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Bin Laden offers 'truce' with Americans

At the same time, terrorist leader warns of new attacks

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — In his first public communication in more than a year, Osama bin Laden said in an audiotape released Thursday that al-Qaida is preparing to mount new attacks on the United States, but he offered a truce to end the wars in

Iraq and Afghanistan.

Bin Laden, in a double-edged message, addressed to Americans, cited public discontent in the United States with the war in Iraq and begged that "our situation, thank God, is getting better and better, while your situation is the opposite of that."



Bin Laden

long-term truce on fair conditions that we adhere to," bin Laden said on the tape, first broadcast on the Arabic Al-Jazeera satellite TV network. "Both sides can enjoy security and stability under this truce so we can build Iraq and Afghanistan, which

have been destroyed in this war. There is no shame in this solution."

The White House quickly rejected the offer, as did members of Congress.

"We do not negotiate with terrorists. We put them out of business," said White House press secretary Scott McClellan.

Current and former U.S. counterterrorism officials warned against seeing the truce offer as a sign of weakness in the al-Qaida terrorist network.

One official, who like others requested anonymity to discuss intelligence matters, recalled that bin Laden offered a truce to European countries in 2004, about a month after the deadly bombings on commuter trains in Madrid. When it met no response, militants staged attacks in London.

Bin Laden, citing the attacks in Europe, said "the delay in similar operations happening in America has not been because of failure to break through your security measures. The operation

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SHOWTIME



Photo by MEGAN THOMPSON/The Times-News

ABOVE: Abby Waters, 16, wraps her hair backstage Thursday at the dress rehearsal for Five's sixth annual Winter Showcases that will take place at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Roper Auditorium on the Twin Falls High School campus. Five is the incarnation of The Madrigals, a TFHS chorus group founded and directed by Richard Smack for 31 years. The look of Five evolved over time as wireless microphones allowed more movement and extensive choreography.

RIGHT: Linz Hanson, 17, sings Thursday with other members of Five, a 27-member Twin Falls High School show choir. Five performs musical theater, pop, jazz and other styles of music. The group will perform "Bohemian Rhapsody" and a variety of music at their Saturday performance.



Eminent domain discussion heats up

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BOISE — The war over water in Idaho has splashed over into the realm of eminent domain.

As Idaho legislators begin introducing bills to restrict the ability of local governments to take homes and private lands for economic development, some questions where water rights come into the discussion. But, when the topic surfaced during an eminent domain workshop for members of the House Committee on Resources on Thursday, it was quickly side-stepped.

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on the Kelo case. The court upheld the decision by the city of New London, Conn., condemning eminent domain in favor of private development.

Local governments in Idaho typically would use eminent domain only for rights of way and easements, said Jerry Mason, an attorney in Coeur d'Alene and a presenter at the Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment sponsored workshop.

"This isn't Connecticut; it's not legally Connecticut, it's not constitutionally Connecticut," Mason said.

The ruling sparked discussion over private property rights across the county, said another presenter, Brian Kane, assistant chief deputy attorney general. Please see LEGISLATURE, Page A2



QUEEN OF THE DESERT

Miss America pageant gets a Vegas makeover

By John Curran Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — Back home, Miss America had an ocean. Here, she's queen of the desert.

Here are the traditions that once defined her — the beach photo shoots, the Boardwalk parades, the morning-after Atlantic Ocean frolic by the newly crowned Miss.

In their place A visit to "The Tonight Show," a red-carpet arrival ceremony, hitting the casino showrooms and a new home — for now, anyway — in a city surrounded by sand but no waves lapping at its shore.

Transplanted to Las Vegas, the Atlantic City, N.J., beauty contest has traded in some of its most cherished traditions in hopes that the change in scenery can turn its luck and revive ratings.



Miss Minnesota Karyn Storch, left, and Miss Michigan Octavia Reese greet the crowd at Flamingo Hotel Casino in Las Vegas last Friday.

It's always going to be a part of the pageant," said the former Miss America Organization's biggest hierarchy, referring to the ocean tradition. "It's not like we're erasing that. But now we're sharing the pageant with the rest of the country."

In Atlantic City, the annual pageant was run, principally by volunteer activity of them second- and third-generation "business" who prospered this women around town and made sure no one went astray. When the Miss America contestants arrived last night, Please see PAGEANT, Page A2

School bond election up against crowded field

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One school at a time.

That's how the Twin Falls School District's Long Range Planning Committee hopes to begin gathering community support for the \$49.7 million school bond election. The committee, which was appointed by the school district to help schools meet rising enrollment needs, received approval from the school board on Jan. 9 to begin organizing a campaign that will garner public support for the largest school bond election in the city's history that will take place on March 14.

If approved, the bond money would pay for an additional high school, as well as renovations to most of the district's existing school buildings. It would also facilitate a district-wide grade reconfiguration from the current junior high system to the more commonly used middle

Coming Tuesday

Read our story then listen on the Web to our interview with Scott McNeely and Linda Watkins, co-chairs of the Twin Falls School District's Long Range Planning Committee. Tuesday in The Times-News.

school system. During the past month, the planning committee — which is comprised of business owners, school administrators, teachers and other members of the community — has been visiting Twin Falls schools in an effort to educate school employees on the upcoming bond election.

Although there is no question that Twin Falls schools are reaching capacity — some would say they have already exceeded it — the planning committee faces a challenging election. The \$49.7 million bond election will be one of three bond elections facing Please see ELECTION, Page A2

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Periods of mixed rain and snow showers. High in the middle 30s.
Tonight: Light snow at times. Lows in the mid 20s.
Tomorrow: Rain and snow ending early. Partial clearing later in the day. High: mid 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Periods of mixed rain and snow showers. High in the middle 30s.
Tonight: Occasional light snow. Lows in the lower 20s.
Tomorrow: Rain and snow ending early, then partial clearing. High: lower 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mountains snow and valley rain/snow mix will continue through today and into the evening.
BOISE Scattered rain and snow showers will be over the region today.
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Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

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Table showing moon phases for Jan 22, 23, 24, 25.

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MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Twin Falls.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists various national cities and their forecasts.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, HI, Low. Lists weather for various cities.

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Table showing UV index for various locations.

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Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists various international cities and their forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists various Canadian cities and their forecasts.

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Election

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Twin Falls voters, which include a \$5.2 million referendum for an expansion of the Twin Falls Public Library, a \$1.2 million two-year override levy to expand fairgrounds facilities and an upcoming bond election to build a new treatment plant that will help the city meet federal arsenic standards.
There has always been some concern for concern about that said Scott McNeley, co-chair of the Twin Falls Long Range Planning Committee. "But I feel we have done a very good job at doing our homework on these projects, and really, we hope the public will look at each one of these projects as they stand on their own merit."
However, the planning committee is skeptical of the Legislature's decision, and feels facility needs must be addressed in this year's bond election before the cost of construction rises even higher.
It's the students who will bear the burden of overcrowding. As enrollment in schools such as Twin Falls High School continues to grow beyond capacity, students are finding it more difficult to take popular elective courses and educators are struggling to teach in overcrowded classrooms.

Legislature

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"I liked the Kelo case to an alarm clock going off in your bedroom at 5 a.m. waking all the Legislatures up," Kane said. The ruling forced legislators to take a look at their state's provisions guiding eminent domain. Kane said the court made it clear that states could tighten up laws individually to keep the situation in Connecticut from repeating. Idaho already ranks in the top five states in the nation as far as protecting private property rights, Kane said.
Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, tried to get a feel for where a recently printed bill might place water rights in the eminent domain discussion. The legislation by House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, had just been printed on Thursday, leading committee chair Bert Steinhorn, R-Burley, and the discussion of water rights. The state isn't doing a good enough job in protecting sen-

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Day they were welcomed by a squad of Atlantic City Beach Patrol lifeguards, oars in hand, and introduced in a ceremony next to the beach.
When they got dolled up in lavish state-themed costumes for the annual Miss America parade, they rode down the oceanfront Boardwalk in open convertibles, cheered by thousands of people.
"We had hundreds of volunteers, and the thing worked like clockwork," said Art McMaster, chief executive of the Miss America Organization.
In Las Vegas, it's been a more professional affair. Twenty-four pageant hostesses and volunteers are here, but most of the people running the Miss America operation have either been hired for the occasion or are affiliated with Country Music Television or the host Aladdin Resort & Casino.
No new traditions are replacing the old ones, although Las Vegas and the host casino have

Bin Laden

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his lieutenants. They also noted the poor quality of the tape, indicating it may have been rushed to Al-Jazeera without polishing.
The audiotape was released after CIA agents launched one or more missiles on a gathering in a Pakistani village in an apparently unsuccessful attempt to kill bin Laden's chief deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri.
Pakistani officials have told journalists that the strike killed as many as four top al-Qaida operatives, including two senior explosives expert Midhat Mursi al-Sayid, also known as Abu Kimbab al-Masri. U.S. counterterrorism officials said that al-Masri is believed to have been in the vicinity, but they can't confirm that he was killed.
"it could mean that key people were killed in the airstrike and that bin Laden is trying to show that the organization is still functioning and is not mortally wounded," said Kenneth Katzman, a terrorism expert at the Congressional Research Service.
Katzman said he believes the increased pace of U.S. operations in the Afghan-Pakistan border suggests that U.S. Intelligence has succeeded over the past several years to build a deeper understanding of the terrorist network he founded. The consensus in the U.S. intelligence community before Thursday had been that he was still alive, officials said.
CIA analysts using voice-matching techniques quickly confirmed that the voice on the tape was bin Laden's.
Intelligence officials said the analysts were struck by the generally downbeat tone of bin Laden's remarks, which could signify the pressure his group is under after recent U.S. strikes on

Correction

Bedke's comments misinterpreted in article

Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, said he believes citizens of Idaho would prefer to use a percent sales tax increase for property relief, rather than supporting the teachers union initiative. He was misinterpreted in the Times-News reports the error.

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Bin Laden

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surveillance and improved cooperation by Pakistani intelligence officials.
Al-Jazeera at first said the bin Laden tape was recorded in December, but later corrected that and said it was made earlier this month, according to news reports from the region.
In it, bin Laden mentions a United States operation that British Prime Minister Tony Blair called bombing Al-Jazeera's headquarters in Qatar. News reports of the remark — denied by the British government — surfaced last November, during bin Laden's audio recording in the last two months.
Counterterrorism officials said they had no justification indicating an imminent strike on the United States. The Department of Homeland Security's color-coded threat level remained at yellow.
In the tape, bin Laden dwells on a favorite theme — that the United States is weak and can't long stomach casualties or other setbacks.
He cites — incorrectly — polls showing an "overwhelming majority" of Americans want to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq. In fact, several recent polls show the U.S. public evenly divided about whether it is timeable for withdrawing U.S. troops, with few supporting immediate departure.
Bin Laden asserts that morale is sinking among U.S. troops in Iraq and suicides are rising, while anti-American insurgents are growing stronger. "The news of our brother mujahidin is different from what the Pentagon publishes," he said according to an Associated Press translation.
The al-Qaida leader also disputed Bin Laden's frequent contention that Iraq is the central front in the war on terrorism. Instead, he said, Iraq has become a point of attraction and restorer of (our) energies.

NATION/WORLD

Calls intensify for release of kidnapped journalist

BAGHDAD (AP) — As a deadline neared for hostage American journalist Jill Carroll, Muslim leaders and her pleading mother appealed Thursday to kidnappers to spare her life and set her free.

Referring to demands from Carroll's abductors that Iraqi women be released from U.S. custody, a senior Iraqi official said six jailed Iraqi women were due to be freed by the U.S. military.

But the White House said no prisoner release appeared imminent, and a major Sunni Arab clerical group said it could do little to help because it did not know who was holding the 28-year-old reporter.

The kidnappers — identified as the previously unknown "Revenge Brigade" — have set a deadline of Friday evening for all Iraqi female detainees to be freed or they will kill Carroll. However, Iraqi kidnappers have often given such ultimatums only to ignore them and continue holding captives.

Kidnappers of Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena, seized in Baghdad last February, gave Italy 72 hours to withdraw its troops from Iraq. The Italians did not comply and Sgrena was released a month later.

New images showing Carroll surrounded by three armed and masked gunmen were aired Thursday by Al-Jazeera television.

The 20 seconds of silent footage were from the same tape as excerpts broadcast Tuesday announcing the 72-hour deadline. Carroll's mother said the video images gave her hope her daughter is alive but also have "shaken us about her life."

"Her father and her sister are appealing directly to her captors to release this young woman who has worked so hard to show the world, Mary Beth Carroll told CNN's 'American Morning.'"

Iraq's deputy justice minister, Bushu Ibrahim Ali, said six of the



American reporter Jill Carroll appears in a silent 20-second video aired Tuesday by Al-Jazeera television, which said her abductors gave the U.S. 72 hours to free female prisoners in Iraq or she would be killed.

eight Iraqi women in custody are expected to be freed next week, but he stressed that any release would "not be part of any swap with any kidnappers."

"I insisted that the Americans should bring (the women) files and release them and they will be freed next week along with other detainees," All told Associated Press Television News. He did not elaborate on who the other detainees were, but said the recommendation to free the women was made Monday.

Speculation that the Iraqi women might soon be freed raised hopes for the release of Carroll, a freelance journalist who was working for the Christian Science Monitor when she was seized Jan. 7 in Baghdad.

Her translator was killed. U.S. military officials repeatedly refused Thursday to confirm whether any release was imminent. In Washington, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the Bush administration was working hard to secure Carroll's freedom but said no Iraqi detainees were

expected to be released soon. "Any time you have an American held hostage, wherever they are, they are a priority for the administration," McClellan said. "And we want to see her safe return. As I indicated yesterday, too, I don't think it's really helpful to go beyond that at this point."

Carroll grew up in Ann Arbor, Mich., and received an undergraduate degree in journalism in 1999 from the University of Massachusetts. She worked as a reporting assistant for The Wall Street Journal before moving to London and launching her freelance career in 2002, learning Arabic along the way.

Her newspaper's Washington bureau chief, David Cook, also urged the captors to contact the paper to discuss her release. Cook would not say specifically if the newspaper would pay ransom.

"I think our policy would be that we would welcome contact from the captors," he told NBC. "Either the family or the Monitor would be eager to talk to the captors."

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Google, feds clash over searches

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google Inc. is rebuffing the Bush administration's demand for a peek at what millions of people have been looking up on the Internet's leading search engine — a request that underscores the growing use of online databases to become tools for government surveillance.

Mountain View, Calif.-based Google has refused to comply with a White House subpoena first issued last summer, prompting U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales this week to ask a federal judge in San Jose for an order to hand over the requested records.

The government wants a list of all requests entered into Google's search engine during an unspecified single week — a breakdown that could conceivably span tens of millions of queries. In addition, it seeks 1 million randomly selected Web addresses from various Google databases.

In court papers that the San Jose Mercury News reported on after seeing them Wednesday,

the Bush administration depicts the information as vital in its effort to restore online child protection laws that have been struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Yahoo Inc., which runs the Internet's second-most used search engine behind Google, confirmed Thursday that it had complied with a similar government subpoena.

Although the government says it isn't seeking any data that ties personal information to search requests, the subpoena still raises serious privacy concerns, experts said. Those worries have been magnified by recent revelations that the White House authorized eavesdropping on civilian communications after the Sept. 11 attacks without obtaining court approval.

"Search engines now play such an important part in our daily lives that many people probably contact Google more often than they contact their own mother," said Thomas Burke, a San Francisco attorney who has

handled several prominent cases involving privacy issues.

"Just as most people would be upset if the government wanted to know how much you called your mother and what you talked about, they should be upset about this too."

Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Yahoo stressed that it did not reveal any personal information. "We are rigorous defenders of our users' privacy," Yahoo spokeswoman Mary Osako said Thursday. "In our opinion, this is not a privacy issue."

Microsoft Corp. MSN, the No. 3 search engine, declined to say whether it even received a similar subpoena. "MSN works closely with law enforcement officials worldwide to assist them when requested," the company said in a statement.

As the Internet's dominant search engine, Google has built up a valuable storehouse of information that "makes it a very attractive target for law enforcement," said Chris Hoisinger, senior counsel for the Electronic Privacy Information Center.

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OPINION

Hillary Clinton's slip is showing

With her bizarre claim that the House of Representatives is "run like a plantation," Sen. Hillary Clinton has turned her spotlight on herself. Speculation is hot and heavy about why she made the inflammatory remark on the holiday honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., especially when she has been taking steps toward the political center with all things Clinton, the conventional wisdom is that the moment was calculated. Appearing with the Rev. Al Sharpton and other far-out Dems, this theory goes, she was feeding the crowd red meat to get its applause and Sharpton approval. She obliged, and so did they.

It's a reasonable guess at her motive, but it's not the least party you. I don't think Clinton planned to use the word "plantation" because she didn't say it in her prepared remarks, according to my colleague David Saltzman.

MICHAEL GOODWIN

Instead, I think she panicked after a tough questioner said Democrats had been spineless and cited her record as an example. She was looking for an escape hatch and the race card was handy. She played it not because she remotely believes House rules are akin to slavery, but because she knew the word "plantation" would manipulate the black crowd and let her avoid explaining her support for the Iraq war.

Think of it as a cheap trick. Of course, her panic is no excuse for racist race-baiting. Indeed, it points up an even deeper problem with Clinton's "triangulation" strategy for her presidential run in 2008. All this zigzagging from left to right and back again on abortion, health

care and national defense is supposed to make her look like a centrist.

It's just making her look confused.

At worse, it suggests she's having trouble figuring out who she is. And if she doesn't know who she is, how are the rest of us supposed to?

John Kerry demonstrated that an identity crisis can be fatal in 2004 when he gave the Bush team enough ammo to make the flip-flop charge stick. Kerry should have won, but his muddled stances on Iraq, terrorism and pretty much everything else allowed the GOP to paint him as unprincipled and unreliable.

Al Gore had the same problem in 2000. Remember those reports of his hiring a consultant to tell him how to dress like a moderate and leftist tendencies?

Clinton is flirting with the same problem. Part of the reason is that she keeps her moderate and leftist tendencies

segregated from each other. The result is that she often seems to be two different people instead of one person with a principled conference.

I've written about her habit of saying things that are, in substance, as radical as a Howard Dean rant. But she doesn't say those things in front of mixed audiences. Her most strident attacks on Bush come at Democratic fund-raiser. The next day, she'll talk publicly about the need for bipartisanship while she poses with a Newt Gingrich.

It would be nice to ask Clinton what she really thinks about some issues, but our senators rarely grants on-the-record interviews to New York journalists. Maybe she's trying to decide who she is.

Or maybe she's afraid of some of us already know.

Michael Goodwin is a columnist for the New York Daily News.

LETTERS

No new dawn emerging for coal-fired plants

What was *The Times-News* reasoning for printing "The virtues of coal-fired power emerge in new era" from the Las Vegas paper on 2/15? You just want to "sit the pot" with Sempra. Either way, some response is appropriate.

It should first be stated that there is no new era dawning with "super-critical technology" for pulverized coal power plants. There are many pulverized coal plants throughout the world which use flue-gas superheaters to increase the steam pressure and temperature and to improve turbo-generator efficiency. These so-called "super-critical" plants realize some marginal increases in efficiency over older coal plants, which result in benefits to the bottom line of the power generation company but do little to reduce emission of pollutants.

Sierra Pacific's choice to build a "super-critical" conventional coal plant was no doubt based on its bottom line, as was its throwaway promise that "some day" it would also build a couple of coal gasification plants "once that technology becomes commercially viable." Let's face it, Sierra Pacific's fiduciary responsibility (like Sempra's) is to its stockholders, not to its customers or to the well-being of the communities around its power plants. If ever a conflict arises between the needs of the company's stockholders and its customers or the people living around its power plants, the company will and must act in favor of its stockholders.

For the Las Vegas Review-Journal (and *The Times-News*) to present this information as some gallant and overmatched public utility "bravely" defending its customers against the "fear mongering of environmentalists" and the "political threats" of "environmental extremists" is both ludicrous and disingenuous. It also smells like yellow journalism. Both the Las Vegas Review-Journal and *The Times-News* could be a lot more circumspect in their choice of terms if they really wish to be considered serious newspapers.

PETER REMMEN
Hagerman

Columnist offers useful lessons on astronomy

I would like to add the following to the letters to the editor: People contribute to life in Twin Falls in many ways. One of those ways is through arts and crafts. I recently wrote about the title, "Sky Watch." Over a pe-

riod of time, Chris's articles become a course in astronomy, and I always look for them. They can be found weekly in the Sunday paper, in the Family Life section.

Sorry, Chris, but I missed the re-entry of Sarduth; just too many clouds.
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Section B

YOUR WEEKEND



Fairy tale

- What: The Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will present Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice's musical "Beauty and the Beast."
- Where: King Fine Arts Center, Burley
- When: Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$8 and \$10, are available at the Book Plaza and Welch's Music in Burley and at The Book Store in Rupert, or by phoning 479-6668.



Power couple

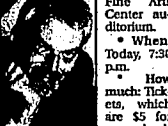
- What: The Random Acts of Theater Players will present Anthony Shaffer's drama "Seuth."
- Where: Home La-Twin Theater, 223 Fifth Ave. S. Twin Falls, 7 p.m., Today and Saturday, 7 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door.
- To see a preview of "Seuth" go to www.TNTicket.com

Jump and Jive

- What: Live, the Twin Falls High School concert choir group will present its Winter Showcase.
- Where: Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls.
- When: Saturday, 1 and 7:30 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$5, are available at Everybody's Business, at Crowley's downtown and in the Magic Valley Mall, from any member or at the door.

Native returns

- What: Kimberly-bird pianist Mark Newbreth will perform in Twin Falls.
- Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.
- When: Today, 7:30 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for seniors and students, will be available at the door or at the Fine Arts office ahead of the concert. CSI students with current identification cards will be admitted free.

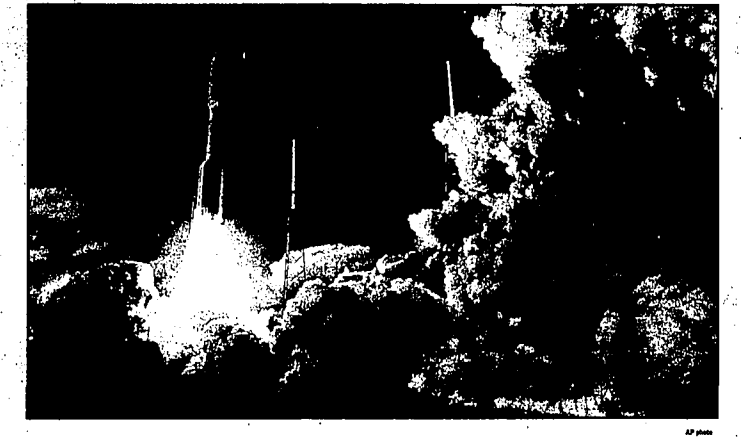


Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of normal
Salmon	133%
Big Wood	164%
Little Wood	159%
Big Lost	148%
Little Lost	119%
Herrys Fork/Teton	133%
Upper Snake Basin	129%
Coley	162%
Salmon Falls	146%
As of Jan. 17	

An unbroken 10-day snowmelt season, with little snow on the ground, is the cause of the low snowpack.

INL powers up spacecraft



The Atlas V rocket carrying the How Horizons spacecraft on its mission to Pluto lifts off Thursday at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Cape Canaveral, Fla. The spacecraft could reach Pluto as early as July 2015.

Batteries onboard craft have Idaho connection

By Kathleen L. Turner
 Times-News writer

HAILLEY — As NASA's New Horizons spacecraft treks three billion miles toward Pluto, scientists at the Idaho National Laboratory are being congratulated for their achievements.

Researchers, engineers and technicians have worked for two years to design and build a facility, then design and build the power system or "space battery" using that facility that will keep the New Horizons spacecraft electrically alive, according to John Walsh, spokesman for the INL.

The battery, a radiolotope thermoelectric generator (RTG) is produced in the kind of setting one would expect. There are mechanical arms operated by robotic controls working on battery components in bays behind heavy-duty, shielded compartments. The calm of the

research atmosphere contrasts with the tiny but powerful energy packets that are the focus of the Space and Security Power Systems Facility in the Materials and Fuels Complex.

The development of this battery is the most remote reaches of the spacecraft to operate for a period of years in the dark abyss of the outer regions of the solar system, beyond reliable light sources. As such, it is expected that scientists will discover much about the early development of our universe and the most remote reaches of the known universe.

INL research also has deep roots in medical technology research, recently discovering a medical imaging isotope, Cesium-131, that works to treat cancer.

"You know you are doing something that makes a difference," Roger Girard, CEO of IsoRay said of the discovery. IsoRay, of Richland, Wash., is a partner with INL in medical

technology research. The Advanced Test Reactor at the INL, medical isotope testing has led to the discovery of enhanced brachytherapy seeds containing Cesium-131. Those seeds have been effective in treating prostate cancer, according to INL press releases. Additional tests on lung and pancreatic cancer are scheduled for this year, according to the INL.

The \$400,000 program will create an irradiated barium carbonate capsule as well as other dosimetry devices and is expected to be useful in a wide variety of treatments.

INL scientists are also working on treating vascular deformities and brain tumors that have previously proven inoperable with Cobalt-60, and are doing midology research using Iridium-192.

The questions of safety and spent fuel storage continue to plague the advent of the nuclear industry, however.

Research and life-saving nuclear medical discoveries aside, well-publicized, historic events still haunt the logic behind a renewed effort to power the U.S. toward nuclear power.

Increasing research holds hope for closed-loop fuel systems that may someday ease the challenges of spent fuel storage. Concern over accidental contamination and the human factor involved in dealing with nuclear operations continues to grip mankind in the debate. As we wait INL's battery-in its performance aboard the New Horizons mission, we can each weigh the costs and benefits in our own mind and hope for wise and careful progress as our technological reach goes where no man has ever been.

Kathleen L. Turner writes for The Wood River Journal in Hailley. She can be reached at (208)-788-3444.

Marine shows signs of improvement

By Sandy Miller
 Times-News writer

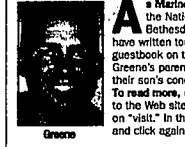
TWIN FALLS — Marine Cpl. Travis Greene continues to recover at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. However, his doctors are trying to figure out which drug is causing his skin to swell and peel.

Greene, 24, a 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate and a star on the Bruin track and field team, lost both of his legs in an explosion Dec. 7 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, just west of Baghdad. One Marine was killed and three other Marines and one Navy corpsman were badly injured and are recovering at the same hospital.

Greene did show some signs of improvement Thursday, according to the family's Carlingbridge Web site.

"Travis got a reprieve today," his parents Tynny and Sue Greene wrote in the Web site's journal. "He only had one wash-

Encouraging words for Cpl. Greene



up and dressing change today. The muscle and tissue still continues to look good, so that is very encouraging."

The family still has a long road in front of him. He's still fighting an infection and he

faces more surgeries. Some of his doctors will discuss Greene's case today at a conference on infectious diseases, his parents wrote.

Once Greene is out of the woods, he'll head off to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., or Brooke Army Medical Center in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to begin physical therapy and to learn to walk again on prostheses.

Greene was on his third tour of Iraq when he was injured. He was recently awarded the Purple Heart and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

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Governor, first lady announce brightest star finalists

The Times-News

BOISE — Governor Dirk Kempthorne and first lady Patricia Kempthorne have announced finalists for the Brightest Stars Grant Prize awards, which they present annually to recognize those who make a positive difference in the lives of children.

"Those who care enough to personally invest time and resources to make positive impacts in the lives of children represent the best of Idaho," Kempthorne said. "Their personal investment in our children — the future of our state — reflects Idaho's spirit of giving and compassion and deserves to be recognized."

Finalists were chosen from 87. Brightest Stars nominated by members of the state. The governor and first lady will announce the grand prize winners in each category at 6 p.m.

Thursday at a public statehouse ceremony. The stars will be honored at the event.

Troy McClain, star of the first season of Donald Trump's television show "The Apprentice," will co-emcee the ceremony along with Meridian Mayor Tammy DeWeerd.

Each grand prize winner received an unrestricted prize of \$5,000, made possible by anonymous donors. The winner in the corporate category presses a crystal award, but not a monetary reward. According to a press release, the nominees are as follows.

Bright stars in the individual category

Lenny Meyers, of Jerome, started the Jerome Food Pantry at the basement of the First Church of God almost three years ago because he does not want anyone to go to bed hun-

gry, especially little children and seniors. This program services about 130 families once a week. Meyers also started a lunch on Sundays at the church where parents can bring their children to eat when the soup kitchen is closed. He partners with the community action agency to give out Thanksgiving boxes and apparatuses a community dinner at Thanksgiving and Christmas for those who don't have anywhere to go. Using his own pickup truck and trailer, Meyers picks up food all over the Magic Valley and Treasure Valley. Though he is disabled, Meyers volunteers his time and digs into his own pocket in order to serve those most in need in his community.

Dr. Keith Wilkinson, of Ketchum, sets an incredible example to others with his service to the community, both volunteer and paid. As a volunteer of the Ketchum Fire Department,

he has saved many lives and continues to serve. As a teacher and mentor to many other volunteers, Siverson has also been directly responsible for beginning and implementing the upgrade of pre-hospital emergency care from the Advance Emergency Medical Technician to Paramedic level positions in Blaine County.

Del Butler, of Pocatello, puts in full days as the Simplot Don plant manager and gives countless hours of his time and skills to organizations serving children and families in eastern Idaho. Butler is one of the founding members of the United Way's Success by 6 Initiative. Under his leadership is the initiative's chairman for the past four years. Success by 6 has launched a busy learning initiative in many counties and communities. He is instrumental in making high school track available to over 2,000 youth an-

nually and in encouraging the company and employees to play an active role in the community.

Debrah Ounters, a Rupert school teacher, exemplifies the very spirit of volunteerism and community service, especially through her service to youth, special needs children, foster children and to the learning of students. A mother of four and Scout leader for 26 years, Debrah has also devoted time to the Special Olympics, the Rupert Christmas Council, 4-H, the Sharing and Caring Christmas fundraiser and various church activities.

Jessica Wilkinson, of Twin Falls, is a living testament to strength, endurance and the power of the human spirit. After being hit by a car in high grade and undergoing a difficult recovery, Wilkinson now devotes

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

ISU president candidate says he'll pursue funds

POCATELLO (AP) — The latest Idaho State University presidential finalist to visit the campus says he's prepared to fight lawmakers for more funding for the Pocatello school, but also willing to make compromises when needed.

"You have to be passive-aggressive," said Arthur Vallas, a vice president at the University of Houston who is one of four finalists for the school's top job. "You need to be a good spin doctor. You come back next year and show (legislators) all the

successful things you've done with the allocations they gave you, and then you give them all the credit."
Vallas spoke with reporters, students, faculty and staff during a campus tour Wednesday.

Government not protecting grouse from energy boom, study concludes

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The federal government needs to impose new restrictions on oil and gas development in the West because current policies are failing to protect sage grouse, conservationists said Thursday, citing a new study of the birds in western Wyoming.

With all the oil and gas development going on now and planned in the future, "more really must be taken if we're going to have these wild open ecosystems in the future," said Erik Molvar, a wildlife biologist with the Biodiversity Conservation Alliance in Laramie.

Sage grouse inhabit large areas of the West, including Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Montana, where energy development is booming.

The health of sage grouse has been a concern of conservationists and wildlife managers because of the loss of habitat to agriculture, energy and other development. Their numbers have dropped from historical levels of about 16 million in the United States and Canada to fewer than 150,000 by some estimates.

The government has rejected listing the ground-dwelling bird under the Endangered Species Act, saying conservation efforts among local, state, federal and private entities are adequate.

The study cited Thursday was conducted by University of Wyoming doctoral student Matthew Holloran and funded by the Bureau of Land Management, the state Game and Fish Department, and oil and gas



This photo provided the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows a wild sage grouse.

by oil and gas development. Since 2000, the agency has imposed various restrictions on drilling activity in the vicinity of sage grouse leks and has required companies to closely monitor any impacts on wildlife.

However, Holloran concluded that the BLM's current policies aren't enough.

"I suggest that current imposed development stipulations are inadequate to protect greater sage grouse, and that stipulations need to be modified to maintain populations within natural gas fields," he wrote.

Tom Christiansen, sage grouse program coordinator for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, was out of the office Thursday and unavailable to comment.

Linda Baker, community organizer with the Upper Green River Valley Coalition, said sage grouse and other wildlife need refuge from development, noting that thousands of new wells may be drilled in western Wyoming.

"We can have both energy development here, and we can have healthy populations of wildlife," Baker said.

Molvar and others suggested requiring companies use directional drilling, where one well can do the work of multiple conventional wells by drilling at an angle. However, directional drilling is more expensive.

Molvar argued that any additional costs are minuscule given the value of the natural gas that can be produced.

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Robert E. Pyle



TWIN FALLS — Robert Edward Pyle, 81, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died from a heart attack at Fillmore, Calif., on Jan. 11, 2006, at Rosetta Assisted Living in Twin Falls, Idaho. Robert was born on May 13, 1924, at Fillmore, Calif., to Homer and Freda Elms Pyle. He was the oldest of four children born to his parents. Robert was raised and educated in Fillmore, where he graduated from Fillmore High School. While in high school, he excelled in all sports. After graduating, Robert joined the Army in 1942 and was discharged on Dec. 29, 1945. He met Shirley Elder, and they were later married on July 3, 1948. Their marriage was blessed with a son, Greg, and a daughter, Sherrie. Robert went on to start his own construction company, Pyle Construction, and worked as a general contractor until he retired.

Robert loved to fish and garden. He especially loved his great-grandchildren. Robert made a point of going together with his wife and grandchildren once a year to catch up. In 1996, Robert moved to Twin

Falls to be near his son, Greg (Bobbi), and his grandsons. He moved back to California for three years to see his great-grandchildren grow, only to return again to Twin Falls in 2003. His truly enjoyed being near his family in California and in Idaho.

The family would like to thank Robert's second family, Rosetta's Assisted Living in Twin Falls, for all the love and care they showed him while he was in their facility for two years.

Robert is survived by his children, Greg (Bobbi) Pyle of

Twin Falls and Sherrie (Bailly) Glenn of Fillmore; five grandchildren, Kevin Pyle and Andrew Pyle, both of San Diego, Calif., Matthew (Megan) Van Why and Kelly (Sergio) Aguilera, all of Fillmore, and Amy (Michael) Lynch, Bakersfield, Calif.; five great-grandchildren, Alexia Van Why, Brandon Aguilera, Ethan Aguilera, Collin Lynch and Kahien Lynch; one brother, Richard Pyle of Fillmore; and one sister, Bev (Max) Barrow of Fillmore. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Shirley, and one brother.

Memorial contributions may be made in Robert's name to the Alzheimer's Association, National Foundation, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at the Trinity Episcopalian Church in Fillmore. The Rev. Patricia Greig Benoit will officiate. Services are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, Idaho, and Joseph Reardon Funeral Chapel in Ventura, Calif.

Shirley Jean (McCord) Mitchell



SHOSHONE — Shirley Jean (McCord) Mitchell passed away Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at St. Benedict's Hospital in Jerome with her family by her side.

Shirley was born July 25, 1916, in Garden County, Neb., the daughter of Gladys Rae and James E. McCord. She attended school in Garden County, Neb., until her mother passed away in 1932. Being the oldest, she quit school to help raise her younger sisters and brothers. Coming west in 1935, her father and family settled in Weiser, Idaho.

Shirley married Ralph James Mitchell in Payette, Idaho, in 1935, and had a daughter, Shirley and Ralph moved to Ketchum and had three sons. They lived there until 1942, then moved to Shoshone. That same year, her husband died and Shirley raised her four children on her own. To accomplish this, Shirley worked at J.C. Penny, Harris Department Store, Economy Grocery and Farmer's Market in Shoshone and for Upperwater in Idaho, where she worked until 1984. In addition, to helping raise her siblings, with the loss of her only daughter, Shirley

helped finish raising her daughter's children, Rusty Edwards and Vickie Edwards for a time, and Shirley Edwards Kelley and Dennis Edwards. Shirley was full of life. She was an avid fisherman and loved bowling. She enjoyed the dinners at the senior center and was a charter member of two pinocle clubs. She loved playing bingo at various bingo halls around the valley and visiting with all her friends and family. She never met a friend she didn't like.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; a brother,

James E. McCord; a sister, Laurel Mae Wilson; her daughter, Margaret Alice Mitchell Edwards; one grandson, Rusty Edwards; and special friend, John Cooper. Shirley is survived by two sisters, Dorothy E. Craig of Payette and Mary Ann Heavener of Salmon; brother Gerald (Mike) McCord of Jerome, Ore.; and three sons, Ralph Mitchell of American Falls, Chuck Mitchell of Pasco, Wash., and Raymond Mitchell of Shoshone. Shirley is also survived by eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and nine great-grand-grandchildren.

Shirley's family would like to especially thank Wendy Eggersdorf and Dolly Onieda for all their kindness and help with the past year.

Shirley will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006, at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone. The funeral will follow at 11 a.m., with interment at the Sunset Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Golden Years Senior Citizen Center in Shoshone. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

J. Patrick Wilde



POCATELLO — Jens Patrick Wilde, 79, of Pocatello and Montpelier, Idaho, died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at his home after a long-time battle with diabetes. He was born on March 17, 1926, in Hove, Idaho, the son of Jens Nicholai and Marie (Gregersen) Wilde. He spent most of his early childhood days in and around the Idaho Falls and Montpelier area. After graduating from Shelley High School in 1944, he joined the Navy and was sent to the Pacific Theater and received the Purple Heart. He was injured when a Kamikaze airplane pilot dove his airplane into the ship they were on.

He was while attending school at Idaho State College that he met the love of his life, Patricia Joan Christopherson Garrard. They were later married on April 2, 1948, and from that union seven children were born. Pat retired from teaching in 1983 after 36 years in the education field. If he was not teaching, he was working for the Forest Service in many different capacities. It was while working for the Forest Service that he walked every trail in the Montpelier District of the Caribou National Forest and was instrumental in establishing the "High Line Trail."

the Bainbow Rod and Gun Club, secretary of the U.S. Fish District Wildlife Service, board member of the Bear Lake County Free Library and was instrumental in the reconstruction of the free library system in the county. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many different callings. As a journalist, Pat wrote for many of the local papers and published articles in several magazines. He has authored five history books and loved to share his knowledge with those who had an ear to listen. He started a long-running history program that still airs on the radio today.

In 2000, Pat and Pat, as they were known, left their longtime Bear Lake Valley home

and moved to Pocatello to be near the dialysis center. He loved the outdoors and spent many hours with family and friends. His second passion was cooking, and he could make a Dutch oven stew for good company and cooking for large numbers and gatherings, including scout groups, family reunions and anyone who had a "hankering for good cooking." Pat is survived by his wife, Patty of Pocatello; four daughters, Marilee Louise (Clark) Herron of Kallispell, Mont., Catherine Marie (Tim) Hixson of Pocatello, Idaho, and Linda Elise (Ken) Yellen, both of Montpelier, and Melany Ann (Kim) Wilcox of Dayton, Ohio; three sons, Alton Gale (Paula) of Rigby, Idaho, Lawrence Ray (Kathy) of Sandy, Utah, and George Andrew (Dana) of Logan, Utah; 30 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pat will be remembered and loved by all those who knew him.

The funeral will be held at noon Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at the Montpelier Tabernacle. Friends may visit with family from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the Montpelier Tabernacle and from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. Monday at the west side of the tabernacle. The interment will be in the Montpelier Cemetery.

Rhea Grace Cramer of Elko, Nev., funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Kimberly LDS Church, 222 Blue St. in Kimberly; visitation one hour before the funeral at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

James "Jim" Virgil Norwood of Hagerman, service at 10:30 a.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St.

Jasmine Mae Hoffman-Smith of Burley, memorial Mass at 11 a.m. today at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1501 Oakley Ave.; graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Valley View Cemetery in Malta (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Frances Jenkins Kellar of Rupert, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the St. George City Cemetery in St. George, Utah; friends and family may call shortly before the service today

at the cemetery (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Isla Mae Fish of Boise and formerly of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

Gordon Ralph Bennett of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Wasatch Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Salt Lake City, Utah (Wasatch Lawn Mortuary in Salt Lake City, Utah).

Zada Wisecover of Castleford, funeral at 1:30 p.m. today at the First Christian Church in Buhl (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Ruth Naomi Roet of Kimberly, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 2857 N. 2500 E. Kimberly; visitation one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church (White Mortuary in

DEATH NOTICES

Doyle L. Wood — BUIHL — Doyle L. Wood, 81, of Buhl, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. In Buhl, no public viewing will be held. Interment will follow at West End Cemetery in Buhl.

Velva Moller — RUPERT — Velva Moller, 93, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Donna M. Ward — NAMP — Donna M. Ward, 75, of Nampa and formerly of

Buhl, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, at a Nampa hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Nampa Funeral Home, Yrangu Chapel.

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Report: A quarter of Idaho's waterways fail to meet standards

Sediment buildup, nutrients, high temps have hurt streams

By Rebecca Bower
Associated Press writer

BOISE — At least a quarter of Idaho's streams, lakes and rivers fail to meet water quality standards, according to a report by the state Department of Environmental Quality.

The report, recently approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, measures the surface water quality across the state and is required under the federal Clean Water Act.

To come to its conclusions, the DEQ reviewed about half of Idaho's nearly 93,000 shoreline miles of surface water bodies.

"When we're monitoring, we take a venal-like approach," said Mike Edmondson, a DEQ spokesman. "We do a

lot of biological monitoring by looking at the creatures that live in the water: the fish, the bugs. If the critters we expect to be in the stream are there, the stream is in pretty good health. If they're not there, then something is going on."

The Clean Water Act requires states to make the water quality reports every two years, but this most recent report uses data from 2002. The EPA has agreed to roll Idaho's 2004 report into its 2006 report, for which data is still being collected, officials said.

The most common culprits of stream and other surface water impairment include sediment buildup, too many nutrients and too-high temperatures, Edmondson said, though he warned that few water

quality problems are simple.

"There's probably very few places that have better water quality in the lower 48 states," Edmondson said. "But we do have water quality issues, and we need to clean them up."

Problems with excess nutrients may be caused by fertilizer runoff from urban and agricultural areas, he said.

"People will complain about places where they used to be able to boat and fish becoming choked with aquatic plants. That's from nutrients," Edmondson said.

Sediment problems can be caused by the natural erosion of Idaho's granite mountainsides or landfills, as well as by erosion caused by humans because of road building or poor road maintenance, he said.

Temperature problems may have more to do with inappropriate temperature standards than with actual water quality problems, he said.

Idaho established its water temperature standards — a maximum daily temperature of about 72 degrees Fahrenheit for all water bodies — in the 1970s, said Don Essig, the DEQ's water quality standards manager.

"A lot of our water bodies are warmer than that. In some cases, that's probably because temperatures were altered by human activity, but it's also the case in roadless areas or wilderness areas," Essig said.

A number of environmental factors could be at play, he said. For instance, larger rivers are generally warmer than smaller streams because the water warms up the farther it travels from its headwaters. Shallow streams may be

warmer than deeper ones. Streams at higher elevations or in colder climates will remain cooler than streams in warmer areas.

"Our criteria don't recognize that at all," Essig said.

Justin Hayes, a spokesman for the Idaho Conservation League, said the report was at least partly encouraging, because it means the state is taking a long look at how to fix impaired water bodies. For each impaired stream, river or lake, the state must create a plan on how to fix it by setting a total maximum daily load level of pollutants, also called TMDLs.

"The good news is we're making progress and the bad news is we've got a long way to go," Hayes said. "Frankly, they're behind schedule but I think the staff at DEQ is working hard to put together TMDLs. It's a little victory for everybody when one finally gets created."

Stars

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volunteer time promoting safety to school children, serving as a mentoring aide for troubled students with disabilities, working on a variety of fundraising and environmental projects and acting as a volunteer crossing guard. She also successfully lobbied to have a streetlight placed at the dangerous site of her accident.

Bright stars in the organization category

The Idaho Youth Ranch, started in 1953, provides children and families a comprehensive system of services throughout Idaho, including emergency shelter, group homes, adoption services, transitional aftercare and family services. Through their passion and commitment, Idaho Youth Ranch staff and volunteers work tirelessly toward their mission of providing troubled children and families a bridge to seek valued, responsible and productive futures.

The Luke's Center for Community Health in Halley is the community education and outreach department of the St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Halley. It is committed to helping children and families by providing free and low-cost services, in English and Spanish, that help them attain optimal health. These services include health education and screenings, parenting classes, emergency food, clothing and housing assistance, counseling, support groups, community referrals and the Youth Adult Connections program.

Bright stars in the small business category

The Rupert Kiwanis Club has been serving its community for 53 years, actively participating in community events which help families and children through monetary support, teach responsibility through service club membership and promote civic volunteerism by citizens of all ages. In 2005 alone, the Rupert Kiwanis raised more than \$13,600 for programs, including support to the Women's and Children's Shelter, the Rupert Aquatic Pool, the Mini-Building & Theatre, the Mini-Cassia Reading Foundation and others. They also mentor and support the local K-Club, Builders Club and Key Club.

Bright stars in the corporation category

Grand prize contender Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert, the hospital offers support to programs totaling over \$281,390 each year. Among these organizations and groups are, Minico High School's

Health Care Academy, free ambulance stand-by at sporting events (Idaho Regatta, rodeos, moto-cross, and football events), Healthnet (asset building programs for youth), fifth annual "Ride-for-Safety" program (bikes are inspected and licensed by law enforcement, free helmets given-away, etc.), two bicycles awarded at rodeo, Fall Health Fair at Minico High School, Drug and Alcohol Free Senior Celebration, educational programs (community first aid and CPR, safe sitter training, prenatal, etc.), foot clinic, baby trinket (reminders for immunizations), Sharing and Feasting Christmas Tree Festival (support for Minidoka Health Care Foundation), sponsorship for City Recreational Programs, Relay for Life, Rupert's 4th of July celebration, Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, 4-H/FFA livestock sales for both Minidoka and Cassia Counties.

The employees and their families are also involved and become more responsible and cognizant of the needs within the community. They learn to volunteer their time and energy for the good of others, such as by sending cookies to the men and women serving in Iraq. Employees serve on community organizations, such as the Kiwanis, the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the Livestock Sale Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, the 4th of July Committee and more.

Bright stars in the small business category

Grand prize contender Walter Times Two in Burley. Alice

Walter and Deb Hopkins have a life-long commitment to not only the communities in which they live, but to all children at risk. Their passion is evident in the vast span of their community service. From donating bookkeeping services for 20 years to a non-profit school, to donating blood or volunteering their time in hospitals and long-term care facilities in the form of pet therapy, these two women give of themselves straight from the heart. Between the two of them, they have been providing approximately 50 years of service.

Walter and Hopkins have formed an informal group of nine quilters to donate quilts to foster children, the Women and Children's Domestic Violence Shelter, Project Linus program in Canyon County and others. Forty-seven quilts have been donated to the Rupert Birthright organization. In 2003, 60 plus quilts were donated to the Shiner's Hospital for Children, while 56 quilts were donated in 2004.

In order to help others trace their ancestry, Hopkins collects data, photographs headstones and transcribes them at both the Heyburn and Rupert cemeteries. She sought and was awarded free Web space where she could post her results. In 2003, she finished compiling the Heyburn Cemetery's 900 names and is currently working on the 1,400 headstones at the Rupert Cemetery.

The contributions of these two women will impact over 100 youth/families per year. If they


were to suddenly leave the area, it would be devastating to an entire community. It would be difficult to explain to a resident in a long-term care facility, who receives weekly visits from Hopkins and her dog Wilson, that they will no longer be a part of their lives.

Riveride Mortgage in Rupert, is a small business that has shown a great deal of passion and commitment toward helping the youth of the Mini-Cassia community. Each year, the employees of Riverside Mortgage volunteer and give countless hours to many different programs that are made available throughout the local area. The programs include little league soccer, football, basketball, T-ball and Special Olympics. The company's motive for serving has been for the sole purpose of helping the children. Riverside Mortgage has shown a passion and commitment to the children of this community that has been unsurpassed.

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School nurse keeps tradition alive
By Cathy Roemer
Times-News correspondent
Jerome - Right now, Jerome's "growth triangle" is mostly farmland. But city and county officials are planning for the future.

Skating after dark in Buhl
By Blair Koon
Times-News correspondent
Buhl - Skating after dark is now an option in Buhl. The city has extended the curfew at Centennial Skate Park.

Versatile Talbott leads Pirates
By Hebeahel Garza
Times-News writer
HAGERMAN - Stopping an opponent's star player is supposed to be a good thing. Most of the time.

AND SATURDAY IN SPORTS ...
Eagles women face Bruins
CSI looks to avenge non-conference loss to SLCC
By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS -- With a 68-63 defeat at the hands of the Salt Lake Community College Bruins fresh in their memories, the College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles head to Salt Lake City tonight with one goal on their minds. Win the one that matters.

The Grand non-conference victory over the Eagles women during December's Dixie State College Las Vegas Classic may be a feather in SLCC's cap, but it's nothing compared to a scenic West Athletic Conference win. With the 14-3 Eagles in the conference lead at 3-0, all the Bruins (12-4, 3-2) really want is to narrow the gap between themselves and the conference's top spot.

"The pressure definitely on them. It's not on us," CSI head coach Rany Rogers said. "We'd like to win, because it would put us in the driver's seat. But they need that win. They have to come up here twice, so I think they'll be under a little bit of pressure."

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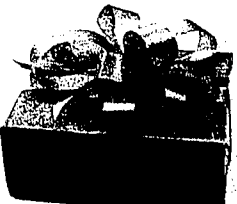
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Nasdaq composite	2,301.81
Standard & Poor's 500	1,285.04
Russell 2000	714.04

Stocks of local interest

Kroger	\$31.70 ▲ .08
Con Agri	\$20.78 ▲ .59
Dell Inc.	\$50.50 ▲ .27
Micron	\$14.33 ▲ .35

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Commodities

Oil, by barrel	\$66.83 ▲ \$1.10
(Feb., light sweet, crude)	
Live cattle	\$96.12 ▲ .05
(Feb.)	\$55.00 ▲ \$4.50

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Report: New bid for Albertson's

Chance of sale gains new life

The Associated Press

BOISE — A \$9.6 billion deal to buy Albertson's Inc., the nation's second-biggest supermarket chain, that appeared to have fallen apart three weeks ago might now be a possibility again.

A new bid has been submitted to Albertson's board by the supermarket chain SuperValu Inc. and a consortium of private-equity investors, The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday, citing unidentified sources.

The new bid of just more than \$26 per share was designed to reduce the an-

trustor worries blamed for halting the previous deal in December, the newspaper said.

That deal had Minnesota-based SuperValu trading stock and cash for hundreds of Albertson's stores that were doing well financially, and New Hyde Park, N.Y.-based Kinco Realty Corp. and a private-equity firm led by New York investment fund Cerberus Capital Management LP buying Albertson's stores not doing well financially for the price of the real estate.

CVS Corp., a Rhode Island-based company that has more than 5,400 retail and specialty pharmacy stores nationwide,

was to buy Albertson's pharmacy business for up to \$4 billion.

That deal failed amid disagreements over who would be responsible if regulators, concerned with antitrust laws, tried to block the deal.

The most recent deal is devised to allay those concerns by eliminating some overlap between Albertson's and SuperValu in the Chicago area. Sources told the Wall Street Journal that the new deal has SuperValu selling its stores in Chicago to Cerberus and taking over the Albertson's stores.

Phone calls to Albertson's Inc. and SuperValu were not immediately returned to The Associated Press on Thursday. Albertson's was founded in 1939 on a downtown Boise street corner by entre-

preneur Joe Albertson, who was among the first American grocery retailers to combine supermarkets with drug stores.

Once, Albertson's trailed only The Kroger Co., based in Cincinnati, though revenue from Wal-Mart's food business has eclipsed the size of both companies in recent years. Albertson's presently has about 2,500 stores in 37 states, with about 240,000 workers.

SuperValu has risen to one of the most successful grocery chains by selling store-branded products that are cheaper than food at Wal-Mart, the nation's largest food retailer.

Albertson's stock rose 28 cents to \$23.89 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Scraped

Soaring metal prices bring incidents of thievery

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — Real estate broker Cyle Young got a shock when he drove by a house he bought two days earlier.

The home had been stripped of aluminum siding from the ground to as high as a person could reach.

"A couple days later, they broke back in and stole all the copper in it," said Young, who has since renovated the house and has it up for sale. "I can't tell you how many houses we've bought with no downspouts — gutters gone."

High market prices for copper and aluminum are enticing thieves to steal metal to sell for scrap. Fueled in part by a building boom in China, demand for copper has pushed its price to historic highs, and aluminum prices are the highest they've been in 17 years.

Demand for copper has increased by 4 percent a year since 2002 and expected to continue at that rate for the next three or four years, according to Robin Adams, managing consultant for CRU Strategies in Seattle. Demand for aluminum grew nearly 10 percent in 2004. China leads in consumer demand for both metals.

Real prices, 2002-05

Aluminum	Copper		
\$3,000 metric ton			
2002	2003	2004	2005

The theft of metal pipes, radiators and window air conditioning units is nothing new. Authorities have long blamed it on drug addicts looking to pay for their next fix. Now police are being inundated with reports of metal thefts.

In Springfield in western Ohio, thieves hit about 70 homes and businesses in five months. In other parts of the country, they carted off air conditioners from an apartment complex, stole downspouts from a church and snipped down cables for a tourist trolley.

In some cases, thieves have masqueraded as construction workers.

"It's just crazy," said Springfield police Detective Geoff Ashworth, who is taking up to two metal theft reports a day. "And there's no one or two, there's no six people that are specifically responsible for this. Everybody's doing it. People know the prices are up."

On the market, pure copper is



This house shown Jan. 20 in Springfield, Ohio, is one of several in the city that have been stripped of aluminum siding and copper pipes by thieves looking to sell the scrap metal, which is at historic high prices.

Metals on the rise

Prices for copper and aluminum have increased in recent years. China leads in consumer demand for both metals.

China	6.2	3.2
U.S.	5.8	2.4
Japan	2.0	1.3
Germany	1.8	1.1

SOURCE: World Bank AP

selling for about \$2.10 a pound, an aluminum about \$1.05. Scrap copper, such as pipe and wire, is fetching between \$1.30 to \$1.80 a pound, about double what it was a year ago. Medium-grade scrap aluminum, such as siding, sells for 45 to 65 cents a pound, up 10 to 12 cents.

Mary Poulton, head of the department of mining and

geologic engineering at the University of Arizona, said the price of copper is likely to remain high for some time.

"Given how long it takes for new production to come on line, we're seeing forecasts that we are looking at a 20- to 30-year high-price cycle," Poulton said. "An energy analyst says \$3-a-pound copper is not out of the question."

The theft problem isn't confined to the United States.

"This state-run power firm says the theft of power lines for their copper wire increased so much in 2005 that the company has replaced the lines with less expensive aluminum."

Law enforcement officials believe the thefts have increased in part because people are going through tough economic times. And some targets are new since metal prices have climbed, including farm irrigation equipment in Minnesota and Nebraska.

"They're pretty innovative about what they can steal and sell," said Todd County (Iowa) Sheriff David Kircher.

A two-mile stretch of streetlights are dark in Tucson, Ariz., after thieves made off with 8 miles of copper power cable that will cost about \$250,000 to replace.

"We have not seen anything

Deal with former Qwest exec collapses

The Associated Press

DENVER — A former Qwest finance chief who admitted to insider trading as part of the company's multibillion-dollar accounting scandal faces a trial on civil fraud charges because a tentative settlement with regulators has collapsed.

Robin Szeliga's attorney did not elaborate when he advised a federal judge Thursday about her withdrawal from an agreement struck last summer with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"We do have a settlement in place," attorney Mark Brooks said.

He agreed to file related motions within 30 days. An SEC attorney declined comment outside court.

Szeliga is expected to be a key government witness in the criminal case against former Chief Executive Officer Joseph Nacchio. She may have withdrawn from the SEC deal over money or career statistics points, according to attorneys who specialize in securities law.

"What is probably happening is they are trying to seek disgorgement of profits and assess civil penalties on a discretionary basis," said Christopher Bebel of Houston, a former federal prosecutor and former SEC counsel. "As a result, she has backed off from any inclination to put this SEC matter behind her."

Houston securities lawyer Thomas Ajumale said regulators also may want to prohibit her from serving as an officer or board member of a public company — a move that could hurt her financially over the long term.

"The SEC is ratcheting up the pressure on these insider trading cases," Ajumale said. "They are demanding more from the accused."

The SEC in March accused Szeliga, Nacchio and five other former executives of orchestrating a financial fraud that forced

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Home building hit all-time high in '05

WASHINGTON — Construction of new single-family homes surged to an all-time high in 2005 but construction activity fell sharply in December, sending a signal that the nation's long housing boom could be cooling off.

The Commerce Department reported that construction of new homes and apartments fell by 9.9 percent last month, the biggest decline in nine months. Even with the December weakness, construction was started on 2,054 million single-family homes and apartments last year, the second-highest level on record, exceeded only by 2,356 million units built in 1972, the last time the lowest level in nearly six years.

The unexpectedly sharp drop of 36,000 claims provided further evidence that the labor market continues to show strength, but economists cautioned that the claims figures are hard to read at this time of year because the government finds it difficult to count for holiday closings of claims offices.

Analysts said that the big drop in housing completions in December was a signal that activity will slow in the coming year.

"We had expected to see a slowdown and this confirms it," said Michael Carliner, senior economist at the National Association of Home Builders.

Mortgage rates dip for sixth straight week

WASHINGTON — Rates on 30-year mortgages fell for a sixth straight week, dropping to their lowest level in three months, according to a weekly survey released Thursday.

Mortgage giant Freddie Mac said rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages dipped to 6.10 percent last week, down from 6.15 percent last week.

Rates have been falling since mid-December with rates on the 30-year mortgage down 6.32 percent. The rate is now the lowest since the week of Oct. 20.

"Over the last six weeks, long-term mortgage rates have dropped nearly a quarter of a percent in the face of little or no inflationary pressures," said Frank Nothhaft, chief economist at Freddie Mac.

Even with the declines, rates are still higher than they were a year ago, reflecting a campaign by the Federal Reserve to boost interest rates as a way of slowing the economy enough to keep inflation under control.

Many economists believe those higher rates will cool the housing market, which has seen construction of single-family homes and sales of both new and existing homes ease to record levels.

— compiled from wire reports

Tech stocks boom hits backlash

The Washington Post

Skepticism is growing over highlighting tech stocks like Google Inc.

The stock price has soared in the past year, boosted by cutting-edge software and an enormous consumer following that some say could raise the share price to \$600. But a chorus of naysayers is emerging, including former Internet stock enthusiast Henry M. Blodgett, who this month called the stock a potential loser whose future value could plummet to a quarter of its current \$445-a-share price.

"Google's major weakness is that it is almost entirely dependent on one, high-margin revenue stream" in the form of online advertising, Blodgett wrote on his blog, Internet Outlook. "The justifying out scenario that could keep Google Google and take its stock to, say,

\$100 a share."

Blodgett is an icon of the rise and fall of Internet stocks in the 1990s, having helped his employer at the time, Merrill Lynch & Co., earn big banking fees by publicly praising stocks that he privately called "crap" and "junk." Blodgett paid a \$4 million fine and was barred for life from working as an analyst for a registered investment advisory firm, though he can still post his opinion online.

Wednesday, as investors administered a beating to shares of eBay Inc., Apple Computer Inc., Yahoo Inc. and Intel Corp. for reporting lower-than-expected financial results this week. Blodgett's now-continual point-of-view on technology appeared to gather some traction.

Shares of Yahoo fell more than 12 percent Wednesday, closing at \$35.18. Intel shares dropped 11 percent, closing at \$22.60. Google is said it will

announce its first-quarter results at the end of the month, but its stock was down 4.75 percent.

Blodgett's comments this month about click fraud (the practice of clicking on ads simply to make them appear more popular and boost revenue) and the lack of revenue diversity at Google broke little fresh ground, said Martin Pytkonen, an analyst who covers Google for brokerage firm Hofer & Arnett Inc. and who rates the stock "buy." But he said that investors took special note of the column because of Blodgett's well-known familiarity with highly valued technology stocks.

"He didn't really say anything new," Pytkonen said. "But since it was Blodgett, I've now heard about it from our sales force and they've heard about it from clients. It's kind of a viral spreading of the word."

Nasdaq computer error results in incorrect quotes

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shares of AMR Corp. closed up 16 cents at \$20.55 Thursday.

Or were they up \$1.84?

A computer glitch at the Nasdaq Stock Market led erroneous stock price swings on major online financial news Web sites and brokerage sites all day Thursday. While nearly impossible to assess the full extent of the damage, the technical snafu created incorrect price changes for as many as 1,467 stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Some users relying on Web sites for stock data on Thursday got the correct price of the stock in the current market, but the wrong change — for example, as in the case of AMR, up \$1.84 instead of 16 cents.

The errors corrected the poten-

tial for investors using the erroneous information in deciding on a stock trade — someone seeing AMR up \$1.84 could wonder whether the money-losing airline's fortunes have improved, for example.

Nasdaq spokeswoman Bethany Sherman said the errors were confined to NYSE-listed stocks, which brokers and institutions can trade on Nasdaq's electronic platform as well as on the floor of the Big Board. Sherman said the stock market fixed the computer glitch, and was working with its vendors to correct stock price changes. She added that stock indexes and mutual fund net asset values, computed after the close of the market, were not affected by the problem.

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MONEY

Exxon expands technology to boost profits

The Dallas Morning News
FAIRFAX, Va. — Exxon Mobil Corp. expands its largest oil company and refiner, doesn't expect world demand in the refining industry to last.
Right refining capacity and big demand for gasoline, diesel and other finished products has refineries booming.
But the Irving, Texas-based

company expects demand in the United States to level off in the next five years, while refineries continue to expand their capacity.
Exxon's answer: technology to pry margins wider.
"We are certainly not counting on strong margins lasting forever," said Exxon Senior Vice President Steve Simon, in an analyst presentation Webcast on Wednesday.

"Our business is based on a very small difference between two very big numbers: crude oil and finished product prices, neither of which we control," said Simon, who is in charge of Exxon's 45 refineries around the world.
He plans to use technology to push those two numbers apart.
"Im absolutely confident we can continue to grow earnings, deliver more shareholder value,

even at the lower margins," he said.
Simon expects the refiners' returns to remain close to double-digit. Growing appetite for refined products, such as gasoline, diesel and heating oil, pushed demand closer to supply, boosting prices.
Exxon hurtles Katrina and Rita knocked out a quarter of U.S. refining capacity, prices rose higher.

Stocks climb on positive Q1 report from AMD

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks turned higher Thursday and regained most of the ground they lost in the previous session following a bright first-quarter outlook from semiconductor maker Advanced Micro Devices Inc. and upgrades of oil services stocks.
AMD's forecast heartened tech investors who were spooked Wednesday by disappointing earnings forecasts from Intel Corp. and Yahoo Inc. Since semiconductors form the guts of much high-tech equipment, AMD is seen as a bellwether and its outlook was enough to make investors peek a dimmer forecast from Apple Computer Inc.
"People are happy that the Intel bad news didn't translate to other semiconductor stocks," said Robert Street, portfolio manager of Northern Trust Select Equity Fund in Chicago.
Investors also cheered services company Schlumberger Ltd.'s announcement of a 2-for-1 stock split and Morgan Stanley's upgrades of oil services businesses, including Halliburton Co. and Baker Hughes Inc.

Crude oil futures rose to a four-month high, a barrel of light crude settled at \$66.83, up \$1.10, in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.
Earnings season is off to a nervous start, with investors reacting strongly to earnings or guidance that fall short of analysts' estimates.
"The market has been weak in the last few days on a number of worries," said Joseph Lisanti, editor of Standard & Poor's weekly newsletter The Outlook. "One of them has been earnings. We think that despite a couple of warnings about missed earnings in general for the fourth quarter of 2005 are going to look pretty decent."
The day's economic news was mixed. Construction of new single-family homes surged to an all-time high in 2005 but construction activity fell sharply in December, sending a shudder through the housing boom.
Separately, the Labor Department's survey of construction of Americans filing for unemployment benefits fell to 271,000 last week, an unexpectedly large drop from 306,000 from the previous week, indicating strength in job markets.

Milwaukee makes plans to be all Wi-Fi by 2007

Chicago Tribune
CHICAGO — Milwaukee wants to be among the nation's first large cities to offer ubiquitous wireless Internet access.
After winning an agreement with a Wi-Fi network throughout Milwaukee, operators of Midwest Fiber Networks LLC said they hope to have a demonstration network working over a 6-square-mile area by summer. The Milwaukee company's goal is to blanket the entire city with Wi-Fi access by

mid-2007.
Several smaller towns around the country have launched wireless Internet service, and many larger cities, including San Francisco and Philadelphia, have approved plans for wireless coverage. Milwaukee stands a chance to be the first to complete the project if things go as planned.
"We're moving ahead with our engineering, and will start building as soon as possible," MEN partner Donna Raffalli said Thursday.

Midwest Fiber has experience building high-speed data networks for business customers and has also built a fiber and Wi-Fi demonstration project in the town of Bristol, Wis., she said.
The firm is in discussions with a number of Internet service providers, hoping to make deals to use the Milwaukee network to offer Internet service.
As part of its agreement with the city, the firm will provide Internet access using the Milwaukee wireless network couldn't exceed \$20 a month.

"We're building the infrastructure," said Nik Ivanecic, another Midwest Fiber partner, "and we'll make it available to others to provide Internet service."
As envisioned in the city's agreement, the Milwaukee wireless network will offer a number of free Web sites featuring information about the city and other public service features. This will include a Wi-Fi network with a laptop computer, PDA or other device capable of accessing Wi-Fi.

Qwest

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Qwest Communications International Inc. to restate billions of dollars in revenue. The SEC would restate and civil penalties from all seven, with amounts to be determined at trial.
Last year, Seizala pleaded guilty to one count of insider trading but sentencing was delayed as the government pressed its investigation into Qwest.
Seizala was accused of im-

properly selling 10,000 shares of Qwest stock in 2001, earning a net profit of \$125,000. Authorities said also dumped the stock knowing that some of the company's business units would fail to meet revenue targets and that Qwest had improperly used revenue accruing revenue to meet those goals.
Denver-based Qwest is the primary local phone company in 14 Midwestern and Western states, including Idaho.

The SEC has said the fraud at Qwest occurred between April 1999 and March 2002, allowing it to improperly restate earnings, including \$3 billion in revenue that helped clear the way for the 2000 acquisition of the Baby Bell, U.S. West. The revenue was later restated.
Qwest agreed last year to pay \$250 million to settle SEC charges of fraud in a deal that did not cover individual officers.
The terms of Seizala's tenta-

tive settlement in the SEC case were never made public.
U.S. Magistrate Judge Craig Shaffer called Thursday's ruling to try to resolve conflicting issues between the government's civil lawsuit and its criminal case accusing Nacchio of 42 counts of insider trading tied to his sale of \$100 million in stock.
Nacchio has pleaded not guilty.
A pretrial hearing is set for today.

Broader stock indicators also closed higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 7.11 points, or 0.12 percent, to 12,855.65, and the Nasdaq composite index gained 22.17, or 0.97 percent, to 2,301.81.
Investors fell with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.37 percent from 4.34 percent late Wednesday. The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies. European trading, Gold prices were higher.

investors are watching employment numbers closely for any hints that wages could be cut, they fear would be inflationary.
Stocks were unmoved by news that the Arab television network Al Jazeera said it was offering to fund an audiotape purportedly from Osama bin Laden, saying al-Qaida is making preparations for attacks in the United States following a truce to rebuild Iraq and Afghanistan.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table with columns: NYSE, MOST ACTIVE, GAINERS, LOSERS, DIARY, INDEXES. Includes sub-sections for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

There are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the OTC Bulletin Board.
Actual figures are in 1/16's. Stocks in bold achieved 8 percent or more in price.
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Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on last quarterly or semiannual distribution. Unless otherwise specified.
Last: Price stock was trading as when exchange closed for the day.
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Pfd: Means: Name of stock and its par value.
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FDA will require cancer warnings on eczema drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The labels on two prescription creams to treat eczema will have to bear "black box" warnings of possible cancer and birth defects...

Fossil fuels

NEW YORK (AP) — Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange... Crude oil prices rose...

Nasdaq

Nasdaq is responsible for listing NYSE-listed stocks on a consolidated listing service so investors can see the latest price for a given stock...

Metals/Money

By The Associated Press. Selected world gold prices, Thursday... London morning bar: \$347.75 up 30...

Sugar

NEW YORK (AP) — Sugar futures trading on the New York Board of Trade Thursday...

Livestock

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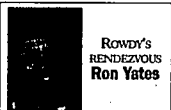
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Measuring a sportman's need to hunt

Six inches, seven inches, and 21-3/4 inches. Yes, size does matter. Are game animal trophies hanging on your walls? Are you just a trophy hunter? Or are your trophies admired out of respect to the challenge of hunting them? Was this easy to accomplish or did you spend years learning from countless and sometimes humorous mistakes?



ROWEN'S
REMINISCENCES
Ron Yates

Occasionally we may be in the right place at the right time and hunting may look easy. Planning a hunt and getting to our hunting spot takes work. "Easy" is a four letter word used sometimes by anti-hunters or even ambivalent non-hunters when they observe glossy magazine covers spewing dead animal photos. Glossy magazine covers are now a trend and this too, shall pass.

We hunt and we do not ask why. It is natural, even instinctive to hunt. How we hunt is our choice. Hunting ethically, and with the future in mind, the word "legal" is moot. Yes, seasons and regulations exist. Who works to set these? Sportsmen. How many slackers or slobs participate in the season setting and regulation forming? Have you witnessed poor sportsmanship while afield and wonder if it will ever cease?

Would you like a challenge equal to and perhaps more challenging than any hunting trip you've been on? This challenge offers rewards that will benefit you and many, many others. You will soon see here, within these pages, a press release from your Fish and Game department announcing a workshop to be held March 4 for sportsmen like you who may be interested in teaching hunter safety/education classes.

Planning for a hunt often includes a scouting trip. This amounts to a kind of re-awakening trip for your senses. If this idea moves you to act, scout it out. Call Idaho Department of Fish and Game and ask for Hunter Education Coordinator Clayton Nielson at 324-4359.

Are you wondering about the dimensions at the top of this column. The first measurement represents thickness of the trophy's head. The next is length of the trophy's head. And the third is circumference around the trophy's head. Of course, anything larger would be unbalanced for the 58-1/2 inches tall, 92-pound, and 12-year-old human measured in this way. You can send as many as 25 such trophies out as ethical, enjoyable sportsman/sportswomen per class. Not all will become hunters, but they will have experienced some of us who are.

I teach these classes, and I learn as well. One subject taught is game animal care. A responsible hunter will only harvest an animal where he or she can reasonably retrieve the animal large or small. Includes students while illustrating how heavy and difficult moving a deer is. After being involved with the struggle to move a 150-pound instructor across carpeting, students who have not already had this experience are able to visualize moving a deer through brush. My point is to say, "before you squeeze the trigger ask yourself, how far is it to the truck?"

One class I taught had twin 13-year-old girls in it. Hiking with students through the brush during a field exercise, I ask many questions. Is it safe to shoot that? Is it legal to shoot that? A snuffed mule deer was placed in a typical bedded position and the soon-to-be hunters were asked, can we shoot this deer? The answers were yes. If we have permit for a doe. Yes, it is safe to shoot in that direction. And from the end of the line the voice of one of the twins asked, "How far is it to the truck?"

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Sunlight shines over fresh snow on Deadline Ridge in the South Hills.

Photo by BILL FLORES/STAFF, The Times-News

SNOWSHOEING TO THE Sky

Enthusiast explores Rock Creek Canyon

By Bill Studebaker
Times-News correspondent

Yes, there were clouds over our heads, and there was fog in our eyes so thick the windshield wipers had to squegee it off.

But as we drove up Rock Creek Canyon climbing out of the valley, the clouds got lighter and the fog thinner. I reached up and shut off the windshield wipers as we came out of the mist and into pure sunlight.

The snowy hills to the east, up and across Walstrom Hollow, had the froth of fresh marshmallow, smooth and sweet.

Along the right-hand side of the road, the shallow makings of Rock Creek trickled under the snow, breaking out occasionally to form small dark pools over which a lattice of ice formed an intricate filigree.

And there were blue sky, warm air, and silence, just what I need when I've been spending too much time in my head. When there's an inversion, I invert. When in fact, I should go out and up.

It's the nature of an inversion to hold the cold air low and shroud it in fog. However, when the Magic Valley is "fogged in" the surrounding mountain ridges are often clear and sunshine-warm.

It was the desire to see a blue sky that motivated Doug Moughtan and me to take a snowshoeing trip to the South Hills. Doug and I hadn't bothered getting a map of the snowshoe trails from the Sawtooth National Forest Service office in Twin Falls (which you can do at 2647 Kimberly Road East or in Burley at 3650 Overland Avenue), but we had looked it up.

We knew where we wanted to start. From there, we assumed that the trail would be marked or worn in by other snowshoers. There are many miles of trail in the South Hills suitable for snowshoeing. Each one is unique. The inimitable-ness we were seeking was crystalline clarity along miles of windswept ridges. So we chose the trail that tops out on Deadline Ridge.

This loop begins behind the Rock Creek Ranger Station. At least, that's what we remembered. So without a map, we had to graft our memories directly to our need-behind the ranger station is the trail head.

Well, it wasn't. Behind the ranger station was a huge pile of snow. With trepid certainty, we shooed around a pile of snow, across a small flat, and into the woods. Climbing up a hill among closely spaced pine trees and over stumps is no small job with snowshoes. The sweat begins immediately.

Dress for success

Before we set out we'd discussed snowshoes and suitable clothing, and with the spin of an equipment salesman, I gave Doug my spiel: The best snowshoe is light weight, with a flexible cleated toe mount, and with length and width fit to body and pack weight.

Clothing? The traditional layered system is best: a layer of quality fleece next to the skin, a layer of wicking poly, and if necessary another layer of poly or SmartWool (the new wind resistant, wicking wool), a wind-resistant, waterproof breathable jacket, stocking cap, insulated boots and hand cover. The idea is to reduce bulk and to stay warm.

There's only one rule: fleece always goes next to the body. It produces dead-air space - insulation - and sweat moves osmotically through it.

Poly passes fluid in one direction. In this case, sweat away from the fleece. Sweat's a virtual transpiration. Once outside of the poly, sweat can evaporate. At the end of the trip, the fleece will be essentially dry, still insulating the body. We recapped the ventilation rule: by donning and removing the cap, heat loss can be effectively controlled.

White-brick road

Doug and I floundered a bit, making our way uphill. We had seen the map. We figured if we walked perpendicular to the way the trail would have to go to reach the ridge, we'd cross it. This was informal logic at work. Had we used formal logic, we would have had a map. Nevertheless, after several "breathers" we came across the trail.

Compared to what we'd come through, the trail was a white-brick road (if I might turn a phrase) through the woods and out onto the open ridges and mountain tops. The farther I can see, the lighter my mood. Moodiness

for me is grumpiness. And here atop the South Hills, there was no room for grumpy. I felt giddy, happy to be above snow flurries and fog.

We found our way around the loop by sign, stomp, and glide. There were a few new signs set out by the forest service, there were a few old signs carved into aspen, there had been a few snowshoe steps stomped into the trail, and there was a cross-country ski groove.

Doug and I stay out of the groove as best we could, and when we crossed paths with skiers, there was amicability. Multi-use means mutual respect, and every animal needs a different track.

This loop took us behind Camp Kum Ba Yuh where we set off cross-country. We walked across small snow fields, crawled up drift faces, and scrambled over rock outcroppings. And when we turned back through the forest to find the trail again, we experimented with holes formed by stumps and trees hidden beneath the snow.

It's wise to travel with someone. I dropped into a hole, and without Doug's help, I would have had a difficult time getting out. Beware of holes.

Exhilarating air

Cross-country is certainly more work than trudging it, but there's a flash of euphoria when one's the first to step on a field of snow.

We came to the trail again, near where we hit it the first time, and followed it back to the station-or near there.

At the end of our hike, we found the beginning. The trail head is more at the "side" rather than at the "back" of the ranger station. In the woods, let alone the wilderness, literal is often wrong.

I peeled off my outer layers and turned the car downhill toward the valley. Clouds, fog and flurries nearly filled the valley to the brim. Near Third Creek we dove into the mist. Sunlight was gone. But there was no sobriety between us. We'd spent the day walking, climbing, floundering, and sweating our way to the top of Deadline Ridge. There are precautions one must observe when snowshoeing, but the learning curve is nearly straight up. It's a great way to get where you want to be, up above the clouds.



Markings on the tree points around Rock Creek Canyon.



The author warms up around blankets of snow during a snowshoe trek.

OUTDOORS

Prepare for avalanches with class

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation will be presenting a snowmobile-centered, basic avalanche awareness class on Feb. 18. The class will be held at the Twin Falls, Friday from 8 to 8 p.m. at Gerlie's Brick Oven Cookery, 602 2nd Ave. South. The restaurant is located at the intersections of Minidoka, 7th Street South and 2nd Ave. South.

The field segment of this class will be held Saturday in the Snake Hills. Topics on meeting points will be discussed at the classroom portion on Friday. "We're offering a variety of classroom and field sessions this year to accommodate individuals across the state," said Rich Gunnemars, IDPR Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) education coordinator. "With an increase in avalanche related accidents in the state, educating the public has become a priority."

Classes are limited to 50 participants and will fill up fast. Pre-registration is required. To sign up, please call Todd Wernex today at (208) 334-4100, ext. 256. This IDPR sponsored educational seminar is free and is an example of your registration dollars at work. Visit www.parksandrec.idaho.gov for a complete schedule of avalanche awareness classes, snowmobile safety tips and information on where to ride in Idaho.

Sportsmen invited to testify before legislators

BOISE — Hunters and anglers

Outdoor in brief

may want to block our sunrise this morning. The House and Senate Resource committees are planning three days of legislative hearings on issues of importance to hunters and anglers.

On Monday, Fish and Game staff will give legislators background information on Access Yes, Landowner Appreciation Permit, hunting points and property easement access for hunters and anglers.

On Wednesday, organized sports groups and large landowners will have the opportunity to give legislators their perspective. On Friday, public testimony will be taken on access issues.

The meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Gold Room at the Statehouse in Boise. Minutes from the meetings will be posted on the Legislature's Web site. For additional information on the hearing, contact the House or Senate Resources Committee.

Magic Valley Fly Fishers banquet is Feb. 4

TWIN FALLS — Sign up now for the Magic Valley Fly Fishers annual banquet, Feb. 4 at the Turf Club in Twin Falls. Doors open at 5 p.m., with a no-host bar, raffles, games and silent auction. Dinner is served at 7 p.m.

Ken Hanley, noted fly-fisher, fisherman and photographer, will be the featured speaker.

Hanley will be giving a fly-tying demonstration at the College of Southern Idaho the morning of the banquet, and a presentation on "Big Silverwater Fly Fishing" later that afternoon. The featured presentation at the banquet, "Tips for Outdoor Photography," will be one that all guests can enjoy and learn from.

Banquet seating is limited, and there will be no tickets available at the door. For more information on how to purchase tickets, please contact Connie Herbert at 539-9334 or Dale Quigley at 734-8888. All tickets must be reserved and paid for by Feb. 1.

Twin Falls D.U. Chapter will meet Feb. 4

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Chapter of Ducks Unlimited hosts its 18th Annual Complex Banquet Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Radio Rowdew, 241 Main Ave. West. Happy Hour starts at 6 p.m. Dinner follows at 7.

A silent auction, live auction and raffles will take place during the evening. Prizes include guns, decoys, prints and much more. Make plans to attend today. With your help Ducks Unlimited can continue to help fulfill the annual life cycle needs of North America's waterfowl and other wildlife by protecting, enhancing, restoring and managing important wetlands.

For tickets and other information on how to support Ducks Unlimited call 736-6220, 290-2950, or 734-5711.

Bring your sweetheart to Ducks Unlimited banquet

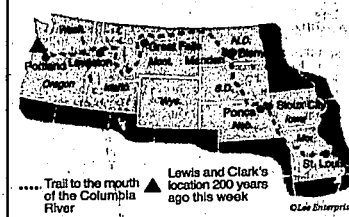
JACKPOT, Nev. — Don't worry about forgetting Valentine's Day — bring your sweetheart to Jackpots Ducks Unlimited banquet on Saturday, February 11, to enjoy games and support wildlife habitat conservation. You can even buy a very special gift at the auction.

The doors open at 5:00 p.m. in Cactus Pete's Ruby Mountain Ballroom. Banquet prices include your DU membership as well as Cactus Pete's four-diamond buffet consisting of prime rib, shrimp scampi, various salads and desserts, and Cornish game hen. A special Early-Duck package includes raffle tickets and a special drawing. If you make your reservations before Feb. 9, Special room rates are also available.

Games will include toss-the-dice, slots, bingo, raffles, and pop-the-balloons; we will also have a silent auction and a live auction. Prizes and auction items include guns, prints, sculptures, decoys, miscellaneous items, and local donations.

For more information and reservations, contact Karen or Mark Smith at (208) 326-4446. — compiled from staff reports

'remain until... April'



Trail to the mouth of the Columbia River. Clark's location 200 years ago this week. *Old Enterprise*

January 18, 1806—we have plenty of Elk beef for the present and a little salt, our houses dry and comfortable, and having made up our minds to remain until the 1st of April, every one appears content with his situation and his fare. It is true that we could even travel now or on our return as far as the timbered country reaches, or to the falls of the river; but further it would be madness for us to attempt to proceed until April, as the Indians inform us that the snows lay knee deep in the plains of Columbia during the winter, and in these plains we could scarcely get as we descended the river; and even were we happily over these plains and again in the woody country at the foot of the Rocky Mountains we could not possibly pass that immense barrier of mountains on which the snows lay in winter to the depth in many places of 20 feet; in short the Indians inform us that they are impracticable until about the 1st of June, at which time even there is an abundance of snow but a scanty subsistence may be obtained for the horses. ... setting out from hence on the 1st of April

— Meriwether Lewis
(Journal excerpt of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, edited by Gary E. Moulton, will appear each Thursday. Copyright Lee Enterprises.)

Buck numbers strong, fawn numbers stable

Idaho Fish and Game For The Times-News

JEROME — Magic Valley Regional wildlife biologists observed 1,056 does, 304 bucks and 623 fawns when conducting aerial composition counts in small portions of hunting units '56, '54, and '45 in late December. "Numbers are looking really good across the region," said Randy Smith, Magic Valley Regional Wildlife Manager. "In Unit 56 the proportion of bucks in the population has increased. Last year we counted 12 bucks per 100 does, this year that number jumped to nearly 22 bucks per 100 does. Twenty one percent of the bucks we observed were four points or larger which is a considerable improvement over the eight percent four-point and larger bucks we observed between 1999 and 2004."

"It was just exciting to see more bucks in an area that has been struggling for the past several years," he said. "Fawn recruitment in 2005 was the highest in the past eight years and that was reflected in the improved buck ratios." Hunting units 45 and 54 also had buck-to-doe ratios that were meeting management objectives. In Unit 45, which typically has the highest post-season buck ratio in the region, 24 bucks per 100 does were observed with 14 percent of them being four points or better. Unit 54 was close behind with 28 bucks per 100 does, with 15 percent of them being four points or better. Observed fawn-to-doe ratios were lower in all three units than in 2004. However, the decline is not that unexpected because of the high number of last year's fawns (yearlings) in the population that would not be expected to produce young. Unit 56 is at 54 fawns per 100 does; unit 45 is at 59 fawns per 100 does, and unit 54 showed 50 fawns per 100 does. "Last year's recruitment was the highest in the past eight years, and deer populations showed increases throughout the region," Smith said. "Fawn ratios this year are lower, but with good winter survival, populations should remain stable or increase slightly." Pre-winter composition surveys and spring abundance counts are conducted annually. The flights are scheduled to cover the same unit at the same time every year to make the information gathered comparable from year to year. The goal is to compare deer or elk population trends, age structure, and sex ratios for each species. A helicopter flying low and slow over some of the most remote areas of the state is the most efficient tool for gathering big game herd information. Biologists let biologists systematically and thoroughly survey big game animals using a technique that is standardized throughout the state. Aerial surveys are conducted mostly during winter months when the animals are gathered on lower elevation winter ranges. The winter months also bring two requirements needed to conduct accurate surveys; clear weather for good visibility, and snow covering that unit in locating and identifying the animals. Data gathered in the aerial surveys will be presented to sportsmen at the upcoming big game open houses in Twin Falls, Burley, and Hally in February. For more information, please call 324-4359.

Silverton

Where expert skiers hit mother lode of steep and deep

SILVERTON, Colo. (AP) — As avalanche-control blasts echoed in a narrow valley walled off by towering, jagged whitepeaks, a guide stroked one hand high above her head while cupping the other around her nose and mouth, creating an air pocket. Skiers and snowboarders — already required to strap on homing beacons and backpacks containing small back-packs of extendable probes — looked on quietly as the guide demonstrated how to survive in a cascading mass of snow. Precautions taken at Silverton Mountain render the threat of avalanches low. Yet little can be left to chance at this breathtakingly steep, rugged thicket of a ski area that bridges the thrills of the backcountry with some basic conveniences of conventional resorts.



In this Dec. 16, 2005 photo provided by Silverton Mountain, a skier heads down Silverton Mountain in Silverton, Colo.

"It's similar to helicopter skiing, except about \$2,500 less," said Jonathan Hauger, a Colorado resident and repeat customer. "It's a little scary sometimes because it's really steep. You're looking down a 55-degree slope and you're thinking, 'I really can't make a mistake here, because if you lose it, you could go down like a pinball off the rocks.'"

Now in its fifth season, Silverton Mountain is a favorite for everyone and won't be for the foreseeable future because its young owners don't really want it to be. Bill, 34, who founded the ski area with wife Jen, 33, was living of typical American ski resorts, wondering why the United States had nothing resembling the New Zealand ski areas known as club fields, where real estate development is negligible, prices reasonable, runs uncrowded and untracked snow plentiful.

"I got tired of skiing at mountains that got tracked out in half a day," Bill recalled. "It's not only me who thinks that way, so why not provide good skiers with what they want?"

For now, guided skiing is required at Silverton, but that is likely to change in April. A new Bureau of Land Management permit will allow the Brills to let up to 475 skiers a day venture on their own from the top of the mountain's lone chairlift.

Some areas that require hiking and have some of the most extreme terrain may have to be

kept off-limits to those without guides, but there will still be plenty of open bowl and tree skiing from the lift, which covers 2,000 feet of vertical and drops skiers off an elevation of 12,300 feet.

There's an additional 1,000 feet of vertical for those in good enough shape, and in good enough form on the slopes — to hike up. One drop-in is so steep and narrow that skiers must hold on to a rope as they slip down to an area wide enough to make a couple of half-turning turns. The reward, of course, is a glorious expanse of deep and often fresh snow.

The snow is so deep, in fact, that wide-based powder skis — "fatties," if you will — are a must for most skiers. Annual snowfall is about 400 inches.

The combination of abundant snowfall, the grandeur of the San Juan mountain range and the charm of the nearby town of Silverton, an historic mining town that still boasts a legacy of Victorian architecture, drew the Brills here.

The Brills were in their 20s, living in Montana in the late '90s, when they decided they wanted to open a no-frills, expert ski resort. They studied topographical maps and snowfall statistics. They saw ways similar to the gold and silver prospectors before them, they came to Silverton hoping to find deep snow and thrilling

slopes. They hit a mother lode. Silverton's offerings range from open bowls to glades, couloirs and chutes.

Bands of small cliffs traverse some runs, offering thrill-seekers ample opportunity to get air before plunging into deep beds of powder.

What skiers won't find are groomed runs or anything suitable for intermediate or beginner skiers. And unlike the Brills had hoped, they also won't find cheap lift tickets — at least not yet.

The Brills hope to make prices for unguided skiing relatively low, but for now, prices that include a guide range from \$99 to \$129 a day, depending on the date, and reservations are required, since there are only so many guides available on a given day. (Until this season, permits only allowed 80 skiers per day and the Brills expect to keep in that range until unguided skiing begins.)

Silverton's not even for all expert skiers. The high altitude, periodic hiking and the requirement to ski in groups makes for a methodical pace. Skiers often won't get more than five runs in, which is hard for some to accept when they've paid as much as \$185, including taxes. "I've heard people complaining that they only got five runs," said Doug Wall, a Silverton resident and bar owner. "But it's a backcountry experience —

backcountry with a lift."

Obstacles are unmarked. On many parts of the mountain, guides point out hazards the best they can, then make the first tracks while ordering the rest of their group to stay to the left or right.

Wall and most other locals in the town of Silverton defend the young ski area and its adventurous owners, speaking almost reverently about the resourcefulness the Brills showed in obtaining their chairlift — a retired double from Mammoth Mountain that they bought for \$20,000 — and doing much of the tree-stump clearing and cement pouring required to install it.

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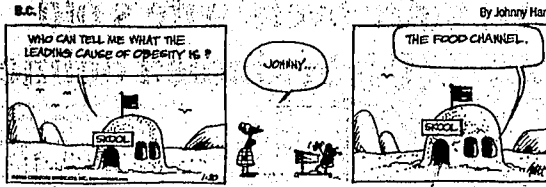
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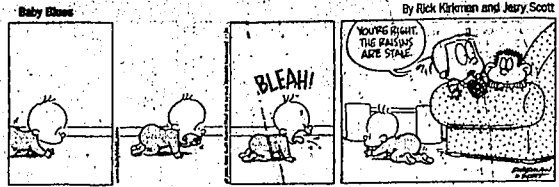
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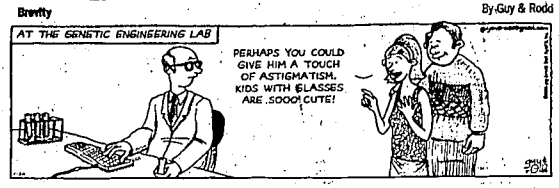
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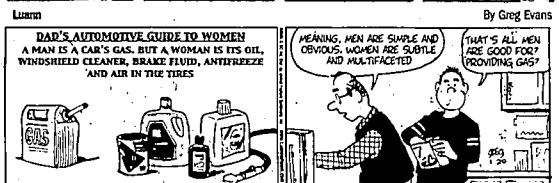
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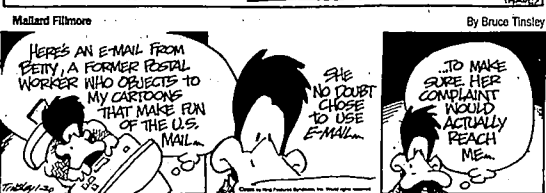
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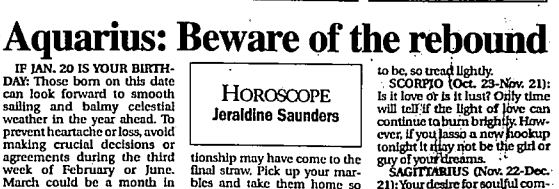
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Aquarius: Beware of the rebound

IF JAN. 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Those born on this date can look forward to smooth sailing and balmy celestial weather in the year ahead. To prevent heartache or loss, avoid making crucial decisions or agreements during the third week of February or June. March could be a month in which your sincerity and tongue are tested by circumstances, but you are sure to pass with flying colors. In late November a chance meeting or unexpected opportunity could improve your prospects permanently and make some of your most important wishes come true.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Relationships may be like "Humpy Dumpty" if you force an issue regarding commitment. Once shattered, all the king's horses and all the king's men can't put it back together again.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Cover all the bases. Love that seems too good to be true probably is. Don't give up your independence or make a commitment without some serious, soul searching and input from friends, but you might simply get a flake.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can't win 'em all. There is a possibility that a strained relationship may have come to the final straw. Pick up your marbles and take them home so you can play another day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stretch out your muscles. Sitting in the same pose too long or repetitive activities can put undue strain on the body. Maintaining rigid patterns over an extended period of time can cause problems.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Relax and take it easy. An active week can take a heavy toll on you, get up and go. Take a short time out from an intense love affair—or at the very least delay making an important proposal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can't please all the people all the time. A kindhearted gesture can be taken the wrong way or backfire. Keep your penicils in your pocket today and avoid buying impulse items.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love may make the world go round, but you might simply be going around in circles. An object of your affection may not be all that he or she appears to be, so tread lightly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Is it love or is it lust? Only time will tell if the light of love can continue to burn brightly. However, if you pass a new hook-up tonight it may not be the girl or guy of your dreams.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your desire for soulful companionship may deceive you into thinking a passing flirtation is worthy of romantic attention. Get more information before you dive in headfirst.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't give your heart away. Fantasies belong on the silver screen and when the projector stops the dream is gone. That romantic facade may cover up something that just isn't so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your wits about you when love is concerned. That intriguing guy or gal who catches your fancy may be on the rebound. It is possible that someone is using you as a punch line.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): All that glitters is not gold may be a wise thought to keep in mind if you meet a prospective amorous partner. You may be in love with the idea of love and not see others for what they are.

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Panel 1: ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, WOMEN ARE MORE SUSPICIOUS THAN MEN

Panel 2: I THINK YOU'RE MAKING THAT UP

Panel 3: NOW WHY WOULD I MAKE UP A THING LIKE THAT?

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

Panel 1: ANOTHER FRIDAY, ANOTHER DEADLINE TO MEET! I HATE DEADLINES!

Panel 2: NOW WHY THEY'RE CALLED DEADLINES?

Panel 3: BECAUSE IF I DON'T GET MY WORK FINISHED ON TIME, VEEBLEFESTER WILL KILL ME—THAT'S WHY!

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Panel 2: WHICH MEANS I DO WANT TO KNOW HOW YOUR DATE WENT?

Panel 3: (Garfield) I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

Panel 1: HERE YOU ARE. A CUP OF STALE COFFEE, HALF A FRIED EGG AND A PIECE OF HARDENED TOAST

Panel 2: IT'S FINALLY COME TO THIS...

Panel 3: NOW SHE'S SERVING LEFTOVERS FOR BREAKFAST!

It and Lilo By Chance Browne

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Panel 2: YOU'RE PRETTY CUTE YOURSELF

Panel 3: HEY! WAIT A SECOND! I WAS CUTE FIRST!

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Panel 4: DO YOU MIND IF I PLAY THROUGH?

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Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

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Man discovers wife's old affair has rekindled online

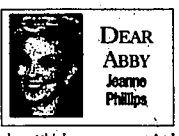
DEAR ABBY: I went into our home office and noticed that my wife had left her e-mail on. I spotted an odd name, so I opened one of the messages and my jaw dropped. It was from a man with whom my wife was having an affair. The e-mails were so graphic as to leave nothing to the imagination. This person is someone with whom my wife had an affair before we got together. He was going to leave his wife and live with her before we met, but when that came to light, he stayed with his wife and just used mind for sex.

One of the messages discussed the fact that we did not take place — only because he got stuck at work. She e-mailed him and told him he could stop by the house any time he wanted to see her for an hour or two because our 5-year-old son and I were sleeping in other bedrooms!

The incident that "nothing happened," which I have trouble believing. We have been seeing a therapist who believes my wife, and says that since "nothing happened," it was not an affair. I disagree. Am I wrong?

— FURIOUS IN NEWJERSEY

DEAR FURIOUS: You now have two problems. You have a therapist who is siding with your wife, and an advice columnist who sees it your way. No, I



DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Craig," whom I have known almost a year. We have become closer than friends in a lot of ways — except the one way that counts, if you know what I mean.

Craig likes to tease me about sex, but says it will never happen because he doesn't want to ruin the friendship. Do you think it's fair for him to arouse me and then just run out the door?

Craig says he doesn't want me, but when I go out on dates with other people he gets mad. How should I handle this?

— IRRITATED IN GEORGIA

DEAR IRRITATED: The key phrase in your letter is "he says he doesn't want me." Craig may enjoy teasing you (a power play), or he might be gay (unavailable for romance). In either case, the result will be frustration for you if you allow the relationship to continue as it is. I say, move on.

DEAR DREADING: It seems

do not think you are wrong. And unless your wife can come up with a satisfactory explanation for inviting her old lover over for sex under the same roof as her child and her husband, I'd say your marriage is over.

DEAR ABBY: I have one sister. Our mother's deceased. When our father passes away, he will leave a sizable estate to my sister and me, consisting of two homes and various businesses.

Because my sister lives 300 miles away, I will likely be the one taking care of Dad's affairs after his death. This will involve a great deal of time, going through both houses, some cleaning, and too many phone calls to count, etc.

Would it be fair to keep track of the time my husband and I devote to this, charge an hourly fee, and deduct it from my sister's share of our father's estate? Let's face it, it's fair.

— DREADING WHAT'S AHEAD

Snake makes friends with meal

TOKYO — For one snake bite, dinner became an unexpected roommate.

Zookeepers at Tokyo's Matsugoro Okoku zoo were stunned to find that a 3.5-inch dwarf hamster they had offered as a tasty meal to their four-foot snake instead became a friend.

"I've never seen anything like it," said keeper Kazuya Yamamoto.

Zookeepers presented the hamster — named Gohan, which means "meat" in Japanese — to the snake, called Aochan, in October after the reptile refused to eat frozen mice.

The snake eventually developed an appetite for frozen rodents but has so far shown no signs of gobbling up Gohan. They're such buddies that Gohan sometimes even climbs onto Aochan to take a nap on his back.

"Aochan" seems to enjoy Gohan's company very much, Yamamoto said.



A hamster named Gohan, right, and the snake Aochan live together in a cardboard box at the Matsugoro Okoku zoo in Japan.

Man buries car, then claims it was stolen

RAVENNA, Ohio — Matthew Mueller was facing a huge repair bill when he towed the engine in his 1997 BMW. So he came up with a pretty low-down scheme: He buried the car.

Mueller rented a backhoe in October 2002 and had the car excavated by his father in rural northeast Ohio. Then he collected \$20,000 from his insurance company by claiming it was stolen.

Police received tips last year and excavated the vehicle.

"It looked like pancake," said prosecutor Eugene Midway.

Mueller, 35, of Akron, was sentenced Tuesday to a year in prison for insurance fraud, tampering with evidence, obstruction and receiving stolen property.

He apologized in Portage County Common Pleas Court and paid restitution to Progressive Insurance along with \$15,500 to state officials for their costs digging up the vehicle.

Odds & Ends

"It was stupidity and completely out of character," he said. "I broke the law and I tried to conceal it."

Cow dung spill worsens Interstate 5 traffic

EVERETT, Wash. — If you think traffic snafus where you are, just be thankful you weren't southbound a few days ago on Interstate 5.

About 2,000 pounds of treated human waste with the consistency of fresh cow manure spilled into the freeway Tuesday when the driver of a tractor-trailer rig braked suddenly to avoid a stopped vehicle.

The trailer had only a cloth top and much of the waste sloshed over the truck cab and across a wide section of the road, said patrol Sgt. Craig H. Johnson.

"It stunk like Johnson said. The mucky waste was being hauled from a wastewater treatment plant on Fidalgo Island near Abascores to be made into compost in Traine, near Olympia. The accident happened about 25 miles north of Seattle.

Cat alerts sleeping owners to house fire

MANCHESTER, Pa. — A cat interrupted a nap, possibly saving two lives.

Jean Poole and her 9-month-old granddaughter were dozing Tuesday in Poole's home in the Newberry Estates mobile home park. Poole's 7-year-old cat, Princess, woke them up, meowing loudly.

Poole got up, smelled smoke and heard crackling flames. She went to check the wood burning stove in the living room, and saw flames at the picture window. With fire blocking the exit door, Poole grabbed the baby and went out the rear door. Then she returned to get Princess.

"She woke me up. I don't know if I'd have smelled the smoke otherwise," Poole said.

Roller coaster patented in 1885

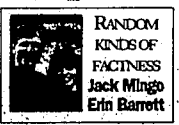
This day in history: On Jan. 20, 1885, L.A. Thompson received a patent for his roller coaster, which had been rolled out on Coney Island a year before. The ride had a top speed of 6 mph, and at the end of each ride, the cars had to be manually hoisted back up to the top of a hill.

"Gravity, Pleasure Switchback Railway," was so successful that he paid off his investment in nickels per ride in three weeks.

Rudolph Valentino was the stage name that the silent-screen actor whitened down from his real name. The word was a little too difficult to work into movie credits: Rodolfo Alberto Raffaello Pierrillo Guglielmo di Valentina d'Antonio.

One out of seven Continental soldiers in the Revolutionary War was African-American.

Resolutions do not extend in 1858 by Dutch scientists, poet



and musician Christian Huygen, remained in the state-of-the-art instrument accurately measuring time until nearly three centuries later.

The longest running newspaper ever published in the United States is the Hartford Courant. It was established in 1764.

The largest ant in the world reaches lengths of about 41 millimeters, or a little over 1.5 inches. The smallest is only 1 millimeter long.

Earth is keeping her seat belt. The Earth is jolting, not by much, mind you, only about .0015

seconds every 100 years or so.

The Beatles really didn't think their careers would last that long when they started. They didn't take themselves very seriously for quite some time. Ringo Starr, as a matter of fact, was planning on staying in the group to make the money he needed to open his own hair salon.

Despite what you've heard, it's not true that a cow has four stomachs. The ruminant, the omnivore and the abomasum.

Basic phone technology hasn't changed much in the last century. Your grandfather's old telephone would still work if you adapted the cord from four prongs to a three-jack.

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NATION

Scientists declare mission to collect comet dust a success

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Enthusiastic scientists on Thursday said NASA's seven-year voyage to collect dust from a comet and bring it home had ended in complete success, with perhaps 1 million of the primordial particles gently entrapped in collection trays filled with gossamer spun glass.

"We thought maybe the collectors wouldn't open properly, or maybe they would be covered with gunk from the spacecraft," said NASA's Michael Zolensky, curator of the samples now ensconced at Houston's Johnson Space Center. "But we opened the tray, and everything went exactly right. It's fabulous."

The Stardust space capsule's 2.9 billion-mile round trip to comet Wild 2 ended with a flawless parachute landing in the Utah desert early Sunday. The sample canister was removed and taken to Houston, where it was opened Tuesday in a special clean room laboratory.

The samples are being kept in the same facility that houses the moon rocks collected by the Apollo-era astronauts. The particles will be extracted from the canister, prepared for shipment and sent to scientists around the world to begin a research project expected to last decades.

Comets are time capsules documenting the entire history of the solar system — visitors from the Kuiper Belt beyond Neptune whose composition has remained essentially unchanged for 4.5 billion years.

Stardust is the first mission to bring such material back to Earth, but it also provides an opening data point for NASA's New Horizons spacecraft, which was launched Thursday on the first mission to Pluto, another denizen of the icy Kuiper Belt. "We're sampling the material that Pluto is made of," said Stardust lead scientist Don Brownlee of the University of Washington, in Seattle.

New Horizons lifted off from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station after an hour's delay caused by low clouds. With five boosters strapped to an Atlas 5 rocket, the fastest-ever spacecraft attained a speed of 30,000 mph en route to Jupiter during its early next year that will boost it to 47,000 mph. If everything goes well, it will reach Pluto in the summer of 2015.

Brownlee, in a television news

conference broadcast from Houston Thursday, said the Stardust collection trays probably captured up to 1 million cometary particles at least 0.00004 inches wide, and perhaps a dozen larger in diameter than a human hair. Handling, analyzing and even sifting such small particles presents little difficulty in modern research facilities.

In addition, Brownlee said the spacecraft appeared to have recovered between 100 and 200 much smaller particles of interstellar dust during the voyage to Wild 2. NASA has invited scientists and enthusiasts from around the world to search for the particles from online photographs it will post, and "65,000 people are on the team," Brownlee said.

Stardust was launched from Cape Canaveral Feb. 7, 1999, and reached Wild 2 Jan. 2, 2004. The spacecraft carried a tennis-racket-shaped particle collector like an ice cube tray with 132 small compartments. One side trapped the interstellar dust on the trip out, and the other side was used for the comet encounter.

The compartments were filled with aerogel, a frothy spun glass that is 99 percent empty space and the lowest-density solid on Earth. It is unaffected by radiation or radical changes of temperature in space, and it absorbs comet particles traveling six times as fast as a bullet the way a pillow swallows a left hook.

Even so, said Brown, "there was lots of handwringing and white knuckles during the flight" because of fears that the dust, exploding from vents in the comet as the sun heated its surface, would contain debris pieces large enough to cause damage. "We didn't want to be annihilated by a grape," Brownlee said.

They weren't. Re-entry over the Army's Dugway Proving Ground in Utah was uneventful, and the recovery team purged the capsule with nitrogen, making sure it would remain uncontaminated during the flight to Houston.

The comet particles were expected to leave "tracks" in the aerogel, but Brownlee said he warned colleagues in the space center lab that they might not be able to see them with the naked eye. But they spotted the tracks — and even some particles — as soon as they opened the collector.

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Venezuela, U.S. approve anti-drug deal

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan officials said Thursday that they have approved a new anti-drug agreement with the U.S., months after the South American nation suspended cooperation amid allegations of U.S. spying.

"We have resolved our basic differences and we hope that we will be able to sign soon," said Salome Hernandez, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Embassy in Caracas.

The new agreement will go into effect once it has been signed by Venezuelan Interior Minister Jesse Chacon and U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela William Brownfield, said Luis Correa, Venezuela's top anti-drug official.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez halted cooperation with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in August. He accused U.S. agents of spying, a charge the U.S. has repeatedly denied. Venezuelan officials said they would only be willing to work with the U.S. under new terms, under which the DEA would not be permitted to lead drug busts.

Neither U.S. nor Venezuelan officials offered details of the new arrangement.

Chavez has had bitter relations with Washington and last year the U.S. said Venezuela had failed to effectively fight drug trafficking, and removed the nation from a list of cooperating countries.

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John Walker's father calls for clemency

'American Taliban' remains in prison since being captured in Afghanistan

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After years of silence, the father of American-born Taliban soldier Johnny Walker Lindh called on President Bush on Thursday to grant clemency to his son, who he says was wrongly maligned as a traitor and murderer.

In simple terms, this is the story of a devout and honorable young man embarked on a spiritual quest," said Frank Lindh, swallowing back tears at times during a speech at the Commonwealth Club, a nonprofit organization.



Frank Lindh, the father of American-born Taliban soldier John Walker Lindh, talks about his son at the Commonwealth Club of California in San Francisco on Thursday.

Frank Lindh said that although his son had nothing to do with the Sept. 11 attacks, they ended up adding dire consequences to the decision to join the Taliban imposed by the U.S. after the 2001 attacks for harboring al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

"Being viewed through the prism of those attacks has caused this young man to be vilified as a terrorist and a traitor," the elder Lindh said.

John Walker Lindh, who was 25 next month, was captured by American forces on Nov. 21, 2001, along with other Taliban fighters.

Charged with capturing and killing Americans and supporting terrorism, the younger Lindh avoided a potential life sentence in 2002 by pleading guilty to lesser charges of supplying services to the Taliban in violation of U.S. economic sanctions and of carrying weapons against U.S. forces in exchange. John Walker Lindh agreed to withdraw claims of abuse or torture.

Until now, his parents have mostly maintained a public silence about the case, hoping to avoid a media barrage that could be detrimental to their son. But on Thursday Frank Lindh shared baby pictures and other photos of his son during the presentation and said he is proud of his child.

Frank Lindh said he decided to break his silence because he hoped the story of his boy's journey from boisterous Marin County to harsh Afghanistan battlefields will help him get a reduction in his 20-year prison sentence. Last year his son renewed his request for clemency, already rejected once.

“If he had asked, I would have told him, ‘John, we don’t have a stake in that fight.’”

— Frank Lindh

John Walker Lindh, raised Catholic, was 12 when he saw the movie "Malcolm X" and became interested in Islam, his father said. A few years later he converted to Islam in a mosque in Mill Valley.

With his parents' blessings, he headed to Yemen, and later Pakistan, to memorize the Quran and become an Islamic scholar.

What did Frank Lindh think of his son's decision to pursue, he wondered, that for an American kid to go overseas and study to learn another lan-

guage, to learn another religion, these are great things," he said.

In the spring of 2001, John Walker Lindh told his parents he was going to dodge the desert heat and spend the summer in the mountains of Pakistan. He did not tell his parents that he planned to cross into Afghanistan and join the Taliban army.

The younger Lindh saw bin Laden speak twice while he was training in Afghanistan, but had no idea that he was involved in terrorism against the U.S., his father said.

On Thursday, Frank Lindh emphasized that John Walker Lindh was involved in an Afghan war, not a fight against the U.S., when the Muslim convert joined the Taliban army to fight the Northern Alliance. He noted that the U.S. once supported Taliban fighters when they were fighting the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

What happened unfortunately for John is that the United States made an abrupt change after the 9-11 attacks, Frank Lindh said. "We

switched sides. John was on the ground there when that happened. He certainly didn't go to Afghanistan to do anything against America. He never fought against America. He never fired a gun at an American. He was simply rescued."

Or he thought he had been rescued, his father said, until he was taken into custody, duct taped naked on a stretcher and held in a metal shipping container for two days.

Frank Lindh said he would have urged his son not to get involved in the fighting had he known of his plans.

"If he had asked, I would have told him, 'John, we don't have a stake in that fight,'" said Frank Lindh. "I would have told him that if he wants to help, he should go work in a refugee camp."

Even so, Frank Lindh said his son did no wrong.

"I feel very proud of my son. He acted with great integrity throughout this entire ordeal. He's a great kid. He has more integrity and more dignity than any politician or any journalist that I've ever met," he said.

EU body opens probe into CIA's transport of terrorism suspects

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — News reports that CIA aircraft transported Abu Omar and other terrorism suspects across Europe to countries such as Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia culminated this week in a formal investigation by a 46-member committee of the European Parliament.

The parliament, a creature of the 25-nation European Union, began an official investigation of the CIA's use of European airports and air-space on Wednesday.

The investigating committee plans to visit Washington, where it hopes to interview Bush administration officials about the practice the CIA calls "rendition," as well as news reports that the agency has used secret prisons in Eastern Europe to house and interrogate high-level al-Qaida prisoners.

"We will request U.S. witnesses from the State Department and intelligence services," Claud Mornes, a member from Britain, told Eupollid.com. "Of course we don't know if they will cooperate with our inquiry yet. It is a possibility that we will not get them, but I have a feeling it will have more clout than people think."

Several European countries also have their own investigations under way, mostly aimed at determining whether their intelligence services had understandings with the CIA that political

leaders were not informed of.

Political opposition groups in the United Kingdom continue to press British Prime Minister Tony Blair, President Bush's staunchest ally in Iraq, to authorize an inquiry of his own. The Scottish National Party, a Blair opponent, made public flight records showing that, since Sept. 11, 2001, aircraft owned or operated by the CIA have made repeated refueling stops at Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Although the SNP has no evidence that terrorism suspects were being held captive aboard any of those flights, calls for Blair to launch an independent inquiry were renewed Thursday after a British magazine, the New Statesman, published a government memo advising Blair and his Cabinet to "avoid getting drawn" into the debate over whether Britain had indirectly abetted the torture of suspected terrorists.

Opposition members of the British parliament criticize Blair for what they see as his blanket acceptance of assurances by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that the United States complies with all provisions of the United Nations Convention Against Torture.

In order to reach Egypt, prosecutors say Abu Omar was flown aboard military and CIA-chartered jets from a military air base in northern Italy to another NATO air base in Germany, and then to Cairo.

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Mexican presidential candidates launch campaigns

Leftist so far is the front-runner

METLATONOC, Mexico (AP) — Mexico's top three presidential candidates kicked off the nation's five-month presidential campaign Thursday, with leftist front-runner Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador traveling by dirt path to one of the country's poorest towns and promising to govern for the forgotten.

With poverty shaping up as a

key issue in the July 2 election, Lopez Obrador was greeted enthusiastically by Metlatonoc residents who fought to shake his hand and hang wreaths of flowers around his neck.

"I'm going to listen to everyone," Lopez Obrador said on the first legal day of campaigning. "I'm going to respect everyone. But the poor and forgotten of

Mexico will get preferential treatment."

His two main rivals, conservative Felipe Calderon and Roberto Madrazo, also focused on fighting poverty as they battle to replace President Vicente Fox, who is prohibited by law from

seeking re-election.

Perched on a pine-covered mountain, Metlatonoc epitomizes why impoverished Mexicans head to the United States for work.

Migration is becoming a leading campaign issue along with the widely resented U.S. proposal to extend a border wall.

But Foreign Relations Minister Luis Debeze urged candidates Thursday to use "care" when mentioning migration in their

campaigns so as not to taint the government's negotiations with the United States.

A Reforma newspaper poll published Thursday showed Lopez Obrador with a slight lead at 34 percent of voters' support, compared with 26 percent for Calderon and 22 percent for Madrazo. Fifteen percent said they were undecided, and 3 percent said they would vote for two minor candidates.

Madrazo, whose Institutional

Revolutionary Party, or PRI, ruled Mexico for 71 years until Fox's historic victory in 2000, started his campaign in a slum on the outskirts of Mexico City known for sending workers to the United States.

Calderon launched his campaign for Fox's conservative National Action Party, or PAN, by eating breakfast with about 400 supporters on a muddy soccer field in the rough Mexico City neighborhood of Iztapalapa.

Reid offers apology to Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid on Thursday apologized to 33 Republican senators singled out for ethics criticism in a report from his office titled "Republican Abuse of Power."

"The document released by my office yesterday went too far and I want to convey to you my personal regrets," Reid said in a letter.

"I am writing to apologize for the tone of this document and the decision to single out individual senators for criticism in it."

Reid came under attack Wednesday over the report, which was issued by his staff on Senate letterhead, even as he and fellow Democrats released ethics overhaul proposals.

"Researching, compiling and distributing what amounts to nothing more than a campaign ad on the taxpayers dime raises serious ethical questions," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, one of the lawmakers named.

The 27-page report criticized Republican lawmakers over their ties to disgraced ex-lobbyist Jack Abramoff, questionable campaign contributions and other issues.

Meanwhile, the head of the Republican Party said GOP lawmakers who are guilty of wrongdoing should expect to be punished whatever their political affiliation.

"The public trust is more important than party," said Ken Mehlman, the Republican National Committee chairman. "Which is why the first solution to the problem is rooting out those who have done wrong without regard to party or ideology."

Mehlman's comments were in a speech that he planned to deliver Friday to the annual meeting of the Republican National Committee. The Associated Press obtained a copy of the speech.

The Abramoff investigation threatens to ensnare at least a half dozen members of Congress of both parties and Bush administration officials. Abramoff, who has admitted to conspiring to defraud his Indian tribe clients, has pleaded guilty to corruption-related charges and is cooperating with prosecutors.

With the midterm elections 10 months away, Democrats have tried to link Abramoff to Republicans, the main recipients of his largesse.

Two senior Republicans have attacked him because of their ties to Abramoff.

Former Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, announced after Abramoff's guilty plea that he would not try to regain the post he relinquished after being indicted on separate campaign finance charges in Texas. Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, also stepped down as chairman of the House Administration Committee.

Mehlman said the GOP must earn the public's trust by recommending it to reform.

Responding to the influence-peddling scandal, Republicans and Democrats have introduced similar ethics reform packages.

Mehlman said the response to the scandal must be "bipartisan hypocrisy." He criticized Reid for calling the Abramoff affair a Republican scandal. Reid has come under fire for his own ties to Abramoff, including accepting money from Abramoff's tribal clients.

Four Senate Democrats sent a letter to senior administration officials on Thursday calling on them to disclose any dealings with Abramoff such as meetings, memos or favors.

The Democrats said the record should be "cleared and that any contact you or others in the administration have had with Mr. Abramoff be fully explained to the American



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Greg Cote of the Miami Herald

TRIVIA

QUESTION: In NFL playoffs, how many major events were known as 'The Catch'? ANSWER: 11

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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IN BRIEF

Minico adds wrestling meet RUPERT — The Minico varsity wrestling team will compete at Blackfoot at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3. Kwiatkowski named BSU D-line coach BOZEMAN, Mont. — Montana State defensive coordinator Pete Kwiatkowski has accepted the job of defensive line coach at his alma mater, Boise State. Under Kwiatkowski, the MSU defense has been the best in the Big Sky Conference for four of the past five seasons. A former Boise State All-American, Kwiatkowski arrived at MSU with current coach Mike Krumer in 2000, inheriting a struggling defense. Under his coaching, the Bobcats led the Big Sky in total defense in 2001, 2002, 2003 and again in 2005.

Gooding wrestlers plan fundraiser

GOODING — The Gooding High wrestling program will hold a "Roasted Pig" benefit dinner at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23 in the Gooding High School multi-use room to raise money for state wrestling expenses. Cost will be \$2 per person or \$20 per family up to six people. Tickets may be purchased from wrestlers or at the door. Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

During the 1981 NFC championship game, San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Dwight Clark leaped high to catch a 29-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Joe Montana in the back corner of the end zone. That touchdown propelled the 49ers to a 28-27 victory over the Dallas Cowboys and a berth in Super Bowl XVI.

Tigers cruise

Strong third lifts Jerome past Minico

By John Derr Times-News writer

JEROME — Down early the Jerome Tigers celebrated "Senior Night" with a strong comeback to defeat the Minico Spartans 48-36 in Great Basin Conference girls' basketball action Thursday night.

Minico led by seven after one, but the Tigers charged to the front to lead by six at the break. A strong third quarter pushed the lead to double figures and Jerome cruised down the stretch.

"I was my senior night and I wanted to win the game," said senior Lindzie Kuhl, who sparked the rally and finished with 13 points. Kuhl, who usually starts, gave up her spot to fellow senior.

The fourth quarter was painfully slow with the teams combining for 26 free throw attempts. For the game Jerome went to the line 38 times connecting on 19. Minico hit 14-of-20 attempts. The officials called 50 personal fouls and two Spartan players fouled out while three others had four fouls.

Both teams also struggled from the field. Minico hit just 12-of-50 (24 percent) while the Tigers managed to connect on 14-of-47 for 30 percent.

Jerome coach Will Harbison said his team picked up the pace after slow start.

"We picked up the tempo a little big and got some easy transition baskets. We also did a good job of getting ourselves to the free throw line," said Harbison.

Minico coach Clint Straatman said foul trouble hurt his team.

"I had almost every girl with foul fouls. It was a highly contested game. They hit their free throws and we didn't. We usually shoot better than that," said Straatman.

In the first quarter, Minico's Dani Ramirez scored on the fast break lay-up then Sarah Schenk nailed one from beyond the three-point line as the Spartans jumped out to the 9-3 lead. Ramirez added another from beyond the arc and Minico led by five after

Jerome's Megan Parrish scored the first five points of the second period, three from the free throw line and a drive in the lane, as the score was tied at 12-12.

"We were just trying to be aggressive and do the things we do best. We pushed the ball," said Parrish, who finished with a game-high 14 points.

Free throws would be a constant theme in the quarter as the teams attempted a



Jerome senior Lindsay Williams, left, battles for control of a rebound against Minico's Kathleen Child, right, and Veta Artega Thursday night during the second quarter of their Great Basin West girls basketball game in Jerome.

combined 18 shots from the charity stripe. Minico went back up by three, but Kuhl added a three-pointer to tie it at 15. Jerome would finish the quarter on a 9-3 run with Kuhl chipping four points and Lindsay Williams adding a bucket in the paint.

After the Spartans opened the third period with a jumper by Schenk, Jerome went on a 9-0 run pushing the advantage to 13. Parrish scored on another drive while Kuhl added a pair of buckets inside.

The Tigers (4-1 Great Basin West) battle Please see TIGERS, Page D2

Roddick, Sharapova breeze into fourth round

Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick fired 17 aces in a 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 win over French qualifier Julien Benneteau on Friday, hustling through the match with temperatures started rising at the Australian Open.

The 23-year-old American, serving three consecutive aces in the sixth game before making it 5-1 with a forehand winner.

He won it on another error from the Frenchman, who wore ice packs over his neck in the breaks between games and sets to cope with the heat as the temperature reached 91 degrees.

Roddick had 28 winners and only 16 unforced errors, against 13 winners and 31 errors for Benneteau.

Australian Open

the ball came back from Roddick. Benneteau angrily belted it into the crowd.

Benneteau served to open the second set but Roddick went on a five-game roll, serving three consecutive aces in the sixth game before making it 5-1 with a forehand winner.

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Roddick's next opponent is Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus, who beat Dennis Greimayr 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

Maria Sharapova also didn't waste time in the heat, routing Jelena Kostanic 6-0, 6-1, and advancing to a possible fourth-round showdown with Serena Williams.

Williams, the defending champion, was playing No. 17 Daniela Hantuchova in the third round last Friday, with the winner advancing to play fourth-seeded Sharapova.

Sharapova, who lost to the eventual champion in all four majors in 2005, came into the season's first Grand Slam event after two months on the sidelines with a sore shoulder.

The problem was diagnosed as a dislocated rib and the 18-year-old Russian star was told she would not damage it any more by playing.

She said she needs hard, hot matches to get her into condition for the second week.

In other matches, top-ranked Lindsay Davenport faced Maria Kirilenko and reigning French Open champion Justine Henin-Hardenne was playing Virginie Razzano.

On the men's side, No. 4 David Nalbandian, the Masters Cup champion, was to play Finland's Jarkko Nieminen.

The draw keeps opening up for top-ranked Roger Federer. Third-seeded Lleyton Hewitt was upset 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (8), 6-2 by Argentine Juan Ignacio Chela on Thursday night.

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NBA suspends Davis five games for entering stands

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York Knicks forward Antonio Davis was suspended five games by the NBA on Thursday for entering the stands during a game at Chicago to confront a fan he thought was harassing his wife.

While the ruling by NBA vice president of basketball operations Stu Jackson showed the league accepted Davis' argument that he believed his wife was in trouble during Wednesday's game, it also made clear that entering the stands would not be tolerated, no matter the circumstances.

"We have made it plain to our players and our fans that players may not enter the spectator stands, no matter the provocation, and that violators of this policy will be treated with the utmost seriousness," Jackson said in a statement.

"We have concluded, however, that Antonio's actions were the result of his belief that his family members required his immediate assistance, and have taken those mitigating circumstances into account in setting the length of the suspension."

Davis' suspension will start with Thursday night's home game against Detroit. Ironically, the Pistons were the home team the last time players went into the stands — when Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson started an ugly brawl with fans in November 2004.

An embarrassment for the NBA, the brawl led to criminal charges and lengthy suspensions for Artest, Jackson and James O'Neal.

The league was not nearly as harsh in this instance. Davis, president of the NBA players' association, jumped over the fence to get in the stands at the United Center.

"I witnessed my wife being threatened by a man that I entered later to be intimidated," he said in an e-mail after the game. "I saw him touch her, and I know I should not have acted the way I did, but I would have felt a strong urge to react. There was no time to call security. It happened too quickly."

But 22-year-old Michael Auerch did not follow Davis' lead to scratch him after he was told to call Auerch said he never laid a hand on Davis' wife and said he was not drunk.

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Creator of the I formation dead at 92

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Tom Nugent, a College Football Hall of Famer who was credited with developing the I formation at Virginia Military Institute and later coached at Florida State and Maryland, died Thursday. He was 92.

Nugent died of congestive heart failure at a local nursing home, his family said.

Nugent was credited with creating the "typewriter" huddle where players stood in two rows rather than a circle while plays were being called. He was a head coach for 17 years, posting a 89-80-3 record before turning to broadcasting and public relations.

He was 19-18-2 at VMI from 1949-52. During his six years at Florida State in the mid-1950s, he also served as the school's athletic director and coached ESPN college football analyst Lee Corso and actor Ben Reynolds.

"Ho put FSU on the map in the early years," Reynolds said Thursday. "He was an innovator, who brought a whole new style of football with the I formation. I love him and I'll miss him."

Nugent led Florida State to a 34-23-1 record and two bowl games during his stay from 1953-58 and coached the school's first game against Florida.

The Associated Press

Nugent took the Seminoles to their first New Year's Day game in 1955 when they were defeated by Texas Western 47-20 at the Sun Bowl. In 1956, Florida State lost to Oklahoma State 15-6 at the Bluebonnet Bowl in Louisville as a then-retiree observed the broadcaster named Howard Cosell did the game.

Nugent coached Maryland from 1959-65, posting a 36-34 record.

After coaching, Nugent was a sports broadcaster before working in public relations.



College Hall of Fame coach Tom Nugent stands beside players lined up to replicate the I formation, which he is credited with developing in his undergraduate photo from the 1930s provided by Florida State University. The player in the foreground is Bobby Rean (18). The other players are unidentified.

Nugent was inducted into the halls of fame at Florida State and New York's Ithaca College, where he won 10 letters in baseball, basketball, football and track.



Road teams are live in the championship games

Unpredictable year, unpredictable playoffs.

So it's probably not a surprise that two wild-card teams, Pittsburgh and Carolina, are trying to become only the second and third teams ever to win three games on the road and get to the Super Bowl.



PRO PICKS
Dave Goldberg

They are live underdogs. The Broncos are favored by 3 over the Steelers in Denver, and the Seahawks are 3.5 point favorites at home over the Panthers.

That means the oddsmakers consider both games just about even. Those spreads are simply the edge given to the home teams, who in this case are both 9-0 in their own stadiums.

AFC

Pittsburgh (plus 3) at Denver: The Steelers seem to be a much more relaxed bunch on the road than at home, where they are 1-4 in AFC championship games under Bill Cowher.

Last week in Indianapolis, they came out throwing, very



Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander, right, runs after a handoff from quarterback Matt Hasselbeck during practice Wednesday in Kirkland, Wash. Seahawks coach Mike Heimgren removed all doubt Wednesday: NFL MVP Alexander will play in Sunday's conference championship game against Carolina. The league rushing champion sustained a concussion last Saturday in the first quarter of Seattle's playoff win over Washington.

much against their offensive tendency, which is to run first, then pass.

That helped them jump off to 14-0 and 21-3 leads while their blitzing defense kept Peyton Manning off-balance.

The Broncos prefer to run. If they can get out early, the Steelers aren't built for coming from behind.

In any event, this will be a

tight game. Pittsburgh has that road momentum, but the Broncos got rid of the team everyone thought the most dangerous, New England.

Now they beat the team the Patriots beat in last year's title game. ... SEAHAWKS, 24-23.

NFC

Carolina (plus 3.5) at Seattle: There are a lot of similarities

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between the Panthers and Steelers, right up to their 8-2 record on the road: 6-2 in the regular season and two wins in the playoffs.

In those two postseason victories, Carolina has excelled at exploiting opponents' strengths, shutting out the offensively potent New York Giants and scoring 29 points against Chicago, which led the NFL in defense this season.

Injuries may play a role. Carolina's running back will be third-stringer Nick Golings, and DE Julius Peppers will play with a sore shoulder.

League MVP Shaun Alexander left Seattle's win over Washington last week with a concussion.

He'll start at running back, but he may play less than usual. Home-field advantage usually holds in these games, and QWest Field is a tough venue for visitors. ... SEAHAWKS, 24-23.

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A big **THANK YOU** to Costco for their generous donation of 200 lbs of dog and puppy food to the Twin Falls Animal Shelter to distribute to those in need of food for their dogs during the holiday season. Russ and Marilyn Lively for their devoted efforts of distribution and storage of dog food as it was handed out to the needy, and the Times-News for the donated advertisement.

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Section E

2006 NISSAN TITAN

Innovation, performance & value

RoadWorthy!
By Ken Choister, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

Texas big, American rugged, Japanese quality. Designed to be a true full-sized truck, the Nissan Titan debuted in the American marketplace in 2004. Built on the company's rugged F-Alpha truck platform, the half-ton Titan King Cab (extended) body style is available in XE, SE and LE trim levels and two- or four-wheel drive configurations with a standard six-foot six-inch cargo bed. Motion is generated 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 LE model features 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 gaskets help prevent the intrusion of water and dust, the lock uses the Titan ignition key for locking and unlocking. A spray-in bed liner with a utility-truck bed channel system, exterior cargo light and one exterior power outlet in the cargo bed are also standard on the LE.

Underway the big Titan truck is one smooth operator. Responsive and easy to maneuver despite its considerable heft, the Nissan pickup is easy to drive, coddling driver and passengers alike in opulence and considerable comfort.

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 shackles mounted along frame sides for maximum ground clearance.



The 2006 Nissan Titan - Opulence and considerable comfort

2006 Nissan Titan by the Numbers

WHEELBASE:
139.6" (overall length: 224.2"; width: 78.6"; height: 75.0") (2WD); 78.6" (4WD)

ENGINE:
Endurance 5.6L V8 - 305 hp at 4,900 rpm and 370 lbs-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm

TRANSMISSION:
Five-speed automatic with over-drive and tow/haul mode.

MPG FUEL ECONOMY:
24 city/19 hwy; (2WD); 24 city/18 hwy. (4WD)

PAYLOAD CAPACITY:
1,587 lbs.

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 as-

Price: The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2006 Nissan Titan King Cab pickup truck starts from \$23,250 for the XE 2WD model up to \$33,250 for the LE 4WD. Destination charges add \$705.

TOWING CAPACITY:
6,500 lbs.

SAFETY FEATURES:
Dual front airbags, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, conventional spare tire, tire pressure monitor, fuel tank side plate and pipe-style side-door guard beams. XE 4WD adds oil pan slide plate and front tow hooks. SE adds alarm system; engine immobilizer

and remote keyless entry. LE adds fog lamps, automatic hand-lamp control, garage door opener, rear parking sensors, power adjustable pedals and limited slip rear axle.

WARRANTY:
Basic: 3-year/36,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper. Powertrain: 5-year/50,000 mile. Corrosion: 5-year/unlimited.

Easy to read displays and easy to use switches and controls make the Titan interior one friendly place. One impressive innovation is what Nissan calls the Wide-Open door. The rear access doors feature a first-in-class design with a hefty, two-stage hinge with four axes of rotation. The door opens first to a conventional 85 degrees, then can be swung to nearly 180 degrees (168 degrees actually).

The result allows owners to load packages or cargo in crowded parking lots without having to maneuver between the traditional "trap" of partially opened front and rear doors. The front passenger seat also folds flat for added cargo carrying ability.

CHEATERS program?

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UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Bergholdt

A. The state agrees. Two years ago the CHP launched its CHEATERS program to target just such scofflaws. More than 300 e-mails a day began arriving, netting California about \$1 million when these folks finally register their cars. But there are so many cheaters that a backlog covers several months.

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Shipping/Receiving Longview Paper and Packaging Inc. has an opening for Shipping/Receiving. The person must possess strong math, computer and customer service skills. Applicants must apply in person at 349 South Park Ave. W. Twin Falls. Applications will be accepted through January 24, 2006 9am-5pm. EOE M/F/V/D

HYAC
Foreman, Service Tech, & Apprentice needed in Sun Valley. Kelchum Area, Pay DOE, benefits, Thornton Heating, 208-728-6820.

MECHANIC
Needed to perform oil changes, tire repair, brake repair & minor mechanical duties on heavy duty trucks. Experience required. Wage DOE, occasional evenings and weekends. Must provide some tools. Health Ins., 401k, paid vacation after 90 days. Fax resume to Idaho Mill Transport Bury, ID 208-678-5001 Attn: Safety Director

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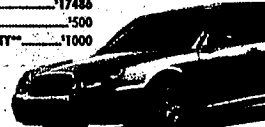



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Duties include fabrication and repair of machinery. Skills preferred are mechanical and computer. Must have own tools.
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Duties include operation of planters, cultivators and harvest machinery. Skills preferred are mechanical and machinery maintenance.
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ConAgra Foods SPECIALTY POTATO PRODUCTS
ConAgra Foods, Inc. has openings at its Twin Falls, Idaho Processing Plant for processing maintenance mechanics. Duties include plant-wide maintenance on processing equipment, installation of equipment and fabrication of support equipment. Qualified candidates will possess a minimum of one year experience in maintenance or three years in food processing equipment operation. A working knowledge of mild and stainless steel welding, plumbing, hydraulics and basic electricity (single-phase and three-phase) is also required. Demonstrated maintenance and trouble shooting skills are highly preferred. Must be able to work graveyard, swing or day shift. Upon completion of 60-shift probationary period, employees are eligible for a full range of benefits including medical, dental, vision, life and 401k savings plan. Applications will be accepted Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 858 Russell St., Twin Falls, Idaho. NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE. EOE M/F/H

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Currently taking applications for the Mini-Cassala area. Carriers Wanted!!! Adult and Junior routes.

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RT. 161: Paul South Idaho Press West of Main Street

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RT. 228: Burley South Idaho Press McBride Circle to Almo Ave. & East 27th to Diana Dr.

RT. 231: Burley South Idaho Press Burton to Fairmont & Teton Dr. to Pratt Place

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RT. 406: Burley Times-News West 16th to Overland & West 10th to West 21st

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

AMBER ACTS BUMS DIRGE BOAT ASIA UNION ENDORSERS LEASED RAHRAH TON GASTLAMP

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME... ROHON VATE SPUMWY CUSILE

Print answer here: O O O O O

(Answers tomorrow) Yesterday's Jumbles: BATCH MANLY BUNNET PERSON

Answer: Acres of being turned the farm hands into this — "ACHERS"

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Classified Department... Representatives are available from 8:00 am-5:30 pm...

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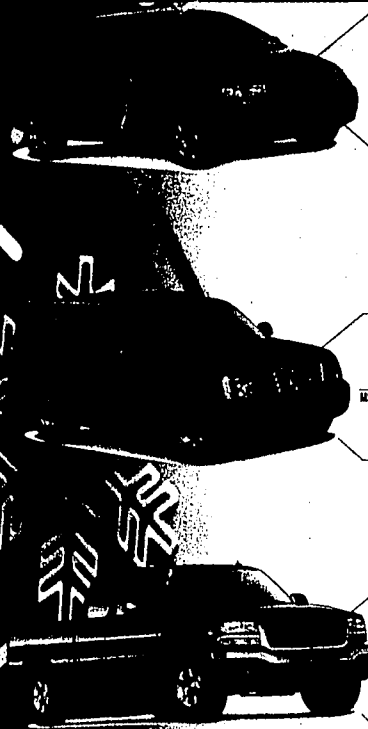


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