of the Honda Accord brings high level of world-class style, performance and sophistication to the mid-size passenger car segment. With a definite European flavor sculpted into the exterior lines and shapes the Accord boasts a distinctive look that turns heads and generates emotion. For 2006, the Accord receives freshened front and rear styling as well as a long list of enhancements and additional standard equipment. Exterior styling changes include new front bumper and grille design, rear bumper and trunk lid design with integrated third brake light, LED tail lights, restyled 16- and 17-inch alloy wheels and new exhaust finishers. The 2.4L i-VTEC four-cylinder and 3.0L VTEC V6 engines that power the Accord have each received an increase in horsepower this year. Torque is transferred to the pavement through the standard five-speed manual gearbox or a sophisticated five-speed automatic. The sport-oriented EX V6 coupe comes standard with a close-ratio, six-speed manual transmission. Honda engineers designed a stiff unibody design for the Accord that makes extensive use of high-tensile steel and advanced engineering and manufactur-

ing processes to contribute to the unibody's strength. The front subframe uses hydro-formed steel components. Attached to the body with special rubber "floating" mounts, this setup reduces noise and vibration from the engine and front suspension. On a safety note, this design allows the front subframe that supports the powertrain to slide under the passenger compartment to deflect and better disperse crash forces in the event of a frontal impact. All V6 coupe and sedan models receive Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA) and brake assist as standard equipment for 2006. In addition, the V6 equipped models feature revised suspension bushings and damping rates to complement the upgraded 17-inch wheel and tire package.

Body style: two-door coupe, four-door sedan
Models: Coupe - LX, EX, LX V6, EX V6; Sedan - V6, LX, LX Special Edition, EX, LX V6; EX V6
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.4L four-cylinder -

166 hp at 5,800 rpm and 160 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.0L six-cylinder - 244 hp at 6,250 rpm and 211 lbs-ft of torque at 5,000 rpm
Transmission: five-speed manual, five-speed automatic, six-speed manual
Cargo capacity: 12.8 cu. ft. (coupe); 14.0 cu. ft. (sedan)

2006 HONDA CIVIC



Impressions: As the cornerstone of Honda's automotive heritage, the Civic represents the first high volume production automobile that showcased Honda's spirit of innovation to a North American audience ready for something new. The all-new eighth-generation Civic amplifies its defining character with a long list of Honda technology and engineering innovations, resulting in a vehicle that is pure Honda, exclusively Civic

and outside the boundaries of traditional small car thinking. The exterior of the new Honda Civic follows a futuristic and high-tech "Advanced Personal Compact" design that incorporates a sweeping roofline and ultra-sleek wind shield angle that highlights the vehicle's one-motion profile, low and wide stance, and exceptionally aerodynamic shape. Available in two-door coupe and four-door body styles, each variation exhibits 100 percent unique exterior sheet metal and unique proportions such as wheelbase, overall length and height. The sedan becomes more sophisticated and upscale as the coupe becomes sportier. The front-drive Civic is available with the following three engines: a 2.0-liter i-VTEC in the Civic Si; an ultra-efficient 1.8-liter i-VTEC with Integrated Motor Assist in the Civic Hybrid sedan; and an innovative 1.8-liter i-VTEC in the regular Civic sedan and coupe. Torque is communicated to the street through a six-speed manual gearbox in the Civic Si. A continuously

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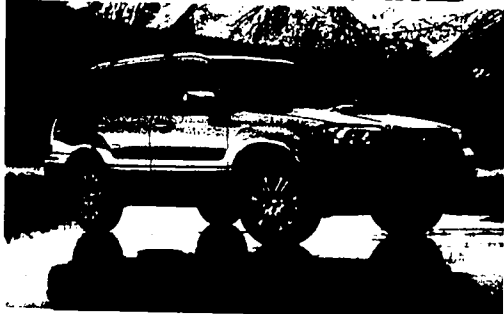


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Body styles: two-door coupe, four-door sedan
Models: DX, LX, EX, Si (coupe), Hybrid (sedan)
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 1.8L, 140 hp at 6,300 rpm and 128 lbs-ft of torque at 4,300 rpm (coupe/sedan); 2.0L, 197 hp at 7,800 rpm and 139 lbs-ft of torque at 6,200 rpm (Si); 1.3L, 93 hp at 6,000 rpm and 89 lbs-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm with a permanent magnet motor - 20 hp at 2,000 rpm and 76 lbs-ft of torque at 0.1, 160 rpm. (Hybrid)
Transmission: five-speed manual, five-speed automatic, continuously variable transmission (CVT); six-speed manual.
Cargo capacity: 10.4 cu. ft. (Hybrid); 11.5 cu. ft. (coupe); 12.0 cu. ft. (sedan).

2006 HONDA RIDGELINE



Impressions: Better late than never could accurately describe Honda's awesome first entry into the pickup truck market. The all-new 2006 Honda Ridgeline four-door pickup takes advantage of an innovative new truck body construction and a steel reinforced composite bed to deliver true truck like capabilities like towing and honest-to-goodness cargo handling. Equipped to the gills with innovative features and pickup truck firsts, the Ridgeline's most unique feature is an In-Bed Trunk. Accessed by lifting up the hinged rear portion of the cargo bed floor, the In-Bed Trunk features 8.5 cu. ft. of secure, lockable and water resistant storage space. The spare tire is stored in a sliding tray inside the trunk and can accommodate a full-size spare tire. The Ridgeline pickup is powered by a high-output 3.5L VTEC V6 engine and joined to a five-speed

automatic transmission and fully automatic four-wheel drive system. The Honda truck is also the first pickup to meet the stringent Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicle (ULEV) standards in all 50 states. The Ridgeline's standard Variable Torque Management 4-Wheel Drive System (VTM-4WD) is designed to transfer up to 70 percent of available torque to the rear wheels. Under normal conditions the VTM-4 system channels all power to the front wheels. In case you might think that the Ridgeline is some sort of compromise under the skin, guess again. Honda engineers designed the truck to handle the kinds of towing and off-road duties most common to truck users. Standard equipment dedicated to this purpose includes transmission and power steering coolers, pre-wiring for trailer connections, a dual fan radiator, heavy-duty brakes and an exclusive fresh air intake system.

Body style: four-door pickup truck
Models: RT, RTS, RTL
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.5L V6, 255 hp at 5,750 rpm and 252 lbs-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm
Transmission: five-speed automatic
Payload capacity: 1,550 lbs.
Towing capacity: 5,000 lbs.

HYUNDAI

2006 HYUNDAI AZERA



Impressions: With a name that is derived from the phrase "the era of A to Z" and meant to evoke a feeling consistent with Hyundai's new global brand slogan "Drive your way", the automaker unveils the Azera, its new flagship sedan. The new sedan features graceful lines that are aerodynamically efficient, reducing wind noise while

still ensuring a spacious cabin. The dramatic roofline and rear quarter set the Azera apart from other sedans in its class. All together, it is a well-balanced design that pays homage to the other Hyundai models in the line-up while also forging new ground. The new front-drive Hyundai Azera sedan is powered by an all-new all-aluminum Lambda 3.8L V6 engine and joined to a five-speed automatic transmission with Shiftronic manual control. The Azera rides on a unit steel chassis that features a perimeter subframe. Control hardware for the four-wheel independent suspension includes: a double wishbone in front, with coil springs, gas-filled shocks and an anti-roll bar. At the rear, the multi-link suspension works with coil springs, gas-filled shocks, an anti-roll bar and dynamic toe control.

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: GLS, LX, Limited
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.8L V6 - 263 hp at 6,000 rpm and 255 lbs-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm
Transmission: five-speed automatic with Shiftronic manual control
Cargo capacity: 16.6 cubic feet

2006 HYUNDAI SONATA



Impressions: A lot to like, more to love, a joy to drive. That best sums up the all-new 2006 Hyundai Sonata sedan. Light years ahead of the previous model, the Korean automaker has put its best foot forward with the first vehicle built in its all-new US assembly plant in Montgomery, Alabama. Hyundai has attained Toyota-like qualities in this new front-drive sedan with regards to handling, quiet-

ness and smoothness. The Sonata is powered by one of two all-new engines: a 2.4L four-cylinder and a 3.3L six-cylinder. Power is transferred to the pavement through a five-speed manual or an all-new five-speed Shiftronic automatic transmission. A four-speed Shiftronic manual is an available option for the four-cylinder models. The product of three years of intensive collaborative development at Hyundai's global R & D operations, the new sedan was designed specifically to meet the needs of the American consumer. As a result of the increased interior room, the new Sonata actually moves up a notch in the EPA size classifications from "mid-size" to "large". Starting with a more contemporary, sophisticated design execution than the previous model, the new Hyundai sedan is two inches longer, two inches taller, and features a one-inch

longer wheelbase. Hyundai engineers increased the strength and stiffness of the subframe and the high tensile steel unitized mono-coque body structure to further reduce engine noise and road noise in the cabin. Starting with this strong foundation, the Sonata employs an advanced, state-of-the-art four-wheel independent suspension system with increased stiffness and improved suspension geometry.

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: GL, GLS, GLS V6, LX
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.4L four-cylinder - 162 hp at 5,800 rpm and 164 lbs-ft of torque; 3.3L V6 - 235 hp at 6,000 rpm and 226 lbs-ft of torque at 3,500 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed manual, four-speed Shiftronic automatic, five-speed SHIFTRONIC automatic.
Cargo capacity: 16.3 cu. ft.

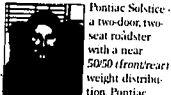


Impressions: The current generation of the Hyundai Tiburon hatchback was introduced back in 2003. Hyundai kept the pedal to the metal by making a series of design enhancements and packaging adjustments to the pocket rocket last year. Those changes included: a new grille, lower fascia, headlamp and fog lamp design for the front; more tail light treatment and badging for the rear. Powertrain options for Tiburon include the proven 2.0L four-cylinder or a strong, smooth, all-aluminum 2.7L DOHC V6. Torque is communicated to the pavement through a five-speed manual or a smooth-shifting six-speed manual gearbox or the available four-speed automatic transmission with

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Pontiac Solstice - a two-door, two-seat roadster with a near 50/50 front/rear weight distribution. Pontiac's "Torren" combines car-like agility with SUV capability and versatility. Its multi-purpose interior features more front and rear seat adjustment and reclining capabilities. Front-wheel and all-wheel drive models are available. Pontiac G6 - A coupe and a retractable hardtop convertible are added to the G6 line-up. **Changes and Upgrades** - Pontiac Grand Prix - The GXP model features the new 3.6L V6 with displacement on Demand (DoD) technology which regulates engine operation to enable up to a 12 percent improvement in fuel economy. Pontiac Montana SV6 - The sports van gets the new 3900 3.9L V6 as an available option and two new equipment packages.

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Overdrive, Shiftlock and SHIFTRONIC. With handsome exterior sheetmetal and an upmarket interior that boasts of improved fit and finish, Hyundai turns up the heat in the below \$20,000 coupe segment. The entry-level GS features AM/FM/CD audio system with six speakers, front fog lights, power windows, door locks and heated side mirrors; air conditioning; remote keyless entry with alarm and panic alert; center console with armrest, storage and dual cupholders; 50/50 split fold-down rear seatback; low body color rear spoiler; chrome-tipped dual exhausts; and projector-lens headlights.

The GT Limited, a new trim level for Elantra in 2006, adds the following to the already well equipped GT interior: beige leather-trimmed interior, power tilt-and-slide sunroof, side turn-signal repeater lights and Infiniti 40-watt AM/FM/Cassette six-speaker audio system with six-disc in-dash CD changer and sub woofer. The SE model includes multi-gauge instrumentation for torque, voltage and fuel consumption that is located in the middle of the center stack.

Body style: two-door hatchback.
 Models: GS, GT, GT Limited, SE
 Dimensions & Specifications
 Engine: 2.0L, four-cylinder - 138 hp at 6,000 rpm and 136 lbs-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm; 2.7L V6 - 172 hp at 6,000 rpm and 181 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm
 Transmission: five-speed manual, six-speed manual, four-speed automatic with Shiftronic manual control.
 Cargo capacity: 14.8 cubic feet



Impressions: Despite the onslaught of competitors that have invaded the low end of the sport utility market over the last few years, Hyundai has managed to not only remain a viable alternative

for American consumers in today's highly competitive marketplace, but grow in volume and market share. Last year Hyundai refreshed, upgraded and refined the Santa Fe. The Hyundai SUV is propelled by the strong 2.7L Delta DOHC 24-valve six-cylinder - now the base engine - or the powerful 3.5L Sigma DOHC V6 that joined the equipment roster last year. Gearbox options include a fully adaptive automatic four-speed H-Matic with a manual shift override feature for precise control or a five-speed Shiftronic automatic transmission for the 3.5L V6. Also available with the 3.5L engine is an advanced electronic 4WD system. Designed by Borg-Warner, the new system features Interactive Torque Management. When the system senses the front wheels slipping, power to the rear wheels is reduced or eliminated. This electronic system manages power between the front and rear wheels for maximum vehicle traction and fuel economy. AWD Santa Fe models equipped with the 2.7L engine features Fulltime 4WD, with power transmitted to the wheels through a four-wheel-drive system via the Dual Drive Differential that features two planetary gears and a viscous coupling. The Fulltime 4WD system is designed to deliver 60 percent of the power to the front wheels and 40 percent to the rear. This 4WD system was designed by Steyr-Puch and is driver-friendly and fully automatic, requiring no input from the driver. Based on the based on the previous generation Sonata car platform, the Santa Fe rides on a robust chassis that offers consumers a unique combination of car-like drivability, steering, ride, handling and braking with truck-like seating height and profile.

Body style: four-door wagon
 Models: GLS 2.7L, GLS 3.5L, Limited
 Dimensions & Specifications
 Engine: 2.7L V6 - 170 hp at 6,000 rpm and 181 lbs-ft of

torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.5L V6 - 200 hp at 5,500 rpm and 219 lbs-ft of torque at 3,500 rpm
 Transmission: four-speed Shiftronic automatic; five-speed Shiftronic automatic.
 Cargo capacity: 77.7 cu. ft.
 Towing capacity: 4,000 lbs.



Impressions: Continuing to expand its model line in the United States, Hyundai introduced its second SUV, the Tucson last year. As the automaker's first entry in the small SUV segment, the Tucson is designed to be a value-packed SUV that can attract active lifestyles who demand both safety and value. Power for the Hyundai SUV is generated by the base 2.0L, four-cylinder engine with Continuously Variable Valve Timing (CVT) or the sophisticated 2.7L V6 prime mover. Torque is transferred to the ground through a five-speed manual or four-speed Shiftronic automatic transmission. The Tucson is available in two- or four-wheel drive configurations. The small Hyundai SUV uses the state-of-the-art Borg Warner Electronic InterActive Torque Management four-wheel drive system that routes up to 99 percent of the available power to the front wheels. As road conditions or torque demand changes, the system automatically diverts up to 50 percent of the available power to the rear wheels. The system monitors throttle position, front wheel angle and slippage. A dashboard-mounted 4WD lock button allows the driver to manually "lock" the driveline into 4WD for a 50/50 torque split. The Hyundai Tucson employs a versatile suspension system. A robust MacPherson strut front suspension is used in combination with a fully

independent strut rear suspension that uses trailing arms and multiple links to control wheel geometry precisely through the full range of suspension motion. All four wheels are controlled by coil springs and fade-resistant gas-charged dampers. Front and rear stabilizers bars are standard on all models. For 2006, Tucson adds a new luxurious Limited top trim level that takes the place of the previous LX version. The Tucson Limited includes leather seating surfaces, head front seats, AM/FM/cassette and audio system with six-disc in-dash CD changer, subwoofer and 200 watts of power. The Limited also sports a new monochromatic exterior appearance package, fully automatic temperature control with outside temperature display, auto-dimming inside rearview mirror with compass and rear cargo mat. The only options are the electronically controlled four-

wheel drive system and a power tilt-and-slide sunroof.
 Body style: four-door wagon
 Models: GL, GLS, Limited
 Dimensions & Specifications
 Engine: 2.0L, four-cylinder - 140 hp at 6,000 rpm and 136 lbs-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm; 2.7L, six-cylinder - 173 hp at 6,000 rpm and 178 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm
 Transmission: five-speed manual, four-speed Shiftronic automatic.
 Cargo capacity: 65.5 cu. ft.
 Towing capacity: 2,000 lbs.



Impressions: Signaling the automaker's commitment to remain the leader in the

sport-utility market, Jeep took the wraps off of the Commander, the marque's first seven-passenger, Jeep Trail Rated SUV. Designed to expand and strengthen the Jeep lineup, the Commander was styled with a mix of Jeep vehicles for inspiration. The Jeep Willys, Station Wagon (1946-1962), Jeep Wagoneer (1963-1991) and Jeep Cherokee (1984-2001) served as design motivation for the Commander's designers. All were classical Jeep Jeep in appearance, with sharp lines and rugged looks. As a result, the 2006 Jeep Commander is a modern interpretation of that design ethic. The all-new Jeep Commander rides on the Grand Cherokee's mechanical and is powered by a trio of engines - 3.7L V6, 4.7L V8 or the 5.7L HEMI V8. Torque is transferred to the ground through the automaker's 4x4 Full-time drive automatic with overdrive or the 5-4TRAC full-time drive automatic transmission. *(Continued on page 10)*

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have a choice of three full-time all-wheel drive systems—Quadra-Trac II, Quadra-Trac II or Quadra-Drive II—and two transfer cases—NV140 (single-speed) or the NV245 (two-speed). The Jeep Commander rides on a steel uniframe which serves as the foundation for the control hardware. In front, a short/long arm independent (SLA) suspension works with coil springs, gas-charged twin-tube coil over shock absorbers, upper and lower control arms (A-arms) and a stabilizer bar. The rear suspension features a live axle, link coil with track bar, gas-charged twin-tube shock absorbers and a stabilizer bar.

Body style: four-door wagon
Models: Base, Limited
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.7L V6 - 210 hp at 5,200 rpm and 235 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 4.7L V8 - 235 hp at 4,500 rpm and 305 lbs-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm; 5.7L HEMI V8 - 330 hp at 5,000 rpm and 375 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm
Transmission: five-speed automatic with overdrive, multi-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 68.9 cubic feet
Payload capacity: 1,620 lbs.
Towing capacity: 7,200 lbs.

2006 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE



Impressions: redesigned last year, the Jeep Grand Cherokee raises the performance bar to a new level by offering improved capability and superior on road ride and handling. Boasting a well-appointed interior, the new Jeep flagship also features a number of premium amenities. Starting with a new exterior design, Grand Cherokee features a longer wheelbase and more track for a more solid and substantial appearance. Available in two or four wheel drive, the Grand Cherokee features three full-time four-wheel drive systems, two transfer cases and precise rack and pinion steering—a first for the model. Power for the Jeep is generated by a trio of engines: a 3.7L V6, 4.7L V8 and the popular 5.7L HEMI V8. Torque is communicated to the ground through two automatic transmissions: a WS5480 five-speed bolted to the V6 and the 545RFE five-speed joined to the V8s. For 2006, Jeep expands the Grand Cherokee lineup with the addition of the Overland model. Featuring a 5.7L HEMI V8, the new Overland also includes Quadra Drive II, the ultimate four-wheel drive system. The new Overland carries unique platinum accents that are placed throughout the entire vehicle. Platinum details can be seen on the front grille, body side and beltline moldings, 17-inch platinum clad wheels, roof rack side rails, liftgate light bar, side view mirrors and rear bumper. Other features standard on the Overland model include standard leather and real wood steering wheel, wood door and console trim bezels, side airbags, ParkSense parking assist, trailer towing group, DVD-based navigation radio, SIRIUS satellite radio, two-tone seats with ultra-soft leather-trimmed seats with accent stitching, leather-wrapped center console armrest and "Overland logo" embroidered on front seat backs.

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: Zephyr
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.0L V6 - 221 hp at 6,250 rpm and 205 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm
Transmission: six-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 15.8 cubic feet

LINCOLN

2006 LINCOLN ZEPHYR



Impressions: Boasting qualities such as a bold and distinctive exterior design, a rich and inviting interior featuring high-quality materials throughout and a driving experience that can be both luxurious and spirited, Lincoln introduces the 2006 Zephyr sedan to an entirely new generation of consumers. As a mid-size, five-passenger sedan, the front-drive Zephyr will offer younger buyers a luxury automobile with the comfort and refinement befitting a Lincoln. Incorporating classic elements of Lincoln style, the exterior design incorporates the marque's traditional waterfall grille.

Statued between a set of jewel-like, quad projector-beam or optional high-intensity discharge (HID) headlamps, the treatment is readily recognizable as a Lincoln. Power for the new Lincoln sedan is generated by Duratec 30 V6 engine and communicated to the street via a wide-ratio six-speed automatic transmission, gradually emerging as the new industry standard for luxury cars. This innovative lightweight transmission plays a key role in the Zephyr's performance and smooth operation. The Lincoln sedan also employs electronic throttle control that works with the electronically controlled transmission to ensure seamless shifts. Tuned for a quiet, comfortable ride with confident, responsive handling, the Zephyr rides on Ford's new CD3 vehicle architecture, which has been modified for the Zephyr chassis. Hardware for the four-wheel independent suspension system employs an advanced short- and long-arm (SLA) design up front, with a rearward-facing lower control arm and coil-over shock suspension. A multi-link rear suspension features coil-over shocks and lower control arms. Front (24 mm) and rear (17 mm) stabilizer bars further help to reduce body roll.

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: Zephyr
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.0L V6 - 221 hp at 6,250 rpm and 205 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm
Transmission: six-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 15.8 cubic feet

2006 LINCOLN MARK LT



Impressions: Combining the functionality of a full-size pickup truck, the luxury and refinement of a luxury sedan, Lincoln introduces the 2006 Lincoln Mark LT. Designed for customers who want equal amounts of luxury and capability, the new Mark LT is based on the sophisticated Ford F-150 pickup chassis and available in two or shift-on-the-fly four wheel drive configurations. Power for the Lincoln truck is generated by a naturally aspirated 5.4L Triton V8 engine and joined to the 4R75E four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive. The Mark LT is equipped with a 5.5 foot cargo box plus a standard bed extender. Big, solid and upscale, the Mark LT has a bold exterior look that reflects impressive strength. The face of the Lincoln truck carries the nameplate's signature upright grille. The Mark LT is built on a stable hydroformed frame that forms a closed-box section as opposed to the traditional "C" frame rail design. The result is increased stiffness and a stronger foundation for body and suspension compo-

nents for above average handling and a quiet, composed ride. Suspension hardware for the Lincoln Mark LT consists of coil-on-shock, long-spindle double wishbone with a cast aluminum lower control arm in front and a traditional Hotchkiss-type non-independent live setup at the rear. The rear suspension also includes wide three-inch leaf springs and outboard shock absorbers for maximum benefit in directional control, wheel travel and ground clearance.

Body style: full-size, four-door pickup truck
Models: 2W1, 4W1
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 5.4L V8 - 300 hp at 5,000 rpm and 395 lbs-ft of torque at 3,750 rpm
Transmission: four-speed automatic with overdrive
Payload capacity: 1,620 lbs.
Towing capacity: 8,900 lbs.

MAZDA

2006 MAZDA3



Impressions: Embodying the best qualities of the small Mazda's predecessors—GLC, J23 and ProFlight, the new Mazda3 takes the compact car to an entirely new level of refinement and quality. With fastback exterior lines and flowing sheetmetal, the Mazda3 is best summed up in two phrases: fun promise, fun delivered. The Mazda3 heads into 2006 with a new streamlined model lineup plus revised engines and transmissions to enhance performance. The small Mazda is propelled by a 2.0L four-cylinder engine or a 2.3L four-cylinder powerplant. Torque is transferred to the pavement via a five-speed manual overdrive gearbox. The base 2.0L engine gets Variable Valve Timing (VVT) for more power and better throttle response. The 2.3L motor benefits from a new five-speed Sport AT automatic transmission as well as anti-lock brakes and variable speed intermittent front wipers as standard equipment. The Mazda3's impressive handling and control attributes can be traced to the vehicle's robust underpinnings that allows Mazda engineers to optimize the suspension setup for both road holding control and a comfortable ride. The front suspension hardware starts with MacPherson struts that feature large 35 mm pistons with built-in rebound springs to control wheel movement. The lower control arms are attached to a subframe with fluid-filled bushings, which allow engineers to tune handling effect while minimizing road noise and shock transmission to the cabin. The rear suspension borrows much of its line design from the E-Link system found on the larger Mazda6. The springs and dampers are positioned separately in order to maximize interior cargo space, reduced friction and wheel travel. The wheel travel is kept in check with 35 mm monobuck dampers. Independent lower links are attached to a rubber-bushed subframe with special bushings designed to minimize toe change, increase straight-line stability and deliver top-notch road-holding performance.

Body style: four-door sedan, sport wagon and five-door hatchback
Models: "i", "s"
Trim levels: entry-level, Sport, Grand Touring and Grand Sport
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.3L four-cylinder - 160 hp at 6,000 rpm and 155 lbs-ft of torque 4,000 rpm; 3.0L V6 - 215 hp at 6,000 rpm and 199 lbs-ft of torque at 5,000 rpm
Transmissions: five-speed manual, five-speed Sport AT automatic, six-speed Sport AT automatic. Both automatics feature a "Sport" mode that allows sequential up and downshifts without a clutch

Cargo capacity: 15.2 cu. ft. (sedan); 22.0 cu. ft. (five-door); 43.7 cu. ft. (sport wagon)

Body style: four-door sedan, five-door hatchback
Models: i, Touring, s, s Touring, Grand Touring
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.0L four-cylinder - 150 hp at 6,500 rpm and 145 lbs-ft of torque 4,500 rpm; 2.3L four-cylinder - 160 hp at 6,500 rpm and 150 lbs-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm
Transmission: five-speed manual, five-speed Sport AT automatic
Cargo capacity: 11.4 cu. ft. (sedan); 31.2 cu. ft. (hatchback)

2006 MAZDA6

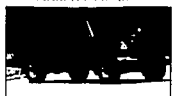


Impressions: The modern look of Mazda was launched with the new Mazda6 sedan back in 2003. Mazda engineers built the strength of vehicle's character on two unmovable pillars—the European driving dynamics and upscale sedans from the continent artfully merged with the proven all-weather performance of a front-wheel-drive configuration. For 2006, Mazda has introduced a series of upgrades and enhancements for the Mazda6. The exterior design is now sharper and even sportier, the familiar pointed nose and sharp styling has been accentuated with a new sport grille on some models and angular new headlamps across the range. The headlamps on the Sport and Grand Sport packages use dark gray bezels. The Grand Sport package for Mazda6 "i" includes high intensity discharge (HID) lamps for superior illumination and lower maintenance. The front bumper is new with fog lamps incorporated into the front spoiler. New side sills highlight the "bug-the-bird" quality of the Mazda6's style, while a trunk spoiler is standard on Sport and Grand Sport versions. Revised tail lamps—using black bezels on the Sport and Grand Sport—and a new rear bumper on all models underline the sport-oriented changes. Mazda adds two new trim levels to the Mazda6 line for 2006—an entry-level V6 for the "s" model and a Grand Sport for both "i" and "s" models. The "i" Grand Sport includes leather-trimmed seating, a BOSE audio system and electroluminescent gauges. The "s" Grand Sport adds high intensity headlamps (HID), automatic climate control and 18-inch wheels shod with P215/45R18 tires.

Body style: four-door sedan, sport wagon and five-door hatchback
Models: "i", "s"
Trim levels: entry-level, Sport, Grand Touring and Grand Sport
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.3L four-cylinder - 160 hp at 6,000 rpm and 155 lbs-ft of torque 4,000 rpm; 3.0L V6 - 215 hp at 6,000 rpm and 199 lbs-ft of torque at 5,000 rpm
Transmissions: five-speed manual, five-speed Sport AT automatic, six-speed Sport AT automatic. Both automatics feature a "Sport" mode that allows sequential up and downshifts without a clutch

Cargo capacity: 15.2 cu. ft. (sedan); 22.0 cu. ft. (five-door); 43.7 cu. ft. (sport wagon)

2006 MAZDA B-SERIES



Impressions: Designed to give owners the best of both worlds—great capacity and a comfortable and refined cabin—the Mazda B-Series pickup truck doesn't believe that drivers have to sacrifice one to get the other. Available in regular and extended cab body styles with the choice of two or four-wheel drive trims, the B-Series offers consumers a broad menu of compact truck options. Last year, all extended cab models received four-door for ease of loading passengers and in-the-cab cargo, and fold-down jump seats. Those consumers that prefer the aggressive look of a four-wheel drive pickup, but without the added expense and running gear, Mazda offers the B-Series Dual Sport. Originally introduced in 2001, the Dual Sport models offer the simplicity of two-wheel drive while featuring the raised ride height and heavy-duty suspension of the four-wheel drive models. Power for the Mazda pickup is generated by a trio of engines: a 2.3L four-cylinder, 3.0L V6 and a 4.0L V6. Torque is transferred to the ground through the standard five-speed manual gearbox. A five-speed automatic transmission is optional. The B-Series' traditional robust body-on-frame construction serves as the foundation for the suspension hardware. The regular two-wheel drive models feature an independent double wishbone suspension with coil springs, heavy-duty gas-filled shock absorbers and stabilizer bar in front; a solid axle with leaf springs and heavy-duty shock absorbers at the rear. Dual Sport and 4x4 models utilize a raised independent double wishbone suspension with torsion bars, heavy-duty gas-filled shock absorbers and stabilizer bar in front; a solid axle with raised leaf springs and heavy-duty gas-filled shock absorbers. The B3000 Dual Sport adds a rear stabilizer bar.

Body style: regular cab, extended cab compact pickup truck
Models: B2300 Regular Cab, B3000 Regular Cab Dual Sport, B3000 Cab Plus 4-door, B3000 Cab Plus 4-door Dual Sport, B4000 Cab Plus 4-door 4x4 and B4000 Cab Plus 4-door 4x4 SE
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.3L four-cylinder - 143 hp at 5,250 rpm and 154 lbs-ft of torque at 3,750 rpm; 3.0L V6 - 154 hp at 5,200 rpm and 180 lbs-ft of torque at 3,900 rpm; 4.0L V6 - 207 hp at 5,250 rpm and 238 lbs-ft of torque at 3,000 rpm
Transmission: five-speed manual, five-speed electronically-controlled automatic
Payload capacity: 1,800 lbs.
Towing capacity: 5,600 lbs.

Body style: regular cab, extended cab compact pickup truck
Models: B2300 Regular Cab, B3000 Regular Cab Dual Sport, B3000 Cab Plus 4-door, B3000 Cab Plus 4-door Dual Sport, B4000 Cab Plus 4-door 4x4 and B4000 Cab Plus 4-door 4x4 SE
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.3L four-cylinder - 143 hp at 5,250 rpm and 154 lbs-ft of torque at 3,750 rpm; 3.0L V6 - 154 hp at 5,200 rpm and 180 lbs-ft of torque at 3,900 rpm; 4.0L V6 - 207 hp at 5,250 rpm and 238 lbs-ft of torque at 3,000 rpm
Transmission: five-speed manual, five-speed electronically-controlled automatic
Payload capacity: 1,800 lbs.
Towing capacity: 5,600 lbs.

MERCURY

2006 MERCURY MILAN



Impressions: Breathing a fresh attitude into the American mid-size car, Mercury introduces the 2006 Milan sedan. The all-new front-drive Milan distinguishes itself in what is the most competitive of vehicle segments with a sleek exterior design and engaging driving dynamics. As the brand's new entry point and its first vehicle in this segment in almost ten years the new Mercury sedan brings to the marketplace good fuel economy, advanced safety, clean emissions and roomy interior space—all at an attractive value. The Milan appeals to new, younger customers by translating Mercury's new identity—sophisticated design, stylish and functional interiors and rewarding, city-tuned driving traits—into a spirited sedan entering one of the industry's most hotly contested segments. Power for the new Mercury sedan is generated by a choice of the automaker's Duratec 23 2.3L four-cylinder or Duratec 30 3.0L V6 engines. The four-cylinder motor is paired with either the standard five-speed manual gearbox or an optional five-speed automatic. The standard gearbox for the six-cylinder powerplant is an all-new wide-ratio six-speed automatic transmission. The Ford Motor Company is taking a leadership position in six-speed automatic transmissions to simultaneously boost performance without necessarily going to larger engines—and fuel economy with the wider ratio spreads allowed by the extra gear.

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: Base, Premier
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.3L four-cylinder - 160 hp at 6,500 rpm and 150 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.0L V6 - 221 hp at 6,250 rpm and 205 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm
Transmission: five-speed manual, five-speed automatic, six-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 15.8 cubic feet

Body style: regular cab, extended cab compact pickup truck
Models: B2300 Regular Cab, B3000 Regular Cab Dual Sport, B3000 Cab Plus 4-door, B3000 Cab Plus 4-door Dual Sport, B4000 Cab Plus 4-door 4x4 and B4000 Cab Plus 4-door 4x4 SE
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.3L four-cylinder - 143 hp at 5,250 rpm and 154 lbs-ft of torque at 3,750 rpm; 3.0L V6 - 154 hp at 5,200 rpm and 180 lbs-ft of torque at 3,900 rpm; 4.0L V6 - 207 hp at 5,250 rpm and 238 lbs-ft of torque at 3,000 rpm
Transmission: five-speed manual, five-speed electronically-controlled automatic
Payload capacity: 1,800 lbs.
Towing capacity: 5,600 lbs.



Impressions: Brought to market a full year ahead of schedule, the Mariner Hybrid SUV offers a uniquely satisfying transportation choice for an ever-increasing segment of the population concerned about the environment. The Mercury SUV combines a fuel-efficient four-cylinder engine with an electric drive system to deliver acceleration performance similar to that of the V6

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twisting than the previous model. The Mercury SUV adopts the Ford F-150's tube-through-tube frame design, where the cross-members pass through the section of the frame-rails, creating an inherently stronger joint. These joints are then completely welded around the perimeter for a fully boxed seam. The stiffer frame provides a smoother ride with better road feel, crisper handling and improved steering response because it allowed Mercury engineers to improve the vehicle systems the stronger frame supports—including the front and rear suspensions, braking and steering systems. Paired with new manufacturing techniques that decrease manufacturing tolerances, the Mountaineer's solid foundation also helps significantly reduce long-term squeaks and rattles.

Body style: five-door midsize wagon
Models: Convenience, Luxury, Premier
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 4.0L V6, 210 hp at 5,100 rpm and 254 lbs-ft of torque at 3,700 rpm; 4.6L V8, 292 hp at 6,750 rpm and 300 lbs-ft of torque at 3,950 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed automatic, six-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 85.8 cu. ft.
Payload capacity: 1,520 lbs.
Towing capacity: 7,300 lbs.

MITSUBISHI

2006 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE



Impressions: Boasting an athletic, innovative style and outstanding performance, Mitsubishi Motors introduces the all-new 2006 Mitsubishi Eclipse. Smaller and more personal, the fourth-generation Eclipse represents a back-to-basics movement that accentuates power, performance and driver comfort in a modern rendition of the concept that put the automaker firmly on the map when it was originally introduced in the late 1980's. New from the ground up, the 2006 Eclipse was designed to combine exotic styling and performance with the utility of a daily driver. The new Mitsubishi is the first Eclipse designed and built expressly for the North American market. Power is generated by a responsive 2.4L four-cylinder engine or a fire-breathing 3.8L V6 prime mover. Both engines utilize the Mitsubishi Innovative Valve timing and lift Electronic Control (MIVEC) system. Through this system, different sized cam lobes are used to increase valve lift for continuous power. The V6 mill features special tuning so that the engine's intake and exhaust achieve maximum torque early in the rev range for strong acceleration the instant the throttle is engaged - regardless of engine speed.

Body style: three-door hatchback
Models: GS, GT
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.4L four-cylinder, 162 hp at 6,000 rpm and 162 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.8L V6 - 263 hp at 5,750 rpm and 260 lbs-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed manual, six-speed manual, four-speed automatic with Sportronic mode or five-speed automatic with Sportronic mode.
Cargo capacity: 15.7 cu. ft.

2006 MITSUBISHI RAIDER



Impressions: It has been a decade since the last time Mitsubishi offered a pickup in its lineup. For the 2006 model year, the Japanese automaker is re-entering the light pickup segment in a big way with the introduction of

the Raider. Based on the Dodge Dakota platform and built at the Warren Truck Assembly Plant in Warren, Mich., the Raider has a very distinctive Mitsubishi look and feel. While the exterior sheet metal, interior cabin and dashboard instrumentation were designed at the Mitsubishi Design Center in Cypress, Calif., the Raider shares its mechanicals with the Dodge Dakota, which was completely redesigned for the 2005 model year. The Raider is designed for younger, affluent truck buyers who have a strong sense of purpose with the confidence to get where they want to go in life. The new Mitsubishi pickup is available in extended and double cab body styles, as well as two- and four-wheel drive configurations. The standard prime mover for the Raider is a 3.7L V6 engine while a 4.7L V8 motor is standard on the upscale models. Power is communicated to the pavement through one of three transmissions: a Getrag 238 six-speed manual gearbox, a 42RL four-speed automatic with overdrive or a 5-45RFE five-speed automatic with overdrive. The Raider rides on a full-length welded steel frame construction that unites hydroformed, roll-formed and stamped steel components together into a rigid assembly. The frame is designed with fully boxed rail sections that help the assembly realize higher standards of bending and torsional rigidity, and to help mitigate noise, vibration and harshness (NVH) issues. All of the frame's joints and sections of stamped or rolled steel are welded for maximum strength and stiffness. The Raider's rigid frame serves as the foundation for its control hardware. The front suspension consists of upper and lower "A" arms, coil springs over gas-pressure shock absorbers and a link-type stabilizer bar. At the rear, a live axle works with multi-leaf two-state longitudinal springs, staggered gas-pressure shock absorbers and a link-type stabilizer bar. The springs and shock absorbers are connected to the frame using specially tuned mounts that help isolate the cab from vibration.

Body style: midsize pickup truck - extended cab, midsize four-door cab
Cargo capacity: 4.4 ft., (extended cab); 5.3 ft., (four-door cab).
Models: LS, DuroCross, DuroCross V6, DuroCross V8, XLS
Dimensions & specifications
Engine: 3.7L V6 - 210 hp at 5,200 rpm and 235 lbs-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm; 4.7L V8 - 230 hp at 4,600 rpm and 290 lbs-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm.
Transmission: six-speed manual, four-speed automatic, five-speed automatic.
Cab cargo capacity: 30.0 cu. ft., (extended cab); 37.1 cu. ft., (double cab).
Payload capacity: 1,700 lbs.
Towing capacity: 6,600 lbs.

NISSAN

2006 NISSAN 350Z



Impressions: Low, wide, sleek, sexy and cool, the Nissan 350Z is the last word in very personalized speed conveyances. Available in coupe and roadster body styles, the 350Z offers consumers different shades of fast and controlled. The Nissan two-door is powered by the automaker's refined 3.5L V6 with the Continuously Variable Timing Control System and bolted to a short throw six-speed manual transmission. A five-speed automatic transmission with overdrive and manual mode is optional for the Enthusiast and Grand Touring models. For 2006, Nissan gives the Z its first comprehensive updating since its introduction in the United States market in August, 2002. The changes include a revised front

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2003 ACURA TL 3.2
Kelley Blue Book Value \$24830

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- Sun Roof
- Tilt/Cruise
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2002 LEXUS GS-300
Kelley Blue Book Value \$32275

- Pwr Seats
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2002 INFINITI Q45
Kelley Blue Book Value \$28225

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- Wheels
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- Stock #346F
- CD Changer
- Leather


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2002 BMW 525-I
Kelley Blue Book Value \$23970

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2001 VOLVO V40
Kelley Blue Book Value \$22550

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bumper, headlights and grille design, new high-intensity discharge (HID) bi-xenon headlights, LED tail lights, new vehicle speed-sensitive power steering system and available RAYS super light weight 18-inch front 19-inch alloy five-spoke forged alloy wheels (coupe only). A new Grand Touring model joins the 350Z lineup for 2006. Offered in both coupe and convertible body styles, it adds the following equipment: 180-hp engine, Brembo brakes, front and rear spoiler and Vehicle Dynamic Control (VDC). The 350Z is based on Nissan's modern FM (front midship) platform. The combination of the long wheelbase and four-wheel independent suspension is the perfect foundation for the Z's performance suspension hardware. In front, a three-link aluminum-alloy suspension works with a stabilizer bar and strut bar. At the rear, a four-link aluminum-alloy suspension works in concert with a stabilizer bar, strut brace and maximum control subframe for maximum control. Ripple-control shock absorbers and engine speed-sensitive power-assisted rack and pinion steering keep the Z coupe at the driver's beck and call in every situation.

Body styles: coupe, convertible.
Models: Base (coupe only), Enthusiast, Touring, Truck (coupe only) and Grand Touring.
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.5L V6 - 300 hp at 6,400 rpm and 260 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm (manual); 287 hp at 6,200 rpm and 274 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm (automatic).
Transmission: six-speed close-ratio manual, five-speed automatic with manual shift mode.
Cargo capacity: 6.8 cu. ft. (coupe), 4.1 cu. ft. (roadster).

2006 NISSAN ALTIMA



Impressions: Considered by industry watchers to be the "workhorse" of the revitalized Nissan fleet, the Altima topped the ante last year with a series of major revisions and upgrades. Originally launched in 2002, the third generation Altima sedan received new front and rear fascias, two new exterior colors, a new instrument panel design, upgraded center console, trim finishes, seat materials and headliner for a higher quality look and feel and newly available features such as a DVD-based navigation system. For 2006, Nissan adds the availability of four new equipment packages: 2.5 Special Edition Package, Special Edition Premium Package, Comfort Package and Trip Package. In addition, factory installed satellite radio with a choice of XM or Sirius providers is available. The front-drive Altima receives its power from an impressive 2.5L 16-valve DOHC four-cylinder engine or the 3.5L DOHC 24-valve V6 prime mover. Torque is transferred to the pavement through the base five-speed manual gearbox or the optional four-speed automatic. Altima's robust independent suspensions start with an independent front suspension that consists of struts mounted to an independent subframe with a stabilizer bar in front - a multi-link system with a stabilizer bar controls the rear. The SE model features a sport-tuned suspension with firmer shocks and a larger rear stabilizer bar.

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: 2.5, 2.5 S, 2.5 SL, 3.5 SE, 3.5 SL
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.5L four-cylinder - 175 hp at 6,000 rpm and 180 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.5L six-cylinder - 250 hp at 6,000 rpm and 249 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed manual, four-speed automatic, five-speed automatic with manual mode.
Cargo capacity: 15.6 cubic feet.

2006 NISSAN MAXIMA



Impressions: Roomy on the inside, responsive and race car nimble at speed, the sixth-generation Nissan Maxima rides on the automaker's modern FF-L (front engine, front-drive, large) platform. Designed with upscale feel, equipment and comfort characteristics, the Maxima moved upmarket to the upper midsize segment. The aggressive exterior is designed to bolster Maxima's sporty image. A chiseled, muscular shape featuring pronounced character lines and a distinctive C-pillar design give it a sport coupe-like silhouette. The Nissan flagship is equipped with the award-winning VQ 3.5L V6 engine joined to two transmissions: a six-speed manual gearbox or a five-speed automatic transmission with manual shift mode and gated shifter. The large Nissan sedan is equipped with a four-wheel independent suspension system that features struts, coil springs, shocks and a stabilizer bar in front and an all-new multi-link suspension in the rear for superior handling and ride quality.

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: 3.5 SE, 3.5 SL
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.5L V6 - 265 hp at 5,800 rpm and 255 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm.
Transmission: six-speed manual, five-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 15.5 cubic feet

2006 NISSAN SENTRA



Impressions: The Sentra, long a staple of Nissan's lineup, is regarded as a nondescript but solid performer - totally capable, always dependable. With its last major redesign during the 2000 model year, power for the compact Nissan is provided by a 1.8L four-cylinder DOHC 16-valve engine. Torque is transferred to the pavement via the standard five-speed manual gearbox or an optional four-speed automatic transmission. The Sentra exhibits impressive torsional rigidity due in part to a third floor pan member. Strong roof sides, B-pillars and outer body sill panels work with S-shaped front side cross members for above average crash performance. Expandable foam was utilized in the body pillars along with 56 enhancements applied in the current Sentra for a marked reduction in noise, vibration and harshness (NVH). A subframe with independent sport-tuned MacPherson strut front suspension and coil springs works in harmony with the rear multi-link beam suspension, front and rear stabilizer bars and P195/60R15 all-season tires to keep this sedan firmly connected to the pavement. Inside the cabin, a large interior exhibits a modern, clean and conservative environment that provides good front/rear headroom and legroom as well as plentiful storage compartments. Displays and controls are well laid out with a gauge cluster design that features larger, easy-to-read figures for enhanced visibility and instant understanding.

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: 1.8, 1.8 S
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 1.8L four-cylinder - 126 hp at 6,000 rpm and 129 lbs-ft of torque at 2,400 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed manual, four-speed automatic with overdrive
Cargo capacity: 11.6 cubic feet

2006 NISSAN MURANO



Impressions: Futuristic in exterior design and a dream behind the wheel, the Nissan Murano crossover is smart, sensual and fun to drive. Derived from the FF-L (front engine, front drive) platform used by the successful Altima sedan, the Nissan Murano crossover represents the automaker's best thinking in development of this intelligently sophisticated wagon for the American marketplace. This platform makes Murano's unique design possible by allowing a long wheelbase and wide stance - promoting a comfortable ride and vehicle stability. For 2006, Murano receives several exterior enhancements, including a new wheel design and restyled front grille, brushed aluminum rear bumper protector and roof rail (SE), fog lamp rings, LED rear combination lamps and chrome accent side sills (SL and SE) and lower front bumper. Offered in front- or all-wheel drive configurations, the Murano is powered by a version of the automaker's award-winning 3.5L V6 engine and bolted to a Xtronic CVT (continuously variable transmission).

Unlike a traditional automatic transmission, Xtronic keeps the engine in its most efficient range by "shifting" through a near-infinite number of ratios. The driver does not experience the normal progression of torque shifts from rest to speed. What the driver does come to appreciate, however, is the seamless rush of power at all speeds that is available immediately as a result of this technology. All-wheel drive models are equipped with an automatic system that can switch seamlessly between two- and all-wheel drive - giving the driver control when needed. For those conditions that require greater control in certain terrain, AWD can be locked on by pressing the AWD lock button.

Body style: four-door wagon
Models: S, SL, SE
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.5L V6 - 245 hp at 5,800 rpm and 245 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm.
Transmission: Xtronic CVT (Continuously Variable Transmission).
Cargo capacity: 81.6 cubic feet.
Towing capacity: 3,500 lbs.

2006 NISSAN QUEST



Impressions: The 2006 Nissan Quest minivan represents Nissan's thinking with regards to the minivan segment. Based on the automaker's modern FF-L (Front engine, Front-wheel drive, Large) platform, Nissan has broken all the stereotypes on what minivans can and cannot become. In line with the company's strategy to develop attractive, competitive products with features and serviceability to gain market share, Quest is a different kind of minivan. Not boring or unattractive to the eye, it offers a different kind of functionality that is an improvement of the minivan breed. New for 2006, Quest offers a Michelin PAX Run-Flat Tire Package with 19-inch alloy wheels and tires with run-flat technology and Vehicle Dynamic Control (VDC). A new Special Edition trim is now available for the 3.5 S model and includes a power right hand sliding door, power liftgate, power 3rd row vent windows, in-dash six-disc CD autochanger, upgraded audio speakers, rear sonar parking assist system, illuminated steering wheel audio switches and Special Edition badges. The Nissan Quest receives power from the company's highly regarded 3.5L VQ35 V6 engine. Force is communicated to the pavement through one of two

automatic transmissions: a four-speed with overdrive or a five-speed with overdrive. A robust steel unibody serves as the foundation for Quest's suspension hardware. The minivan utilizes a four-wheel independent suspension system, with struts and coil springs in front and a multi-link configuration in the rear. Inside the cabin, Nissan turns minivan convention on its head. With a combination of style, versatility and performance, the Quest interior is more a working piece of art than mere automotive interior. Seats are large and comfortable, like a favorite living room chair, only with side support. The dashboard is avant-garde. Displays are centered on the dashboard, while controls are canted face up. Although the visual is unlike any vehicle on a showroom floor this year, it works and works well.

Body style: minivan
Models: Base, 3.5 S, 3.5 SL, 3.5 SE
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.5L V6 - 240 hp at 5,800 rpm and 242 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm.
Transmission: four-speed automatic with overdrive.
Cargo capacity: 148.7 cubic feet
Payload capacity: 1,204 lbs.
Towing capacity: 3,500 lbs.

2006 NISSAN ARMADA



Impressions: Introduced in 2004 to American motorists, the Armada SUV blazes a trail rather than simply following the logic and cue of the larger players in the crowded full-size SUV segment. Bigger, better and more sophisticated, the large Nissan SUV is built on an sophisticated platform shared with the Titan pickup truck. Taking its position as the flagship in Nissan's family of SUVs, the Armada fea-

tures a rugged, fully boxed high-strength steel frame with an independent rear suspension optimized for improved interior roominess, comfort and handling. The large Nissan SUV is available in two- or four-wheel drive configurations and powered by the Endurance 5.6L V8 prime mover. The strong engine is connected to a five-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission with tow/haul mode. Four-wheel drive models feature an advanced full-time design with a two-speed transfer case with 4-L and Auto 4x4 technology. Skid plates for the lower radiator, transfer case and fuel tank are also standard on 4WD models. The running gear for the Armada rides on a fully boxed ladder type body-on-frame foundation that serves as the base for the control hardware. A double wishbone front suspension with stabilizer bar works with an independent double wishbone suspension and stabilizer bar at the rear to deliver a stable on-center ride and feel. An air-levelling rear suspension is also available.

Body style: four-door wagon
Models: SE, LE
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 5.6L V8 - 305 hp at 4,900 rpm and 385 lbs-ft of torque at 4,600 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed automatic with overdrive and tow/haul mode
Cargo capacity: 97.1 cubic feet
Payload capacity: 1,548 lbs.
Towing capacity: 9,100 lbs.

2006 NISSAN PATHFINDER



Impressions: More space. Bigger engine. More stories. With that mantra, Nissan introduced an all-new Pathfinder SUV into the American marketplace last year. Riding on the automaker's F-Alpha body-on-frame

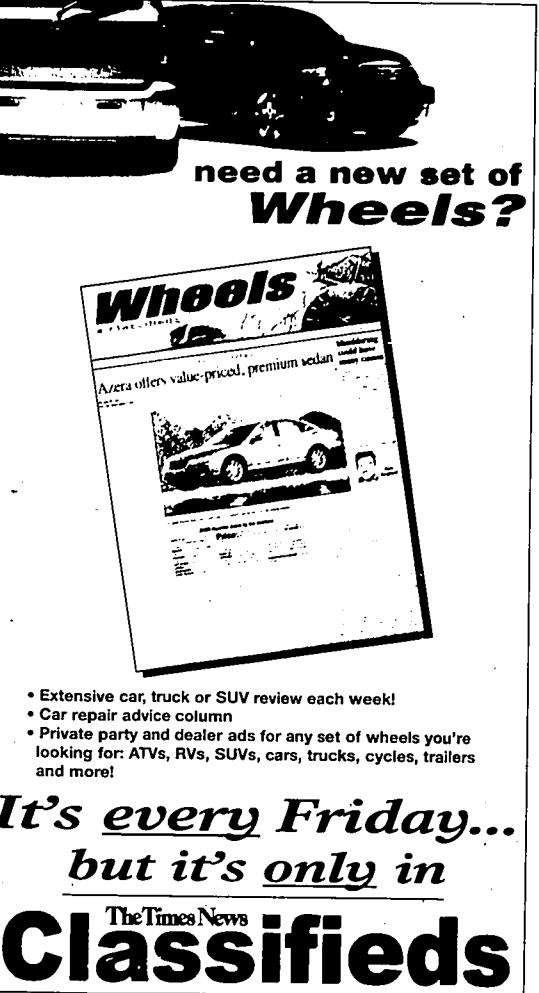
chassis, the new Nissan SUV is head and shoulders above the legendary model it replaced. The Pathfinder is offered in two- or four-wheel drive configurations and powered by a 4.0L V6, a variant of Nissan's award-winning VQ engine family. Torque is communicated to the ground through a potent IK Superwide five-speed automatic transmission. A manual gearbox is not offered. Billed as an actively sized vehicle, the Pathfinder was designed from the inside out - a big interior with a small exterior footprint. Engineered for off-road adventure and/or on-road travel, Nissan engineers made the Pathfinder a world-class contender. The underpinnings of the Pathfinder start with a fully-boxed body-on-frame chassis with 9.2 inches of ground clearance. The robust foundation serves as the base for the four-wheel independent suspension system. The front suspension features a double-wishbone configuration with coil-over shocks while the rear suspension system is equipped with a double-wishbone setup with coil on top control link. SE Off-Road adds Rancho shock absorbers.

Body style: four-door wagon
Models: S, SE, SE Off-Road, LE
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 4.0L V6 - 270 hp at 5,600 rpm and 291 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed automatic.
Cargo capacity: 79.2 cubic feet.
Payload capacity: 1,424 lbs.
Towing capacity: 6,000 lbs.

2006 NISSAN X-TRUCK



Impressions: Its back to the future for the vehicle that was the first of the "Nissan Renaissance" when it was introduced back in 1999. The



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automaker hit a home run with the first Xterra and the rest, as they say, is history. Nissan introduced the second-generation Xterra SUV last year. While keeping with the spirit of the first, the new Nissan SUV includes more power, roominess and utility. Greatly improved off-road performance has also been engineered in, while new exterior styling evokes that of the original, now with a highly functional roof rack. New exterior styling cues include a rugged exterior design, longer wheelbase, short overhangs, integrated front bumper, aggressive geometric fenders, angled structural grille, large powerful hood and headlights with Nissan signature style grille and a new rear bumper with side steps. For 2006, Nissan adds a new entry-level X model, while the Power Package becomes standard on S models. In addition, all Xterra models add a standard glove box lock, lamp and damper, available satellite radio and a new exterior color (Midnight Blue) and a new interior color for off-road models (Charcoal). The Nissan Xterra SUV is available in two- or four-wheel drive configurations and is powered by 4.0L V6 bolted to either a five-speed automatic or six-speed manual transmission. The optional four-wheel drive system features 2WD/4H/4L modes and an electrically controlled part-time transfer case. The "on-demand" four-wheel drive models feature both standard Hill Descent Control and Hill Start Assist designed to provide maximum control in delicate loose-off-road situations—such as a steep descent over rocky terrain. The Off Road 4x4 model includes an electronic locking rear differential and on models equipped with a manual gearbox, a clutch start/ancel mode. Like the Frontier pickup and Pathfinder SUV, the Xterra owes much to Nissan's rugged fully boxed steel frame derived from the bank-vault-solid Titan pickup truck.

Body style: four-door wagon
Models: X, S, Off-Road, SE
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 4.0L V6 - 265 hp at 5,500 rpm and 284 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm
Transmission: five-speed automatic, six-speed manual
Cargo capacity: 65.7 cubic feet
Payload capacity: 1,138 lbs.
Towing capacity: 5,000 lbs.

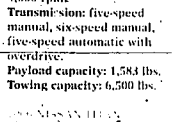
2006 NISSAN XTERRA



Impressions: Larger, more powerful, rugged and modern, Nissan took the wraps off of the all-new Frontier pickup last year. Built for work, designed for play and engineered for comfort, the Frontier bears a family resemblance to the big Titan pickup. The Frontier shares a number of significant features with Titan, starting with its fully boxed, all-steel frame based on Titan's F-Alpha truck platform, suspension design, innovative spravin bedliner and Utility-tracked bed channel tie-down system. In redesigning the Frontier, the key word was "more" — as in more power, more size, more off-road capability, more towing and cargo hauling capability as well as more comfort and utility. The third-generation Nissan Frontier is available in King Cab and Crew Cab body styles and powered by a 2.5L DOHC inline four-cylinder engine or the 4.0L DOHC V6 powerplant. The Frontier is available in two- and four-wheel drive configurations. Torque is communicated to the ground through a five-speed automatic or a six-speed manual transmission. Frontier 4x4 models include a shift-on-the-fly four-wheel drive system with 2WD/4H/4L modes operated by an electronically controlled, part-time transfer case. In

addition, an advanced off-road traction system is available with 4x4 models, along with performance gas shocks and alloy wheels with off-road performance tires.

Body style: extended cab and four-door cab compact pickup truck
Models: XE, SE, NISMO, LE
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.5L four-cylinder - 154 hp at 5,200 rpm and 173 lbs-ft of torque at 3,400 rpm; 4.0L V6 - 265 hp at 5,500 rpm and 284 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm
Transmission: five-speed manual, six-speed manual, five-speed automatic with overdrive
Payload capacity: 1,584 lbs.
Towing capacity: 6,500 lbs.



Impressions: Designed to be a true full-sized truck, the Nissan Titan pickup debuted in the American marketplace in 2004. Built on the company's rugged F-Alpha truck platform, the half-ton Titan is available in King Cab (extended) and Crew Cab (full four-door) body styles. The Nissan pickup truck is available in two- or four-wheel drive configurations and comes standard with a six-foot six-inch cargo bed. Adition is supplied by an Endurance 5.6L V8 engine bolted to a five-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission with tow/haul modes for enhanced fuel economy and towing capability. The Titan truck has an innovative bedside storage compartment behind the rear driver's side wheel designed to hold common truck items such as work gloves, chains, rope, road flares, first aid kit or a hitch ball. Double-sealed to help prevent the intrusion of water and dust, the lock uses the Titan ignition key for locking and unlocking.

Starting with the full boxed ladder type frame as a foundation, the large Nissan pickup employs an all-steel double wishbone front suspension with a stabilizer bar designed to work in concert with a rigid leaf (dual rate) rear suspension with shock absorbers mounted along frame sides for maximum ground clearance. Inside the passenger cabin, a contemporary interior greets driver and passengers. Designed to be spacious and accommodating, the Titan interior is also very usable. Door handles, knobs and assist grips are full-sized, designed to be used with work gloves on. Standard equipment includes power-adjustable front seats, heated front seats, and flip-up 60/40 rear seat cushions for added cargo space and flexibility with grocery hooks on the bottom of the seat cushions. The rear floor of the cabin was designed to be nearly flat for maximum cargo utility.

Body style: extended cab

(King, four-door cab (Crew) Models: XE, SE, LE
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: Endurance 5.6L V8 - 305 hp at 4,900 rpm and 379 lbs-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm
Transmission: five-speed automatic with overdrive and tow/haul mode
Payload capacity: 1,587 lbs.
Towing capacity: 9,500 lbs.

PONTIAC



Impressions: No limitations, no compromises, no excuses — no kidding! With that mantra, Pontiac introduced the G6 sedan based on GM's global Epsilon platform architecture last year. Strong, sexy and powerful, Pontiac set out to challenge the look and feel of sporty

midsize cars. For 2006, the G6 model lineup is expanded with the addition of a sleek coupe and innovative hard-top convertible. The sedan gets a new base four-cylinder model, while a new GTP performance model is available in coupe, sedan and convertible body styles. The GTP models feature a new 3.9L V6 engine, Hydra-Matic 4T65-E electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission with manual shift control, available six-speed manual gearbox (not available on convertible), sport-tuned suspension, StabiliTrak vehicle stability control system, 18-inch five-spoke alloy wheels, P122-50R18 tires, available GTP-specific leather-appointed seating with embossed GTP logo, and automatic climate control. Engineered to allow both road and sky during the driving experience, the G6 sedan is available with the market-exclusive four-panel Panoramic Roof which brings

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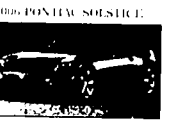
Body style: coupe, convertible, sedan
Models: Base, GT, and GTP
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.4L, four-cylinder - 167 hp at 5,600 rpm and 162 lbs-ft of torque at 4,500 rpm; 3.5L V6 - 201 hp at 5,800 rpm and 221 lbs-ft of torque at 3,800 rpm; 3.9L V6 - 240 hp at 6,000 rpm and 240 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm
Transmission: four-speed electronically controlled automatic
Cargo capacity: 11.0 cu. ft. (sedan); 16.4 cu. ft. (conv., top up); 1.8 cu. ft. (conv., top down)

2006 PONTIAC GTO



Impressions: Based on the Australian-built Holden Monaro V8, the rear-drive Pontiac GTO coupe is powered by a LS2 6.0L V8 and mated to the robust Hydra-Matic 4L65-E four-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission. A Tremec T56 six-speed manual gearbox is an available option. Pontiac considers the flowing, rounded exterior body shell as a contemporary interpretation of the classic Pontiac sports coupe. The distinctive, tightly stretched exterior, aggressive lowered stance and sleek, simple lines reflect the new clean, athletic styling direction of the nameplate. The aerodynamic lines and cab forward placement of the cockpit places most of the length of the coupe behind the driver. The rear spoiler adds to the overall exterior attitude of the GTO. For 2006, the GTO is distinguished by revised taillamp styling. The taillamp background is now gloss black instead of red. Two colors - Fusion Orange and Spice Red - offer new, subtle choices for customers who want their GTO to stand apart from the crowd. There is also a new 18-inch wheel design with bright spokes that further identifies the '06 model. At the heart of the GTO is a unitized steel body frame, with one and two sided galvanized steel. To this stout platform a four-wheel independent suspension is attached, consisting of MacPherson struts and progressive-rate springs in front and a semi-trailing control link setup with gas pressure dampers at the rear. A vehicle weight distribution of 55/45 works to keep balance in most situations.

Body style: two-door coupe
Models: GTO
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: LS2 6.0L V8 - 400 hp at 5,200 rpm and 400 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm
Transmission: six-speed manual, four-speed electronic automatic
Cargo capacity: 7.0 cubic feet



Impressions: Built on GM's new low-cost, rear-drive Kappa platform, the Pontiac Solstice is the nameplate's first production two-seat roadster. With a rear 50/50 weight distribution, the Solstice delivers performance that is inspired by the pure driving experience offered by classic roadsters of the past. First shown as a concept at the 2002 North American International Auto Show in Detroit, a groundswell of support from inside and outside of General Motors helped to give the project the green light for production in 2004. Within two years, the produc-

tion model has hit the street, a remarkable achievement given the fact that the vehicle's structural architecture was built entirely from scratch. Powered by an advanced Ecotec 2.4L, four-cylinder engine, the Solstice transfers torque to the street through the standard Aisin close-ratio five-speed manual transmission. A Hydra-Matic 5L40-E electronically controlled five-speed automatic transmission is an available option. The Pontiac two-door employs an independent short/long arm-type (SLA) suspension in the front and rear to give the Solstice a responsive, road-gripping driving feel.

Body style: two-door convertible
Models: Solstice
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.4L, four-cylinder - 177 hp at 6,600 rpm and 166 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm
Transmission: five-speed manual, five-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 3.8 cu. ft. (top up)



Impressions: The Pontiac Vibe received freshened exterior sheetmetal along with a host of enhancements and improvements last year. Versatile in a hip sort of way, with unique, thoughtful alternatives for transporting one's stuff, reliably strong running gear, honest good looks and a very reasonable price, the Vibe hits on all cylinders. For 2006, Pontiac is offering the following new optional equipment packages: Sport Package which includes: 16-inch cast aluminum wheels, Premium Monotone Appearance Package, and AM/FM stereo with six-disc CD changer; Premium Package which offers: leather seating surfaces and leather-wrapped steering wheel rim; and Security Package which includes: OnStar communications system, four-wheel anti-lock brakes and tire pressure monitoring system. A sibling of the current generation Toyota Corolla sedan and Toyota Matrix wagon, the Vibe is offered in front and all-wheel drive configurations and powered by two versions of the 1.8L, four-cylinder iVTEC. Power is transferred to the pavement via one of three gearboxes: four-speed automatic, five-speed manual or a six-speed manual. Build quality is impressive out the box and handling is a pleasant surprise. Tried and true suspension hardware is tuned to the max to get the most out of the modern chassis. MacPherson struts are the rule in front with base Vibe and Vibe GT configurations equipped with torsion beam in the rear. Vibe AWD receives a double wishbone rear suspension.

Body style: four-door wagon
Models: Base, AWD and GT
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 1.8L, four-cylinder (iVTEC) - 130 hp at 6,000 rpm and 125 lbs-ft of torque at 4,200 rpm; 1.8L, four-cylinder (iLNC) - 170 hp at 7,600 rpm and 127 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm
Transmission: four-speed automatic, five-speed manual, six-speed manual
Cargo capacity: 54.1 cubic feet
Towing capacity: 1,500 lbs.



Impressions: Pontiac added a new dimension to the mid-van segment last year with the introduction of the Montana SV6, a modern sport van with "want to

drive" appeal: the bold styling of an SUV, the passenger room and interior versatility of a van with performance-oriented appearance and styling details. Available in front-wheel or Versatrak all-wheel drive configurations, the SV6 is powered by a responsive 3.5L V6 joined to a Hydra-Matic 4T65-E electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission. For 2006, Pontiac adds an available 3.9L V6 engine and optional second-row side-impact airbags. The impressive performance and ride qualities of the Pontiac sports van start with a robust unibody design with ladder-frame underbody construction. The four-wheel independent suspension features MacPherson struts, coil springs, L-shaped stamped lower control arms and aluminum knuckles in front; double wishbone cast aluminum short- and long-arm control arms and cast aluminum cradle at the rear. Inside the cabin, occupants are treated to an interior that is tasteful, refined and upscale in look and feel. Displays, gauges and switches are well-ordered with a clean, modern look. A low step in height facilitates entry and exit. Seven-passenger seating is standard, with individual captain's chairs in both the first and second rows. The second and third-row seats are both foldable and removable for additional cargo room, while the third-row seat has a 50/50 split.

Body style: extended wheelbase minivan
Models: FWD, AWD
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.5L V6 - 201 hp at 5,200 rpm and 216 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.9L V6 - 240 hp at 6,000 rpm and 240 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm
Transmission: electronically controlled four-speed automatic with overdrive
Cargo capacity: 136.5 cu. ft.
Towing capacity: 3,500 lbs.



Impressions: Sharing its platform with the Saturn VUE and the Chevrolet Equinox, the new Pontiac Torrent expands Pontiac's total performance boundaries by combining carlike agility with SUV capability and versatility. Its mix of European-inspired design with Pontiac styling cues is complemented by a multi-purpose interior that is configurable to countless uses, including a rear seat that adjusts for aft and reclines. Powered by the tried-and-true 3400 3.4L V6, the Torrent is available in two- and all-wheel drive configurations. Torque is communicated to the ground through an Aisin AT34-5 five-speed automatic gearbox, the only transmission offered. The compact Pontiac SUV is further distinguished by a wide stance, long wheelbase and large door openings. Torrent comes with a comprehensive list of standard equipment which includes: air conditioning; 16-inch wheels; multi-flex sliding and split-folding rear seats; flat folding front passenger seat; manual height adjuster on the driver seat; daytime running lamps; fog lamps; FE2 Sport Suspension; four-wheel anti-lock brakes; traction control; electric power steering; multi-position adjustable rear shelf; rear liftgate with defogger and washer/wiper; folding outside rearview mirrors; power door locks, mirrors and windows; remote keyless entry and AM/FM stereo with CD player.

Body style: five-door wagon
Models: FWD, AWD
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.4 V6 - 185 hp at 5,200 rpm and 210 lbs-ft of torque at 3,800 rpm
Transmission: five-speed automatic
Cargo capacity: 68.6 cubic feet
Payload capacity: 1,290 lbs
Towing capacity: 3,500 lbs

SUBARU



Impressions: Progressive, bold, upscale: the all-new B9 Tribeca is the automaker's first available seven seat model - positioned above the Legacy and Outback lines to become Subaru's new flagship ship. This new crossover wagon represents a step in a new direction for the Japanese automaker, combining a bold new design language with the company's Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive system. The new Subaru is available with five or seven passenger seating and powered by a compact 3.0L, DOHC horizontally opposed (boxer) six-cylinder engine with intake variable valve timing. Torque is communicated to the pavement through the standard five-speed automatic gearbox equipped with SPORTSHIFT distribution (VTD) and Vehicle Dynamics Control (VDC) stability system. The VTD All-Wheel Drive system coupled with VDC normally sends more power to the rear wheels (45/55 percent front/rear power split) to enhance handling agility. In response to driving and road conditions, VDC regulates power distribution through the center differential via the electronically managed continuously variable hydraulic transfer clutch.

The 2006 Subaru B9 Tribeca wagon is based on an extensively modified version of the Legacy/Outback vehicle platform. Featuring a longer wheelbase, overall length and a wider track, the new body structure provides a 22 percent increase in torsional rigidity and a 55 percent increase in bending stiffness. The four-wheel independent suspension hardware includes an all-new double wishbone rear suspension that replaces the multi-link suspension from Legacy/Outback and a revised front suspension for even greater ride smoothness. The B9 Tribeca has been engineered with 8.4 inches of ground clearance, yet boasts the comfortable step-in height of a normal sport wagon.

Body style: four-door crossover vehicle
Models: Base, Limited
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.0L, six-cylinder - 270 hp at 6,000 rpm and 219 lbs-ft at 4,200 rpm
Transmission: five-speed electronic direct control automatic with lockup torque converter
Cargo capacity: 74.4 cu. ft.
Towing capacity: 3,500 lbs.



Impressions: With a sterling reputation as one of the safest and most reliable small crossovers on the market, Subaru has redesigned and upgraded Forester for 2006. Exterior changes to Forester include new, more refined styling, with an entirely new front fascia, grille, four-lamp headlight clusters, bumper, hood and front fenders. At the rear, Forester is distinguished by new tail lamp clusters and a body-color trim panel that prominently displays the Subaru six-star emblem. Both versions of the 2.5L four-cylinder boxer engine get a bump in horsepower for 2006. The naturally aspirated 2.5L engine gains i-Active Valve Lift System variable lift technology, which helps to boost horsepower by eight ponies over last year. More important, the new technology improves real world drivability and performance.

Meanwhile, the turbocharged intercooled 2.5L engine is increased by 20 horses over 2005 as a result of a higher compression ratio and redesigned intake and exhaust systems. The pre-catalytic converters have been removed from the exhaust system to decrease back pressure, and a secondary air pump system has been added to reduce emissions. The engine now meets the stricter Tier 2 BIN 5 Low Emissions Vehicle II (LEV II) regulation. Subaru has also upgraded and refined both the standard five-speed manual and optional four-speed automatic transmissions for 2006. The manual gearbox receives revised gear ratios to help optimize performance and fuel consumption. For added durability, the manual gearbox also gains a double-cone synchronizer on first and third gears. Foresters equipped with the manual gearbox feature the "Hill Hold" clutch system, a Subaru exclusive. The four-speed automatic transmission gets logic control changes that work with the all-wheel drive system for better handling and enhanced traction performance on slippery road surfaces. The direct control automatic also features the more advanced adaptive shift control system introduced last year on the Legacy and Outback models. The Subaru Forester is equipped with one of two types of full-time All-Wheel-Drive: Continuous All-Wheel-Drive: A viscous coupling center differential for manual transmission equipped models and Active All-Wheel-Drive for models equipped with the four-speed automatic.

Body style: four-door wagon
Models: 2.5X, L.I. Bean Edition, XT Limited
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.5L, normally-aspirated four-cylinder - 173 hp at 6,000 rpm and 166 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm; 2.5L turbocharged four-cylinder - 230 hp at 5,600 rpm and 235 lbs-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm
Transmission: five-speed manual with Hill Hold clutch system, four-speed direct-control electronic automatic with lockup torque converter
Cargo capacity: 57.7 cubic feet
Towing capacity: 2,400 lbs.



Impressions: Now in its third generation, the Subaru Outback is available in sedan and wagon body styles with a choice of three engines: normally aspirated 2.5L four-cylinder or a 3.0L six-cylinder unit. For 2006, MacPherson struts to tweak and improve the successful Outback formula with the naturally aspirated 2.5L engine gaining i-Active Valve Lift System variable lift technology, which increased horsepower by seven ponies over last year. Gearbox options include a five-speed manual, four-speed automatic and a five-speed automatic with SPORTSHIFT for manual control via the floor shift handle, or steering wheel buttons. The automatic transmission uses a lateral G sensor and cornering logic to select and hold the appropriate gear to enhance cornering performance. Slightly larger than the previous model, the Japanese automaker moved Outback solidly upscale while attempting to increase its capabilities on and off road. All-new last year, the all-wheel drive Outback model line boasts an exterior look that expresses dynamic performance and nimbleness. Ground clearance was increased to a maximum of 8.7 inches while the front/rear track was widened 0.6 inch. In addition, the engine is now mounted lower in the chassis, for improved driving stability, better power transmission and noise

reduction. The Outback is equipped with three types of Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive depending on the transmission: Continuous All-Wheel Drive for five-speed manual, Active All-Wheel Drive for the four-speed automatic and Variable Torque Distribution for the five-speed automatic. Built on a new version of the company's proven Ring-Shaped Aluminum Drive Frame safety structure, the Outback makes greater use of aluminum and high-strength steel as well as advanced construction techniques. The hood and bumper beams are now aluminum as well as the rear gear case on the wagons.

Body style: four-door sedan, four-door wagon
Models: 2.5I, 2.5I Limited, 2.5X Limited, 3.0 R.L.L. Bean, 3.0 R.V.D. Limited, 3.0R Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.5L, four-cylinder - 175 hp at 5,600 rpm and 166 lbs-ft of torque at 4,200 rpm; 2.5L turbocharged four-cylinder - 250 hp at 6,000 rpm and 250 lbs-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm; 3.0L six-cylinder - 250 hp at 6,600 rpm and 219 lbs-ft of torque at 4,200 rpm
Transmission: five-speed manual, heavy-duty five-speed automatic, four-speed automatic, five-speed automatic with SPORTSHIFT
Cargo capacity: 11.4 cubic feet (sedan); 61.7 cubic feet (wagon)
Towing capacity: 3,000 lbs.

TOYOTA



Impressions: Better, bigger, more, class by class: so runs Toyota's flagship sedan was completely redesigned last year. Featuring more modern styling, the poised and balanced front-drive Avalon is a replacement of response and handling offering driver and passengers the perfect sanctuary in the midst of the hectic pace of the daily dispatch. Longer, wider and taller than the model it replaces, the Avalon sedan is described by the automaker as distinctive, stylish and the "most American" of any Toyota product to date. The large Toyota sedan is powered by a 3.5L six-cylinder primer motor and mated to a silky smooth five-speed electronically-controlled automatic overdrive gearbox with intelligence and sequential shift. Avalon's underpinnings start with a unitized steel body with front and rear anti-vibration subframes. This serves as the foundation for the vehicle's suspension hardware. MacPherson struts up front are complemented with offset coil springs and a stabilizer bar while at the rear, a dual-link independent MacPherson strut suspension with offset coil springs and a stabilizer bar complete the suspension layout. The Torsion member is upfitted with a sport-tuned suspension system. The passenger cabin was also extensively redesigned last year. The well-equipped futuristic layout of displays and controls is refreshingly user friendly and brutally convenient. Analog gauges are complemented by a computer center with a legible read out of useful information inside/outside, day month and year, etc. - easy to see and understand. The driver's view of the road is excellent. The center armrest adjusts forward for short drivers - hooks and handles are plentiful. The Avalon features two power points in the center console for the operation of various portable electronic devices. A Remote Trunk Release is new to the Toyota brand and is available on all Avalons equipped with the factory alarm system.

Body style: four-door sedan
Models: XL, Touring, XLS, Limited
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.5L V6 - 268 hp at 6,200 rpm; 248 lbs-ft of torque at 4,700 rpm
Transmission: five-speed electronically controlled automatic
Cargo capacity: 14.4 cubic feet

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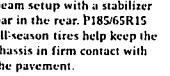
Impressions: Boosting production to keep up with demand, the Toyota Prius is refreshed for 2006.

Featuring restyled headlights and tail light clusters, the Toyota Hybrid also gains a standard Tire Pressure Monitoring System.

A new optional rear back-up camera is available with the optional navigation system, automatically projecting an image of what the lens can detect behind the vehicle onto the dash-mounted LCD display when the vehicle is in reverse gear. The Prius utilizes Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive, the automaker's third-generation electric-gas hybrid powertrain technology. This hybrid system joins a 1.5L, four-cylinder Atkinson Cycle gasoline engine with variable valve timing and intelligence (VVT-i) to a 50 kW permanent-magnet electric drive motor. The Prius does not have a traditional gearbox but employs an electric continuously variable transmission which does not have fixed gear ratios. Instead, the unit provides infinitely variable ratios in response to driving conditions. A regenerative braking system further boosts system efficiency. When the Prius is coasting or the brakes are applied, the electric motor functions as a generator, capturing kinetic energy that would normally be lost as heat through the brakes. The kinetic energy is transformed into useable electricity to recharge the batteries. One important difference in the Toyota Prius sedan is that it is designed to go a considerable distance on just the electric motor alone. This differs from the other current hybrid systems in that the electric motor is generally used to assist the smaller-than-normal gasoline engine for such demanding chores as acceleration or otherwise heavy demand on the system for air conditioning, defrosting and/or operating many of the electrical accessories. The Prius features an independent MacPherson strut configuration with a stabilizer bar in front and a Torsion beam setup with a stabilizer bar in the rear. P185/65R15 all-season tires help keep the chassis in firm contact with the pavement.

Body style: five-door hatchback
Models: Prius
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 1.5L, four-cylinder gasoline with VVT-i - 76 hp at 5,000 rpm and 82 lbs-ft of torque at 4,200 rpm combined with a 50 kW permanent magnet electric synchronous motor at 1,200 - 1,540 rpm and 295 lbs-ft of torque at 0-1,200 rpm.
Transmission: electronically controlled continuously variable
Cargo capacity: 16.1 cubic feet

2006 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER HYBRID



Impressions: It has the equivalent power of a V8 engine, can carry up to seven passengers, is available in two- or four-wheel drive and gets better gas mileage than many compact sedans. Built on the same platform as the midsize gasoline-powered Highlander SUV, the gasoline/electric hybrid model makes Toyota the first brand to offer both a passenger car and an SUV with hybrid powertrains. Toyota currently produces the Prius Hybrid sedan. The Highlander Hybrid combines a 3.3-liter V6 gasoline engine with a high-torque electric drive motor/generator to deliver

2006 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA



Impressions: Billed as a "significant evolution" of the Volkswagen model that celebrates its 25th year in the US and Canadian markets, the all-new fifth generation Jetta offers motorists a distinct choice in the compact sedan market. Larger and more advanced than the previous model, the all-new Jetta was introduced to American motorists as a late 2005 model last spring. The new VW sedan boasts a wheelbase that is three-inches longer with an overall length that increased by seven inches, an inch wider in girth and just about an half an inch taller in height. The Jetta is powered by a new 2.5L five-cylinder engine. A 1.9L TDI diesel four-cylinder engine will join the line-up later in the model year. The base gearbox is a five-speed manual with an optional six-speed automatic gearbox with Tiptronic that includes a special "sport" mode setting. The new Jetta features a stronger body - recording double-digit improvements in its dynamic and torsional rigidity. Use of more high-strength body panels, world class design and engineering and an advanced, highly automated laser-welding system results in class leading fit and finish, improved body strength, better crash protection, crisp driving dynamics and reduced interior noise. Starting with a unitized steel body with bolt on fenders, the Jetta employs its first fully independent suspension system. The front suspension hardware consists of MacPherson struts, coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers and a 21 mm stabilizer bar. At the rear, the suspension hardware includes a multi-link rear axle, coil springs, telescopic gas pressurized shock absorbers and an 18 mm stabilizer bar.

2006 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT



the equivalent power of a V8 engine, but with less emissions. Power is communicated to the street through an electronically controlled continuously variable transmission (ECVT) with a planetary gear unit for gear reduction and power splitting. "The addition of the Hybrid Synergy Drive system in our best-selling SUV, and the fact that other manufacturers have licensed Toyota hybrid technology and patents, affirms the company's leadership role as hybrid gas-electric vehicles continue to enter the mainstream," said Ernest Bastien, vice president of Toyota Vehicle Operations Group. The Highlander Hybrid is rated as a Super Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle, emitting 80 percent fewer smog-forming emissions than conventional-powered SUVs. The Highlander Hybrid has a zero-to-sixty mph time of 7.3 seconds. It also features Toyota's new STAR SAFETY SYSTEM, that includes vehicle stability control, traction control, anti-lock brake system with electronic brake force distribution and brake assist. The Highlander Hybrid was designed to enhance the STAR SAFETY SYSTEM with the addition of Toyota's first application of its Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management (VDIM) system, which goes beyond conventional traction and stability controls that simply react to challenging conditions. Instead, VDIM anticipates vehicle instability in virtually any direction and makes stabilizing corrections.

Body style: four-door wagon
Models: Highlander Hybrid
Engine: gasoline: 3.3L V6, 208 hp at 5,600 rpm and 212 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm; electric: Motor Generator 2 (MG2)(front wheels) - 167 hp (123 kW) at 4,500 rpm and 247 lbs-ft of torque at 0-1,500 rpm; Motor Generator Rear (MGR)(rear wheels) - 68 hp (50 kW) at 4,610-5,120 rpm and 96 lbs-ft of torque at 0-610 rpm.

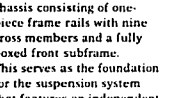
Batteries: sealed nickel metal hydride (NiMH).
Transmission: electronically controlled continuously variable automatic.
Cargo capacity: 80.6 cu. ft.
Payload capacity: 1,605 lbs.
Towing capacity: 3,500 lbs.

2006 TOYOTA TUNDRA



Impressions: Built on a stout ladder frame chassis, Toyota has raised the level of power and performance of the Tundra, the first import-brand full-size pickup truck line. Last year, Tundra boasted available power with a new 4.0L V6 engine, and additional ponies for its 4.7L V8 engine. Torque is communicated to the ground through the standard five-speed automatic transmission. A six-speed manual gearbox is standard on V6 engine models. Available in two- and four-wheel drive models, Tundra rides on a robust body-on-frame ladder chassis consisting of one-piece frame rails with nine cross members and a fully boxed front subframe. This serves as the foundation for the suspension system that features an independent coil spring double wishbone setup in front, while the rear suspension utilizes tried-and-true leaf springs. Low pressure nitrogen gas shocks control movement at all four corners. Inside the cabin, the driver enjoys a commanding view of the road. Displays, controls and switches are well-placed and easy to operate. The cavernous passenger cabin offers plenty of nooks and crannies for storage - including a change compartment and two step storage bins located in the center console. For those who have electrical needs, the Tundra features a total of four power points - three located in the

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to detail, advanced technology, Teutonic driving qualities and uncompromising safety design and features. The large exterior dimensions of the new mid-sized Volkswagen results in a more function and ergonomic interior as well as better stability due to the vehicle's wider track.

Body style: Regular Cab, Access Cab, Double Cab pickup truck.
Models: Standard, SRS, Limited
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 4.0L V6 - 236 hp at 5,200 rpm and 266 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 4.7L V8 - 271 hp at 5,400 rpm and 313 lbs-ft of torque at 3,400 rpm.
Transmission: six-speed manual, five-speed electronically controlled automatic.
Payload capacity: 2,025 lbs.
Towing capacity: 7,100 lbs.

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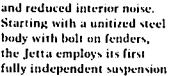
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Body style: four-door sedan
Models: Value Edition, 2.5L, TDI
Dimensions & Specifications
Wheelbase: 101.5; overall
Engine: 2.5L, five-cylinder - 150 hp at 5,000 rpm and 170 lbs-ft of torque at 3,750 rpm; 1.9L TDI four-cylinder turbo diesel - 100 hp at 4,000 rpm and 177 lbs-ft of torque at 1,800 - 2,400 rpm.
Transmission: five-speed manual, six-speed automatic with Tiptronic.
Cargo capacity: 16.0 cu. ft.

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Body style: four-door sedan
Models: 2.0T Value Edition, 2.0T, 3.6L, 3.6L 4MOTION
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 2.0L, four-cylinder turbo - 200 hp at 5,100-6,000 rpm and 207 lbs-ft of torque at 1,800 - 6,000 rpm; 3.6L V6 - 280 hp at 6,200 rpm and 265 lbs-ft of torque at 2,750 rpm.
Transmission: six-speed manual, six-speed automatic with Tiptronic.
Cargo capacity: 15.0 cubic feet

Impressions: The Volkswagen Touareg has been engineered to be a no-compromise mix of optimum off- and on-road attributes. At the top end of the SUV segment, the German automaker positioned the Touareg SUV to highlight its uncanny combination of refined German luxury, Autobahn road performance and mountain-goat tenacity to triumph over the toughest off-road terrain. Exterior good looks are backed up with a low center of gravity for off-road safety and on-road performance. For 2006, the base 3.2L V6 motor will be replaced later in the model year by a new 3.6L FSI V8 engine with direct injection. The new powerplant boasts an increase of 36 horsepower over the old prime mover. Other available engines include a 4.2L V8 or a heavy 5.0L V10 TDI twin turbo diesel mill. Perched at the top of the Touareg SUV line, the sophisticated V10 TDI is relatively quiet and smoke free, combining an endless stream of fluid power

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Body style: four-door wagon
Models: V6, V8, V10 TDI
Dimensions & Specifications
Engine: 3.6L V6 - 280 hp at 6,200 rpm and 265 lbs-ft of torque at 2,500 - 5,000 rpm; 4.2L V8 - 310 hp at 6,200 rpm and 302 lbs-ft of torque at 3,000-4,000 rpm; 5.0L V10 TDI (twin-turbo diesel) - 310 hp at 3,750 rpm and 553 lbs-ft of torque at 2,800 rpm.
Transmission: Tiptronic six-speed automatic.
Cargo capacity: 71 cubic feet
Payload capacity: 1,400 lbs.
Towing capacity: 7,716 lbs.

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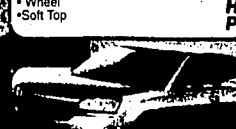
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