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## Dairymen, fish farms oppose Sempra plant

By Michelle Duntop  
Times-News writer

BOISE — The coal-fired power plant proposed for Jerome County isn't getting the blessing of two major industries in southern Idaho.

On Thursday, both the Idaho Dairymen's Association and the Idaho Aquaculture Association took an official position opposing Sempra Generation's 600-megawatt facility. Representatives for the two groups say that the coal-fired plant would bring little economic benefit to the state.

"Magic Valley's economy and lifestyle is based on agriculture," said Bob Narebut, executive director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association. "Sempra has not provided scientific information or assurances they

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— Linda Lemmon, Idaho Aquaculture Association

will use best available control technology to protect Idaho's resources utilized by its agricultural industries.”

Together, the two associations generate roughly \$1.5 billion in direct economic activity

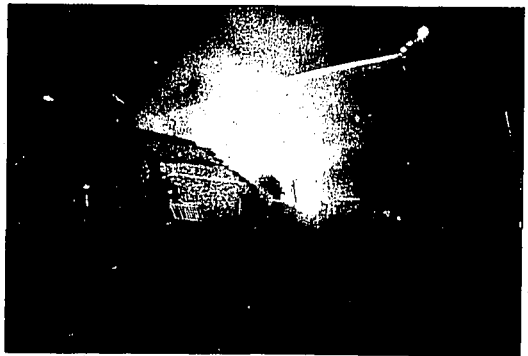
for the state. Sempra officials say their \$1.4 billion facility would bring in \$25 million in construction sales tax and \$18 million in annual local and state tax revenues. The state of Idaho ranks fourth in the nation in dairy production and accounts for about two-thirds of the country's trout production.

Linda Lemmon, executive director for the aquaculture association, said that southern Idaho's fish farmers, who produce 45 million pounds of commercially grown trout per year, rely on the region's water for their business.

"Water this clean just isn't available in the quantity or quality we need in any other state in the country," Lemmon

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## WAREHOUSE FIRE



Twin Falls Fire Department firefighters wait for hotspots to erupt Thursday evening as a tower truck sprays water on a warehouse fire at Railroad Street and Maxwell Avenue. According to Twin Falls Fire Department Battalion Chief Dick Capps, firefighters were dispatched at approximately 7:50 p.m. "We had three engines, one tower truck and 15 firefighters on the scene," said Capps. "It appears that it was several buildings joined together and we won't know the cause until at least morning."

12-hour shifts  
40-pound-cheese blocks

302,325 gallons of milk  
Pasteurization

300,000 pounds of cheese  
Curds in vat no. 3

It's all part of

## A Day in the Life of a cheese maker

### About this series

Welcome to A Day in the Life of the Magic Valley. Through Sunday, we'll share the lives of five area residents who allowed us to observe their days.

**COMING UP**  
Saturday: Sun Valley skier Danny Walton: When Walton commutes to work, he straps on some skis and hoods for the mountain. Before he clocks in, he's tasted what every skier craves, fresh powder and bliss.

**Sunday:**  
Cowboy legislator Bert Brackett: From the sagebrush covered ground of his Three Creek Ranch to the hallowed marble hallways of Idaho's statehouse, share the first day on the job with the area's newest lawmaker.



Glanbia cheesemaker Mirsad Zuko rinses out a horizontal cheese vat Thursday at the plant in Twin Falls. On a normal day, the plant produces more than 300,000 pounds of cheese.

## Schaeffer has seen the evolution of cheese

By Karmia M. Fitzgerald  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Five hours. That's typically how long it takes to move milk from white liquid to solid bricks of cheese at Glanbia Foods cheese plant in Twin Falls.

Guiding it along the way is Max Schaeffer. He's a veteran cheese maker who has witnessed the evolution of cheese processing from handmade to fully automated enclosed vats. Glanbia's local plant takes in nearly 2.6 million pounds of milk each day. That translates to 302,325 gallons of milk,

mostly from Magic Valley dairy farms. Milk leaves the dairy in stainless steel tankers and is then off-loaded at the plant into one of six huge silos. Every load is checked for antibiotics before entering the plant — a positive test results in the entire load being dumped at the farmer's expense.

Milk is also tested for protein and butterfat composition. Dairies are paid according to a formula based on those percentages. Following the testing, the milk is pasteurized — a bacteria-killing process that takes a mere 16 seconds.

From there, Schaeffer takes over. The milk is slowly heated to 90 degrees and then rennet — an enzyme — is added. This causes the cheese to coagulate and separate from the whey product. The milk is then held at a steady temperature while the rennet activates. Depending on the recipe, it can take up to three hours for the curds to be ready for pressing into 40-pound blocks of cheese.

Schaeffer's been making cheese in the Twin Falls plant for 10 years, but has worked at the plant for 19. Working on



Cheese curds are cut in a horizontal cheese vat, which holds 55,000 pounds of milk, Thursday at the plant in Twin Falls.

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## New tomb found by Tut's

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## Friends or foes

Can community college programs achieve greater success through partnerships?

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Will Idaho's community colleges achieve greater success through partnerships than competition?

Boise State University and Idaho State University are planning to provide adult learning courses in Wood River Valley. Sound familiar? That's because the College of Southern Idaho recently asked permission from the Idaho State Board of Education to offer services in Treasure Valley, which Boise State says is an unnecessary advance on its service area.

However, a recent proposal by Boise State University to offer the Renaissance Institute program in Wood River Valley has followed a very different path — one that has focused more on partnerships than

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## Parents file lawsuit in fatal fire

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The parents of two children killed in a Nov. 15 house fire have filed a lawsuit against the owner and manager of the property.

Justin and Angela Davis have filed a complaint and demand for jury trial in the 5th Judicial District Court for an unspecified amount over \$10,000.

The fire started in the early hours of Nov. 15 at the home the Davises rented at 2160 East 3550 North at the Country Vu Mobile Home Park in Filer. The parents escaped but their sons Eli, 4, and Kael, 2, were killed.

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tomb of a king's wife or son, or of a priest or court official," he told The Associated Press on Thursday.

So far, authorities haven't had a close enough look to know who is in the

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CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The first tomb to be discovered in the Valley of the Kings since King Tut's in 1922 contains five sarcophagi with mummies, breaking the nearly century-long belief that there's nothing more to find in the valley where some of Egypt's greatest

pharaohs were buried.

The tomb's spare appearance suggests it was not dug for a pharaoh, said U.S. archaeologist Kent Weeks, who was not involved in the University of Memphis team's find but has seen photographs of the site. "It could be the

TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: Plenty of sun and cool. Highs mid-to-high 30s.
Tonight: Clear and cold. Lows mid to teens.
Tomorrow: Generally sunny with warmer temperatures. Highs around 40.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today: Sunny
Tonight: Clear and cold
Saturday: Mostly sunny and slightly warmer
Sunday: Mild with more clouds
Monday: Partly cloudy
Tuesday: Temperatures drop. Light snow.

Yesterday's Weather
City: 41 to 29
Boise: 41 to 29
Coeur d'Alene: 41 to 29
Idaho Falls: 41 to 29
Pocatello: 41 to 29
Shoshone: 41 to 29
Twin Falls: 41 to 29

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: Partly sunny and cool. Highs near 30.
Tonight: Clear and cold. Lows near teens.
Tomorrow: Partly of sun. But temperatures will struggle to warm. Highs upper 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
A strong low pressure system will sweep down the Continental Divide the next couple of days. Cold air will fill into the area and set up valley inversions. Cold temperatures are likely.

BOISE
Today Highs 77 to 24. Tonight Lows -11 to -3.
Plenty of sun will be around for the next day or so. But a squall of rain will move down along the Continental Divide. Cold air will get into the area. Snow on the ground will be especially cold.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS
Temperature: 35 to 2000
Precipitation: 0.00
Humidity: 41%
Barometric Pressure: 30.1
Sunrise and Sunset: 7:03 AM, 6:07 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST
Today Tomorrow
Boise 41 29
Coeur d'Alene 41 29
Idaho Falls 41 29
Pocatello 41 29
Shoshone 41 29
Twin Falls 41 29

NATIONAL FORECAST
Today Tomorrow
Albany 42 30
Albuquerque 42 30
Albuquerque 42 30
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Today Tomorrow
London 42 30
Paris 42 30
Tokyo 42 30
Sydney 42 30
Auckland 42 30

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP
Fronts: Cold, Warm
Stations: Included, Excluded

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Pressure is a word that is misused in our vocabulary. When you start thinking of pressure, it's because you've started to think of failure."

CANADIAN FORECAST
Today Tomorrow
Calgary 42 30
Edmonton 42 30
Lethbridge 42 30
Regina 42 30
Saskatoon 42 30

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the cheese "dick" — a grated cutback between the company's seven cheese varieties.

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competition. As a result, all educational institutions — including the College of Southern Idaho — have been invited to participate.

By the rules
The Idaho State Board of Education has divided the state into service areas for state colleges and universities. Although the regulation has been in effect since 2003, loopholes in the policy, as well as anxiety over an unstable statewide community college system, are prompting many institutions to act more aggressively, including expansion into other service areas.

Sempra
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said, "We can't just pick up and duplicate this industry in another state if Sempra builds its coal plant."
Semptra's spokesman, Art Larson, said he was surprised to hear of the opposition from the dairymen and aquaculture associations. Semptra officials would like the opportunity to review the scientific data the two groups used to arrive at their conclusion that the plant would be detrimental to their operations, Larson said.

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Cheese
"It's still hard, but not the back-breaking kind of hands on."

Cheese
"Max Schaeffer, an automated vs. hand cheese making"

Cheese
"the simple is tested. Without records, a computer screen in the lab shows the results. If the tests are too low or too high, he'll adjust the amount of cream flowing to the vat. The process ensures that each block of cheese has consistent protein and fat levels."

Cheese
"Then, it's back down the stairs to check the pasteurizer. He pauses at the bottom to measure and add more rennet, stirring it into an automatic dispenser before returning to the deck. Schaeffer's shift is a constant motion of consistency up the stairs, back the monitor, check the vats, down the stairs, test the milk, up the stairs, check the monitors, down the stairs, check the gauges. The man-in-charge is, of course, provided periodic short breaks and lunch."

Cheese
"Other than that, it's a lot of standing around and walking back and forth," Schaeffer said. "Today's an extra long day, though. He'll leave in the morning for a final duck hunting trip. He's anxious to get on the road. The minutes tick by slowly. Schaeffer said he's seen a lot of changes after 19 years in the cheese plant. When he started, cheese was made by hand, but he likes the automation better. "The other way was back-breaking. This way it does it for you," he said. "It's still hard, but not the back-breaking

Tomb
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tomb. Workers have been clearing rubble to let archeologists to examine it. Egypt's antiquities authority has said only that the single-chamber tomb contains five wooden sarcophagi, in human shapes with colored funerary masks, surrounded by 20 jars with their pharomic seals intact — and that the sarcophagi contain mummies, likely from the 18th Dynasty, 3,500-3,300 years ago. Further details were expected today, when antiquities chief Zahi Hawass was to unveil the tomb.

College
"Using heat and pressure, the curds are knitted into a block. As the block of cheese leaves the press, they're automatically wrapped in plastic and sealed shut. The blocks are put on a conveyor belt for a ride to another machine that will insert the plastic-wrapped cheese into a cardboard box. A robotic arm swings back and forth picking up the boxes and placing them on a pallet. When the pallet is full, it will be moved into a large warehouse and held at 45 degrees until the boxes are shipped to customers that will cut the bricks into small, consumable sizes, repackaged and relabeled for sale."

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Correction
An incorrect word was used in the religion letter by Valerie Spence on Feb. 4. The sentence should have read "After the week before interviewing the Witnesses and giving a true re-

# Bush provides plot details

## President says terrorists wanted to fly jet into L.A. skyscraper

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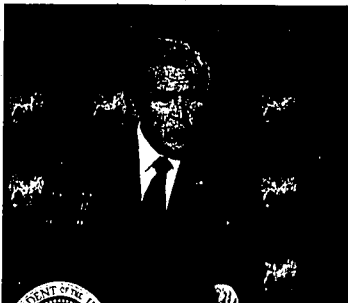
WASHINGTON — The plot envisioned a ghastly replay of the attack that brought down the World Trade Center, only this time the terrorists wanted to crash a plane into the tallest building in Los Angeles. The plan unraveled in early 2002 with the arrest of one of the ringleaders, but President Bush provided new details about it Thursday in defending his handling of the war on terrorism.

The timing of his chilling disclosures, four years after the plot was discovered and four months after he first discussed the broad outlines of the scheme, raised suspicion that his remarks were politically motivated. At the very moment that Bush was defending his aggressive approach to terrorism, two of his top advisers were trying to quell a revolt in Congress against his domestic eavesdropping program.

Being a bipartisan pressman, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and Gen. Michael Hayden, the deputy director of national intelligence, gave a closed-door briefing on the surveillance program to members of the Senate Intelligence Committee. The warrantless surveillance, which the president authorized without congressional or court approval shortly after the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, targets communications between suspected terrorists overseas and their contacts in the United States.

The session, conducted after a similar briefing for members of the House Intelligence Committee, failed to resolve doubts about the program's legality. Committee Democrats and at least one Republican, Sen. Mike DeWine of Ohio, said they wanted more information.

"If they came with the idea that this was going to stop an investigation on the part of the Senate Intelligence Committee, they were wrong," Sen. John



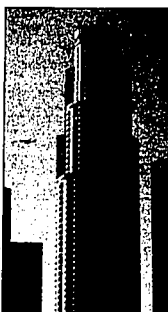
President Bush gives new details Thursday about a terrorist plot to fly a commercial airplane into the tallest skyscraper on the West Coast.

"Jay" Rockefeller of West Virginia, the top Democrat on the panel, said after the meeting.

As described by Bush and Frances Townsend, his top counterterrorism adviser, the plot grew out of early planning for the Sept. 11 attacks, when al-Qaida leaders considered simultaneous assaults on both coasts. They scrapped that idea but quickly began work on an encoir attack on the 73-story Library Tower, a gleaming, granite-and-glass edifice now known as the US Bank Tower. In the 1996 movie "Independence Day," aliens destroy the 1,018-foot-tall building.

"We now know that in October 2001, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed — the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks — had already set in motion a plan to have terrorist operatives hijack an airplane using shoe bombs to breach the cockpit door," Bush said.

According to administration officials, Mohammed, fearing that Arab terrorists would generate suspicion, recruited a four-man terrorist cell through Jemaah Islamiyah, an Islamic terrorist group in Indonesia.



An airplane passes behind the U.S. Bank Tower, formerly known as the Library Tower, in downtown Los Angeles on Thursday.

The four operatives were sent to Afghanistan, where they pledged their loyalty to al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden in an oath known as a biat.

## Mayor complains of 'nonexistent' communication

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said Thursday he was blindsided by President Bush's announcement of new details on a purported 2002 hijacking plot aimed at a downtown skyscraper, and described communication with the White House as "nonexistent."

"I'm amazed that the president would make this (announcement) on national TV and not inform us of these details through the appropriate channels," the mayor told The Associated Press. "I don't expect a call from the president — but somebody."

Bush has referred to the 2002 plot before, but he publicly filled in the details Thursday.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Los Angeles officials were told Wednesday about the president's upcoming remarks.

"And the word I heard was that there was great appreciation for the notification that we provided," he said during a briefing.

# Holdout GOP senators reach agreement with Bush on Patriot Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — A band of Senate Republican holdouts — including Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, reached agreement Thursday with the White House on changes in the Patriot Act designed to clear the way for passage of anti-terror legislation stalled in a dispute over civil liberties.

Sen. John Sununu, R-N.H., said the changes, quickly endorsed by at least one leading Democrat, would better "protect civil liberties even as we give law enforcement important tools to conduct terrorism investigation."

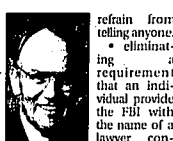
The White House embraced the deal even before Sununu and several other senators outlined it.

Presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said the agreement would "continue to build upon the civil liberties protections that are in place but do so in a way that doesn't compromise our national security interests."

"We're pleased that this important legislation is moving forward," he said.

The compromise focused on three areas:

- giving recipients of subpoenas for information in terrorist investigations the right to challenge a requirement that they



Craig, which is a secret request for records.

• clarifying that most libraries are not subject to demands in those letters for information about suspected terrorists.

While there was no immediate reaction from House Republicans, Craig, one of the Senate negotiators, said he had been in close touch with the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis.

Reaction from the Democrats was divided.

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, second-ranking in the Democratic leadership, appeared at the GOP news conference. He said the compromise included "significant progress" toward protecting basic liberties and that he planned to support the compromise.

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## Agencies Prepare to Conduct Five-Year Review of Naval Reactors Facility Operable Units 8-05/06 and 8-08

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) requires that reviews be conducted at least every five years at sites where cleanup results in contaminants remaining above levels that allow for unrestricted use. The U.S. Department of Energy, Naval Reactors Idaho Branch Office (DOE-NR), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) are in the process of conducting a combined Five-Year Review of the Naval Reactors Facility (NRF) Operable Units (OUs) 8-05 and 8-08 inactive Landfill Sites and OU 8-08 Engineered Cover Sites and Remediated Radiological Sites.

The Record of Decision (ROD) signed in 1994 for OU 8-05 and 8-06 specified remedial actions for the three inactive landfill sites at NRF. The remedial actions included placement of engineered covers over the landfill areas to redirect precipitation away from the landfills, periodic inspection and maintenance, soil gas and groundwater

monitoring, and maintaining institutional controls (ICs). ICs are visible access restrictions and procedures to limit activities and unauthorized access at CERCLA sites to prevent interference with the integrity of selected remedial actions.

The second and final ROD that was signed in 1998 for OU 8-08 identified specific remedial actions at nine sites and also selected a "No Further Action" remedy for twelve sites. The remedial actions selected for the nine sites included excavating soil at six sites for consolidation at one of the remaining three sites; placement of engineered covers over three sites; soil gas and groundwater monitoring, periodic inspection and maintenance; and ICs. The "No Further Action" Sites were addressed by ICs only.

The combined Five-Year Review of the NRF OUs 8-05/06 and 8-08 sites will be submitted to IDEQ and EPA in February 2006 for review and comment. The final combined Five-Year Review will be available to the public in mid 2006. For additional information, contact the site, Community Relations Plan Office at (208) 526-4700.

Past Five-Year Reviews are available in the Administrative Record file for OUs 8-05/06 and 8-08. The Administrative Record is located at the DOE Reading Room in the INL Technical Library in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and at the Albertsons Library at the Boise State University campus. The Administrative Record can also be accessed via the Internet by typing <http://ar.inel.gov/home.html>.

# FDA panel urges special warnings on Ritalin

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ritalin and other stimulant drugs for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder should carry the strongest warning that they may be linked to an increased risk of death and injury, federal health advisers said Thursday.

The Food and Drug Administration advisory panel voted in favor of the "black box" warning after hearing about the deaths of 25 people, including 19 children, who had taken the drugs. The vote was 8-7, with one abstention.

One committee member, Dr. Curt Furberg, a professor of pediatric health sciences at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, said it would be "inappropriate, unethical behavior" not to disclose that safety of the drugs.

The FDA's not required to follow the recommendations of its advisory committees but typically does.

Doctors prescribe the drugs to about 2 million children and 1 million adults a month.

Drugs that would have to carry the warning labels are methylphenidates, which are sold as Ritalin, Concerta, Methylin by Mediatec. The labels for Adderall and Adderall XR, both amphetamines, have included the warnings since 2004.

The Drug Safety and Risk Management advisory committee also recommended that the drugs include a medication guide for patients and parents. The vote was 15-0, with one abstention.

Adderall is made by Shire Pharmaceuticals; Ritalin by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.; Concerta by Johnson & Johnson; Methylin by Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals; and Metadate by UCB. Various other companies make generic versions of Ritalin.

Novartis said Ritalin, in 1955, is safe and effective. A company review of more than 50 years of records shows no apparent increase in cardiovascular problems associated with the drug's use, according to Novartis' medical safety director, Dr. Todd Graber.

He told the committee that the drug's label advises caution in patients with certain pre-existing heart conditions.

The FDA had asked the advisers to consider ways of studying the drugs because agency data suggested the drugs were linked to an increased risk of sudden death and serious cardiovascular problems, including heart attacks.

The committee, however, quickly began debating whether it should consider new warnings for the drugs rather than the need for more studies.

Dr. Steve Nissen, medical director of the Cardiovascular Coordinating Center at The Cleveland Clinic, told fellow

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Reid had contact with Abramoff team

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid wrote at least four letters helpful to Indian tribes represented by Jack Abramoff, and the senator's staff regularly had contact with Abramoff's team about legislation affecting other clients.



Reid

The activities — detailing in "bills" records and correspondence obtained by The Associated Press — are far more extensive than previously disclosed. They occurred over three years as Reid collected nearly \$80,000 in donations from Abramoff's firm, lobbying partners and clients.



Lobbyist Jack Abramoff leaves Federal Court in Washington on Jan. 3 after pleading guilty to federal charges of conspiracy, tax evasion and mail fraud.

Reid also intervened on government matters at least five times in ways helpful to Abramoff's tribal clients, once opposing legislation on the Senate floor and four times sending letters opposing the Bush administration on tribal issues. Reid collected donations around the time of each action.

All the actions that Senator Reid took were consistent with his long-held beliefs, such as not letting tribal casinos expand beyond reservations, and were taken to defend the interests of Nevada's constituents,

ethics rules require senators to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest in collecting contributions around the time they take official acts benefiting donors.

Reid, D-Nev., has led the Democratic Party's attacks portraying Abramoff's lobbying and fundraising as a Republican scandal.

Abramoff's firm also hired one of Reid's top legislative aides as a lobbyist. The aide later helped throw a fundraiser for Reid at Abramoff's firm that raised donations from several of his lobbying partners.

Reid's longtime chief of staff accepted a free trip to Malaysia arranged by a consulting firm connected to Abramoff that recently has gained attention in the influence-peddling investigation that has gripped the Capitol.

While Abramoff never directly donated to Reid, the Coauthors, to send \$5,000, to Reid's tax-exempt political group, is now helping prosecutors investigate the conduct of lawmakers, congressional aides and administration officials his team used to lobby.

Most were to discuss Democratic legislation that would have applied the U.S. minimum wage to the Northern Mariana Islands, a U.S. territory and Abramoff client, but would have

Six accused of shark poaching

MONTREY, Calif. — The pastor of a San Leandro, Calif., church and five other San Francisco Bay Area residents have been accused of poaching and illegally selling hundreds of juvenile leopard sharks.

Seven of 19 baby leopard sharks confiscated during the investigation died, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. The dozen sharks that survived were sent in the summer of 2004 to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where three are still on exhibit.

The indictment was returned last month and was unsealed Tuesday. It alleges that the pastor of a San Leandro church, four people involved in the aquarium industry and a fisherman violated state and federal laws when they captured 465 baby sharks in San Francisco Bay and sold them to buyers in the United States, the Netherlands and Great Britain.

The sharks usually ended up being purchased by individuals as pets, officials say.

Searchlight Leadership Fund. In 2002. About the same time, Reid sent a letter to the Interior Department helpful to the tribe, records show.

Abramoff sent a list to the tribe entitled "Coastal Requisitions" recommending donations to campaigns or groups. For 50 lawmakers he claimed were helpful to the tribe. Alongside Reid's name, Abramoff wrote, "5,000 (Searchlight Leadership Fund) Senate Majority Whip."

Following a pattern seen with Abramoff and Republicans, Reid himself, along his Senate counsel Jim Ryan, met with Abramoff deputy Ronald Platt on June 5, 2001, "to discuss timing on minimum wage bill" that affected the Marianas, according to a bill that Greenberg Traurig, Abramoff's firm, sent the Marianas.

Three weeks before the meeting, Greenberg Traurig's political action committee donated \$100 to Reid's Senate re-election committee. Three weeks after the meeting, Platt himself donated \$1,000 to Reid.

Manley said Reid's official calendar doesn't list a meeting on June 5, 2001, with Platt, but he also said he couldn't say for sure the contact didn't occur. Manley confirmed Platt had regular contacts with Reid's office, calling them part of the "routine checking in" by lobbyists who work Capitol Hill.

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Senator Reid never met Jack Abramoff and never has taken contributions from him, and efforts to drag him into this are going to fail," Manley said.

Abramoff is a convicted felon and no one has suggested the other partners we might have dealt with have done anything impermissible."

Abramoff never directly donated to Reid, the Coauthors, to send \$5,000, to Reid's tax-exempt political group, is now helping prosecutors investigate the conduct of lawmakers, congressional aides and administration officials his team used to lobby.

Group claims New Orleans election plans hurt blacks

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An advocacy group filed a federal lawsuit Thursday challenging plans for city elections in hurricane-ravaged New Orleans, alleging the process would keep blacks out of elected office.

The Advancement Project, a Washington, D.C.-based advocacy group that has been active in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina, claims the plan relies too much on absentee voters and absentee voting. Most displaced voters are black.

The group wants changes to the election plan, including polling stations outside the state. Meanwhile, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People warned that it

might organize protests and challenge the elections in court unless displaced voters are given greater consideration in plans to hold elections April 22.

"Everything is on the table," said John Jackson, the NAACP's chief policy officer. City elections were originally scheduled for Feb. 4 but were postponed after Katrina smashed polling places, dispersed election workers and displaced about two-thirds of the city's population.

Among other races, voters will cast ballots for mayor. So far, the most striking aspect of that race is the number of prominent white business leaders and politicians who have jumped into the fray.

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# Man arrested in London murders

The Washington Post

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A British man whose wife and infant daughter were discovered fatally shot in a Boston suburb last month, a day after he had abruptly left the country, was arrested Thursday in London on murder charges, authorities said. The charges are against Neil Entwistle.

Entwistle added a new twist to a case whose lurid elements — failed Internet schemes, a mother and daughter shot side-by-side, and a police search that missed two bodies buried under bedclothes — have generated intense interest on both sides of the Atlantic.

In announcing the arrest, Middlesex County District Attorney Martha Coakley said that Entwistle, mired in debt, may have initially planned to kill himself after shooting his wife and daughter Jan. 20. "We believe possibly that this was intended to be a murder-suicide," Coakley said at a press



Police officers remove black bags from the home of Neil Entwistle's parents in Worksop, England, on Thursday after Entwistle, 27, whose wife and infant daughter were found shot to death in their home, was arrested for their murders.

conference. "Obviously, the murder was effected, the suicide was not."

Entwistle, 27, has spent much of the last three weeks at his parents' home in Worksop, England, dogged by both British and American media. Coakley said Entwistle was visiting friends in London on Thursday when he was arrested by British police at the Royal Oak train station. He now faces extradition proceedings to return him to

Massachusetts.

In a statement Thursday, the family of Entwistle's wife, Rachel Entwistle, 27, said they were saddened by the arrest.

Entwistle and his wife met while both were studying at Britain's University of York in 1999 and married in 2003, the Associated Press reported. They moved into their rented home in the suburb of Hopkinton, Mass. only a few days before the killings.

By that time, Coakley said, Entwistle was already facing debt he had accumulated in Britain, plus a series of Internet ventures that had produced little income.

Coakley said Entwistle had used a .22-caliber handgun he had taken from his father-in-law to shoot his wife in the head, then shoot his daughter in the abdomen. At the time of the shootings, Coakley said, both victims were lying on a bed and wearing "sleepwear," but she said it was unclear if they were awake or asleep.

Later that day, Entwistle surreptitiously returned the gun to his in-law's home in another Boston suburb.

The next morning, Jan. 21, Coakley said, he used a one-way ticket to fly to London.

The bodies were not discovered until more than 24 hours after Entwistle departed, after both Hopkinton police and family friends had done separate walk-throughs in the house and noticed nothing amiss. The bodies were apparently there the whole time, Coakley said, but concealed by a large pile of bedding. "It just looked like an unmade bed," Coakley said. Police discovered the bodies when they made another search on the evening of Jan. 22.

# Preval on track to be Haiti's next president

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Rene Preval, a former president seen as a champion of Haiti's poor, appeared headed Thursday to a first-round election victory, even before official results were announced.

Preval, a former protege and one-time ally of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, was characteristically low key as reports of election returns landed at his party headquarters in Port-au-Prince. A campaign of

ficial said Preval had won almost 68 percent of the 359,000 votes counted so far.

Leslie Manigat, believed to be Preval's strongest rival in the field of nearly three dozen candidates, said early returns showed Preval has surged ahead.

"There is a tiny chance that we will have a second round, but I fear Preval has made a clean sweep of the votes," Manigat said.

# Sectarian violence in Pakistan, Afghanistan kills 32

HANGU, Pakistan (AP) — A suicide bomber struck Thursday in Pakistan on the holiest festival for Shiite Muslims, triggering a riot that left a provincial town in flames and at least 27 people dead and more than 50 wounded.

After the bombing, which appeared to be a sectarian attack, security forces battled enraged worshippers who torched shops and cars and took up positions on hills overlooking Hangu, where the sound of gunfire echoed through the smoky streets.

In neighboring Afghanistan, hundreds of Shiites and Sunnis clashed in the western city of Herat, hurling grenades and burning mosques. At least five people were killed and 51 wounded.

The Shiites were marking Ashura, when they pound their chests and flail their backs with chains and blades to mourn the 7th-century death of Imam Hussein, a grandson of the Prophet Muhammad. Hussein's death fueled a rivalry between Shiites and Sunnis over who should succeed the prophet.

In Iraq, tens of thousands of Iraqis marched and beat themselves in blood-soaked processions through the holy city of Karbala, but no holiday-related violence was reported amid tight security to prevent Sunni Arabs from attacking the event, as they have the previous two years, killing more than 230 people.

Sectarian attacks have also often marred the annual rite in

Pakistan, but rarely in Afghanistan. Two years ago, a suicide attack on a Shiite procession by Sunni militants in the southwestern Pakistani city of Quetta killed 44 people.

Pakistan declared a curfew and deployed its army to restore order in Hangu, a market town of about 200,000 people.

District police chief Ayub Khan said 23 people died in the bombing and riots that followed. Three other men and a woman died in a separate shooting on a minibus on the outskirts of town, according to a commander of the paramilitary Frontier Constabulary. Aziz ur-Rahman, Security officials said Shiites protesting the bombing had blocked a road and fired on the vehicle.

Akram Durrani, the top elected official in the province, said a preliminary investigation showed the attack in Hangu was a suicide bombing, but he gave no further details.

Witnesses said a procession of about 300 people in black mourning clothing had come out of the Imam Hanga Qasbi, a Shiite mosque, at about 9:45 a.m. and were passing the town bazaar when the explosion went off.

"The procession started and we were beating our chests, all of a sudden there was an explosion in the procession," said Asar Hussain, 45, who suffered shrapnel wounds to his torso, head and legs. He believed it was a suicide attack but did not see the bomber.

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## EDITORIAL

### City can keep momentum with Johnson on council

Out with the old; in with the new.

Dennis Maughan, who has been executive director of the St. Benedict's Foundation in Jerome, announced last month he will leave the Magic Valley and become development director with St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, Wash. His resignation from the city council takes effect on Monday.

• Robert King, a retired pharmacist.

Among that strong field, we think Johnson is the best candidate for this appointment. But first, we want to salute the Maughans, both Dennis and his wife Pam, who both made a difference in the community.

**Our view: The City Council appointment created by Dennis Maughan's move out of state should go to David Johnson.**

**What do you think?**

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Project with the goal of providing dresses, mylons, makeup, hairstyles, jewelry, of course, shoes to Magic Valley girls who otherwise might not have been able to attend their senior proms. She has collected dresses and other items.

By the time Maughan sets foot in Washington, his successor on the City Council will probably already have been picked by Mayor Lance and approved by the Council.

City Manager Tom Courtney said it best last month that Dennis Maughan was "the kind of councilman who has 'always done what's best for the community, looking out for the best interest of the taxpayers.'"

Those skills valued him to the position of Twin Falls County Commissioner, where he served from 1994 to 1997. Some of the issues Maughan presided over on the City Council were safety and traffic concerns on North Blue Lakes Boulevard, planning and zoning and the water-conservation program.

In finding a replacement on those issues and others, Johnson brings vast experience that suits the city's needs.

We earned our endorsement last fall in the Seat 6 race, and he's just as qualified for this appointment. In the November election, Johnson garnered the third most votes of any candidate, losing to Lanting, 1,569 to 1,069. (Don Hill earned 2,478 votes.) We think his views align best with those of the voters who put Maughan on the City Council.

Many in the community will miss the Maughans, but the city remains in good hands with leaders of good judgement. Johnson is an older leader who can fill that mold.

From that process we now have six candidates, most of whom have voiced their interest in the past. The finalists are:

- David Johnson, general manager of the Con Paulos automobile dealerships in Twin Falls and Jerome. The lost to Greg Lanting last year in a three-way race.
- Sherry Olsen-Frank, a self-employed certified public accountant. She has previously served on the City Planning and Zoning Board, and also lost to Lanting in the council race.
- Gale Kleinkopf, a former Twin Falls city councilman and mayor.
- Wayne Bohm, who has served on the Twin Falls city and county planning and zoning commissions. He ran for City Council in 2001 and 2003.
- Ryan Horsley, chairman of the city planning and zoning commission.

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## LETTER

### Valley House continues to change lives

I feel like celebrating! Day-by-day, there is an organization here in Twin Falls that quietly and effectively welcomes individuals and families who have no place to call home due to illness, job loss, family problems or the unfortunate.

In 2005, approximately 300 families came and were helped by Valley House in some manner (not all were residents). Currently, there are 20 clients (10 adults and 10 children). Valley House had a 67 percent increase in clients from 2004 to 2005. Average daily cost per client in 2005 was \$1.53. Average stay was 64 days; 90 percent found permanent housing. That's 90 percent.

Thanks to the strong support of this community, a new triplex will soon be dedicated

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to augment this fine ministry. Kids to Valley House's director, Sharon Breshnars; the board of directors and to all of you whose compassionate love make this one big, bright spot in our valley.

In gratitude to God and you, I want to share and celebrate this good news! Bring it on!

**PASTOR DAN RIEKE**  
Twin Falls

## A free press courtesy of a mob

As much of the Islamic world erupts in a studied frenzy over the Danish Muhammad cartoons, there are voices of reason. Some Islamic leaders and organizations, while endorsing the demonstrators' sense of grievance and sharing their outrage, speak out against using violence as a vehicle of expression.



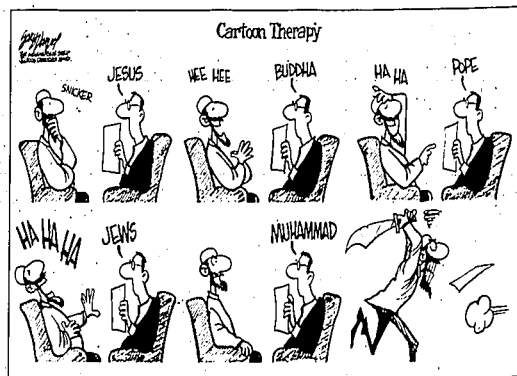
CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Their Western counterparts — intellectuals, including most of the major newspapers in the United States — are similarly balanced. While, of course, endorsing the principle of free expression, they criticize the Danish newspaper for abusing that right by publishing offensive cartoons, and declare themselves opposed, in the name of religious sensitivity, to doing the same.

God save us from the voices of reason.

What passes for moderation in a democratic community — "I share your rage but do not torch that embassy" — is nothing of the sort. It is simply a cynical way to endorse the goals of the mob without endorsing the means. It is fraudulent because, while pretending to uphold the principle of religious sensitivity, it is only interested in this instance of religious insensitivity.

Have any of these "moderates" ever protested the grotesque caricatures of Christ and, most especially, Jesus, in the bread-and-butter through the Middle East on a daily basis? The sermons on Palestinian TV that refer to Jews as the sons of pigs and the "David's Strike" prime-time TV series that shows rabbis slaughtering a gentle boy in order to ritually consume his blood? The 41-part CBS series on Egyptian TV based



on that anti-Semitic czarist forgery that inspiration of the Nazis, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," showing the Jews to be engaged in a century-old conspiracy to control the world?

A true Muslim moderate is one who protests desecrations of all faiths. Those who do not are not moderates but hypocrites, opportunists and cowards, using merely different means to advance the same goal: to impose upon the West, with its traditions of freedom of speech, a set of taboos that is exclusive to the Islamic faith. These are not defenders of religion, but Muslim fundamentalists trying to force their dictates upon the liberal West.

And these "moderates" are aided and abetted by Western "moderates" who publish pictures of the Virgin Mary covered with elephant dung, and celebrate the "Piss Christ" (a crucifix sitting in a jar of urine) as art deserving public subsidy, but are seized with a sudden religious sensitivity when the subject is Muhammad.

Had they not been so hypocritical, one might defend their refusal to republish these cartoons on the grounds that

news value can sometimes be traded by good taste and sensitivity. After all, on grounds of basic decency, American newspapers generally — and correctly — do not publish the pictures of dead bodies, whatever their news value.

There is a "sensitivity" argument for not having published the cartoons in the first place, back in September when they first appeared in that Danish newspaper. But it is not September. It is February. The cartoons have been published, and the newspaper, the publishers and Denmark itself have come under savage attack. After multiple arrests, devastating boycotts and threats to cut off funds and heads, the issue is no longer news value, i.e., whether a newspaper needs to publish them to inform the audience about what is going on. The issue now is solidarity.

The mob is trying to dictate to Western newspapers, what is a legitimate subject for discussion and caricature. The cartoons do not begin to approach the artistic level of Salman Rushdie's prose, but that's not the point. The point is who decides what can be said and what can be drawn

within the precincts of what we properly think of as the free world.

The mob has turned this into a test case for freedom of speech in the West. The German, French and Italian newspapers that republished these cartoons did so not to inform but to defy — to declare that they will not be intimidated by the mob.

What is at issue is fear. The unspoken reason many newspapers do not want to republish is not sensitivity but simple fear. They know what happened to Theo van Gogh: he made a film about the Islamic treatment of women and got a knife through the chest with an Islamist manifesto attached.

What is the result? Riots and burnings are instruments of intimidation, reminders of van Gogh's fate.

The Islamic "moderates" are the mob's agents and interpreters, warning us not to do this again. And the Western "moderates" are their terrified collaborators who say: Don't worry, we won't. It's these Danes. We're clean. Spare us, Please.

Charles Krauthammer's e-mail address is letters@charleskrauthammer.com

## LETTERS

### Survival of fittest follows atheist thrust

Evolution vs. creationism is not an argument between science and religion. It is a fusion between mean-spirited atheism and religious superstition. A jumble of words may have meaning, but it doesn't make an argument. A blast of hot air has meaning, but it isn't an argument unless there is some reasoning behind it. The only reasoning in this fuss, just a lot of righteous posturing.

All meaning is contextual, whether there is any reasoning or not. Even words that are not contextual are part of the message can, by inference, allusion and experience, modify those words that are spoken. The atheistic content of Origin of the Species gives meaning to the philosophers of reason and the corruption of the Medieval church than it does to Darwin's observations.

Survival of the fittest. That's not a complete sentence, but a complete thought, but it does have meaning. It means that survival is the measure of fitness. It gets that meaning from a context of competition, scarcity and egoism. It raises survival to the pinnacle of morality. It presupposes identifying with one's descendants rather than with one's contemporaries. It implies that life, a present-tense verb, is directed toward the future. One cannot teach or discuss evolution without the meaning of the fitness of the fittest, even if the words themselves are not used.

Justice and mercy is another phrase that is not a complete sentence, but it does have meaning. It presages all of the lessons of the Bible and, in return, all of the other words in the Bible influence the meaning of justice and mercy. The connection between God and justice and mercy owes more to the philosophers of faith than to any ecclesiastic. The atheistic thrust of evolu-

tion is better met by the parity of justice and mercy than an imagined orderly and compassionate process. It allows natural selection without a "nature bubble of tooth and claw." It rejects the argument that we have a choice between altruism and sacrifice. It incorporates the rule of love into evolution.

**TED QUIGLEY**  
Butte

### Power plant will hurt air and water

I am writing in reference to the proposed coal-burning power plant. I have worked in and retired from coal power plants after 40 years working as an operator and maintenance mechanic in three different states. I have good knowledge of what goes on at the coal-fired plants, not only where I have worked but coal-fired plants in general.

Grid to build this plant in Idaho with the power going to California — I don't think so. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

**KEVIN C. QUINN**  
Twin Falls

### Governor's staff raises seem too bewildering

I read with great interest the letter from Troy Bell published Feb. 3. Mr. Bell is obviously alluding to an article published in *The Times-News* on Jan. 23, 2003, which reported the raises given to the members of Gov. Kempthorne's staff. Being an alleged state employee — public school teacher — I, too, find the Legislature's action a bit bewildering. His letter also serves to emphasize the fact that no immediate raise was granted to educators along with the raise given to other state workers and to underscore the anti-education stance of the last six years.

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stack will end up dead on the ground.

Also, these plants consume large amounts of water 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Plant planned outage for maintenance, which is usually done once a year every other year, lasts anywhere from two to six weeks. At this time, they do a lot of hydro-blasting of boiler ash deposits, which are built up in the bottom ash lines and recycled ash water lines. Ninety percent of this hydro-blasted material ends up on the ground. You also have the problem with the coal storage and the wind blowing this into the atmosphere, as well as the ash storage piles leaching into the soil.

I don't think we want the Sempra plant here. After all, back in the early '80s, Idaho Power wanted to build a 250-megawatt plant in this state for the people of Idaho. It was rejected, and now Sempra wants to build this plant in Idaho with the power going to California — I don't think so.

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In 2003, the reported raises were 43 percent to David Lehman, 20 percent to Scott

Turlington and 14 percent to Michael Boger (who was earning \$2,600 at the time). The reasons for the raises, according to Chief of Staff Brian Whitlock, were "increased responsibilities" and "commensurate compensation."

Teaching in Idaho since 2000, I, too, have experienced a few increased responsibilities and the accompanying accountability created by No Child Left Behind, ISAT, State Direct Writing Assessments and Cassia County District tests and writing assessments. I have not experienced a corresponding pay increase. I have also experienced staff reduction, resulting in increased class size. Again, I have not experienced a corresponding pay increase. First- and second-year teachers were given a nice increase, yet I received no "commensurate compensation."

Presently, an increase of 3 percent seems to be the prevalent suggestion. This was the increase proposed by Marilyn Howard last year when the presumption the state would again pay no monies available. Now that the state has a budget surplus in excess of \$200 million, 3 percent is no longer acceptable. We teachers have fallen far behind the cost-of-living index. In addition, the retirement benefits of all former retirees have been dramatically and negatively impacted by the state's budget cuts.

I have taught in four different states and never been afflicted by a governing body so blatantly hypocritical as the Idaho State Legislature. But not to worry, I will continue to stand in front of my students and espouse the value of education. And they only need look to me to clearly see how valuable an education is in their home state.

**DOUG SCHOONOVER**  
Burley



OPINION

**Sempra opponents create troubling questions**

I have been following the Sempra power generation project for several months with eager anticipation. But, there are several things that bother me about it:

1. How many lifelong Idaho citizens are actually apprehensive about this economic building event?
2. How many environmentalists have moved into Idaho from places like California that have shut down these types of plants because of fear and are now in major power trouble because of it?
3. How many people take power for granted, because nobody wants things like coal-fired power plants, wind turbines which are the cleanest, hydroelectric, etc., but everyone wants to be able to turn on anything electrical such as TV, computer, stereo, lights, etc.
4. The phrase, "not in my backyard"; Did you know that 55 percent of all the power produced in the United States is coal fired? So, as the older big-polluting plants are closed, there needs to be newer, up-to-date, less-polluting plants built.
5. That nobody seems to notice all the communities in the country that have lived around these types of plants all their lives.
6. All that I am trying to say is leave your opinion off of the actual facts, not the emotions of a few extremists.

TRAVIS HUNT  
Bupert

**New legislation stopping plant needs support**

To the editor and Gov. Ken Coatsworth:

We are sure you know that Sempra wants to build Idaho's very first coal-fired power plant in Jerome. What you may not realize is that coal-fired power plants are the largest mercury polluters in America today, and mercury is one of the most toxic substances known to man. Here are a few reasons to consider before we let this happen.

Organic mercury compounds are very damaging. They are toxic by ingestion, inhalation, and skin and eye contact. Mercury compounds attack all body systems. They can cause nausea, vomiting, lack of appetite, weight loss, abdominal pain, diarrhea, kidney failure, skin burns and irritation, respiratory distress, swollen gums and mouth sores, drooling, numbness and tingling in the lips, mouth, tongue, hands and feet, tremors and incoordination, vision and hearing loss, memory loss, personality changes and headache. Allergic reactions can also occur. Interestingly, symptoms of mercury poisoning are, in many cases, identical to the symptoms of autism.

Methyl-mercury, usually from contaminated food (itself contaminated by mercury emissions from coal plants) is very dangerous to pregnant women. Methyl-mercury causes profound mental retardation, cerebral palsy, seizures, spasticity, tremors, and incoordination, along with eye and hearing damage in the unborn baby as a result of the mother's exposure. Organic mercury passes into the breast milk as well.

Mercury is dangerous, end of story. Building a coal-fired power plant anywhere in the world today, let alone in our own backyard, is a bad idea.

Please do the right thing for Idaho and support the new proposed legislation regarding power plants.

Please make your voice heard by calling and leaving a message for Gov. Kempthorne at (208) 331-2100 and your local legislators at (208) 332-1600 (the operator will tell you who your local reps are and then take a message for all of them so you do not need to know their

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names in advance). If you would like a copy of my letter to fax, send or e-mail, please contact [bccece@yahoo.com](mailto:bccece@yahoo.com) for a copy. (Sources: Environmental Working Group, California Poison Control System, The Informed Parent, Issue 2, 2000) **NELAND LESLIE BRADSHAW, Ketchum**

**Memories from previous 'takeover' vehicles**

As I was reading the classifieds, trucks for sale, I saw the ageless phrase, "like over payments" just out of yesterday.

I remember my first takeover payments project, a '40 Ford 2-door sedan with a slant crank blast hole in the top. I believe I paid the owner \$15 for his interest in this great find, and then I began to take over his payments.

Much time but little money was invested in my new treasure, and soon it was up and running. My great car enthusiast husband helped with the body work and paint job. Sandpaper and spray bombs of primer transformed this great unit into a true hot rod!

In great excitement, we finally backed out of the garage only to discover reverse gear was gone! We decided to just drive it forward and someone could "take over payments."

Sure enough, sometime later a fellow with a '40 Ford Coupe needing an engine bought my precious car for \$40. There went all our beautiful body work to the junk yard!

A few years later, I bought a '56 pink Cadillac with a gold grill for just \$50. It had a slight problem, though — no reverse gear. Amazing, though, when I went anywhere driving my pink beauty, how many people would park in front of me so I couldn't get out. So, after much forward driving, I looked forward to someone taking over my payments.

Sometime later, I bought a little Opel car from a good friend for just \$10. I loved the car from Twin Falls to Burley. I then faced a hard sale and away my little yellow Opel went! The previous owner was at the cemetery when I drove through to reassure him of the resurrector Opel. After driving 7 miles and having a great time, I sold the Opel to a local parts dealer for \$50. He asked later if he could give me any more little cars from me for his kids.

Yes, when I see the phrase, "take over payments," a smile comes to my face as I remember the payments of time spent on those great associations with others and their cars. I guess this phrase means a lot more about what others have done in the past so I could look forward to be future.

Hmmm, I wonder when my children will take over payments.

**GENE E. GOODWIN**  
Heyburn

**U.S. picks a president as smart as its people**

That this all-around incompetent president enjoys 40 percent approval of his deadly policies is incomprehensible. At least it was until I came across a recent article by Paul Craig Roberts, "Polls Show Many Americans are Simply Dumber Than Bush," in which he cites a Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll and a New York Times/CBS News poll which reveal how Bush can operate without consequence or worry. How Roberts does blame the media for faithfully following the administration free from any urge to scream, "What Bush!" he adds that half of our population is actually unable to acquire, process or understand information. Maybe it should have been "No Adult Left Behind."

Roberts writes: "Americans need desperately to understand

that 95 percent of all Muslim terrorists in the world were created in the past three years by Bush's invasion of Iraq.

Americans need desperately to comprehend that if Bush attacks Iran and Syria, as he intends, terrorism will explode and American civil liberties will disappear into a 30-year war that will bankrupt the United States.

The total lack of rationality and competence in the White House and the inability of half of the U.S. population to acquiesce and understand information are far larger threats to Americans than terrorism.

America has become a regressive nation, flying blind, guided only by ignorance and hubris. A terrible catastrophe awaits.

So if those "unable to process" among you fret that I really think you are reading this were horrified at the new threat of human/animal hybrids revealed in Bush's State of the Union speech, this is merely animal testing in search of cures for human illnesses. Biology professor HZ. Myers writes, "His [Bush's] trusting that everyone will think he is punishing monstrous crimes against nature,

but what he's really doing is targeting the weak and the ill, blocking useful avenues of research that are specifically designed to help us understand human afflictions."

As for my personal processing of information, I have a sickeningly clear conception of what is really going on in this country and the inevitable results: however, I will admit that the human/animal hybrid reference did bring an immediate picture of the clump to my brain.

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NATION/WORLD

# Kidnapped journalist pleads for help, says time is short

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** — Kidnapped American journalist Jill Carroll appeared in a video aired Thursday on a private Kuwaiti TV station, appealing in a calm, composed voice for her supporters to do whatever it takes to win her release "as quickly as possible."

Carroll, wearing traditional Arab attire, said the date was Feb. 2, nearly a month after she was seized in Baghdad—by armed men who killed her Iraqi translator. She was shown sitting on a chair in front of a wall with a large floral design.

The 28-year-old freelance reporter for The Christian Science Monitor said she had sent one letter and was sending another to "prove I am with the mujahideen."

"I sent you a letter written by my hand, but you wanted more evidence," she said. "I am here, I am fine. Please just do whatever they want, give them whatever they want as quickly as possible. There is very short time. Please do it fast. That's all."

The 22-second video was carried by Al Rai TV, a private Kuwaiti channel, and included audio, unlike two previous videos of Carroll that were broadcast by Al-Jazeera television.

The tape was delivered earlier Thursday to Al Rai's Baghdad office and was aired in its entirety. Hani al-Straigi, an editor at the station's headquarters in Kuwait, told The Associated Press.

It was accompanied by a letter written by Carroll.

The newscaster said on the air that the station would hand the letter over to authorities, but would not disclose the letter's content.

Tania Anderson, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait, said: "I assume that Al Rai has given the material they

received to the Kuwaiti authorities, who I am confident will take the appropriate action at the earliest possible time. The embassy customarily works closely with our contacts with the Kuwaiti government and will seek their cooperation in this matter as well."

## Lawsuit

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It was later ruled that the fire was electrical and probably started in the family's living room.

Named as defendants are owners Res and Carmen Norman of California and property managers Bohner and Coral Diesher of Filer.

The Normans could not be reached for comment and calls made by The Times-News to the Dieshers were not returned.

The complaint says the defendants had a duty to provide and maintain working smoke alarms and it says their negligence in doing so led to the death of the young boys.

"When you rent a place, you have the right to have working smoke alarms," said John Lezama, the Davis attorney.

Bud Compher, chief of the Filer Fire Department, said the house had an alarm.

"The home was equipped with an alarm but it was needed by the time we investigated," he said.

Compher explained that although he remembers the home having an alarm, as well as an alarm in the downstairs apartment, he couldn't say exactly where the alarms were installed.

"My final report doesn't mention the alarms," he said.

The State Fire Marshal's report doesn't mention the alarms, either, said Dick Habm of the State Fire Marshal's office.

Idaho Statute states that renters can file suit against a landlord for failing to install adequately working smoke detectors. It states that upon entering into a rental agreement, "the landlord shall verify that smoke detectors have been installed and are in good working order in the dwelling unit."

However, after that, "The tenant shall maintain the smoke detectors in good working order during the tenant's rental period."

If had the Davis known that the alarm didn't work, they could have asked the landlord to fix it. However, no complaint had been filed because, "They didn't even know the alarm was there," Lezama said.

He explained that the defendants have 30 days to answer the complaint. Once an answer has been filed, the case moves to a discovery period where all parties involved ask specific questions and exchange information. After that is complete, depositions and testimony are taken.

The case could be settled out of court or if necessary, the issue could go to trial where a jury would decide who was at fault and what damages, if any, are owed.

"I plan every case to go to trial and am pleasantly surprised if it doesn't," Lezama said.

Blair Koch lives in Bull. She can be reached by e-mail at [blair\\_20@hotmail.com](mailto:blair_20@hotmail.com) or by calling 316-2607.

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SPORTSQUOTE

Do you believe in switching networks? Yes!

The Associated Press' Ronald Blum, on Al Michaels' getting out of his ESPN contract to ostensibly sign with NBC

TRIVIA

QUESTION: What cross country skier holds the Winter Games record for most career medals? ANSWER: Lutz Eder

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College MEN'S BASKETBALL CSI at North Idaho College, Coeur d'Alene, 6:30 p.m. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CSI at North Idaho College, Coeur d'Alene, 6:30 p.m. High School BOWLING Girls district singles, Jerome Bowl, 4 p.m. BOYS BASKETBALL Postseason IA Northside Tournament See related story. IA Southside Tournament See related story. Regular season Declo at Burley, 7:30 p.m. Twin Falls Christian at CHAMF, 6:30 p.m. WRESTLING Filer, Jerome at Twin Falls, 5 p.m. Wood River at Gooding, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Area teams win academic titles

BOISE — The Twin Falls High boys and girls basketball team were both named as state 5A academic team champions for the winter sports season, it was announced Thursday by the Idaho High School Activities Association in Boise.

Chinmas County girls won the 1A title with a grade point average of 3.758 on a 4.0 scale. The Bruin girls recorded a 3.873 mark while the boys had a cumulative 3.495 GPA.

Results

Boys basketball — Coeur d'Alene, Twin Falls High, 31-26, 44-34; Ridge, 3A, Vevor, 31-24; Harco, Denton, 3:06, 41-30. Girls basketball — Coeur d'Alene, Twin Falls High, 28-15, 41-19; Coeur d'Alene, 37-26; Fern, 27-16 and 18. Coeur d'Alene, 37-26; Coeur d'Alene, 37-26; Coeur d'Alene, 37-26; Coeur d'Alene, 37-26.

Jerome boosters meet Monday

JEROME — The Jerome High School booster club will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 13, in Room 101, Mr. Musgrave's room, of the school, 100 Tiger Drive.

North Idaho plans all-star hoops games

COEUR D'ALENE — The third annual Idaho High School All-Star basketball games for both boys and girls will be held April 8 at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene. The games, to be held in doubleheader format, will match teams from Northern Idaho against those from Southern Idaho. Senior players from all classifications will be eligible for selection to the all-star teams.

The selection committee will include representatives from the news media throughout the state who will select the 12 all-stars and two alternates for each of the four teams at the conclusion of the state tournament. The girls' game is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. followed by the boys' game at 3:30 p.m. A 3-point shooting competition and a slam dunk contest will be held between games.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Bjom Dabche of Norway with 12.

Walley runs to state

Viking girls headed to state tourney for seventh straight season

By Eric Larson Times-News writer HAZELTON — The last minutes of a basketball game can zip into eternity — especially with your standout senior sitting on the bench after fouling out of a conference championship game. However, the last 4 minutes, 46 seconds of Thursday's Canyon Conference Tournament Championship was time to savor for the Valley Vikings. Vikings standout senior forward Lindsay Wood was charged with an offensive foul that sent her out of the game with said 4:46 left in Thursday's Class 2A showdown against the Wendell Trojans. The Vikings lost Wood's 13 points, 16 rebounds and five assists for the rest of the game, but it was no disaster. The game was already in hand.

The Vikings booked their seventh consecutive trip to state-tournament play with a 57-35 victory over the Trojans on the Valley High School hardwood. Valley ripped off a 22-9 run in the third quarter to take a 44-23 lead before cruising to the win. As Wood pensively watched from the bench, her Vikings teammates navigated the Wendell full-court press to keep the Trojans at bay in the game's final frame. "That last foul was really dumb," Wood said. "But it was good to watch from the bench. I checked on a towel the whole time, but it was wonderful to watch the girls finish it up." The 14-7 Vikings put up the points, but it was defense and rebounding that won them the game. Valley's man-to-man defense Please see WALLEY, Page B2

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CSI, NIC clash for SWAC supremacy

By Eric Larson Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho would very much like to play the role of gracious host. The problem is, so would North Idaho College. The Golden Eagles men's and women's basketball teams both hold two-game leads over the Cardinals, heading into tonight and tomorrow's two-game Scenic West Athletic Conference brawl in Coeur d'Alene. At 19-3 and 10-0 in SWAC play, the No. 9 Golden Eagles women moved one win to stay in sole possession of the conference lead and remain the front-runner in the race to host the March 8-11 Region 10 Tournament.

"This definitely affects the postseason quite a bit," CSI women's head coach Randy Rogers said. "Who gets to host. But not just hosting. You get a chance to win the league. You want that as a coach. I want to win the league. I don't want to tie for the league. I want to win it. These are probably the biggest games of the year."

The CSI women may find themselves in the unfamiliar position of having their hands full against the 17-6 (10-2 SWAC) Cardinals. Guards Stephanie Jones and Caitlin Courchaine are both quick and accurate from the perimeter. Combo guard/forward Lindsay Koppke is a marksmen from the perimeter, and forwards Sara Denny and Nichole Scott are tough rebounders who can finish around the basket.

"They're just a well-rounded team," Rogers said. "I can see why they've won a lot of games."

Though everything CSI starts with freshman point guard Maria Moore, the Eagles are making it increasingly difficult to key on their talented floor general. With Brittany Moore, Jadena Williams, Kaylan King, and Amy Bravold all averaging over nine points per game, and freshman forward Ashley Thompson continuing to increase her production, simply keeping Maria Moore from reaching her 20.4 point-per-game average isn't enough to ground the Eagles.

"I think we're a tough team to say, 'hey, we have to go box-and-one, we have to go frangible-and-two, we have to stop this player,'" Rogers said.

Rogers is glad to have sophomore host Tuuya Ljickler back at full strength after playing limited minutes over the weeks ago against the College of Eastern Utah after suffering a Grade 2 concussion in practice. Ljickler looked as fluid as she's ever

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Michaels traded for cartoon bunny

The Associated Press

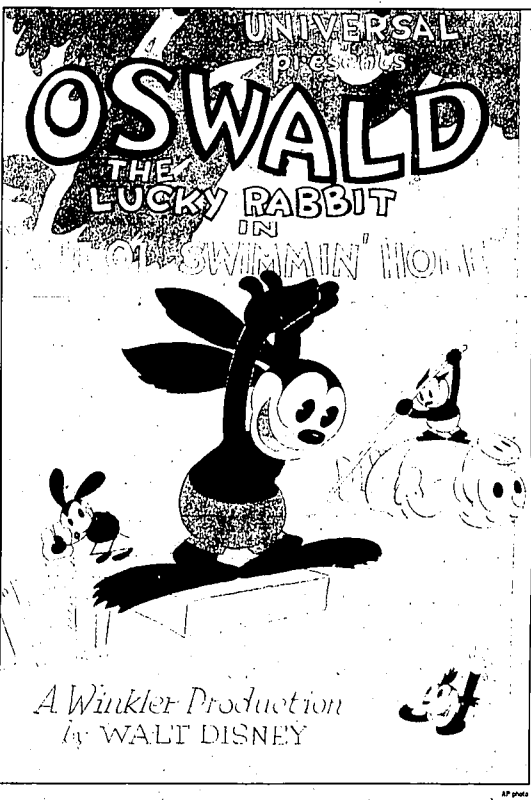
NEW YORK — Al Michaels was traded from ABC to NBC for a cartoon bunny, four rounds of golf and Olympic highlights. The rights to Oswald the Lucky Rabbit, a bunny created by Walt Disney in the 1920s before he invented Mickey Mouse, were transferred from NBC Universal to The Walt Disney Co. as part of the agreement releasing the broadcaster from his contract with ABC and ESPN.

As the forerunner to Mickey Mouse and an important part of Walt Disney's creative legacy, the fun and mischievous Oswald is back where he belongs, at the home of his creator and among the stable of beloved characters created by Walt Disney. "Disney president Robert Iger said after Thursday's announcement. Michaels had been with ABC for three decades and had been the play-by-play announcer for "Monday Night Football" for the past 20 years.

Oswald is definitely worth more than a fourth-round draft choice," Michaels said, referring to what the Kansas City Chiefs gave the New York Jets as compensation for releasing coach Herm Edwards from his contract. "I'm going to be a trivia answer someday."

A four-time Emmy Award winner, Michaels agreed last July to stay with ABC/ESPN as the Monday game switched to the cable network next fall, but he asked to be let out and instead will broadcast Sunday night NFL games on NBC with John Madden, his partner on ABC during the past four seasons.

As part of the deal, NBC sold ESPN cable rights to Friday coverage of the next four Ryder Cups through 2014, and granted ESPN increased usage of Olympic highlights through 2012 and other NBC properties through 2011. NBC, in turn, gets expanded highlight rights to ABC and ESPN events.



This still image provided by The Walt Disney Co. shows 'Oswald the Lucky Rabbit.'

NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol said ABC Sports and ESPN President George Bodenheimer called last month to initiate talks, which culminated

in an agreement Tuesday. "He told me this incredible story that Walt's first really big production as a cartoonist for the cinema had been a character

called Oswald the Lucky Rabbit, which was before Mickey," Ebersol said. "And for reasons that aren't still totally

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Witty will carry Stars and Stripes

The Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Chris Witty has been to the Olympics before, both summer and winter, and has won medals of all colors.

What's different about these games for the celebrated speed-skater, though, is what she will be carrying — and perhaps more importantly, what she won't be. On Friday night, she will lead the U.S. team into the opening ceremony of the Turin Games, proudly bearing the U.S. flag. She is no longer burdened, however, by the 20-year-old secret that she was sexually abused as a child.

After she competed in Salt Lake City in 2002 and underwent therapy, Witty went public with an account of how a trustee neighbor in suburban Milwaukee had abused her, starting at age 4 and continuing until she was 11 — and her subsequent feelings of guilt, an inability to trust people, awkwardness as a teenager, and serious depression.

Revealing the truth and talking about it openly — even though sometimes makes adults "squirm in their chairs a little bit" — has changed her and helped other victims, she said. "I enjoy everything about life

2006 WINTER GAMES

Honored track record

Speedskater Chris Witty was chosen to carry the U.S. flag at the opening ceremony of the Turin Games. Witty's Olympic career ► Four-time Olympian (1998, 2000, 2002, 2006) ► Gold medal in the 1,000 meters at the 2002 Salt Lake Games ► As a cyclist in the 2000 Sydney Games, she became only the ninth U.S. athlete to compete in both the Summer and Winter Olympics ► Silver medal in the 1,000 meters and bronze medal in the 1,500 meters at the 1998 Nagano Olympics



SOURCE: U.S. Olympic Committee AP

right now — everything, I'm just really happy. I'm able to enjoy everything. I'm not depressed all the time and I'm not worried about anything about myself or my appearance or things like that," she said. "Now I just feel so much more comfortable in my skin because I feel like I'm able to really tell everybody who I am and where I'm coming from and why I am

the way I am. I'm just a different person today than I was even five years ago."

The five-time Olympian, chosen by her teammates for the honor of flag-bearer, went gold while setting a world record in the 1,000 meters at Salt Lake City. She won silver and bronze medals at the 1998 Nagano Olympics. She also competed in Lillehammer, Norway, in 1994. She is expected to race in the 500, 1,000 and 1,500 in Turin, and is one of the medal favorites in the 1,500.

"Just to be part of this team is an honor, but to lead them is amazing," Witty said. She also was in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, competing in track cycling — becoming the ninth U.S. athlete to compete in both summer and winter games.

At a news conference Thursday, she described how the neighbor preyed upon her until she was in the sixth grade, when she saw a videotape at school that prompted her to finally tell him "No." He left her alone, but abused others, she said.

Although never charged with abusing Witty, she was finally caught with a girl she used to babysit. "I remember warning them, but I didn't do anything about it, and I had to find out that it be

Trojans upset Huskies

By Diane Phibbin Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — No. 4 Murtaugh, No. 2 Castelford, and No. 6 Raft River opened the Class IA Southside Conference Tournament registering wins in opening round games Thursday. Murtaugh defeated No. 4 Oakley 62-48, Castelford stormed past No. 7 Magic Valley Christian 66-35, and Raft River upset No. 3 Hansen 51-19 in OT.

Raft River 51, Hansen 49, OT

No. 6 Raft River pulled an early tournament upset as the Trojans held to a two point lead in the final five seconds of overtime as No. 3 Hansen missed two last second shots and defeated Hansen 51-49.

Sophomore Jacob Williams scored 15 points and senior Paden Baker added 14 followed by junior Cody Powers with 13 for Raft River (6-0).

Senior Brian Caversa scored a game-high 19 points for Hansen (17-4).

Southside Tournament

Thursday's results No. 5 Murtaugh 62, No. 4 Oakley 48 No. 2 Castelford 66, No. 7 Magic Valley Christian 35 No. 5 Raft River 51, No. 3 Hansen 49

MURTAUGH — Junior guard Chepe Saucedo scored a game-high 29 points as the No. 5 Murtaugh Red Devils opened the Southside Conference Tournament with a 62-48 win over No. 4 Oakley. "Our two guards, Jose (Chepe) Saucedo and Taylor Wilson, are pretty hard to stop man-to-man," said Murtaugh coach Rex Ronander. "They work real well together. We seem to be coming together at the right time. The kids just Please see TROJANS, Page B2



T.F. hosts Pacific Northwest boxing tournament

By Nathaniel Garrabrant, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—It's one of the most compelling aspects of boxing... TWIN FALLS—It's one of the most compelling aspects of boxing... TWIN FALLS—It's one of the most compelling aspects of boxing...

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"It's good to get his conditioning... It's good to get his conditioning... It's good to get his conditioning..."

days. He's got some guys coming that want to beat him. He's got to have the heart and the determination to get there.

Also representing Idaho will be several fighters from the Gate City Boxing club in Pocatello...

"They're going to be up against it," said Ron Eaton... "They're going to be up against it," said Ron Eaton...

"His speed is deceptive," said Eaton... "His speed is deceptive," said Eaton...

will depend on how fast he's able to shed the rust accumulated on his LDS mission to Spain.

He's logged two fights since returning from his year and a half long physically impressive in his state title victory over Twin Falls' Miguel Flores Jan. 20 in Twin Falls.

"It'll get better," said Eaton... "It'll get better," said Eaton...

"It's got a hard nose, he's got quick hands and he's in good shape," Eaton said... "It's got a hard nose, he's got quick hands and he's in good shape," Eaton said...

S softball, baseball rules clinics set

TWIN FALLS — A mandatory rules clinic is prospective for the year and the baseball clinic at 7:15 p.m.

For more information, please contact district commissioner Craig Mills at Burley High School, 879-6606...

Jurors reject Anaheim's claim in Angels dispute

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A jury ruled Thursday that the Angels did not breach a contract with the city of Anaheim when the baseball team changed its name from the Anaheim Angels to Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

The city officials filed suit for breach of contract last January, shortly after Anaheim's Angel Moreno made the switch.

The city claimed the change cost it at least \$100 million in lost tourism, publicity and social "impressions" huzz the city gets each time its name appears in the national media...

The NCAA approved press box instant replay... The NCAA approved press box instant replay... The NCAA approved press box instant replay...

The NCAA football rules committee approved one provision that would allow instant replay under new NCAA rules that all Division I football teams and conferences would use next season.

Booster plans return before All-Star break... The procedure, head coaches would request reviews by calling timeout, if the challenge is successful...

Olympic torch diverted on its first day in Turin... "TURIN, Italy—The Olympic torch was diverted Thursday on its first day through Turin's streets because authorities feared protests along the route could be disrupted.

Longhorns coach Mack Brown gets pay raise... Austin, Texas — Texas football coach Mack Brown got a \$380,000 pay raise Thursday after leading the Longhorns to their first outright national championship in 36 years.

Whisenunt, Petrino interested in Raiders... Alameda, Calif. — Super Bowl-winning executive coordinator Ken Whisenunt and Louisiana State coach Bobby Petrino have pulled out of consideration for the Oakland Raiders coaching vacancy.

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WHAT'S ON T.V. AUTO RACING

Nentel Cup Practice for Budweiser Short Track, SPEED, 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL Spurs at Nets, ESPN, 6 p.m. Mavericks at Nuggets, ESPN, 8:30 p.m.

BOXING Junior welterweights, Paul Maligned (20-0) vs. Donald Camarena (16-1-0), ESPN2, 7 p.m.

GOLF European PGA Tour, Johnnie Walker Classic, second round, TDC, 7 a.m.

PGA Tour, Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, second round, USA, 1 p.m.

OLYMPICS Opening Ceremony, Parade of Nations; Lighting of the Olympic Cauldron, NBC, 6 p.m.

Primitve relay, NBC, 12:39 a.m. Friday

SOCCER Men's national teams U.S. vs. Japan, ESPN2, 9 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA All-Star Weekend Eastern Conference All-Star Game, Feb. 18, 8 p.m.

Western Conference All-Star Game, Feb. 19, 8 p.m.

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HOCKEY

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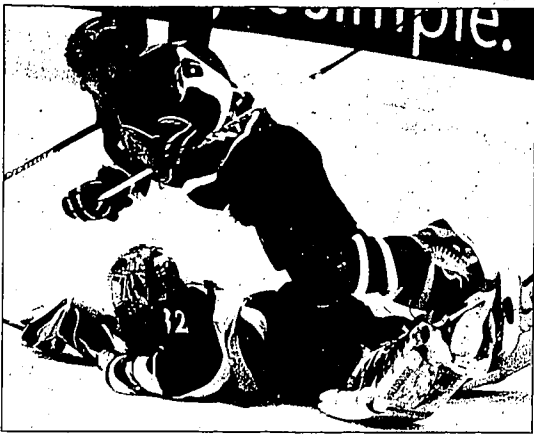
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SPORTS



Ottawa Senators' Vaclav Varada, top, trips over Atlanta Thrashers goalie Karl Lehtonen during second-period NHL action in Ottawa, Canada, Thursday.

# Lehtonen stones Senators

OTTAWA (AP) — Ilya Kovalchuk and Andy Sutton scored power-play goals and Karl Lehtonen made 31 saves, leading the Atlanta Thrashers to a 2-1 win over the Ottawa Senators on Thursday night.

Kovalchuk tied the game late in the second with his 37th goal, which moved him ahead of the New York Rangers' Ilya Kovalchuk for the league lead. Sutton put Atlanta ahead midway through the third with his third of the season.

Cole's goal put the Hurricanes ahead 3-2 at 4:08 of the second. Grabame stopped 14 shots in the second, including Cole on a penalty shot at 11:39.

Modin gave Tampa Bay its first lead, at 4-3, on a rebound goal from the low slot that appeared to hit Carolina defenseman Aaron Ward with 39:16 left.

Ruslan Fedotenko added an empty-net goal in the final minute.

three-game road losing streak when Sergei Brylin circled around the net and connected with a streaking Girotto, who knocked the puck past goalie Tim Thomas while falling to the ice at 2:10 of overtime.

The Devils have beaten Boston all three times they've played this season and all by one goal.

## Canadiens 3, Sabres 2, OT

RIJFHALL, N.Y. — Alex Kovalev scored twice, including the winner 29 seconds into overtime, lifting the Montreal Canadiens to a 3-2 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Thursday night.

After Felix White tied the score earlier in the third period, the Wild put pressure on Avalanche goalie David Aebischer and had several prime chances — as they did early in the game — to take the lead.

## Lightning 5, Hurricanes 3

TAMPA, Fla. — John Grabame came off the bench early in the second period to make 28 saves, and Evgeni Malkin had two goals for Tampa Bay.

Grabame replaced starter Sean Burke, who allowed three goals on eight shots, after Erik

## Avanache 2, Wild 1

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Joe Sakic's goal with 5:44 remaining lifted the Colorado Avalanche to a 2-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Thursday night.

After Felix White tied the score earlier in the third period, the Wild put pressure on Avalanche goalie David Aebischer and had several prime chances — as they did early in the game — to take the lead.

But Aebischer, who has an 11-3-2 record since the new year began and an 8-2 career mark against Minnesota, didn't budge — helping Colorado improve to 12-3-3 in its last 18 games. He made 23 saves.

Brad Richardson also scored for the Avalanche, who still trailed at Wild's attempt to move closer in the Western Conference playoff race.

Colorado moved ahead of, while Edmonton into sixth place with 60 points.

Minnesota, with 60 points, remained stuck in 10th — five points behind Los Angeles for the final spot.

## Devils 3, Bruins 2, OT

BOSTON — Brian Gionta scored his second goal in overtime and Martin Brodeur made 37 saves for the Devils.

New Jersey snuffed a

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## CSI

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looked during Monday's practice, showing both her ability to go to the hoop and fill open space — and her ability to shoot.

"She's doing a good job of shot like and attacking the basket," Rogers said. "We need her to be more aggressive. If she can do that, maybe she can draw attention and then kick. But we're going to need her. We missed her against North Carolina. We need a leader, we missed her quite a bit."

The Eagles will have to do many things well to beat the Cardinals, but in most important ways, they have to remain disruptive on defense.

"We cannot go up there and just run away," Rogers said. "It's not going to happen. They're just too good. So hopefully it's a close game, we have to make some tough decisions down the stretch, and find a way to win a close game. That's kind of what a expert."

## Eagle eyes

Tonight: CSI at North Idaho College, Couer D'Alene; Women at 6:30 p.m.; Men at 8:30 p.m.; MSI.

On the horizon: The Eagles host their final regular-season SWAC home games next Friday and Saturday against Salt Lake Community College in Twin Falls.

On the radio: All games will be broadcast on 1270 AM KFEL.

Women

Matchup: No. 9 CSI (19-3, 10-0 SWAC) vs. NIC (17-6, 10-2 SWAC).

Last time they met: The Golden Eagles blew by the Cardinals 95-76 in Twin Falls earlier this year. Jelena Williams scored a game-high 27 and added 13 rebounds, while Anna Moore added 22 points.

CSI season leaders (per game): Points — Gabidon 16.5; Fereti 15.1; Rebounds — Larry 8.1; Gabidon 7.0; Assists — Jermaine Calvin 5.8; Dorell Jenkins 4.7; Steals — Calvin 2.9; Fereti 1.7; Blocks — Larry 1.6; Gabidon 1.0.

2 guard out of Portland, Ore. is averaging over 13 points, four rebounds, and four assists per game.

"I think Hopson is mature beyond his years," Peery said. "I think coming from Jefferson (High School) in Portland, he's played in a lot of state-championship atmospheres and has been expected to win many, many times over the years. I think he's a winner and I think that's crucial to their success. We talk about Nangle and Clair and different people like that. Those people are very talented, but I think Hopson is the key to making this crucial to their success. CSI was very much reliant on sophomores Zaryon Fereti, Travis Gabidon, and Reggie Larry when the two teams met earlier. It's a different dynamic now as the CSI supporting cast has found ways to increase its production."

"You talk about guys like Jermaine (Calvin) and Smouch (Jenkins), Micah and Steve

# Skiers suspended after being found with excessive hemoglobin levels

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Eight Olympic cross-country skiers, including two Americans and one former gold medalist, were suspended for five days after they were found to have excessive hemoglobin levels — the first hint of scandal at the Turin Games.

The suspensions, announced Thursday by the International Ski Federation, last five days from the day the tests were administered. The U.S. Ski Association said the tests were taken Wednesday, meaning the athletes will be barred from competition until at least Monday.

That would keep the skiers out of the first cross-country events of the Olympics — the men's and women's pursuit on Sunday.

The suspensions mark the possibility of a drug scandal at this year's games, where the IOC has said it plans to conduct some 1,200 drug tests. As of Thursday, more than 100 IOC drug tests had been conducted with no positive results.

The cross-country testing was done by the ski federation, which said it sampled 224 athletes over two days this week.

Jim Galanes, a coach for suspended American athlete Kikkan Randall, said there's no chance the cross-country skier was involved with illegal doping.

"There is absolutely no likelihood of that," said Galanes, the head Nordic ski coach at Alaska Pacific University who spoke with Randall on Thursday, the day after the test. "I can guarantee it."

The federation said in announcing the suspensions that the competition ban is not a disciplinary action, but taken to "protect the health of the athlete."

Hemoglobin is the part of a red blood cell that carries oxygen from the lungs to the rest of the body and can increase endurance. Illicit strategies such as the use of synthetic hemoglobin and blood transfusions have been used by some athletes to increase the oxygen in the muscles.

Besides 23-year-old Randall of Anchorage, Alaska, the other American athlete suspended was John Zimmerman, 22, of Bozeman, Mont. The others



USA's Kikkan Randall, of Anchorage, Alaska, competes in the women's sking 10K classic U.S. Cross Country Championships race, Jan. 7, in Midway, Utah. Randall, 23, of Anchorage, Alaska, was one of eight cross-country skiers competing in the Turin Olympics suspended for five days after they were found to have excessive hemoglobin levels, the International Ski Federation announced Thursday.

were Sean Crooks of Canada, Sergey Dolidovich of Belarus, Jean Marc Gaudard of France, Aleksandr Lasutkin of Belarus, Natalia Matveeva of Russia, and Bjorn Sichenbacher of Germany.

Sachenbacher won gold in the 2002 Salt Lake City Games in the women's relay and silver in the women's sprint. She is currently seventh in World Cup rankings.

All of the skiers but Matveeva were scheduled to compete in Sunday's pursuit events.

Calls seeking comment from the International Ski Federation were not immediately returned early Friday.

U.S. Nordic director Luke Boudewyn said he could not immediately be reached for comment, and the International Olympic Committee declined to comment.

John Estle, an Alaska-based official with the USSA, said there could have been up to a half-

dozen instances in this World Cup season where athletes were forbidden from competing because of elevated hemoglobin levels but later cleared in follow-up tests.

"It's not unheard of," said Estle, saying it could be caused by dehydration, if athletes have recently traveled, are working at high altitude in low humidity or have used an altitude tent.

In the 2002 Salt Lake City Games, Russia was unable to compete in the women's 20-kilometer cross-country ski relay after Larissa Luzitina was disqualified for having high hemoglobin levels.

Luzitina later was stripped of the gold medal she won in the 30-kilometer classic-style race after Larissa Luzitina was disqualified for having high hemoglobin levels.

Also testing for high hemoglobin with those games was Johann Mutschlegg of Spain.

# Donald matches Spyglass record to take lead

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Luke Donald was in the group ahead when Phil Mickelson blasted Spyglass Hill last year for a record 62. He remembers being amazed at the score, and hearing how it would be a long time before anyone else could do that at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

"It only took 365 days," Donald said Thursday. "I'm glad it was me."

"Baking advantage of weather that approached perfection. Donald holed out for eagle from 36 yards, string together birdies and wound up matching Mickelson's record with a 68-er to take a one-shot lead over Mike Weir.

Not many could recall conditions so pure at Pebble Beach, where there was no trace of a cloud or a breeze and temperatures were pushing 80 degrees. No one remembered Spyglass

being such a pushover either.

Traditionally the toughest among the three courses at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, it played as the easiest this year with an average score of 70-81. Dating to 2000, Spyglass has never had an average score under par.

Mickelson, meanwhile, looks like he will end a dubious streak at this tournament — the last four defending champions at Pebble Beach have missed the cut. Luffy was headed that direction with a double bogey on his third hole at Poppy Hills, making the turn in 37. But he finished with a flourish — a birdie-birdie-eagle — for a 67 and was tied for 10th.

Scott has yet to win a tournament in his home country. He captured the title last year in Beijing by leading from the first round.

"Trailing Stadler by three strokes with three holes to play. I kept the silence — just kept hoping he'd miss a putt on the 18th, which would have given him the outright lead."

"It was a great opening round," he said. "And I certainly had a lot of opportunities and I made some putts."

# Witty

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fully happened. For a long time, I blamed myself. I think, because I should have done more to lead."

An emotional turning point for Witty came right before the Salt Lake City Olympics.

A month before those games began, Witty said she was down on herself because she knew the neighbor had been released from jail and that his wife had died, and his monitoring anklet was removed.

"I was overwhelmed with all these emotions," and she sought out a sports psychologist who told her to wait until after the Olympics to see him.

Stadler, Scott share lead in Johnnie Walker — PERTH, Australia — Kevin Stanger and Scotty Camacho told their story to The Desert Morning News in Salt Lake City, which she did in 2004.

"I had nothing to be ashamed of. I wasn't my fault, and I'm just happy to share my story and help other people," she said. "The ripple effect was incredible. I could not believe how many stories I go in return."

Now she is a spokeswoman for child abuse awareness programs, telling children how "things can happen in your life but you can still go on to do great things."

"Abuse kind of exists because of society," she said, adding that a way to combat it is by "just keeping the silence — just get people talking about it, because it's such a common problem, and it doesn't need to be."

"That's why she sees her role as returning Olympic medalist and the U.S. team's flag-bearer as a 'great opportunity ... to hopefully do some good in this world.'"

"Asked if the flag and his pole are heavy to carry, Witty said, "I've heard it." She quickly added, "But I work out."

# Bunny

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clear to me. Walt lost those rights. He didn't lose the money to hold onto them."

Disney and his partner, Ub Iwerks, created the rabbit in 1927 at the request of Carl Laemmle, the founder of Universal Pictures, and made 26 silent cartoons. After Disney learned that Universal held the rights, he created a new

character, eventually named Mickey Mouse, who resembled Oswald, but with shorter ears.

Universal continued to make Oswald films from 1928-30 — Mickey Rooney was one of his voices — and appeared in a comic book from 1943-62.

"We earn nothing from those rights; they've had no value in the United States," Ebersol said.

The Walt Disney Co. had been trying to reacquire the rabbit for some time.

"When Bob was named CEO, he told me he wanted to bring Oswald back to Disney, and I appreciate that he is a man of his word," Walt Disney's daughter Diane Disney Miller said in a statement. "Having Oswald around again is going to be a lot of fun."

# Baseball, softball out at the 2012 Olympics — and the call stands

**TURIN, Italy (AP) —** Don't worry. Synchronized swimming, trampoline and rhythmic gymnastics are safe. Baseball and softball? Sorry, they're out for the 2012 Olympics.

Dropped from the London Games seven months ago, women's softball and baseball got a second chance Thursday to make a case for reinstatement. The result, though, was the same: The European-dominated International Olympic Committee rejected pleas from two very traditional American sports.

"I am shocked and deeply disappointed," said Dot Richardson, a two-time Olympic gold medalist in softball, in a shame that politics between nations will effect in a negative way the future dreams of young girls and young women.

The result was a victory for IOC president Jacques Rogge, who felt that overturning a vote taken just seven months ago would damage the committee's credibility and set a bad precedent.

"There was a solid faction that didn't want the IOC appearing that they would flip on issues," American member Robert Howarth said. It was a sharp setback for the United States, whose clout in the international Olympic movement has been in decline.

A further test comes Friday when two American athletes, Easton and Anita DeFranz — contest seats on the IOC's policy-making executive board.

"I think anti-Americanism was the factor," International Softball Federation president Don Porter said.

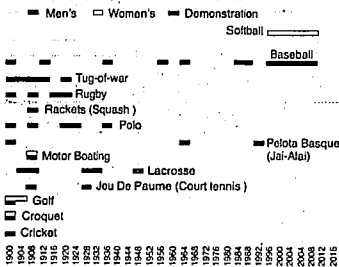
The two sports remain on the program for the 2008 Beijing Games, and can apply for reinstatement in 2009 for the 2016 Olympics.

"We will work with them at the Olympic Games at Beijing

## Olympic Committee drops the ball

The International Olympic Committee dropped softball and baseball from the 2012 Olympics despite an appeal. Eleven other sports had been eliminated from competition since 1900.

### Dropped Olympic sports and when they appeared



SOURCE: "The Complete Book of Summer Olympics," David Wallechinsky AP

and see if there's a chance to come back. Rogge said he understands the disappointment of those who pleaded for the reinstatement.

London, meanwhile, is left with 26 sports on the 2012 program, two short of the maximum.

"The dreams of young people from around the world who aspire to compete in the Olympic Games in softball and baseball were dealt a setback today," U.S. Olympic Committee chairman Peter Ueberroth said in a statement. "We are disappointed the IOC chose to not reconsider its decision."

Ueberroth said the USOC would work with the international federations to seek their reinstatement "at the earliest opportunity."

While softball and baseball hold deep American roots, their removal from the Olympics af-

fects players worldwide. Baseball is particularly popular in the Caribbean, Latin America and East Asia.

Baseball can live without the Olympics — in fact, the inaugural 16-team World Baseball Classic will be played in March. It's a different story, however for softball — the only women's-only sport in the games. The United States has won all three gold medals in softball, and the sport is growing worldwide and the Olympics remains the highest goal for any player.

Porter, who has traveled the world seeking to build support, was bitter about the result.

"It wasn't about a sport," he said. "It had to do with a political situation to protect the (IOC) president. I talked to 80 IOC members here personally. I had at least 70 who told me they would support me. Somebody wasn't telling the truth."



In this photo released by the Olympic Torch Relay Organization, Ukrainian pole vault legend and IOC member Sergel Bubka waves as he carries the Olympic torch for the Turin 2006 Winter Olympics at the entrance to the Olympic Village in Turin, Italy.

# NBC set for Turin opening ceremony

**TURIN, Italy (AP) —** Fifty years ago, at the last Winter Olympics held in Italy, the opening ceremony crowd watched in disbelief as skater Guido Caroli tripped and fell while heading to light the Olympic flame.

Nothing so extraordinary should be expected at Friday night's precisely choreographed festivities in the Olympic Stadium, where the 2006 Winter Games were to begin before a full house of 35,000 spectators in Turin.

Just in case, NBC plans wall-to-wall coverage of the Italian extravaganza kicking off the 20th Winter Games.

The network will use 52 cameras — 21 of its own, including a blimp, and 31 cameras provided by the hosts — to beam in the opening ceremony at 6 p.m. MST Friday. Members of all 85 competing countries will march into the stadium, with Greece taking its traditional spot at the lead and Italy entering last as the host team.

For those counting at home, with the final number of participating nations still being determined late Thursday, the United States was scheduled to march 67th of 80 nations, as determined by the Italian spelling of the country's name — Stati Uniti.

For the estimated 2 billion viewers worldwide, the ceremony promises an event filled with "Rhythm, Passion and Speed" — six-foot shooting net banners, a performance by Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti and sking star Alberto Tomba perhaps carrying the Olympic torch, hopefully with more success than Caroli.

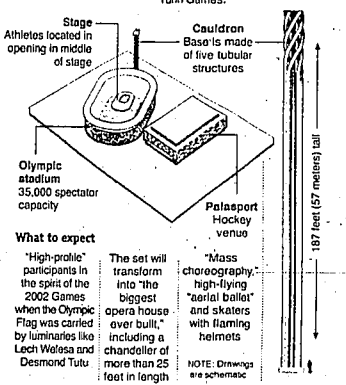
Keep an eye on the red flames emanating from the helmets of inline skaters during the ceremony. The official Turin Web site promises the sight, dubbed the "Sparks of Passion," will evoke "the world of myths and, at the same time, the look of cartoons, infecting the stadium public and television viewers all over the world."

Sounds different. NBC Olympics head Dick Ebersol, who oversees the network's skate-to-slopes coverage, believes the circumstances — surrounding the athletes outweigh the event's pomp.

"The Olympic opening ceremony is the most important event for the vast majority of the

## 2006 WINTER GAMES

Olympic organizers provided a glimpse Thursday of what viewers can expect to see in opening ceremony of the Turin Games.



**What to expect**

- "High-profile" participants in the spirit of the 2002 Games when the Olympic Flag was carried by luminaries like Lech Walsala and Desmond Tutu.
- The set will transform into "the biggest opera house over built," including a chandelier of more than 25 foot in length.
- "Mass choreography," high-flying "aerial ballet" and skaters with flaming helmets.

NOTE: Drawings are schematic.

athletes here," Ebersol said earlier this week. "Most won't come close to a medal. And for them, this is the pinnacle of their athletic careers."

The ceremony is hosted by Bob Costas (working his seventh Olympics for the network) and news anchor Brian Williams (in his Olympic debut, filling in for Katie Couric). The closing ceremony will be held in the same stadium Feb. 26.

The Turin Games are NBC's most ambitious Winter Olympics production ever, with a record 418 hours of coverage planned across its half-dozen networks — an increase of more than 40 hours from the Salt Lake Olympics of 2002. That includes about 200 hours of live coverage despite the six-hour time-difference from the East Coast.

While organizers are typically staying mum on the identity of the final torch bearer, the lighting of the Olympic flame is always a highlight of the ceremony.

Four years ago, the members

# Italy conducts final security review amid concerns over Islamic protests

**ROME (AP) —** Italian authorities conducted a final review Thursday of security measures for the Winter Olympics, concentrating on possible repercussions from Islamic protests as well as anarchists and globalization opponents who have been active in Italy.

On the eve of the opening ceremony, Interior Ministry officials and other security experts approved the security arrangements, including more than 15,000 police officers to be on guard and constant support from national intelligence, the ministry said in a statement.

A meeting Thursday focused

on two issues: "possible internal repercussions from the Islamic protest that is disturbing the international scene; the threats linked to the growing aggressiveness of Italian antagonist movements and subversive groups."

Cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad has sparked deadly rioting across the Muslim world. Demonstrators saw the drawings as deeply insulting to Islam and have attacked embassies in Syria, Lebanon and Iran and rioted in Afghanistan.

Interior Minister Giuseppe Pisano, the top political official for civilian police and the intelligence corps, has warned repeatedly that the chief threat comes from anarchism and anti-globalization protesters seeking an international spotlight.

In December, demonstrations against a high-speed train linking Turin to Lyon, France, turned violent in an Alpine valley, which is hosting some Olympic events.

This week, new protests against the rail link forced a detour in the Olympic torch route. NATO is providing two surveillance planes to patrol over northern Italy during the games, which open Friday in Turin and run through Feb. 26.

# The mood of Turin: Drink and smoke

**TURIN, Italy —** One thing we professional sportswriters love to do at major sporting events is gaze out at the city. We can do this in various ways:

1. We interview the cab driver that takes us to our hotel.

2. We casually ask the person who isn't thrilled or honored to

"What's the mood like?"

3. We throw a couple of questions at the person who brings up room service.

Unfortunately, none of these tried-and-true methods seems to work here at Winter Olympics XX. The cabbies speak Italian.

We are not staying at a hotel. We are staying at a place called "Mortara," which is Italian for "Beds the size of wheat toast."

And the closest thing to room service happened when a fellow journalist noticed that a cleaning person came into his room and ate one of his candy bars.

Still, we journalists are resilient, and so we have moved on to the next method, which is to wander aimlessly around the city for hours and guess at the mood. Many journalists here — with their acute sense of noticing moods and muddling the mood — have decided that the mood in Turin in these last hours before the Opening Ceremonies is "Butt-roughly unprepared."

But, technically speaking, that's not a mood.

There have been many stories that say the people in Turin are unhappy about the Olympics because roads are taxed and the lines at the coffee shops might get longer and all that. This is, in fact, the largest city (500,000 people) to ever host the Winter Games. But just as many stories say the people are very happy because the Olympics will help revitalize Turin and will lead the city to once again join Rome and Venice as a great Italian city, just as it was for a few days in 1861.

So, a few of us late-arriving sportswriters decide we need to make the best of the mood for ourselves and also some lunch. We head into Turin, which local people for whatever reason insist on calling "Torino." We go past the Lingotto, which was the largest car factory in the world until Fiat went flat. We go near the stadium built on the orders of Benito Mussolini. We go past the Piazza San Carlo, that historic and beautiful plaza, now dominated by the glass Tdby show set. We talk to the waitress at the Cafe Crystal and find that whatever the mood of the city, they are still not taking credit.

"It's muy bonita here," someone in our group says to the cab driver, still trying hard to invoke the first rule of sportswriter mood gathering.

"Muy bonita," the taxi driver

**JOE POSNANSKI**  
The Kansas City Star

says. "That's good. That's Espanol."

"The mood of the athletes is a little bit easier to gauge. They are thrilled and honored to be here in Turin except those who aren't, like figure skater Johnny Weir, who isn't thrilled or honored to be staying in the sparse athlete's village."

"I hate carrying my own luggage, and I hate trekking up stairs," Weir says.

Yes, we love me racism, some hate crime, some hate stars. Bode Miller, the official American magazine cover subject of the 2006 Winter Games, is not staying in the village because he doesn't see it as a "healthy living environment."

This is a guy who slid down a mountain at 80 mph while drunk.

Most of the athletes, though, are thrilled to be here, and it's easy to see why: For the next two and a half weeks, they will get American attention. Think about it: For four years, they do these immensely dangerous things — they slide through ice mazes and do toe loops and ski with guns on their backs. Nobody in America notices.

Then, the Olympics happen, and for a brief time they flash across the sky Speedsters Chad Hedrick could win five medals — he's a big story. Lind-

say Jacobellis, now known only for her stirring portrayal as a frightened skier in that bizarre 1966 biopic, will dominate with a medal. She's a big story. Bode Miller is bigger than life. Michelle Kwan is bigger than him. For two-plus weeks, these athletes will dominate the news, reporters will hound them and they will be stars on the world stage.

Then, after the Olympics, they will be forgotten faster than Kato Kaelin. So, they're going to enjoy this. (Quick fact: I had to look up how to spell Kato's name.)

There are no Torino Olympic banners all over town, but otherwise there are few signs that people even know the Olympics are about to start.

The locals drive madly in cars smaller than lunch boxes, they sip thick coffee overwhelmed with chocolate, they cut you off in line if you are not paying attention, and they drink wine and eat. There is much smoke more than the old U.S. Steel Plant in Pittsburgh. They haven't exactly finished all the Olympic projects — like you know, the subway — but the general feeling seems to be: "Hey, it's too late to worry about that. Now let's drink some wine and smoke."

In fact, THAT's the mood here. "Let's drink some wine and smoke." There have been worse mottos. As a Turin cab driver said, "Olympics, yes, you know, I don't understand your question." There is much wisdom to be learned from cab drivers.

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# Turin Winter Games Capsules

## ALPINE SKIING

**WHO'S HOT:** Benjamin Raich has been the star of a lot to take the lead in the World Cup overall standings, winning the last two giant slalom before the Olympics and finishing third in the Aspen slalom. American skier Bode Miller, who had an unexpected stint as overall leader after winning the grueling Bormio downhill, has also had success in Super G and giant slalom. Slalom specialist Giorgio Rocca of Italy has won all four races in that discipline. Triple Olympic champion Janica Kostelic leads the women's overall standings, with Anja Persson of Sweden right behind. American Lindsey Vonn leads the downhill rankings after winning two of three races.

**WHO'S NOT:** Despite challenging for two of the overall standings, reigning champion Bode Miller has just one win and three other top-three finishes this season. At this point last year, he had accumulated six victories and four other top-three results. Two-time Nagano Olympics gold medalist Hermann Maier of Austria won the six-season overall World Cup giant slalom but has cracked the top five only once since then. Renate Goetschl of Austria — reigning women's World Cup downhill champion and winner of two Olympic medals in 2002 — has only one top-10 finish this season.

## FIGURE SKATING

**WHO'S HOT:** Most of the Russians, particularly Irina Slutskaya, who has been nearly unbeatable since missing much of the 2003-04 season with a heart ailment. Mao Asada has been the Japanese top skater, but at 15 the Japanese girl is too young to go to the Olympics. American skaters Timothy Leons and Ben Agosto have an excellent shot at a medal now that she is eligible as a U.S. citizen.

**WHO'S NOT:** Michelle Kwan missed the entire Grand Prix season with an injury, then another injury forced her out of the U.S. championships. She has pulled out of a spot on the U.S. team. While the Russians might be favored to win all four golds, there isn't a lot of depth on their team.

## HOCKEY

**WHO'S HOT:** NHL goal scoring leader Ilya Kovalchuk is one of his familiar young stars stopping by in Turin. Canada could not do without NHL rookie star Sidney Crosby — but he was neutralized by Canada in the recent world junior championships. John Grahame, expected to be Team USA's starter, has lost six of his last eight starts for 2004 Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay. Finland's defense has been the best among the women, last four straight to the U.S. over five days in December. The gaps closing internationally, but nobody expects the world to challenge the U.S. and Canadian women's teams.

## BOBSLED

**WHO'S HOT:** Sami Reinart of Germany is the women's gold medal favorite after winning the season's first four events. American drivers Sharna Anderson and team Patrum also are strong medal hopefuls. Pravin is sliding with 2002 gold medalist Wonilva Flow. In the men's season, among the men, American Todd Hays leads the World Cup standings after placing second at Cortina in the two-man event and winning the four-man event. Hays has 600 points, with Germany's Andrie Lange second with 578.

**WHO'S NOT:** Jill Bakken, who drove with Fibers to a gold medal in Salt Lake City, probably isn't going to be part of the U.S. women's delegation for the Turin Games. Longtime German great Susi Erdmann has only medaled in one of the first four World Cup stops this season. Canada's top men's driver, Pierre LeGendre, is skating, while whether his teammate, Jamaican native Lucette Brown, will have Canadian citizenship issues resolved in time for the Olympics. American Mike Kohn is struggling in 15th place.

## SKELETON

**WHO'S HOT:** Switzerland's Gregor Stenon won two of the season's first four World Cup men's races, but Canada's Jeff Pain won in Latvia in the final race before the three-week holiday break and is showing signs he's peaking at the right time. American Eric Britton — winner at Lake Placid earlier in the season — is fourth overall. Canada's Melissa Holmgren-Richards and Switzerland's Maja Pfedershaner have eight medals combined from this season's first four women's World Cup stops. American Katie Uhlenhuth is having her best season in three-plus overall, while Canada's Lindsay Klock is fourth.

**WHO'S NOT:** American Zach Lund, the World Cup men's overall leader and Olympic gold medal favorite, has been temporarily barred from racing because a drug test showed a masking agent in his Category earlier this season. The positive test was suggested by usage of the hair restoration drug Finasteride. Meanwhile, the U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation placed coach Tim Birdwell on paid administrative leave Dec. 23 because of two sexual harassment allegations.

## LUGE

**WHO'S HOT:** American Tony Benshoof has remained one of the top siders on the World Cup circuit, winning four silver medals in a five-race series. In Turin, Benshoof, a disappointing 17th four-

years ago at Salt Lake City, set the Olympic track record at Cesana Pariol in November during an event won by Italy's Armin Zöggeler, the defending Olympic champion and current points leader. The U.S. doubles team of Mark Cammett and Brian Martin sat out last weekend's event in Koenigssee, Germany, as Grimmett continues to recover from back spasms. The pair is ranked ninth. Germany rolls on in women's luge, winning the last 62 World Cup events in a row.

**WHO'S NOT:** Three-time Olympic gold medalist Georg Hackl of Germany skipped last month's event in Lake Placid, N.Y., to train and recover from offseason back surgery and an arm injury. He finished sixth at last week's event, behind Zöggeler and Benshoof.

## SKI JUMPING

**WHO'S HOT:** Jakob Janda of the Czech Republic won at Garmisch-Partenkirchen on Jan. 1 for his fifth World Cup victory of the season. Janda leads the overall World Cup standings with 872 points. Finland's Janne Ahonen, who won last season's overall World Cup title, is second in the standings with 755 points.

**WHO'S NOT:** Poland's Adam Malysz. The three-time World Cup champion has not finished higher than fifth this season. He is 130th in the overall standings with 270 points. Finland's Matti Hautala ranked third at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, but was 15th in the next two events and is in 13th place overall with 218 points.

## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

**WHO'S HOT:** Germany's Tobias Angerer leads the World Cup standings. Bjorn Lind of Sweden has avoided injury this season but done his fall training, which is leading to good results, including a pair of World Cup sprint wins. Among the women, there has been a lot of action. Gretchen Bleiler, the 2002 Olympic pursuit champion who is skiing at her best after winning five medals — two golds — in the 2002 Winter Cup, is ranked 11th. She is fourth in the overall standings.

**WHO'S NOT:** Russia's Julia Tchelobova was in second place in the World Cup standings this week. In the 100-meter points behind leader Matt Bjornson of Norway. Tchelobova finished a disappointing 16th in a sprint race in November on Dec. 30 that was won by her teammate, Alena Suka.

## NORDIC COMBINED

**WHO'S HOT:** Hanna Manninen of Finland, the defending World Cup champion, won five of the first nine events this season, including a 202-point lead over Ronny Ackermann of Germany, who had not won an event but consistently scored high in the points. Germany's Markus Mohr and Sven Ture, with one win each, were close behind Ackermann.

**WHO'S NOT:** Todd Lodwick, the top American in the World Cup standings, was in 11th place with three events remaining before the Olympics.

## SPEEDSKATING

**WHO'S HOT:** Americans Chad Hedrick and Shani Davis have been brilliant this year. Davis set a world record at 1,000 meters and held the 1,000-meter world record until Hedrick snatched it away at Salt Lake City in November. Last month on the same rink, Hedrick reclaimed the world record in the 10,000 at the U.S. national championships. Hedrick plans to skate five events in Turin, giving him a chance to equal Eric Heiden's record of five gold medals in a Winter Games. On the women's side, Canada's Kristi Yamauchi will be favored for gold at 1,500 and 2,000 after setting world records at both distances in November. Germany's Anni Resinger and Jennifer Rodriguez of the U.S. also will be strong medal contenders.

**WHO'S NOT:** Derek Parra, who won gold and silver medals at the Salt Lake City Games, has been going through a painful divorce and struggled to make the U.S. team. At least he's going to Turin, defending Olympic champions Jochen Uytendaele and Gerard van Velde failed to qualify for the Dutch team.

## SHORT TRACK

**WHO'S HOT:** As usual, the South Koreans add Chinese figure to bring the strongest teams. In Surya and Ahn Hyun-soo, both of South Korea, were overall champions on the World Cup circuit. The Chinese counter with Meng Wang, Yang Yang (A) and Jiajun Liu. Apolo Anton Ouno, the American starting of the Salt Lake City Olympics, is poised to match or surpass the two medals (one gold, one silver) he won in 2002. Kim Yu-jung is a rising star for the American women, but the 17-year-old Korean native hasn't proven herself on the international stage.

**WHO'S NOT:** Except for Ouno, just about everyone from North America and Europe has struggled to keep up with the Asian powers. Shani Davis failed in his bid to become the first American to make both the long and short track teams for the same Olympics. He finished sixth at the U.S. championships last month and will have to settle for long track in Turin.

## CURLING

**WHO'S HOT:** Canada. The women's team skipped by Shannon Kleibrink beat the Americans, led by Cassie Johnston, 11-1 in an exhibition at the Canadian Open. More than 5,000 fans watched Jeff Stoughton's rink win the event, and that's not even Canada's best. Stoughton's rink was edged by Brad Guthrie's 8-7 in the Canadian curling trials last month for the right to go to Turin.

**WHO'S NOT:** Team Fenson, the U.S. men's Olympic rink, finished 1-3 in Winnipeg, losing to Guthrie and two other Canadian squads. The Norwegian team, led by Per Bredal, won the 2002 Olympic gold medal in 2002, also fin-

ished 1-3 and out of the running.

## BIATHLON

**WHO'S HOT:** In more ways than one: Rachel Stecher of Anchorage, who won the women's sprint to finish first in the Olympic trials in Maine earlier this month. The 27-year-old felt she didn't even need to be there. The USA's best female biathlete had five top 20 World Cup finishes last season but didn't qualify for the Olympic team because of criteria she termed ridiculous.

**WHO'S NOT:** Alexander Wolf of Germany, who missed 12th after five missed shots in the season's first men's World Cup 15-kilometer mass start race this month. Still, the standings lead in the overall World Cup standings with 288 points.

## FREESTYLE SKIING

**WHO'S HOT:** It's still Jeremy Bloom: the mogul skier slash football player wrapped up his spot on the Olympic team by winning Olympic trials last month in Steamboat Springs. A week later, he finished second to Canadian Alexandre Bilodeau at a World Cup event in Canada. Probably only three men will make the U.S. mogul team, which means someone among the world's top 10 — Travis Mayer, Toby Dawson, Travis Cabral or Nate Roberts — could be left home.

**WHO'S NOT:** Eric Bergoust, once the best mogulist in the world, fell on both his jumps at the Olympic trials and finished 21st in Canada last week. He's fortunate to have a second place World Cup finish already under his belt, which pretty much puts him on the team. Olympic trials winner Ryan St. Orge finished 20th in the Canada event.

## SNOWBOARDING

**WHO'S HOT:** Shaun White, who has won all three Grand Prix Olympic qualifying events this season. Gutterlieg Bleck has won twice on the women's side and Hannah Teter is looking good, too. Swiss racer Philip Schoch, the gold medalist in 2002, and his brother, Simon, are ranked 1-2 in World Cup standings in parallel giant slalom.

**WHO'S NOT:** Lindsey Jacobsson wants to make the team either on the halfpipe or in snowboardcross, but she hasn't finished higher than fourth in any event that's mattered since December. Racer Chris Klug, hoping to recreate his silver bronze medal performance in 2002 shortly after receiving a liver transplant, has finished 15th, 16th and 23rd in his last three World Cup events.



U.S. pair John Baldwin and Rena Inoue practice at the Olympic Ice Skating venue in Turin, Italy, Monday.

# Skater reveals bout with cancer

**TURIN, Italy (AP)** — Rena Inoue needed to find more inner strength than she ever summoned to win the Olympic gold medal in the women's 1000-meter race at the Turin Winter Games. A year and a half after her father died of lung cancer, Inoue was diagnosed in 1998 with the same disease.

"The hardest part was telling my mother," Inoue said. "It had been just a year since my dad died. I said, 'I just cannot tell her.' But I told her. She definitely was faking out."

Inoue is now 29, a two-time U.S. pairs champion with partner John Baldwin and is skating in her third Olympics. Most importantly, she's healthy.

Nearly eight years ago, she thought she had pneumonia, but doctors found a spot on her lung. Having recently gone through her father's battle, the family's resolve was tested once again.

"It was at the really very beginning," said Inoue, who skated for Japan in the 1992 and '94 Games. "The doctor said, 'You're very lucky.' Normally people don't know they have it at that stage."

"I was kind of OK when I heard it. I mean, I wasn't happy, but my doctor said he'd found it

difficult maneuver in the short program and the free skate, feeling they need any edge they can get. Inoue and Baldwin almost certainly will need it, having never finished higher than 10th in the world.

"I wanted to do something special, something no one else could do," Inoue said of the three-triple axel, which few pairs even practice. "We finally did it in the nationals. We definitely had our moment there. I just knew I could do it."

So did their coach, Peter Oppegard. He partnered with Jill Watson — who previously coached Inoue and Baldwin — in 1988 to win a bronze medal at the Calgary Games. It's the Olympic medal for an American pair.

Baldwin, a former singles competitor who has been a senior skater since 1990 — his first appearance at nationals was in 1986 as a novice — planned to quit if he didn't find a suitable partner six years ago. Now he and Inoue, who became a U.S. citizen in September, own a little piece of skating history.

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YOUR WEEKEND



Oldies rock

What: Paul Revere and the Raiders will do two shows a night in Jackpot.
Where: Tactus Petes Resort Casino.
When: Today and Saturday, 8 and 10 p.m.
How much: Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.



Speaking frankly

What: The Random Acts of Theater Players will present Eve Ensler's play 'The Vagina Monologues,' a fundraiser for the Crisis Center of the Magic Valley.
Where: O'Leary Junior High School auditorium, Twin Falls.
When: Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
How much: Tickets, which are \$10, are available by phoning the Magic Valley Arts Council office at 734-ARTS or at the door.

Looking up

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present the multimedia show 'Mysteries from the Depths of Space.'
Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls.
When: Today and Saturday, 7 p.m. Saturday's other shows include 'Star Signs' at 2 and 4 p.m. and 'Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume I' at 8:15 p.m.
How much: Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Rock on

What: Steam Powered Airplane will perform in Twin Falls.
Where: Woody's Sports Bar and Grill, 213 Fifth Ave. S.
When: Today, 10 p.m. until closing.
How much: Cover charge is \$3.

Hard country

What: Country Classics will play in Jerome tonight.
Where: Snake River Elks Lodge, 412 East 200 South on U.S. Highway 93.
When: 8 p.m. to midnight.
How much: Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Everyone is welcome. Dinner also will be available from 6 to 9 p.m.

Snowpack levels

Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % of Avg., % of Season Peak. Rows include Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost, Little Lost, Henry Fork/Teton, Upper Snake Basin, Oakley, and Salmon Falls.

\*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.
\*\*An indicator of basin snowpack for the current season, which will be determined by the end of the season.

Council to name Maughan's replacement

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer



Maughan

TWIN FALLS — They've all been active in their community and their names are easily recognized.
And come Monday, one of them will become the newest member of the City Council.
A City Council committee has narrowed the list of council hopefuls down to six and one of them will be chosen to serve the remaining two years of Councilman Dennis Maughan's term. Maughan is leaving his job as the director of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Foundation and moving to Walla Walla, Wash., to take a job as the development director at St. Mary Medical Center.
Mayor Lance Clow said 17 people expressed interest in Maughan's seat, and six finalists

were interviewed Wednesday. They are Wayne Bohm, Ryan Horsley, David Johnson, Sherry Olsen-Frank, Robert King and Gale Kleinkopf. Bohm, owner of All-Rite Construction, ran for City Council in 2003 in a four-way race that was won by Shawn Barigar. Horsley, marketing director for Red's Trading Post, is the chairman of the city Planning and Zoning Commission. Johnson, general manager of the Con Paulos automobile dealerships in Twin Falls and Jerome, came in a close second to Greg Lanting in the 2003 council race. Olsen-Frank, an

Finalists for council seat
Here are the six finalists who will be considered Monday to take over Dennis Maughan's seat on the Twin Falls City Council.
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Ryan Horsley, marketing director for Red's Trading Post and chairman of the city Planning and Zoning Commission.
David Johnson, general manager of the Con Paulos automobile dealerships in Twin Falls and Jerome. His came in a close second to Greg Lanting in the 2003 council race.
Sherry Olsen-Frank, accountant. She also ran for the seat now held by Lanting. She has served on the city's Planning and Zoning Commission and currently serves as chairman of the board of the People for Pets Humane Society.
Robert King, retired pharmacist. King has served as a precinct committeeman for the Republican Party and on the board of the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center.
Gale Kleinkopf, semiretired professor of plant science at the University of Idaho. Kleinkopf was a city councilman from 1983 to 1999 and served as mayor twice during his tenure.
Clow will recommend one of them to council members, who will then vote.
So what qualities is the council looking for?
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Dying for chocolate



Lauren Paterson, left, of Twin Falls licks her fingers after tasting a chocolate treat as her friends Christine Locker and ShealyN Emery, both of Filer, dig into the chocolate samples they picked up Thursday night at the Turf Club during the Death By Chocolate benefit for local charities. The Rotary Club of Twin Falls sponsored the fundraiser.

Residents satisfy their sweet tooth at fundraiser for T.F. Rotary Club

By Bob Kirkpatrick Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If ingesting chocolate could kill, several hundred local residents are headed for a sweet resting place. Those looking to satisfy their sweet tooth had plenty of delectable chocolate goodies to choose from Thursday night at the "Death by Chocolate" fundraiser sponsored by the Rotary Club of Twin Falls.
The event, held at the Turf Club on Falls Avenue, had over 20 local vendors and CSI culinary students utilizing their baking skills at the club's first chocolate charity bake-off.
"The idea for the fundraiser was conceived about five years ago when I was a member of the Rotary Club in Newton, Mass.," Jill Sherman Skeem, event coordinator said. "We were looking for a fun way to generate money for local charities."
Thursday night's event was all of that.

Participants in the contest submitted baked goods to be judged by attendees who sampled and then voted for their favorite tasty morsel in five different categories: best chocolate cake, best chocolate cookies, best chocolate candy, best brownies and most unique chocolate dessert.
It was evident at last night's event that chocolate is as popular as ever as people waited in line outside the Turf Club salivating at the chance to sample over 400 pieces of cake, cookies, brownies, candy and unique chocolate desserts. The standing room only crowd didn't seem to mind the wait.
"It's a chocolate lover's dream," long-time Twin Falls resident Thelma Brown said. "Everything tastes so good."
A silent auction and raffle were also part of the activities that generated over \$7,000 for local charities like the YMCA, Valley House and the Salvation Army.
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Candidate Brady takes stand against Sempra

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer



Brady

TWIN FALLS — Idaho has the kind of clean air many other states envy. It has clear streams for fishing and snow-covered mountains for skiing. It's the kind of place people, and companies, want to relocate to, said Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brady.
Just over the Perrine Ridge in Jerome County is the future home of the Southern Idaho Technology Park, a project economic leaders call the Telecom Corridor. They say it will attract software developers, data storage and other high-tech industries and bring with them, lots and lots of jobs.

So why would you want San Diego-based Sempra Energy to plunk a \$600-megawatt coal-fired power plant down in the middle of it all? That was Brady's question to Twin Falls Kivnians Thursday.
"Why would you put a coal plant in the middle of an area that's already doing well," Brady asked Kivnians at their noon lunch meeting. "It's like setting a beautiful table and in

Dietrich council mulls privatizing water, sewer

By Rusty Tows Times-News correspondent

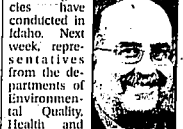
DIETRICH — Dietrich officials said this week they will give Sempra a chance to talk before taking a stand on the company's proposed coal-fired plant.
At its monthly meeting on Monday, the council received a petition signed by 50 of Dietrich's 215 residents expressing opposition to the plant.
"By definitely not to be opposed to this," said Miriam Depew, representing Concerned Citizens of Lincoln County.
Maureen Heimerdinger and her husband, Jerry, are co-chairs of the citizen group. "This is just a start,"

Heimerdinger said. "We want to send a message to the Legislature that Lincoln County is opposed to Sempra."
Sempra is proposing a 600-megawatt coal-fired plant northeast of Jerome.
Several of the council members indicated they had signed the petition.
City Councilwoman Ann Eschliman said Betty Nance, a Sempra spokeswoman and chairwoman of the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Board, has been asked to make a presentation at the City Council's March 6 meeting.
"In all fairness," Eschliman said, "She should have a chance."
In other business, the council will consider the

Senator seeks info on mercury

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BOISE — As the legislative session heats up, so has interest in mercury.
As some Magic Valley legislators look to curtail a future source for the state, one wants to know how much mercury Idaho already has.
"Let's get a baseline of knowledge," said Sen. Chuck Colner, R-Twin Falls.
Colner has been keeping close tabs on the mercury testing that various state and federal agencies have conducted in Idaho. Next week representatives from the departments of Environmental Quality, Health and Welfare and Fish and Game will present information on mercury and how it's being monitored to some of Colner's fellow senators.



Colner

Since the beginning of 2006, the Department of Health and Welfare has issued fish consumption advisories on two water bodies in Idaho due to mercury. Monitoring at the Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir has also drawn a lot of attention because of elevated mercury levels in fish and water there. The interest in mercury has also grown with the prospect of coal-fired power plants locating in the area.
Several legislators from Magic Valley have been working to stop the coal-fired power plant proposed for Jerome County. Besides drafting legislation for a state-wide siting committee and a coal-fired

Fish advisories in Idaho

- Priest Lake
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Cl Strike Reservoir
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For more information on fish advisories in Idaho, visit the following Web site:
http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/1/default.asp.

Mercury at the Legislature

- Officials from the departments of Health and Welfare, Environmental Quality and Fish and Game will present on mercury to the Senate Resources and Environment Committee and the Senate Health and Welfare Committee next week.
To watch for meeting times,

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**HOCKEY**  
**WHO'S HOT:** NHL's top scoring leader Ilya Kovalchuk is in one of his familiar you can't stop him bursts that Russia can only hope he takes into the Olympics, with 10 goals and 10 assists in his first six games this month for the Atlanta Thrashers. In women's play, the United States leads in eight of 10 meetings, leading to the 2004 Olympics, though the Americans won two of the last four.

**WHO'S HOT:** Russia, gambling by changing its lineup for the Olympics, has its Olympic team — something Canada would not do with NHL rookie Sidney Crosby — but he was not included in Canada in the recent world junior championships. G. John Grahame, expected to be Team USA's starter, has led his team to the gold medal at the 2004 Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay, Finland, a bronze favorite among the world's top four straight to the U.S. over five days in December. The U.S. is closing, internationally, but nobody expects the world to challenge the U.S. and Canadian women's teams.

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**WHO'S HOT:** Jill Bakken, who dove with Flowers to a gold medal in Salt Lake City, probably isn't going to be part of the U.S. women's delegation for the Turin Games. Longtime German great Susi Erdmann has only one medal in one of the first four World Cup stops this season. Canada's top men's driver, Pierre Lucier, is awaiting word, whether his broken arm, Jamaican native Lucette Brown, will have Canadian citizenship issues resolved in time for the Olympics. American Mike Kohn is struggling in 15th place.

**SKELETON**  
**WHO'S HOT:** Switzerland's Gregor Stenai won two of the season's first four World Cup men's races, but Canada's Jeff Pain won in Latvia in the final race before the three-week world break and is showing signs he's peaking at the right time. American Eric Bertorello — winner at Lake Placid earlier in the season — is fourth overall. Canada's Melissa Hollingsworth, Rebecca and Switzerland's Maja Pedersen have eight medals combined. Fin is this season's first four women's World Cup stops. American competitor Utlandner is having her best season in third place overall, while Canada's Lindy S. Wood is fourth.

**WHO'S HOT:** American Zach Lund, the World Cup men's overall leader and Olympic gold medal favorite, has been temporarily barred from racing because a drug test showed a marijuana level in Calgary earlier this season. The positive test, was triggered by usage of the hair restoration drug Minoxidil. Meanwhile, the U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation placed coach Tim Hippel on paid administrative leave Dec. 31 because of two sexual harassment allegations.

**LUGE**  
**WHO'S HOT:** American Tony Bertozzi has remained one of the top seeds on the World Cup circuit, winning four silvers and a bronze in five events. Benshoof, a disappointing 17th four

years ago at Salt Lake City, set the Olympic track record at Cortina Parcial in November during an event won by Italy's Armin Zoeggeler, the defending Olympic champion and current points leader. The U.S. debutant team of Mark Garmisch and Brian Martin sat out last weekend's event in Koenigssee, Germany, as Garmisch continues to recover from back spasms. The pair is ranked ninth. Germany rolls on a women's luge, winning the last 62 World Cup events in a row.

**WHO'S HOT:** Freestyle Olympic gold medalist Greg Hock of Germany, skipped last month's event in Lake Placid, N.Y., to train and recover from infection back surgery and an arm injury. He finished third at last week's event, behind Zoeggeler and Benshoof.

**SKI JUMPING**  
**WHO'S HOT:** Jakub Janda of the Czech Republic won at Garmisch-Partenkirchen on Jan. 1 for his fifth World Cup victory of the season. Janda leads the overall World Cup standings with 872 points. Finland's Janne Ahonen, who won last season's overall World Cup title, is third in the standings with 755 points.

**WHO'S HOT:** Poland's Adam Malysz. The three-time World Cup champion has not finished higher than fifth this season and is 10th overall in the standings with 270 points. Finland's Matti Hautala, finished third at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, but was 15th in the next two events and is 13th in place overall with 218 points.

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**NORDIC COMBINED**  
**WHO'S HOT:** Hannu Manninen of Finland, the defending World Cup champion, won five of the first nine events this season, building a 202-point lead over Ronny Ackermann of Germany, who had not won an event but finished second in the last two events. Norway's Magnus Moan and Peter Tande, who won in each, were close behind Ackermann.

**WHO'S HOT:** Todd Lodwick, the top American in the World Cup standings, was in 11th place with three events remaining before the Olympics.

**SPEEDSKATING**  
**WHO'S HOT:** Americans Chad Heedrick and Shani Davis have been building their case. Davis set a world record at 1,000 meters and held the 1,500 mark until Heedrick snatched it away at Salt Lake City in November. Last month on the same rink, Heedrick reclaimed the world record in the 10,000 at the U.S. national championships. Heedrick plans to skate five events in Turin, going for a chance to equal Eric Heiden's record of five gold medals in a Winter Games. On the women's side, Canada's Cindy Klassen will be favored for gold at 1,500 and 3,000 after setting world records at both distances in November. Germany's Ann-Fridtjof Norheim and Rodriguez of the U.S. also will be strong medal contenders.

**WHO'S HOT:** Derek Parra, who won gold and silver medals at the Salt Lake City Games, has been going through a painful on-ice and struggled to make the U.S. team. At least he's going to turn out for the Olympic team. Jochen Jochen and Gerard van Velde failed to qualify for the Dutch team.

**SHORT TRACK**  
**WHO'S HOT:** As usual, the South Koreans and Chinese figure to bring the strongest teams. In Surya and the Hyun-soo, both of South Korea, were overall champions on the World Cup circuit. The Chinese counter with Meng Wang, Yang Yang (A) and Jiajun Li. Apolo Anton Ochoa, the American darling of the Salt Lake City Olympics, is poised to match or surpass the two medals (one gold, one silver) he won in 2002. Kim Hong-jin is a rising star for the American women, but the 17-year-old Korean never hasn't proven herself on the international stage.

**WHO'S HOT:** Except for Ohno, just about everyone from North America and Europe has struggled to keep up with the Asian powers. Shani Davis failed in his bid to become the first American to win both the long and short track medals for the same Olympics. He finished sixth at the U.S. championships last month and will have to settle for long track in Turin.

**CURLING**  
**WHO'S HOT:** Canada. The women's team, skipped by Shannon Kleibrink, beat the Americans, led by Cassie Johnson, 11-4 in an exhibition at the Canadian Open. More than 5,000 fans watched Jeff Stoughton's rink with the event, and that's not even Canada's best. Stoughton's squad was edged by Brad Gushue's 87 in the Canadian curling track last month for the right to go to Turin.

**WHO'S HOT:** Team Fenson, the U.S. men's Olympic rink, finished 1-3 in Winnipeg, losing to Gushue and two other Canadian squads. The Norwegian team led by Paal Truslev, which won the Olympic gold medal in 2002, also finished 1-3 and out of the running.

**BIATHLON**  
**WHO'S HOT:** In more ways than one: Rachel Steer of Altoona, who won the women's sprint to finish first in the Olympic trials in Maine earlier this month. The 27-year-old felt she didn't even need to be there. The USA's best female biathlete had five top-20 World Cup finishes last season but didn't qualify for the Olympic team because of criteria she termed ridiculous.

**WHO'S HOT:** Alexander Wolf of Germany, who finished 12th after five missed shots in the season's first men's World Cup 15-kilometer mass start race this month. Still, he retained his lead in the overall World Cup standings with 288 points.

**FREESTYLE SKIING**  
**WHO'S HOT:** It's still Jeremy Bloom. The big-wig skier/slash-football player wrapped up his spot on the Olympic team by winning Olympic trials last month in Steamboat Springs. A week later, he finished second to Canadian Alexandre Bilodeau at a World Cup event in Canada. Probably only three men will make the U.S. mogul's team, which means someone among the world's top 10 — Travis Mayer, Kelly Dawson, Travis Cabral or Nate Roberts — could be left home.

**WHO'S HOT:** Eric Bergoust, once the best dentist in the world, fell on both his jumps at the Olympic trials and finished 21st in Canada last week. He's fortunate to have a second-place World Cup finish already under his belt, which pretty much puts him on the team. Olympic trials member Ryan St. Onge finished 20th in the Canada event.

**SNOWBOARDING**  
**WHO'S HOT:** Shaun White, who has won all three Grand Prix Olympic qualifying events this season. Gretchen Bleiler, has won twice on the women's side and Hannah Lee is looking good, too.

**WHO'S HOT:** Lindsey Jacobellis wants to make the team either on the halfpipe or in snowboardcross, but she hasn't finished higher than fourth in any event that's mattered since December. Racer Chris Mied, hoping to recreate his string bronze medal performance in 2002 shortly after receiving a liver transplant, has finished 15th, 16th and 33rd in his last three World Cup events.



U.S. pair John Baldwin and Rena Inoue practices at the Olympic Ice Skating venue in Turin, Italy, Monday.

## Skater reveals bout with cancer

**TURIN, Italy (AP)** — Rena Inoue needed to find more inner strength than ever summoned up on the ice. A year and a half after her father died of lung cancer, Inoue was diagnosed in 1998 with the same disease.

"The hardest part was telling my mother," Inoue said. "It had been just a year since my dad died. I said, 'I just cannot tell her.' But I told her. She definitely was freaking out."

Inoue is now 29, a two-time U.S. pairs champion with partner John Baldwin and is skating in her third Olympics. Most importantly, she's healthy.

Nearly eight years ago, she thought she had pneumonia, but doctors found a spot on her lungs. Having recently gone through her father's battle, the family's resolve was tested once again.

"It was as the really very beginning," said Inoue, who skated for Japan in the 1992 and '94 Games. "The doctor said, 'You're very lucky.' Normally people don't know they have it at that stage."

"It was kind of OK when I heard it. I mean, I wasn't happy, but my doctor said he'd found it

early. He didn't act seriously. He didn't say, 'You have to face your death.'"

Inoue revealed her cancer episode this week at the Turin Olympics, where she and Baldwin are considered outsiders for a medal. She said she underwent six months of chemotherapy and has been cancer-free since.

Inoue requires only one visit to the doctor per year, and she hardly ever talks about it.

"When somebody asks me I don't really hide it," she said. "It's just not something I would have told."

Inoue came to the United States in 1999 after graduating Waseda University in Japan with an education degree. She didn't meet Baldwin until 2000 when, at the suggestion of his father, Inoue had a tryout with Baldwin. They clicked, and have been together since.

"They're also a couple off the ice, and Baldwin planted a deep kiss on Inoue at the national championships last month after their free skate earned them a second national title. During that program, they became the first pair to complete a throw triple axel.

In Turin, they plan to do the

difficult maneuver in the short program and the free skate, feeling they need any edge they can get. Inoue and Baldwin almost certainly will not be, having never finished higher than 10th in the world.

"They will skate fourth of 20 pairs in Saturday's short program."

"I wanted to do something special, something no one else could do," Inoue said of the throw triple axel, which few pairs even practice. "We finally did it in the nationals. We definitely had our moment there. I just know I could do it."

So did their coach, Peter Oppogard. He partnered with Jill Watson — who previously coached Inoue and Baldwin — in 1980 to win a bronze medal at the Calgary Games. It's the last Olympic medal for an American pair.

Baldwin, a former singles competitor who has been a senior skater since 1990 — his first appearance at nationals was in 1986 as a novice — planned to quit if he didn't find a suitable partner six years ago. Now he and Inoue, who became a U.S. citizen in September, own a little piece of skating history.

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### YOUR WEEKEND



#### Oldies rock

• **What:** Paul Revere and the Raiders will do two shows a night in Jackpot.  
• **Where:** Cactus Petes Resort Casino.  
• **When:** Today and Saturday, 8 and 10 p.m.  
• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.



#### Speaking frankly

• **What:** The Random Acts of Theater Players will present Eve Ensler's play "The Vagina Monologues," a fundraiser for the Crisis Center of the Magic Valley.  
• **Where:** O'Leary Junior High School auditorium, Twin Falls.  
• **When:** Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.  
• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$10, are available by phoning the Magic Valley Arts Council office at 734-AHTS or at the door.

#### Looking up

• **What:** The Faulkner Planetarium will present the multimedia show "Mysteries from the Depths of Space."  
• **Where:** Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls.  
• **When:** Today and Saturday, 7 p.m. Saturday's other shows include "Star Signs" at 2 and 4 p.m. and "Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume I" at 8:15 p.m.  
• **How much:** Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

#### Rock on

• **What:** Steam Powered Airplane will perform in Twin Falls.  
• **Where:** Woody's Sports Bar and Grill, 213 Fifth Ave. S.  
• **When:** Today, 10 p.m. until closing.  
• **How much:** Cover charge is \$3.

#### Hard country

• **What:** Country Classics will play in Jerome tonight.  
• **Where:** Snake River Elks Lodge, 412 East 200 South on U.S. Highway 93.  
• **When:** 8 p.m. to midnight.  
• **How much:** Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Everyone is welcome. Dinner also will be available from 6 to 9 p.m.

#### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of avg.	% of norm.
Salmon	120%	85%
Big Wood	141%	97%
Little Wood	135%	89%
Big Lost	129%	82%
Little Lost	111%	70%
Henry's Fork/Teton	130%	88%
Upper Snake Basin	124%	84%
Osley	162%	114%
Salmon Falls	146%	100%

As of Feb. 9

\*A comparison of basin snowpack, to this date, with a 30-year average.  
\*\*%a indication of basin snowpack for the year.

## Council to name Maughan's replacement

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They've all been active in their community and their names are easily recognized.

And come Monday, one of them will become the newest member of the City Council.

A City Council committee has narrowed the list of council hopefuls down to six and one of them will be chosen to serve the remaining two years of Councilman Dennis Maughan's term.

Maughan is leaving his job as the director of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Foundation and moving to Walla Walla, Wash., to take a job as the development director at St. Mary Medical.

Mayor Lance Clow said 17 people expressed interest in Maughan's seat, and six finalists



Maughan

were interviewed Wednesday.

They are Wayne Bolyn, Ryan Horsley, David Johnson, Sherry Olsen-Frank, Robert King and Gale Kleinkopf.

Bohln, owner of All-Rite Construction, ran for City Council in 2003 in a four-way race that was won by Shawn Barigar, Horsley, marketing director for Red's Trading Post, is the chairman of the city Planning and Zoning Commission. Johnson, general manager of the Con Paulos automobile dealerships in Twin Falls and Jerome, came in a close second to Greg Lanfing in the 2003 council race. Olsen-Frank, an

accountant who has served on the city's Planning and Zoning Commission, also ran for the seat now held by Lanfing. She currently serves as the chairman of the board of the People for Pets Humane Society. Robert King is a retired pharmacist who has been active in a number of community activities, including serving as a precinct committeeman for the local GOP and on the board of the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center. Gale Kleinkopf, a semi-retired professor of plant science at the University of Idaho, was a city councilman from 1983 to 1999 and served as mayor twice during his tenure.

Clow will recommend one of them to council members, who will then vote.

So what qualities is the council

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#### Finalists for council seat

Here are the six finalists who will be considered Monday to take over Dennis Maughan's seat on the Twin Falls City Council.

Wayne Bohln, owner of All-Rite Construction, Bohln ran for City Council in 2003 in a four-way race that was won by Shawn Barigar.

Ryan Horsley, marketing director for Red's Trading Post and chairman of the city Planning and Zoning Commission.

David Johnson, general manager of the Con Paulos automobile dealerships in Twin Falls and Jerome. He came in a close second to Greg Lanfing in the 2003 council race.

Sherry Olsen-Frank, accountant. She also ran for the seat now

held by Lanfing. She has served on the city's Planning and Zoning Commission and currently serves as chairman of the board of the People for Pets Humane Society.

Robert King, retired pharmacist. King has served as a precinct committeeman for the Republican Party and on the board of the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center.

Gale Kleinkopf, semi-retired professor of plant science at the University of Idaho. Kleinkopf was a city councilman from 1983 to 1999 and served as mayor twice during that time. The council will make its decision at the next regular meeting which begins at 5 p.m. Monday in council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E.

## Dying for chocolate



Lauren Paterson, left, of Twin Falls licks her fingers after tasting a chocolate treat as her friends Christine Locker and Shealyn Emery, both of Filer, dig into the chocolate samples they picked up Thursday night at the Turf Club during the Death By Chocolate benefit for local charities. The Rotary Club of Twin Falls sponsored the fundraiser.

## Residents satisfy their sweet teeth at fundraiser for T.F. Rotary Club

By Bob Kirkpatrick  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If ingesting chocolate could kill several hundred local residents are headed for a sweet resting place. Those looking to satisfy their sweet tooth had plenty of delectable chocolate goodies to choose from Thursday night at the "Death by Chocolate" fundraiser sponsored by the Rotary Club of Twin Falls.

The event, held at the Turf Club on Falls Avenue, had over 20 local vendors and CSI culinary students utilizing their baking skills at the club's first chocolate charity bake-off.

"The idea for the fundraiser was conceived about five years ago when I was a member of the Rotary Club in Newton, Mass.," Jill Sherman Skeem, event coordinator said. "We were looking for a fun way to generate money for local charities."

Thursday night's event was all of that.

Participants in the contest submitted baked goods to be judged by attendees who sampled and then voted for their favorite tasty morsel in five different categories: best chocolate cake, best chocolate cookie, best chocolate candy, best brownies and most unique chocolate dessert.

It was evident at last night's event that chocolate is as popular as ever as people waited in line outside the Turf Club salivating at the chance to sample over 400 pieces of cake, cookies, brownies, candy and unique chocolate desserts. The standing room only crowd didn't seem to mind the wait.

"It's a chocolate lovers dream," long-time Twin Falls resident Thelma Brown said. "Everything tastes so good."

A silent auction and raffle were also part of the activities that generated over \$7,000 for local charities like the YMCA, Valley House and the Salvation Army.

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## Candidate Brady takes stand against Sempra

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho has the wind of clean air many other states envy. It has clear streams for fishing and snow-covered mountains for skiing. It's the kind of place people, and companies, want to relocate to, said Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brady.

Just over the Perrine Bridge in Jerome County is the future home of the Southern Idaho Technology Park, a project economic leaders call the Telecom Corridor. They say it will attract software developers, data storage and other high-tech industries and with them, lots and lots of jobs.



Brady

Brady's question to Twin Falls Kwanians Thursday. "Why would you put a coal plant in the middle of an area that's already doing well," Brady asked Kwanians at their noon lunch meeting. "It's like setting a beautiful table and in

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## Dietrich council mulls privatizing water, sewer

By Rusty Tows  
Times-News correspondent

DIETRICH — Dietrich officials said this week they will give Sempra a chance to talk before taking a stand on the company's proposed coal-fired plant.

At its monthly meeting on Monday, the council received a petition signed by 90 of Dietrich's 215 residents expressing opposition to the plant.

"We definitely need to be opposed to this," said Mistiam Depew, representing Concerned Citizens of Lincoln County.

Maureen Heimerdinger and her husband, Jerry, are co-chairmen of the citizen group. "This is just a start,"

Heimerdinger said. "We want to send a message to the Legislature that Lincoln County is opposed to Sempra."

Sempra is proposing a 600-megawatt coal-fired plant northeast of Jerome.

Several of the council members indicated they had signed the petition.

City Councilwoman Ann Eschillman said Patty Nance, a Sempra spokeswoman and chairwoman of the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Board, has been asked to make a presentation at the City Council's March 6 meeting.

"In all fairness," Eschillman said, "She should have a chance."

In other business, the council Please see DIETRICH, Page C3

## Senator seeks info on mercury

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

BOISE — As the legislative session heats up, so has interest in mercury.

As some Magic Valley legislators look to curtail a future source for the state, one wants to know how much mercury Idaho already has.

"Let's get a baseline of knowledge," said Sen. Chuck Colner, R-Ivin Falls.

Colner has been keeping close tabs on the mercury testing that various state and federal agencies have conducted in Idaho. Next week, representatives will come from the departments of Environmental Quality, Health and Welfare and Fish and Game will present information on mercury and how it's being monitored to some of Colner's fellow senators.

Since the beginning of 2006, the Department of Health and Welfare has issued fish consumption advisories on two water bodies in Idaho due to mercury. Monitoring at the Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir has also drawn a lot of attention because of elevated mercury levels in fish and water there.

The interest in mercury has also grown with the prospect of coal-fired power plants locating in the state.

Several legislators from Magic Valley have been working to stop the coal-fired power plant proposed for Jerome County. Besides drafting legislation for a state-wide siting committee and a coal-fired

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#### Fish advisories in Idaho

- Priest Lake
- Lake Pend Oreille
- Lake Coeur d'Alene
- East Mill Creek
- Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir
- American Falls Reservoir
- CJ Strike Reservoir
- Brownlee Reservoir

For more information on fish advisories in Idaho, visit the following website: <http://www.idahowelfare.gov/ohp/svs/1/default.aspx>.

#### Mercury at the Legislature

- Officials from the departments of Health and Welfare, Environmental Quality and Fish and Game will present on mercury to the Senate Resources and Environment Committee and the Senate Health and Welfare Committee next week.
- To watch for meeting times.

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Vernon F. Exner



BOISE — Vernon E. Exner, 88, of Boise, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, surrounded by his family. Vernon was born Sept. 7, 1917, in LaMoine, N.D. He married his high school sweetheart, Clara, on June 3, 1941. He served school and worked in North Dakota and South Dakota before moving to Idaho in 1958, where he was high school principal in Carey and then in Bailey. During this time, he earned a master's degree in education from Idaho State University. He went on to be superintendent of schools in Shoshone, Blaine, County of Idaho, Kendrick and Kimberly. He was executive officer of vocational education for the state of Idaho from 1970 to 1974. Vernon retired in 1981 and moved to Boise, where he had a lifelong love of sports as player, coach and fan. He enjoyed traveling

Falls, Idaho, June (Chuck) Humphrey of Pocatello, Idaho, Mary Exner (Gay Shona) of San Francisco, Calif.; and sons, Dr. John Exner of Sterling, Ill., Gregory (John) Exner of Greengrass, Idaho, and Vernon (Elizabeth) Exner of Meridian, Idaho. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Four Rivers Hospice and especially Debbie for her compassionate and loving care. The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at the Holy Apostles Catholic Church, 6300 N. Meridian Road in Meridian. Inurnment will be later this year in LaMoine, N.D. Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Church in Meridian.

Charles J. Orr



HAZELTON — Charles J. Orr Sr., 87, passed away suddenly Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at his home in Hazelton, Idaho. He was born Feb. 23, 1919, in Homer, Neb., the fourth child of John Franklin and Mary Ina Orr. He was raised in Hinckley, Minn., where he helped his father and grandfather in the logging and sawmill business. He worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Depression in Minnesota and was a machinist in the U.S. Navy during World War II while stationed in Port Angeles and Bremerton, Wash. He moved to Idaho in 1951 and farmed in the Home Project and Clearfork area until 1965, when he was appointed postmaster of the Hazelton Post Office, retiring in 1982. He was a hunting, fishing, camping and horse enthusiast.

Merced, Calif., and sons, Charles "Chuck" Orr Jr., David (Hinda) Orr of Hazelton and Don (Terri) Orr of Hazelton. He is also survived by Shire, Steve Orr, Bob (Cory) Orr, Jeff (Tiffany) and Kyle (Kristy) Orr, Roxanne and Alexandra Monteria, Kati and Britany Orr, David Brown, and Craig and Robert Struick; five great-grandchildren, Jenna, Chase, Dylan, Kade and Connor Orr; his sisters-in-law, Catherine Orr, daughter, Courtney Murphy O'Connor; and three generations of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at the Hazelton Cemetery with Pastor Kevin Anderson officiating. A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at White Mortuary.

"Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls. The family suggests memorials be given to the American Legion, 224 and Mule Association or to the Silver and Gold Senior Center in Eden. Contributions may be mailed to White Mortuary, Box 845, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or left with the mortuary staff.

Gonda O. Sluder



RICHFIELD — Gonda Gonda (Held) Sluder, 89, of Richfield, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at her home. She was born March 27, 1917, in Advance, Mo., the daughter of Fred and Cora Myrtle Mae Jennings. Riley Gonda moved to Richfield in 1926 at the age of 11 and spent the rest of her life there. She married Carl Sluder of Richfield on September 15, 1934, in Shoshone, Idaho. Together, they raised five sons. Chuck died Feb. 12, 1988. She married Karl Sluder on April 19, 1991, and preceded her in death in 1997.

Joan Woods of Boise, Idaho, and Shirley Flavel of Kuna, Idaho; stepdaughters, Shirley (Gary) McGrady of Vale, Okla.; and many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews and friends. She is also survived by special friend, companion and caregiver, Judy Perry of Richfield. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carl Sluder; Charles Douglas Sluder; grandson, Gilbert Thomas Sluder Jr.; her infant sister, Fannie Rose Sluder; and her brother, Carl Harrison Sluder.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at the Harvest Community Church, 410 S. Main St. in Richfield, Idaho. A visitation hour prior to the services at the church. Inurnment will follow in the Richfield Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Summers Funeral Homes, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83301.

B. Kay Biggers



MOHAWG — Barlow Kay Biggers was born March 18, 1934, in Hancock, Idaho, to Dennis Denver and Phoebe Biggers, and passed away Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006. In 1950, he graduated from high school and worked at HF, from 1953 to 1970. He was a barber in Twin Falls at the Idaho Barber Shop on Main Street. He developed two farms and a ranch near Burdick and Oakley, Idaho. In 1966, he married Carol Tadlock and adopted her four children. Two years later, they had another daughter in 1971. The family joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Kay loyally served in many church callings in the Murtagh Ward and in the State.

Monson of Millville, Utah; Brenda (Tim) Herrmann of Eden, Idaho; and "Deedee" (Bruce) Anderson of Twin Falls, Idaho; 17 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, William, his son, Chris Biggers; and an infant grandson.

All who knew him admired him as a great man of integrity and generosity. He will be missed more than words can say. The funeral for Kay will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at the Murtagh LDS Church, 23709 Highway 30 in Murtagh, with Bishop Stuart Tolman conducting. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, as well as one hour prior to the services at the church.

the United States. In 1997, Kay and Carol served a full-time mission in Cave Fort, Utah, where they made many lifelong friends. He is survived by his wife, Carol; his sister, Leoni Menke of Elko, Nev.; his children, Kelley (Carol Ann) Biggers of Murtagh, Idaho; Lindsay (Zandell)

SERVICES

Genevieve Surrage Hellevold of Moses Lake, Wash., and formerly of Rupert and Heyburn, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the LDS Church, 1515 S. Division St. in Moses Lake (Kaysers Chapel and Crematory in Moses Lake, Wash.).

Jose Guadalupe Cruz Vargas, infant son of Lilia Vargas and Efrain Cruz of Burley, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Geni Memorial Gardens in Burley (Busmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

of Wendell, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding and celebration of life at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Living Waters Presbyterian church in Wendell. Friends may call from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

John Reese Wilkins of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman LDS Church; viewing at noon at the church.

Verna Franc Gaston of Boise and formerly of Hagerman, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Methodist Church (Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel).

Merle William Phillips of Twin Falls, funeral at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman LDS Funeral Chapel in Jerome; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

DEATH NOTICES

Ferris Sweet — Ferris Sweet, 84, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at his home in Twin Falls.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dave Whitstrom and Pastor Jim Tubbs officiating. Military honors will be by area veterans and auxiliary. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given in Ferris' name to the First Christian Church. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Jenny R. Bastian — KIMBERLY — Jenny "Ruth" Bastian, 82, of Kimberly, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be conducted at noon Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E. Family will greet friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary and one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the church. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

follow at the Filer Cemetery. There will be no public viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Leon Briggs — BUJIE LY — Jesse Leon Briggs, 81, of Burley, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at the Clark View Care and Rehabilitation in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2650 Normal Ave., with Bishop Lance Loveland officiating. Friends and family may call one hour before the funeral at the church. A graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. at the Iona Cemetery east of Idaho Falls.

The family suggests memorials in memory of Leon be directed to the Iona Cemetery, Briggs, in care of Busmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, ID 83318.

Ralph G. Larsen — GLENN'S PERRY — Ralph Glenn Larsen, 85, of Glenns Ferry, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at Poplar Grove Assisted Living Center in Glenns Ferry.

Cremation is under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel, 2650 Normal Ave., with Bishop Lance Loveland officiating. Friends and family will be announced at a later date.

Margaret M. Gonzales — RUPERT — Margaret Mary Gonzales, 57, of Rupert, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at the Regional Medical Center in Burley.

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

Dorothy L. Ferrel — JEROME — Dorothy Lynn Ferrel, 85, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at her home in Jerome.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, at the Grace Baptist Church in Twin Falls. Burial will

Commissioners wanted review of news release

(CAJ)JWELL, GAP) — Two Canyon County commissioners seek the third member of their panel, Robert Vasquez, should have given them a chance to review a county news release about his appearance at a political rally in Washington, D.C. Vasquez, a Republican who is seeking the GOP nomination for the 1st Congressional District seat now held by U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, put out a media release Monday announcing his plans to attend an anti-illegal-immigration rally Wednesday in Washington, D.C. Vasquez has taken a strong stand against illegal immigration, and was invited to speak by Jim Gilchrist, founder of the MinuteMan Project based in Laguna, Calif.

The trip was not paid for by the county, but the county's public information director sent out Vasquez's news release. "He didn't talk to me and he didn't talk to Commissioner (David) Ferdinand," said Commission Chairman Matt Heble.

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# Boise man faces 25 year in-prison for shooting at police, jail escape

BOISE (AP) — A Boise man accused of shooting at police and later escaping from jail has agreed to a sentence of 25 years in prison in exchange for pleading guilty to four felony charges.

Harlan Hale, 46, pleaded guilty Tuesday to attempted murder of a police officer, assault and battery on a police officer, escape and robbery. Seven other charges against Hale were dropped.

In a plea agreement approved by 4th District Judge Ronald Wiener, Hale will serve at least 25 years in prison before he will be eligible for parole.

"Harlan Hale is a danger to citizens and police," Lynn Hightower, a Boise police spokesman, told The Idaho

Statesman. "He showed a total disregard for the safety of citizens. He needs to be in (prison) for a good, long time."

Amil Myskin, Hale's attorney, said Hale made the plea agreement because, "He wanted some hope that someday he might be able to get out."

Hale was accused of firing a gun at police officers on Feb. 20 during a traffic stop. He got away, but nine days later, police caught up with him. In that incident, Hale crashed his car through a shed and into an irrigation ditch before being captured. Police fired 22 shots, hitting houses, cars and a clothes dryer, but not Hale.

On June 10, he escaped from jail by pushing past several

guards, running through two doors that should have been locked, and crashing through a perimeter fence topped with razor wire then stole a vehicle and fled. Three jail employees were fired after the escape.

Hale was captured June 27 in Lyman, Wyo., about 120 miles east of Salt Lake City, after a patrol officer noticed a suspicious car with stolen license plates. He was returned to Boise in early July.

Although the sentence is set, victims will still have the opportunity to testify during a sentencing hearing Feb. 17. Hale's jury trial on the 11 felony charges had been scheduled to begin later this month.

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# Chocolate

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"We get several requests for contributions each year from organizations in Twin Falls," Rick Cook, Rotary Club treasurer said. "We don't have enough money in the general fund to help everyone, so we use fundraisers like this to generate money."

Some of the items auctioned off included diamond heart earrings from Alpine Jewelers; a St. Patrick's Day dinner for eight cooked by a private chef; a Snake River Harley-Davidson travel package; and ski passes at Magic Mountain. Among the prizes in the raffle drawings included a one month pass to Gold's Gym; a \$15 gift certificate to Fire and Ice Style from the Magic Valley Mall; and a \$20 gift certificate to the Lumpyhouse Theater.

First place in the best chocolate cake and brownie categories went to Maggie's Bakery. The best cookie category went to pastry chef Pandora Lenardi with the CSI culinary students. A Chocolate Affair was awarded first place in the best chocolate candy category, and Savannah House got nod for the best unique chocolate dessert. Early first place contestant received a plaque for their efforts from the Twin Falls Rotary Club.

"I thought it was a great success," beyond our expectations," Skeem said.

"I'm sure we'll do it next year."

## History of chocolate

It's hard to say exactly what the fascination with chocolate is, but its origin travels back centuries.

The first cocoa trees grew wild in the tropical rain forests in the Amazon and Orinoco basins over 4,000 years ago. Cocoa pods contain 20 to 30 beans each. It takes over 400 beans to make a pound of chocolate. Brazil and the Ivory Coast produce the most cocoa beans, accounting for nearly half of the world's cocoa (www.chocolatemuseum.com).

In the early 1500s, cocoa beans were used as a form of currency about 100 beans would buy a slave. In 1591, Emperor Montezuma of the Aztec Indian tribe brewed a potent drink from chocolate (it was called chocolate then). In the 1700s, colonists drank chocolate for medicinal purposes. But it wasn't until the mid-1800s that chocolate companies in Britain and Holland created the type of chocolate we know and love today (www.chocolatemuseum.com).

Contrary to popular belief, chocolate does not cause acne or tooth decay. In fact, scientific evidence reveals that chocolate is actually good for

your health. Pure chocolate is virtually free of cholesterol and salt. Studies have also shown that chocolate contains high levels of flavonoids—a type of antioxidant which help blood vessels expand. It also contains phenylethylamine—an internal stimulant and antidepressant (www.chocolatemuseum.com).

Chocolate is also the most popular endorphin producing food in the world. Endorphins are one of many morphine-like substances within the brain that act as a pain reliever. Endorphins also produce the infamous "runner's high," allowing them to endure the pain associated with long-distance running (www.healing-springs.com).

The chocolate industry has grown into a worldwide phenomenon, topping \$50 billion in retail sales annually. The U.S. is the world's largest cocoa bean importer. Americans consume an average of nearly 12 pounds of chocolate every year (71 percent prefer milk chocolate). Although that seems to be a lot of chocolate for one individual to eat, people in Switzerland consume nearly 24 pounds a year (www.thechocolatemuseum.com).

Writer Bob Kirkpatrick can be reached by e-mail at bkirkpatrick@magicvalley.com or at 735-5376.

# Residents vote down rec district plan

SANDPOINT (AP) — Voters in the Lake Pend Oreille School District have rejected a proposal that would have created a new recreation district and levied taxes for a multimillion-dollar sports complex.

Of the 6,683 who cast ballots,

5,814, or 88 percent, voted against establishment of a Lake Pend Oreille Recreation District. The measure would have financed a \$12 million sports complex in Kootenai, with a 1,200-seat skating area, competition swimming pool and

walking track.

"There may have been one or two others, but I can't think of any specific election that has seen a large a rejection percentage as this one in the 20 years I've been working at the clerk's office," said County Clerk Marie Scott.

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cl looking for when it comes to Maughan's replacement?

"We look for somebody who will properly fill in for the individual who has resigned," Clow said. "We have to respect the voters who put Dennis Maughan in place."

Clow said they also must understand the issues facing the city such as water — both the quantity and the quality — and growth.

"They need to understand

the city and the challenges we face," Clow said. "All the growth we're experiencing is obviously a challenge."

The city also is outgrowing its facilities and is looking at building a new city hall and police station. The city just finished doing a space study on City Hall and is now doing one on the police station. Councilman Shawn Barigar said.

Whoever is appointed to succeed Maughan will serve

until January 2008. If that person wants to keep the seat, he or she will have to run in the November 2007 election.

Council members are paid \$750 a month and get \$405 per month deposited to an IRS 125 account for unreimbursed expenses.

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# Brady

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the middle of it, putting a centerpiece of coal."

Brady pointed out the dangers of the plan, releasing mercury into the air. But Kawanian Jack Blair begged to differ on the dangers of coal-fired plants. He said he'd sold equipment to coal-fired power plants and he never saw anything dangerous coming from their stacks.

But Kivanian David Mead, a member of Keep Magic Valley Air a local group opposed to Sempur, said looks can be deceiving. He said you can't see anything coming from the stacks of a coal-fired power plant in Pine Bluff, either, yet all the nearby wells are contaminated.

"It doesn't matter what you can see coming out of the stacks, it's what you can't see," Mead said.

Brady also stopped by to chat with The Times-News editorial board.

He said the main reason Twin Falls County is experiencing such healthy growth is the College of Southern Idaho.

"It's the best driver for economic development," Brady said.

He said CSI, with its local control and strong faculty, can move in the right direction when new companies come to town.

He said he favors a statewide electric system, but the university and community college should each have their own systems.

"I don't want to see the community colleges just be an add-on to the university system," Brady said. "Don't let the university have control of the system."

Idaho, he said, is the third fastest growing state, just behind Arizona and Nevada. He said more and more people are trading in their California plates for Idaho plates. And economic development will continue to thrive as more and more companies move to Idaho. But he said his job should be to become governor will be to improve the quality of life for people already here, not to recruit more business to the state.

Brady said when it comes to jobs, what matters is not just the number of jobs out there,

but the quality of those jobs.

"There are too many people with too many jobs working too many hours for too little money."

Brady grew up in Idaho Falls, where he graduated from high school in 1954. He graduated with honors from Notre Dame, where he served as student body president, and went on to earn a law degree from the University of California. He worked in Washington, D.C., and Idaho for U.S. Sen. Frank Church and practiced law before returning to Idaho Falls in 1984 to manage his family's communications business.

Brady, whose great-grandfather served as governor in 1909 and 1910, served as publisher of The Post Register and president of the Post Co., which owns the paper. He stepped down as publisher when he first ran for governor in 2002. Brady is married to Rickie Orchin Brady and they have five children and five grandchildren.

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# Dietrich

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cl announced public hearings on Thursday for the city's subdivision ordinance. The draft ordinance is available for review at the city office or online at <http://www.dietrichidaho.com/ordinances/ordinance-627>.

Also, Doug Legge, Teransen Utilities Services, presented his company's programs for privatizing city services.

"We provide an opportunity for small towns to access resources of a larger organization," Legge said.

Council members were concerned that privatizing sewer and water services would increase people's bills.

"I understand we will be in control, but how hard are you guys going to push us to raise rates?" asked Councilman Fred Hill.

The city will review a more detailed proposal by Legge in March.

Reports from City Clerk Iva Lee Green indicate 25 percent delinquent rate by city residents for sewer and water bills. According to city ordinances, the water superintendent can shut off services after 30 days and charge an additional \$100 for the "disconnect service."

Ilusty Toys lives in the north Shoshone area. He can be reached at [twrsnch25@yahoo.com](mailto:twrsnch25@yahoo.com).



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power plant moratorium, there is also a bill by Sen. Clint Stenport, D-Ketchum, meant to keep mercury emissions in Idaho at nearly zero.

Colner thinks those discussions can only be improved once Idaho's residents know more about how mercury is being handled. Colner has been surprised at how little data the state has on mercury levels in its reservoirs and lakes.

The senator recently coordinated with the University of Idaho's lab in Hagerman to see about getting tissue samples from the long-lived sturgeon there. By comparing the sturgeon samples with dated sediment samples that the DEQ is working to collect, Colner hopes to find out whether mercury levels are rising or declining in the state.

An inter-agency group is developing a plan prioritizing the testing of water bodies and fish tissue in the state, DEQ Director Tom Harey told a joint legislative committee during her agency's budget request hearing earlier this week.

"Mercury in the environment has become an area of concern to many citizens," Harey said.

Dick Schultz, Division of Health administrator, says the group will take into consideration the frequency of sport-fishing at a particular water body as well as its likelihood of contamination when setting a priority list. The five-year plan should be ready in about a month.

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Times-News. She can be reached in Boise at 343-5553 or by e-mail at [mdintlop@magicvalley.com](mailto:mdintlop@magicvalley.com).

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# COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart



Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos





# Man clinging to wife's ashes is not yet willing to let go



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeannie Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am in a two-year relationship with a very nice man I'll call "Ronny." I'm divorced; Ronny was widowed three years ago after many years of marriage.

I'm having trouble accepting the fact that he displays his wife's ashes in his bedroom. We have discussed it, and I have told him it makes me uncomfortable. He moved the urn to another location when he sold his house, but about a month ago it reappeared in his bedroom.

I spend considerable time at Ronny's house and feel going what unsettled, not because the ashes belong to his wife, but because they are human remains. I have no problem with a picture of what he displays — in fact, I had it framed for him.

Ronny is unwilling to consider other options for the ashes. He says he promised his wife she'd be buried with him. He has also said he is not ready for a commitment.

I'd like a future with Ronny, but I'm afraid he's unwilling to move on with his life because he continues to keep his wife's ashes so close by. Am I out of line with my feelings? Any suggestions for me or for him? I need a new perspective.

—THREE-A CROWD IN VIRGINIA

**DEAR LADY:** That Ronny moved his wife's ashes out of the bedroom and then moved them back in indicates to me that while they were "out," you

may have gotten too close for his comfort. He has already told you he isn't ready for a commitment. That's a strong message. Your feelings are not out of line. However, the most practical advice I can offer is to be prepared to be very patient if you want a future with Ronny. This man is going nowhere in a hurry, and neither is your relationship.

**DEAR ABBY:** We had house-guests during the holidays — an old friend and his new girlfriend. My parents had given us a beautiful set of expensive towels, which we used for our guests.

Whatever cleanser the girl used to wash her face destroyed them. My wife is devastated, but insists that we can't say a word to them about it. I disagree. I say we should not only mention it, we should request that they replace them. What do you think?

—BLEACHED OUT IN THE BIG CITY  
**DEAR BLEACHED OUT:** If your guests realized that they had damaged your towels, they should have offered to replace

them. If what caused the damage is a product the woman uses regularly, wouldn't you think she'd have known it could cause a problem? I don't think you should request that the items be returned, but it would not be out of line to mention that they were ruined. And if the couple visits again, make sure not to use the good lines.

**DEAR ABBY:** My girlfriend, who lived with me for three years, left me. The reason is that I went on a cruise and took my 24-year-old son instead of her. But she was so sad and heart-bypass surgery during that time, and only half our money would have been refunded if we canceled. She moved out and is now living with her dad. What do you think about this? I need a woman's opinion.

—HURTING IN ANDERSON, IND.  
**DEAR HURTING:** Here it is: Your romance is probably history. When she needed your emotional support, instead of being there for her, you went flying off into the sunset with your son. Had you said, "To heck with the money, I won't leave you until we're sure everything is all right," you would still be together.

You might try offering an apology for abandoning her, but I can't guarantee it will be accepted. And frankly, I can't blame her.

**Beetle Bailey** By Mort Walker

WAKE UP BEETLE!  
ALREADY? IT SEEMS LIKE I JUST WENT TO BED

YOU DID, BUT IT TAKES YOU SO LONG TO GET UP I'M GETTING YOU STARTED NOW

**Blondie** By Dean Young & Stan Drake

ARE YOU ASLEEP MR. B? I MEAN REALLY ASLEEP?

I'M THE ONE WHO POLISHED SYRUP IN MY TEACHER'S PURSE

NOW THAT I'VE CONFESSED TO SOMEBODY, I FEEL A LOT BETTER

**The Bom Loser** By Art Sansom & Chip

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO THIS WEEK-END, CHIEF?

SHOPPING FOR MY CELLAR!

OH, PLANNING ON REMODELING A REC. ROOM?

NO — I'M SHOPPING FOR MY WINE CELLAR!

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

OH, SPENDING THE DAY WITH THE CATS!

SNORK! ACK! GLOOM! HAIR!

**Hagar the Horrible** By Chris Browne

YOU HAVE BEEN AWAITED AND WE FIND YOU ONE ADDITIONAL MONEY...

THEREFORE WE ARE SEIZING YOUR BANK ACCOUNT, YOUR BOAT, YOUR LICENSE, AND YOUR HOME WITH ALL THE FURNITURE INSIDE

I THANK YOU AND I HAVE A NICE DAY!

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**Hi and Lois** By Chance Browne

WHO KEEPS TURNING THE THERMOSTAT UP?

ME! I'M COLD

WELL, YOU'RE ONLY WEARING A T-SHIRT! PUT SOME MORE CLOTHES ON!

I'M STILL COLD

AND YOUR SARCASMS ISN'T GOING TO HELP, EITHER

**Classic Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

SURE LIFE IN THE DESERT CAN BE LONELY AT TIMES.

BUT AT LEAST YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET HIT IN THE FACE WITH A PIE...

PROBABLY...

**The Wizard of Id** By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

NAVAL ENLISTMENT IS DOWN, SIRE

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS WRONG?

RECRUITMENT POSTERS THAT SAY "JOIN THE NAVY AND SEE THE MOAT"

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketchum

"HEY, MOM, CHECK THIS OUT. THIS SOAP KNOWS HOW TO SWIM."

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bill Keane

"That spider sure knows how to build a website."

## King Tut, Cleopatra, although both Egyptian leaders, are not related

Although King Tut and Cleopatra were both leaders of Egypt, they were not at all related. Tutankhamen was a native Egyptian king. Cleopatra came along 1,300 years later and was part of a conquering family from Macedonia.

This day in history: It's a day to remember a hero of medicine. Joseph Lister was born on Feb. 10, 1912. His ridiculed idea that the site of a wound or incision must be kept sterile became standard medical procedure, saving many infections and deaths.

One gram of yeast contains about 10 billion cells. Yeast growers can take that one gram and under ideal conditions get it to grow into 15 tons in five days.

San Francisco's cable cars depend on cars coming downhill to help balance out the weight of the cars going up. Harley Earl was the flamboyant GM executive who gave us 1950s cars with outlandish fins.

**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS**  
Jack Mingo.  
Erin Barrett

If company legends are true, he refused to wear his glasses because he thought they would dilute his authority. He refused to hire anyone taller than himself, because he liked to tower over his subordinates. And, finally, his office closed held duplicates of his suits in case his closet ran empty.

Even though Atari was an American company, the company chose its name so that it would sound Japanese — a selling plus in the early days of video games.

Barrow averages out. Because of its proximity to the North Pole, Barrow, Alaska, doesn't see the sun set for 84 straight days in

the summer. In contrast, Barrow in winter sees a period of 64 days with no sunrise.

New studies estimate that as many as 70,000 people may die from heart or lung disease prematurely due to the effects of particulates from cars, trucks, ships and other gas-burning vehicles.

Pauline Wayne made a habit of rump-stealing the White House lawn, yet she was never dragged away by the Secret Service. Pauline was president William Howard Taft's dairy cow, back before milk came in cartons and bottles.

There are oil wells drilled on the grounds of the Oklahoma state capitol. One of them is Petrus, which got its name because they drilled through a petunia bed. It produced 600 gallons of oil a day until drying up in 1986.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at [factmngers@ningo-barrett.com](mailto:factmngers@ningo-barrett.com)

## Florida man charged with stealing tractor-trailer filled with perfume

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Police didn't have to do much to sniff out this theft suspect. Felix Cabrera, 34, of Tampa, was charged with stealing a tractor-trailer carrying more than \$1.9 million in perfume and cologne.

Cabrera took the vehicle from a Fort Pierce truck stop after the driver left the keys in the ignition, according to the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office. The items were being driven from New York to Fort Lauderdale.

Authorities spotted the truck headed south on the turnpike near Boynton Beach about 10 a.m. Wednesday. Cabrera pulled over, ran from the truck and swam across a canal before being apprehended, police said.

He was charged with grand theft and resisting arrest.

### Odds and Ends

play starts.

Says she'd just like another chance, since it's her last spelling bee.

Her mother Cindy calls herself a "momma bear with her bear claws out" and is ready to go to court.

Mulvenon hopes everybody can sit down together and work something out.

He says defending a lawsuit over a spelling bee isn't a good way to spend school district money.

### Foghorn gets stuck in the 'on' position

MONTREY, Calif. — A foghorn got stuck in the "on" position and wailed every few minutes for hours and hours because no one in the area knew how to fix it.

"We are just a search-and-rescue part of the Coast Guard," explained Petty Officer 1st Class Lance Benedict.

The foghorn and accompanying light at the end of the Coast Guard Pier off Lighthouse Avenue are meant to prevent winter travelers from running into the breakwall, Benedict said.

The horn was turned on during foggy conditions earlier in the week, and the problem was reported Tuesday to the Coast Guard's repair staff in San Francisco.

By Thursday morning, it was fixed, according to a security officer who identified himself as

John Jones, an officer at the Harbormaster Office in Monterey. Jones said he had "not heard it since '81, which got my name when the horn was turned off."

### Governor hopes 'Huck the Duck' will survive

TEXARKANA, Ark. — Gov. Mike Huckabee is an avid duck hunter. But there's one duck he doesn't want to see fall from the sky.

A duck named for Huckabee is one of 24 ducks the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is tracking in the name of science.

"Huck the Duck," a mallard released by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission on the Bois D'Arc Lake near Hope, is part of the commission's satellite mallard tracking program that collects data on migrating mallards.

"As an avid duck hunter, I've wanted the duck to beat the hunters instead of the way around," Huckabee said.

The program will document migrating mallards along with the central flyway of the Mississippi river. It will also define habitat characteristics of spring staging areas) nesting areas and post-nesting areas) of adult mallards migrating from Arkansas.

Each duck involved in the research is fitted with a transmitter that weighs 30 grams and is designed to fit like backpack on the mallard. The ducks, including Huck, can be tracked on the commission's Website.

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# Bush plans to sell forest land

## Administration hopes to raise \$800 million

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WASHINGTON — The Bush administration will unveil a proposal Friday to sell up to 200,000 acres of national forest land in "isolated parcels" ranging from a quarter of an acre to 200 acres, much of it in California.

The sale is part of a National Forest Service plan to raise \$800 million over the next five years to pay for rural schools in 41 states, offsetting shrinking revenues from sale of timber from national forests. The Bureau of Land Management also plans to sell federal lands to raise an estimated \$182 mil-

lion over five years. Environmentalists charge that the short-term gain would be more than offset by the loss of public land. Congress would have to approve the land sales, but has rejected similar recent proposals.

"I am outraged, and I don't think the public is going to stand for it for one minute," said Wilderness Society policy analyst Mike Anderson. "It's a scheme to raise money at the expense of the national forests, the wildlife, recreation and all the other values that Americans hold dear. It's the ultimate threat to the national forest."

Jerry Taylor of the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank, said the proposed land sales make sense.

"Private property will end up in the possession of those who value it the most," Taylor said. "That is an iron law of economics."

Details about what plots of land would be put up for sale are expected to be revealed at a noon press conference by Undersecretary of Agriculture Mark Rey, a former timber industry lobbyist. The Forest Service owns 193 million acres of land and plans to sell about 175,000 to 200,000 acres, according to Forest Service spokeswoman Heidi Valetkevich.

"They could be theoretically from every national forest," Valetkevich said. "California has a lot on the list, I understand."

"The lands in question aren't environmentally sensitive wilderness or protected scenic areas," Valetkevich said. "It could be something that is in a neighborhood that people don't even know is forest land," she said.

The Forest Service owns 20 percent of California, including much of the Sierra Nevada,

Lake Tahoe, Big Sur and dense forests along the Oregon border. The Bureau of Land Management owns 15 percent of the Golden State.

Rural schools get 25 percent of federal forest timber sale proceeds, but those revenues have fallen, so the idea is to sell forest land to make up for that, Valetkevich said.

Anderson of the Wilderness Society argued that money for rural schools could come from many sources and that the land sales are being proposed "so the budget deficit doesn't go too far." He noted that if forests are sold, future federal timber sales likely would yield even less money for rural schools.

The president's new fiscal 2007 federal budget calls for the bureau to raise \$1 billion in 2007 land sales, \$28 billion in 2008, \$40 billion in 2009, \$42 billion in 2010 and \$71 billion in 2011.

# Bill would have state pay for new schools' operating costs

BOISE (AP) — The Senate Education Committee will take up a bill that would pay 100 percent of a new school's operating costs in its first year.

The legislation, which has several House and Senate sponsors, will likely receive a hearing in coming weeks. It is aimed at offsetting the high operating costs faced by a new school in its first year by having the state pay those costs. Sponsor Sen. Mike Burdett, D-Boise, said Thursday that the measure is a response to the problems faced by rapidly growing school districts such as Meridian. Building new schools makes districts liable for paying heating, electricity, counselors, librarians and custodians.

"Right now they go to the property tax or they starve," Burdett said. "We need to give districts like Meridian additional tools to raise revenues for special needs like this."

Several Idaho school districts, including Fruitland, Kuna, Nampa, and Lakeland, have new schools in the works in the next few years. Meridian will

open seven new schools in the next three years, according to the measure.

Paying the operating costs of all the schools that are due to start up next year would cost the state an estimated \$55 million. Construction of the schools would offset some of that cost, according to the authors of the legislation.

Schools would receive no additional funding after the first year.

A similar measure received a hearing last year, but failed to become law. Burdett said he expects some resistance to the measure from superintendents whose districts aren't building new schools, and therefore won't receive funding.

Legislators from those districts don't want to receive any funds, that don't have new schools, may have a hard time coming to the plate on this," he said.



# Panel: Nuclear waste transport generally safe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of shipments of highly radioactive nuclear waste can be conducted safely, a panel of scientists concluded Thursday, although they warned that significant radiation might be released if a shipment becomes engulfed in a lengthy and intense fire.

The report by a panel of the National Academy of Sciences is expected to carry considerable weight as the government moves toward developing a central repository in Nevada for used commercial reactor fuel and defense waste now kept in 39 states.

The group examined the risk from possible accidents as nuclear shipments cross the country, but said it did not assess security risks to such shipments because it could not gain access to classified information.

"I called for a further examination of security issues, including a shipment's potential vulnerability to terrorist attacks. It also said that the agency doing the investigation should be independent of any governmental or industry conflicts. Such information should be made public to the extent possible, the scientists said.

The Energy Department is preparing a transportation plan to ship some 70,000 tons of nu-

clear waste from around the country to a proposed central repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada, if the facility gets a license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The department said that would require 4,300 shipments — about three-fourths by rail and the rest over highways — over 24 years. Nevada officials, who strongly oppose the Yucca project, have said there could be as many as 50,000 shipments with wastes going through at least 43 states.

The study by a special panel of the Academy's National Research Council concludes there are "no fundamental technical barriers to the safe transport of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste in the United States."

"The radiological risks ... are well understood and are generally low," the report continued, noting that during 40 years of making such shipments there has never been a significant release of radioactive material.

But the scientists warned of "social and institutional challenges" from possible property value decline and loss of tourist business along transport routes to public anxiety over such shipments — that would have to be overcome as the number of shipments increases.

# Committee hears testimony over sex offender legislation

BOISE (AP) — For years, some victims of child sexual abuse feel unable to talk to police or their parents about the experience.

On Thursday they packed a hearing room in the Idaho Statehouse, passing issues as they stood, one by one, to testify to lawmakers.

Their testimony before the House Judiciary and Rules Committee — all urged lawmakers to eliminate the statute of limitations for prosecuting child sexual abuse, the most dramatic so far in a legislative session that has seen many bills targeting sex offenders.

Current state law generally requires victims of sexual abuse to report the crime within five years. If the victims are under the age of 16 when the abuse occurs, they have until they turn 18.

Jeff Bird of Rexburg said that simply isn't enough time.

He struggled for composure as he told committee members about his childhood. As he grew older, he said, he considered telling authorities about the abuse he'd

suffered at the hands of a local man. He changed his mind when he heard a rumor that the man was already in prison.

"But it wasn't true," he discovered later — after the statute of limitations had passed. "Now he lives just 20 minutes from 200 miles — from my home."

Bird still considers the man a threat to the community, but cannot press charges because of timing, he said.

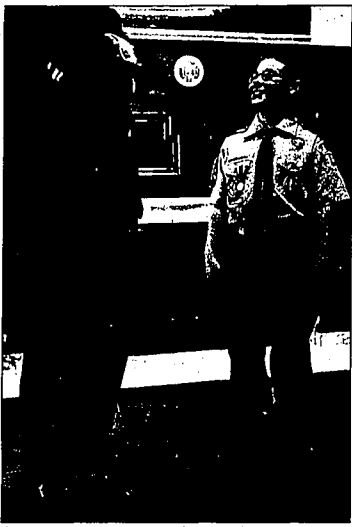
Often by the time a child victim has healed enough to talk about the abuse, the statute of limitations has passed, said Rep. Debbie Hood, R-Boise, who co-sponsored the bill with Rep. Donna Rice, D-Pocatello.

"Idaho does not and will not tolerate the abuse of children," Field said.

But as citizens testified Thursday in some cases authorities have tolerated sex crimes against children.

Ross Rucki, a father of six, said he learned about the abuse of his two youngest daughters only after it was too late for the crimes to be prosecuted.

# LITTLE HERO



Travis Pengelly, a fifth-grader at Kolsch Elementary in Boise, chats with Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Wednesday after the governor presented him with a meritorious action award for saving the life of a classmate last year. When a canoe became lodged in a friend's airway during lunchtime, Pengelly performed the Heimlich maneuver dislodging the food and saving the boy's life.

# Military personnel, families could get in-state tuition

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Military personnel and their families would be immediately eligible for in-state tuition rates at Utah's public universities if they lived here prior to enlisting and return once their service is over under a bill needing one more formal vote in the Senate before passing in the Legislature.

The bill by Rep. Michael Morley, R-Spanish Fork, is intended to provide an incentive for military personnel to return to the state. He's concerned Utah is losing out on bringing skilled workers and bright students from military families to other states, like Florida, that don't tax personal income.

At the University of Utah, in-state tuition costs about \$4,300 a year, compared with about \$13,000 a year for out-of-state students.

Typically a student would have to live in the state for

three years or complete 60 credit hours before they could apply for discounted tuition, said David Doty, assistant commissioner of the Utah Board of Regents.

Completing 60 credit hours usually takes two years. Under Morley's bill, there is no limit on how many years a person can be away from the state and still receive the discounted tuition. It also doesn't specify how quickly someone would have to return to the state after their active duty status ends.

The in-state tuition would be available to all members of an enlisted person's immediate family, regardless of whether those family members ever lived in Utah.

House Bill 232 passed 26-0 in the Senate Thursday with no debate. The Senate is expected to give its final approval on the bill Friday and then it will await the governor's signature.

# BLM auctions off land for leases

DENVER (AP) — Energy companies snapped up leases on tens of thousands of acres of federal land in Colorado on Thursday, including three parcels in a watershed that provides drinking water to Grand Junction, a city of about 45,000 people despite city officials' efforts to lease the land themselves.

The Bureau of Land Management auction fetched a record \$11.8 million. Of the 134,582 acres auctioned off, nearly 17,000 acres are in the watersheds for Grand Junction and Palisade, which along with environmental groups have expressed concerns about possible contamination.

The leases deemed crucial to Grand Junction's water supply went for a total of nearly \$900,000. It was unclear who owned the city for the leases because companies often hire brokers to do the bidding.

Leases on thousands of acres proposed by Coloradans as federal wilderness areas were also approved. These and other leases formally protested by area residents, local government and environmental groups won't be issued until the BLM considers the objections.

The total money raised by the auction eclipses the \$103 million from a May 2001 lease sale.

Rep. John Salazar, D-Colo., whose district includes the land, was disappointed by the BLM's rejection of requests by Palisade and Grand Junction, city selling the parcels, his spokeswoman, Mayraha Haq said.

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28 agencies reported levee breaches

Documents raise questions about government response

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty-eight government agencies, from local Louisiana parishes to the White House, reported that New Orleans levees were breached Aug. 29, the day Hurricane Katrina roared ashore, documents released Thursday show.

A timeline of e-mails, situation updates and weather reports, pieced together by Senate Democrats, indicates the Bush administration knew as early as 8:30 a.m. EST about levee failures that would ultimately lead to massive flooding of the city and its surrounding parishes.

Senate Democrats said the documents raise questions about whether the govern-

ment moved quickly enough to rescue storm victims once they realized the levees had broken.

White House spokesman Trent Duffy said President Bush and his top aides were fully aware about the massive flooding—and less concerned whether it was caused by levee breaches, overtoppings of failed pumps, all three of which were being reported at the time.

"We knew there was flooding and that's why the No. 1 effort in those early hours was on search and rescue, and saving life and limbs," Duffy said.

Shortly after the disaster, Bush said, "I don't think anybody anticipated the breach of the levees." He later said his comment was meant to suggest that there had been a false sense of relief that the levees had held when the storm passed, only to break a few

hours later.

Democrats said the documents showed there was little excuse for the tardy federal response.

"The first communication came at 8:30 a.m.," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., top Democrat on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. "So it is inexplicable to me how those responsible for the federal response could have woken up Tuesday morning unaware of this obviously catastrophic situation."

The first internal White House communication about levee failures came at 11:13 a.m. on Aug. 29 in a "Katrina Spot Report" by the White House Homeland Security Council.

"Flooding is significant throughout the region and a levee in New Orleans has reportedly been breached sending 6-8 feet of water

throughout the 9th ward area of the city," the internal report said.

The documents were released on the eve of Senate testimony by former Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown, who widely considered the public face of the government's sluggish response to Katrina.

Brown, now a private citizen, has said his Katrina-related communications with Bush and other top White House officials no longer fall under executive confidentiality protections—a possible signal that his testimony will assign blame elsewhere.

Brown quit FEMA on Sept. 12 after he was relieved of his on-site command in the Gulf Coast. He filed the federal pay report Nov. 2. He testified in front of a House investigation panel in September.

Fuel loss strains record attempt

CAPE CANVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A fuel leak, soaring heat in the cockpit and weak winds jeopardized adventurer Steve Fossett's quest to break aviation's distance record Thursday as he flew over Asia in his lightweight experimental plane.

At the end of the 3.5-day trip, but the loss of 750 pounds of fuel to a leak during takeoff at the Kennedy Space Center on Wednesday left no margin for error, the team said on Thursday of the voyage.

Fossett's team had calculated that he would have 500 pounds to 1,000 pounds of fuel left at the end of the 3.5-day trip, but the loss of 750 pounds of fuel to a leak during takeoff at the Kennedy Space Center on Wednesday left no margin for error, the team said on Thursday of the voyage.

"The fuel loss will diminish the total number of miles it is able to travel," mission control director Kevin Stass said in a statement.

Carole Stennett, Democratic Chairperson for Twin Falls County, announced today that at 7:30pm on February 28, 2006 there will be a DELEGATE SELECTION CAUCUS at KMVT Community Room to elect delegates to the Idaho State Democratic Convention. Any person who is a Democrat and a qualified voter of the County may participate in the Delegate Selection Caucus. The meeting is open to the public and all interested Democrats are encouraged to attend. For further information, contact Carole Stennett, 543-4419 or 308-1933



Dr. Janet Monge, museum casting project coordinator, leads a cart of cast skulls in preparation for Darwin Day at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Scientists using Darwin's birthday to tout evolution

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Thanks to the "intelligent design" movement, Charles Darwin's birthday is evolving into everything from a bad-minton party to church sermons this weekend.

Defenders of Darwin's theory of natural selection are planning hundreds of events around the world Sunday, the 171st anniversary of his birth, saying recent challenges to the teaching of evolution have re-emphasized the need to promote his work.

"The people who believe in evolution ... really just sort of need to stand up and be counted," said Richard Leventhal, director of the University of Pennsylvania's Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

"Evolution is the model that drives science. It's time to recognize that." The museum's celebration will include birthday cake, a little badminton (reportedly a favorite game of Darwin's) and a reading of his "The Origin of Species" by Penn junior Bill Wames, who planned to dress up as the 19th-century naturalist.

"Come to my party," Wames, in costume, belted Wednesday while handing out fliers around campus. "Sunday at one o'clock."

At the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada, philosophy students will get a jump-start on Darwin Day on campus Friday by singing Darwin carols they composed.

"Darwin, who was born in England on Feb. 12, 1809, and died in 1882, was 50 when he published "The Origin of Species." His conclusion that species evolve over time was based in part on zoological and geological discoveries made

during a five-year voyage around the world on the HMS Beagle.

The intelligent design movement, contending that organisms are so complex that they must have been created by some kind of higher being, critics of intelligent design say it is creationism camouflaged in scientific language.

Intelligent design proponents suffered legal setbacks last year in Pennsylvania and Georgia, but Kansas education officials have approved science standards that treat evolution as a flawed theory.

Polls have shown many Americans don't accept evolution. A Gallup poll in 2004 found that about 35 percent of Americans believe Darwin's theory is well supported by evidence, another 35 percent thought it was not well-supported and 29 percent said they didn't know enough about it.

To show religion and science are not at odds, more than 400 churches of many denominations — most of them in the United States — have agreed to participate in "Evolution Sunday" by giving a sermon, holding classes or sponsoring discussions.

Organizer Michael Zimmerman, a biology professor and dean at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh, said there is "no reason that people have to choose between religion and science."

The Darwin Day Celebration was formalized six years ago as a California-based nonprofit organization, but some tributes go back much further. Salem State College in Massachusetts has had a Darwin festival for 26 years.

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Muslim and Arab voices call for calm over cartoon issue

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Many Arab governments, Muslim religious leaders and newspapers have been calling for calm in the protests over the Prophet Muhammad cartoons...

No major demonstrations took place in Mideast and North African cities Thursday, suggesting the furor was easing. But it wasn't clear whether the calm would last. A test may come after weekly Muslim prayers on Friday, when at least one large protest is planned in Morocco.

The drawings, first published in a Danish newspaper then reprinted in other European publications, sparked outrage across the Islamic world. Protests turned violent in recent weeks in Iran, Syria, Lebanon and Afghanistan.

But many in the Middle East watched the stone-throwing, flag burnings and embassy attacks with sorrow. Some — including governments, religious leaders and newspaper writers — are trying to put on the brakes on the outrage, even if they feel Muslims are right to be angry.

"They committed a crime when they violated our prophet's sanctity," Al-Azhar's Abdel-Qader, a prominent Egyptian writer on Islamic issues, said Wednesday at a forum organized by the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood in Cairo.

"But if we set their embassy on fire, as happened in Syria or Lebanon, we will then be responding to their crime with another crime," he said.

Kuwait's parliament has used restraint, saying "irresponsible acts" make the outpouring of emotions Muslims have shown for their religion and prophet "look like aggressiveness and destructiveness."

Iraq's top Shiite political leader, Abdul Aziz al-Hakim, said only peaceful protests should be held, and the Saudi ambassador in Washington, Prince Turki al-Falakh, told The Associated Press in Dallas that

the violence is "unhelpful, and in many cases unecessary." "Our prophet himself was insulted, violence was inflicted upon him when he preached his message to the idolaters and non-believers, and he met violence with forgiveness," Turki said.

Laura Bush, who met Pope Benedict XVI on Thursday, said they briefly discussed the violence over the drawings. The first lady said she understood

the offense Muslims around the world feel about the publications in European newspapers of the caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad.

"On the other hand, I don't think violence is the answer. I think that everyone around the world needs to speak out and say 'Let's stop the violence.' It's really not necessary to get the point across that they were offended by those cartoons."

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Top photo: Some Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep look toward the author as he snaps a few photos from a nearby hill in the Salmon region. Bottom left: a good perspective photo of animal size and mountain vegetation, taken without a telephoto lens. Bottom right: Sunrise along the central Idaho peaks.

# BIGHORNS IN THE BINOCULARS

## Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep a thrilling find in Idaho hills

By Ron Yates  
Times-News correspondent

The toes of my boots dug in, lifted and pushed my body downhill, six inches closer. Relief felt from muscle relaxation was instantly replaced with anxiety; was my movement seen?

At this moment, I was no longer a hunter, rather an intrigued human being. My Thanksgiving Day elk hunt had momentarily changed to a quest for a photo of bighorn sheep and a story about the species.

I was eight inches tall and wishing to be only four. Chilled by a stiff wind and the frozen ground I slid closer, only 70 yards now. Get closer, 60 then 55. I was in plain view on a 60-degree slope. The sentinel watched me. Or did he? Closer, get closer!

At 50 yards I pulled my camera out of my pocket, fumbling and cold, then dropped it. Click! I dangled turning it on for it sounds like a panic stricken H2-D2. I pressed the button and held it under my chest muffling its screeching whine.

I could see only grass seed-heads before me. I raised my body slowly until I was sitting. The cover around me though sparse and 10 inches high, was ample to have stalked closer and I scolded myself for stopping. Shaking from the cold and the thrill, I zoomed the lens out and hoped for the best.

Only the ram I had named the sentinel was facing me, my anxiety had been folly. None had

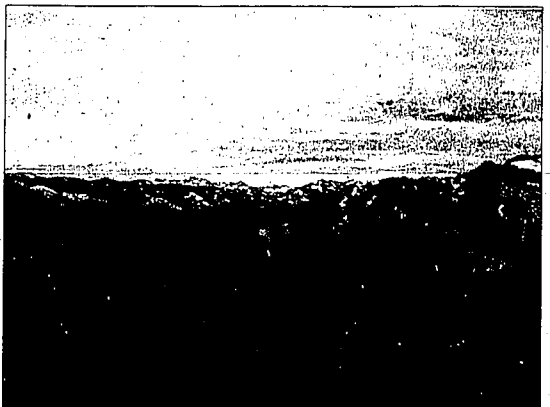
seen me, heard me or winded me. I began counting loudly, One! Two! Three! Four! One ram rose then another until four were up and looking about. My camera, downwind, beeped and squealed unnoticed. The rams fed and worked their way over to a group governed by a dominate ram. Forty-two sheep were counted. The rams were constantly comparing horn and body size and often did this in a huddle; heads in, tails out. An hour later I crawled back up the mountain to my pack and another layer of clothing.

### Where to look

I contacted Tom Keegan at the Salmon Region for Idaho Fish and Game and inquired about sheep viewing opportunities in the Salmon region as opposed to hunting. The Salmon region and its 12 hunting units are home to approximately 894 or two-thirds of Idaho's bighorn population. Bighorns can be viewed along the highway southwest of Challis, north of Challis near Ellis, near Williams Lake, north of Salmon between Tower Creek and 4th of July Creek, and downriver from the North Fork/Salmon confluence to west of Shoup.

Viewing animals from a road can be hazardous for all involved. It's best to park well off the road and view through your binocular. If you are planning a hiking or backpacking trip next year call the region headquarters for the area you will be hiking and obtain information for seasonal viewing opportunities. This preparation

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OUTDOORS

# Hunting for antlers a way to fight cabin fever

Question: "Is there an antler hunting season and are there any rules about picking up shed antlers from deer and elk in Idaho?"

Answer: There are no Fish and Game restrictions on picking up shed antlers.

For many hunters, hunting for shed antlers in the late winter and spring is a way to combat cabin fever and view wildlife. The rewards, the antlers, are used to add rustic décor in a cabin or for landscaping in flower beds.

For others, hunting for "sheds" has developed into a lucrative industry. Crafters, knife makers, and taxidermists purchase shed antlers to make items they sell to the public.

While picking up "sheds" is not restricted by the Fish and Game Department, sportsmen must be aware that wintering big game animals are sensitive disturbance. During "green-up," when winter areas bare-off and become accessible to people, deer and elk's energy stores are at an all-time low. Big game animals can ill afford to unnecessarily expend energy to run or escape from antler hunters.

People are going out onto the winter ranges earlier and earlier as the competition for antlers increases. Horror stories of unscrupulous antler hunters chasing buck deer and bull elk into deep snow trying to get them to drop their antlers abound.

Use of motorized vehicles by antler hunters such as off-road cycles and ATVs exacerbates the disturbance to wildlife and causes extensive resource damage when the ground is wet. Most land management agen-



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Gary Hompland

cies prohibit any use of public land that results in resource damage such as driving in wet areas producing wheel ruts. Many federal and state land management agencies also prohibit off-road motorized vehicle use.

Lastly, I encourage all antler hunters to leave their pets at home. A dog that is normally docile and wanting attention from its owner can quickly exhaust a deer or elk in deep snow. Even a short run during this time uses up precious energy and can cause a deer or elk to die. Owners of dogs chasing big game will be issued citations if they can be identified. Dogs that frequently chase big game may be destroyed by officers.

If anyone observes resource damage by motorized vehicles on public land, please contact your nearest federal land management agency. If you observe dogs chasing deer or elk please contact your nearest fish and game regional office and give them an accurate location and description of the dogs.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Contact him at (208) 324-4350 or e-mail him at the Fish and Game Web site at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.



A lift barrel points toward the sheep stalk area, with Mt. Borah (top center) peering from the background.

## Sheep

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will be time well spent when you experience contact with bighorn sheep.

Within the Idaho Fish and Game Web site ([www.fishandgame.idaho.gov](http://www.fishandgame.idaho.gov)) is a current statewide report about bighorn sheep. On the home site, click the Technical Research link, next select wildlife, next page has report titles; look near the top for B II Sheep p05. This report is informative and displays the effort required to manage the species.

After studying the numbers of hunters applying for five dozen permits, one could conclude that bighorn sheep are quite popular with hunters. Fifty-nine permits were issued in Idaho during 2004 with a reported 63 percent hunter success. Permits issued represent 20 percent of all legal rams

and in comparison to other species this is a very low percentage. There were 1,533 applicants for the permits, 964 of which were non-resident applicants vying for 5 permits or 10 percent.

A permit auctioned for the 2005 season brought \$180,000. The auction is a somewhat of a traditional fund raiser. Those who enjoy hunting often find that funding management of game is equally as important as the "hunt" itself.

### Mixed results in Idaho

Some additional facts on sheep. Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep are natural to Idaho. Most had been decimated by indiscriminate harvest, disease losses, and competition with livestock for winter range. Bighorn sheep did man-

age to survive in the Middle Fork of the Salmon area and in the Pahsimero drainage.

The rut takes place during late October into November. Lambs are dropped mid-May thru June. This is a critical time for sheep survival. Cold temperatures late in spring will slow growth of plants that nourish sheep who are weakened from sparse winter range.

Since the 1960s and recently in 2004 when 62 bighorns were trans-located northeast of Mackay, bighorn sheep have been reintroduced to historical ranges with mixed results. Remote areas and those that provide easy accessible cover and adequate feed throughout the seasons are needed.

"It's kind of a double-edged sword high sheep numbers often mean less feed available and more chance of exposure

to disease and disease is not manageable," says Keegan.

Specific mortality causes and numbers vary depending on region, including accidents, illegal kills, predators, and disease. Contact with domestic sheep often leads to passing of disease such as Pasteurella. Low lamb recruitment is often a result from sheep infected with pasteurella. The disease can remain active in a ewe throughout the 26 week gestation until a lamb is born infected and is unable to survive. Exposure to disease is responsible for loss of sheep population more than any other reason.

The Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, graceful, regal and ever vigilant of their surroundings, will remain in your memory long after an encounter.

# Forest Service seeking Trout Creek Trail grant

BURLEY — The Minidoka Ranger District is proposing to perform heavy maintenance and repair work of the Trout Creek Trail, located in the Cassia Division (South Hills) of the Sawtooth National Forest.

"The work to be done is on the segment of Trout Creek Trail No. 7015 that provides an important connection between Monument Peak Road and the Trout Creek Pass area. When repaired and maintained in proper condition, this trail connection provides all-terrain vehicle (ATV) riders with the option of avoiding riding a few miles on roads used by full-sized vehicles."

To aid the Forest Service in this endeavor, a grant from all Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Off-Road Motor Vehicle fund is being sought. "As a part of the application process, we are seeking comments from interested persons regarding this proposed trail work," states

Glenn Lackey, Natural Resources Specialist for the Minidoka Ranger District. "We would like to be able to address any concerns people may have regarding the trail or the proposed work."

To be the most helpful, written comments are requested by Feb. 17. Comments can also be sent to letters to the editor, comments-internet-sawtooth-minidoka@fs.fed.us.

In recent years, the Trout Creek Trail has seen increasing use by ATV riders, as well as motorcycles, resulting in greater impacts to the trail surface. Originally a single-track, this trail needs improvement to better accommodate ATVs as well as motor vehicles from all other users. Work will involve selecting specific locations where the trail surface needs to be stabilized to prevent erosion, and reducing the need for removing trailside vegetation where necessary.

# Officials to trap more grizzlies in eastern Idaho this summer

ISLAND PARK, Idaho (AP) — Officials plan to trap more grizzly bears in eastern Idaho's Island Park this summer and fit them with radio collars to get better understanding of how many grizzlies are in the area and where they roam.

The emergency Grizzly Bear Study team, which includes members from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, trapped six grizzlies in Hartman State Park and fitted them with radio collars.

"It will be interesting to see if we trap the same bears or different ones (this summer)," said William Hanauka-Brown, a wildlife biologist with the state fish and game department, told the Standard Journal in Rexburg.

Three of the bears trapped last year were released and two were captured, and three others were moved to more remote locations. Of the three relocated bears, one returned to Hartman State Park and was trapped again.

Keth Hobbs, the park's manager, said the number of bears trapped, along with signals from radio collars, will indicate more bears are in the area.

U.S. Forest Service officials estimate the grizzly bear population in and around nearby

Yellowstone National Park has increased from an estimated low of 136 in 1975, when the bears were listed as a threatened species, to more than 500 bears in 2004.

The grizzly population has been increasing a percent to 7 percent a year, officials estimate, and they plan to expand their range into areas where they have been absent for decades.

That's led Hanauka-Brown to try to educate Island Park residents about not leaving out items that might attract bears.

"Our biggest effort will be education in Island Park," she said. "We're going door to door to clean up problems. If we get an area cleaned up before the bears get there we'll have fewer problems. If a bear gets in the habit of going into garbage, bringing food or feed, it can become more aggressive about getting that food source."

Mark Orme, a Forest Service biologist for the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, said some summer residents in Island Park will also have to change their routines.

"We're pushing to show people there are grizzlies up there," he said. "People are going to have to go by the rules. In those summer home areas, people are going to have to keep garbage away from them."

# A new way to fool those fish

## New spray lights up lures like disco balls

By Nicholas K. Geranios  
Associated Press writer

SPokane, Wash. — In the ancient struggle between man and fish, man has a new weapon.

Forget fancy lures, depth charges or precision casting guns. The new weapon requires vision — ultraviolet vision.

Called Fool-A-Fish, it comes in a bottle that sprays titanium dioxide on fishing lures and bait. The chemical lights up the water depths like a disco ball, luring fish from half a mile away.

Fool-A-Fish is the brainchild of a Spokane physician named Milan Jekle — that's Dr. Jekle to you — who combined his love of chemistry and the outdoors into a new business.

Fool-A-Fish is earning a growing reputation as anglers from Alaska to Florida enjoy success with the product.

"You catch three or four

times more fish, and the biggest fish," Jekle contended.

Researchers have discovered that while humans see in three colors — red, yellow-green and blue — fish and birds see a fourth color in the ultraviolet range, which shows up as a white glow, Jekle said. This color is invisible to humans.

Working with David Cleary, a chemistry professor at Spokane's Gonzaga University, Jekle came up with the formula combining titanium dioxide, which is used in sunscreens, and several other chemicals.

The whitish liquid dries quickly and will stay on a lure for some two hours, he said. It is nontoxic, odorless and washes off with soap and water.

But underwave it shines like a beacon to fish. In November of 2004, Jekle and two friends went to Moses Lake, in central Washington, to try it out.

"I put it on my bait and caught a 6-pound walleye," Jekle said. Later he took it to

Alaska and caught several 100-pound halibut.

Jekle said many of the spray products currently used to lure fish are scent-based, because fish are known to search for food by smell.

"This is based entirely on vision," Jekle said. "This is a new way to fish."

"It's not just blood that attracts sharks," he added. "They can see a swimmer half a mile away."

Jekle makes up batches of Fool-A-Fish in his kitchen. The spray is sold in some outdoor stores in the region, and it can be ordered on Jekle's Web site. It is also getting written up in fishing magazines. Northwest Angler said the formula "makes it super easy for fish to see lures or baits from great distances."

Instructors at Salmon University in Tacoma, a guide service and fishing school, also report success with the product.

John Keizer, one of its chief instructors, said he found that

treated herring caught three fish for every one caught on untreated herring.

Jekle has also adapted his formula to produce Fool-A-Bird, which works on a reverse principle. Birds use ultraviolet vision-to avoid humans, so Jekle created a formula that when sprayed on a hunter's clothes, hat and gun will absorb ultraviolet rays.

"You spray it on yourself and they treat you like a tree trunk or a dead stump," Jekle said. "They ignore you."

Jekle grew up in Green Bay, Wis., where he began fishing for perch as a boy. He practiced for three decades as a family physician in Spokane, and went into semiretirement five years ago. That's what gave him the time to develop his products, he said.

Jekle cautioned that Fool-A-Fish is not foolproof.

"It's not magic," Jekle said. Some days nothing will make fish bite, and other days they will bite at anything, he said.

This is for fun, it's in-between," he said.

## FISH & GAME NOTES

# Fish and Game seeks input on regulations

### Big game meetings

The Department of Fish and Game will host three meetings, Feb. 15, 16, and 17, from 5 to 8 pm. Feb. 15 — Burley City Hall Feb. 16 — Community Campus in Halley, Room 903 Feb. 17 — Magic Valley Regional Office

Wildlife Manager. "In addition to proposals for big game sea-

sons, hunters will have a chance to look at the current population survey data and harvest information."

"Of most interest to hunters will be changes in traditional muzzleloader deer hunts, substantial changes in Unit 45 deer hunts, and reductions in Unit 43 elk permits," he said. "The Department is also looking for input on standardizing Unit 53 deer seasons."

While learning and discussing the possible hunting season changes with Fish and

Game staff members, hunters can have their trophy animals officiated by certified Boone & Crockett, Pope & Young and Longhunter Society members.

The measuring is free of charge and will be held from 5 to 8 pm, Feb. 15, at Burley City Hall; Feb. 16, at the Halley Community Campus; or Feb. 17, at the Magic Valley Regional Office.

For more information, call 324-4359.



BRIEFLY

Go outside with CSI on Presidents' Day

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will sponsor two outdoors events for the Presidents' Day holidays this Monday, Feb. 20.

A skiing trip to Soldier Mountain in Fairfield will be offered for students and the general public. Transportation is provided along with lift tickets for the price of \$32. Lessons are available for additional costs at Soldier Mountain.

A backcountry snowcat snowboarding trip is also planned for the Soldier Mountain area. Transportation and all-day access to the heart of backcountry powder is provided for \$1,000. Trip is not recommended for beginning boarders. The trip lasts from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The party will not include more than 11 people, so sign up fast.

For more information, call the CSI Outdoors department at 732-6696.

Hunter education Instructors needed

JEROME — With the growing demand for hunter and bow hunter education in the Magic Valley, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is looking for new volunteer instructors in Wood River Valley, Twin Falls, Wendell, Gooding, Burley, Filer, Carey, Bliss, Jerome, and Hansen.

Part of the criteria for being a volunteer instructor includes: Enjoying hunting, desiring to perpetuate the sport of hunting by working with youth, passing a background check and department interview, attending an instructor workshop, and practicing teaching with a trained instructor.

"It's a big job, but it can be very rewarding," said Clayton Nielson, Idaho Fish and Game Regional Hunter Education Coordinator. "We generally ask the instructors to teach two classes a year, but some teachers have been handling as many as four classes a year."

"Our goal of recruiting new instructors is to help lighten the load of the current volunteers and provide the additional classes needed in the valley to satisfy the student demand," he said.

The Department will be holding an instructor workshop March 18, at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Office. Anyone interested in becoming part of the Hunter Education program should call Nielson at 324-4359.

Registration set for hunter ed

Youth wanting to apply for certification for hunting need to plan now to sign up for one of several hunter education classes that are being offered by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. To help students find the class they need, the department will have four registration sites, each with a number of classes available. Students may also go to the Idaho Fish and Game website, <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>, to view class times and schedules.

Sign ups for spring classes will be held at:

- Feb. 13 — Cassia County Sheriff's Office, 129 East Fourth Street, in Burley from 3 to 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15 — Blaine County Sheriff's Office, 201 First Avenue South, in Hailley from 3 to 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15-16 — Boy Scout Service Center, 2989 Falls Avenue East, in Twin Falls from 3 to 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 17 — Fish and Game Regional Office, 319 South 41st East, two miles north of the Flying J, east of Highway 93 from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Registration requires an address, phone number, social security number, and date of birth for each student. Cost is \$8 per student.

Students between the ages of 10-17, completing the class will receive a free small game hunting license for this year's hunting season. Students 12 and older wishing to hunt big game this fall must upgrade to a junior hunting license. Cost for upgrading is \$3.75 at any Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Office or for \$7.25 at other license vendors. For more information, call 324-4359.

— compiled from staff reports

# Forecasters anticipate low spring chinook numbers

By Eric Barker  
The Lewiston Tribune

LEWISTON (AP) — The advance word of the annual spring chinook run has poked its nose into the mouth of the Columbia River.

But fisheries biologists who predict just how many fish will return say this is not the year to invest in fishing tackle.

That doesn't mean there won't be a fishing season on the bright spring fish, but it does mean any seasons are likely to be shorter and have lower bag limits than anglers have become accustomed to.

"I'm holding out hope we can have some kind of fishery," said Larry Barrett of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Such a season, if held, might be similar to last year's adjusted season, when fishing was open just four days a week and anglers were permitted to keep one hatchery spring chinook per day. Anglers have been able to keep multiple salmon per day and fish seven days a week for the past several years on the Clearwater and Salmon rivers.

But fisheries managers already bag limits and a number of days anglers could keep fish last year when it became clear the spring run was much weaker than predicted.

This year, fisheries managers

are expecting 46,200 spring and summer chinook bound for the Snake River to return to the mouth of the Columbia River. About 14,600 of those fish are expected to be wild salmon.

Joe Hymer of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in Olympia, Wash., said 51,400 spring and summer chinook bound for the Snake River returned to the mouth of the Columbia last year and 13,100 of them were wild salmon.

Hymer said one spring chinook has already returned to a hatchery on the Cowlitz River and another was caught recently in a commercial sturgeon fishery near the mouth of the Columbia River.

The bulk of the spring run should begin showing up at the river's mouth and Bonneville Dam in late March and at Lower Granite Dam about 35 miles west of Clarkston, in April and May. Once the fish start showing up at dams and computers there detect the tiny pit tags, when they are released, then, fisheries officials will have a better idea of actual run strength.

The tags tell managers which hatchery fish came from. Ralph Rosenberg, a fisheries biologist for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Dworshak National Fish Hatchery, is predicting more than 1,550 spring chinook will return to the North

Fork of the Clearwater River.

The hatchery needs 1,200 for spawning leaving precious few for anglers if the prediction holds true. Last year, 1,926 spring chinook returned to the North Fork.

Barrett said the best prospect for limited fisheries are on the Clearwater and Little Salmon rivers where spring chinook are not protected by the Endangered Species Act. As long as Dworshak hatchery on the North Fork of the Clearwater River and Rapid River Hatchery on Rapid River have enough salmon to meet spawning needs, fishing seasons are a possibility.

Seasons on the Snake and Salmon rivers, where hatchery fish are mixed with wild salmon that are protected by the Endangered Species Act, will depend on the abundance of wild fish, he said. If the number of wild salmon is low, the department may not be permitted to open fishing seasons there.

Anglers who are fishing on the Snake, Salmon and Clearwater rivers has been good recently. Water releases from Dworshak Dam have pulled more fish into the Clearwater River and made them more active, he said.

"The river is really fishable right now," he said. "I think fishing is going to be good for another little while."

## 'living in high stile'

A Fort Clatsop each hut had its own mess — kettles and cooking utensils. When on the trail, members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition ate by squad or boat, and in the case of the winter camps at Fort Clatsop and Fort Mandan, by hut.

And while the men waited out the winter, they kept busy hunting, cutting wood, harvesting salt and making moccasins.

During the expedition travels, Meriwether Lewis collected and preserved 239 specimens of 177 different plant species.

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February 5, 1806 — Fir No. 2 is next in dignity in point of size. It is much the most common species. It may be said to constitute at least one half of the timber in this neighbourhood. It appears to be of the spruce kind.

— Meriwether Lewis

February 7, 1806 — This evening we had what I call an excellent supper it consisted of a marrowbone a piece and a brisket of boiled Elk that had the appearance of a little fat on it. This for Fort Clatsop is living in high stile... The small pox has destroyed a great number of the natives... It prevailed about 4 years since among the Clatsops and destroyed several hundred of them, four of their chiefs fell victims... — Meriwether Lewis

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

# Rare pupfish in Mojave headed toward extinction

Fish have been at Devil's Hole since the Ice Age

By Louis Sahagun  
Los Angeles Times

SHOSHONE, Calif. — The imperiled Devil's Hole pupfish, which has been clinging to existence in remote rock tub in the Mojave Desert since the Ice Age, may not survive another year, federal biologists warned.

Regional groundwater pumping, mysterious changes in mating behaviors, and habitat disruptions inadvertently caused by scientists who have been trying to protect the pupfish are being blamed for decimating the species, long regarded as a symbol of the desert conservation movement.

In a tragedy that was not publicly announced, scientists two years ago accidentally killed 80 of the iridescent blue fish — about one-third of the population at the time. Fewer than 80 of the inch-long fish still swim in the shallow turquoise waters of a small pool at the bottom of an isolated limestone depression that became part of Death Valley National Monument — now a national park — by proclamation of President Truman in 1952.

Only two years ago, the fish, whose plight escalated into a highly publicized U.S. Supreme Court battle in 1976, numbered in the hundreds.

"We're definitely concerned that the population has fallen to low a number it may not be able to rebound," said Cynthia Martinez, assistant field supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Southern Nevada office. "This is the lowest number ever. It's a very serious situation."

Death Valley assistant chief David Ek put it this way: "If they don't breed this spring, the hellcats, over the next season, they'll be gone in a year, year and a half."

On Thursday, a special recovery team is expected to convene in Las Vegas to weigh possible emergency measures, then make recommendations to Fish and Wildlife managers and National Park Service Regional Manager John Jarvis.

Options include capturing fish and breeding them in controlled conditions elsewhere, then restocking Devil's Hole with the offspring, or just leaving the site alone in hopes the fish can rebound without human help.

Time is running out, biologists said, because of the precarious life cycle and population dynamics of what ichthyologists call one of the rarest fish in the world in one of the world's most restricted habitats.

"Threats abound," said Death Valley biologist Linda Manning. "This fish is almost infertile,

with females laying up to 10 eggs in their 10-month life span. So we're hoping there are enough fish of breeding age to begin spawning."

Scientists from California and Nevada have worked for decades to save the fish. About 30 miles north of this Mojave Desert valley, Devil's Hole is part of Death Valley National Park, even though it lies in Nevada outside the main park boundary.

There are other kinds of pupfish in the desert, but the Devil's Hole species is unique — as is its unlikely home.

The "hole" is a large, sloping depression with a pool of water at the base. The pool is just 10 feet across and 1 foot long but amazingly deep. Divers have ventured down 468 feet without reaching the bottom.

Key to the pupfish's survival is a 25-foot-thick slab of rock that juts into the pool, just a few inches below the surface. The fish spawn on the slab, which often is covered with layers of gravel and pebbles washed into the pool by rain.

Water temperatures average about 93 degrees, and the fish's primary food source, a thin blanket of green algae, grows here.

On a recent weekday, a dozen pupfish could be seen browsing among the submerged algae meadows, paddling slowly or darting off to chase away invaders.

Beyond the shelf, where the pool becomes deep, the water is tinted blue by high concentrations of minerals, including calcium carbonate.

The Devil's Hole pupfish thrived until the late 1960s, when the water level and pupfish numbers began to fall precipitously because of irrigation pumping.

The population crash triggered a classic environmental clash between conservationists, who wanted to stop the pumping to save the fish, and locals who placed a higher value on economic growth.

But popular bumper stickers at the time were "Save the Pupfish" and "Kill the Pupfish."

The conflict ended up in the U.S. Supreme Court, where it was resolved in favor of the pupfish. Later, federal authorities tried to secure the creature's future by surrounding the hole with barbed wire fences and radio antennae.

But the pupfish's troubles were far from over.

Over the past decade, "for as yet unknown reasons, we've seen a gradual decline in population," said James Deacon, a University of Nevada emeritus professor of environmental studies and the leading expert on the pupfish. "It may be be-

cause a larger percentage of fish have been laying their eggs in the deeper water, where they can't develop as well."

Deacon has also discovered that security fences rimming the Devil's Hole have prevented gravel and pebbles from washing into the pool. Such infusions are needed to renew the pupfish's habitat.

He's also concerned that a metal walkway, suspended over the pool and used by federal divers to avoid stepping on the rock shelf, has somehow affected the fish's environment.

Then there was the pupfish crisis of Sept. 11, 2004: Empty fish traps had been stuck by researchers on dry land, but a flash flood sent them tumbling into the pool. The traps, made of glass jars outfitted with inverted funnels, were used by researchers who caught, studied, then quickly released the fish.

"A week later, we returned to discover jars floating on the shelf, or broken," recalled Manning. "Many of those intact had captured fish in them. We lost about 80 fish."

"It was a stunning, horrible, nauseating discovery," she said.

The incident was immediately reported to park officials, who said they did not announce the accident to the public at the time because they were overwhelmed by flood-related problems throughout the park.

Biologists fear that, given their short lifespan and troubled breeding cycles, as few as 50 pupfish will remain in the pool by the time mating season arrives.

Another 40 or so Devil's Hole pupfish are being studied in artificial conditions at a Fish and Wildlife facility at Hohenstein, Nev. Those fish, too, however, are steadily declining in numbers.

Surveying a dozen survivors meandering about in the hole on the southern flanks of a limestone butte atop the park's mountain, Ek said, "Doing nothing doesn't seem a realistic alternative."

But with the population so low and in decline, we don't have much room for error," he said. "Whatever we do, we have to do it quickly."



David Ek of the National Park Service points to a pupfish in Devil's Hole, Nev. Two years ago hundreds of the fish lived in the pool, part of the Death Valley park. Fewer than 80 remain.



A barrier topped with barbed wire surrounds Devil's Hole. It was erected in an effort to protect the fish, whose fate was the focus of a 1976 Supreme Court battle as conservationists fought to stem the pumping of water for irrigation. The court ruled for the fish.

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Nasdaq Composite	-11.11
	2,255.87
Standard & Poor's 500	-1.27
	1,263.78
Russell 2000	-3.00
	718.16

### Stocks of focal interest

Albersons	\$25.12	+0.04
Con Agri	\$20.57	+0.07
Doll Inc.	\$31.21	+0.31
Idacorp	\$31.13	+0.13
Micron	\$16.26	+0.09

### Commodities

Oil, by barrel	\$62.82	+0.07
(March, light sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$92.25	+0.52
Gold (Feb.)	\$586.1	+14.3

### Barley Commission meeting Feb. 17

BOISE — The Idaho Barley Commission will hold a quarterly commission meeting Feb. 17 at the Idaho Barley Commission office, 421 W. State St. The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. at the conclusion of the annual research review. All barley growers and other interested parties are invited. Hearing impaired and handicapped assistance is available with advance request. Call (208) 334-2090.

### Delta pilots threaten strike

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc. pilots aren't mincing words anymore: The chairman of the union's executive committee said Thursday the pilots will strike if their contract is thrown out as part of the carrier's attempt to impose \$325 million in concessions.

The chairman, Lee Monk, also told The Associated Press that the airline has informed the union that it believes the pilots' defined benefit pension plan will be terminated.

### BlackBerry trying to stay online

NEW YORK — The operator of the BlackBerry wireless e-mail device Thursday said it has filed a software "workaround" that would keep its service running if a court bars the use of its current system in a patent dispute. Research In Motion Ltd. has previously said that it was developing such a workaround. The latest announcement appears to be a way for the company to strengthen its hand in settlement negotiations with NTP Inc. of Arlington, Va.-based company that has convinced a federal judge that RIM's software infringed on its patents. NTP is now seeking an injunction that would shut down BlackBerry service for private-sector U.S. users. Legal observers have characterized the chance of a shutdown as slim, partly because NTP would benefit more over the long term by exacting royalties from RIM.

### Oracle to cut jobs

SAN FRANCISCO — Business software maker Oracle Corp. said Thursday that it will cut about 2,000 jobs, or more than 3 percent of its work force, as it digs for bigger profits from its recent \$5.85 billion takeover of Siebel Systems Inc. of Redwood Shores, Calif.-based Oracle inherited 4,700 Siebel workers in the acquisition, but most of the cuts will be concentrated among employees on the company payroll before the deal closed last week.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

# FCC: A la carte TV is cheaper

## Report says pick-and-pay cable TV would save consumers money

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most cable TV subscribers would save money if allowed to pay for only the channels they want, a Federal Communications Commission study said Thursday, reversing the agency's earlier finding that consumers wouldn't benefit.

The analysis by FCC staff provides new support for consumer groups and conservatives pushing for a pick-and-choose pricing system to replace the bundled services offered by the cable industry. Cable companies fear that would diminish their wide distribution.

The study gives added ammunition to lawmakers and regulators who see "a la carte" as a way to clean up rancid television by giving parents more control over the channels their children watch.

"I am pleased that the commission has concluded that 'a la carte' offering could reduce consumers' cable bills by as much as 13 percent," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who plans to introduce legislation next week to create and promote use of the a la carte system.

"The report confirms what I have believed for years — if consumers are allowed to choose the channels their families view then their monthly cable bill will be less," he said.

Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said if a la carte won't cost consumers more, "I will support an effort to take such an approach, subject to discussions with providers on the downside of such a process."

The industry's main trade group, the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, was quick to point out the downside it sees.

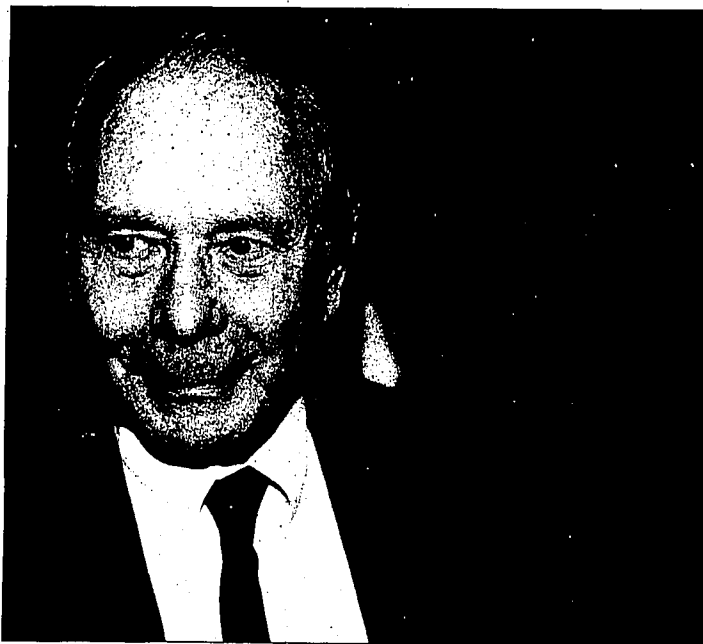
Washington has no place mandating how the industry runs its business, said Kyle McSlarrow, the group's president.

"Over the last 25 years, the American free enterprise system created the most diverse video programming on earth

with the best value for the customer," he said. "It is disappointing that the updated report relies on assumptions that are not in line with the reality of the marketplace."

Currently, Congress requires cable companies to offer a basic service package that includes local broadcast stations. The companies also offer expanded basic packages that typically include bundles of cable networks such as ESPN

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Maurice Greenberg, former CEO of American International Group, attends a Police Athletic League ceremony in New York on May 12. AIG says it has announced a \$1.6 billion settlement Thursday with American International Group Inc., which has been accused of involvement in an insurance bid-rigging case and the use of deceptive accounting practices.

# Government announces its settlement with AIG

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — American International Group Inc., one of the world's largest insurance companies, has agreed to pay \$1.6 billion to resolve allegations that it used deceptive accounting practices to mislead investors and regulatory agencies.

The deal — believed to be the biggest concluded by regulators with a single company — also requires the New York-based firm to adopt changes in its business practices that will ensure proper accounting procedures in the future.

AIG said in a statement that the settlement was approved by its board "in the best interest of the company."

The pact announced Thursday set a civil lawsuit filed last May by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer with backing from the New York State Insurance Department and the U.S. Justice Department, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, which also worked with Spitzer on the

investigation, filed and settled allegations of accounting fraud with the company simultaneously.

The settlement does not cover Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, the company's former chairman and chief executive, who was named in the suit but who has pledged to fight it in court.

While acknowledging the civil misconduct and facing a huge fine, AIG at the same time escapes the threat that a criminal case could have been brought.

The Justice Department said that AIG's agreement spares the company criminal prosecution in exchange for its cooperation with the ongoing federal criminal investigation. Shareholders welcomed the announcement, sending AIG shares up 75 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$67.13 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

AIG said that under the settlement it will pay \$100 million for investors who were deceived by AIG's accounting

tactics, including a \$100 million penalty to the SEC. In addition, it will pay \$375 million to AIG policyholders, \$344 million to states harmed by AIG's practices from 1986 to 1995 involving state workers' compensation funds, and fines of \$100 million to the state of New York and \$25 million to the U.S. Justice Department.

AIG said it would take a \$1.15 billion after-tax charge to increase its earnings report to cover the settlement. It also announced that it would take a \$1.1 billion charge to increase its reserves to reflect the completion of a recently concluded internal risk study.

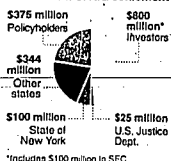
AIG said that as part of the deal, it also has agreed "to remain for a period of three years an independent consultant who will conduct a review" of the company's accounting and internal controls.

Donald Light, senior insurance analyst with Celent, a Boston-based research and consulting company, said the settlement "means AIG's board

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#### Breakdown of AIG settlement



\*Includes \$100 million to SEC

and management is off the hook for anything worse ... such as a criminal case."

He added: "They're paying a lot of money for that, but AIG is huge and this amounts to less than 2 percent of shareholders' equity."

Spitzer told The Associated Press in an interview, "This is a company that didn't have to cheat. But once they began, they found it hard to stop. And like an addict, they grew dependent on financial gamesmanship that could ultimately destroy the company."

### ENRON TRIAL

## Witness: Lay leapt to replace Skilling

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Enron Corp.'s former investor-relations chief on Thursday acknowledged that founder Kenneth Lay had jumped back into nuts-and-bolts management of his company when he resumed the role of chief executive after Jeffrey Skilling resigned less than four months before Enron collapsed in December 2001.

"He had to get more involved, yes," Mark Koenig said in response to cross-examination by lead lawyer Michael Ramsey on the witness stand. Koenig is the government's first witness in the fraud and conspiracy trial of his former boss.

"He was involved before, but he took on a whole new duty," Koenig said. Lay remained chairman of Enron throughout 2001, but he ceded the CEO position to Skilling in February that year. Skilling abruptly resigned six months later.

Lay's new duties included a hastily arranged conference call with Wall Street analysts on the day Enron announced Skilling's resignation in mid-August 2001, Koenig said. He said Enron was obligated to make executives available on the call to try to calm any market jitters sparked by the unexpected resignation.

Ramsey questioning appeared to try to highlight what Lay claimed publicly when he was indicted in July 2004: Lay knew of no skullduggery and was like a student cramming for an exam when his hand-picked successor as CEO quit.

"We think the company's on solid footing," Lay told analysts on the August 2001 conference call played in court for the jury. On the same call, Skilling tried to reassure analysts that his departure was "purely a personal decision" and he stressed that it had nothing to do with Enron.

Ramsey lawyer Daniel Petrocco called earlier in the trial that he wrapped up three days of cross-examination, sought to show how Skilling discussed his departure with analysts in conference calls earlier in 2001. Those discussions included the meltdown of the telecom industry in 2001 as Enron pushed its venture

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# Power council analysis says Bush proposal will raise BPA rates

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A Bush administration budget proposal to divert surplus electricity sales from the Bonneville Power Administration could force a 7 percent rate increase by 2008, a new study says.

Utility customers would see a rate increase about half that amount, reducing personal income by \$109 million and cutting 1,120 jobs in the Pacific Northwest, according to an analysis released Thursday by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

The chairman of the regional council criticized the proposal but an administration spokesman said it would benefit Northwest ratepayers in the long run.

The president's 2006 budget, released this week, would require Bonneville to give the U.S. Treasury all revenue in excess of \$500 million annually

from the sale of surplus electricity.

"The Treasury would use the cash to reduce Bonneville's federal debt, increasing the amount the power marketing agency could borrow in the future for construction projects such as transmission system improvements."

"In spite of the short-term increase in power rates, we believe Bonneville customers will benefit in the longer term through lower rates and better access to capital to improve and upgrade critical infrastructure and facilities," said Craig

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MONEY

Homes no longer instant money machines

By Joanne Cleaver - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — No more remodeling for the Novakowskis. Over the past 20 years, they've redone everything — windows, floors and added a master suite — in their Greenfield, Wis., house.

Each project has brought their once-faded home in line with its prettier neighbors. Larry Novakowski figures that he and his wife, Nina, will get back every dollar of what they've spent, some of it from some equity loans, thanks to rapidly rising house prices.

But now the Novakowskis are throwing in the towel. They've hit the payback ceiling. If they cash out the house to create the opportunity, they probably won't get that equity back on real estate.

Their value appreciation "is peaked," said Larry Novakowski. "It won't happen any more. Now we're cashing in our investment."

The couple expects to soon put their house on the market for about \$250,000. They want to buy a condo to get the floor plan they want and get rid of the burdensome yard work they don't want. Since 2001, the couple has been simple: 1 + 1 =

3, with a being reasonable rates for home equity borrowing, and other 1, relentless demand, and the 3, the exhilarating rise in the value of most houses.

It's back to 1 + 1 = 2. Interest rates are rising and the rate of house appreciation is slowing. Taken together, the likely result will be less home equity borrowing. That probably translates to less remodeling for people who were counting on cash-out refinancing and home equity loans to reinvest in their houses. And they won't see those improvements recouped as quickly or reflected in higher house prices.

Sales in several retail sectors, too, will feel the crunch in home equity loans. That's because a lot of mortgages were refinances. That will drive to 32 percent this year, said Frank Nofhahi, chief economist for Freddie Mac. Between 70 percent and 80 percent of those who refinance pull cash out. "That's a lot of cash flowing into the economy," he said.

Indications are that home ownership is declining and borrowing less this year anyway. A national poll released in January, the Experian-Gallup Personal Credit Index, found that only 6 percent of Americans are likely or somewhat likely to take out home equity

loans this year. You're not going to be able to draw cash out of your house anymore," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer for Harris Private Bank in Chicago. "Hundreds of billions in equity are coming out of your house anymore, and a fair amount of that is being spent." The real boom presupposes increases in housing prices. All it takes is for housing to go flat and the housing story is over.

Indeed, the number of home equity loans is dropping. The Mortgage Bankers Association reported on Jan. 18 that compared to mid-January last year, the number of new refinance loan applications has plummeted 19.7 percent.

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Meanwhile, the galloping rise of house prices in Manhattan has been slowing. Nationally, average house prices in the third quarter of 2005 increased 12 percent compared with the third quarter of 2004, a meaningful slackening from the 14 percent rate in the second quarter of last year, according to the Office of Federal Housing Oversight.

At a National Savings Bank in Greenfield, president Jim Podewils is seeing homeowners scale back their home improvement expectations. They're still willing to pull out equity for a kitchen or bath remodel — two projects that are both the most expensive and that have the highest payback.

But they're asking themselves "do they need the granite countertops?" Or can they get by with Corian? he said. Family room aspirations are sinking. Under the proposal the UAW has been outlining to lawmakers this week, automakers that invest in fuel-efficient technologies such as hybrid vehicles, will be eligible for support to reduce health benefits. The name comes from the aid

Sen. Clinton backs auto industry aid

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, an early favorite among Democrats for the 2008 presidential nomination, told the United Auto Workers on Wednesday that she backs their efforts to launch a "Marshall Plan" for the U.S. auto industry. Clinton's speech capped four days of rallying by the UAW aimed at making the health of the U.S. auto industry a key issue in the 2006 midterm election. With the bankruptcy of General Corp. and 50,000 planned job cuts from General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. on the way, the unions' leaders and supporters urged the 1,600 delegates to push the union's agenda on health care and other issues.

"What Delphi is about is a signal to working people in this country that their days in the middle class are over unless they stand up and fight like they've never fought before," said Vermont Independent Rep. Bernie Sanders.

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program the United States offers to help European nations rebuild after World War II. It was named for then-Secretary of State George C. Marshall.

Clinton, D-N.Y., said some in Washington have a "fatalistic" view that job losses and benefit cuts are inevitable in the U.S. auto industry and that, without action, "we could see the unraveling of the American auto manufacturing sector."

"The manufacturers and the UAW have called for a Marshall Plan. Let's marshal our forces and get it done," Clinton said. "It's not about the future of America."

Clinton echoed some of the other major themes the UAW is pushing such as health care reform, limits on free trade agreements and research for energy-efficient technologies. She also attacked the Bush administration on the economy, energy and national security, warning that Republicans are prepared to "play the fear card" in elections and attack the patriotism of critics.

"Since when has it been part of American patriotism to keep our mouths shut and not raise questions?" Clinton asked. Referring to Osama bin Laden, she said, "You cannot explain to me why bin Laden was captured or killed the tallest man in Afghanistan."

Stocks sag at close despite strong earnings, labor news

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street's momentum sagged Thursday, leaving the major indexes mixed after investors' enthusiasm over a six-year low in unemployment claims and strong corporate earnings waned in the face of longer-term economic worries.

With lingering questions re-

maining about the health of the economy, interest rates, oil prices and geopolitics, investors took profits in late trading, focusing on the energy and technology sectors that led the most recent rallies.

"Most companies have already reported their earnings, and I think we're getting to a

quiet period where it can be tough to keep anything positive going," said Hans Olsen, managing director and chief investment officer at Bingham Legg Advisors. "There's still a lot out there to deal with."

While weekly first-time jobless claims rose slightly, Wall Street was initially encouraged

after the Labor Department said the four-week moving average of claims, a strong indicator of the labor market's health, fell to its lowest level since April 2000. Positive earnings reports from Best Buy Co. Inc. and Aetna Inc. also cheered would-be buyers for much of the session.

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Inouye resigns amid some signs of success at Gateway Cable

By Terri Yue Jones
Los Angeles Times
The abrupt resignation of Gateway Inc. Chief Executive Wayne Inouye... Thrusday that the computer maker's turnaround strategy might be faltering just as competition in the PC industry is turning a tailwind.

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worked for 15 years for electronics retailers Best Buy Co. and Good Guys Inc. and pushed Gateway's products into those channels.

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and CNN. For HBO, Showtime and other premium services, consumer pay an additional fee.

In Thursday's report, FCC said that its November 2004 report was wrong to conclude that the average cable household — which watches about 17 channels — would likely face a monthly rate increase of up to 30 percent over the next year.

According to today's report, a careful analysis reveals that a rate and increased tiering could offer consumers greater choice and the opportunity to lower their bills, FCC said.

The 53-year-old Inouye presided over a reorganization plan that boosted Gateway's presence in retail stores such as Best Buy. Revenues rose steadily last week, Gateway reported its first annual profit since 2000.

Del and HP are the world's largest PC makers, with 33.5 percent and 19.4 percent of the

thousands of workers and 100,000 corporate headquarters from the San Diego area of Poway to Irvine. Considered a shell retail strategist, Inouye

diversified and a board member in 1991. He helped take Gateway public in 1993 and was named president and chief operating officer in 1995.

The latest report also said that the FCC's earlier decision saved 3 percent to 13 percent on their bills under a rate. It noted that earlier assumptions that a rate would lead consumers to watch two hours less

Consumer groups cheered the latest findings. "We think this is really going to open up a whole new debate on the benefits of having consumers pick their own channels on cable television," said Gene Kimmelman, senior director for public policy and advocacy at Consumers Union.

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## NATION IN BRIEF

### Man found guilty of kidnapping

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — A man who has refused to reveal the whereabouts of his children nearly two years ago was found guilty Thursday of kidnapping the youngsters to terrorize his ex-wife.

The jury took about four hours to convict Daniel Porter, 42. Porter has given various accounts of what happened to his children — that he killed them, that he sold them, that they are now a part of a pornography ring.

Sam and Lindsey have not been seen since June 2004, when Porter picked them up from his ex-wife, Tina Porter, at the Independence airport. They were 7 and 6 at the time.

After the verdict, Porter left the courtroom hiding his face behind a yellow legal pad. His ex-wife cried and hugged prosecutors.

He could get up to 36 years in prison for criminal kidnapping and terrorist kidnapping. In closing arguments, prosecutor Bronwyn Werner said Porter used the children to get back at his ex-wife. "He did this to hurt her. That's what he said. He did it to punish her," Werner said. "He did it to spite her."

Defense attorney Tim Burdick said that Porter was abused as a child and that his actions were aimed at protecting his children. "There is no way that my children are going to grow up like I did," Burdick quoted Porter as saying.

Porter was sentenced last year to 10 years in prison on an unrelated gun charge. Prosecutors had hoped the sentence would persuade him to reveal his children's whereabouts.

### Pair charged in alleged weapons plot

MIAMI — A Taiwanese man and a Frenchman were charged Thursday with attempting to buy and export to China cruise missiles, an F-16 fighter engine and other military parts and weaponry.

Ko-Suen "Bill" Moo, of Taipei, was also accused in the indictment of being a covert Chinese agent and attempting to pay \$300,000 bribe to gain release from U.S. custody. He has been held since November and has pleaded not guilty to the illegal export charges.

The other man indicted, Maurice Serge Voros of Paris, remains at large.

The activities described in the indictment are illegal under the Arms Export Control Act.

Since 2000, there have been more than 400 investigations into alleged efforts by Chinese agents or front companies to buy or illegally divert U.S.-made weapons, military components and sensitive technology, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials.

According to the indictment, Moo deposited \$3.9 million in a Swiss bank account to pay for weaponry after he allegedly met with people he thought could arrange the sale. They were in fact undercover U.S. agents.

If convicted on all counts, Moo would face up to 50 years in prison and Voros could get up to 35 years behind bars.

### Brawls force L.A. jails into lockdown

LOS ANGELES — All seven Los Angeles County jails were on lockdown Thursday after another brawl broke out between Hispanic and black inmates, continuing a week of rioting that has resulted in scores of inmates and killed one.

Five racially motivated fights broke out Wednesday, the largest involving about 300 inmates in a dorm at the medium-security North Facility of Pitchess Detention Center in Castaic, about 40 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles, said Sheriff's Sgt. Don Manuella.

"Deans were able to regain control of the facility, and at this time they're investigating the cause of the disturbance," he said.

Total of 19 inmates were injured in the fighting Wednesday, one critically, said Sheriff's Deputy Bill Spear.

— compiled from wire reports

# Girls start drug use at higher rate than boys

## Study comes as overall abuse declines

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In a reversal of past trends, teenage girls are trying marijuana, alcohol and cigarettes at higher rates than boys, the White House drug czar said Thursday.

The findings from a new government analysis come even as teen drug use is declining overall.

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health, released by John Walters, the national drug policy director, indicates 1.5 million girls ages 12 to 17 started drinking alcohol in 2004, the most recent year for which data is available. That compares with

1.2 million boys. Among the same age group, 730,000 girls started smoking cigarettes in 2004, compared with 565,000 boys, and 675,000 girls starting using marijuana, compared with 577,000 boys, the survey found.

The nationwide survey, based on interviews with 70,000 families, also found that girls surpassed boys in abusing prescription drugs. Of the youths surveyed in 2004, 14.4 percent of girls and 12.5 percent of boys reported misusing prescription drugs.

"This is the first time that we've recorded this kind of relationship between boys' and

girls' drug use," said Walters. "In the past, boys have had higher rates of use, and significantly higher rates of use at certain times in the past."

Overall illicit drug use among youths 12 to 17 has declined 19 percent since 2001, according to the survey.

"In order to drive it down further, we have to deal with today's substance abuse reality, and today's reality is, girls have been using at higher rates than boys in critical areas," Walters said.

Experts who joined Walters at a news conference in a Manhattan hotel said girls' use of drugs, alcohol and cigarettes is particu-

larly alarming because girls are more vulnerable to their effects.

"Boys and girls react to drugs differently," said Dr. Warren Seigel, past president of the New York State chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Seigel said research has shown that girls may become addicted to nicotine faster than boys and even moderate drinking can disrupt their growth and the development of their reproductive systems.

"It's imperative that parents understand that these differences exist, and understand the differences between girls and boys, because it requires some different parenting skills," he said.

Dr. Ralph Lopez, an associate professor at Cornell University's School of Medicine, College and the author of "The Teen Health Book: A Parents' Guide to Adolescent Health and Well-Being," said teenage girls are at risk for drug and alcohol use because they feel pressure to succeed academically and also to look perfect.

"They have to be skinny and gorgeous," he said. "We don't do that to the boys."

Lopez said many parents are afraid to confront their children about drugs.

"I'm afraid that our parents have dropped the ball in many cases," he said. "I have a line in my practice that if you are popular with your kids, you're doing something wrong."

# TURNING ON THE LIGHTS



Walter Vine, an experienced contractor, used his knowledge to cut through the red tape to get power to his home and others on his street who have returned home. Vine said his uncle a licensed electrician certified the work.

## Tired of waiting, New Orleans residents break law to get electricity

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Tired of waiting in the dark for the lights to come back on, Walter Vine took matters into his own hands: He unscrewed his electrical meter and rigged it to bring power into his flood-damaged home.

Vine, a building contractor, broke the law and risked serious injury or death. But like so many others in this hurricane-ravaged city, he figured it was the only way to avoid the red tape and hair-pulling frustration so many have faced in trying to get their electricity restored.

"People cannot possibly do this by the book and stay in the city," said Vine, who lives a block from one of the city's former mayors in the upper-middle-class Broadmoor neighborhood.

Five months after Katrina plunged New Orleans into darkness, roughly 124,000 homes and businesses — or more than 66 percent of the city's structures — still have no

electricity, according to the utility, Entergy New Orleans.

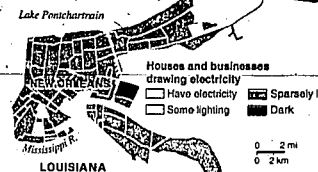
The really frustrating part is that since December, power has been restored to 90 percent of the electrical grid — and the street lights are back on in many neighborhoods — yet only one-third of homeowners cut-drain-juice-into-their homes.

That is largely because the city requires a permit before the utility can reconnect a meter at any home whose wiring was damaged by flooding. Getting that permit from one of the city's few electrical inspectors has been a bureaucratic nightmare involving phone calls, waiting in line at city offices and waiting some more at home.

Greg Meffers, one of two deputy mayors, could not say how many residents have

### Red tape keeping lights off

Only 34 percent of the homes and businesses in New Orleans are currently drawing electricity, even though power has been restored to 90 percent of the city.



SOURCES: Greater New Orleans Community Data Center, New Orleans City Planning; Entergy, U.S. Census Bureau, ESRF

taken matters into their own hands, but acknowledged the practice appears to be widespread.

The Associated Press interviewed six people who restored power to their homes on their own. Two of them showed the AP how it done.

"It's better than sitting in the dark," said Jeff Bennett, 40, who broke a small lock on his Entergy electric meter, unscrewed the glass bubble and popped off two pieces of plastic that locked the current out of the house. It was that simple. Bennett is living in a trailer home, parked alongside his gutted house. The trailer is

powered by an orange extension cord running to a socket inside his house.

For weeks after he rigged his meter, Bennett would wake up and hurry out in his boxer shorts in the morning call to unplug the cord, in case the inspector showed up. In December, two months after he turned the power on himself, the inspector finally arrived.

"We weren't supposed to do it. But everybody is so fed up," said retired David Snyder, 74, who lives in a pink stucco house. An electrician tipped him off to how to fix the meter to accept power.

## Teens forced to rob banks

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Twice in recent weeks, armed men have abducted teens from public places and forced them to rob banks, Prince George's County, Md., police said.

The teens walked into local banks with notes announcing robberies, then walked out with bags of cash, police said. They then handed the money over to the gunman, who fled, according to police.

The teens are considered victims and were not arrested, said Cpl. Debbie Morrison, a police spokeswoman.

Prince George's police are working with the FBI and Montgomery County, Md., police, who are investigating a similar bank robbery that happened Wednesday. In that incident, a 14-year-old was arrested for robbing a bank on Wisconsin Avenue but not charged with a crime.

The first Prince George's abduction and robbery happened at 4 p.m., Jan. 20, two blocks from police headquarters.

Two suspects approached a 15-year-old, saying they had a weapon and they would hurt the teen if he did not comply. They took him to a Wachovia bank and forced him to pass a note to the teller demanding money, police said.

They then took him to a SunTrust Bank and again forced him to rob the bank, police said.

The suspects then fled, and the teen ran to a nearby business and called police.

The second abduction happened on Feb. 6 at 6 a.m., when a suspect armed with a gun approached a teen while he was on a Metro bus. The suspect said he would hurt the teen if he did not comply.

He took the teen to a SunTrust and told him to pass a teller a note demanding money. The suspect then took the money and ran away.

Bank employees called police and gave a description of the teen who had robbed the bank. Patrol officers quickly spotted the teen and stopped him. The teen explained what had happened, police said.

Montgomery County police spokesman Lt. Eric Burnett said detectives are investigating similarities between those cases and Wednesday's robbery at a Bethesda bank.

Burnett said he could not confirm whether the suspect in Wednesday's case was abducted. The spokesman said detectives do not believe he participated in the robberies in Prince Georges.

## Study: Drug stops HIV transmission from moms to children

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The drug nevirapine prevents the spread of the AIDS virus from mother to child time after time, a new study suggests, challenging earlier findings.

The new research presented Wednesday at a scientific meeting in Denver found that in Ugandan women who received the drug during a first pregnancy, HIV transmission was prevented during second

pregnancies as well. The research may ease concerns raised in previous studies that HIV develops resistance to the drug, said Dr. Michael Thigpen, a medical epidemiologist with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Based on these findings, we believe nevirapine, in repeat pregnancies remains an effective option in these resource-limited countries," said Thigpen, who is part of the

research team.

The study looked at 198 women treated in 2004 and 2005 at a hospital in Kampala, Uganda. Nevirapine is an inexpensive and easy-to-take medication that has become a mainstay in the effort to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission in poor countries. Proponents say the drug cuts the transmission risk in half.

Mothers receive a pill when they go into labor, and their

newborns get the medication in a syrup within 72 hours of birth.

The drug came into question in earlier studies done in South Africa and Uganda, which found that 20 percent to 40 percent of HIV-infected women developed resistance to nevirapine after taking one dose to protect their newborns from getting the infection.

The new research found that the HIV infection rate was 14.6

percent for babies born to nevirapine-treated women who also took the drug during a previous pregnancy. The rate was 17.6 percent for nevirapine-treated women who were not given the drug during an earlier pregnancy.

The research is good news, said Mark Isaacs, a vice president for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, which funds HIV/AIDS research and worldwide treatment programs.



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# A different kind of mission

## Airmen offer support to troops below

By Thomas E. Ricks  
The Washington Post



Air Force Lt. Col. Polo Gersten, an F-16 squadron commander in Balad, Iraq, said his fighter jets are used for surveillance and ground combat support.

BAHAD, Iraq — Air Force Lt. Col. Polo Gersten, an F-16 squadron commander here, is presiding over air operations that have surprisingly little in common with those of other recent wars.

In the 1991 Persian Gulf War, or the bombing campaigns in Bosnia and Kosovo in the 1990s, Air Force B-2 bombers commonly flew 8,000 miles to drop their payloads. These days, fighter jets based at Balad air base, in the middle of Iraq's Sunni triangle, sometimes drop 500-pound bombs just two miles from the targets, and watchtowers that surround the base.

Gersten says he spends most of his time in the cockpit of his F-16, which is equipped with reconnaissance and intelligence. He recently helped track an automobile for half an hour through the streets of the northern town of Mosul before the suspected insurgents driving it were apprehended. Piloting a high-performance aircraft while keeping an eye on traffic in a busy city was "a surprisingly complicated mission," he said.

The F-16s, with sensors and imaging devices, are also proving useful at detecting roadside bombs — and sometimes at bombing the insurgents planting them. Air Force planes also are being used to patrol oil pipelines, electricity transmission lines and convoy routes. As a result, most of the Air Force's time aloft is being devoted to what it considers non-traditional missions.

There was a spike in airstrikes last year, with 163 conducted from October through December, but Brig. Gen. Frank Gorenc, the Air Force com-

mander at Balad, said that was "a harbinger of a new phase in the war. Rather, he said, the increase was an anomaly brought on by three factors: a pre-election crackdown on the insurgency, a drive by U.S. Marines to interdict insurgents in western Iraq, and the use of F-16 fighters to detect and hit insurgent mortar teams.

Because of the new anti-mortar mission, Balad is where the most airstrikes have been conducted recently. Insurgent mortar attacks against the Balad base dropped noticeably after a 500-pound bomb was dropped on the team of assaulters believed to be the most proficient at firing off several mortar rounds and then quickly escaping. "I'm a big believer in counter-fire now," Gorenc said.

Historically, close air support — helping troops on the ground — was a small part of what Air Force pilots were trained to do, along with air-to-air combat,

escorting other aircraft, strategic bombing, refueling and other missions. Here, Gersten said, close air support is the entire mission, either in supporting troops with firepower, or more commonly, helping them gather information.

F-16 pilots here said they enjoy the work. "We're here to support the guys," said Capt. Burke Wooten of East Bend, N.C.

Sitting with Wooten in the squadron ready room at the end of the Balad runway, Capt. Justin Robinson, of Mobile, Ala., agreed: "The other day, I could tell a guy was running when he was talking to me. I wanted to do whatever I could to help him."

The huge amount of reconnaissance work being done in Iraq puts the air force in more intimate contact with ground troops than in the 1991 Gulf War. Not only can pilots use infrared sensors to detect

insurgents in hiding, they can guide U.S. troops to them, but with voice directions by radio and through a new system called Rover that allows them to send real-time video images to ground forces.

Often, some of the most effective close air support is provided not by Air Force fighter pilots but by the unmanned aircraft known as Predators. At any given time, four Predators are circling Iraq, flying 20-hour missions that focus on spotting insurgent activity and occasionally firing Hellfire missiles, usually to destroy houses where insurgents are hiding. Ground units especially like to have the unmanned aircraft overhead watching their flanks while they conduct operations such as raids, he said.

## In for the long haul: Even with troop reductions, military sees extended stay in Iraq



U.S. commanding general in Iraq Gen. George W. Casey Jr. speaks to soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division in Baghdad on Dec. 20. Casey is expected to recommend more cuts in the number of troops in Iraq this spring.

and ultimately withdrawal, depends on the performance of the Iraq forces. Many of these units — whose ranks are heavy with Shiites and Kurds — have yet to be tested and lack an adequate supply and logistics system to operate without U.S. help.

Much attention will be directed at Iraqi police units due to take control of towns in Diyala province, a tense religiously mixed territory northeast of Baghdad. U.S. troops will be standing by in case the Iraqis cannot maintain control.

All of that points to a long and difficult struggle — almost certainly with U.S. help.

"The Iraq security forces have disintegrated on two previous occasions, in early 2004 and late 2004," said John Pike of the security think tank GlobalVantage. "They will probably be a work in progress for some time to come."

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The timetable for handover,

# Cartoons harden lines between Europe, Islam

By Paul Haven  
Associated Press writer

Analysis

MADRID, Spain — The images have been shocking: a mob pouring over the ruins of a fire-gutted Danish Embassy. Bullets cutting the air as thousands try to storm a U.S. military base in Afghanistan. A British Muslim protester's banner urging "Behead those that insult Islam."

The firestorm that has swept the globe since European newspapers published cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad is an alarming demonstration of the growing friction between Islam and the West. Beyond the recent drama is a complex debate that goes to the heart of what a liberal democracy should be.

Can it be so tolerant that it accepts the most provocative speech? Can it survive if it bows to those who reject its liberties on religious or cultural grounds?

With the threat of Islamic terrorism lurking, Europe and the West are grappling with questions such as how to set the limits of freedom, and what cultural values immigrants must adopt as the price of admission.

"It is very difficult for a liberal democracy to deal with those that want to completely undermine the fabric on which liberal democracy is built," said Richard Whitman, an analyst at Chatham House, a London think tank. "This is an absolutely new challenge for liberal democracies."

The controversy erupted after cartoons first published by a Danish newspaper in September were reprinted by a Norwegian paper last month. The drawings have subsequently appeared in other media, mostly in Europe, with some newspapers arguing their publication is a matter of free speech.

Millions of Muslims see the cartoons as a deliberate insult to their religion, which is interpreted to forbid any depiction of Muhammad.

The battle lines between Islam and Europe have been hardening for years, spurred on by global conflicts and local discontent.

From the grim housing projects of Paris to the ethnic Pakistani community of Leeds, England, high unemployment, discrimination and a lack of acceptance have fostered a sense of persecution and exclusion.

Anger over the U.S.-led wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the tough European stance on Iran's nuclear program and the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians have stoked the fire.

Some also see darker forces behind the protests. Lebanon's interior minister — who submitted his resignation after rioters attacked the Danish Embassy there — said Islamic radicals were stirring up the violence, and police said more than half the protesters in Beirut were from Syria and the Palestinian territories.

The U.S. military in Afghanistan, where 11 people have died in protests, said the United States is examining whether extremist groups may be inciting the unrest.

Senior officials in Pakistan told The Associated Press they have noticed members of banned militant groups in some demonstrations.

The cartoons have undoubtedly led to anger among the masses. Many in the Arab and Muslim world see a double standard when it comes to free speech: give some European states outlawing the Holocaust and have cracked down on anti-Semitism.

"If I understand the Western democracy correctly, it allows the publication of cartoons that insult a prophet, religion and the followers of that religion because publication is part of freedom of expression, while it bans anyone to question the number of Jews that died in the Holocaust, because such violates freedom of expression," wrote Lebanese columnist Jihad al-Khazra.

One Iranian newspaper has vowed to publish provocative cartoons about the Holocaust to test whether the West extends freedom of expression to the Nazi genocide.

Dyab Abu Jahjah, the Brussels-based head of the Arab European League, said the latest flare-up must be viewed in context.

"The reaction would have been much more restrained at a more positive juncture in the Arab and Muslim world," he said. "Muslims do feel attacked."

They are not alone. Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, London and Madrid have suffered deadly Islamic bombings, and the Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh was slain by a Muslim who was offended by a film depicting Islam as cruel to women.

Many European nations have responded with anti-terror legislation that gives police greater latitude in dealing with suspects, outlaws speech that incites or glorifies terror and makes it easier to deport offenders.

Across the continent, extreme nationalist parties like the Flemish Bloc in Belgium and the National Front in France have made gains by exploiting fears of a rising tide of immigrants and refugees.

In the Netherlands, Van Gogh's slaying produced a swing to the right. New laws require mandatory citizenship and language classes for immigrants, restrict the entry of foreign brides and boost work permit fees. The country has also announced it was deporting 26,000 rejected asylum-seekers, and that it would keep new arrivals in detention camps.

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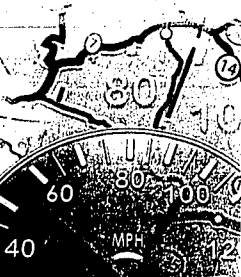
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2006 DODGE RAM 1500 MEGA CAB PICKUP

## Unparalleled interior comfort & versatility

**RoadWorthy!**  
By Ken Chester, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corporation

Out of Detroit comes the latest rendition of big pickup truck capabilities from Dodge—the Ram Mega Cab. Responding to the strong demand for full-size crew cab pickup trucks, Dodge introduces the largest, longest cab in the full-size market.

This is Texas-sized truck—big everything! Starting with the interior, the Mega Cab boasts the largest interior cargo volume, the largest cargo volume behind the rear seat, largest second seat leg room, largest rear door opening, largest rear door angle, and finally, rear seats that recline from 22 to 37 degrees. If six people cannot get comfortable in the Ram Mega Cab, they cannot get comfortable anywhere.

Available in SLT and Laramie trim levels, the Ram 1500 Mega Cab is derived from the 160.5-inch wheelbase Ram 2500 long cargo box model. Engineers re-proportioned the cab and pickup box by replacing the eight-foot cargo box with Ram 2500's 6-foot, 3-inch box, providing an additional 20 inches for the cab. The result is a cab length of 111.1 inches—some 12 inches longer than the nearest competitor.

As a result, all Mega Cab models are built on the Ram Heavy Duty structure. Chassis, frame, axles and wheels are combined with the 5.7 HEMI V8 joined to the standard 5-45RFE five-speed automatic with tow/haul mode to transfer torque to the ground.

On the road, the big Ram pickup is very responsive at speed—impressively easy to maneuver. The optional power fold away trailer-towing side-view mirrors feature a smaller concave mirror that provides awesome visibility around the truck and



The 2006 Dodge Ram 1500 Mega Cab—this is a Texas sized truck

### 2006 Dodge Ram Mega Cab by the Numbers

**MEGA CAB 2WD:**  
Wheelbase: 180.5; overall length: 247.7; width: 79.5; height: 74.5—measurements in inches.

**MEGA CAB 4WD:**  
Wheelbase: 180.3; overall length: 247.7; width: 79.5; height: 78.5—measurements in inches.

**ENGINE:**  
5.7L HEMI V8—345 hp at 5,400 rpm and 375 lbs-ft of torque at 4,200 rpm.

**TRANSMISSION:**  
five-speed automatic.

**Price** ■ The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2006 Dodge Ram 1500 Mega Cab pickup truck starts from \$31,860 for the 2WD SLT model up to \$40,175 for the 4WD Laramie pickup. Destination charges add \$900.

Cargo capacity: 71.0 cu. ft. Payload capacity: 2,430 lbs. Towing capacity: 8,750 lbs. **SAFETY FEATURES:** Dual front airbags, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, remote keyless entry and full-size spare tire. Laramie adds fog lights, alarm system and garage door opener. Optional safety features in-

clude limited slip differential, Uconnect communications system, remote control engine start and front and rear side-impact airbags.

**WARRANTY:** Basic: 3-year/36,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper. Corrosion: 5-year/100,000 mile. Roadside assistance: 3-year/36,000 mile, 24-hour.

greatly improves the driving experience.

Inside the cabin, a wide center "Swiss Army Knife" console reinforces the Mega Cab's larger interior dimen-

sions. The instrument panel features precise gauges and large, user-friendly buttons and knobs. In addition, generous storage bins and compartments, flexible-

sized cup holders and premium materials create a functional and upscale atmosphere.

Access to the Mega Cab is enhanced by convenient

hand grips in both the 'A' and 'B' pillars and tubular side steps.

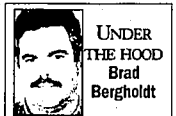
The magic of the Mega Cab is all about the rear seating area and enough cannot be said about the abundant room available to passengers in every dimension imaginable. The rear seats are also a 60/40 split configuration, with the ability to fold down flat and move forward, providing numerous arrangements for maximum interior cargo capacity and flexibility. There is so much room in the back of the Mega Cab, that it is possible to stretch out and go to sleep comfortably—with the rear seats folded.

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## Windshield wipers stopping in the right place?

Q. My windshield wipers just began stopping anywhere they choose rather than at the bottom of the windshield. Have you ever heard of such a thing? I know this is a minor problem but it drives me nuts to have to turn them on and off repeatedly to get them to stop in just the right place. What can be done to fix this?

—Alice Wagner, Menlo Park, Calif.



**UNDER THE HOOD**  
Brad Bergtholdt

A. Until one's windshield wiper "park" function quits working, most folks never appreciate the convenience of this clever wiper feature.

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What could be wrong with your wipers? My hunch is a faulty park switch within the motor or the control switch. Unfortunately, most wiper motors no longer contain serviceable parts, so a faulty park switch would require motor-assembly replacement. If your car is more than a few years old, and since wiper motors are amazingly durable, a recycled (wrecking yard) part might be an attractive option.

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**THE ACES ON BRIDGE** Bobby Wolff

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In the match between the USA team and a Japanese squad in the 2005 NEC, the Japanese West opened two spades to show a weak two-suiter and stole the deal in three spades, for down two. This did not need to be a loss, however, since in the other room Yoshiyuki Nakamura's three no-trump from the South seat was a highly tenuous proposition on the lead of the spade 10 (promising the jack). It was covered by dummy's king and East's ace, and so South was able to hold up his single stopper until the third round. West might have done best to clear spades, but he overtook his partner's spade eight on the second round to switch to the heart nine, which ran to South's king. A second heart went to the queen and ace, and East (Larry Mori) cleared spades. Declarer, Nakamura, crossed to the club ace and led the diamond jack to the queen, ace, and three, then exited with the seven of diamonds to East's eight. Mori exited with the club queen, but Nakamura was headed for home. He won dummy's club king and led the diamond nine. Mori covered, but Nakamura won, led the diamond five to dummy's six, and finessed the heart seven for one of the prettier plus 600s you will ever encounter in your travels. Declarer ended up with three tricks in each red suit and three black winners, giving Japan a net result of 11 IMPs for a very nicely timed piece of declarer play.

Vulnerable: North-South  
Dealer: West

The bidding:  
South West North East  
Pass 1♣ Dbl.  
1♥ 1♠ Dbl. Pass  
3NT All pass  
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Opening lead: Spade 10

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South holds:  
♠ K 7  
♥ Q 6 5  
♦ J 9 6 4  
♣ A K 3 2

South West North East  
Pass Pass Pass Pass

ANSWER: Open one club in third seat to direct the lead. Whether your partnership methods are to bid diamonds before clubs in other seats, in third seat you must try to get partner off to the right lead. Here you can be virtually sure a club lead is right for your side if you end up on defense, so let partner in on the secret.

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SWM, 28, looking to meet a single female, 18-30. Someone who knows how to have a good time, if this sounds like you, contact me. Hollister #13536

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HM, 41, short, dark, and handsome, very hard-working, seeks a woman, 25-45, to connect with. Hollister #898654 @ pokerpro

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SWM, 62, hard-working, loves the outdoors, horseback riding, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, occasional nights out. Seeking happy, sincere lady who loves animals and the great outdoors. Friendship/relationship. Murtaugh #743395

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SM, 21, 5'10", 210lbs, out going, fun, works construction, likes dining, walks, camping, more. ISO active SF, who enjoys the same. Hollister #804445

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Kind-hearted WM, 29, 5'7", 180lbs, brown/brown, likes camping, fishing, outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends and more. Looking for an honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. Burley #843856

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SWM, 27, outdoor-type, likes dinners, movies. I just got back from Iraq. Looking to meet a nice SWF, 18-27, to have fun and live life to the fullest. Hollister #883843 @ altershockrob

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### HOP TO HEAR FROM YOU

SM, 50, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping. Seeking SF, N/D, who enjoys the same, for friendship and more. Hollister #850460

### STILL SEARCHING...

SWM, 48, 5'7", very mature and caring, enjoys outdoors, dining, sports, and more. Seeking SF, race open, 35-46, for friendship, and dating. Twin Falls #813285

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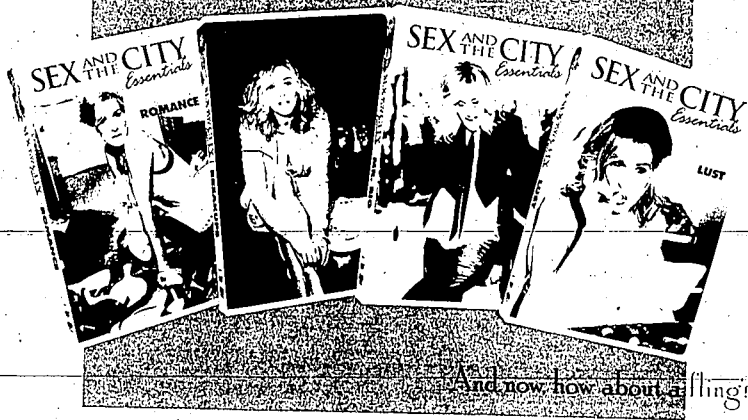
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### 3 BOOK

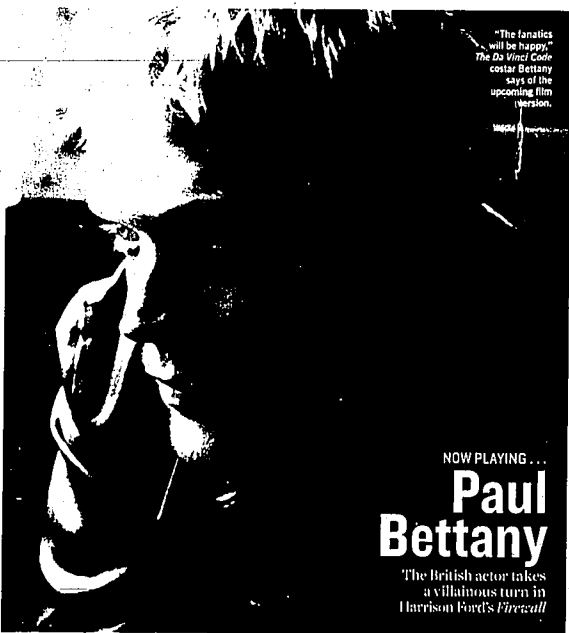
***THE LAST TEMPLAR*** BY RAYMOND KHOURY (Dutton, \$25) Holy escapism! This fast-paced novel traces the Knights Templar, part of a religious sect with untold secrets about the origins of Christianity.

### 4 MOVIE

***THE PINK PANTHER*** (MGM/Columbia, PG) Tickle the family pink. Steve Martin's mustachioed turn as the humbling French detective is the best film option for kids this weekend.

### 5 DVD

***JUST LIKE HEAVEN*** (DressBooks, PG-13) For those in need of a little Valentine's Day diversion, Reese Witherspoon plays a type: A spirit who's haunting her old apartment, now occupied by a brooding Mark Ruffalo. The romance is so-so, but Reese's clothes and the apartment are to die for. **VETT HENDRICKSON**



"The fanatics will be happy." *The Da Vinci Code* costar Bettany says of the upcoming film version.

IMAGE: JAMES HAMILTON

NOW PLAYING . . .

## Paul Bettany

The British actor takes a villainous turn in Harrison Ford's *Firewall*

• **Firewall** is not just an undercover thriller. One Harrison Ford is there to save the world. "Absolutely, to the point where it's annoying. It was shocking how brusque we got. Hanson always said: 'You can patch up your whole body, but you'll always land where the patch isn't.' It was true.

• **For a** movie that's so packed with British (and weeding) fans, it's hard not to notice the absence of one. Does he get a bad rap? "Of course. He's a movie star in a time of very asinine pretty boys. He's not that. People sense when they watch him on-screen that he's a real human being. And then they're surprised when he does human things. But that's what people pay to go see."

• **In *The Da Vinci Code***, which Matt Damon plays the nutcase Silas. "I love the first adaptation to the book." "Oh, God, yes. It's as faithful as one can be. But how people see Silas is in their own heads, and I can't give 38 million different performances. As I imagined him, he's very strong, and he doesn't eat many cakes."

• **Despite** the dark roles, you were nominated for British (and weeding) open last year. *Do you share your best joke?* "Certainly not. All of them are terribly rude. But really, I'm not very good at jokes. It's a sad indictment of British comedy if I'm one of the funniest people in the country." **VETT HENDRICKSON**







## Bamboo Bedding?

Bamboo sheets sound like something out of *Gilligan's Island*, but they're actually the latest bedding craze. This spring, you'll find catalogues and stores exploding with home goods made from the favored food of the giant panda.

Forget the novelty factor—bamboo has a lot going for it. It's eco-friendly, advocates say. Compared with cotton, bamboo can be easily grown without pesticides and requires less water. As gardeners know, it shoots up like nobody's business. And the linens have a dreamy feel, akin to cotton sateen. "Everybody wants to be cocooned in bed," says Penny Sikalis, who oversees the New York Home Textiles Show, "and natural fabrics like Tencel can be softer, more comfortable." Now in the works: soybean- and corn-derived sheets.

The boom in alternative fabrics comes just as the National Textile Association is scrutinizing high-thread-counts—the obsession of sheet shoppers seeking suppleness and luxury. The association wants to standardize the way threads are counted, in order to prevent number inflation. All the more reason to check out these bamboo styles.

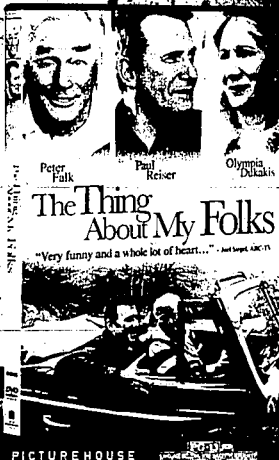
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VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

## Michael Mina's Cheese Fondue



“Could there be a better Valentine's Day dish than fondue? It's intimate if you want it to be, and communal and festive if you choose to share it with family and friends. The first time I made this fondue at home, it was just me, my wife, and a bottle of white wine. It was a huge success. (Now we make fondue with the kids, because it's fun to eat, and it's something they can help with in the kitchen.) Three tips for perfect fondue: Dissolve the cornstarch fully in water before you whisk it into the saucepan; really whip some air into the ingredients once they're all on the stove; and, most importantly, use real Swiss cheese—preferably Emmentaler. In the end, a fondue is only as good as the cheese it's made from.”

BY TOLD TO PETER MELIACI

Ⓞ | PREPARATION TIME: 10 MINUTES | COOKING TIME: 5 MINUTES | SERVES: 2

**INGREDIENTS** 1 clove garlic, smashed 1/2 cup white wine 1/2 tablespoon kirsch liqueur (or other brandy) 1 bay leaf 1/2 teaspoon cornstarch 1 cup shredded Gruyère cheese 1 cup shredded Emmentaler (or other Swiss cheese) salt and pepper, to taste 1/2 loaf sourdough bread, diced into 1-inch cubes

PLACE garlic, white wine, kirsch liqueur, and bay leaf in a saucepan; bring to a boil. Stir cornstarch with 1 tablespoon tap water in a separate bowl; then whisk, along with cheese, into boiling liqueur mixture until emulsified.

SEASON with salt and pepper. Remove bay leaf.

TRANSFER to a fondue pot, and serve immediately with bread cubes. (If you don't have a fondue pot, bring half the fondue to the table. Keep the rest warm in a double boiler or a mixing bowl placed in a saucepan of simmering water.)



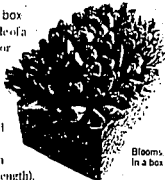
WEEKEND PROJECT

## A Valentine's Table Twist

The bouquet-in-a-vase centerpiece is always lovely, but Valentine's Day is the time to turn up the charm. Margo Tarrant, the coauthor of *Celebrating Home*, offers ways to think out of the box—and in it. PHOTO: MARGO TARRANT

Fill up large jars or carafes with red or pink candies, like SweetTarts, cotton-candy-flavored Jelly Bells, or M&M's.

Pack flowers in a box (right). Line the inside of a jewelry box, hatbox, or antique knickknack box with plastic, then fill it with shallow jars that won't peek over its top. Add water to jars, then arrange flowers (with stems cut to desired length).



Blooms in a box

Add more heat to a red fruit bowl by piling it with fresh red peppers or bright red apples.

Go to new heights: Arrange giant, old-fashioned lollipops in a vase.

MY FAVORITE THINGS

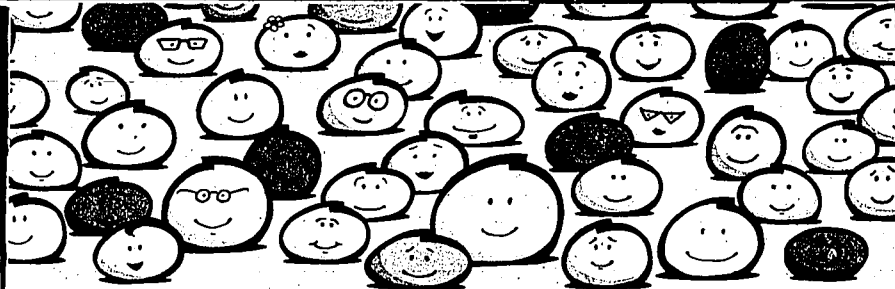


### Love Songs for Everyone

Crooner Michael Buble, whose new CD is available at Hallmark stores, shares romantic tunes for Valentine's Day

- 1 "I've Got a Crush on You," by Frank Sinatra  
"It's just like a crush—simple and light."
- 2 "Your Song," by Elton John "I've always been blown away by this song—especially Ewan McGregor's superb version in *Moulin Rouge!*"
- 3 "L-O-V-E," by Nat King Cole "It swings, it's romantic, it's sweet and fun!"
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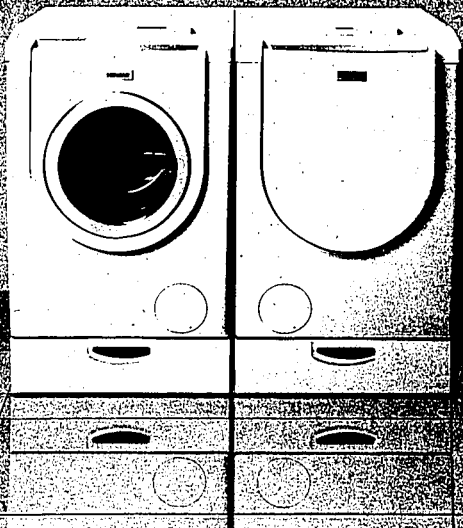
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Next Wednesday, **MARK GRIMMETTE**, 35 (front), and **BRIAN MARTIN**, 32, will career down a rock-hard, 1,233m course in doubles luge, the Games' oddest-looking event. The pair won bronze medals in 1998, silver in '02, and now want to take that final step up the podium (which would make them the first American man to medal in three consecutive Winter Olympics—in any sport). Consider this: Although Grimmette, Martin, and all the other sliders this year are men, under the rules, the luge tandems could also be coed or all-women.

## Day 1: Friday, February 10 OPENING CEREMONY

**NBC, 8 p.m. to midnight**  
Two billion people worldwide will watch the Parade of Nations enter the Stadio Olimpico. Don't miss "Sparks of Passion," a futuristic ballet featuring in-line skaters zipping around at 43 mph with flames shooting from their helmets. SEE THE FULL SCHEDULE PAGE 108 AND VISIT [www.nbc.com/olympics](http://www.nbc.com/olympics)

## Day 2: Saturday, February 11

### ALPINE SKIING: MEN'S DOWNHILL FINAL TIMED TRAINING

**NBC, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

Get your first look at Bode Miller, 28, the vastly talented if not always sober-minded skier who won two slivers at Salt Lake City and, last year, became the first man to win Alpine's overall World Cup title since Phil Mahre 22 years ago. Miller could medal in all five Alpine events at Torino. In this one, don't overlook teammate **Damon Raab** (32); the best U.S. downhiller ever. Why watch a training run? Because in the downhill, if you're last in practice—like 70 mph-plus fast—men you like the course and could well be headed for a medal.

## Day 3: Sunday, February 12

### SHORT-TRACK SPEED SKATING: MEN'S 1,500M GOLD MEDAL FINAL

**NBC, 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.**

Leading a pack of speedsters in this final 13.5-lap dash should be 23-year-old American (and LIFE cover boy) **Apolo Anton Oso**. Short-track's reigning gold—lie of the lower-lip-soul patch, under-helmet banter—and tough-as-nails mind set will try to reprise his gold medal spin of 2002.

# THE FLORIDA FLASH

CUBAN-AMERICAN 2005 WORLD CHAMPION JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ IS

FOCUSED

ON SKATING GOLD

Day 4: Monday, February 13

**FIGURE SKATING: PAIRS'**  
**FREE SKATE GOLD MEDAL FINAL**  
NBC: 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Russia's Iryna Ilmyannina, 24, and Maxim Marinin, 28, world champs who live and train in Chicago, are favored. The long-stroke Americans, on- and off-ice couple Rena Inoue, 29, and Joni Baldwin, 32, promise a high-flying performance. They won last month's U.S. nationals on the strength of a throw triple Axel. That gravity-defying maneuver featuring a three-and-a-half revolution toss midway through their free skate, had never before been landed in a pairs' competition.

Day 5: Tuesday, February 14

**HOCKEY: WOMEN'S, USA**  
**VS. FINLAND**

USA Network: 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Believe it or not, ice hockey was first contested at the 1920 Antwerp Summer Games, then featured in the inaugural Winter Olympics in '24. The female version debuted in 1998. U.S. Captain Kassy Wendell, 24, can handle a stick—any kind. In 1994, she was the fifth player to swing a bat in the Little League Baseball World Series.

Day 6: Wednesday, February 15

**FREESTYLE SKIING: MEN'S**  
**MOGULS GOLD MEDAL FINAL**  
NBC: 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Lots of badass tonight. Besides the men's doubles luge, you've got short-track speed skating, women's bobsledding, and men's moguls. In this, rubber-knee'd skiers navigate a course filled with humps and huge jumps, launching ramps for spectacular mistle maneuvers. America's team is led by World Cup champ Jeremy Bloom, 23. A University of Colorado football standout, he plans on a career in the NFL rather than on the slopes.

Day 7: Thursday, February 16

**FIGURE SKATING: MEN'S**  
**FREE SKATE GOLD MEDAL FINAL**  
NBC: 8 p.m. to midnight

The leader after Tuesday's short program has the advantage of going last in this discipline: free skate. Heavily favored is Russia's Yevgeny Plushenko, 23. American Johnny Weir, 21, says he's added

JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ, 29, a Miami, won two bronze medals at the Salt Lake City Games in traditional speed skating (the Eric Heiden and Bonnie Blair kind). APOLO ANTON OHNO, 23, comes from another corner of the country—Seattle—and from a newer, wilder skating milieu. In short-track, skaters travel in packs, surging up to 30 mph, always jockeying for position but angling to avoid deliberate contact, a disqualifying offense.

# THE SEATTLE STREAK

... AS IS HER ASIAN-AMERICAN SHORT

the rare quadruple jump to his program since winning last month's nationals. Now, can he land it?

**Day 8: Friday, February 17**

**SKELTON: MEN'S GOLD MEDAL FINAL**

**NBC; 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.**  
Tonight, Lindsey Jacobellis (right) will rock-and-roll snowboardcross, and so will the daredevils who ride skeletons. One's Eric Bemotas, whose life was far different before he discovered the Games' most hair-raising sport at age 30. After battling depression, alcohol abuse, and Tourette's syndrome, he found peace in hopping on steel sleds and bombing down serpentine chutes at upwards of 80 mph—lacedown, headfirst, his chin an eighth of an inch from the ice. Three U.S. champions in later, Bemotas, 34, is a contender.

**Day 9: Saturday, February 18**

**SPEED SKATING: MEN'S 1,000M GOLD MEDAL FINAL**

**NBC; 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.**  
Watch six-foot-two Shani Davis, 23, the first-ever African-American Olympic speed skater, lace up his clap skates (their heels disengage from the 15-inch blades with each stride) and jolt for gold in a two-and-a-half-lap sprint—topping 35 mph—around a 400m oval.

**Day 10: Sunday, February 19**

**ALPINE SKIING: WOMEN'S SUPER G GOLD MEDAL FINAL**

**NBC; 7 p.m. to midnight**  
Super G combines the speed of downhill with the precision of giant slalom in a single breath-taking run with at least 30 changes of direction. America's top chances are Lindsey Kildow, 21, who finished third in super G at the last World Cup season, and Julia Mancuso, 21, the winner of the bronze at the 2005 World Championships. They're up against Croatia's dynamic Janica Kostelic, 23, who took three golds at Salt Lake City.

**Day 11: Monday, February 20**

**FIGURE SKATING: ICE DANCING GOLD MEDAL FINAL**

**NBC; 8 p.m. to midnight**  
In tonight's battle of the blades, Tamah Belbin, 21, and partner Ben Agosto, 24, are the American hope. Last month, two weeks after the Canadian-born Belbin was granted a fast-tracked U.S. citizenship, the duo won the nationals with an intricate flamenco dance.

**Day 12: Tuesday, February 21**

**FIGURE SKATING: LADIES' SHORT PROGRAM**

**NBC; 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.**  
Emotions—and ratings—will soar this evening, when Michelle Kwan, 25, makes her third

LINDSEY JACOBELLIS RIDES

And now for something completely different: snowboardcross, or SBX. In this new event, which joins nats-pipe and parallel giant slalom on the snowboarding schedule, four boarders barrel—and battle—down a bump-and-jump-filled course. Vermont's LINDSEY JACOBELLIS, 20, came out on top at last year's X Games and again at the World Championships.

# BUMP, JUMP, AND FLY

HEAD-TO-HEAD AGAINST THREE OTHER WOMEN IN A WILD NEW EVENT.

Olympic appearance, determined to add a gold medal to her silver from Nagano and bronze from Salt Lake City. Her teammate Sasha Cohen, 21, is a most serious competitor here, as is Salt Lake City number-up Ina Stuts-Kaya, 27, of Russia.

**Day 13: Wednesday, February 22**

**SPEED SKATING: WOMEN'S 1,500M GOLD MEDAL FINAL**

**NBC; 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.**  
Four years ago, Jennifer Rodriguez became the first Cuban-American to compete in an Olympic medal in the Winter Olympics. Now, Jennifer Rodriguez wants to upgrade her bronze in the 1,500m, one of her three—maybe even four—Toronto events.

**Day 14: Thursday, February 23**

**FREESTYLE SKIING: MEN'S AERIALS GOLD MEDAL FINAL**

**NBC; 8 p.m. to midnight**  
During breaks in the ladies' figure skating finale, freestyle enthusiasts will get to cheer the "Ruds," "Randy's," and other licks of high-flying aerialists. Scheduled for takeoff at 40 mph to heights of up to 50 feet is current World Cup champ Jeret "Speedy" Peterson, 24. If the brazen boy from Boise, Idaho, steers his signature "Hurricane"—a quintuple-twisting triple backflip—he's golden.

**Day 15: Friday, February 24**

**CURLING: MEN'S GOLD MEDAL FINAL**

**USA Network; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
Canada's other national pastime became the highlight of the '02 Games. In this sport, a member of a four-person curling "team" gently releases a 42-pound granite "stone" down a 146-foot-ice "sheet" (playing area). A pair of sweepers—called "sweepers"—use brushes to strategically guide the stone to the "house" (scoring zone) on orders from the "skip" (captain). Shuffleboard on ice!

**Day 16: Saturday, February 25**

**BOBSLED: FOUR-MAN GOLD MEDAL FINAL**

**NBC; 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.**  
Tough Texan Todd Hays, 36—a former college linebacker and champion kickboxer who bought a bobsled with earnings from an Ultimate Fighting Championship event—drives in pursuit of the first U.S. men's bobsled gold since 1948.

**Day 17: Sunday, February 26**

**CLOSING CEREMONY**

**NBC; 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.**  
There will be Fellini-inspired clowns for tonight's carnival-themed extravaganza. Athletes, spectators, and TV viewers will be serenaded by Italy's beloved tenor Andrea Bocelli and Canadian rocker Avril Lavigne. Ciao! **D**

# WHY WE'RE IN LOVE

Seven Texas couples describe how Cupid's arrow struck, when they knew it was for real, and what it takes to stay together

By Lisa Schwarzbaum

Illustration by David S. Johnson



## WHAT DO YOU TEACH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT LOVE?

*Ramon Carrizales, 57, and Guadalupe Carrizales, 48, married for 37 years*

**“**Ramon: “We teach them that you shouldn't be unfaithful. In a lot of Mexican marriages, you have someone else. I've never cheated on my wife. And we teach them that you talk to each other before making decisions.” Guadalupe: “In Mexican culture, the dad is a macho man and a bawler, he says so's, but [Ramon] is different. We have lots of respect for each other. We share our opinions.”

## WHAT DO YOU SECRETLY LOVE ABOUT YOUR PARTNER?

*Helen DeMore, 29, and Trinaud Zamarrigo, 23, dating for seven months*

**“**Helen: “I love how he's sensitive, but he doesn't know he's sensitive. And how he dreams to do everything, even if it's just the car driver.” Trinaud: “That's not a new thing, but I don't start doing it myself until I know how she tries to get mad, but can't because he's such a loving person. And I love her scent.”



## WAS IT LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?

*David Axel, 32, and Meredith Axel, 33, married for seven months*

**“**Meredith: “It was lust at first sight, initially. He was actually the ex-boyfriend of an acquaintance. Once, when we didn't really know each other, I was at the grocery store, and he was in front of me. I was like, *Oh, that head of hair—where do I know it from?* But then I saw his graceful long, skinny hands reach out and squeeze a grapefruit, and I realized it was him and almost passed out. I hid behind the cantaloupes. And then I left the store.” David: “It was pretty quick. I think we were just at that age where we were both serious about whom we'd like to be with. We had figured out what was important, and then we found each other.”



## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE LOVE LAST?

*Evelyn Martin-Anderson, 60, and Leon J. Anderson Jr., 65, married for 16 years*

**“**Evelyn: “Patience and compromise. For him, it's patience, and for me, it's compromise.” Leon: “Here's where I compromise—we rarely go shopping together. I go to buy stuff. She goes to shop. I've just come to a point in my life when I say that's just who she is. I've got to accept that she spends money like it's always going to be there. But she does spend it on me, too.”



## HOW HAVE YOU HAD TO CHANGE TO STAY IN LOVE?

*Wendy Brasher, 59, and David Salazar, 53, dating for two years*

**“**David: “It's not that we had to change, we wanted to change. If I come out of a relationship of 20 years, and I decided that if I was ever to fall in love again I wanted it to be as close to a first love [as possible].” Wendy: “It's our outlook that's changed more than anything. At this age, you realize that stuff and status aren't so important. Experiences are.”



## HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WAS THE REAL THING?

*Ted Siewcinski, 23, and Mandy Justin, 27, dating for five months*

**“**Ted: “It was one of those things—we just instantly got along. We would lip-dance, and I would lip-kiss her, and we went back to her friends' place with a bunch of people. It wasn't like a one-night stand. But it was totally a high-school make-out fest. [Mandy gives him a look.] What? We were all over each other.” Mandy: “I know. I'm just enjoying hearing you talk about it.”



## WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO WORK ON TO STAY IN LOVE?

*Joohoon Kim, 39, and Sunni Kim, 36, married for 11, and a half years*

**“**Sunni: “I usually, women are very talkative, more extroverted. In our case, I'm pretty shy. So she always tries to do the talking and get me to talk. If he didn't, there would be silence [laughs]. I think it's very sweet.” Joohoon: “I don't want us to live separately, in our own worlds. I think that is the biggest reason couples break up. So I try to make her laugh. If I think we should share everything.”

# The Great Gator Hunt

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