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Gay marriage amendment returns

Proposal advances past House committee in 13-4 vote

By Anne Wallace Allen
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Tony Edmondson is a private person who sticks close to home. He never expected to stand up and describe his personal life to dozens of strangers.

But Edmondson traveled to the Idaho Statehouse from his home in Weiser on Thursday to speak out against 111002, a proposed constitu-

tutional amendment that would ban gay marriage in Idaho. He warned members of the House State Affairs Committee to know what kind of people their vote would effect.

"I'm not a TV character or a pedophile," said Edmondson, a medical office manager who has been with his male partner — a Vietnam War combat veteran — for 35 years. "I am, in fact, more like you," he

said. "Frankly, I'd rather visit with you about our collection of old cars or simply complain about our property taxes. Instead, I'm compelled to focus on matters of character."

The committee heard testimony from 39 people before voting 13-4 in favor of the proposal. The measure must win approval from two-thirds of the full House and Senate before it can go before voters on the

ballot next fall. It's the third try for the amendment. Last year it was defeated by the Senate and in 2004, it failed to make it out of committee.

Most of those who testified Thursday said they opposed the amendment, which would "provide that a marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state."

But there were also plenty of people



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PLAYING AT THE PITS



James Gamino, 11, sails off a jump while sledding at the gravel pits at the north end of Carey last week. The site has been a favorite winter playground for Carey kids for years.

Snow turns gravel into sledding attraction

CAREY — On a Saturdays and snow days, you'll find the kids of Carey in the gravel pits on the north end of town.

It's a winter playground particularly popular after a storm leaves a fresh, white layer on the pits' steep walls and broad floor. As it has been for a couple of generations.

"The kids are always hoping for a snow day," said Carey native Hecky Stanford, 42, who sledded there as a youngster — in the days of gravel piles instead of pits — then watched her children do the same.



WEST WIND
Virginia S. Hutchins

"There's not a whole lot to do in winter in Carey, Idaho," Stanford said. "The kids go home, they do their chores and they go sledding."

Didn't sound disagreeable to me. So, just days after new snow, I spent a schoolday afternoon with the six Gamino siblings and their mother, Jill Gamino.



Jill Gamino of Carey prepares hot chocolate for her children while Parker, 6, center, waits eagerly and James, 11, holds his 17-month-old sister, Tanisha. Hot chocolate is a family tradition after sledding trips.

At 3:11 p.m., three boys — Parker, 6, James, 11, Antonio, 13 — appeared in speedy succession at the Gaminos' Carey home, where Jill and I waited with 10-year-old Ian and his littlest sibling, Tanisha, 17 months. It's a quick walk from school. Then came the big sister, Carey cheerleader Jasmine, 15.

Jill urged the boys into their snow clothes, admired homework, offered bananas for a snack. Parker displayed his treasures to visitors and baby sister alike, and boasted perfect knowledge of his phonics flashcards. Antonio volunteered the cash that Jasmine would need for

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Latest drug smuggling trick: Puppy mules

Colombian traffickers stitching heroin into the bellies of dogs

By Joshua Goodman
Associated Press writer

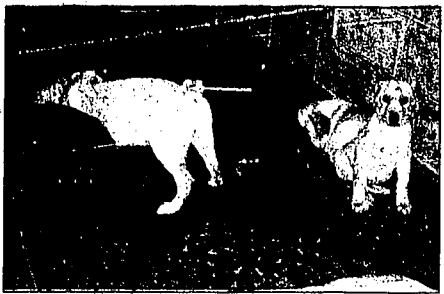
BOGOTA, Colombia — Meet Hermina, the latest — and surely sturdiest — crusader in the U.S.-backed war on drugs.

The purebredrottweiler was one of six fluffy black and beige puppies found in a raid on a clandestine veterinary clinic in Colombia, each with about a pound of heroin implanted inside their bellies.

Investigators believe a Colombian-based heroin trafficking ring used the dogs, as well as human couriers who swallowed the drugs, to conceal millions of dollars of heroin on commercial flights into New York for distribution on the U.S. East Coast.

The canines, with bags of liquid heroin surgically sewn in their abdomens, were shipped to drug traffickers posing as dog trainers wanting Labrador and rottweiler purebreds for dog shows, Colombia's national police said.

Details of Hermina's saga were revealed



Six of 10 puppies who were used by Colombian drug traffickers as canine drug mules are shown in the back of a pick-up truck in Colombia.

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Officials keeping close eye on snow

Rising water levels are increasing the risk of flooding

By Renee Walls
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Idaho's snowpack and water levels continue to rise, but officials have yet to say "rain, rain, go away."

Records are showing some of the highest water and snow levels since a drought began six years ago, and weather forecasts for the month of February are promising a wetter than usual month.

Because the long-term forecast is uncertain, officials are still being cautious.

Idaho's dam sites are being monitored closely to see just how much water is in each reservoir, says Bureau of Reclamation Hydrologist Mike Beus.

"We are continuing to have well above average precipitation for this time of year," Beus said earlier this week. "We are on the verge of needing to make some changes in river flows, but we're not there yet."

Beus said what happens during the next two weeks is going to determine whether officials need to begin dumping water.

“
We're even seeing groundwater recovery beginning.”
”
— Mike Beus, hydrologist

"We are already looking at the 'what if's' to keep us safe from flooding," Beus said. "Safe is probably not the word you want to use with flooding because nothing about flooding is safe — more like keeping us aware."

Despite the wet weather, Beus said Idaho is still not out of the drought.

"It's going to take longer to satisfy groundwater issues than those on the surface," he said. "One very wet year cannot recover us from all the drought."

Beus said weather trends have been better, creating soil moisture, snowpack and reservoir levels that are good.

"We're even seeing groundwater recovery beginning," he said. "We're watching all this very closely and, with each precip event, wishing the crystal ball were a little shinier."

Snowpack levels this spring are good news for state water officials, who said they have not seen this much water for years.

"It's been a long time since I've seen one of these (traps) with so much green and blue on it," said Ron Abramovich, water supply specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

A recent report from the service on the state's river basins showed mountain snowpaks across Idaho ranging from 105 percent to 169 percent of normal.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and mostly dry. High: 40s.
Tonight: Increasing clouds and a little breeze. Lows upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Developing rain showers. Highs low to middle 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly dry and partly cloudy. Highs, 40s.
Tonight: Fresh winds and patchy clouds. Developing late snow. Lows, 30s to 40s.
Tomorrow: Still likely to snow with a light chance of a rain shower at low. Highs, middle 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
The chance for snow will substitute today with areas of patchy but expected snow. A snowfall of 1-2 inches is expected Saturday. Now accumulations are likely. Snow will decrease on Sunday.
BOISE
Mainly dry with a mix of clouds and sun. Overcast today. Rain on Saturday. Rain showers decreasing on Sunday.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and annual averages.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Feb 5, Feb 12, Feb 19, Feb 26.

Yesterday's Weather

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

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Table with 2 columns: City, Pressure. Shows barometric readings for various cities.

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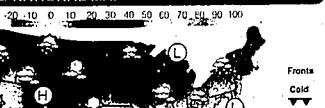
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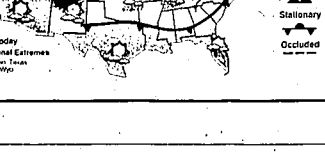
GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
'You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.'

CANADIAN FORECAST

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supper at the basketball game that night to save his moon... Wolves were reported to have killed eight of 25 elk that died...



Parker Gamino, 6, gets a hand from his mother, Jill, after taking a spill on the last run of the dog.

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Nez Perce Tribe opposes plan to kill Idaho wolves

BOISE (AP) — An Indian tribe that's helped with a gray wolf recovery effort since their reintroduction to Idaho in 1985 says the state is moving too quickly with a plan to kill dozens of wolves to help restore elk herds on the border with Montana.

Carey

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The bundling seemed all flurry, flutter and after-school confusion, but somehow the work of mere minutes.

should launch you pretty good," Ian said, pointing to the intended location. "We'll see what we can do off that."

Marriage

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While opponents say the measure is vitally important to Idaho's future, it's taken on a momentum.

Puppies

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This week, more than a year after the January 2005 raid, when Drug Enforcement Administration agents in New York announced that her former handlers were among 22 people nabbed in Colombia.

Back at the house, Parker counted mini-marshmallows into each cup, stretching the allotted 10 to 13, Tanshia, in James' arms, sucked a bottle of cold chocolate, Ian and Antonio leaned together, elbows on the kitchen counter, sharing the chocolate with a certain brotherly seriousness.

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Ohio representative named the new House GOP leader

Boehner pledges reforms amid lobbying scandal



Boehner

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. John Boehner of Ohio won election Thursday as House majority leader, promising a steady hand and a helping of reform for Republicans stung by election-year scandal.

Boehner, who replaces indicted Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas, said the GOP "must act swiftly to restore the trust between Congress and the American people."

He defeated Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri on a vote of 122-109 by House Republicans after trailing his rival on an inconclusive first round.

"Life goes on," shrugged Blunt, who has long had close ties to DeLay and had been the acknowledged front-runner in a race to replace him. Blunt retains his post as GOP whip, third-ranking in the leadership behind Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois and Boehner.

"People were ready for more reform than he (Blunt) was offering," said Rep. Jeff Flake of Arizona, who supported a third contender, John Shadegg of Arizona, on the first ballot.

Flake added that Rep. Bill Thomas of California, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, told fellow Republicans before the vote that Boehner was "a bridge to the old Revolution days," when the GOP stood for political change.

Rep. David Hobson of Ohio, who backed Boehner, said the new leader will be "good on TV, good on policy. Democrats fear and respect him because they know he's tough but he is also fair."

Boehner and DeLay have clashed repeatedly over the years, but the election had scarcely ended when Democrats launched an effort to depict the winner as a combination of the status quo.

"As the Who famously said, 'Meet the new boss, same as the

government in our lives."

President Bush called Boehner with congratulations from Air Force One on a flight from Minnesota to New Mexico. He also called Blunt.

Boehner's triumph capped an improbable comeback for the 56-year-old conservative, who has a golfer's tan and often has a cigarette in hand.

In 15 years in Congress, he has been a reformer, a member of the leadership, the loser in a fierce round of infighting, a committee chairman.

Now, with DeLay under indictment on campaign finance charges in Texas, lobbyist Abrahamoff pledged to cooperate with a congressional corruption probe, and polls showing dwindling support for Republicans, he offered himself as a reformer with experience.

Blunt, tapped as a temporary stand-in for DeLay last fall, had claimed for more than a week that he had the votes to win the job permanently. But his list had declined as Republicans reached for an alternative to the status quo.

At the same time, Boehner has long played a significant role in helping other Republicans with their campaigns.

His political action committee, The Freedom Project, distributed nearly \$3 million to Republican candidates over the past 11 years, according to Political Moneyline, an Internet site that tracks political fundraising and lobbying. And as a member of the leadership several years ago, he cultivated ties with lobbyists as he tried to line up support for the GOP agenda.

Beyond that, he said Republicans "must take the necessary steps to get the federal budget under control — to cut wasteful spending, reform our entitlement programs and craft a budget discipline that encourages fiscal prudence."

"And we must recommit our selves to redressing the influence

White House will request more for wars

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration said Thursday it will ask Congress for \$120 billion more for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and \$18 billion more for hurricane relief this year.

The White House acknowledges the upcoming requests would cause total spending on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001, to soar well past the \$400 billion mark, while spending for hurricane relief would top \$100 billion.

Details of the requests are not final, but the 2007 budget proposal that President Bush is to submit next week will reflect the totals for planning purposes. The president also will ask Congress to devote another \$2.3 billion to prepare for a bird flu epidemic, congressional aides said.

About \$70 billion of the new war money will be requested for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan this year, bringing total spending on the two campaigns to \$120 billion for the

current budget year. The other \$50 billion in new war money will be set aside in the 2007 budget for the first few months of the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. More money will likely be needed in 2007.

The bulk of the funding will go toward military operations, officials said, but the money will also replace damaged, destroyed or worn out equipment. Another part of the request would provide aid to train Iraq security forces and otherwise combat the insurgency in Iraq.

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YOUR WEEKEND



Tales of the trail

- **What:** The 22nd annual National Cowboy Poetry Gathering wraps up in Elko, Nev.
- **Where:** Western Folklife Center, 501 Hall St., Elko Convention Center, 700 Mason Way, and Great Basin College, 1500 College Parkway.
- **When:** Today and Saturday. Today's highlights include a concert by Riders in the Sky at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. PST at the convention center (\$25 and \$30); What! What's Hot Jazz Caravan playing western tunes at the convention center at 10 p.m. PST (\$20), and a dinner-theater performance of "Charlie Ross's bars" at 5 p.m. PST at Great Basin College (\$50). Saturday's highlights include a "tough family show" featuring cowboy music and poetry at 3:30 p.m. PST at the convention center (\$25) and a closing concert at 8:30 p.m. PST at the convention center (\$25 and \$30).
- **How much:** Single-day passes are \$10 for adults; children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets are available by phoning (775) 739-7500 or online at <http://www.westernfolklife.org> (tickets to the evening shows are extra).



Mountain music

- **What:** Strings Attached will play bluegrass in Twin Falls.
- **Where:** Tonight at Buddy's. A Oak's Paradise (1417 Main Ave. W.) and Saturday at the Trail Club Pub (516 Hansen St. S.).
- **When:** Today from 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m.
- **How much:** There's no cover charge for either concert.

Footloose

- **What:** Boise County's Lamphigh Dance Company will present "New Kid on the Block (musical)," a contemporary version of the Stavisky ballet.
- **Where:** Community Campus Theater, 1012 Main St.
- **When:** Saturday, 9 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$5, are available at the door.

Cracking wise

- **What:** Utah comedian Bengt Wassilman will perform in a comedy show.
- **Where:** Schubert Theater, 102 Main St.
- **When:** Saturday, 9 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$5, are available at the door.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	131%	81%
Big Wood	147%	95%
Little Wood	149%	88%
Big Lost	136%	67%
Little Lost	113%	67%
Henry Fork/Teton	135%	65%
Upper Snake Basin	122%	67%
Oakley	169%	110%
Salmon Falls	152%	96%

As of Feb. 2.

• **A comparison of basin snowpacks.**
 • **"An indicator of a 30-year average."**
 • **"The day of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring."**

Local Marine eating well and resting

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Now out of intensive care and on a regular floor, Marine Cpl. Travis Greene continued to improve Thursday.

"He's eating well and resting," said his father, Terry Greene, in a phone interview from the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. "We can tell he's looking forward to getting better."

Greene, 21, a 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate and a star on the Broad 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

Keeping in touch
 As Marine Cpl. Travis Greene recovers at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., friends and strangers alike have written touching messages of support in his guest-book on the family's CaringBridge Web site. Greene's parents also provide daily updates on their son's condition. To read more, or to leave a message, go to the Web site at <http://www.caringbridge.org> and click "visit." In the first box, type "travisgreene" and click again on "visit."



corpsman were injured. They transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in nearby Washington, D.C., a couple of weeks ago. Walter Reed, located about 10 miles from Bethesda, is physical therapy central for injured troops. Once Greene is

well enough, he'll join the others at Walter Reed to begin intensive physical therapy and to learn to walk again on prostheses.

"Last night, Bullene and Prag came over to see him," Terry Greene said. "They took a taxi

which they indicated was a very exciting ride."

Greene's fellow Marine Neil "Prag" Frustraglio and Navy Corpsman Tony Bullene each lost both their legs in the Dec. 7 attack.

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.

Greene's hometown will be able to donate blood in honor of Greene at a three-day American Red Cross Blood drive Monday through Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Donors will be able to sign a poster that will be sent to Greene at the National Naval Medical Center.

Blood drive
 An American Red Cross blood drive will be held next week inside the fellowship hall at the east end of First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. For an appointment, call Shari Warren at 734-4566. Here are the days and times:
 • **Monday:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 • **Tuesday:** Noon to 6 p.m.
 • **Wednesday:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. Donors are required to bring photo identification or their Red Cross donor card.
 A poster will be available to sign that will be sent to Greene at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

PULL!



Dick Randklev of Burley shoots a round of sporting clays at the Burley Trap Club.

CHIP THOMPSON/Sun Staff Photo

Mini-Cassia gun club sees a surge in membership

By Chip Thompson
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Trapshooting is one of the fastest-growing family activities in the nation, and Mini-Cassia is no exception.

Membership at the Burley Trap Club, about seven miles west of town on Highway 30 near the Alther boat launch, has doubled in the last year to around 90, and most are active members, says club Vice President Ken Schmidt.

"Add to this a steady stream of newcomers who regularly attend shoots at the club, and it's clear that trapshooting is hot in Mini-Cassia."

Part of the growth in popularity is increased interest from women and youth.

"Especially teenage girls," Schmidt said. "They really seem to like it."

"The club runs a 4-11 program every other Wednesday during the summer that includes use of the facility and expert instruction under the direction of Karle Randklev.

Along with clubs in Twin Falls, Jerome and Wood River Valley, the Burley club holds league competitions as part of the Snake River Trapshooting Association. A 10-week series began Sunday in preparation for a tournament April 21 through 23 in Twin Falls. Those interested can start anytime, and anyone who shows qualities to take part in the April event.

Schmidt said newcomers should not be intimidated by more experienced shooters. In fact, most club members are eager to help beginners and the first round for newcomers is free.

"We'll work with them, stand right beside them," he said.

Dennis Olson, a member of the club's board of directors, said the friendly nature of trap shooting sets it apart from other sports.

"Whether they're a beginner or an old-timer, they all started sometime," Olson said. "It's the one sport where you don't see any cut-throating."

The basics of trapshooting

A trap range has five stations arranged in a crescent, one station for each member of a five-person squad. In a round, shooters take five shots from each station before rotating to the next.

Depending on handicap, each shooter stands between 16 and 27 yards behind the trap house, from which the clay targets are thrown. All shooters in a squad must be within two yards of each other.

The machine that throws the targets, called a trap, oscillates continuously. While all targets are thrown away from the shooters, they travel left or right at varying angles due to the oscillation and there is no way to predict which direction a target will fly.

Targets leave the trap house at about 42 miles per hour and a "break" means there has to be a visible piece of the target broken off.

As shooter's score is the number

of targets, out of 25, he breaks.

Sporting clays course draws hunters

One reason for the rapid growth of the Burley Trap Club is an eight-station sporting clays course designed and built in the last three years by club President Bill Blair and board member Jim Bright.

Often called "golf with a shotgun," sporting clays involve a series of stations that simulate hunting situations. Rabbit clays skip and roll along the ground, duck targets fly low and fast, double clays fly in opposite directions - all meant to challenge the hunter's eye. A 10-foot tower, built and donated by Shockey Sheetmetal, will be added to the course soon, Schmidt said. The station will mimic a duck, passing overhead from behind.

The sporting clays course started with three hand-thrown teaps and has expanded, through donations and volunteer labor, to include three electric traps.

At-risk kids have a place of refuge

By Bob Kirkpatrick
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A group home for at-risk kids in the Magic Valley has received \$125,000 of additional funding to help offset the cost of providing a safe haven for abused and neglected children.

Safe House is a nonprofit organization that houses children 5 to 17 years old.

The majority of kids at Safe House are placed through Child Protective Services because they are either physically or sexually abused by parents, caretakers or siblings, according to program Director Val Stotts.

Also, kids can be placed at Safe House because of behavioral problems that may have been caused by substance abuse or mental health issues. The average stay at Safe House is three to six months.

Numbers to call if kids need help

Val Stotts, program director, Safe House, 735-8087
 Kathy James, program manager, Family and Child Services, 736-3020

"Removing a child from a volatile situation at home cannot be done on the basis that someone close to the family said they knew kids are being abused," Stotts said. "There has to be evidence of wrongdoing. We get calls from teachers at school who suspect abuse, but we tell them that there must be documentation on file to help establish a history or pattern of abuse."

A pattern of abuse is established, that's when CPS gets involved, Stotts said.

CPS has a contract with Safe House for residential care to house at-risk kids that have nowhere else to go.

Most of the kids are between the ages of 12 and 17.

"When kids come to Safe House, we work with them to stabilize their environment, which often means some sort of discipline," Stotts said. "They must abide by Safe House rules, which include going to school every day and washing their own clothes."

Stotts said it is all part of the preparation for possible placement in foster homes, enabling them to fit in with other families.

If children exhibit bad behavior during their time at Safe House, they use privileges such as watching television or video games, Stotts said.

Kids are also rewarded for good behavior, which can mean having their own separate sleeping quarters, she said.

She said the normal operating budget for Safe House is \$200,000 per year, which pays for operating expenses including staff salaries, insurance and utilities. The office building and the Safe House group home buildings where the children are housed are donated by Twin Falls County. The county also

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Ski legend Otto Lang dies at 98

He first America's first ski school in 1935

By Karen Bossie
For The Times-News

SUN VALLEY — Former Sun Valley Ski School Director Otto Lang died early Monday, a little more than a week after he celebrated his 98th birthday.

Langtime friend Susan Moeft of Seattle said Lang had a heart attack in his sleep at his Seattle home and never woke up.

"He was doing fine to the very end — able to go to lunch and give an interview to my husband, Dave, right up to the very end," Moeft said.

Lang was a good friend of Sun Valley Resort owners Carol and Earl Holding. In fact, Carol mentioned Sunday afternoon during a community-wide tribute to the Holdings that Lang had called and expressed regrets that he couldn't make it to Sun Valley for the celebration.

He was, however, present when Carol

Holding threw a party celebrating the opening of the Dollar Mountain Lodge in December 2004.

The Bosnian-born Lang opened America's first ski school in 1935 at Mt. Rainier.

He visited Sun Valley in 1937 at the invitation of Nelson Rockefeller and was asked to join Sun Valley's ski school in 1939. He happily accepted, becoming instructor to such celebrities as Groucho Marx, Gary Cooper and Gerald Ford.

And, in 1941, he became the ski school's director when Friedl Pfeifer was arrested on suspicion of being a spy for the Germans, a charge that was later dropped.

It was one of his students, Twentieth Century-Fox studio head Darryl Zanuck, who started him on a Hollywood career that resulted in four Academy Award nominations.

He directed the sking sequences in the ski film classic "Sun Valley Serenade." And he made several ski movies,



Otto Lang shows off his circa-1940 skiing style. The former director of the Sun Valley Ski School died Monday. He was 98.

OBITUARIES

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Gordon J. Helmer (Mick)

TWIN FALLS — Gordon J. Helmer (Mick), age 65, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise of a sudden illness.

Gordon (Mick) was born June 11, 1940, in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Katy Helmer and one brother, Dave (Sonny) Helmer.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Linda Helmer, his two daughters, Sissy (Kevin) and the grandchildren, Kristopher, Brittany, Steven, Shawn and Stephanie; also three sisters, one brother and many nieces and nephews.

Gordon's whole life re-



Involved around his wife, children and grandchildren, who he adored more than anything. Gordon drove truck for

45 years and was well-known and loved by many. He was known to all as Mick. He loved to spend his free time camping, hunting and four-wheeling with his family.

Gordon was always excited about having his big barbecues with his family and friends and was always willing to lend a helping hand or give sound advice. He will be greatly missed by all.

No services will be held, but friends and family are invited to visit at an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 4, 2006, at the home of Kevin and Sissy Bond, 3419 N. 3300 E., Kimberly, Idaho. Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park.

Kendra Sue Cordier

KIMBERLY — Kendra Sue Cordier, 24, passed away suddenly Monday, Jan. 30, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center surrounded by her family and friends.

Kendra was born July 18, 1984, to Kenneth and Robyn Cordier. From day one, Kendra had a one-of-a-kind personality. She was born with strawberry-blond hair and big, beautiful eyes. Her fun loving, quick-witted, mischievous and occasional stubborn personality was just one of the many reasons we loved her so much. Kendra had a very contagious smile and could always make us laugh. Kendra graduated from Kimberly High School in 2002. After graduation, she moved to Texas with her close friend Dayci. She came home during Hurricane Rita and was currently working at Mountain View Care Center, Kimberly as a CNA. She treasured her time taking care of the residents as much as they enjoyed her. She had planned on continuing her education in the medical field.

Kendra leaves behind her parents, Kenneth Cordier and Robyn and Corey Robbins;



two brothers (that she adored), Jed and Daniel (all from Twin Falls); great-grandparents, Phil Rynearson (Wendell), Ira and Zella Robbins and Darrell and Charlene (both fall from Bull); grandparents, Jim and Darlene Pratt (Hansen), Paul and Karen Bach (Kimberly) and Bill and JoLene Robbins (Bull); uncles, Dan Pratt (Spokane, Wash.), and Travis (Andres), Robbin (Bull); aunts, Tawni (Kip) Wooten (Kimberly), Susan Cordier (Meridian) and Cyndi (Rex) Bradshaw (Fairfield); cousins,

Rochelle Pratt (Spokane, Wash.), Dustin (Megan), Hayli and Brayden Wooten (Twin Falls), Mandi (T.D.) Wooten (Twin Falls), Brynli Wooten (Kimberly), Jesh and Zach Moran (Meridian), Riley Bradshaw (Fairfield) and Chloe and Bailey Robbins (Bull); and many close friends who will miss her very much.

Kendra will be greeted in Heaven by great-grandmas, Esther Rynearson and Alice Morrison; grandpa, Roy Cordier; grandmothers, Danny Cordier, Timmy Cordier and Troy Davis.

You came into our lives for a little while. You left footprints on our hearts and we will never ever be the same. We Love You...Forever and Always! The family would also like to express deep appreciation to the doctors and nurses in the ICU for their efforts and loving compassion.

A celebration of Kendra's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park.

The family requests memorial contributions to be sent to Wells Fargo, Kimberly Branch, in Kendra's name.

Farnum F. Warr

MURTAUGH — Farnum F. Warr, age 92, of Murtaugh, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 30, 1913, in Oakley, Idaho, the son of Ed and Edith Matthews. Warr, On Nov. 28, 1945, he married Irene Neumann at Twin Falls.

In 1936, he moved to Murtaugh and his farm; for some time he was hired by a farm of his own since then. Farnum was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church for 60 years, 4-H Club for 36 years, PTA Board Member for 32 years, PTA Board Member for 15 years and Cassia County Planning and Zoning Board Member for five years when it just began.

Farnum enjoyed fishing, hunting, the out-of-doors, traveling and playing pinocchio with family and friends.

In addition to his wife of 61 years, Irene Warr of Murtaugh, he is survived by his children and their spouses, Edward (Ann) Warr of Fallbrook, Calif., Kenneth (Cherie) Warr and Carol (Wendell) Robinson, both of Murtaugh, and Paul (Charlene) Warr of Dexter,



Mick; and one brother, Mat Warr (Phyllis) of Burley, Idaho. He is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and five brothers.

A celebration of Farnum's life will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Fler Ave. E., Twin Falls, with Pastor Lawrence Voddler officiating. Family will greet friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday evening, Feb. 3, 2006, at White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park. Burial will follow the service at Sunset Memorial Park.

Should friends desire, contributions may be given to Cassia County 4-H Camp Scholarship Fund or Lutheran Home Radio Broadcast c/o Immanuel Lutheran Church. Contributions may be mailed to White Mortuary, B.O. Box 845, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or given to mortuary staff the day of the service for forwarding.

Dess R. Johnson

JEROME — Dess R. Johnson, 83, suddenly went to be with his Lord, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006.

Dess was born Jan. 18, 1923, at Osage, Okla., son of John and Orpha Johnson. He was the fourth of seven children. Dess attended the Opossum Trot School at Osage and helped his dad with their sawmill.

In 1951, Dess met Bernice Reece at Compton, Ark., at a local dance and where she was teaching school. They were married shortly thereafter on April 19, 1951. Dess, and Bernice moved to California for a short period of time and then came to Idaho in 1952, where he worked at various jobs until he was hired by Paul Hurdless (Magic Valley Wood Products), where he learned construction and became the crew foreman. Dess later went into a construction partnership with Joe Arellano. They worked together for many years before Dess started his own construction business (D&B Construction). He has built many homes in Magic Valley and surrounding areas. As his business grew he



got into excavating, along with farming in his spare time. While he was in business he taught not only his sons the way of construction, but also many other young men. Dess was a member of the Assembly of God Church (Life Church). He was actively involved in the construction of the new church in Jerome where he attended until his death.

Dess is survived by his wife, Bernice; two sons, Danny (Ruth) and Jacky; two daugh-

ters, Dene (Steve) Bartlett and Sherry (Alan) Hackworth, all of Jerome. Dess had two brothers, Carl (Edna) and Ed (Darlene) and four sisters, Cleo Bartlett, Ruby Black, Arden Fultz, all of Jerome, and Elsie Underdown of Berryville, Ark. He also had a good number of nieces and nephews, who will continue to remember their Uncle Dess. After 54 years of marriage, Dess and Bernice have 20 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren (who were the apple of his eyes). He was loved by his family and will be greatly missed by all of us.

Dess was preceded in death by his parents, John and Orpha Johnson; his brother, Carl; and one granddaughter, Christine Bartlett.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at Life Church, 25-A E. 100 S., Jerome, Idaho. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday evening at the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel. All services will be arranged by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome, Idaho.

OBITUARY

Eldon V. Lancaster



especially with his sons and father-in-law and took great pride in his truck. He loved teasing his kids and grandkids and was greeted anxiously by Precious his dog.

He is survived by his wife, Renee; sons, Scott (Maree) Lancaster and Jeff (Tolly) Lancaster, Challis, Idaho; daughters,

Wendee (Thad) Budden, Twin Falls, Idaho, Kimberly (Tom) Rhodes, Norris, Mont., Brandi Lancaster and Christi (Aaron) Hill, Kimberly, Idaho; 24 grand-children and four great-grandchildren; sisters, Dixie Ford, Jerome, and Laris McCollum, Twin Falls; brothers, Fred Starr, Jerome, and Duane Legg, Gibbs, Nev.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at the Jerome LDS Stake Center, 26 N. 100 E., Jerome, with Bishop David Davis officiating. A visitation will begin at 1 p.m. prior to the service. Interment to follow in the Wendell Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83330.

The family would like to express appreciation to the authorities in Wyoming and Colorado.

-SERVICES-

Judy Mae Carty of Hollister, service of remembrance at 2 p.m. today at the Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

William Kenneth "Ken" Tucker of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Royford "Doc" Clarence Becker of Gooding, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Louls L. "Duck" Speak of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St., family will greet friends one hour before the service.

Geraldine L. Graf of Nampa and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; viewing at the crematory (Nampa Funeral Home, Yreka) January 31.

David Don Ives of Harpster, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Camas County High School gymnasium (Blackmer Funeral Home in Grangeville).

Mary Ellen Rosenbaum of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kimberly Christian Church, 307 Madison St. E.

James Thomas Dealy of Jackpot, Nev., celebration of life beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday at Barton's Club 93 in Jackpot (Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Kenneth Wayne Russell of Jerome, graveside service at 11 a.m. Feb. 11, 2006, at the Jerome Cemetery, followed by a get-together at the Jerome Rebekah Lodge, 104 E. B St. (Hove-Robertson Funeral Home).

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Property tax hearings due to continue on Monday

BOISE — And then there were 11. That's the number of property tax bills left to be discussed during public hearings before the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, which meets again Monday starting at 9 a.m. in the Statehouse.

Originally, the hearings had been expected to last through Wednesday this week, at the Boise City Hall chambers. But with more than 30 bills, and dozens of members of the public eager to testify, the hearings have outlasted expectations. Property tax reform has

Legislature In brief

emerged as a top issue of the 2006 Legislature, with business and agriculture groups arguing it's a city or county concern, even as some homeowners complain the state should intervene because their share of the property tax burden is unfair. Homeowners now pay two-thirds of the \$1.1 billion bill, compared with 40 percent a quarter-century ago.

Once hearings are complete, lawmakers will immediately begin debating the merits of

each bill, said Rep. Dolores Crow, R-Nampa, Revenue and Taxation Committee chairwoman. There could be blood on the floor," she said Thursday afternoon.

Idaho wolves target of initiative effort

BOISE — Ten Idaho legislators and avowed wolf opponents signed a proposed citizen's initiative to remove wolves from Idaho, which calls for wolves to be deleted from the federal Endangered Species Act, labeled along with skunks and weasels as "predatory wildlife" — and re-

moved any way possible. To get on the November 2006 ballot, the initiative's backers, including Stanley Wolf for Hon. Gillett, will have to gather more than 47,000 signatures in coming months.

There are now more than 600 wolves in the state, after 35 were introduced to the rugged central Idaho mountains in 1995.

Although Idaho has taken over day-to-day control of the animals, they're still considered threatened under the Endangered Species Act and enjoy federal protections. — compiled from wire reports

Boise Tower developer told to surrender title

BOISE (AP) — Fourth District Judge Kathryn Stiecken has ordered developer Rick Peterson to surrender the title to the downtown site of the long-stalled Boise Tower project.

The decision renews hope among city officials that a new developer might revive plans for Idaho's tallest building.

Boise's urban renewal agency, the Capital City Development Corporation, agreed to let Peterson develop the property in 1997. But Peterson ran into

financial problems when the foundation was only partially finished, halting the \$63 million high-rise project. Stiecken's ruling is "great news for Boise and especially for all the people of this city who have been forced to look at a failed project in the heart of downtown year after year," Boise Mayor Dave Bieter said.

OBITUARIES

Beverly Beatrice Bowles



nieces, Leann Jones of Denver, Colo., and Susan (Keith) Holmes of Boise, Idaho, and nephews, Mark (Christine) Bailley of San Diego and Jim (Sandy) Jones of Pocatello; along with four great-nieces and one great-nephew and a host of cousins and other friends.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at Park's Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at the Clover Lutheran Church, with Pastor Mark Christ officiating. Burial will follow at the Clover Cemetery.

The family requests those who wish, make memorial contributions to the Buhi Courthouse Rose Garden, the Clover Lutheran Church or the charity of one's choice.

people. Beverly was a friend to all and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Surviving are her brother, Larry (Linda) Bailey of Escondido, Calif.; sister, Meryllyn (Harold) Jones of Wendell;

BUIH — Beverly Beatrice Bowles, 63, of Buhi, went to be with Jesus on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, in Boise, Idaho.

She was born Aug. 3, 1942, in San Francisco, Calif., the daughter of Philip L. Bailey and Henrietta S. Linders. Beverly was baptized in the Lutheran Church. She moved to Clover, Idaho, at the age of 1 year old and at the age of 3 moved to Wendell. It was in Wendell that she attended school and graduated from the Wendell High School. She then went on to beauty school in Twin Falls.

Beverly worked for 22 years for the Department of Motor Vehicles, five years in the Twin Falls office, she then started the Buhi Office of Motor Vehicles where she worked in issuing drivers licenses and auto licenses until her retirement. She enjoyed crafts and meeting

William K. 'Bill' Wakewood



Alden Orgain of Santa Cruz, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents. The family would like to thank the Countryside Care & Rehab at the Minnikoda Home Hospital for their care of Bill.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at the Episcopal Church in Rupert, 902 Sixth St., with the Rev. Nick Moller officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Mini-Cassia Veterans. Viewing for friends and family will be from 9 to 11 p.m. Sunday at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Rupert; grandchildren, Annie Wakewood of Boise, A.L. Wakewood of Lemet, Calif., Nicole Orgain of Hahn, Japan, and

RUPERT — William K. "Bill" Wakewood, 85, of Rupert, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at Countryside Care and Rehab in Rupert.

Bill was born Aug. 28, 1920, in Rupert, Idaho, to John and Jane Wakewood. He has lived all his life in the Rupert and Paul area. He served in the Army Air Corps from March 7, 1941 to Nov. 6, 1945. He married Lucille Neierth in November of 1943.

He farmed in the Pioneer district and north of Paul. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and B.F.O.E. Rupert Community Club. He enjoyed golfing and lapidary crafts.

Bill is survived by his wife, Lucille Wakewood of Rupert; son, Kendall (Victoria) Wakewood of

Safe

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But the program also depends heavily on private donations from Twin Falls County residents and businesses that provide necessities for the kids such as clothes, beds, dishes, books and tables. People also donate their time to help maintain the buildings.

"We have a very generous community here," Stotts said. "We couldn't provide the needed resources without private donations."

The Safe House program began in 1997. It is a 24-hour facility with 12 attending staff members, including five full-time employees. Stotts said the kids at Safe House are kept under constant supervision.

Ski

Continued from A4 including "Ski Flight," which premiered at Radio City Music Hall in New York in 1938.

Following World War II, Lang became a full-time Hollywood director, directing such TV series as "The Man from U.N.C.L.E." as well as episodes of such shows as "Bat Master-

son," "The Rifleman," and "Sea Hunt."

He was a producer for such films as "Tora! Tora! Tora!" and "Call Northside 777" and assistant director on such films as "Viva Las Vegas," "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing," "Call Me Mister" and "The Ox-Bow Incident."

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DEATH NOTICES

Curtis 'Curt' Walters

TWIN FALLS — Curtis "Curt" Walters, 73, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006, at Alder Mortuary, Twin Falls.

There will be no services held at this time. Cremation will be under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Connie Mack Cummins

NIPAVILLE — Connie Mack Cummins, a former Jerome resident, died Jan. 29, 2006, at his home in Nipaville, Calif.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at Miller Jones Mortuary, Pocatello, with burial under direction of Howe Roberson Funeral Chapel, Jerome, Idaho, at 11

a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006. Viewing will be conducted from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday morning at Howe Roberson Funeral Chapel. Services are under the direction of the Howe Roberson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Landyn William Southworth

GOODING — Landyn William Southworth, infant son of BJ and Danielle Southworth of Gooding, died Jan. 29, 2006, in Jerome.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Idaho Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

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This is winter? Much of nation basked in warm January

NEW YORK (AP) — Let's put it this way: People played golf this winter in Maine. In shorts.

Buttercups have been blooming in Montana. In Ohio, an ice-free Lake Erie allowed an early start to seasonal ferry service. And the sap started running early in Vermont.

While January plunged much of Europe and Russia into the deep freeze, it appeared to be remarkably mild across the United States. Federal scientists haven't calculated yet whether it ranks as the warmest January on record nationwide, but "it's certainly going to be right up there," said Michael Halpert, a meteorologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center.

The balmy weather will soon end for much of the country, he said.

- Just how warm was January?
- Warmest on record in Oklahoma, South Dakota, Green Bay, Wis., Kansas City, Mo., Riverton, Wyo., and Eppley Airfield in Omaha, Neb. It barely missed tying the record for Iowa.
 - Second-warmest in Maine and in Milwaukee, Wis.



Chris Swarblek, left, and Fred Doyle try unsuccessfully to lift a melting ice cow before ice sculpture judging began at the Saint Paul Winter Carnival in St. Paul, Minn., last Friday.

- Third-warmest in Memphis, Tenn., and Detroit.
- Fourth-warmest in New York's Central Park (tied with January 1913), in Greensboro, N.C., and Louisville, Ky.
- Eighth-warmest in Denver, and the warmest since 1996.
- 10th warmest in Baltimore.
- Warmest since 1950 in Buffalo, N.Y., and Nashville, Tenn.
- 12th-warmest in New Mexico.

Minneapolis and St. Paul had the warmest January in 160 years. Ice sculptures at the St. Paul Winter Carnival melted and broke up nearly as quickly as they were carved, and several big ice-fishing contests in Minnesota were canceled or moved because of thin ice.

Temperatures in Bismarck, N.D., stayed above zero the entire month, a balmy signal not seen since 1875.

The unusual weather has been a problem for some businesses but good for others.

At Ski Beech in Beech Mountain, N.C., "our snowmakers have worked themselves silly," says Gil Adams, marketing and ski patrol director. "It's been a continuous battle to build things back after a thaw spell."

In southern Wisconsin, warm weather and rain meant cemetery workers using heavy equipment at grave sites had to put down plywood to avoid damaging the turf, not something they normally do in winter. "It's like spring here in the south-

ern part of the state," said Clyde Ruppner, secretary of the Wisconsin Cemetery Association.

In Vermont, mild weather made sap run early and let maple syrup producers go well ahead of schedule, especially in the southern part of the state. Sales rose about 40 percent at Toyota dealerships in Columbus, Ohio, as warm weather got people thinking about cars.

The Nonesuch River Golf Club in Scarborough, Maine, hosted 250 players on Jan. 21 and had to turn away 200 more. And Alan Rockhold, who owns Four Mile Car Wash in Des Moines, Iowa, said the warm spell in January has provided "one my best months in a long time."

For much of the nation, however, meteorologist Halpert says the warm weather is on its way out.

"Probably by next week we will be seeing much colder weather over the eastern half to two-thirds of the country," he said Wednesday. The West will probably remain warm on average, he said.

Why? The current warmth is caused by the unusual position of the jet stream, the high-altitude river of air that flows west-to-east across North America. It divides warm air from cold, with colder temperatures to its north and warmer temperatures to its south.

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Canadian fishing industry plans to conduct broad testing for mercury

By Sam Roe
 Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The Canadian fishing industry for the first time will conduct wide-scale testing for mercury in a variety of fish caught in the Great Lakes and sold in U.S. supermarkets.

Prompted by a recent Chicago Tribune investigation that found high mercury levels in Canadian walleye, the Ontario Commercial Fisheries Association said it will check fish in all major bodies of water in which its members operate.

For American consumers, the testing means tons of popular fish imported from Canada, including whitefish, lake trout, yellow perch and walleye, will get increased scrutiny.

In December, the Tribune reported that testing by the newspaper found that Canadian walleye sold in Chicago-area supermarkets were so tainted with mercury that the fish could be banned from sale in the U.S. Some samples even exceeded the less stringent U.S. legal limit.

After the newspaper's report, orders for walleye "just dried up," said Peter Meisenheimer, executive director of the Ontario fishing association.

The industry, Meisenheimer said, could not assure customers that the walleye was safe because it had not done any testing, and monitoring by the Canadian government had been sporadic.

The walleye business has since rebounded, but the industry decided to take action to prevent future financial and public relations problems. "It's in our best interest to do this and not depend on anyone else," he said.

Meisenheimer said the tests, which could begin this year, will cover Lake Erie, Lake Superior, Lake Ontario, Lake Huron and the St. Lawrence River. Besides mercury, the industry will check fish for PCBs and other pollutants.

"This will be done to the highest professional standards," he said.

The industry has not yet decided whether it will release the results to the public, but Meisenheimer said the industry knows if it found high mercury levels in fish "and didn't say anything, we would be in trouble."

U.S. consumer advocates, while welcoming the new testing program, called on the industry to disclose its findings.

"You can't have a testing program of this nature where it addresses a public health need and keep the information secret," said Caroline Smith DeWaal, food safety director for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a watchdog group based in Washington.

The leading fishing industry group in the United States, the National Fisheries Institute, said it would not test fish for mercury.

For the Canadian industry, a pressing issue is determining which bodies of water are responsible for the high-mercury walleye.

Most of the Canadian walleye tested by the Tribune only said "wild Canada" on the labels. Canadian regulators report that much of the nation's walleye exports come from Lake Erie.

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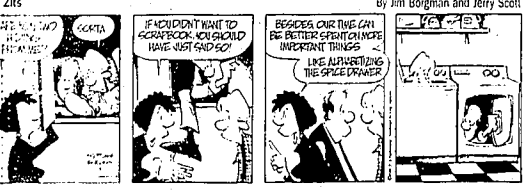
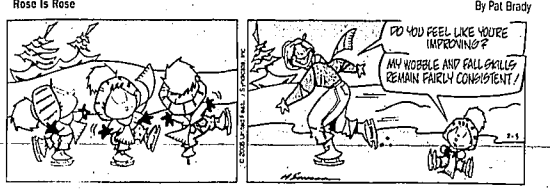
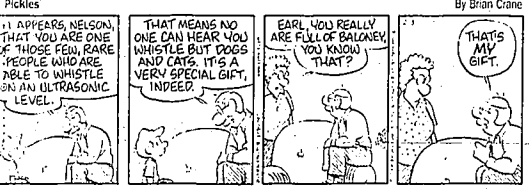
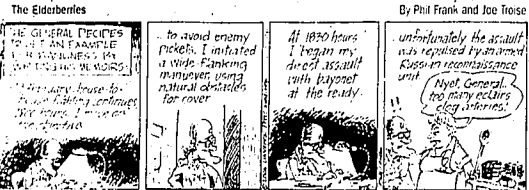
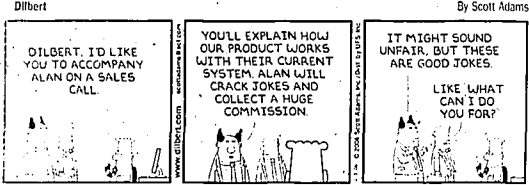
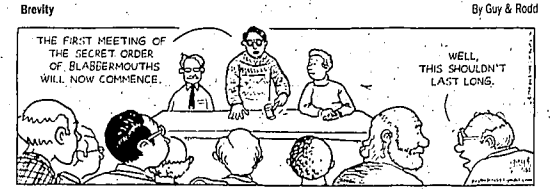
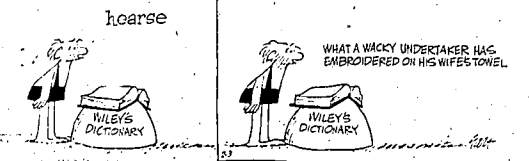
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By Johnny Hart

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It's full steam ahead for Leo. IF FEB. 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: By this time next year, you may be ready to throw off the chains of the past and try something new in the meantime you must deal fairly and squarely with obligations and key relationships. Think through or launch long-term plans in May when good fortune smiles on you and it is easy to procure the help and assistance you require. Get a physical and attend to minor health issues so they do not become a problem later. Be cautious in late July and early August when Saturn challenges your sector of the zodiac and those closest to you may be demanding or critical of your efforts. At this time, past mistakes may be brought to light. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your work best under pressure. Healthy ambitions can be great motivating forces that spur you to accomplishment. Don't let the minor details get you down or try to move too fast on a major project. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It takes two to tango. Share with your favorite partner. Put vital energy into activities that will eventually improve joint resources rather than looking for recognition from above. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Shoot your arrows. Your vision of the future may be right on target and your aim will be true. Discuss plans and ideas with a favorite significant other before jumping into anything new. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep your eye on the prize. Recognize an inner passion for accomplishment and let monetary success act as a guiding light. You will win recognition if you stick to your guns. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Move full steam ahead with short-term projects that need a few weeks to finish up. Major undertakings such as a marriage or a house purchase will hold up better if you wait until March. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Plan your work and work your plan. You can grasp the big picture but could collide with someone else who is focused on a minor issue. Horn your yourself that Rome wasn't built in a day. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be a money magnet. Let the laws of attraction work to your advantage. You need not spend a lot of money to keep up with the Joneses or to be declared a win-ner in the game of life. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may feel like a dog with a new bone. Once engrossed in an activity or caught up in a fresh enthusiasm you may find it hard to let go. Just don't growl at your friends if they want a taste. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Channel excess enthusiasm into constructive outlets. There is a tendency to become absorbed with a pet project to the exclusion of all else. Be sure it doesn't waste precious resources. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): When you get it, flaunt it. You are apt to be immersed in the quite pleasant feeling of being the sexiest person on earth. Your love life may be invigorated by a fresh conquest. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Are you being battered up? You may question whether the apparent agreement of others has a calculating edge to it. Patriotism may begin to burn during the coming days. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Fixed notions of what is right and wrong might be challenged in the days to come. Put your energy into climbing the ladder of success and ponder the injustices of the world on your own time.

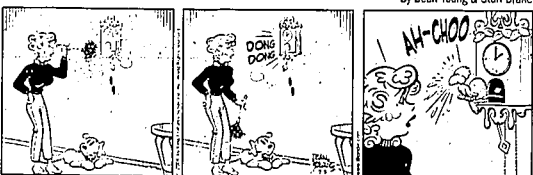
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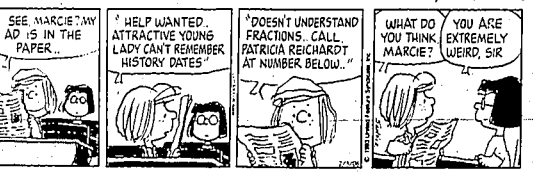
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News of old affair tarnishes man's sterling image of wife

DEAR ABBY: I have been married 15 years to a woman I have always placed on a pedestal. Recently learned that when she was single, she had an affair with a married man. I can't get it out of my head. I'm afraid it will drive me to drink.

Yes, she has been a good wife and mother to our two girls (ages 11 and 13), but I no longer have the respect for her that I once had. We recently got into an argument that escalated into name-calling, and I called her a "slut" because that's what I feel she is.

She dated at least seven or eight other men before we married, and knowing she had sex with a married man, I'm sure I can safely assume that she had sex with the others.

Our sex life is deteriorating. I feel I'm not making love to a "clean" woman, that she is used and dirty laundry. I told her she had cheated on me the same as I had paid for a new car, and then found out the dealer delivered a used one.

She always claimed to be a good Catholic, and I told her she even ignored her religious teachings, as they teach you to be a virgin for your husband. I won't leave her because of the children, but I'm afraid I'll have a hard time staying even though I have enjoyed her.

Instead of hating her on a pedestal, I now have her in the gutter. Please advise me before I



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

go out of my mind.

— HURT AND SAD,
TRENTON, N.J.
DEAR HURT AND SAD: Hurt and sad? Imagine how she feels! Assuming that you are also Catholic, were you a virgin when you married your wife? Surely, the same rule applies to Catholic men as it does to Catholic women. If, after 15 years of solid marriage and two children, this is what your wife gets from the man you promised God he would love, honor and cherish her until death, frankly I think she deserves better.

Pedestals are cold, drafty places on which to live, and it is unfair and unrealistic to label your wife as either a Madonna or a whore because of a youthful indiscretion. These days, most people fall somewhere in between.

Please, don't be a "martyr" and "stay because of the children." Unless you can find it in your heart to forgive (as your religion preaches), give the poor woman a break and go. Name-calling isn't going to fix this psychological and religious counseling for you might. Your

wife does not deserve the abuse you have heaped upon her, and you need more help than anyone can give you in a letter.

DEAR ABBY: My nephew recently married a widow with two teenage sons. His wife insists that he should have "a child of his own" — but through adoption. She does not intend to have any more children.

My sister has now informed all the members of our family that the adoption fee is \$25,000 and that we will be expected to make a donation! I have never seen this matter addressed in your column. Please let us what to do, and fast. Our family awaits your opinion.

— Muddled in the Midwest
DEAR MUDDLED: You have never seen the matter addressed in my column because the premise is so original and outrageous that no one has sent it to me before. It is my opinion that if for your nephew and his wife cannot come up with the money to finance the adoption, they should postpone it until they can (just what would your sister consider everyone's "fair share" of this project to be? And if you did buy into this joint venture, does that mean you would have a say in how the child is raised?)

There are too many questions that come to mind, and not enough answers. Tell your sister, "Nice try, though!"

Bad luck followed Titanic's sister ships

You don't hear a lot about the Titanic's two sister ships. The RMS Britannic struck a mine in World War I and, like its more famous sister, sank like a stone.

The RMS Olympic had a few serious collisions, but managed to survive until 1937 when it was dismantled for scrap.

This day in history: On Feb. 3, 1925, a South African newspaper published reports of the first in a series of "missing link" skulls.

Australopithecus africanus, found by Raymond Dart in a nearby archaeological dig.

On the same day in 1862, 15-year-old Thomas Edison became the first publisher of a newspaper produced and sold on a moving train. Receiving news of the Civil War and other events through telegraph messages, the boy genius set type



RANDOM KENOS OF FACINESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

million to \$11.8 million.

The Statue of Liberty's mouth is 3 feet wide.

What pops up and has exactly 108 stitches? A baseball that fulfills the official specs of the baseball leagues.

For a guy famous for conquering land masses, Napoleon Bonaparte spent an inordinate amount of time stuck on islands. He was born on the island of Corsica, exiled to the island of Elba and died a captive on the British island of St. Helena.

Of all the Miss Americas chosen since 1921, 24 percent have been blondes, 6 percent have been redheads, and 70 percent have been brunettes.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmings@mingo-barrett.com

Woman gulps down 26 sandwiches in 10 minutes

NEW YORK (AP) — A 100-pound woman ate 26 grilled cheese sandwiches in 10 minutes at a New York restaurant winning the World Grilled

Cheese Eating Championship. Sonya Thomas won \$1,000 for the contest at the Planet Hollywood restaurant in Times Square on Wednesday but said

she was disappointed in her performance.

"I could have done better," she said, adding that she was aiming for 30 sandwiches.

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EDITORIAL

States still lack technology, funds to meet arsenic rule

Don't bury Idaho towns just yet in the battle over arsenic in drinking water. The corpse of discontent may still have some life.

The Environmental Protection Agency's new maximum contaminant level for drinking water took effect on Jan. 23, but the agency has given some leeway in enforcing the tighter standard.

How very nice of them. That extra time allows local governments more time to raise funds for arsenic removal. Get ready to pay up.

Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, says government needs to re-evaluate that question. He has written a bill asking Idaho's congressional delegation to push the arsenic regulations off entirely and re-study the whole impact of arsenic.

"I guess I'm going on the assumption it's never too late," Gannon said this week. "They made it by fiat, certainly they could lay off."

The EPA's new minimum contaminant level is 10 parts per billion, much lower than the old standard of 50 parts per billion. It was passed at the end of the Clinton regime, and upheld by the Bush administration in 2001. Some studies have linked long-term exposure to arsenic in drinking water to cancer of the bladder, lungs, skin, kidney, nasal passages, liver, and prostate.

But state and city elected leaders and their constituents argue arsenic levels aren't as threatening to our health as other elements, such as nitrates. In Idaho, arsenic readings are usually around 20 ppb. The material is a natural byproduct of volcanic soil.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality shows 89 water systems in Idaho, and 15 in Twin Falls

County alone, with arsenic readings over 10 ppb. That includes the water systems in Buhl, Castleford, Hill, Murtaugh and Twin Falls.

DEQ is working with many cities to craft compliance agreement schedules so their systems will be in line by January of 2008. So Gannon's push for more time may go nowhere with the feds.

So instead of time, Gannon and legislators should push for something else — money.

Arsonic removal is a classic case of an unfunded mandate. Using shabby science. Washington will force states (most

of them in the West) to spend millions on new water systems. In Twin Falls the cost will be well over \$10 million. In Buhl it will be \$7 million.

Twin Falls is an example of one city that has enough growth and size to sustain that kind of water improvement. Other Idaho towns aren't as lucky.

Therefore, if the government wants to help, it should help those towns develop and pay for the systems.

Idaho Rep. Mike Simpson's effort to secure grants for Castleford is an admirable example of federal assistance. But the government should also be directly involved in funding technology that affordably cleans water for arsenic, nitrates, e-coli and other contaminants. Many towns in the West are still searching for those kinds of systems.

By funding that research, the technology can be shared across the nation. "I think everybody's hoping that there's a cheaper way to remove arsenic," Gannon said.

It's right, not only in Idaho but across the West. Idaho's Legislature should make that the cue to Congress.

Detroit pays big price for Super Bowl

WIXOM, Mich. — If you came downtown on any of the freeway, you'll see its huge reflection off the General Motors Renaissance Center, the collection of buildings that serve as the centerpiece of Detroit.

Looming large is the Super Bowl XL logo, which sticks out like the infamous Bat signal.

JENELE HILL

If you remember, the Bat signal flashed over the people of Gotham City were in deep trouble and needed Batman's help. And then Batman would swoop in and save everybody before his dinner date with the Batwife.

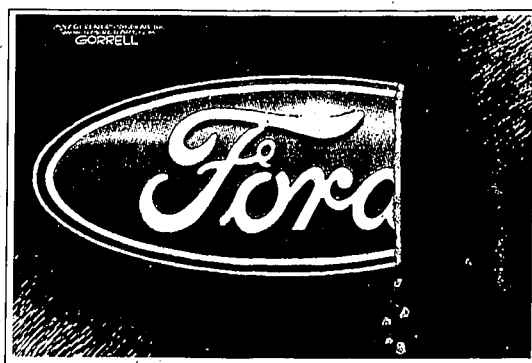
For most of Detroit, the Super Bowl logo is a symbol of resurgence. But for 1,200 autoworkers just 37 miles away from the Super Bowl festivities, this XL logo is not only a symbol of trouble but of anger and frustration.

Last week, Ford Motor Co. announced it was cutting 30,000 jobs and ramping production at 14 of its North American facilities, including the Wixom assembly plant just outside Detroit.

To accuse the people of Wixom if they grip their teeth every time the Ford name is mentioned this week or when TV cameras pan Ford Field for the 9,000th time.

The Ford family brought the Super Bowl to Detroit, and without their influence the city wouldn't have a chance to repair its image on an international stage.

But let's not forget this is the same Ford family that is spending millions on a single football game while thousands of its workers fret over their survival.



"They're going to spend all that money down there," Delra Cook said, shaking her head. She's worked at the plant about 30 years, like her father before her.

"It's just terrible," she said. "People who have been here 15 or 17 years, what are they going to do? Everybody in this community, everybody around here is going to feel the trickle-down effect."

The Super Bowl is a glorious event, a week filled with glamour. This week people will overanalyze Pittsburgh's 3-4 defense and Troy Polamalu's hair, and work themselves into a tizzy about whether Nick Lachey is bringing Jessica Simpson to Saturday's celebrity game show.

But let's not lose sight of what's right under our nose. A lot of us made the same mistake with New Orleans — a favorite destination of the Super Bowl — and a powerful

hurricane reminded us that in the backdrop of big events is real despair.

Of course, it isn't fair to say the Fords should have taken the money they'll spend on Super Bowl XL and saved jobs, but that's what the people in Wixom are thinking. And who can blame them?

"It's a bitter pill to swallow," said Brian Shaubrook, a father of two who has 13 years at Wixom's plant.

The Ford family cut jobs so they could restructure and rebuild, and ultimately help a troubled city grow even stronger.

But this great transformation Detroit has undergone for the Super Bowl has come with an equally great sacrifice.

Days after Ford delivered its

had news, GM reported an \$8.6-billion-dollar loss in 2005 — the second largest in Detroit automaking history — and severe cuts were again in the forefront.

"We've done above and beyond what we've been asked to do," Shaubrook said. "We've been fed. Keep up the good work." And then we got the ax.

And miles away, someone is asking \$5,500 for a pair of Super Bowl tickets.

So should we feel guilty about celebrating the Super Bowl because of what's happened with Detroit's autoworkers?

No, but understand everything comes with a price. And Detroit paid a lot for that XL logo.

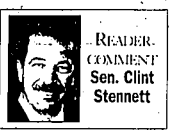
Jenele Hill, who writes about professional football for The Orlando Sentinel, can be reached at jhill@orlandosentinel.com.

Moratorium needed to debate coal plants

As Idahoans we are being asked to endorse a very basic question about the future of the Magic Valley: Are we willing to give up our pristine air and water to produce electricity to power the economy of the west coast? In my 16 years in the Idaho Legislature, and as a 42-year resident of the Magic Valley, I do not believe that we have an issue that would so significantly alter the quality of life we now enjoy.

We are not prepared to deal with the coal fired generation plants that have been proposed. Prior to the wholesale deregulation of electricity (which occurred in the mid '90s), a public utility would go to the Idaho Public Utility Commission and ask for permission to build an electric generating facility. That created a process where we could weigh in on our concerns.

Since deregulation, unregulated merchant power plants can be built without state oversight. These merchant power plants are unregulated; therefore they must produce electricity as cheaply as possible and sell it



READER COMMENT: Sen. Clint Stennett

to the highest bidder.

The type of facility proposed for the Magic Valley could not be constructed in California or Washington — where the power is likely to be sold. The air quality standards for these plants in those states are more stringent than Idaho's air quality standards. Are we ready and willing to become an energy colony to help drive the economy for the cities on the West Coast when they would not permit this same type of facility within their own state borders? I would hope not.

I have attempted to address this vexing issue with a number of pieces of legislation this session. The most important piece calls for a moratorium, which would halt accepting permits for coal fired plants. This measure would give us a time out

and give local and state government and regulators time to rewrite the rules for coal fired plants in a deregulated environment.

The day will come when we will need additional electricity to power Idaho's economy. As technology progresses the newest and best technology, such as coal gasification plants, will emit a fraction of the mercury that this old technology plant will produce. I say let's preserve our air and water for a time when Idaho needs the electricity. When that time comes let's have Idaho Power build a state of the art 21st century power plant. Using old style technology to build a power plant to 2006 is like buying a VCR for your plasma screen TV; it just doesn't make sense.

As a state, we need to do all we can to maintain our quality of life. As the minority leader in the Senate, I am doing all that I can do at the state capitol. But the ultimate responsibility lies with you. The public needs to be heard. Let your legislators and your County Commissioners know how important this

issue is to you.

In the 1970s, as I was a home county resident and a student leader at CSI, one of the first issues I became involved with politically was the proposed Pioneer coal fired plant. The public activism and outcry shut down that proposal and preserved our air quality for the past 30 years.

I believe the public has the power again to shape the outcome of this proposal as well. If we intend to allow these facilities in our state, it should be on our terms. With our current regulatory structure, we are not prepared nor able to dictate those terms. We need to pass legislation to give Idahoans the authority to tell these out-of-state power merchants that Idaho's air and water are not for sale.

State Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, represents District 25 — Blaine, Camas, Gooding and Lincoln counties. He serves on the Agriculture, the Forestry, the Environment, Resources and Environmental, and State Affairs committees.

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Other projects take priority over library

Improve and expand the library?

Before you vote yes on this proposal, ask yourselves if this money would be better spent on much-needed projects in Twin Falls, such as curbs, gutters and sidewalks; weed abatement programs; or lighting at the crosswalk locations on Falls Avenue in front of the College of Southern Idaho; and by all means, a rebuilding of North Washington. It's disgraceful that a street in such a deplorable condition bears the name of our first president and one of America's founding fathers.

Projects like these stated above and many others need and deserve our dollars more than expanding our present library. It's time to think, folks. CHARLIE HATCH Twin Falls

Library a landmark that warrants support

My first experience of living in the city of Twin Falls was a community of involved, caring people that welcomed new

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Idea. People here worked to better the services and strengthen the opportunities that were available to those living in and around this community. After 23 1/2 years of being a member of this community, I find that, if anything, that attitude is stronger and more prevalent than ever.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to have assisted in adding several of these expanding services and opportunities to this wonderful city and Magic Valley, and I now simply want to encourage close attention and involvement in another worthy endeavor.

The city of Twin Falls is currently preparing a bond election with the purpose of expanding the library facility by

20,000 square feet at a cost of \$5.2 million. This facility is one of the most visited, used and appreciated parts of our community.

I have spoken with people visiting here who have talked about being so impressed with our people, the culture, and the library, where they were referred for local history and information, that they could hardly believe how nice a place this is.

The last time the library expanded, the bond passed overwhelmingly. I think this was due to a widely held belief that the library is indeed a vital part of this community's vibrant life and development.

I strongly urge everyone to support this effort which, at what amounts to a cost of roughly \$26 per year for an owner of a \$150,000 home, is another chance to continue providing for a bright future for this community. This is an opportunity that we cannot pass up.

BILL BAXTER Twin Falls

Expand a library that serves our children

I support the expansion of

LETTERS

our Twin Falls Public Library for all the following reasons.

Our young children need more space for books, for reading and learning areas, and for interactive story times. Our current story kiva is not large enough to accommodate all the children currently attending our various story hours.

We have observed that the more books we provided for children and young adults, the more they return to the library.

Young adults also need additional space, an area of their own where they can make themselves comfortable and explore the many worlds available to them through books.

We need space to provide books for children of other cultures too. All children are our future; their current attending our various story hours. We have observed that the more books we provided for children and young adults, the more they return to the library.

functions to a central area, we can streamline operations, improve efficiency and better serve current spaces. By doing this, an area in the basement would become available to house the "Idaho Collection" and keep it preserved for future generations.

As our society moves further into the Information Age, our community will become more aware of additional information our library will be requested to acquire. Expanding and upgrading our library now will increase our ability to acquire such information as it becomes available.

Allowing the library to create more meeting rooms will give our library the ability to host informational meetings and social gatherings.

For these and other reasons that will expand and effectively increase the services of our library, for the continued growth of our children, young adults, ourselves, and our community now and especially in the future, I encourage you to vote "yes" for the library bond Feb. 7.

RENEE HAIGHT Twin Falls
Editor's note: Renee Haight is a member of the Twin Falls Li-

Local library is ready for more growth

I am writing to urge the citizens of Twin Falls to vote on Feb. 7 for the library expansion.

Community 16 years ago during the last library expansion. I realize how quickly time passes, growth continues at a feverish pace, and needs become evident.

The 1990 expansion was to serve the needs of our community for approximately 15 to 20 years. The time has come when space is limited and where accessibility has become a problem for children and seniors. Also, it is very important that our young adult population have their own space and resources.

The Twin Falls Public Library is a community treasure and something of which to be proud. The founders of Twin Falls felt the library was a fundamental and integral part of our sense of community. Please let us continue this legacy. ANN ALMAREZ Hansen

OPINION

LETTERS

State raises go farther for governor's staff

Being a state employee, I was very pleased that our Legislature saw fit to give the employees of the people of the state of Idaho a well deserved 3 percent pay raise. These employees of the people have endured the last five years with wage hikes that have averaged just 1.3 percent, hardly enough to keep up with inflation and definitely not enough to keep up with their counterparts in the private sector.

Many have left for higher-paying jobs elsewhere, but the majority stayed out of a sense of loyalty and pride for the service they were providing the people of Idaho. While most of us languished with these small pay raises, we now find out that for the same period, those close to our governor often received more.

I was disheartened to learn that when state workers went without a pay raise in 2003, the governor's budget and policy team received raises of as much as 48 percent, for an average of 13 percent. Then last year, when most state employees received a 2 percent raise, the governor's staff received 13 percent, and that 29 of the governor's aides received increases anywhere between 1.9 percent and 10 percent.

A governor's spokesman blamed some of these increases on the added work taken on by remaining staff, for those who had left positions not yet filled. I venture to say that the same situation existed, and still exists, in all the other departments of state government; however they are unable to provide the same increases in pay. A governor's spokesman also indicated that elected officials have great discretion on how much they pay key members of their staff.

The rest of Idaho's employees do expect one thing—fairness. And I, for one, do not feel that fairness has been exhibited here. I do not believe the people of the state of Idaho believe it is fair, and I hope the Legislature will see fit to address this double standard in the future.
TROY W. BELL
Twin Falls

Impact of coal plants requires state action

I feel the Legislature is remiss if it does not legislate some siting regulations to protect Idaho from unwanted out-of-state developers such as Sempra. I praise Clint Stennett's unsuccessful attempt to get such legislation passed last year.

Surely anyone studying Sempra would realize that as it increases its power output, more and more waste would be produced and could seriously affect our aquifer.

The workers building the plant would inundate the school system for four or five years, cause taxpayers, who have already paid for such things, to increase their contributions to pay for the

newcomers' use of the schools, hospital, sewer and water systems, etc. After the plant is built, most of these people will move on, leaving the people of Jerome County to deal with what is left behind.

Sempra picked Idaho not only because of its ideal location but also because most of Idaho's small population is uneducated about how it can and will affect the environment of southern Idaho. Because Sempra has large amounts of money, it feels it can buy the people of Magic Valley. There is nothing against the Jerome County commissioners, but regardless of who it is, no three people should have the power to sanction a development of this kind. The commissioners are acting within the law, but their decision should not be allowed to affect the people of the entire southern part of the state. There is a definite lapse in our regulatory system that would allow only these commissioners to make such a serious decision.

Why has the Legislature acted? It is almost impossible to understand. I urge the people of the Magic Valley to contact their legislators before it is too late.
GAY PETERSEN
Wendell

T.F. property taxes too high for library fix

With family and friends living in Salt Lake and its surrounding cities and in Phoenix, Ariz., I have also owned that homeowners in Twin Falls pay approximately twice the property taxes of homeowners in those cities, with their "state-of-the-art" libraries, schools, convention centers, etc. I am wondering what our community has to show for our heavy tax burden.

The municipal bond proposal for the library expansion will increase residential property taxes \$18.70 for every \$100,000 of a home's appraised value. This may not seem excessive, yet in the following months, we will be asked to vote on other bond proposals that will further increase a homeowner's tax burden if successful. Instead of taking the "tax and spend" approach for funding the library expansion, the Library Expansion Panel should consider following in the footsteps of our YMCA to raise money.

On Jan. 29, The Times-News reported the YMCA held its third annual banquet and silent auction, and this singular event raised more than \$22,500 to be used for facility maintenance, upgrades and scholarships. By employing a fiscal conservative method, the library can expand and improve gradually to meet the growing needs of our community without burdening homeowners.

Let's curtail our tax burden by voting "no" to the library bond proposal on Feb. 7. Furthermore, before voting on other bond proposals, we need

to question our community leaders regarding our excessive homeowners' property taxes and demand accountability.
KAMI RASMUSSEN
Twin Falls

School and library deserve bond passages

I am going to vote for the school bond levy and the library expansion levy because I believe these are about education and the future of our children and grandchildren. Education is the only thing that will keep our community and our nation strong, and we must start at this local level. I hope others will agree with this point of view.
JOHN R. BONNETT
Twin Falls

Both sides flex muscles in coal-fire debate

In response to the following quote by Dan Douglas in Sunday's (Jan. 29) letter to the editor, "When asked the other day why there aren't more letters to the editor in favor of the coal-fired power plant in Jerome, my initial response is that most small-business owners are a little intimidated by the antics Sempra's opponents (not all, but seemingly most) have adopted."
As one who has lived for more than 20 years in a small town

where a coal-fired power plant was built, I can give you another reason: Power (no pun intended).


Large new developments in small towns upset the power structure in the community. The "big fish" are threatened by the fact that their influence will dwindle with a large influx of new people. Read between the lines of those who oppose the power plant. Look at what they might have to lose by the changes in the community brought about by the action. But also look at those who favor the power plant.

In my town, I saw some people grow rich by taking unfair advantage of inside information as wheels were greased by the power plant proponents.

So, like Dan said, "Let both sides gather their information and present it so that I can make an informed decision." Don't fall for the hysteria or strong-arm tactics of either side.
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Native American petroglyphs mark parts of canyon walls around Valley of Fire State Park.

Valley of Fire

State park in Nevada offers warm winter getaway

By Karla Barnes
Times-News correspondent

It's the perfect time for a southern sabbatical. If you happen to be one of the lucky ones that will be going south this winter, consider taking a side trip into one of the most fascinating landscapes in the west. The Valley of Fire State Park.

Strategically located, the Valley of Fire is easy accessed from either St. George, Utah or Las Vegas. My husband and I found our way into this warm scenic vista after leaving St. George and taking the Valley of Fire Scenic Byway Drive. Along the way we enjoyed a delightful sojourn through the Moapa Valley, passing through the blooming towns of Legendale and Overton.

As I caught my first glimpse of Lake Mead, I found it difficult to imagine a red crimson city nearby. But soon the blazing site came into view. This red rock city, known as the Valley of Fire State Park, was given the distinction of being Nevada's first State Park in 1935. The park encompasses 35,000 acres of red rock fins, towers, and multi-colored limestone domes, all springing up from the desert floor.

The terrain throughout the park is pretty far out, in fact this location has been used in several movie sets including Star Trek: Generations. This red rock playground is similar to many throughout Utah but with a slight difference: The

Valley of Fire is edged by a fabulous array of picturesque mountain ridges.

The staff at The Valley Of Fire State Park admits most people come here to get away from it all. Many hikers enjoy the solitude and serenity of this unique setting. Others prefer the beautiful scenic drives and revel in the endless photographic opportunities that are constantly changing throughout the day.

One of the most interesting features in the park is a red sandstone elephant rock that stands nearby the park east entrance. I must admit, this was the first time I had ever walked past an elephant of any kind without spotting it. After standing back, I could definitely make out the form that staffers were cluting over like proud parents. Other stone features within the park include a grouping of seven monolithic red rocks known as the seven sisters. The sisters are easily spotted along the park's east entrance roadside. Picnic sites are discreetly tucked between the girls offering a shady resting spot for travelers. Huge sandstone beehive formations, a giant poodle rock and Arch rock are other popular features to look for.

"The Rainbow Vista scenic drive turned out to be one of our favorite stops, and according to Park Aid, Julie 'Lammer' Tanner, who manages the 10-mile, White Dome road drive high marks." Layers upon layer of different shades of sandstone



Seven Sisters is just one of the views that towers above the Valley of Fire.

For more information

Valley of Fire State Park
(702) 397-2088
www.state.nv.us/sparks/vl.htm
Park Hours: Sunrise to sunset - year round
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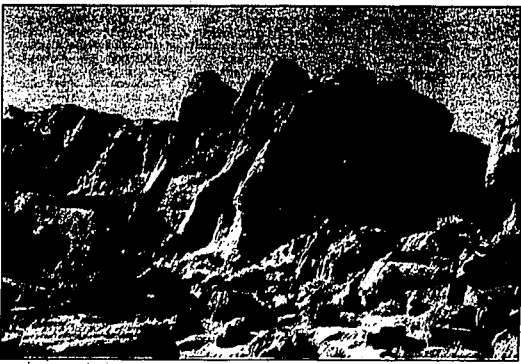
Valley of Fire State Park
The park is about a eight-hour drive from Twin Falls or about 600 miles in distance.
Drivers can take I-15 through Utah and into Nevada.
Another route is with U.S. 93 through Nevada, then on Nevada Highway 169 and 169 to Moapa and Overton.

have taken form over the years to create a colorful panoramic viewpoint, which makes an outstanding spectacle for on-lookers.

Nearly sandy trails bear evidence of various forms of wildlife that call this place home. Desert tortoises, bighorn sheep, antelope, ground squirrels, wild burros and ravens are the most prevalent species within the park. A short hike displayed several types of vegetation that also survive in this unique landscape. Yucca, mesquite trees, creosote bush and catclaw add beautiful accents to the sand-drenched scene.

Wildflowers are abundant in early spring. "April is usually the busiest month for wildlife enthusiasts," said Julie Tanner. "If we have a wet spring the flowers can show up early, so you might consider calling first to check the progress," she said.

The highlight of The Valley



Elephant Rock is one of the favorite stone monuments within the park.

of Fire State Park is Atlatl Rock. Visitors can climb a series of staircases to view an amazing array of Indian artwork and petroglyphs that were carved by the Anasazi and Pueblo Indians nearly 1000 years ago. Upon this giant rock canvas early inhabitants of this area carved scenes of humans, animals, footprints and several other unusual designs. The namesake of this port is a warrior holding a long stick (an atlatl) over his head.

Several other trails within the park lead to hundreds of other petroglyphs. The most popular trail is a half-mile hike through an excellent array of petroglyphs. The trail ends at a natural basin in the rock known as Mousse's tank. Mousse was a Paiute Indian who hid out here in the late 1890s after killing two prospectors in Arizona.

The Valley of Fire is filled with mystery and intrigue. It is a great spot to thaw out your



Atlatl Rock is a huge rock canvas displaying Indian artwork.

frozen bones and enjoy some out-of this-world slick rock surroundings. Don't put this trip on the back burner. Winter, spring and fall are excellent times to see Nevada's first State Park that shines brightly in the desert landscape.

Going back to the slopes and getting the winter bruises

I was the splits, if I might say so. There I was, standing on the downhill edge of my uphill ski and on the uphill edge of my downhill ski. That's awkward.

This had all begun because my son Robert and his wife Barb had come up from Boise for the weekend. With the opportunity to leave their son Alex with his Annie, a.k.a., grandmother they wanted to go skiing at Magic Mountain.

"Hey, Dad," Rob said. "Why don't you come along?"

"Just don't want to," I said.

"You can ski," Rob said.

"I don't think I can. It's been more than 20 years since I've been on skis. Everything's different now."

There was a pause in the conversation. I had said my piece, and I was making plans in my head for the afternoon while they went skiing.

"You know," Rob began,



ACCIDENTAL STORIES
Bill Studebaker

"Everybody boards or skis except you."

Now that was harsh. It disturbed me. I wanted left alone.

Yes, and I had skied. Skied well, that was the problem. I didn't want to start over, get dragged up the rope-tow, slip getting off the chairlift and slam into some perky, color coordinated, fur-lined woman who would resent being smashed into a snowbank.

But a challenge is a challenge, and humiliation is humiliation.

With trepidation, we rode to Magic Mountain. The day was perfect: sun, low clouds, no

wind, temperature racking around 30 degrees. And the snow was perfect, packed and fluffy, beautiful stuff for someone who could ski.

I bought a ticket, put on my gear, and faced the rope-tow. In front of me was a little girl, maybe five years old. She grabbed the rope and off she went. About three-fourths of the way up she fell over, but she didn't let go. She raised her skis and slid to the top. She was just happy to be skiing.

Still I didn't move. I let folks go by me, grab the rope, and slide up the hill. As I stood there, my son-in-law TJ, and granddaughter Piper went past me. TJ, and Piper, who's only three, between his legs had her hand on the rope, and off they went.

That was it. I scrambled like a goose running on ice to the rope-tow, grabbed the rope, and

swoosh. Off I went. This was easy. No problem. I was on my way.

Suddenly, I started thinking about getting off. If I didn't get off, I'd go through the safety cord, trip the kill switch, slam into the bull wheel, and die. Or not. But I would be miserably embarrassed.

The 5-year-old was falling her way downhill, laughing, struggling up, skiing 10 feet, and falling again.

Okay, off the rope. I let go and twisted, putting myself perpendicular to the hill. I cut my edges in. So, I shouldn't slide down the slope. This didn't work, and my skis went forward and straight up. I could see the sun shining between my legs and skis.

Off! Hit the ground.

I was lying on my back, legs in a knot, smack in the middle of the exit line. I tried to get up, but

I couldn't. Little kids and old men zoomed by, confident in their snowplow.

I scrambled. That made it worse. I slid downhill. I dug my fingers into the snow, stopping like a cat on a tin roof. If Barb hadn't come to my rescue, I would have cat-slid clear to the car.

I started snow plowing down to the lift line. Only my right ski plowed well, and I made an arch back to the lift. Up I went. Down I came. Up I went. Down I came.

"Hey you're doing okay," Rob said. "Let's go to the chairlift."

Getting on the chairlift was easy, but getting off was nerve racking. I slid down the exit slope, sweet sprung out on my forehead as I forced a turn to the left. "There," I thought, "I'm at the top of the mountain."

"You know," I said, "now I have a chance to wipe out some little kid and take out the lift

line."

"Let's do it then," Barb said.

In a minute my snow plowing got better. The stem-Christie came to mind. I started brailing the slope. The old brain and body were putting moves together that were both strange and familiar.

I slowly put skiing back together. My fear of embarrassment diminished, and I had a great day skiing.

On the ride home, we talked about skiing, future trips, and whole-family fun.

My sore crotch, however, was a reminder that future trips might also have torturous moments. But it was all downhill from here.

Bill Studebaker is a freelance outdoors writer from Twin Falls and graduate instructor of Western American literature for Idaho State University.

OUTDOORS

Elk Foundation sponsors banquet

The Tuckey Mountain Elk Foundation will hold its annual banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Rupert Elks Lodge...

Outdoors in brief

presentation by the Thousand Springs State Park manager, on Monday, Feb. 13 at the Hagerman Community Center...

Hear new plans for Hagerman state park

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman State Park Manager, Ken Schmitt, will host a community meeting...

High Desert Nordic club will meet Wednesday

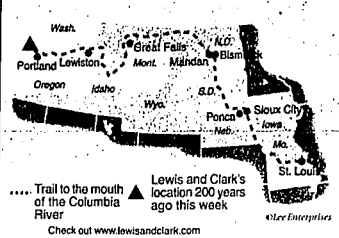
TWIN FALLS — Members of the High Desert Nordic Association will meet Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Idaho Falls Restaurant...

Gun show will be held at county fairgrounds

FILER — Lewis and Clark Traders will host a gun show at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and again on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

'our fare is... lean elk'

The Lewis and Clark Expedition had a limited pantry when it came to food preparation at Fort Clatsop. The meals seen by modern standards monotonous, either boiled dried fish or lean elk.



Trail to the mouth of the Columbia River. Lewis and Clark's location 200 years ago this week.

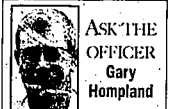
January 29, 1806 — Nothing worthy of notice occurred today. our fare is the flesh of lean elk boiled with pure water, and a little salt. The whole blubber which we have used very sparingly is now exhausted.

January 30, 1806 — notwithstanding the cold weather the Swan white Brant geese & ducks still continue with us; the sandhill crane also continues.

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Harvest reports vary with each species

Q: Many states have mandatory hunter harvest requirements. I didn't notice a reporting rule in Idaho but hunting brochure for deer. Please explain the hunter harvest reporting requirements for Idaho.



ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

RIDING ON EMPTY

Study: Snowmobiles not meeting expectations

By Mike Stark Billings Gazette. BILLINGS, MONT. — Snowcoaches and newer four-stroke snowmobiles are an improvement over the polluting two-stroke snowmobiles used in Yellowstone National Park for years...

70 percent reduction in carbon monoxide when compared with the older two-stroke machines. A study released Thursday looked at emissions from snowcoaches and snowmobiles last winter.

Service information. "Some might jump to the conclusion that that doesn't bring about a significant reduction in snowmobile emissions as we have indicated through adoption of best available technology," Sacklin said.

least-polluting snowmobile with the least-polluting snowcoach, the snowmobile put out 41 times more carbon monoxide than the snowcoach. Amy McVannara, of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, a conservation group, said she's pleased to see that the newer snowcoaches are not only less polluting than snowmobiles but are growing in popularity with consumers.

An ounce of prevention

Guarding knees, wrists to avoid winter sports injuries

By Kristen Gerencher MarketWatch. SAN FRANCISCO — For active people, participating in the cold, skiing, snowboarding, ice skating and sledding are some of winter's top pleasures. But those sports can also be the cause of numerous injuries.

coming and they have to get home to New Jersey and ... they get hurt. "People also don't think about replacing their fluids in cold temperatures like they do in the heat, but drinking plenty of water and eating right is just as critical in the winter," O'Brien said.

tips to prevent injuries. To keep you injury-free while participating in winter sports, experts recommend you: Wear properly fitting protective equipment appropriate for your sport such as helmets and eye goggles, and snowboarders should consider wrist guards.

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Ski association programs add affordable thrills to winter

For The Times-News. The Idaho Ski Areas Association is introducing two programs that offer everyone a fun and affordable way to enjoy winter: the 5th Grade Ski Pass and the EZ Ski or Ride 1-2-3 program.

The EZ Ski or Ride 1-2-3 program makes skiing and snowboarding more affordable and easier than ever to learn, and you can't help but enjoy winter at your favorite Idaho Ski Area.

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OUTDOORS

This Idaho family is for the birds

By John O'Connell
Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — It was Joely's chore to scrape the hawk droppings from the tall, rock walls inside his family's living room. He typically allowed only the smaller hawks — mainly the kestrels and the merlins — to fly indoors, where they were fond of perching on the highest ledges.

Joely developed a particularly strong bond with a Harris hawk that followed him around like a lost puppy. Unable to part with his pet, he took the bird to college with him. It would perch on nearby trees and wait patiently while Joely attended classes. One cold and gray Sunday when only a finch and a downy woodpecker were present to soak a smorgasbord of seeds and fat-laden pinecones, Priscilla Hearst recalled her son's favorite hawk — it died years ago after eating pigeons contaminated with mercury — and a host of other family memories.

Each story served to prove the important role birds have played in the lives of the Hearst family members.

Priscilla's accounts were corroborated by her daughter Jonena Hearst, now from the Portland, Ore., area for a visit. It was Priscilla's late husband, Dr. Joseph Hearst, who instilled a passion for birds in the family. Together, Joely now a California attorney, and Dr. Hearst would rehabilitate injured raptors for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in a self-built cage with enough space for six hawks.

They also raised pigeons — some to train as homing birds and others to feed to the recuperating birds of prey. They once resuscitated a great horned owl afflicted with lung disease. They had to cover the owl's head with a blanket in order to medicate it. Dr. Hearst would hold open its beak while

Joely would spray a mist down its throat.

And Priscilla spent an entire summer releasing birds of prey in the Palouse Mountains in central Idaho on behalf of the Center for Birds of Prey.

"I named them all," Priscilla said. Jonena responded in jest, "You were very, very lucky that none of the species you named ended up getting eaten by the great horned owl."

The final five years of Dr. Hearst's life were spent at the same chair by his kitchen table, gazing outside and counting birds. During that time, he tallied more than 170 species and scrawled the pertinent details about each new sighting on the pages of a stenographer's notebook.

As Priscilla recalls, it was on a Tuesday when he proclaimed with a sense of urgency that his birds were to be typed and delivered to longtime friend and fellow bird fanatic, Chuck Trost, on Wednesday, Dr. Hearst died. In the absence of Dr. Hearst and her six children, who are all grown and have long since flown the coop, the theme of birds continues to pervade Priscilla's home of more than 50 years in the Johnny Creek neighborhood.

In the center of the living room, in a statue of a hawk with folded wings guards a wooden coffee table.

Windows encompass most of the two walls to the left of the fireplace. They overlook an elaborate redwood deck, and their clear panes are covered with hummingbird decals to prevent birds from flying into them.

They tried putting up curtains, but nobody in the family likes to close out the outside," said Jonena, a paleontology teacher at Portland State University.

By the entrance, there's a stained-glass likeness of a peregrine falcon, created by local artist Judy Cantrell.

While many proud home-

owners focus their attention on redecorating rooms, Priscilla devotes her energy exclusively to her large yard.

She believes the secret to attracting birds is to allow for a yard with some personality — one allowed to remain as natural as possible.

"If you have to have nice little beds, it's not going to happen. Birds are messy. They drop seeds and poop and you have to be willing to put up with that," Priscilla said. "Your yard is very important. If you are the kind of person who has to have everything in order and you'll have to have everything squared off, you're not going to attract birds."

It's become a haven for wildlife.

"This morning, I counted 35 robins alone," Priscilla said. "Why would I want to be anywhere else? I have everything anybody else could ever want. I have all of this wonderful scenery and all of these animals in my yard."

On Feb. 18, Priscilla's home will be among the locations where local birders will gather to partake in the 9th Great Backyard Bird Count, a four-day national event.

The count was organized jointly between the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology and the Science Division of the National Audubon Society.

Participants report their findings online at www.birdsource.org/gbbc where the Cornell computers convert sightings into maps and lists, available by continent, region, state or locality.

Priscilla believes the annual bird counts serve a vital purpose.

"This is a way to get a picture of our song bird populations. This is one of the reasons we know our populations of song birds are declining," Priscilla said. "I don't have half the birds I used to have."



A lone bison walks along a ridge near Gardiner, Mont., outside Yellowstone National Park on Jan. 8. An 1855 treaty between the United States and the Nez Percé Tribe of Idaho allows tribal members to hunt bison on public land near Yellowstone National Park.

Tribe will hunt Yellowstone bison

By Becky Bohrer
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — An 1855 treaty between the United States and the Nez Percé Tribe of Idaho allows tribal members to hunt bison on public land near Yellowstone National Park, and that right will be honored, Montana officials say.

YOUTH from the tribe plan to kill up to five bison on the Gallatin National Forest as part of a "ceremonial, subsistence" hunt set for this week, said Adam Villavicencio, chief of conservation enforcement for the tribe. As part of that treaty, he said, the tribe reserved the right to hunt and fish in "usual and accustomed areas." The tribe asserts that their rights reserved under the treaty including bison hunting in Montana and on the Western Plains.

"We trust that you can understand the significance of maintaining the Nez Percé

Tribe's culture and our way of life," Rebecca A. Miles, chair of the Nez Percé Tribal Executive Committee, told Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer in a letter dated Jan. 25.

In November, Montana opened five public lands to bison that leave Yellowstone. Initially, 50 hunting licenses were made available for the three-month hunt, including 16 set aside for American Indian tribes in the state. At least one tribe, the Crow, formally rejected theirs, citing their own hunting bison herd.

Ron Ashelton, an administrator for the state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, said the Nez Percé hunters do not need state licenses and don't have to take a training course required of other hunters before taking to the field. But, he said, they will have to follow tribal regulations.

"This is a completely different issue," he said. "Some tribes have treaty rights allowing them

to hunt in open, unclaimed lands. That's the instance here with the Nez Percé."

Attorney General Mike McGrath concluded that the tribe was not granting the Nez Percé special rights but was instead "pre-empted" by superior federal law from interfering with the rights certain tribes have from their treaties with the United States.

McGrath said that right did not extend to lands "withdrawn from the public domain," such as Yellowstone and Glacier national parks. But he and Villavicencio said it does include the national forests around Yellowstone.

Villavicencio said hunting bison is a way for the tribe to get back to traditions that he believes have been somewhat eroded over time.

"We're trying to gain that back and instill it in each of our youth," he said. "Our children are everything, and it's important that tradition continues and does not die."

Forest Service putting Panhandle Idaho cabin reservations online

By James Hagenruber
Spokesman-Review

COEUR D'ALENE — Reservations for U.S. Forest Service rental cabins and lookout towers will be handled by a national computerized database beginning Thursday.

The Forest Service said the switch is expected to make the cabins and towers more accessible to people across the nation. Translation: There will be more competition for the region's best places to sleep.

Dave O'Brien, spokesman for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, said the change opens the cabins to a "bigger pool" of applicants. He framed the action as one that grants fair access to all Americans.

Nine cabins and lookout towers across North Idaho will be booked through the www.reserveamerica.com system. The private company also handles reservations for Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management campgrounds. A \$9 fee will be charged for each reservation.

Though the fee adds to the cost of a getaway, O'Brien said cabin and tower rental rates

More information
U.S. Forest Service
reservations: www.reserveamerica.com
Idaho State Parks reservations: www.idahoparks.org
Washington State Parks reservations: www.parks.wa.gov

for the Colville National Forest. For more information, call (509) 684-7000.

Lookout towers and rental cabins throughout the Forest Service's domain are switching to the ReserveAmerica network beginning Thursday. The for-profit company, whose parent is traded publicly on the Nasdaq Stock Market, also handles reservations for many Forest Service campgrounds across the region.

Many smaller Forest Service campgrounds in the area continue to accept first-come, first-serve campers, said Kent Wollner, recreation officer for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. The national reservation system simply makes it easier for travelers to plan their adventures months in advance.

"The use has just gotten so high," Wollner said. "This allows people to line up trips way ahead of time."

Reservations may be made 180 days in advance with the national system. Forest Service officials expect competition to be fierce for the most desirable sites, and they advise making reservations as early as possible.

Road kill numbers raise concerns

NAPLES (AP) — Idaho Transportation Department officials want to protect motorists and wildlife from each other on a 2.1-mile stretch of U.S. 95 in northern Idaho near McArthur Lake.

The Solkrik and Cabinet mountain ranges come to their closest meeting in the McArthur Lake area, about 18 miles north of Sandpoint, forming a wildlife corridor. At that point the highway curves as it descends into a creek valley which can act as a pocket for black ice in the pavement.

In one study 10 years ago, researchers counted about 40 moose, 40 elk and at least 300 deer killed annually near McArthur Lake in collisions with motorists or trains that

travel on tracks next to the highway. Currently, more than 4,500 vehicles travel the two-lane stretch per day, along with 42 trains on the nearby tracks.

One possible plan calls for the highway to be widened, straightened and elevated above a creek flowing from McArthur Lake, making it possible for wildlife to pass under the highway. Construction could begin in 2008, depending on decisions made after a series of public meetings.

Similar projects to decrease motorist-wildlife collisions are planned in Washington's Cascade Range along Interstate 90. A highway in Montana's Flathead Valley is scheduled to have 50 wildlife passage ways added.

"These natural movement patterns have existed in the Rocky Mountains for thousands of years," Chris Serwheen, grizzly bear recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, told the Spokesman-Review.

Highways intersecting with wildlife movement patterns can lead to situations like the one near McArthur Lake, experts say.

"Highways are huge," said Serwheen, who teaches at the University of Montana. "Not only for the amount of space covered by highways but also with the associated human development and the mortality risks for animals. All those things together can have significant risks on animal populations."

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No. 10 GW holds off Xavier Burley girls throttle Jerome

CINCINNATI (AP) — Maurice Rice scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half to help No. 10 George Washington rally to beat Xavier 89-85 on Thursday night and remain unbeaten in the Atlantic 10.

The Colonials (17-1, 7-0), who hadn't won on the Musketeers' home court in 10 years, have won eight straight games since being blown out at North Carolina State on Dec. 30.

George Washington used a 21-8 run to take the lead early in the second half. Rice opened the half with a steal and drove the length of the court to get the run started.

The Colonials couldn't put Xavier (13-5, 4-3) into a scoring slump until Rice hit a 3-pointer with 36 seconds left. Carl Elliott hit four free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Montana State 98, Idaho State 87

POCATELLO — In what is now becoming a full blown trend, Idaho State snatched defeat from the jaws of victory, imploding in the second half and losing 98-87 to Montana State Thursday night.

The Bobcats, (6-2 Big Sky, 13-9 overall) with only one road win this season, shot 59 percent from the floor in the second half and buried the Bengals, outscoring them 40-19 in a 14-minute stretch.

"We went brain-dead in the second half," said ISU coach Doug Oliver. "They were better than us in the post and to their credit they took advantage of it. We got out of synch and it cost us again."

Bobcats 6-11, 35-21. The Bengals scored 24 points in the first half, including 13 in the final 10 minutes, with key scoring at will inside, the collapsing Bengal defense had to open loops to Montana State shooters. They took advantage, drilling 12 3-pointers on the night.

The Idaho State (17-9, 10-1) players scored 16 each — Logan Kingman, Daniel Schroeder and Ryan Baumgartner. Next up for ISU will be a must-win game against Montana at 4:30 p.m. Saturday on Altitude Television on DIRECTV channel 64 or DISH Network channel 410, locally.

Women No. 1 North Carolina 75, No. 24 N.C. State 58

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Vory Latta had 11 of her 18 points in the second half, teammates Erlana Lanakis and Camilla Lince each added 17 points and North Carolina held off 24th-ranked North Carolina State 75-58.

No. 14 Georgia 91, No. 21 Kentucky 57

ATHENS, Ga. — Tasha Humphrey had 26 points and 10 rebounds, leading No. 14 Georgia to a 91-57 victory over No. 21 Kentucky on Thursday night.



George Washington forward Omar Williams (31) dunks against Xavier defender Justin Doellman during the first half, Thursday, in Cincinnati.

The victory was the 650th for Georgia coach Andy Landers, and the Bulldogs' third straight since a one-point loss to LSU.

Landers is the eighth women's basketball coach to reach the milestone, and only the second to do it one school, Tennessee coach Pat Summitt got her 901st win Sunday — all with the Lady Vols.

Boise State 77, San Jose State 75

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Matt Bauscher scored a career-high 22 points to help Boise State defeat San Jose State 77-75 on Wednesday night.

Coby Karl scored 16 points, including two free throws that gave the Broncos (11-9, 4-5 Western Athletic Conference) the lead for the final 2 minutes.

Scott Robinson, who scored 12, added two key free throws with 31 seconds left. Tyler Tiedeman sealed the victory with two fouls shots with 9.1 seconds remaining.

McKay, Luna lead ANZ Ladies Masters

GOLD COAST, Australia — Scotland's Mhairi McKay and Diana Luna of Italy both shot 5-under 67s to share the lead after the opening round of the ANZ Ladies Masters.

McKay, the 2003 Australian Open winner, had five birdies on the front nine and seven overall, but fell back to the pack with bogeys on the 16th and 18th holes.

Goosen was tied for the lead with Richard Green and Jamie Donaldson, while Jamie Lynn and Ross Bain were next at 6 under. Defending champion and three-time winner Ernie Els shot 68.

Seahawks vs. Steelers

It wasn't easy. His life had revolved around football for years, and Rhodes found it tough to back away. He had no choice, though, and went home to rest.

He came back again at the end of the season, but on a limited basis. John Marshall had taken over his duties, and Rhodes stood at practice in the corner of an end zone simply observing.

"I had a stroke and that affected my brain — you're going to change," he said. "You start thinking about everything that you should be doing right and make sure you put that foremost first. You talk to yourself. This is what I have to change about my life."

Sitting in a seat at Ford Field a few days ago watching the Seahawks on media day, Rhodes

seemed resigned to the fact his life had changed. He wasn't happy about it and he wasn't all that happy about talking about it. But his realization was one thing — he was running the Seahawks defense.

On the field below, Marshall was talking about how he had to threaten to throw Rhodes out of the coaches' booth when he got upset and started screaming after Carolina scored a late touchdown in the NFC championship game.

"I have gotten accused several times by one of my daughters who said, 'Hey Daddy, you're trying to kill yourself. Daddy, what are you doing?'"

"When they start talking to you like that you sit there and listen and do what they tell you to do."

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The Times-News

BURLEY — Burley turned up the defense and shut down the Jerome offense to pull away for a 46-25 win over the Tigers in the Great Basin West girls basketball tournament.

How Burley would respond to last week's road loss to Jerome wasn't answered in the second quarter when the Bobcats outscored the Tigers 16-4 to take a 24-11 lead into halftime.

"This was the first time, we played a team that beat us," Burley coach Gordon Keith told the South Idaho Press. "So there was a big question mark as to how we would respond."

Kandace Alderton scored 15 to pace Burley. Molly Reid and All German each scored five for the Tigers.

Durley 44, Jerome 25
 Points: Durley 44, Jerome 25
 Rebounds: Durley 21, Jerome 18
 Assists: Durley 11, Jerome 9
 Steals: Durley 7, Jerome 6
 Blocks: Durley 4, Jerome 3
 Fouls: Durley 12, Jerome 15
 Shooting: Durley 25-38 (66%), Jerome 18-32 (56%)
 3-Point: Durley 4-12 (33%), Jerome 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Durley 10-13 (77%), Jerome 5-8 (63%)

Minico 52, Wood River 28
 RUPEIT — Minico blew past Wood River with a 15-0 edge in the decisive third quarter to eliminate the Wolverines, 52-28, Thursday night in Rupert.

The 15-0 edge helped Minico expand its 19-16 half-time lead to 34-16 headed into the fourth.

Sarah Schenk scored 18 for Minico. The Spartans, who advance to play at Jerome at 7 p.m. Saturday in a loser-out contest.

Minico 52, Wood River 28
 Points: Minico 52, Wood River 28
 Rebounds: Minico 22, Wood River 18
 Assists: Minico 12, Wood River 8
 Steals: Minico 7, Wood River 5
 Blocks: Minico 4, Wood River 3
 Fouls: Minico 10, Wood River 15
 Shooting: Minico 25-35 (71%), Wood River 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Minico 5-12 (42%), Wood River 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Minico 10-13 (77%), Wood River 5-8 (63%)

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Filer 48, Buhl 32

The host Wildcats started off slow after an emotional loss Wednesday at Declo and winless Buhl took advantage to stick around for the first three quarters before Filer eliminated the Indians 48-32 Thursday night in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference playoffs.

Haley Ramseyer pumped in a career-high 23 points to pace the Wildcats.

"We started to open it up more in the third," said Wildcats coach Jim Annala. "We started to make our free throws during the fourth quarter."

Filer held on without a basket and allowed only three free throws in the decisive fourth.

Buhl (0-22) was paced by Brent Montgomery's 10 points in their 2005-06 final game.

They play Kimberly in a loser-out game at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the CSI gymnasium.

Filer 48, Buhl 32
 Points: Filer 48, Buhl 32
 Rebounds: Filer 22, Buhl 18
 Assists: Filer 12, Buhl 8
 Steals: Filer 7, Buhl 5
 Blocks: Filer 4, Buhl 3
 Fouls: Filer 10, Buhl 15
 Shooting: Filer 25-35 (71%), Buhl 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Filer 5-12 (42%), Buhl 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Filer 10-13 (77%), Buhl 5-8 (63%)

24 Canyon Conference
Valley 37, Wendell 34

HAZELTON — Valley defeated Wendell in a Canyon Conference playoff game 37-34 Thursday as junior guard Natalie Hanson sunk critical free throws in the closing seconds.

A last-ditch 3-pointer by Wendell was just off the mark.

"We jumped out to a 13-2 first quarter lead," said Valley coach Brian Harter. "The girls showed good intensity. Wendell wouldn't let us pull away even though we had opportunities. We didn't sink the ball extremely well tonight."

Senior guard Hallie Kelsey scored a game-high 19 points for Wendell (12-8).

Valley (12-7) led the win scoring by senior Lindsay Wood with 10 followed by Katie Hall with eight.

Wendell hosts Glens Ferry on Monday while the winners are traveling to Valley on Thursday for the 2A District IV championship and a state tournament berth.

Valley 37, Wendell 34
 Points: Valley 37, Wendell 34
 Rebounds: Valley 22, Wendell 18
 Assists: Valley 12, Wendell 8
 Steals: Valley 7, Wendell 5
 Blocks: Valley 4, Wendell 3
 Fouls: Valley 10, Wendell 15
 Shooting: Valley 25-35 (71%), Wendell 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Valley 5-12 (42%), Wendell 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Valley 10-13 (77%), Wendell 5-8 (63%)

Boys basketball
Hagerman 66, Castelford 46

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Pirates scored their way past the Castelford Wolves 66-46 Thursday night in IA Magic Valley Southside Conference play. The win out Hagerman ahead by two games in the conference standings ahead of Castelford (13-3, 10-2).

"It was a good battle. There were two good teams out there," Hagerman head coach Kevin Cato said.

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"It was a good battle. There were two good teams out there," Hagerman head coach Kevin Cato said.

It was the Pirates, however, who were able to capitalize, in the second quarter on turnovers and the 11 points senior forward Skyler Talbott was able to put through.

Hagerman (16-2, 11-0) play Lighthouse Christian Saturday at Hagerman.

Hagerman 66, Castelford 46
 Points: Hagerman 66, Castelford 46
 Rebounds: Hagerman 22, Castelford 18
 Assists: Hagerman 12, Castelford 8
 Steals: Hagerman 7, Castelford 5
 Blocks: Hagerman 4, Castelford 3
 Fouls: Hagerman 10, Castelford 15
 Shooting: Hagerman 25-35 (71%), Castelford 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Hagerman 5-12 (42%), Castelford 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Hagerman 10-13 (77%), Castelford 5-8 (63%)

Raft River 45, Hansen 41
HANSEN — Senior Paden Baker scored 15 points including three 3-pointers to lead Raft River to a 45-41 Magic Valley Southside Conference road win over Hansen Thursday.

Senior Bryan Carensia scored 13 points for Raft River, 9-3, and junior Devon Jenks added nine.

Hansen travels to Castelford and Raft River (7-10, 4-8) hosts Magic Valley Christian on Saturday.

Raft River 45, Hansen 41
 Points: Raft River 45, Hansen 41
 Rebounds: Raft River 22, Hansen 18
 Assists: Raft River 12, Hansen 8
 Steals: Raft River 7, Hansen 5
 Blocks: Raft River 4, Hansen 3
 Fouls: Raft River 10, Hansen 15
 Shooting: Raft River 25-35 (71%), Hansen 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Raft River 5-12 (42%), Hansen 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Raft River 10-13 (77%), Hansen 5-8 (63%)

Oakley 79, M.V. Christian 54
OAKLEY — Blake Bedke pumped in 20 points, Clayton Bedke added 16 and Chase Anderson 14 as Oakley powered Magic Valley Christian for a 79-54 home win Thursday.

The Conquerors were paced by Drew Reisma with 19 points and point guard Corey Paulsen with 17.

Oakley 79, M.V. Christian 54
 Points: Oakley 79, M.V. Christian 54
 Rebounds: Oakley 22, M.V. Christian 18
 Assists: Oakley 12, M.V. Christian 8
 Steals: Oakley 7, M.V. Christian 5
 Blocks: Oakley 4, M.V. Christian 3
 Fouls: Oakley 10, M.V. Christian 15
 Shooting: Oakley 25-35 (71%), M.V. Christian 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Oakley 5-12 (42%), M.V. Christian 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Oakley 10-13 (77%), M.V. Christian 5-8 (63%)

Murtaugh 66, Lighthouse Christian 56
MURTAUGH — Jose Saucedo pumped in 22 points for Murtaugh and Taylor Wilson added 17 as the Red-Devils upended the Lighthouse Christian Lions 66-56 Thursday night.

Saucedo also had six steals, six rebounds and seven assists on the night. Dylan Stallings pulled down nine rebounds and Brian Bishoff had eight.

For Lighthouse Christian, Shawn Andrus and Ryan DeKruyf each scored 16 points. DeKruyf also led the Lions in rebounds with nine.

Murtaugh (5-11, 4-8) play at Oakley Saturday.

Murtaugh 66, Lighthouse Christian 56
 Points: Murtaugh 66, Lighthouse Christian 56
 Rebounds: Murtaugh 22, Lighthouse Christian 18
 Assists: Murtaugh 12, Lighthouse Christian 8
 Steals: Murtaugh 7, Lighthouse Christian 5
 Blocks: Murtaugh 4, Lighthouse Christian 3
 Fouls: Murtaugh 10, Lighthouse Christian 15
 Shooting: Murtaugh 25-35 (71%), Lighthouse Christian 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Murtaugh 5-12 (42%), Lighthouse Christian 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Murtaugh 10-13 (77%), Lighthouse Christian 5-8 (63%)

Buhl 65, Gooding 47
BUHL — Buhl moved to 6-1 in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference with a home 65-47 win over Gooding.

"We just played consistent," said head coach Ryan Bowman. "Gooding kept coming at us and the kids just stayed steady. The players stepped up and played a pretty good all-around game."

Senior Mitch Bourner and junior Will Chivers led for game-high honors with 14 points followed by Austin Laling with 12 and Judd Sawyer with 10 for the Indians (25-5).

For Gooding (5-11, 4-9), junior guard Tyler Bunn scored 12 and junior Justin Rodgers added 10.

Buhl travels to Wendell and Gooding hosts Glens Ferry on Friday.

Buhl 65, Gooding 47
 Points: Buhl 65, Gooding 47
 Rebounds: Buhl 22, Gooding 18
 Assists: Buhl 12, Gooding 8
 Steals: Buhl 7, Gooding 5
 Blocks: Buhl 4, Gooding 3
 Fouls: Buhl 10, Gooding 15
 Shooting: Buhl 25-35 (71%), Gooding 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Buhl 5-12 (42%), Gooding 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Buhl 10-13 (77%), Gooding 5-8 (63%)

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Team	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocks	Fouls
Team 1	100	22	12	7	4	10
Team 2	85	18	8	5	3	15

Western States Classic ISDB 55, Oregon School for the Deaf 53

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind guard Rafael Palacios poured in 31 points to lead the Raptors to a 55-53 win over the Oregon School for the Deaf in the first round of the Western States Basketball Classic in Vancouver, wash. Brandon Baxter added 11 points while Ipi children scored seven points and made numerous steals. Alex Garcia scored six for the ISDB.

ISDB plays the California School for the Deaf in Riverside at 5:30 p.m. in the semifinals.

College baseball CSI splits at Coyote

HENDERSON, Nev. — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team split a pair of games on Day 2 of the Seventh Annual Coyote Classic at the Community College of Southern Nevada on Thursday.

The Golden Eagles (5-1) lost its first game of the tournament to Cochise, 3-1.

"We just didn't play good defense," CSI head coach Boomer Walker said. "We had opportunities to score more runs, but we just didn't move our runners."

On the mound, CSI's Adam Unrueg, Nick Gato and Tim Mecler allowed no earned runs.

Against Pima, the Eagles shut out their opponent, 2-0.

Freshman third baseman Grant Kvederimalka a double in the third score fest when fielder Alex Hancock took the ball. It was a big hit when one was needed.

Once again, the Eagles pitchers earned runs, but they were out for that reason. "(Troy) Grundy didn't have his best stuff, but he battled out there," Walker said. "(Jordan) Latham did a great job, and we did a great job of not giving up the win). We're gonna be a good offense, but we have to come around a bit."

CSI plays Yavapai at 10 a.m. Monday then Arizona Western at 3:30 p.m.

Cochise College, CSI 3

Game	11:00-12:00-2:45
Competition	100-200-300
Competition	100-200-300
1-Uniform	100-200-300
CSI 2, Pima CC 0	
Points	100-200-300
Rebounds	100-200-300
Assists	100-200-300
Steals	100-200-300
Blocks	100-200-300
Fouls	100-200-300
Shooting	100-200-300
3-Point	100-200-300
Free Throws	100-200-300

Late Wednesday Boys basketball

Pocatello 64, Burley 40
POCATELLO — Chris Turney scored 14 to lead the Bobcats.

Pocatello 64, Burley 40
 Points: Pocatello 64, Burley 40
 Rebounds: Pocatello 22, Burley 18
 Assists: Pocatello 12, Burley 8
 Steals: Pocatello 7, Burley 5
 Blocks: Pocatello 4, Burley 3
 Fouls: Pocatello 10, Burley 15
 Shooting: Pocatello 25-35 (71%), Burley 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Pocatello 5-12 (42%), Burley 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Pocatello 10-13 (77%), Burley 5-8 (63%)

Wendell drops two
WENDELL — Wendell lost two competitive dual meets Wednesday, falling to the Oakley/Raft River combined squad 40-58 and Idaho to Kimberly 49-59.

Results
Oakley/Raft River 40, Wendell 38
 Points: Oakley/Raft River 40, Wendell 38
 Rebounds: Oakley/Raft River 22, Wendell 18
 Assists: Oakley/Raft River 12, Wendell 8
 Steals: Oakley/Raft River 7, Wendell 5
 Blocks: Oakley/Raft River 4, Wendell 3
 Fouls: Oakley/Raft River 10, Wendell 15
 Shooting: Oakley/Raft River 25-35 (71%), Wendell 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Oakley/Raft River 5-12 (42%), Wendell 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Oakley/Raft River 10-13 (77%), Wendell 5-8 (63%)

Oakley/Raft River 40, Wendell 38
 Points: Oakley/Raft River 40, Wendell 38
 Rebounds: Oakley/Raft River 22, Wendell 18
 Assists: Oakley/Raft River 12, Wendell 8
 Steals: Oakley/Raft River 7, Wendell 5
 Blocks: Oakley/Raft River 4, Wendell 3
 Fouls: Oakley/Raft River 10, Wendell 15
 Shooting: Oakley/Raft River 25-35 (71%), Wendell 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Oakley/Raft River 5-12 (42%), Wendell 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Oakley/Raft River 10-13 (77%), Wendell 5-8 (63%)

Idaho 49, Wendell 39
 Points: Idaho 49, Wendell 39
 Rebounds: Idaho 22, Wendell 18
 Assists: Idaho 12, Wendell 8
 Steals: Idaho 7, Wendell 5
 Blocks: Idaho 4, Wendell 3
 Fouls: Idaho 10, Wendell 15
 Shooting: Idaho 25-35 (71%), Wendell 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Idaho 5-12 (42%), Wendell 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Idaho 10-13 (77%), Wendell 5-8 (63%)

Valley 45, Wendell 38
 Points: Valley 45, Wendell 38
 Rebounds: Valley 22, Wendell 18
 Assists: Valley 12, Wendell 8
 Steals: Valley 7, Wendell 5
 Blocks: Valley 4, Wendell 3
 Fouls: Valley 10, Wendell 15
 Shooting: Valley 25-35 (71%), Wendell 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Valley 5-12 (42%), Wendell 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Valley 10-13 (77%), Wendell 5-8 (63%)

Bowling
Minico sweeps Kimberly

TWIN FALLS — The Minico girls varsity dined Kimberly 9-4 behind a high score of 201 pin by Amanda Studer. Kimberly's Taya Moses led the Bulldogs with a 163.

Minico sweeps Kimberly
 Points: Minico 201, Kimberly 163
 Rebounds: Minico 22, Kimberly 18
 Assists: Minico 12, Kimberly 8
 Steals: Minico 7, Kimberly 5
 Blocks: Minico 4, Kimberly 3
 Fouls: Minico 10, Kimberly 15
 Shooting: Minico 25-35 (71%), Kimberly 12-25 (48%)
 3-Point: Minico 5-12 (42%), Kimberly 3-10 (30%)
 Free Throws: Minico 10-13 (77%), Kimberly 5-8 (63%)

CSI 2, Pima CC 0
 Points: CSI 2, Pima CC 0
 Rebounds: CSI 2, Pima CC 0
 Assists: CSI 2, Pima CC 0
 Steals: CSI 2, Pima CC 0
 Blocks: CSI 2, Pima CC 0
 Fouls: CSI 2, Pima CC 0
 Shooting: CSI 2-0 (0%), Pima CC 0-0 (0%)
 3-Point: CSI 0-0 (0%), Pima CC 0-0 (0%)
 Free Throws: CSI 0-0 (0%), Pima CC 0-0 (0%)

FBR Open tied after first round

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Steve Lowery shot a 6-under-par 65 in the morning and Alex Cejka matched it at nightfall to tie for first-round lead at the FBR Open on Thursday.

Lowery, winner of two PGA events but none since 2000, ran off four straight birdies on holes 14-17 on a par-71, 7,216-par tournament.

Cejka had six birdies throughout the round. He missed a putt, he saved par on the 18th with a shot out of the sand that landed 2 feet from the pin.

Brent Geibarger, James Driscoll, Jerry Strickland, Ben Platt were one back at 5-under-66. Sixteen were within two shots of Lowery and Cejka on a crowded leaderboard.

Defending champion Phil Mickelson shot a 2-under-69 and was four back. Vijay Singh had to chip in from 35 feet on the 18th hole to finish at even-par-71.

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Basketball Standings



Boys	
Class 5A	
Region Four-Five-Six	
Team	Season Conf.
Twin Falls Bruins	16-1 5-0
Highland Rams	11-2 4-1
Skyline Grizzlies	21-6 1-4
Idaho Falls Tigers	4-12 0-5

Class 4A	
Great Basin Conference West	
Burley Bobcats	9-8 5-1
Jerome Tigers	12-5 3-2
Minico Spartans	6-11 2-3
Wd River Wolverines	8-11 1-5
Great Basin Conference East	
Century D'Backs	10-7 2-1
Pocatello Indians	5-9 2-1
Preston Indians	5-10 0-2

Class 3A	
Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference	
Huhl Indians	11-5 5-1
Kimberly Bulldogs	8-7 5-1
Declo Hornets	4-11 4-2
Gooding Senators	5-10 1-5
Filer Wildcats	0-17 0-6

Class 2A	
Canyon Conference	
Wendell Trojans	15-2 3-0
Glenns Ferry Pilots	11-7 2-1
Valley Vikings	8-10 0-4

Class 1A	
Magic Valley	
Northside Conference	
Carey Panthers	18-1 11-0
Richfield Tigers	14-5 8-2
Camas Co Mushers	10-6 7-4
Delirich Blue Devils	7-11 4-7
Bliss Bears	6-7 4-6
Com Sch Cutthroats	3-11 2-8
Shoshone Indians	1-15 1-8

Southside Conference	
Hagerman Pirates	15-2 10-0
Castelford Wolves	13-2 10-1
Hansen Huskies	9-6 6-3
Oakley Hornets	5-12 5-6
Lighthouse Chr Lions	11-6 5-6
Raft River Trojans	6-10 3-8
Murtaugh Red Devils	4-11 3-8
MV Chr Conquerors	0-11 0-7

Independent
TF Christian Warriors 6-11

Girls	
Class 5A	
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Lighthouse Chr Lions	4-12 1-12
Murtaugh Red Devils	2-16 0-10

Independent
TF Christian Warriors 5-8

COACHES

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By Brad Guile Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The top-ranked Twin Falls boys basketball team never gave much thought to the former goose egg in its loss column.

"I haven't heard any of the players talk about it," Bruins head coach Matt Harris said, confessing that it wasn't a topic he had dwelled on.

Local fans certainly have in the past 24 hours, after the Bruins fell at home to 6-11 Minico, 68-61 in overtime, Wednesday, for their first loss of the 2005-06 season and only the second in the school's last 43 games.

The Bruins will have to put that loss behind them quickly if they want to clinch the No. 1 seed in the Region Four-Five-Six district tournament. They need to stay undefeated in conference.

The Bruins (16-1, 5-0) travel to Pocatello to face the No. 2 Highland Rams (11-3, 4-1) tonight, hoping to take their next step closer to the state tournament, and quite possibly, a state championship. The 2004-05 state runner up Rams certainly won't roll over and let the Bruins have another win over them.

Last time around, Twin Falls handed the Rams a 54-44 conference loss in Brandon Gymnasium on Jan. 12. But for the Bruins, look for Braun Simmons and Marcus Schaal were among others who contributed points in the early January win.

Harris said that the team will keep the basic offensive philosophy they've had all season, for



Minico guard Anthony Garcia passes around Twin Falls defender Kenny Steelman during Wednesday's game at Baun Gymnasium. The 68-61 overtime loss to the Spartans spoiled the Bruins' hopes of an undefeated season.

these workouts should do the most part.

"But we'll have some new wrinkles," he added.

Another early lead will help the Bruins, but Highland knows how to fight back from a deficit, making a 14-2 run in the third quarter. Harris expects it.

"Highland will be much more aggressive on the offensive

near its end, Cooper isn't done with wrestling yet.

He wants to compete at the collegiate level and although he hasn't picked a school officially, his top pick is Boise State University.

Cooper has plans of majoring in physical therapy so that he can coach wrestling and teach at the high school level.

So, could there be another coach Cooper in Minico's future? "I'd love to come back but to Minico," Minico school has given me quite a bit, and I want to give back to it," Cooper said.

And what does the current coach Cooper think about his passing wrestling success? "It would be awesome," coaches Cooper said. "If I was decided to coach, he'll be a great coach."

"My dad and uncle drove me all over to tournaments and summer camps," Cooper said. "I couldn't have done it without them."

Although his senior year is

GAME OF THE WEEK

No. 1 Twin Falls at No. 2 Highland, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

end," he said. Rams players like JD Mowbray and Travis Martin will likely fight for double-digit scoring again.

Senior post Wiersman isn't sure what the Highland coach will have up his sleeve, but he aware that changes could be in store. "I know the coach is innovative for coming in with a new style," he said. "They'll have better shooting and put constant pressure on us."

Avoiding foul trouble will be another advantage to the Bruins strategy. Twin Falls only drew eight fouls the entire game, holding the Rams to 7-of-9 from the free throw line. Twin Falls was fouled 18 times and went 19-of-25. Considering that Highland made one more basket than the Bruins — and that they each netted a 3-point goal — fouling and success at the charity stripe could make a difference again.

Also, consider that the game is in Pocatello, those numbers could be reversed. Just a theory.

Yet the Bruins aren't a team of excuses and won't back down from the quest to become state champion.

"We had a good run last year," Wiersman said of the 2005 third-place state finish. "But I hope we do better this year. I'm not setting on us being the same team."

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Juggernaut Wes Cooper lives for Minico wrestling

By Brad Guile Times-News writer

RUIPIRI — More often than not, sports is a major part of some families' makeup.

Minico High School grappler Wes Cooper's family is no exception. The conversation that has made him the formidable force on the mat he is today.

"The best part of the wrestling, for Cooper, is the competition. "I like to set a goal and achieve it," he said. One of those goals is getting back to state.

"Not satisfied with a second-place finish last year, Cooper has his eye on the top spot. As the top-ranked wrestler in Class 4A, he's a strong favorite to get the job done.

"He'll see a lot of familiar faces from his year's state tournament, but is confident. His results so far certainly back that confidence up.

"At the Spartans' senior night on Feb. 1, Cooper took two

Wes Cooper



more victories, accumulating 118 career wins (including wins against Minico and Century that night). For the season, he's 26-1, with 23 pins.

"He lost a tough one in the finals (last year)," Spartans head coach Brad Cooper said. "I don't see that happening again. He needs to take it one match at a time."

All this success and probable future successes can be attributed by his family bond via wrestling.

Wrestling has always been in the family," Cooper said. "As a little kid I went to Minico's meets with my grandfather. (William.)

While William played hoops, dad Clay and all his brothers were wrestlers. His uncle Brad is the coach at Minico, and cousin Brady is a close teammate. It's a passion that has kept Wes wrestling since age 4.

"I remember taking Wes to freestyle tournaments when he was five," coach Cooper said. "It's been on the mat a long time."

"The passion for the sport has been well-fostered by his family, and the high school senior will be forever grateful.

"My dad and uncle drove me all over to tournaments and summer camps," Cooper said. "I couldn't have done it without them."

Although his senior year is

Kaisley looks to win last regular season home game

By Brad Guile Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — This is it, folks.

After 18 years of loyal service as the Wendell Trojans boys basketball coach, Allen Kaisley will coach his final regular season home game against nonconference foe Bull.

Iced into the playoffs with a 15-2 record (3-0 Canyon Conference), a great send-off for the veteran coach would be a state championship. The Trojans took third last year after winning their district and conference championships.

In 2004, Wendell defeated Hrie 79-46 to win its first state boys basketball title since 1970.

The usual gang of Trojans — Zac Davis, JJ King, Jeff Lowe, Matt Myers, and Will Howerton — should have no problem producing points. Adrian Southwell, Mark Vanderlust and James Carrillo should con-

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hoping to cement the top spot in the Great Basin Conference West. Carey wants to do the same thing for the Magic Valley Northside Conference.

Also in Great Basin West play is Jerome and Minico. The host Spartans could tie up second place with a win.

- **Wrestling** — Gooding and Huhl compete at the Weiser Tournament (6:30 p.m.), while Declo, Filer and Burley travel to Challis (3 p.m.).
- **SATURDAY**
 - **SCIC boys basketball, 7:30 p.m.** — Kimberly and Declo battle for a potential second-place conference finish.
 - **Wrestling** — Day 2 of the Weiser Tournament (6:30 p.m.) and Challis Invitational (9 a.m.). Also, Raft River/Oakley grapple at the Aberdeen Tournament (9 a.m.).
 - **TUESDAY**
 - **Boys basketball, 7:30 p.m.** — In Canyon play Wendell at

Glenns Ferry in SCIC. Kimberly at Filer, in Northside, Richfield at Camas County, in Southside, Hagerman at Hansen, and to throw it in for good measure, the final Battle of the Bridge for 2005-06, Jerome at Twin Falls.

• **Wrestling** — Valley and Glenns Ferry grapple at Gooding (5:30 p.m.), Kimberly travels to Declo (6 p.m.) and Filer and Valley visit Wendell (5:30 p.m.).

• **Wrestling** — Minico at Preston (6 p.m.), Jerome at Mountain Home (6:30 p.m.) and Huhl at Wood River (6 p.m.).

• **THURSDAY**

- **Bull at Declo boys basketball, 7:30 p.m.** — The Indians and Hornets battle for seeding in the upcoming district tournament in this SCIC matchup.
- **Wrestling 4 p.m.** — Hilercrest hosts Minico, Bonnevile and Burley.

Media basketball polls

Records as of Jan. 31

Girls	
Final rankings	
Rank	Team
1.	Centennial (8) 18-2
2.	Borah (2) 17-3
3.	Boise 17-3
4.	Highland 16-4
5.	Coeur d'Alene 15-2

Class 4A	
1.	Valluie (10) 20-0
2.	Burley 16-3
3.	Blackfoot 16-5
4.	Skyview 15-5
5.	Hillcrest 14-7

Class 3A	
1.	Middleton (10) 18-1
2.	American Falls 17-3
3.	Shelley 15-2
4.	Bear Lake 14-4
5.	Bonnery Ferry 14-5

Class 2A	
1.	Butte County (8) 20-0
2.	Grangeville (2) 19-1
3.	New Plymouth 17-3
4.	North Fremont 17-5
5.	Firth 14-8

Class 1A	
1.	Rimrock (8) 20-0
2.	Wallace (2) 18-1
3.	Garden Valley 17-1
4.	Shoshone 19-2
5.	Prarie 16-4

Boys	
Class 5A	
1.	Twin Falls (10) 16-0
2.	Highland 10-2
3.	Lawiston 15-1
4.	Capital 11-5
5.	Mountain View 12-4

Class 4A	
1.	Skyview (10) 16-1
2.	Kuna 15-2
3.	Madison 12-3
4.	Century 11-5
5.	Hillcrest 10-6

Class 3A	
1.	Fruitland (5) 15-2
2.	Shelley (3) 14-3
3.	American Falls (1) 14-3
4.	South Fremont 12-3
5.	Hillcrest 12-4

Class 2A	
1.	Wendell (6) 14-2
2.	Malad (2) 13-3
3.	West Jefferson (2) 12-2
4.	Parma 11-5
5.	Soda Springs 10-6

Class 1A	
1.	Cascade (10) 17-0
2.	Neppure 18-0
3.	Carey 17-0
4.	Notus 17-0
5.	Hagerman 15-2

Others receiving votes	
—	Crofton, Kamiah.

Voters this week	
Matt Baney	Lowiston Tribune
Craig Craker	Idaho Press-Tribune
Jonathan Drew	Magic Valley sports talk
Paul Kingsbury	idahospots.com
Eric Lazan	The Times-News
Greg Leo	The Spokesman-Review
Mark Nelko	Coeur d'Alene Press
Joe Paisley	The Times-News
Brad Riddell	Idaho State Journal
Jesse Zentz	The Idaho Statesman

Price

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"After I scored 29 points in the first quarter, I didn't think much of it," Price said. "After I had 58 points at the half, and especially after having in the 80s after the third quarter. I just decided to go for it."

Grezninsky used 16 players and said he had four reserves on the court when Prince broke the record.

In 12 years of coaching, I've been on both ends of blowouts,

but nothing close to that. There are ways to prevent a blowout, from becoming an embarrassment. Don't throw the ball out of bounds or stop trying, but pull all the starters, work on passes, run down the shot clock, or encourage everyone to shoot.

Two-time WNBA MVP Lisa Leslie scored 101 points in the first half for Morningstar High School in Inglewood, Calif., against South Torrance in 1990, and the opposing coach refused

to let his team play the second half.

When Kobe Bryant scored 81 points against the Toronto Raptors on Jan. 22, he rallied his team from an 18-point third-quarter deficit. He needed to score 55 in the second half for his team to win.

Earlier in the season, Bryant had 62 points after three quarters in a blowout over the Dallas Mavericks. With the Lakers holding an insurmountable

lead there was no need for coach Phil Jackson to pull the 6-foot-6 star back into the game.

It was a 30-point basketball game at that point and that's not the spirit of the game," Jackson said. "I did ask Kobe if he wanted to go back in and contend for the (franchise) record. He asked me what I thought, and I said, 'It's a 30-point game.'"

Bryant stayed on the bench. On Wednesday, Prince kept shooting.

Market Watch

Feb. 2, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	-101.97
	10,851.98
Nasdaq composite	-28.99
	2,261.57
Standard & Poor's 500	-11.62
	1,270.84
Russell 2000	-9.23
	726.25

Stocks of local interest

AP Photo

	close	change
Albertsons	\$25.16	▼ .01
Con Agri	\$20.74	▼ .24
Dail Inc	\$29	▼ .76
Megam	\$30.91	▼ .51
Metrin	\$14.95	▼ .07

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Commodities

	close	change
Oil, by barrel	\$64.68	▼ 1.88
Fish, light sweet corn	\$2.17	▼ .01
Live cattle	\$32.60	▼ .45
Gold (Feb.)	\$572.50	▲ 3.10

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January retail sales surprising

NEW YORK — The nation's retailers reported better-than-expected sales in January, as shoppers armed with holiday gift cards and lured by mild weather returned to stores and malls in search of clearance and spring merchandise. The shopping surge wasn't expected to last, however, as consumers face higher interest rates, a cooling housing market and high energy costs in the months ahead.

As retailers reported their results Thursday, shoppers cut across all categories, including electronics like Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Target Corp. Wholesale club operators such as Costco Wholesale Corp., teen retailers including Abercrombie & Fitch Co. and mid-price and upscale department stores such as Nordstrom Inc. and J.C. Penney Co. Inc.

CBS sends iTunes off the download island

CBS Corp. has spoken when it comes to making its reality hit "Survivor" available for download. iTunes has been voted off the island.

CBS announced Wednesday that it was experimenting with putting off the Internet midweek night show on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. to a new slot on its own Web site, CBS.com. The service launched Thursday night, immediately after the show aired on the West coast.

CBS will be the first broadcast network to sell its shows via its own Internet storefront. The move signals that CBS chief executive Les Moonves believes his network is big enough to do it alone — and thus not split the spoils.

Q4 profits soar for drugstore giant CVS

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — CVS Corp., one of the nation's largest drugstore chains, said Thursday its fourth-quarter profit rose nearly 60 percent on strong same-store sales. Net income for the quarter ended Dec. 31 grew to \$402.8 million, or 48 cents per share, from \$251.6 million, or 30 cents per share, a year ago. Excluding one-time benefits, the Woonsocket-based company said earnings would have been 47 cents per share.

CVS announced last month it plans to purchase about 700 stand-alone Sav-on and Osco Drugstores and a distribution center from Albertson's Inc.

Inflation worries pressure stocks; Dow Jones index falls 101

By Michael J. Martinez
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Investors concerned about inflation after a surprise jump in labor costs sent stocks skidding lower Thursday, with unfounded rumors of a terrorist threat compounding the selling. The decline came despite a drop in oil prices and positive employment news.

Wall Street worried that the Labor Department's productivity data, which showed a 2.4 percent jump in unit labor costs,

was a harbinger of inflation, since that meant companies were paying more for less productive workers. With the Federal Reserve clearly willing to keep raising interest rates to fight inflation, investors worried about the potential economic damage of such a rate hike.

Stocks took a sharp dip early in the session after a number of floor traders said a rumor circulated that the Homeland Security Department was going to announce a new terror threat. Although the rumor proved

Health care goes retail



Josalynn Swan, physician assistant at the Allegent Quick Care store located inside an Omaha, Neb., supermarket, stands for a photo on Jan. 20. Retailers ranging from local grocery store chains to big-box sellers such as Target and Wal-Mart are setting up clinics in trial runs throughout the country.

Clinics in stores offer convenience — at a lower price

By Emily Fredrik and Marcus Kabel
Associated Press writers

OMAHA, Neb. — Fearing bad news as her son suffered with a cough, achies and a sore throat, Donna Buttez found help in the most common of places — her neighborhood grocery store.

Except for a 20-minute wait, Trevor's visit to the Hy-Vee clinic seemed convenient at every turn. His pediatrician was out of his office this day and, without the wait-in service, Buttez might have considered an expensive trip to an emergency room to seek treatment.

More and more stores — from small-scale chains like Hy-Vee to mega-markets like Wal-Mart and Target — have started trialing runs with in-store medical clinics.

The concept is so new that

analysts weren't sure how many clinics currently exist. They said retailers appear to be trying clinics as a way to increase foot traffic in their stores, rather than rely on the clinics as an entirely new revenue stream.

The ventures are promising enough that America Online founder Steve Case put \$500 million into a company that buys stakes in smaller companies that set up the clinics.

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"This cost and convenience trend is coming to a head and that's what is driving this trend. My prediction is that it will move quite rapidly," said

Matt Fyring, managing director of Innosight, a Watertown, Mass., consulting firm.

"The business model is simple — a medical clinic operated by an outside company, and generally staffed by nurses or physician assistants, offers a limited range of basic tests and treatments at a lower cost than a doctor's office."

Case invested heavily in Revolution Health Group, a company that, among other things, is buying stakes in clinic operators. Its backers and board include former Secretary-of-State Colin Powell, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina and former Fannie Mae Chairman Franklin Dukes.

Seattle-based health care analyst Kathleen O'Connor said it's difficult to say how many in-store clinics exist because the trend is so new and it is not clear whether anyone

is tracking it. These clinics are different from the stand-alone sites sometimes referred to as a "doc in a box."

The in-store clinics help to evoke the idea of convenience with their very names — Quick Care at the Omaha Hy-Vee; RedClinic, controlled by Revolution and one of four providers for Wal-Mart; and MinuteClinic, which has 70 clinics in CVS pharmacies, Target Stores and Cold Foods supermarkets.

Patterns never need an appointment and can drop by after regular business hours. Many times, a patient might be heading to the store anyway for groceries and find it convenient to ask about that nagging cough or persistent headache.

Buttez knew her visit with Trevor, 9, was all about convenience.

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Officials pin hopes on aircraft museum

The Associated Press

REXBURG — Officials are hoping a new aircraft museum takes flight and draws tourists to this eastern Idaho town when it opens today.

"This will be a wonderful addition to put into our tourism attractions," Donna Benfield, a city councilwoman, told the Post Register. "As a community, we'd like to see as many of those efforts succeed as possible."

The 18,000-square-foot Legacy Flight Museum at the Rexburg Airport houses nine vintage planes from World War II and the Korean War. It also includes a Russian jet from the Cold War, and a replica World War II plane.

Far from being relics, all of them are flightworthy including a WWII P-51 Mustang fighter. The P-51, one of 150 in the world that can still fly, is owned by John Bagley.

He is one of two brothers who built the hanger to house the planes.

"World War II had some of the coolest airplanes you could have," Terry Bagley told The Associated Press on Thursday.

"These airplanes all fly. They've all been restored. They're beautiful. It's not a static display." Other collectors in the region have also lent planes to the museum.

"I think we owe it to our kids and our grandkids to let them know the importance of what happened and about those that came before," John Bagley said.

The brothers said the exhibit will give students a glimpse of U.S. history.

"We're free on freedom — it's not free," Terry Bagley said. "We've had to defend it, and these planes are part of all that."

He said the museum is expected to draw some of the thousands of tourists who pass by Rexburg on their way to nearby Yellowstone National Park during the cold winter months. King Cobra, one of three in the United States that can still fly.

Delays could make interest in Xbox 360 turn a 180

By Julio Tamaki
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Gripping the controller of the coveted Xbox 360, Jesus Sanchez watched as the Oakland Raiders clashed with the Denver Broncos on a high-definition flat-screen TV. The details in the "Madden NFL 06" video game looked so sharp that it was almost like seeing an actual football game.

Sanchez was mesmerized, but unfortunately for him the 360 was his. He was playing a demo machine at a Best Buy store in LA's Aveter Village neighborhood because, like countless other frustrated gamers, he hasn't been able to get one of his own.

More than two months after its debut, Microsoft Corp.'s newest console remains hard to find.

To be sure, temporary shortages after the launch of a new

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Ex-exec says Skilling gave analysts bad info

By Kristen Hays and Elin McClam
Associated Press writers

HOUSTON — Former Enron Corp. CEO Jeffrey Skilling gave misleading information to Wall Street analysts about the earnings of a highly touted business unit in 2001, the company's former head of investor relations testified Thursday.

"Skilling did not disclose in conference calls with analysts that the Enron retail energy division had suffered \$726 million in first-half losses from its contracts, and insisted that the unit was profitable, Mark Koenig told jurors.

"Those losses had been disclosed to the Enron wholesale division, which was making enough money to absorb them — but that accounting change was not initially disclosed to analysts, Koenig said.

"It would have been a big surprise, a negative surprise, a large surprise to investors" had they known the truth, he said. Analysts did get a surprise when Skilling gave a sarcastic

response to a hedge-fund worker frustrated with Enron's disclosure of details in its reports.

Prosecutors played for the jury a tape of the worker asking Skilling during an April 2001 conference call why Enron had not published more detail on its finances.

"You're the only financial institution that can produce a balance sheet or a cash flow statement," complained Richard Grubman of Highfields Capital Management.

"Thank you very much," Skilling answered. He then called "We appreciate it," and called Grubman an obscene name.

Lay laughed about Thursday when the tape was played in court. Skilling denied the charge.

The former executive vice Please see ENRON, Page B9

Bonds were little changed, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note steady at 4.56 percent from the Wednesday. The yield on the two-year note, however, moved up to 4.57 percent, causing the latest inversion of the Treasury yield curve. When short-term bonds yield more than long-term, investors take that as a sign of a lack of short-term confidence and an omen of future economic disruption.

The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Xbox

Continued from B8 machine are common in the video game business. But Microsoft's continued inability to respond for Xbox 360 has irritated customers and raised questions about whether the company has squandered an opportunity to grab market share before consumer electronics giant Sony Corp. releases its PlayStation 3 later this year. For its part, Microsoft said it expected the shortage to ease in coming weeks, thanks to an additional manufacturing plant coming on line, and the balance should stabilize before the end of the year.

Line may be too late, according to some Wall Street analysts. Microsoft's first-mover advantage is eroding if it takes

them very long to get the first million boxes out," said Michael Pagan, an analyst at Wedbush Morgan Securities in Los Angeles. "If a month slip up in the month of June and Sony launches a million boxes of mine, that's not much of an advantage" for Microsoft. "Whether gamers like Sanchez, a 29-year-old art student, will forgo plans to purchase an Xbox 360 to hold out for a PlayStation 3 remains to be seen. Sanchez said his wife wanted to buy him an Xbox 360 for Christmas, but could not find one. "I heard the PlayStation 3 is coming out pretty soon too, but I haven't really compared it yet," said Sanchez. He said he was waiting to hear more about the toy console before deciding whether it was worth the wait. Microsoft and Sony are locked in a battle for dominance in home entertainment. The Red-jacketed console software behemoth, still relatively new to

the hardware scene, hopes to use its 25th anniversary to overhaul market leader Sony. Industry observers have drawn comparisons between Microsoft's launch of Xbox 360 and the release of new gadgets by Sony, which has an experience at manufacturing consumer electronics. It also has been compared with Apple Computer Inc., a company flying high due to its expertise in its line of iPod music players. "Steve Jobs will announce a product and it will ship that day and be in pretty good supply," said Geoff Keighley, a host on G4, a cable channel devoted to video games. By comparison, Keighley said, Microsoft created "an object of desire they weren't able to deliver to the vast majority of people who were intrigued." The scarcity of Xbox 360s — which play games, music and videos in addition to exploiting the latest in video game graph-

ics and high-definition television — was particularly acute during the crucial holiday shopping season. "Thousands of shoppers camped out overnight in retailers' parking lots; some left empty-handed. Others bought the consoles on eBay, where more than 40,000 of them were sold in the eight days after the models' Nov. 22 launch for an average price of about \$300." Microsoft reported Thursday that it sold 1.5 million Xbox 360 consoles in its fiscal second quarter, which ended Dec. 31, including 900,000 in the U.S., 500,000 in Europe and about 100,000 in Japan. Microsoft executives blamed shortages of parts for the lower-than-expected sales, but said they were nonetheless thrilled with the console's launch, noting that it was already available in 19 countries and that software for the device was selling at a nice clip.

Home Depot will merge safety, loss prevention staffs

By Renee DeGross Atlanta Journal-Constitution

ATLANTA — Home Depot is reorganizing its loss prevention and safety departments in a plan that puts their functions under one roof and creates a new director for environmental programs in California. The move comes six months after federal and state investigators in California began probing the chains' hazardous waste practices, stemming from an incident in which mislabeled containers of spilled products caused a loading dock fire at a store in Marina del Rey. The company is reorganizing its loss prevention and safety departments into a combined area dubbed "asset protection," according to a memo to employees this week from Tom Skilling, vice president-asset protection. The move will "enhance our environmental and safety programs and drive shrink reduction," according to the memo said. Skilling is a retiring term for theft and other losses. A Home Depot spokesman declined to elaborate on the memo or say if the changes are related to the California probe. The company's safety department had overseen everything from hazardous waste handling to programs related to keeping inventory in stores from harming customers or employees. As part of the overhaul, new positions will be created, including a senior director of environmental programs and a director of environmental programs dedicated to California, the memo said. Home Depot has more than 200 outlets in California.

The memo says regional and district safety managers and loss prevention manager positions at Home Depot and Expo stores will be eliminated while new asset protection manager jobs will be created. The net effect on employment levels isn't indicated.

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Under questioning from prosecutors, Koenig described an e-mail he saw in which Skilling and another securities frauder, James O'Connell, were plotting to get Enron executives who had pleaded guilty since the company filed for bankruptcy protection in December 2001.

He admitted on the witness

stand Thursday that he lied to investors.

"I don't know why I did it, but I told jurors, 'I did it to keep my job, to keep the value that I had in the company, to keep working for the company. I didn't have a good reason. If I did, I would tell you about it.'"

Koenig's testimony took the jury of eight women and four men into new areas of the company where he claims the books were cooked up. Investors were given bad information.

On Wednesday, Koenig testified Skilling misled analysts about Enron's broadband division, including one quarter in which virtually all of its revenue came from the sale of a type of fiber, not part of the sector's core revenues.

Koenig spoke Thursday of a decision by Enron manage-

ment to raise its forecast for 2001 profits in a press release on April 17, 2001. He said he was caught in the "game-up analysis" and said there was a "decision to simply raise it."

He said Skilling, Lay and Enron top accountant Richard Coughlan had the authority to raise the guidance — but again stopped short of saying definitively that Lay or Skilling ordered the numbers be fudged.

The defense said in opening statements that many former Enron executives like Koenig were pressured by prosecutors into pleading guilty when they had no criminal crimes, suggesting they were afraid of paying for long legal battles.

A federal prosecutor asked Koenig on Thursday whether it was true that he entered the

plea deal because he could not afford to fight the government.

"I pled guilty because I am guilty," he said.

Koenig walked jurors through two different explanations Skilling gave for his resignation from Enron in mid-August 2001.

Skilling initially said in a press release that the decision was entirely personal, Koenig said. But Skilling told The Wall Street Journal days later that the company's plunging stock price — it had lost half its value that year — was also a factor.

Both Skilling and Lay sold millions of dollars in stock options declared bankruptcy.

Skilling faces 31 criminal counts. Lay seen, each could spend the rest of his life in prison if convicted.

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Left to right, Jeremy Skipper, Jason Byrd, Scott Hinkel, Lt. Bryan White, John Sigalas and Keith Vaughan carry the casket holding John Doe, one of two unidentified bodies buried Friday at the Macphieplah Cemetery in Pascagoila, Miss.

Five months after Katrina, city buries anonymous storm victims

PASCAGOILA, Miss. (AP) — Five months after Hurricane Katrina, a man and woman whose identities are still a mystery were laid to rest side-by-side Thursday, mourned by hundreds of strangers in the first of what could be many such burials to come.

The Rev. Rex Vahey, who led the brief graveside service, urged the mourners to pray that the victims would someday be identified and reunited with relatives.

"I don't know your name, but you are not alone. We stand here with you as you journey home," the Baptist preacher said, reciting a psalm he wrote for the occasion.

"The bodies were found in different places about a week after the Aug. 29 hurricane. Nobody came forward to claim them,

and after fingerprints, dental records and DNA tests failed to yield their identities, the local coroner decided the time had come to let them rest in peace.

More than 100 other unidentified victims of Katrina — mostly from New Orleans — still await burial. In all, more than 1,300 lives were lost to the storm.

Kevin Stephens, New Orleans' health director, said many residents driven from their homes by the hurricane do not have the means to return and look for missing relatives.

"We should take every reasonable measure to identify our citizens," he said. "Perhaps that justifies taking a little additional time."

On Thursday, seven dozen people, including six sheriff's deputies serving as pallbearers,

gathered at the city-owned cemetery to pay their respects. At the end of the service, many left flowers on the matching fiberglass caskets. Some wiped away tears as they walked away from the graves.

Lucille Nash, 70, of Iberville brought a red rose. Her daughter, 46-year-old Sheila Autman, died in the storm, but Nash did not learn of Autman's death until November. "It could have very easily been my heart," Nash said.

Joe Stout, 55, said he felt compelled to attend even though he had no personal connection to the victims.

"God knew these people when they were born. He knew them when they died and he knew everything in between. They're only unknown to us," said Stout, whose home is in Pascagoila.

Forum turns into debate on eavesdropping

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al-Qaida is the leading terrorism threat to the United States, followed by the nuclear ambitions of Iran and North Korea, the nation's intelligence chief said Thursday in a forum that turned into a debate on government eavesdropping.

National Intelligence Director John Negroponte tried to focus on terrorist threats, but lawmakers repeatedly returned to the uproar surrounding the National Security Agency's surveillance program.

West Virginia Sen. Jay Byrnes called the operations the largest NSA program within the United States in history. He accused the Bush administration of using the program politically while keeping the vast majority of Congress "in the dark."

Negroponte and his top deputy, Gen. Michael Hayden, fiercely defended President Bush's authorization allowing the NSA to eavesdrop — without first obtaining warrants — on international communications of people on U.S. soil who may be linked to al-Qaida.

Neither Negroponte nor Hayden would say publicly how many people have been monitored. Nor would they offer details on attacks that have been averted.

As Democratic lawmakers argued for more details, CIA Director Porter Goss lamented the lack of classified information on a variety of ongoing intelligence operations.

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Army backs away from plan to revamp Guard

Military officials now say overall size will remain at about 350,000

By Tom Bowman
The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — In the face of bipartisan opposition at the state and national level, the Pentagon backed away Thursday from a plan to reduce the overall size of the Army National Guard.

The Army said the overall size of the Guard would remain at 350,000, instead of being reduced to 333,000 as part of a Defense Department budget-cutting proposal.

Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, the Army's top officer, brushed aside critics of the plan, who had warned that it was ill-advised at a time of war overseas and the need to respond to natural disasters at home, such as the hurricanes that struck the Gulf Coast last summer.

"We have no intention of cutting the number of Guard or Reserve brigades, reducing the number of Guard or Reserve soldiers, or cutting the level of Guard and Reserve funding," Schoomaker said at a Pentagon briefing.

Schoomaker said the Army still plans to reduce the number of National Guard combat brigades to 28, down from the 34 combat brigades under last year's manpower plan.

However, Schoomaker also said the Guard would continue to have a total of 106 brigades nationwide, which would mean no overall reduction in the authorized size of the force. A brigade has between 3,500 and 4,000 soldiers.

Initially, the Army had planned to replace six combat brigades with smaller support units — such as a brigade headquarters element — that would have resulted in the loss of up to 19,000 spaces in units around the country, according to the Adjutants General Association of the United States, the organization of top Guard officers in each state.

Under the revised plan, the Army will replace combat brigades with support brigades, through some could be slightly shrunk, said Air Force Maj. Gen. Roger Lempe, the association's president and the top Guard officer in Nebraska.

"I'm happy but we still have questions," said Lempe, who added that the questions in-

volve the size of the new Guard units and how much equipment and funding they will receive.

Schoomaker said that six existing combat brigades would be changed into support units, such as those involved with engineering, military policing or other civil affairs. Those units would be better suited than combat units to respond to domestic security emergencies or natural disasters.

By law, the Guard is commanded by the governors in each of the 50 states, unless units are called to federal duty by the president.

The National Governors Association, a number of individual governors and 77 members of the Senate had protested the initial plan for Guard cuts.

Schoomaker told reporters that the Pentagon's plan would actually strengthen the Guard's combat readiness and that many of the Guard's current combat units have "low readiness levels." Only 15 of the 34 combat brigades are "enhanced" with higher numbers of soldiers, more training and the best equipment, he said.

"What we are doing is building from the enhanced brigades to 28 fully manned, resourced, trained brigades, equipped brigades, just like they are in the active force," he said. "This is a tremendous investment."

Schoomaker said the Army would spend \$21 billion on the Guard through 2011, a four-fold increase in equipment modernization from the 1999 period. But some Pentagon officials noted that this would still be about \$60 billion below the Guard's projected equipment needs.

Lt. Gen. Clyde Vaughn, the commander of the Army Guard, appeared with Schoomaker and said Guard recruiting is on the upswing and is expected to reach its allotted strength of 350,000 by the end of the year.

"We're getting ready to set an all-time January record for recruiting," he said.

Vaughn also called the \$21 billion spending figure "a big deal for us. No one's ever made that kind of commitment to the National Guard."

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Drug industry's windfall from Medicare raises questions

By Tony Pugh
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The new Medicare drug benefit will cost drug companies up to \$2 billion in extra profits this year because they're no longer required to pay rebates on drugs bought by the government for the elderly poor.

The hefty windfall raises new concerns that the Bush administration won't fully realize its promise of lower prices in the troubled new program.

The boost in profits comes from a shift in drug coverage of 6.4 million poor and elderly people from Medicaid to the new Medicare drug benefit. Unlike Medicaid, which requires drug companies to charge their lowest or "best price" for medications, the Medicare program relies on competition among private drug plans to keep prices low. By eliminating the mandatory discount drugs for the government, the industry can now pocket the savings.

The net effect over 10 years is probably closer to \$40 billion in extra profit. Said Stephen Schoultz, a pharmaceutical economics professor at the University of Minnesota.

A little-known study by the Prudential Equity Group from June 2005 estimated that the makers of three anti-psychotic medications stand to benefit most from the change, taking in roughly \$1.1 billion in extra profits on products used by the 6.4 million who are Medicare's most poor and frail patients.

Experts say drug prices in the Medicare program will be higher this year than prices under Medicaid because the private Medicare drug plans will likely match the price discounts achieved by Medicaid, the joint state and federal health program.

But the new profit estimates and the higher drug price projections have kindled accusations that the Medicare drug benefit enriches drug companies at the expense of U.S. taxpayers.

Medicare administrator Mark McClellan questioned Prudential's findings. In testimony before the Senate Special Committee on Aging on Thursday, he said Medicare plans are covering people at a cost average of 15 percent less than expected, which has helped push the average plan premium down to \$2 from an original estimate of \$37.

As a result, the cost of the drug plan likely will be \$10.5 billion in 2006, down from an earlier estimate of \$12 billion, McClellan testified. And the program's 10-year cost estimate has likewise dipped from \$926 billion to \$717 billion.

"The drug plans are negotiating aggressive discounts and rebates that are being passed along to beneficiaries and taxpayers," McClellan said.

According to Prudential, the medications that will gain the most and the profits they're likely to reap are Serenipid by AstraZeneca, Zyprexa by Lilly and Seroquel by Abbott.

Lunched by GlaxoSmithKline (\$200 million) and Zyprexa by Lilly (\$280 million).

These figures reflect Prudential's estimates that Medicare drug plans will negotiate discounts amounting to only 5 percent of what the drug companies paid in rebates to Medicaid in the past year.

An AstraZeneca spokesperson questioned the study's methodology, saying the profit estimate for Serenipid, a schizophrenia medication, was too high. AstraZeneca gave no alternate figures. A GlaxoSmithKline spokesperson wouldn't discuss projected earnings for Lamictal, a treatment for bipolar disorder. A spokesperson for Lilly said the company expected only a "modest short-term benefit" for Zyprexa under the Medicare program, but wouldn't give specifics.

Zyprexa, also a schizophrenia product, was H.S. sales of \$2.3 billion in 2005. Lilly's earnings per share could rise by 6 percent in 2006 just by escaping the rebates, the Prudential study estimates.

With U.S. sales of \$2.76 billion in 2005, Serenipid's increased Medicare profit could boost AstraZeneca's earnings per share by 10 percent, the report found. Company policy prohibits Prudential analysts from discussing reports with non-clients, said company spokesman Tom Leman. Tony Butler, managing director at Lehman Bros., an investment

bank in New York, agreed with the report that Medicare would probably have higher drug prices than Medicaid. Butler estimated the sales windfall for drug companies under Medicare to be between \$1.8 billion and \$2 billion.

He said profits would likely increase in coming years as more businesses cut retirees' drug benefits and steer their former employees into the Medicare drug plans.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif.,

ranking minority member of the House Committee on Government Reform, has asked the Government Accountability Office to investigate the profits as a waste of taxpayer money.

In a Jan. 27 letter to GAO Comptroller General David M. Walker, Waxman wrote: "There appears to be no rational policy justification for providing this immense hidden subsidy to the drug industry." It appears that the only party benefiting in this arrangement are the drug com-

panies that give millions to the Republican leaders who drafted the legislation."

Waxman and other Democrats have long complained that Republicans withheld vital cost information about the program, allowed drug industry lobbyists to draft the proposal and fought efforts to have the government use its leverage to negotiate lower drug prices.

During the Senate committee hearing Thursday, Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., defended the

Medicare drug plan as a flawed but worthy product of a political fight.

It was the best we could accomplish given a very divided atmosphere here in Washington, D.C. So it is somewhat remarkable to expect that something that's the product of deep division, lots of haggling, lots of changes that occurred throughout the legislative process, is going to result in a perfect system," Santorum said. Committee members Sen.

Harb Kohl, D-Wis., and Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., discounted McClellan's cost projections as premature.

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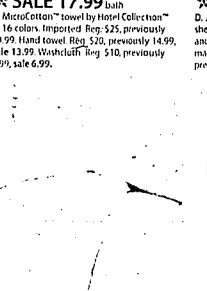
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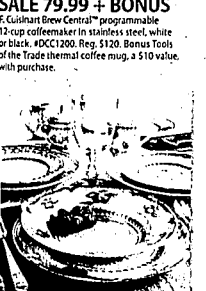
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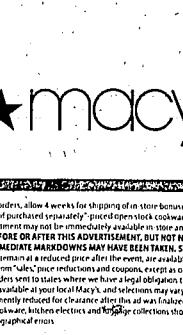
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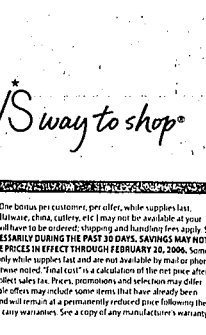
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Iran appears headed to Security Council

Muslim nation remains defiant in its nuclear ambitions

By Hannah Allam
Knight Ridder News Service

VIENNA, Austria — The United Nations' atomic watchdog agency is expected to report Iran's nuclear program to the U.N. Security Council within days, and Western diplomats worked to build a broad consensus for the action at an emergency meeting Thursday in Vienna.

The International Atomic Energy Agency will meet again Friday when a European-sponsored resolution on

Iran is likely to pass over the objections of a handful of the agency's 35-nation board of governors.

Iran remained defiant, insisting it has full rights to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. Ali Larjani, secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, warned Thursday in a terse letter to Mohamed ElBaradei, the U.N. agency's director, that a referral to the Security Council "would be the final blow to the confidence of the Islamic Republic of Iran."

Iran "would have no other choice

but to suspend all the voluntary measures and extra cooperation with the agency," Larjani wrote. "In that case, the agency's monitoring would be limited and all the peaceful nuclear activities being under voluntary suspension would be resumed without any restriction."

Hauling Iran before the Security Council would be a diplomatic victory for the Bush administration, which for years has voiced concern that Iran's uranium enrichment work could lead to the development of nuclear

weapons.

ElBaradei emphasized that the Security Council would take no action on the resolution until after he completes a report in March. He said that would give Iran a month to comply or compromise, for example by accepting an offer to enrich its uranium in Russia.

"We are reaching a critical phase, but it is not a crisis situation," ElBaradei said in Vienna. "This is about confidence-building. It's not about an imminent threat."

In September, the IAEA found Iran in non-compliance with its safeguards agreement under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty after Iran had concealed sensitive nuclear activities

for 18 years. At the time, the agency postponed sending its findings to the Security Council in hopes that Iran would stop nuclear fuel work and cooperate with investigators. Instead, Iran resumed small-scale enrichment work on Jan. 10.

The move, accompanied by increasingly provocative statements by Iran's hard-line president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, nudged even reluctant nations toward supporting the resolution. A draft of the resolution refers to the "absence of confidence that Iran's nuclear program is exclusively for peaceful purposes resulting from the history of concealment of Iran's nuclear activities."

Attack shuts down petrol facility

Incident also forces electric plant to close

By Solomon Moore
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A mortar attack set ablaze a major petroleum facility in the northern city of Kirkuk on Thursday, stopping refining processes at the plant and further damaging Iraq's beleaguered oil industry.

Iraqi oil workers were still fighting the fire late Thursday and U.S. officials held high-level meetings in Baghdad to assess the damage. An Iraqi official of the North Oil Company said the incident was "the most serious attack we have ever faced on an oil installation."

The mortar rounds also hit an important pipeline to Turkey that was already out of order and was being repaired, the official said.

The cessation of oil production at the facility forced an important electricity plant to shut down because it runs on petroleum supplied by the refinery.

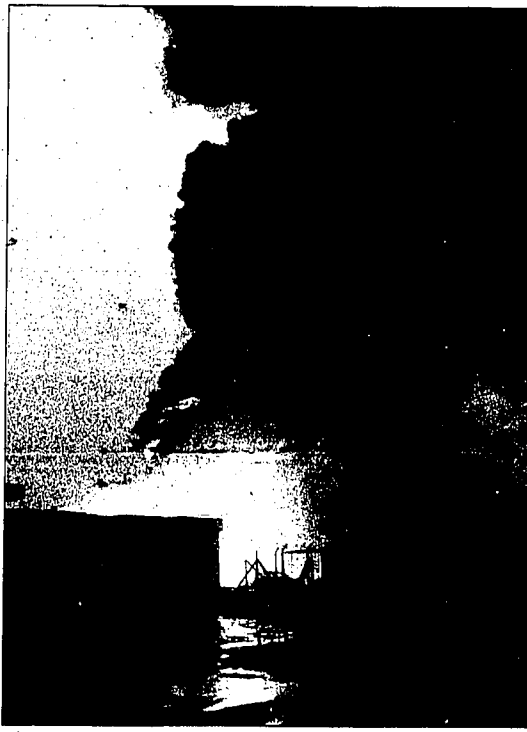
U.S. officials said they had not yet determined how serious the attack would affect oil production in Iraq, which already had fallen 8 percent last year to half the average 3 million barrels a day envisioned by American officials at the outset of the invasion in 2003.

Violence swept through the nation Thursday, taking the lives of at least 26 Iraqis. The U.S. military also announced the deaths of seven American servicemen since Wednesday.

In Shiite-dominated eastern Baghdad, car bombs detonated at a gas station and a popular market, sending up towers of fire that killed 16 people and injured 90 others.

The explosions followed a pre-dawn U.S. helicopter attack in Sadr City, a large slum named after the father of Iranian Shiite Muslim cleric Ayatollah Khomeini, in which an Iraqi woman was killed and a 2-year-old boy was injured. The attack also killed the gunman. Baghdad-loyalists had fired on U.S. helicopters.

The helicopters were supporting a raid to capture a suspected member of Ansar al-Sunnah, a Sunni Muslim-led militant group that has, on occasion, coordinated its activities with al-Qaida, said Capt. Bill



Flames are seen rising behind a petroleum facility after an explosion Thursday in eastern Baghdad. The blast occurred when a car bomb detonated near the station, killing at least two people and wounding 23, local Iraqi police said.

Roberts, a U.S. military spokesman.

After detaining two Iraqi soldiers, U.S. troops attempted to withdraw by helicopter, but were fired upon by four gunmen on a nearby rooftop, Roberts said. Residents said the men were members of the al-Mahdi militia, which had clashed with U.S. forces in the past.

A U.S. Army attack helicopter then swooped down with machine guns and rockets blazing,

the city of Fallujah and in southwestern Baghdad, respectively. A roadside bomb killed three soldiers Wednesday while they were on patrol south of Baghdad.

Two more U.S. servicemen were killed Thursday by snipers in the western town of Irbil.

The deaths brought to at least 2,243 the number of American military personnel killed since the invasion of Iraq began in March 2003.

Robert said.

At least one house was completely destroyed. Several other residences and cars also were badly damaged.

Roberts said the U.S. military had no way of verifying whether civilians were killed in the attack.

U.S. military officials on Thursday also announced the deaths of five servicemen. A Marine and a soldier were killed Wednesday in gunfights near

Chavez makes plans to expel U.S. officer

President: American was spying

By Natalie Ohlko Pearson
Associated Press writer

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez said Thursday that Venezuela is expelling a U.S. Navy officer for allegedly passing secret information from the Venezuelan military to the Pentagon, and warned he will throw out all U.S. military attaches if further espionage occurs.

He also accused U.S. Cmdr. John Herten of concealing Venezuelan officers to consider overthrowing his government, which weathered a brief coup in April 2002.

The U.S. Embassy denied any of its military attaches had done anything wrong.

Venezuela's accusations of espionage, which began last week, have heightened tensions in an already rocky relationship between Washington and Chavez's government. Chavez, whose nation is a major supplier of oil to the United States, is an outspoken critic of U.S. economic policies.

"We have declared the United States Navy commander named John Correa persona non grata. He should leave the country immediately," Chavez said in a nationally televised speech celebrating the seventh anniversary of his government.

"We want the imperial government of the United States that if their military attaches in Venezuela continue to do what this commander has been doing, they will be detained, and the next step would be to withdraw the whole so-called military mission of the United States," he added, drawing cheers and applause from an audience of several thousand.

The U.S. Embassy received a letter from Venezuela on Tuesday asking Correa to appear before military prosecutors on Thursday got another letter ordering him to leave the country, embassy spokeswoman Silome Hernandez told The Associated Press.

"None of the military attaches at the U.S. Embassy in Caracas was or is involved in inappropriate activities," she said. The ensuing controversy has 21 military personnel in Venezuela while Venezuela has about 65 military officers work-

ing in the United States.

U.S. Ambassador William Brownfield said the communication from Venezuela's government only occurred in a way that did not conform to international agreements.

"We have not received any communication from the government that explains the reason" for the expulsion, Brownfield told Venezuelan TV channel Globovision.

John Herten, who the ambassador commented on whether Correa was still in Venezuela.

The case surfaced last week when Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel said an undisclosed number of active and retired Venezuelan military officers were caught passing information to the Pentagon.

Chavez's announcement Thursday marked his government's sharpest accusations yet, and was the first time Correa was mentioned publicly by name.

Chavez said he had evidence the naval attaché met with a group of Venezuelan officers to drum up support for a coup attempt modeled after the 1989 U.S. military invasion of Panama that deposed leader Manuel Noriega.

Chavez has repeatedly accused the U.S. government of spying and plotting to oust him. American officials have denied that, but increasing concern about the health of democracy under Chavez.

In Washington, Director of National Intelligence John Negroponte said in congressional testimony Thursday that Chavez "is seeking closer economic, military and diplomatic ties with North Korea and Iran, whose nuclear programs have provoked grave concern in the U.S. government and elsewhere."

Seymour M. Hersh made the comments while testifying about a broad review of the threats, opportunities and challenges the United States faces internationally.

At the ceremony marking the anniversary of his government, Chavez expressed confidence that he will win re-election in December, urging supporters to mobilize for a landslide victory.

Protests over cartoons escalate in Islamic world

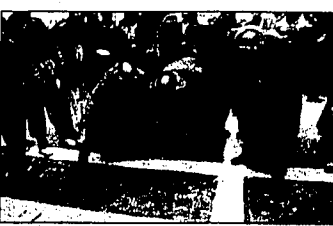
Drawings depicted Prophet Muhammad

By Ibrahim Barzak
Associated Press writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Masked Palestinian militants holding AK-47 rifles stood on the roof of the gate outside European Union headquarters in Gaza, surrounding the EU's local office.

In the West Bank, gunmen burst into several hotels and apartments in search of foreigners to take hostage, and briefly kidnapped a German citizen.

In Pakistan, protesters chanted "death to France" and "death to Denmark."



Iraqis stomp on a painting of the Danish flag denouncing the country's publication of a cartoon of the Muslim Prophet Muhammad on Thursday in the holy city of Najaf, Denmark is receiving Muslim protests over the newspaper cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad published in one of their major news publications.

ambassador, whose country holds the EU presidency. In Iraq, Islamic leaders urged worshippers to stage demonstrations from Baghdad to the southern city of Basra following weekly prayer services

any religion. But French Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy said he preferred "an excess of caricature to an excess of censorship."

Sarkozy joined journalists in rallying around the editorial director of France Soir, who was fired by the newspaper's Egyptian owner, France Soir and other newspapers across Europe reprinted the caricatures this week in a show of support for freedom of expression.

The cartoons were first published in September in a Danish newspaper, touching off anger among Muslims who knew about it. The issue reprinted last week after Saudi Arabia recalled its ambassador to Denmark.

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Kenyans reject offer from dog-food company

By Edmund Sanders
Los Angeles Times

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Kenyan government officials on Wednesday issued a testy "thumbs, but no thanks" to a New Zealand entrepreneur's offer to help stem hunger with a powdered formula similar to one she developed for dogs.

The ensuing controversy has raised accusations of colonial-era racism and tragic misunderstanding in a nation facing the possibility of famine for 2.5 million of its citizens.

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condemned as "insulting" and racist. Sanders said they would sooner starve than eat a product developed from Drummond's Mighty Mix dog biscuits. If the powder is so delicious, they suggest, it should be fed to New Zealand children.

"Our children aren't puppies, madam," blared a headline in Kenya's Nation newspaper, where furious readers sent letters of protest.

For many, the offer rekindled resentment over colonial-era arrogance. "For us Kenyans, it's a racial insult," said Julius Kwa, 39, of Nairobi. "If it's made for dogs, let it be for dogs."

Njoki Agnes, a vegetable vendor in Nairobi and a member of four, said the offer was typical of "white people's behavior. Sending us food made for dogs is taking advantage of the

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WORLD

Austria says it cannot afford art

By William J. Kolc
Associated Press writer

VIENNA, Austria — Austria's government said Thursday it cannot afford to buy back five Gustav Klimt paintings that a court has ordered returned to a California woman who says the Nazis stole them from her Jewish family.

Evelyn Hecher, Austria's minister in charge of education and culture, said the government wanted to acquire the masterpieces but decided it could not afford the \$300 million price tag. Last month, an arbitration court awarded the paintings to Maria Altmann of Los Angeles, who said they were looted from her family by the Nazis.

"Therefore the paintings are immediately available for her to inherit," Hecher said in a statement. She said the government's Council of Ministers could not

find the cash in its budget to keep the paintings in Austria, where they are widely considered to be national treasures.

Hecher said the government would inform Altmann's attorneys that it has no more interest in negotiating a purchase.

"We're simply unable" to buy the paintings, Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel said. "Further negotiations are pointless."

Hecher had proposed after the Jan. 16 court ruling that Austria be allowed to continue displaying at least two of the best-known works as national treasures. Even then, however, she acknowledged that there was not enough money to buy them and Austria was obligated to return them under laws mandating the restitution of art objects to Holocaust victims.

Altmann, 89, a retired Beverly Hills clothing boutique operator, was one of the heirs of the family that owned the paintings

before the Nazis took over Austria in 1938.

Although she waged a seven-year legal battle to recover them, she had also made clear that she preferred the works to remain on public display rather than disappear into a private collection.

Austria's decision to give up the artworks that have been displayed for decades in Vienna's ornate Belvedere castle represents the costliest concession since it began returning valuable art objects looted by the Nazis.

Among the works is "Adele Bloch-Bauer I," which is stylistically similar to Klimt's work and named "The Kiss" and has been widely replicated on T-shirts, cups and other souvenirs. Austria considers the paintings part of its national heritage. Klimt was a founder of the Vienna Secession art movement that for many became synonymous

with Jugendstil, the German and central European version of Art Nouveau.

Altmann is the niece of Bloch-Bauer, who died in 1925. Her husband's possession. Her husband sold the paintings to her family, which commissioned her famous portrait and owned it, along with the four other Klimt paintings disputed in the case.

After Bloch-Bauer died, the paintings ended up in her family's possession. Her husband sold to Switzerland after the Nazis took over Austria. The Nazis then took the paintings and the Belvedere gallery was made the formal owner.

Austria was among the most fervent supporters of Adolf Hitler. Vienna was home to a vibrant Jewish community with some 200,000 before World War II. Today, it numbers about 7,000.

The country has also begun paying compensation to Nazi victims from a \$210 million fund endowed by the federal government, the city of Vienna and Austrian industries.

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famine situation in our country.

Reached by telephone at her home in Canterbury, Drummond, 48, said she was only trying to help after a friend's daughter told her about Kenya's growing hunger problem. She blamed media in Kenya and New Zealand for reporting she was offering dog food.

"I have so much heart for Kenya," Drummond said. "I want to apologize to the government for what the media has created. I never intended to offend anyone." She said her powder, consisting of dried beef, mutton, garlic, kelp and other products, is full of energy-boosting nutrients.

"I eat it myself," she said. Drummond said she developed the supplement after creating a similar product for dogs, but insisted that the human formula was different and not manufactured in a separate facility.

Drummond said she has not sold the product publicly, but intends to.

But Kenyan officials suggest that next time, Drummond should offer cash, or work through an aid organization.

"She's trying to do something without really understanding the culture or thinking about the people she is trying to help," government spokesman Alfred Mutua said.

"And it creates a very negative stereotype about Africa and Africans."

A freeze-dried meat powder would not likely be understood or consumed in remote, rural areas affected by the drought, government and aid officials said. Besides, added Mutua, the region that Drummond hopes to assist — an island in Lake Victoria — is not among those

severely affected by the drought.

Kenya is one of four East African nations struggling to cope with a seven-year drought that is reaching a crisis point after the area received inadequate seasonal rains in the fall.

In some areas, 80 percent of the cattle and other livestock have starved or died from illness. Crops have failed. Without rain, aid groups estimate 5.4 million people in Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia and Djibouti will need emergency food supplies in the coming two months.

"If no long rains fall in April, it will be real disaster," warned Peter Sintered, spokesman for the World Food Program in Kenya, which is having difficulty feeding 1.2 million Kenyans, and expects to have to feed as many as 2.5 million in the coming weeks.

The World Food Program, a part of the United Nations, is trying to raise \$238 million from the international community to provide more than 385,000 tons of emergency food.

Even amid the protest over Drummond's offer, some are saying the Kenyan government must share the blame for failing to prepare for the emergency.

The hunger crisis is another embarrassing setback for Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki, who recently fired his cabinet after spending much of last year in a failed campaign for a new constitution.

Oleluno Kijwang, a member of Parliament whose district includes the island Drummond offered to assist, criticized the "lack of government effort to buy (emergency) food and distribute it to the affected areas." He noted that Kenyan maize farmers in other parts of the country have a surplus of crops.

Dutch troops might head to Afghanistan

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The Dutch parliament on Thursday overwhelmingly supported the deployment of up to 1,400 troops to southern Afghanistan, the premier said, reaffirming the country's central NATO role and ending more than a half year of political turmoil.

No vote was held specifically to send the troops, but Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende said the deployment had widespread support. Generally, in the Dutch parliament, no formal vote is taken once the

parties have made their positions clear.

"The mission can go ahead. I will confirm that to the Cabinet tomorrow (Friday)," he said.

The proposal to send the troops to the troubled Uruzgan province had run into vocal opposition, including from one of the three parties in the governing coalition, but the turning point came when the opposition Labor Party swung behind the mission earlier this week.

"This mission has a chance to succeed. It will be hard, slow-going, and there will be

setbacks," Labor party leader Wouter Bos said during the final debate, signaling his party's support.

A NATO spokesman in Brussels and a NATO observer at the parliament declined comment, saying the alliance would wait until Friday when the Cabinet gives final approval.

U.S. and Afghan forces have come under repeated attacks from insurgents in the area. Bos said his party's concerns were allayed when NATO pledged more money for reconstruction, a security net for the

Dutch troops, human rights guarantees for prisoners and independence for the Dutch in their area of operation.

"It's a dangerous mission, the most dangerous mission since Srebrenica," Defense Minister Henk Kamp acknowledged after the vote. The humiliation of Dutch troops at Srebrenica, Bosnia, 10 years ago by Bosnian Serb forces, when thousands of Muslims under Dutch protection were slaughtered, was a powerful factor in the public hesitation to commit troops again in a combat zone.

Cartoons

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Islamic law, based on clerics' interpretation of the Quran and the sayings of the prophet, forbids depictions of the Prophet Muhammad and other major Islamic figures, even positive ones — to prevent idolatry. Shiite Muslim clerics differ in that they allow images of their greatest "saint," Ali, "the prophets' son-in-law," though not Muhammad.

Critics say the drawings were particularly insulting because some appeared to ridicule Muhammad. One cartoon showed the prophet wearing a turban-shaped as a bomb.

France's Grand Imam Joseph Sitruk said he shared Muslim anger.

"We gain nothing by lowering religions, humiliating them and making caricatures of them. It's a lack of honesty and respect," he said. He said freedom of expression "is not a right without limits."

In the Arab world, a Jordanian newspaper, *Shihab*, took the most fire Thursday, saying it wanted to show its readers less offensive cartoons were but also argue the world's Muslims to "the reasonable," its editorial noted that *Shihab*'s Posten had apologized, "but for some reason, nobody in the Muslim world wants to hear the apology."

Hours later, the Jordanian government threatened legal action against *Shihab*, and the owners of the weekly said they had fired its chief editor, Ihsan al-Muniri, and withdrawn the issue from sale.

The outrage Thursday was most tangible in the Palestinian territories, where Norway and Denmark closed diplomatic offices after masked gunmen threatened to kidnap foreigners in Gaza.

Palestinian gunmen in the West Bank seized several hotels, and a German citizen was briefly kidnapped by gunmen from a hotel in the city of Nabulis. Palestinian police freed the German, a teacher, after less than an hour.

Foreign reporters either pulled out of Gaza on Thursday or canceled plans to go to the coastal strip.

Palestinian security officials said they would try to protect foreigners in Gaza. Nineteen foreigners have been kidnapped in Gaza in recent months; all were freed unharmed.

The protests in the Palestinian territories came a week after the Islamic militant group Hamas defeated the ruling Fatah Party in parliamentary elections.

In one unusual twist, Mahmud Zahar, a Hamas leader, visited a Gaza church Thursday and promised protection to Christians after Fatah gunmen threatened to target churches as part of their protests. Zahar offered to dispatch members from Hamas' military wing, the Izzadine al-Qassam Brigades, to guard the church.

"You are our brothers," Zahar told Father Manfred Muehlmann of the Holy Family Church.

In Gaza City, a dozen gunmen linked to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas' defeated Fatah Party briefly surrounded the EU Commission's local office.

One of the militants, flanked by two-masked men with assault rifles, said the governments of Germany,

France, Norway and Denmark must apologize for the cartoons by Thursday evening. If no apology is issued, the gunmen said they would target citizens of the four countries and shut down media offices, including the French news agency.

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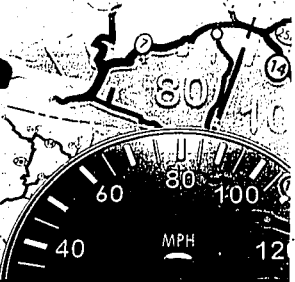
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2006 CADILLAC SRX SUV

Luxury, utility & performance

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

Built on the company's Sigma platform architecture with the CTS sedan, the SRX was introduced in 2004 as an all-new medium luxury utility vehicle. Last year the SRX received a new instrument cluster with chrome accents, available trailering package for the V6, increased trailer towing capacity and available Magnetic Ride Control for rear-wheel drive models.

For 2006, the SRX adds a power rear liftgate as standard equipment, along with a redesigned step-in for more convenient entry/exit to the front seats.

Built at GM's Grand River assembly complex in Lansing, Mich., the SRX is available in rear- and all-wheel drive configurations powered by a choice of two engines—a 3.6L V6 and the refined 4.6L Northstar V8. Two versions of the Hydra-Matic electronically-controlled five-speed automatic transmission transfer torque to the pavement. The gearbox features Driver Shift Control (with clutchless manual shifting), electronically controlled engine braking and downgrade detection with brake assist.

With a roster of technology befitting GM's flagship brand, the Cadillac SRX wagon also features four-channel StabiliTrak active suspension control, an optional "UltraView" sunroof, the largest sunroof system available with 5.6 square feet of open air integrating a retractable power shade and an optional rear cargo management system.

On the road the SRX is sophisticated, urbane and balanced and sure handling and control. A 50/50 vehicle weight distribution, low center of gravity and a host of the latest vehicle stability technologies contribute to make SRX a utility vehicle that is fun to drive. The SRX incorporates all-aluminum suspension components to reduce unsprung mass and optimize suspension performance. The suspension



The 2006 Cadillac SRX SUV — Sophisticated, urbane and balanced

2006 Cadillac SRX SUV by the Numbers

WHEELBASE:
118.4; overall length: 194.9; widths: 72.6; height: 67.8 — measurements in inches.

ENGINE:
3.6L V6 — 255 hp at 6,500 rpm and 254 lbs-ft of torque at 2,800 rpm;
4.6L V8 — 320 hp at 6,400 rpm and 315 lbs-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm.

TRANSMISSION:
Hydra-Matic SL40E (V6), Hydra-Matic SL50-E (V8) electronically controlled five-speed automatic.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
3.6L V6 — 18 city/23 hwy. (2WD); 15 city/22 hwy. (4WD); 4.6L V8 — 16 city/21 hwy. (2WD); 15 city/20 hwy. (4WD).

uses an independent short/long arm (SLA) front and fully independent multi-link rear for superior ride and handling.

Inside the cabin, the SRX

CARGO CAPACITY:
69.5 cu. ft.
TOWING CAPACITY:
3,450 lbs.

SAFETY FEATURES:
Dual front airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, front/second row outboard passenger head curtain airbags, all-speed traction control, fog lights, four-wheel disc brakes with antilock, brake assist, StabiliTrak computer-controlled four-channel stability enhancement system, remote keyless entry, OnStar communications system with one-year Directions & Connections plan, PASS-Key III im-

mobilizer, available content theft/deterrent system. SRX V8 adds universal home remote, limited slip differential (2WD only), tire pressure monitor, Xenon high-intensity discharge headlights with integrated washers. Optional safety features include: navigation system and power adjustable pedals.

WARRANTY:

Basic: 4-year/50,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper.
Corrosion: 6-year/unlimited.
Roadside assistance: 4-year/50,000 mile, 24-hour.

The second row seat has lots of leg room and folds virtually flat into the cargo floor. The optional third seat power-folds into the floor at the push of a button.

Storage is the keyword in the SRX, with additional storage areas located in the covered front door compartments, front map pockets, front seat back pockets, front console with two compartments, a bin behind the front console, glovebox with shelf, covered cup holders in the front seat center console and second seat fold-down armrest with cup holders.

Displays and controls are clean, modern and easy to understand and use. Interior fabrics and materials are tasteful and nicely upscale. The one-piece power rear hatch reveals a big opening designed to facilitate cargo hauling. The driver enjoys good outward visibility.

Overdrive on or off?

Q. My wife and I have a 2001 Toyota Avalon. The owner's manual states: "Always drive your vehicle with the overdrive on." I say this is wrong, but my wife thinks we should follow the manual. I say the overdrive should be "on" for highway driving and "off" when the vehicle is being driven in town. To me, if the overdrive is to be on at all times, then why put the on/off button in the car? What do you say?

—Hal and Kathy S., Los Gatos



UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Bergholdt

A. Most cars and light trucks equipped with an automatic transmission have four forward gears. (Earlier transmissions might have only three, and very recent ones might have as many as five). Third gear is usually a 1-to-1 ratio and fourth is about a 7-to-1 overdrive ratio. This allows the engine to loaf along at a modest RPM at highway speed, reducing wear and tear and improving fuel economy.

Why would you want to inhibit OD? When driving in hilly terrain, one might want to eliminate frequent up and down shifting of the transmission or utilize engine compression for downhill hold-back, sparing the brakes.

When towing, it's also a good idea to avoid using OD to optimize engine torque and reduce transmission temperature.

What about switching off the OD when driving in town? Unless your vehicle speed exceeds 40 mph or so, the transmission would never reach fourth gear, making the operation moot. Why might the carmaker recommend leaving the switch on? My hunch is they're concerned, you'll forget to re-engage the switch when conditions change and miss out on the benefits of OD operation.

Politics might also be involved, as the vehicle's highway fuel economy rating was achieved using OD. The firm owner's manual language likely compensates for the availability of the OD inhibit switch, a probable sore spot with the fuel economy certification folks.

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Loan No. 20-0051-0208821 T.S. No. F-11926-ID-NF On 5-1-2006 at 11:00 AM (recognized legal time) in the office of First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, in the county of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as successor trustee on behalf of Citifinance Mortgage Company, Inc. FKA associates financial services corp., will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 4 in block 8 of Kingsgate no. 1 subdivision, twin falls county, Idaho according to the plat therefor, recorded in Book 10 of plats, page 6, records of said county. The trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 8D-113 Idaho Code, the trustee has been informed that the address of 2328 KINGSGATE DRIVE, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by DIANA L. LEE, A MARRIED WOMAN; As grantees: To: First American Title CO, for the benefit and security of Citifinance Mortgage Company, Inc. FKA Associates Financial Services CO, Inc. As Beneficiary, dated 11-3-2000 recorded 11-7-2000, as Instrument No. 2000-017324, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho-Plains Note! The above Grantees are named as jointly with section 45-1509(A)(4), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 11-3-2000. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$500.00, due per month from 10-10-2005, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The purchase balance as of the date of the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$74,343.24, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.05% per annum from 9-10-2005. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and continuing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to the highest bidder, and the trustee is unable to locate the holder for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated December 29, 2005. By: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as successor Trustee By: Quality Loan Service Corp., as agent for successor Trustee 319 Elm Street, 2nd Floor San Diego, CA 92101-3006 (619) 645-7711 For Sale Information call: (208) 778-2728 or login to: www.compost.com Cary Christopher, Asst. Trustee Sale Officer ASAP#741854

INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an order of the Board of County Commissioners, County of Elko, State of Nevada, made at a regular meeting of the board on the 18th day of January, 2006, Elko County will receive separate sealed bids for the construction of the JACKPOT PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, Jackpot Nevada. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked, indicating the subject item of bid enclosed. Sealed bids will be received at Elko County Public Works, 155 South 9th Street, Elko, Nevada until 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time), March 7, 2006. Said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by and at Elko County Public Works at 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time), March 7, 2006. All interested parties are invited to attend. JOB DESCRIPTION: One single-story metal building, approximately 6480 sq ft, with a concrete block waistcoat, stepped roof, gabled entry, and lean-to. One portion of the building will be the administrative office for the Jackpot Municipal Clerk, with lobby, public toilets, staff break room, and with a portion allotted in for future use. The other portion of the building will be the Elko County Public Works maintenance facility, consisting of two vehicle maintenance bays with a traveling bridge crane, a work shop, storage space, storage mazzonino, office, locker room, and toilet facilities. The county will provide site grading to the sub-base to within 1/10th of a foot tolerance, and will extend utilities to within 5' of the building. BID DOCUMENTS: Plans are available for viewing at the Plan Rooms listed below. Plans are expected to be available from Browne's only on or about February 20, 2006. A \$75.00 deposit per set of plans and specifications is required. The deposit is refundable only if the plans are returned in good condition within fourteen (14) calendar days after bid opening. Plan Holders are hereby notified to contact Browne's prior to bidding in order to include within their Bids all Bidding Information, including Addenda which will also be issued by Browne's.

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ROBERT C. STOKES Elko County Manager January 31, 2006

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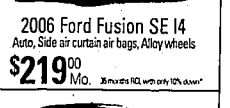
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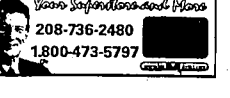
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NEEDS SOME SUGAR SWF, 48, loves walks, picnics, hot tubbing, cuddling on the couch. Seeking SWHM, 36-54. Hollister #844241 @ SemiSuite

SEEKING COMPANION DF, 40, 5'2", brown/blue, great smile. Enjoys fishing, slow dancing, romantic evenings and more. Looking for a SM, 38-43, who has a relationship with the Lord, stable, funny and outgoing. Burley #879925

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE SWM, 54, enjoys outdoors, hikes, bike riding, exercises, doing about anything. Seeking SF, 47-57, to share some activities. Hollister #847628 @ ohererowe

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I'VE BEEN LOOKING SM, 39, athletic, enjoys sports. Looking for an older B/WB that keeps herself up. Gooding #873680

COULD IT BE YOU? Sociable SM, 51, likes movies, dining, dancing, country music, bowling, fishing, hunting, home life, laughs. Seeking sweet, humorous SF to share friendship and lasting happiness. Hansen #892488

ONE WOMAN MAN SWM, 58, 5'6", 150lbs, clean-cut, N/S, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing. Country music, outdoors, camping. Seeking fun SF, 48-58, slender, for friendship maybe more. #651957

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NEW TO THE DATING SCENE SWM, 35, very real person, enjoys the outdoors, horse riding, hunting, skiing, seeking honest SF, 23-45, to love and cherish. Hollister #887008 @ lustme102005

WORTH A TRY SHM, 28, 160lb, 2, likes dancing, having fun, walks, family times. Seeking child-friendly lady who likes camping, nights out, good talks and fun, to share life with, possibly more. Gooding #849116

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SM, 50, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping. Seeking SF, 18-N/D, who enjoys the same, for talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister #850460

FRIENDSHIP FIRST WM, 45, black/green, likes movies, theater, walks, bowling, dancing, most music and more. Would like to meet a WF, 45+, for possible relationship. Hollister #858908

MAKE IT HAPPEN SWM, 21, 5'11", average build, Sagittarius, N/S, seeks WF, 18-30, N/S, as well as a friend. Curry #758992

ARE YOU DOWN-TO-EARTH? HM, 28, hardworking, looking for an honest, trustworthy woman, 20-35, who likes to go out and have a fun time. Gooding #860014

MAKE ME YROURS SWM, 27, outdoorsy-type, likes dinners, movies, just get back from Iraq. Looking to meet a nice SWF, 18-27, to have fun and live life to the fullest. Hollister #838943 @ atherosbrock

WORTH IT! SWM, 26, 6'2", staved head, red goatee, 225lbs, very athletic, enjoys metal and rock music, snowdriving. Looking for an outgoing girl who wants to have fun. Hollister #874113

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6 Comedic
6 Coward
10 Domestic
14 Holy city of Islam
15 Backup
17 Bury
18 Lending figure
19 Little pig of esteem
20 Level
24 Until now
28 Backs with money
32 Craze...
33 Mine passageway
36 Cheerleader's yell
37 Cake covering
39 Soup server
40 Baba
41 Boot camp boss
42 Church officer
43 Junior, to senior
44 Compiles
45 Night before
46 Bangladesh
48 Sell door-to-door
51 Markings on Mars?
55 Shootout rebound
59 Convened
60 Pleasant
63 Point of contention
65 Some carpets
66 "La Boheme," e.g.
67 Plant-to-be
68 "Miracle" team of 1969
69 Birth-related

DOWN
1 Hit hard, old-style
2 Mortise insert
3 Group of eight
4 Drink cooler

ACROSS crossword grid with numbers 1 through 69.

DOWN crossword grid with numbers 1 through 4.

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Thursaday's Puzzle Solved

Completed crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles. One letter to each square to form four ordinary words.

ROGIN word game with a grid and clues.

RIDAC word game with a grid and clues.

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WHAT THE BOSS BRIDGET PARTNER DID AFTER THE GAME.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers: CATCH ENACT, Answer: When the comedian bought the loud suit, the tailor was - IN "STITCHES"

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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"Patience is a virtue, patience is a grace; Patience is a little girl who does not wash her face."

— T. Rad.

Some rules seem designed to be broken, while others seem entirely valid until the exception presents itself.

With that clue, consider how you would play four spades after East has opened one club. You receive the club-seven lead, which looks rather like a doubleton, does it not? East takes his ace and returns the queen, naturally covered by your king, and ruffed by West. To your disgust, Now a heart comes back to you, and the defenders have established their heart winner before you can get a discard good. Eventually you can get a discard good, but in reality you have no one to blame but yourself.

Of course, your first reaction will be to tell your partner how unlucky you were to run into a 5-1 club break, but in reality you have no one to blame but yourself.

Contrast what happens if you do not rush to squander your high cards, but duck the second trick, admittedly a very unnatural play, but bear with me. The defense will almost certainly play to take their club ruff, but does not matter whether East plays a high or low club. In the process of giving West the ruff, East must establish the fourth round of clubs in your hand as a winner, on which you can pitch dummy's second heart. Now you no longer lose the heart and so have 10 tricks. The duck did not gain a trick, but a tempo. More haste sometimes yields less speed.

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| NORTH
♠ K 7 4 2
♥ 10 7
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ 10 5 3 | EAST
♠ J
♥ K J 9 4
♦ A Q J 7
♣ A K 8 6 |
| WEST
♠ 10 6 3
♥ Q 8 5 3 2
♦ 10 8 4 2
♣ 7 | SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 8 5
♥ A 6
♦ A 6
♣ K 9 4 2 |

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

The bidding: <
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Club seven

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ K J 9 4
♥ Q J 7
♦ A Q J 8 6

South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♦ 1 ♠ Pass

ANSWER: Rebid one no-trump to show a balanced hand without spade support but with a diamond stop. Repeating the clubs is not unreasonable, but you would rather have six for that action. And rebidding two hearts shows this hand pattern but would be a reverse. That would guarantee real extras since partner cannot give you preference back to clubs at the two-level.

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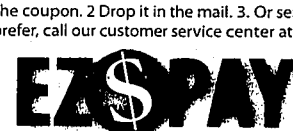
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