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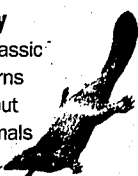
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Pros and an Olympian coach skaters in Sun Valley

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Local chapter has \$174,248 for area agencies

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Worker program moving across the CSI campus

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will be relocating its Center for New Directions — and not closing down as rumors have recently indicated.

"I have already received quite a few e-mails from people who think we are closing down the program or moving it elsewhere," said Scott Scholes, director of administration for the Center for New Directions. "But, really, they will go to locations that will allow them to provide and enhance those services."

So, where are the locations? "We will move the Workforce Readiness program — which helps great students become great employees — in the Canyon Building, and also those other support services," Scholes said. "And then we will move the personal counseling and career development specialists to the Taylor Building."

Scholes said, that opposed to the rumors on campus, the program is not being eliminated or challenged, but rather it is being moved to areas of campus that have the

The Center for New Directions

The program is offered through the College of Southern Idaho to provide career planning services for both traditional and non-traditional students.

Learn more about the Center for New Directions at: http://www.csi.edu/Stuinfo/cnd/

resources to better provide those courses.

"This is one of those things where we considered what was best for the students," Scholes said.

He said the relocation of the program had been discussed with College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Beck and the board of trustees. He also said it was something that had been discussed for almost a year.

The Center for New Directions offers career planning and learning resources for members of the community. Scholes said the program generally works with single parents and non-traditional students seeking occupational skills.

"It makes a statement that we're fully committed to bringing state-of-the-art equipment to the Magic Valley,"

Ted Ryan, director of the Saint Alphonsus Life Flight program

ER AT 1,500 FEET



The new Eurocopter EC-135 Life Flight helicopter comes in for a landing over the tail of the older Life Flight helicopter Thursday afternoon at the Saint Alphonsus Life Flight base at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Life Flight unveils new helicopter

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Registered nurse Shelly Robinson, undoubtedly has the best office window in town.

"We've got the best views in the Magic Valley when we come up on this," Robinson said Thursday afternoon from her seat in Life Flight's new Eurocopter EC-135. Outside her window was a perfectly gorgeous view of Shoshone Falls.

See it online

To see the new Life Flight helicopter in action, visit http://www.magicvalley.com

The \$3.2 million bird is one of two new helicopters in Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center's four-helicopter Life Flight fleet, one of which will be based in the Magic Valley. The community got its first look at one of the new helicopters Thursday. Some people even

caught a ride. The twin-engine Eurocopter EC-135 has room for two patients and three specialty crew members, which include a reg-



Registered nurse Shelly Robinson, a flight nurse with Life Flight, views the Magic Valley from within the new Life Flight helicopter based at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

istered nurse and a paramedic. The state-of-the-art helicopter optimizes overall maneuverability, a larger panoramic view for the pilot and crews, the lat-

est air medical technology and fuel efficiency, said Ted Ryan, director of the Saint Alphonsus Life Flight program. It also unfolds more quickly

and safely because the aircraft offers rear-loading capabilities as well as side entry, Ryan said. Please see HELICOPTER, Page A2

Senate says yes to ethanol this time

Bill requires using crops from Idaho



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some areas.

Ethanol proponents, including President Bush in his January State of the Union speech, argue that using grain alcohol in gasoline will slash emissions of pollutants such as carbon monoxide, provide another market for crops used to make the fuel and reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil sources. Minnesota, Hawaii and Montana have statewide mandates, and other governments including

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By John Miller Associated Press writer

BOISE, Idaho — Idaho senators voted overwhelmingly Friday to eventually require that Idaho gasoline include about 10 percent fuel made from corn or straw, with supporters calling the measure a "small step" in weaning America from its dependence on foreign oil.

The Senate voted 27-8 in favor of the package, which now goes to the House. A similar measure died in a Senate committee last year. Changes this year helped win over lawmakers who had opposed it on grounds it didn't do enough to help Idaho farmers — and could actually hurt summer air quality in

Family incomes falling; fewer investing in stocks

By Martin Cutsinger Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — American families who own their homes have enjoyed strong gains in home values in recent years, but the other parts of their balance sheets haven't been doing as well.

A bursting stock market bubble at the beginning of the decade, a recession and a prolonged period of job losses have all taken their toll.

Average incomes, which had been posting double-digit gains

during the boom of the 1990s, actually fell, after adjusting for inflation, in 2004 when compared with 2001, the Federal Reserve said Thursday.

And Americans' net worth, despite home-price gains, rose at the slowest rate in a decade during the 2001-04 period.

The central bank's "Survey of Consumer Finances," a comprehensive look at household balance sheets, depicted in stark terms the contrast between the 1990s and the economic troubles of the current decade.

Average family incomes, after

adjusting for inflation, fell to \$70,700 in 2004, a drop of 2.3 percent when compared with 2001. That was the weakest showing since a decline of 11.3 percent from 1989 to 1992, a period that also covered a recession.

The average incomes had soared by 17.3 percent in the 1989-2001 period and 12.3 percent from 1995 to 1998 as the country enjoyed the longest economic expansion in history. The median family income, the point where half the families made more and half made less,

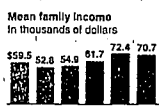
rose a tiny 1.6 percent to \$13,200 in 2004 compared with 2001.

Economists said the weakness in the most recent period was understandable given the loss of 2.7 million jobs from early 2001 through August 2003, when the country was struggling with sizable layoffs caused by the recession, the terrorist attacks and corporate accounting scandals.

The weak income and the stock market decline in the early part of the decade, which wiped out \$7 trillion of paper wealth, had an adverse impact on family balance sheets.

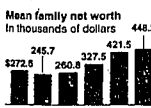
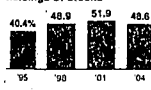
Income growth for families fell in '04

Income growth and the percentage of families with stocks fell while net worth grew at a slower pace from 2001, according to a Federal Reserve survey.



NOTE: In 2004 dollars

Families' direct and indirect holdings of stocks



SOURCE: Federal Reserve

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On to state Twin Falls boys a step closer to state title



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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Abundant clouds. Highs near 40.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, but mainly dry. Lows, 20s.
Tomorrow: Near average temperatures with mostly cloudy to overcast skies. Highs, 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Plenty of clouds. Highs, 40s.
Tonight: A mostly cloudy night. Lows, lower 20s.
Tomorrow: Another mostly cloudy to overcast day. Highs, 40s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

Table listing weather for various cities: Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, Elgin, Idaho Falls, Jerome, Lewiston, Pocatello, Rexburg, Teton, Twin Falls, and Wallace.

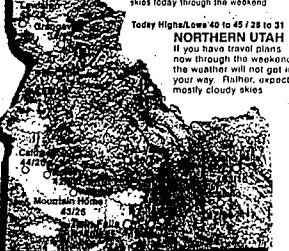
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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
The mountains will continue to pick up a little snow or flurry activity through the day. A break in the weather over the weekend will make for fairly good traveling conditions.

Today Highs: 18 to 27, Tonight's Lows: 9 to 18.
BOISE: All of the moisture will stay to our north, but there will be plenty of clouds around. In fact, expect variable cloudy to mostly cloudy skies today through the weekend.



Today Highs: Low 40 to 45, 28 to 31.
NORTHERN UTAH
If you have travel plans now through the weekend, the weather will not get in your way. Rather, expect mostly cloudy skies.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 55 at Caldwell, Low: 1 at Burley.
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Iraq orders daytime curfew in attempt to stop violence

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen killed dozens of civilians Thursday and dumped their bodies in a ditch, as the government ordered a tough daytime curfew of Baghdad and three provinces to stem the sectarian violence that has left at least 114 dead since the bombing of a Shiite shrine.

Seven U.S. soldiers died in a pair of roadside bombings north of the capital, and American military units in the Baghdad area were told to halt all but essential travel to avoid getting caught up in demonstrations or roadblocks.

As the country careened to the brink of civil war, Iraqi state television announced an unusual daytime curfew, ordering people off the streets Friday in Baghdad and the nearby flash-point provinces of Diyala, Babil and Salahuddin, where the shrine bombing took place.

Such a sweeping daytime curfew indicated the depth of fear within the government that the crisis could touch off a Sunni-Shiite civil war. "This is the first time that I have heard politicians say they are worried about the outbreak of civil war," Kurdish oil statesman Mahmoud Othman told The Associated Press.

The biggest Sunni Arab bloc in parliament announced it was pulling out of talks on a new government until the national leadership apologizes for damage to Sunni mosques from reprisal attacks.

"It is illogical to negotiate with parties that are trying to damage the political process," said Tariq al-Hashimi, a leader of the Iraqi Accordance Front.

Most of the bloodshed has been concentrated in the capital, its surrounding provinces and the province of Basra, 340 miles to the southeast.

Among the victims was Atwar Bajhat, a widely known Sunni correspondent for the Arab satellite television station Al-Arabiya.

Gunmen in a pickup truck shouting "We want the correspondent!" killed Bajhat along



An Iraqi police officer inspects the wreckage of a car after a car bomb explosion that injured four policemen in Baghdad Thursday.

with her cameraman and engineer while they were interviewing Iraqis about Wednesday's destruction of the famed golden dome of the Shiite shrine Askariya in her hometown of Samarra.

Shiite and Sunni leaders again appealed for calm Thursday following the wave of attacks on Sunni mosques, and the number of violent incidents appeared to decline after the government extended the curfew.

Iraqi television said the curfew would extend until 4 p.m. Friday, preventing people from attending the week's most important Muslim prayer service. Officials feared mosques could be both a target for attacks and a venue for stirring sectarian feelings.

President Bush said he appreciated the appeals for calm, and called the shrine bombing "an evil act" aimed at creating strife.

A Western official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject, said discussions were under way to rebuild the shrine as quickly as possible because

the shattered structure would serve as a "flaming provocation" until it was reconstructed. Italy announced Thursday it was offering to rebuild the dome to help battle "fanaticism."

Despite strident comments from various Iraqi leaders, U.S. officials said they believed mainstream politicians understood the grave danger facing the country and would try to prevent civil war.

"We're not seeing civil war igniting in Iraq," Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, a spokesman for the U.S. command, told reporters.

Nevertheless, sectarian passions were running high.

A Shiite cleric was shot dead Thursday night in Tuz Khormato, a mostly Kurdish city 130 miles north of Baghdad, and another Sunni preacher was killed the mostly Shiite city of Hillah 60 miles south of the capital.

Two Sunni mosques were burned Thursday in Baghdad and another in Musayib to the south, police said. A Sunni was killed when gunmen fired on a mosque in Baquba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad.

Memos indicate CIA plane landings

TORONTO (AP) — CIA planes have landed in Canada 74 times since the 9/11 terror attacks, underscoring fears that the United States is ferrying suspected terrorists through its neighboring country en route to foreign prisons, for torture, according to newly declassified government documents.

The government memos were released this week under Canada's Access to Information Act. The Associated Press obtained them Thursday from The Canadian Press.

Internal government briefing notes revealed senior intelligence officials from six government agencies, including the Security Intelligence

Service, met in late November to discuss the flights.

One memo dated Nov. 28 instructed officials to tell the media that there was "no credible information to suggest that these planes were used to ferry suspected terrorists to and from Canada, or that illegal activity took place."

A spokesman for the CIA in Washington declined comment on Thursday.

U.S. intelligence officials have said in the past that the planes are more likely to be carrying staff, supplies or Director Porter Goss on his way to a foreign visit.

The U.S. has come under fire, especially in Europe, for the

practice of "extraordinary rendition" — the transporting of terror suspects to countries where they face harsh interrogation methods and possibly torture.

Ottawa has been investigating the detention of Syrian-born Canadian engineer Maher Arar. He was detained at JFK International Airport in New York in September 2002 on suspicion of being a member of Osama bin-Laden's al-Qaida network.

U.S. authorities deported Arar to Syria, where he was kept in a damp Damascus prison cell and allegedly tortured for 10 months before being released and flown back to Canada.

Judge orders release of Gitmo information

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A federal judge ordered the Pentagon on Thursday to release the identities of hundreds of detainees at Guantanamo Bay to The Associated Press, a move which would force the government to break its secrecy and reveal the most comprehensive list yet of those who have been imprisoned there.

Some of the hundreds of detainees in the war on terror being held at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have been held as long as four years. Only a handful have been officially identified.

U.S. District Judge led S. Rakoff in New York ordered the Defense Department to release uncensored transcripts of detainee hearings, which contain the names of detainees in custody and of those who have been held and later released. Previ-

ously released documents have had identities and other details blacked out.

The judge ordered the government to hand over the documents by March 3 after the Defense Department said Wednesday it would not appeal his earlier ruling in the lawsuit filed by the AP.

On Jan. 23, Rakoff ordered the

military to turn over uncensored copies of transcripts and other documents from 317 military hearings for detainees at the prison camp. There were another 241 detainees who refused to participate in the Combatant Status Review Tribunals and the Defense Department said no transcripts exist of those hearings.

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Report: Kennewick Man deliberately buried

Some researchers think ancient man was flood victim

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Kennewick Man was laid to rest alongside a river more than 9,000 years ago, buried by other people, a leading forensic scientist said Thursday.

The skeleton, one of the oldest and most complete ever found in North America, has been under close analysis since courts sided with researchers in a legal battle with Indian tribes in the Northwest who wanted the remains found near the Columbia River reburied without study.

Douglas Owsley, an anthropologist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, discussed his findings Thursday evening at a meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in Seattle.

"We know very little about this time period," Owsley said in a telephone interview. "This is a rare opportunity to try and reconstruct the life story of this man. ... This is his opportunity to tell us what life was like during that time."

Researchers have disagreed over whether Kennewick Man was buried by other people or swept up in a flood and encased in sediment.

Owsley concluded the man was deliberately buried, between 2 and 3 feet deep, his



Dr. Douglas Owsley of the Smithsonian Institution examines various bones of the Kennewick Man skeleton in an effort to determine the original position of the body in the ground.

body placed in the grave, head slightly higher than feet, hands placed at his sides. The location was riverside, with the body

parallel to the river and head pointing upstream.

Using an industrial CT scanner, Owsley was able to study the skeleton in fine sections and also get a better look at a spear or dart point imbedded in Kennewick man's hip.

The point has previously been described as a Cascade point, typical of the region, but Owsley said that is not the case. Cascade points tend to have two pointed ends and are sometimes serrated, he said, while the point in Kennewick man has a pointed end and a stem.

The spear or dart entered the man from the front, moving downward at a 77-degree angle, Owsley said. Previous analysis had indicated it might have hit from the back, he noted.

The point was not the cause of death, he said, saying, "This is a healed injury." "There was no clear indication in the skeleton of cause of death," Owsley said. Kennewick Man had undergone "a lot of injuries. This guy was tough as nails."

There are three types of fractures in the bones, Owsley said: ones the man suffered in his lifetime and which had healed; fractures that occurred after burial from aging of the bones and the ground settling; and breaks that occurred when the skeleton was unearthed.

A team of 20 forensic scientists has been studying the skeleton, he said, and have concluded that the skull doesn't match that of Indian tribes living in the area.



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Poll says Sixty percent of Americans are worried about bird flu

ATLANTA (AP) — Nearly 60 percent of Americans are concerned about bird flu, but fewer than one-third think it will show up in the United States this year, according to a new poll.

The survey also found that blacks tend to be more worried than whites, and that most people would hole up if human outbreaks erupt.

The Harvard School of Public Health telephone survey asked a series of "What If" questions of 1,043 adults.

"It's the first public, in-depth survey to ask Americans what they know about bird flu and how they might respond if the virus evolves to spread among people, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

The results show that U.S. bird flu outbreaks could have severe economic effects.

About 46 percent of respondents who eat chicken said they would stop eating it if bird flu hits the U.S. poultry industry.

If human outbreaks occurred, 75 percent said they would reduce or avoid travel, 71 percent said they would skip public events and 68 percent said they would stay home and keep their children at home while the outbreak lasted.

"But, if it hits their community, they're going to stop doing everything," said Robert Blendon, the Harvard health policy professor who directed the survey.

Only 2 percent of people who responded said they have talked

to a doctor about Tamiflu or other antiviral medications for treatment of a pandemic flu virus. Fever said they had obtained a prescription.

The poll results seem to contradict anecdotal reports that significant numbers of Americans are trying to stockpile Tamiflu, said Glen Nowak, a CDC spokesman.

However, if human outbreaks did occur, 68 percent said they would try to get a prescription for an antiviral drug.

Scientists aren't certain whether bird flu will mutate into a form that's easily spread person-to-person, and they aren't sure how well Tamiflu or other antivirals would work against it.

"It's a natural thing for people to call their doctor and see if there's some kind of medication they could take," Blendon said. "But it's not clear we're going to have antivirals that will actually work."

An international Ipsos poll done last year, before the disease had spread to Europe, found that only a third of Americans were worried.

The new Harvard poll, conducted Jan. 17-25, found that 57 percent of Americans are concerned about the potential spread of bird flu to the United States. Over half said they closely follow media coverage of the disease.

Asked what might happen this year, only 23 percent think it will hit U.S. poultry, and just 14 percent think it will affect humans.

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EDITORIAL

GARVEE bonding plan will need more restraint

Legislators shouldn't wait until a new governor arrives in Boise. This is an opportune time to hit the brakes on the Connecting Idaho plan.

It appears that slow-down is already afoot. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's bold initiative to build 13 major road projects worth \$1.6 billion on 250 miles of highway passed through the Legislature last spring, but this is the year that funding for the first few projects is gaining approval.

Legislators are still asking questions about the long term costs of these projects. To many state leaders, it's still a big risk to issue bonds for money for road projects, in anticipation of future federal highway appropriations.

This week, Sen. Skip Brandt, R-Kooskia, and Rep. JoAnn Wood, R-Rigby, who chair the Senate and House Transportation Committees, recommended to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee that Idaho proceed with GARVEE (Grant Anticipation Revenue bonds) but on a lower scale than previously expected.

Their reluctance is understandable. Funding from last year's federal highway bill was below the state expectations. Meanwhile, construction costs for cement, steel and asphalt have also exceeded previous limits.

Those factors led the Idaho Transportation Department to reprioritize existing road projects that were not under the Connecting Idaho plan. This year's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program placed those projects — including some key projects in southern Idaho — into a delayed contingency category.

Lawmakers now want to make sure they don't overspend and set the right priorities, joining them with additional concerns this

week was former Gov. Phil Batt, who called the bonding plan a threat to the state's highway program. (See his Reader Comment on this page.)

Brandt and Wood now suggest emphasizing three projects for the first year of Connecting Idaho, rather than 11. Legislators may also cut the governor's first-year request of \$218 million in Connecting Idaho, down to around \$100 million.

JFAC may also set that money apart from the rest of the annual Transportation Department budget. The Connecting Idaho money could then be divided into three categories: engineering studies, right-of-way funds and project construction.

GARVEE bonding can still work, but the Legislature must carefully prioritize projects in the first years. Right now, the most critical projects on the 2006-07 list are probably widening the Treasure Valley's I-84 corridor, fixing portions of Highway 95 in north Idaho and parts of Highway 30 to Lava Hot Springs. But dedicating money to other projects — including a third Twin Falls County bridge — may be less pressing.

Speaking to members of the Idaho Press Club on Thursday, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said the \$184 million Snake River bridge will be one of the last projects if it gets done at all. He also said the \$157 million Indian Valley project is an instant veto.

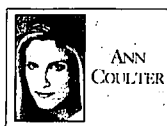
Another Snake River crossing will certainly be necessary in future years. But with so much uncertainty on the GARVEE costs, and a piling backlog of repairs for existing projects, limits on bonding will be necessary.

Kempthorne played hardball with legislators last year, in order to get Connecting Idaho on the books. Now it's up to them to make sure we don't drive ourselves into runaway debt.

U.S. learns a lesson in cowardice

The idea that the Democrats have any meaningful interest in America's national security is a joke, so I'm perfectly willing to believe there's more to this port story.

Bush is going to need a better justification for turning over management of our ports to an Arab country than he's come up with so far — especially now that Jimmy Carter has said it's a good idea, judging from his life's work to date. Carter's definition of a good idea is "an idea likely to hurt me and/or help its enemies."



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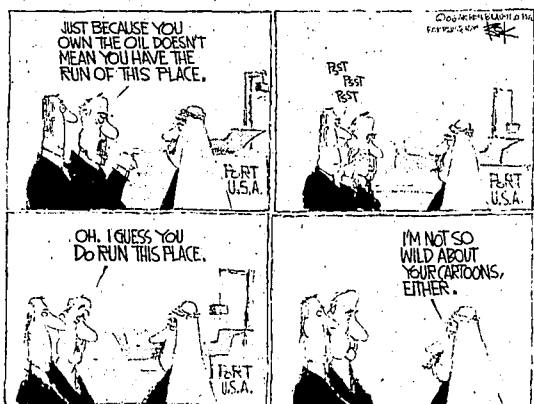
Bush's defense of the port deal is to say that "those who are questioning it" need to "step up and explain why all of a sudden a Middle Eastern company is held to a different standard than a Great British company."

First of all, it's not "all of a sudden." The phrase you're searching for, Mr. President, is "ever since the murderous attacks of Sept. 11." The Bush administration's obstinate refusal to profile Middle Easterners has been the one massive gaping hole in national security since the 9/11 attacks — attacks that received Intellet support from the United Arab Emirates.

There are at least 3,000 reasons why a company controlled by a Middle Eastern Muslim might be held to a different standard than a British company. Many of these reasons are now buried under a gaping hole that isn't metaphorical in lower Manhattan.

Even four years after 9/11, I note that we don't hear Tony Blair condemning some cartoons in a Danish newspaper given "a culture of nationalism," or saying their publication represents a "dreadful clash of civilizations."

That was J.A.E. Minister of Justice Anders Fogh Rasmussen's comment on the great Danish cartoon caper.



So maybe Bush could defend his port deal without insulting our intelligence by asking why anyone might imagine there's any conceivable difference between a British company and a United Arab Emirates company, etc.

President Bush has painted himself into a corner on this issue, and he needs a face-saving compromise to get out of it. Here's my proposal: Let Harriet Miers run the ports.

Isn't it enough that we're already patronizing the savages over the cartoons? Do we have to let them operate our ports, too?

The Bush administration defended Muslims rioting over cartoons, saying, "We certainly understand why Muslims would find these images offensive." Hey, while they're at it, why don't they invite some Muslim leaders with well-known ties to terrorism to the White House for a reception?

Oh wait, I forgot. They did that right after 9/11. Yes, now I see why we must turn over our ports to the United Arab Emirates.

The University of Illinois has suspended editors of the student newspaper, The Daily Illini, for republishing the cartoons — even though the weekly House for a newspaper column accompanying the cartoons denouncing them as "bigoted and insensitive."

That was still not enough for Richard Herman, the chancellor of the university, who wrote a letter to the editor saying that he was "saddened" by the publication of the cartoons. You want say? The University of Illinois' sports teams are known as the "Fighting Illini." Now they're going to have to change it to the "Surrendering Illini."

Fox News' Bill O'Reilly refuses to show the cartoons on "The O'Reilly Factor," saying he doesn't want to offend anyone's religion. Someone should tell him those endless interviews with prostitutes from Beverly Hills and porn stars aren't high on Christians' list of enjoyable viewing either. (How about adding Prophet Muhammad cartoon T-shirts and fleece tops to his vast collection of "Factor gear"? Isn't Father's Day right around the corner? I'd buy those.)

Needless to say, the *Times* won't show the cartoons that have incited mass rioting around the globe. At least The New York Times has a good excuse: It's too busy printing international security secrets that will get Americans killed. Its pages are already brimming with classified information about our techniques for spying on terrorists here in America — no room for newsworthy cartoons! The Pentagon Papers and a top-secret sur-

veillance program are one thing; cartoons that irritate Muslims are quite another. Two days after the *Times* editorial page justified its decision not to reprint the cartoons as "a reasonable choice for news organizations that usually refrain from gratuitous assaults on religious symbols, especially since the cartoons are so easy to describe in words," the *Times* ran a photo of the Virgin Mary covered in cutouts from pornographic magazines and cow dung — which I seem to have just described using a handful of common words: Gee, that was easy.

Taking to heart the lesson that violence works, I hereby announce to the world: I am offended by hotel windows that don't close, pilots chattering when the passengers are trying to sleep, and Garfield cartoons. Next time my sleep is disturbed by gibberish about our ally over Kansas, the National Politics Enrapture embassy is going down. And mark my words: One minute after "Garfield II" goes into pre-production, some heads are gonna roll. Oh — and I'll take the San Diego port, please.

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Cheney gets a free pass on hot violation

Another Dick Cheney episode! Another blatant cover-up — the point is missed concerning his lack of a bird stamp. Oh yeah, he says, "It is on the way." My, Mr. Cheney, you're not any type of royalty as your entire administration tries to rule us, public servants, people!

How interesting we quickly forget they were elected to serve us. No, we let them walk around as emperors with no clothes on. Back to Cheney, who has managed to evolve from the Enron scandal, Halliburton, drug companies, etc., etc. How long will we, the American duped public, allow his indiscretions? Cheney needs to be fined, as would the rest of us, for not having the proper hunting stamp.

Years ago while hunting deer, I was excited to bag my first but he was expelled to properly tag it. I called my tag and found out it was right. He had dropped what he was doing, which was tagging his, just as we were marking my tag, up came a game officer and proceeded to find the other deer not marked. "Oh, I said, he was helping me; we'll get it marked." "No, you will not," as he proceeded to give us a ticket for not having a properly validated tag. I tried to protest as we were in the process of doing just that. But you see, we were just ordinary citizens and the cost of that fine wiped out any savings on meat for our family. I just try to imagine myself telling that game officer, "The properly marked tag will be in the mail."

JEANNE MEYER

Twin Falls Idaho needs emission controls on cars An idea to help keep Magic Valley's air clean for all: Back in the mid-1960s, the

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pretty impressive. How about recently settling with various southern California counties for \$300 million in fines levied during the California "water crisis" (How about the \$27 billion in fines originally sought by California courts?)

Sempra is proposing a plant 100 miles north of Reno, in the state of Nevada. The plant in Nevada isn't based on Idaho's choice; it's not an alternative, they want both plants.

One hundred miles north of Reno puts the smoke stacks right in line with southern Idaho's storm track. Hey, right on, that way the Magic Valley plant will feel the effects like what will hit Miami-Cassia and Paracelito from the Jerome plant.

Before we hear more on how clean the Twin Oaks Plant in Brundage, Texas, is, maybe we should contact PNM Resources, who Sempra just sold it to. Maybe we can have the foresight to ask Sempra who it'll sell the Jerome plant to so we can start negotiating with them about cleaning up the mess it will make.

DOUGLAS LIERMANN Jerome

Conservation steps needed then and now

The article about the lack of water recharges reminded me of the editor's board's comments on the future of Twin Falls' water supply a while back, when it hinted that water conservation might be a good idea.

I had that editorial run 10 or 15 years ago, it could have been considered visionary. But after a year of court-mandated and several years of drought, I'd relegate the board's musings to the "Well, duh!" category.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Seek a reliable builder with your dream home

A year ago, we had our dream house built. We had just paid off our first home and realized it would not last us into our "golden years" without a lot of work and expense. We stopped floundering and think we found a good one. Our mistake was not checking more into this home-builder. From the beginning, promises were not met; the contractor didn't keep a close eye on the subcontractors. We caught a lot of mistakes, some like the foundation being wrong, enough to worry our plans on one window and other problems we were lucky to catch. Our advice is to get involved, be a pain in the neck and don't let the size and importance of building a new home mess with your common sense and good judgment.

Do not accept any flaws when you do the home walk-through. Be picky; don't sign papers until they are fixed. We called several times and wrote several letters. It's been more than a year, and again promises weren't met. Find a reliable builder, not just an affordable one.

CHRIS AND MARLEE FEARHILLER
Filer

Ask questions, seek answers on bond measure

For parents of children in the Twin Falls School District, it comes as no surprise to hear that our schools are crowded, the facilities insufficient and the maximum capacity of school buildings will be exceeded in a short time. Given the rising costs of construction, a "no" vote now will only delay the inevitable and result in even higher bond amounts requested for future construction.

I encourage everyone to read all the information available, attend the presentations made by the long-range planning committee, ask questions, and show up for voting on March 14, 2006. Information is available in each of the school buildings, on the Times-News Web site, and on the Twin Falls School District Web site. I suggest writing down any questions or concerns you have, attending a presentation about the facilities bond and asking your questions. Chances are very good that other citizens also have the same questions but may be afraid to ask.

Please educate yourselves before making a decision that

will affect the children of Twin Falls. While the proposed solutions won't be perfect for all situations, I can see the good outweighing the bad for children in our city. I will be voting "yes" on March 14.
ANNE JENSEN
Twin Falls

Highway speed limits for trucks should increase

Trucks should be allowed to run 75, and the truck speed limit of 65 should be abolished. In this day and age, trucks are designed specifically to run at faster speeds. They are inspected daily for any defects and inspected frequently by the Department of Transportation to ensure they are road worthy. The Idaho State Police do a good and fair job of regulating trucks.

As a whole, I think trucks are probably more roadworthy than cars. If you were to travel to Utah, Wyoming or Nebraska, you would see trucks flowing safely with traffic. Those states have no speed limits for trucks and are allowed to run the same speed as cars.

When trucks traveling 10 mph slower than cars, you increase the probability for rear-end collisions. Forcing trucks to run 65 is like using the Space Shuttle to fly from Twin Falls to Boise.
DANNY CRAFTON
Hansen

(Editor's note: Danny Crafton is a retired police officer and is now a professional truck driver.)

State has better ways to spend \$63 million

In response to an article printed in The Times-News by the Associated Press on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, here are a few suggestions to help Gov. Kempthorne spend the \$63 million of Idaho's budget surplus in which he wants to return \$50 per resident in energy relief checks.

- 1) First of all, \$50 will not make much difference in an average household. The following are a few suggestions to better Idaho:
 - 1) Help the groups that help the sick that could really benefit with a few extra dollars, such as the Ronald McDonald House, the Shriners, etc.
 - 2) Give funds to the Idaho Fish and Game to better protect our recreational, hunting and fishing. These are Idaho's No. 1 sources of revenue from our own natural resources. Through programs like Access Yes and Habitat Renewal, we can safeguard Idaho's natural resources.
 - 3) Investigate existing state-

and federal-owned abandoned sites and refurbish to use as minimum security compounds for nonviolent offenders, so our overcrowded prison system would see some relief.

4) Give new small businesses low-interest loans to create more jobs in Idaho.

5) Explore better ways to produce energy. Clean and safe energy sources should be top priority.

6) Help our timber industry get back the right to work in Idaho. This would create more jobs in Idaho and also help maintain healthy forests.

7) Give schools and teachers the tools and equipment to be more productive.

8) Use a portion for welfare reform and investigation. Too many people take advantage of tax payer's money that are capable of working. We also need to help our seniors with health care reform.

9) Help our state and local

law enforcement with better and updated equipment to help them do a more efficient job.

10) Help the agricultural community, the farmers and ranchers to get better market value for their crops and products. Expose Idaho's products through advertising throughout the nation as well as the rest of the world. Idaho's farmers aren't getting enough money for their crops so they are selling their land.

11) Give students more incentive to go to college by making more grants available. Leave the remaining \$214 million dollar surplus locked up until 2007 at which time we will have a better idea what the true state of the state will be.
DON JESSER
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Don Jesser is an independent candidate for governor.)

Flawed response

White House report outlines mistakes in response to Hurricane Katrina. Read story on page C5

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NATION/WORLD

Snow-laden roof over Moscow market collapses, killing 56

MOSCOW (AP) — Rescuers pulled repeatedly in hopes of hearing survivors trapped under concrete and metal beams Thursday after a snow-laden roof collapsed on one of Moscow's biggest markets, killing at least 56 people.

Investigators blamed the disaster on a buildup of snow after a harsh winter, design flaws or poor maintenance.

Workers used metal cutters, hydraulic jacks and pick axes to clear the rubble from the 150,000-square-meter market and knelt down to shout into the wreckage in

search of survivors. Dogs helped with the search and bright searchlights illuminated the area after dark.

One man, a 52-year-old herb seller from Azerbaijan, said he left the market just before the concave roof gave way around 5 a.m.

"I heard a loud noise and I fell to the ground and lost consciousness. When I came to, I was lying by the entrance," Ukhtai Salmanov said, his clothes covered in dust. "There was smoke and people were screaming."

Fighting back tears, he said he was

unable to save his three sisters, who also worked in the huge circular building.

At least 56 people were killed and 32 injured, Emergency Situations Ministry spokeswoman Natalya Lakush said.

Emergency officials said it was impossible to say how many people had been in the market at the time of the collapse, but survivors and witnesses said there could have been more than 100.

The market, where produce, meat and dairy products are sold along with household goods, was closed for retail

sales, but wholesalers were getting an early start. Some market workers also were reportedly sleeping in the building.

Officials expressed relief the roof hadn't collapsed later Thursday when the building would have been filled with shoppers taking advantage of the first day of a three-day holiday marking Defenders of the Fatherland Day, which honors Russia's armed forces.

Virtually all the victims were believed to be workers from Azerbaijan and other former Soviet republics, among

the thousands who have poured into the Russian capital to fill low-paying jobs.

Cries and shouts rang out from the crowd of relatives gathered near the site as emergency workers read the names of the hospitalized. One woman was pulled away weeping after hearing her brother was killed.

"I have a cousin there. I've been calling him since morning but at first there was no answer, and now the phone does not ring," said Ishkin Mekhvaliyev, a young Azerbaijani man.

Rice makes surprise visit to Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice hinted Thursday the United States would welcome the exit of Lebanon's pro-Syrian president. She praised democratic progress by other leaders in the country's fractured sectarian politics.

The top U.S. diplomat's surprise visit to the Lebanese capital came days after major demonstrations there against Syria's control over Lebanon.

Rice neared the close of a four-nation Middle East trip that has seen U.S. allies snub her efforts to halt aid to a Hamas-led Palestinian

But the journey has also let her highlight an emerging democratic success story in the region, with nearly a year passing since a flowering of street protests forced Syrian troops to leave Lebanon after three decades of domination.

She said she came to Lebanon "to affirm the firm support of the United States of America for the Lebanese people as they work to have a fully sovereign, democratic Lebanon" that represents Lebanese of all religions, Rice said.

Rice took no position on whether Lebanese President Emile Lahoud should stay or go, saying the decision was up to the Lebanese. But she noted pointedly that the Lebanese "need a residency that looks forward, not back, and that defends Lebanese sovereignty."

France: Turkeys may have died from bird flu

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — France said Thursday that it may have found its first case of the virulent H5N1 bird flu virus in domestic birds, while an Austrian official warned of spotty European "preparation for a possible outbreak."

The developments came as the European Union prepared for urgent talks Friday on how to handle the disease, which has spread over the past year from Asia to Africa and Europe.

Austrian Health Minister Maria Raue-Kallat said Thursday that "governments' readiness to deal with a possible bird flu pandemic in Europe was uneven and that steps must be taken to bring them to appropriate standards."


Scientists fear the H5N1 flu strain, which has already spread to 10 European countries, could mutate into a form that is easily transmitted between humans, sparking a pandemic.


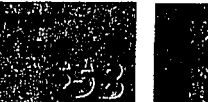






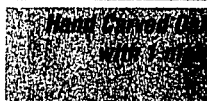


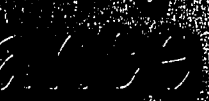

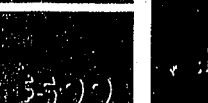
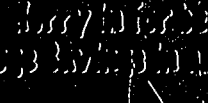
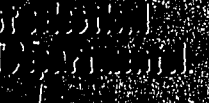
Raue-Kallat declined to say what countries lacked appropriate plans to combat a potential pandemic.

"There are countries that are well-prepared ... and there are countries that are less well-prepared," she said in an interview with The Associated Press ahead of Friday's EU health ministers' meeting that she will preside.

France sealed off a turkey farm that veterinarians suspect may have been infected by the deadly bird flu virus and authorities were doing tests and slaughtering the birds, the farming ministry said.

The farm with more than 11,000 turkeys is in the same region of southeast France where the country's first case of H5N1 — in a wild duck — was detected last week. If the virus is confirmed at the farm, it would be the first time that the disease has spread to poultry stocks in France.



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YOUR WEEKEND



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• Where: College of Southern Idaho, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
• When: Today, 8 p.m.
• How much: Tickets, which are \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$5 students, are available at the door.

That '70s show

• What: The Junior Musical Playhouse will present "The Super 70s Spectacular."
• Where: Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls.
• When: Today and Saturday, 7 p.m.
• How much: Tickets, which are \$8, are available at Eco Water & Pristine Kidspure, 1063 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls. General admission tickets are \$6 each and are available in Twin Falls at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy, Crowley's Soda Fountain and Crowley's The Quad, at Adven's Flowers in Jerome, at Saw-Mor Drug in Buhl, from any cast member, or at the door on the nights of the performances.

Opening night

• What: Twin Falls filmmaker Wes Malvini will premiere his new movie, "The Seven Sins of Daniel Tucker."
• Where: Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
• When: Today, 7:30 p.m.
• How much: Tickets are \$10, and includes preshow entertainment, an invitation to the premiere party and a question-and-answer session with the filmmakers.

A difficult woman

• What: Company of Fools will present Henrik Ibsen's "The Dolls."
• Where: Liberty Theater, Halley.
• When: Today and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m.
• How much: Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seats and \$18 for students 18 and under and seniors 62 and over, are available at the Liberty Theater box office, which is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, by phone at 578-9122 or at the door.



Still nasty

• What: Hip-hop bad boys 2 Live Crew will play Tropicana.
• Where: Whiskey Jacuzzi.
• When: Today, 10 p.m.
• How much: Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of peak
Salmon	114%	88%
Big Wood	126%	88%
Little Wood	115%	88%
Big Lost	113%	82%
Little Lost	101%	71%
Hennys Fork/Teton	110%	91%
Upper Snake Basin	116%	82%
Oakley	143%	118%
Salmon Falls	133%	103%

As of Feb. 23

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 20-year average. An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in early March.

Dam breaching: Irrigators could be big winners, consultant says

Speaker tackles touchy subject in Chamber talk

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — If you come to Twin Falls to discuss dam breaching, be advised that wearing a Kevlar vest for protection might be in your best interest.
At least, that's how Don

Chapman prefaced a speech he presented last week to the Twin Falls Rotary Club.

Nonetheless, Chapman ventured south beyond the Perrine Bridge to the Turf Club, where he delivered his message — sans the vest. He laid out in blunt terms and technical evidence that not only would the southern Idaho irrigators benefit from breaching the four lower dams on the Snake and Columbia river system, but also the salmon population would be a lot better off, too.
Chapman — a salmon consultant with a doctorate from

Oregon State University — also said that the dams are not entirely to blame for the declining salmon population. Global warming, he said, is the major culprit.

"The polar ice cap has shrunk since 1979 by 7.8 percent (and) the level of dependable snowmaking in the Colorado Rockies has risen from 8,000 to 9,000 feet," Chapman said. "And the Fraser River, the large undammed system to the north of the Columbia River, rose in summer temperature by 1.1 degrees Celsius in the last half century."

The result for salmon is that migration starts up to six weeks earlier and can suffer up to 90 percent pre-spawning mortality. Stress levels and disease likelihood increase, contributing to the high mortality.

But also, "you all know that Chinook salmon and steelhead once swarmed upstream as far as Shoshone Falls in the Snake River and such streams as the Boise, Malheur, Owyhee and Powder rivers before Hells Canyon dams were built," Chapman said.
"Those runs are gone forever, along with the habitat quality

that supported them."
Yes, Twin Falls, Boise and Ontario and other towns upstream from the blockages are prospering without the salmon and steelhead.

"So, what's the big deal about losing wild salmon in downstream tributaries?" he asked. "The big deal for me is the legacy we leave. Do we want to be remembered as the generations that extinguished the listed wild stocks?"

Chapman said he thinks breaching the four lower Snake

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CAMPAIGN OF CARING



Tony Trevino, 11, Madilyn Yeama, 9, and Chasity Castro, 7, make up games to play Thursday in the gym at The Salvation Army. The agency is one of 22 local agencies that receive money from United Way.

United Way brings in \$33,000 more this year

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A number of nonprofit agencies are going to be able to help more people, thanks to funding from the United Way of South-Central Idaho.
This year's United Way campaign will distribute more than \$174,000 to agencies in the region, said Jason Brue, director of the local United Way chapter. That's \$33,000 more than was distributed last year, Brue said.

"He said this year's fundraising campaign was a challenge due to 'donor fatigue' brought on by Mother Nature. "Natural disasters in the South have kind of hindered the campaign," Brue said. "People say, 'I gave to Katrina. I gave to Wilma. I gave to Rita.' We understand that."

United Way's campaign fundraising goal was \$300,000 and it raised \$261,000, Brue said. The largest donations came from United Way's "Gem Award" companies. Costco was the biggest giver, followed by Clear Springs Foods, First Federal Bank, US Bank and Cactus Petes Resort and Casino, Brue said. Costco was the top giver for the fifth year in a row, raising more than \$43,000 from its employees. Clear Springs raised \$20,249; First Federal Bank, \$19,364; US Bank, \$15,472; and Cactus Petes, \$14,865.

Target and The Times-News each received United Way Spirit Awards for

Grants will help kids, elderly, abuse victims, homeless

Here are the local agencies that will benefit from the United Way of South-Central Idaho's 2005-2006 annual fundraising campaign:

Agency	Amount
American Red Cross	\$8,632
Boys and Girls Club	\$15,481
CASA	\$7,095
Child Trauma Recovery Resource	\$3,279
Crisis Center of the Magic Valley	\$8,528
Girl Scouts	\$3,416
Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers	\$6,102
Save Kids Coalition	\$5,063
Salvation Army	\$26,895
Senior Companions	\$2,112

South Central Community Action	\$4,010
Valley House	\$8,761
Walker Center	\$5,578
YMCA	\$6,635
Ageless Senior Center	\$4,390
Hagerman Senior Center	\$3,676
Silver and Senior Center	\$3,663
Minidoka County Senior Center	\$2,492
Silver and Gold Senior Center	\$3,932
West End Senior Center	\$6,315
Advocate Children's Program	\$1,000
Mini-Cassia Shelter	
For Women and Children	\$1,000
Nonmember Agencies	\$13,763
Plus yet to be designated	\$25,430
Total:	\$174,248

doubling their donations from last year.

Most of the United Way grants went to the local chapters' 20 member agencies, which dedicate their services to children, the elderly, the abused and the homeless. The member agency that received the largest United Way grant was the Salvation Army, which received \$26,895, followed by \$15,481 to the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley.

About \$13,000 went to nonmember agencies. This has been a big year for the local

chapter of the United Way. With the help of some volunteers and corporate contributions, the agency moved into its new digs, a rehabilitated HUD home. And the local chapter's annual Day of Caring benefited seven volunteer community projects and immunized more than 300 children in low-income families in southern Idaho.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Albion City Council weighs spring flood proposals

Main focus is flooding along Marsh Creek

By Mary Lynne Bristol
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — The Albion City Council listened to three flood-control presentations recently during its second February session. Their main focus was spring flooding along Marsh Creek. The council was also informed about resources available to the city.

Mike Combs, a district consultant with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), explained the Environmental Quality Incentives

Program (EQIP), which is a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers. He said the program offers financial and technical resources to help eligible participants install and implement structural or management practices on agricultural land. Of special note was the restoration of riparian areas along creeks that function like a sponge to hold back water.

Also speaking to the council about Marsh Creek was Carolyn Firth from the NRCS. She listed the problems, goals, benefits, and voluntary participation as outlined in the Aldo Riparian Restoration Project. The EPA grant process for the project was explained, and she said that the Raft River Flood District paid most of the match. She said that this funding can be obtained by municipalities. Firth

noted the practices implemented and explained the monitoring system. She also handed out information from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) about obtaining permits to work in waterways.

Terry Blau from IDWR explained that his agency is the state entity that administers the Stream Channel Protection Act and that the Army Corps of Engineers administers the federal Clean Water Act. He said that a joint application for working in a waterway has been developed and the permit application process reviewed. He noted that the agencies look at how the proposed work will affect such things as recreation, wildlife, and aesthetic impact before approving or denying a permit.

In answering questions from the audience, Blau explained that the portion of the channel that is protected is where the stream is flowing at the current time. He also explained the difference between perennial streams, such as Marsh Creek, and intermittent, such as College Creek. He said that in some situations there is a provision for removing debris without getting in the stream. Several attendees suggested forming a flood district; however, he noted that this would spread the cost of flood control to all residents.

Mayor Don Bowden then asked Blau what the city could do immediately to relieve the threat of flooding this spring. He was informed that the work should have been done last fall. Watermaster Don Gunderson said that most special permits

issued to valley residents last spring (post-flooding) were not used. Bowden asked Blau if he could again look at Marsh Creek and assess if an emergency permit could be issued to relieve the threat of flooding. Blau stated that he would be back in a couple of days.

In other news, Robert Moore presented his plans for beautification of the southwest corner of Main and North streets where his art studio is located. He showed drawings of his proposal and said that he is moving the building to increase the view of traffic. His plans include paving the parking area in front of his studio and asked if the city would like to pave the parking in front of the Community Cen-

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Sportsmen plan coyote hunt for Saturday

By Marie Mischel
For The Times-News

HEYBURN — Regular hunting seasons are closed, but rather than hang up their rifles the Mini-Cassia chapter of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife have planned a competition that combines skill with a social outing for a good cause.

Two-person teams are being sought for the Coyote Calling Contest scheduled for Saturday. Prizes for first through third places will be awarded to those who bring in the most coyotes, but excluding legal hunting hours that day.

The event is only to reduce the number of coyotes. "It's also just a way to get everybody out and have a good time," said George Warrell, president of the Sportsmen's Mini-Cassia chapter. Funds raised from entry fees will fund a local outdoor restoration project.

The coyote's status as a predator allows it to be hunted year-round by any method.

"They are just smart animals," contest coordinator Dave Smith said. "They're hard to trick. I would rather hunt coyotes than anything else. I like the challenge of it."

On Saturday, the contest will start at 6 a.m. and last through sunrise — a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset. Check-in time will be 7 p.m. at the Heyburn Police Department, 941 19th St. Teams have the same number of kills, the prize will go the first team to check in.

For the contest, coyotes must be called in by mouth or electronic calls. Chasing them in vehicles isn't permitted. Entry costs \$20 per two-person team. The event is a fundraiser for lions for the Heyburn and Wildlife to help restore habitat on the former Cassia County landfill site at 650 S 100 E. Contestants must have a valid hunting license, said Smith, and a biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Traditional hunting rules will apply. Todd added, Hunters may not trespass on private property without the owner's permission, and they should identify their targets and what's beyond before they shoot.

To register, call Dave Smith at 338-9440 or George Warrell at 679-8961.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3268 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The small space for obituary notices in Magic Valley... Do not include notices for a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

Darrell DeWayne Olmstead

HERMIE — Darrell DeWayne Olmstead, 82, of Jerome, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at his home. He was born Jan. 3, 1924, in Missouri, Mo., the son of Arlington Olmstead and Corine Thompson Olmstead. He married Dorothy Flanagan, and they were later divorced. Darrell raised seven children: He served his country in the United States Marines and later the United States Navy during World War II. Korea and Vietnam, retiring from the U.S. Navy in 1965. Darrell enjoyed hunting, fishing and working



on cars. He loved to watch sports and eat ice cream.

He is survived by his children, Jerry Pyron, Bobby Pyron, Pat Olmstead, Warren Olmstead, Mark Olmstead, Elaine Burks and Kriston Warfield. He was also survived by two sisters, Betsy Tripp and Maxine Kramer; 17 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and one brother. Darrell's life will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Benjamin Allyn Steen

TWIN FALLS — Benjamin Allyn Steen, son of Don and Corinne Steen of Kimberly, husband to Lucie Steen and father of three, Brady Allyn Steen, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, He was 31. Born Nov. 16, 1974, Ben was raised in the Twin Falls area with his two older brothers, Paul and Joel, and two younger brothers, Philip and



kind, caring and considerate nature continues in yet another land. As a husband, father, son, brother and friend, truly he was a "Gentle Ben." He is survived by his wife, Lucie, and son, Brady Allyn Steen, both of Twin Falls; parents, Donald and Corinne Steen of Twin Falls; father-in-law, David Miller of Twin Falls; mother-in-law, Kathi Schradner of Twin Falls; brothers, Paul David Steen of Kimberly, Joel (Dana) Steen of Marsyville,

Call, Philip Arnold (Amber) Steen at USMC Camp Pendleton, and Joseph John Steen of Marsyville, Calif.; brother-in-law, Brandon (Christina) Miller of Boise; sister-in-law, Dana (Patrick) Cox of Halley; and grandmother, Donna Steen of Twin Falls.

The funeral for Ben will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main St. in Twin Falls, with burial following at the Twin Falls cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Brady Allyn Steen fund at any D.L. Evans Bank. Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort: Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." — 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Dr. John T. Boaz III

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — John T. Boaz III, MD, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, at his home in Scottsdale, Ariz. He was 70 years old.

No immediate service will be held. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of The Naturopathic Society. John was born on May 1, 1935, in Chillicothe, Texas. He attended school in Tipton, Okla., graduating from high school in 1953. He then attended Oklahoma State University, graduating in 1957, followed by Oklahoma University Medical School in Oklahoma City, where he graduated in 1960. He married Nancy Edner of El Reno, Okla., on June 1, 1959; they had two children, son, Joel, and daughter, Ann. They

were later divorced. After graduating from medical school, he completed his internship at Robert R. Green Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. In 1961, John joined the Air Force. He attended training at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio and was then assigned to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, where he worked in the Cadet Dispensary. From October 1963 to 1967, he completed his residency at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center. He then went into practice in Oklahoma City, where he remained until January 1973, when he and his family moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where he opened his practice. While in Oklahoma,

he earned his private pilot's license, and he loved flying whenever he got the chance. In 1994, John accepted a position at the VA Hospital in Phoenix, where he worked until his retirement in 2000. In 1996, he married Judy Tarter of Twin Falls; they were later divorced. John was enjoying his retirement in Scottsdale at the time of his death, and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Survivors include his daughter, Ann, and son-in-law, Blair Baertsch of Boise, Idaho; his son, Joel Boaz; and grandson, Jakob Boaz, both of Boise, Norway; his sister, Brenda Stewart of Lubbock, Texas; as well as several cousins.

Hugo Guadalupe Johnson of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church (Hove-Robertson, Farnsworth Chapel).

Ida Mae Ball of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Church, 2200 Oakley Ave.; burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lewisville Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 1:45 p.m. today at the church (Furness Mortuary).

John Franklin (Frank) Lenker of Gooding, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Demary's Gooding Chapel; celebration of life from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Phat Eddy's Cajun Cookin' in Twin Falls.

J. Fred Winterholler of Jerome, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome LDS 4th Ward Chapel, 26 N. 100 E.; friends and family may call from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Milford O. Marsh of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls LDS 8th Ward Chapel, 667 Harrison St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Alice Faye Gould-Freitas of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman LDS Church; friends and family may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Demary's Wendell Chapel and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Adeline Marie Parrott of Jerome, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Church of God, 121 E. Ave. F.; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the

SERVICES

Anna Mae Taber of Pennsylvania, visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. today at Demary's Shoshone Chapel; funeral and burial will be in Montoursville, Pa.

Elva Smith Jensen of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday

at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3850 N. 3500 E., Kimberly; viewing from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Raymond Fuller Orr Jr. of Burley, celebration of life for friends and family from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Snake River Grill in Hagerman (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

Dr. James R. Kircher BURLEY — James Raymond Kircher MD, 67, of Burley died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., with the Rev. Nina Lashari officiating. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. A complete obituary will appear in Saturday's newspaper.

his home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at the mortuary. A complete obituary will follow in Sunday's newspaper.

Kathleen R. Lovell

HAILEY — Kathleen Rose Lovell, 54, of Hailey, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at her home.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey. Arrangements are under the direction of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

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Erma L. Lowry

OAKLEY — Erma Louisa Larson Lowry, 99, of Oakley, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at the Burley Care Center. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at Oakley LDS Stake Center, with Bishop Harry Hardy officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Carol Gordon

BURLEY — Carol Gordon, 73, of Burley, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Portneuf Medical Center East in Bozeman.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Patrick W. Talbot

PAID — Patrick "Pat" Wayne Talbot, 49, of Filer, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006, at

Leslie E. McCarty BURLEY — Leslie E. McCarty, 95, of Burley and formerly of Kimberly, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at her daughter's home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Convicted killer sentenced to death row for second time

SODA SPRINGS (AP) — Twice-convicted killer Timothy Alan Dunlap has again been sentenced to death.

Dunlap was sentenced to death Wednesday after five hours of deliberation, the Idaho State Journal reported. The 37-year-old Dunlap has already spent nearly 14 years on Idaho's death row, sentenced to die by lethal injection in 1992 for the 1978 slaying of bank teller Tonya Crane during a robbery.

Last year, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled that procedural mistakes made after Dunlap pleaded guilty to Crane's murder entitled him to a new sentencing hearing. Also, a 2003 U.S.

Supreme Court decision requires that a jury — not a judge, as in Dunlap's case — decide on the death penalty.

Dunlap has also been sentenced to death in Ohio where he was convicted of killing his girlfriend, Belinda Bolanos, with a crossbow just 10 days before Crane's murder. Dunlap's resentencing hearing in Soda Springs, Dunlap offered a rambling statement, telling jurors that history will remember him as a bad man and saying both murders were prompted by anger and frustration toward his ex-wife.

Dunlap also told the jury that if they allowed him into the general prison population he

would have access to a law library and an "Indian sweat lodge" so he can "learn Indian magic."

"How can I die twice?" Dunlap said about his dual death sentences. "Maybe I'll be frozen as a folk hero or as some nut and be brought back to life."

He also contested prosecutors' claims that he planned the murder, despite evidence that he bought a trench coat, ammunition and a shotgun before the bank robbery. He said he panicked when Crane moved her leg, fearing she was attempting to push a alarm.

"I didn't shoot her in the head and blow her head off," Dunlap said. "I shot her in the stomach."

Judge grants delay in Duncan murder trial

By John K. Wiley Associated Press writer

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A judge on Thursday granted a delay in the triple-murder trial of Joseph Edward Duncan III, saying he didn't want to try the case twice in case Idaho's ban on the insanity defense is overturned.

First District Judge Fred Gibler heard nearly two hours of testimony in his chambers before vacating a scheduled April 4 trial date and setting an Oct. 16 start. Gibler said that would give Duncan's lawyers time to prepare for the capital trial, as well as clarify whether Idaho's ban on the insanity defense is constitutional. "No one wants to try this twice, including me," Gibler said.

Lawyers for Duncan asked that the trial date be moved to November, to give them extra time to prepare a defense for

their client, who faces the death penalty if convicted of three slayings near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, last year.

Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas argued Duncan's lawyers have already received one delay and should not be granted another.

Idaho law requires the court to "minimize the length of time the child must endure the stress of his or her involvement in the proceedings," Douglas wrote in a motion filed Tuesday.

Lawyers representing Stasha Groene and her family testified in the closed-door session, which was characterized as an expression of the family's wish to get the trial over quickly. Stasha is the sole survivor of the carnage at her home last May

boyfriend in an act that authorities said was intended to allow Duncan to kidnap Stasha and brother Dylan Groene, 9, for sex. Stasha was recovered alive seven weeks later, but Dylan was killed.

Duncan's arrest last July and the revelations that he had a long history of preying on children for sex have prompted calls in the legislatures of Washington, Idaho and other states to get tougher on sex predators. Washington voters will also consider an initiative this year that seeks to lock up violent sex offenders for life after a first conviction. Duncan's lawyers want the trial pushed back in part to wait for a U.S. Supreme Court decision on the insanity defense. Public defender John Adams has asked Gibler to rule that Idaho's ban on insanity as a defense is unconstitutional. The U.S. Supreme Court has ex-

pected to rule on a similar law in Nevada this summer.

In November, Gibler granted a request by Adams to postpone the original trial date of Jan. 16.

"Duncan, 42, a registered sex offender from Fargo, N.D., is charged with kidnapping and killing Brenda Kay Groene, 40, her son, Shale Groene, 13, and live-in boyfriend Mark Edward McKenzie, 37.

If convicted on any of the six counts, Duncan could face a death sentence.

Duncan has allegedly been sending letters from the jail to supporters and opponents. Some of those have been posted on the Internet.

In a recent letter, Duncan said God ordered him to return Stasha Groene last July, and described himself as a remorseful man ready to trade places with his victims. He also argued against life or death sentences for sex offenders.

N. Idaho College might raise tuition by 10% in 2007

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — North Idaho College might raise tuition by as much as 10 percent next year to make up for revenue shortfalls from declining enrollment. College officials said Wednesday that there probably won't be a decision on tuition increases until spring.

"Every time you raise tuition, you reduce the chance of lower-income people going to college," said NIC President Michael Burke. "It's very sensitive." But the college must decide by June 30 where to cut the

budget to make up for the \$2.6 million shortfall, he said, adding that he wants to avoid tapping the college's cash reserves. "It's fairly standard to make major course corrections," Burke said Wednesday. "The board has expectations that when we set a budget, we stick with it."

Rolly Jurgens, vice president for administrative services, said plans call for cutting

\$92,800 from the president's office, \$286,000 from instruction, \$50,000 from student services, \$121,000 from administration, and \$80,000 from college relations and \$80,000 from planning and assessment.

Burke makes the final decision on cuts.

Poison Creek Campground to become day-use area

DONNELLY (AP) — A popular state campground on Cascade Lake will be turned into a day-use area. The 16 campsites at the Pol-

son Creek Campground will be removed and expanded at a former YMCA camp on the north end of the lake.

Idaho lawmakers expressed concern that the state Parks and Recreation Dept. was pushing aside lakeside camping to give the nearby Tamarack resort exclusive access on the lake.

But park officials said Poison Creek would remain open to the public and campers would get a better, more private experience at the new site.

— compiled from staff reports

ENGAGEMENT

Bennett-James

ELBA — Mike Bennett and Cindy Bennett, both of Preston, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Bennett, to Dustin James, son of Dennis and Jane James, son of Dennis and James James, of Elba. James is employed at LeGrand Johnson Construction in Logan, Utah.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Feb. 24, in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held that evening at the South Stake Center in Preston. A second



Dustin James and Lori Bennett reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Elba LDS Church.

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Boy pleads guilty to murder in slaying bullying brother

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A 16-year-old boy who shot his bullying older brother to death has pleaded guilty in juvenile court to murder.

He received the maximum juvenile sentence, which is to be in the custody of the juvenile system until age 21. Under Utah law, offenses committed while under the age of 14 must be handled in juvenile court.

The boy was 13 when he shot his 16-year-old brother three times on Sept. 11, 2004, using a gun stolen from his grandparents a week earlier. The case had factors of both premeditation and rage, said Roy police Chief Greg Whinham.

I have some empathy for this young man. His ability to cope was not there. When he gets out he will be faced with similar situations that lead to frustration.

— Police Chief Greg Whinham of Roy, Utah.

"It was something we felt he had planned," Whinham said of the youth, now 14. "I would not describe it as cold-blooded, but as a contemplated act. If A happens, then B follows. If

my brother picks on me again, I will take action. He was angry and frustrated."

Prosecution in 2nd District Juvenile Court in Ogden has been drawn out by lengthy rounds of psychological testing, with at least four different evaluations. The boy had been kept in the Weber Valley Juvenile Detention Center in Roy since his arrest immediately after the shooting.

The victim, John Colby Johnston, was shot at the family's home in Roy when the boys were alone.

Whinham said previously that the victim apparently had struck his younger brother

in the leg with a stick, causing a welt, and chased him.

The younger teen, crying and distraught, walked to a nearby convenience store to dial 911 and report the shooting.

Whinham said police had responded to the apartment once before, reportedly because the brothers were fighting with the older boy the aggressor.

The guilty plea came last week and the boy was sentenced the same day. All proceedings were closed to the public because of the defendant's age.

Whinham said the boy had no prior juvenile record.

He said he hoped the boy get all the counseling and programming available in the juvenile justice system because he is now denied a typical family environment and a traditional school setting.

"He will need some skills when he's released in seven years," the chief said. "I have some empathy for this young man. His ability to cope was not there. When he gets out he will be faced with similar situations that lead to frustration."

"He will need to be educated and he'll need some kind of support system so he can transition back into society."

Bill calls for stiffer penalty for drunk driving

BOISE, Idaho — Two bills making their way through the Legislature could step up penalties for driving drunk and for refusing to take a sobriety test.

Both bills have the support of the advocacy group Mothers Against Drunk Driving and of the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association.

The deterrent needs to be stronger because right now it's not working," Heather Reilly of the attorneys' group told the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee.

Arrests for driving under the influence increased by just under 1 percent from 2003 to 2004, according to the Idaho State Police.

Rep. Bob Ring, R-Caldwell, sponsored a measure that adds a \$250 fine to existing penalties for refusing a sobriety test. It passed the full House 47-19 Wednesday.

And the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee unanimously approved a measure that would increase a driver's license suspension for refusing a test from six months to a year.

Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis of Idaho Falls, a member of the panel, expressed concern

about lengthening license suspensions. Losing a driver's license can threaten offenders' ability to get to work, hurting their families and turning them into wards of the state, he said.

"Help me have confidence that families are still going to be able to address the various family needs that they have to," Davis said.

Reilly said the law provides exceptions for essential driving, such as travel to and from work.

Davis voted for the bill but said his vote was "enthusiastically for some parts and reluctantly for others."

Panel backs more health care for state workers

BOISE, Idaho — The House Health and Welfare Committee has approved a proposal to set up a pilot project giving state employees the same health coverage for both mental or physical illness.

The plan, approved Wednesday, would study the costs and

benefits of providing such parity.

In a two-hour hearing, most testimony was in favor of the bill. Only one person — Teresa Mollitor, lobbyist for the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry — opposed it.

Lynn Darrington, lobbyist for Regence BlueShield of Idaho, told the committee that Regence has not taken a position on the measure. Insurers traditionally oppose mandates.

Darrington said, but the pilot project is appropriate and will allow insurers and others to see what the costs really are.

Senate delays vote on 'Meth Moms'

BOISE (AP) — A Senate vote on a bill that would make it a separate crime for women who are pregnant to consume illegal drugs — in addition to the crime of individual possession and use — has been delayed.

Consideration of the bill is being postponed until at least Feb. 28 while backers try to muster support for a package known as the "Pregnant Meth Mothers Bill."

The measure creates a general

felony punishable by as much as five years in prison and a \$50,000 fine for people who use drugs in situations that directly affect fetuses, infants and children.

Under the proposed law, courts handling the case of a pregnant woman would be directed to first attempt to find treatment or refer the case to drug court, to help prevent the harms of addicted infants.

On Thursday, opponents argued that Idaho's limited treatment options would condemn pregnant women struggling with drug abuse to prison.

"The bill does nothing to help pregnant women with their addiction," Sen. Kate Kelly, D-Boise, said Thursday. "The fact is, we don't have enough treatment in Idaho. Qualifying for a drug court, even if we have space, is very difficult. It's unfair to hold a mother subject to prosecution when she can't get the treatment."

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Idaho, and an advocate of tough sentencing for criminals, said his primary goal is "to deliver a clean baby. That's the intent," he said.

— compiled from staff reports

Salmon

River dams would cut smolt mortality in the Snake River by half and virtually eliminate dam-caused mortality in adults.

He admitted breaching would create winners and losers, but ironically some big winners would be southern Idaho irrigators because they would no longer have to deliver 487,000 acre-feet of flush flow.

"Why have irrigators down here failed to support breaching?" Chapman asked. "Darned if I know. Could it be they can make more money selling water than farming?"

He noted that northern Idaho farmers prosper from sending their farm products by barge to Portland, but he said that's no bargain for southern Idaho growers.

In addition, the amount of

electricity the four dams produce only takes care of 4 percent of the amount needed by Idaho, Oregon and Washington — which, in his mind, isn't worth what society gives up in losing the genes of wild salmon stock.

Rotarians were noticeably quiet with no questions after Chapman's provocative speech. But President Mark Koller of Walker Water Systems did

ask afterward that Chapman delivered "good information."

Regarding Chapman's comments on protecting wild salmon, Koller also said that "Biodiversity is important (and it) contributes to a stable ecology."

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Albion

Continued from B1. At the same time, Council members suggested that other landowners along the street might also like to participate in the project. Councilman Dwight Parish said that the "idea of the paving should be checked so that water run-off goes to the drain pipe."

In discussing the renting of the Community Center, City Attorney Kerry McMurray explained that the council would need to pass a resolution setting forth rules for use of the hall and then set the rental fees. The council decided to have the

county building inspector check into what is needed for the facility to have a handicap-accessible bathroom. The council decided that the hall will not be rented until these tasks have been completed.

The mayor assigned Councilman Roger Jenkins to be in charge of the water; Councilman Lynda Anderson to be in charge of administering the city office; Councilman Dwight Parish to be in charge of streets; and Councilman Rick Mahoney to be in charge of electricity.

The council also approved the appointment of Mike Golley to

the Planning and Zoning Commission and approval was given for City Maintenance Supervisor Stewart Waldemar to purchase spare water system parts. Also, Hofco was hired to repair a leak in the 12-inch water line coming from the storage tank and Sharon Hardy-Mills presented a list of conditions of sale for the campus property from the Campus Foundation.

Mary Lynne Bristol lives in Albion and can be contacted by e-mail at bristolbruce@hotmail.com or by phone at (208)-673-5388.

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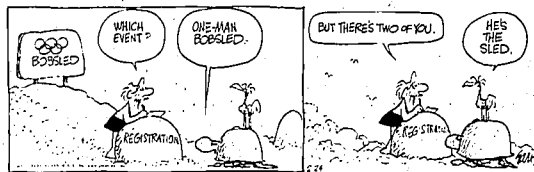
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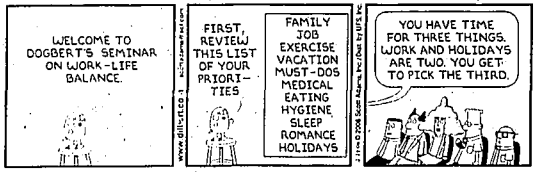
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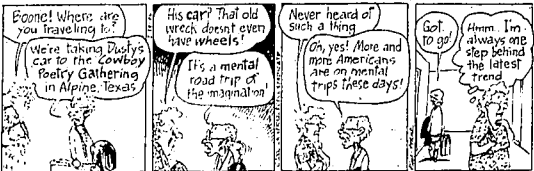
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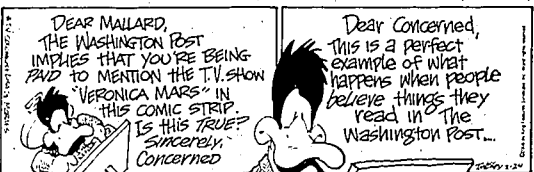
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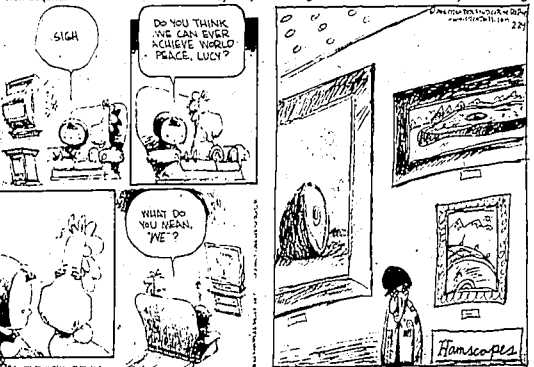


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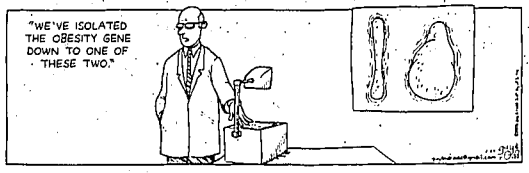
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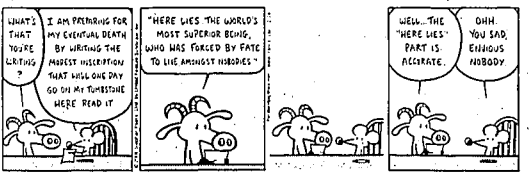
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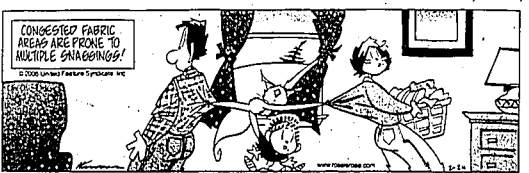
Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Watch your mouth today, Gemini

IF FEB. 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Some old friends you've outgrown may fall by the wayside about midyear, and wonderful new friends more attuned to who you are now will come in months or two later. You will be exceptionally busy, and meeting all the needs in every direction will require a balancing act. Any plans that fall apart this month or two later will be productive, so do fret not, but you're lucky enough that even better new plans are on the horizon. A friend could become more than a friend — bringing the best of all worlds.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Sidestep any squabbles that crop up, especially on the home front. Making plans now would not be productive, so defer them for now, regardless of the pressure. Use your copious charms to defuse any arguments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Today, you could wind up with your foot in your mouth, so choose your words very, very carefully. Despite your romantic inclinations, starting up with new love now would be disastrous. Stick to current flames, or wait a week to initiate romance with someone new.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Today is another day to tread lightly now for maximum traction in the future. Choose your words carefully to avoid giving offense or steamrolling anyone.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

New ideas should be put on hold for now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let wishful dreams cloud your judgment; stand strictly both feet on the ground today. Continue to work on new endeavors until stars improve. Remember, moderation is the key now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): New ideas could be misleading, so be extra-cautious — even within your own thoughts. Spontaneity is dangerous now. Take time to plan, and rethink everything again next week as stars improve.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Continue to beware of negative thoughts or even fantasies of revenge. None of this is founded in reality, as you will later realize. Your careful and cautious nature will stand you in good stead, and help you to see the truth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pick your way carefully through relationship obstacles if they crop up. Your sense of fairness will stand you in good stead. Courtship is fine, but don't start up with anyone new until better stars shine.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let obsessive thoughts take over your life now — they are probably leading nowhere. Lend a friendly hand, but don't expect much in return until later. Cut even now as much slack as possible now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are very creative now, and can release the beauty of your soul in poetry, music, painting or any artistic pursuit. Don't take the next step and show your work to others though, wait until next week at the earliest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't take anything personally, and by all means don't develop any schemes of retribution. Let your own new ideas you would regret. Let these difficult stars pass without letting them color your actions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A wave of optimism and energy engulfs you for the next few days. You shine as the center of attention in any group. Don't be afraid to step into the spotlight today, since you'll have enough charm for three people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Plans have a way of going awry now, so it is probably best to avoid making any new ones for this week. Proceed with care and all will be well. Overall, your personal stars are looking strong.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



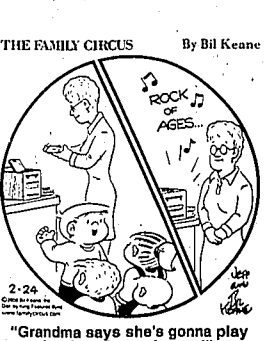
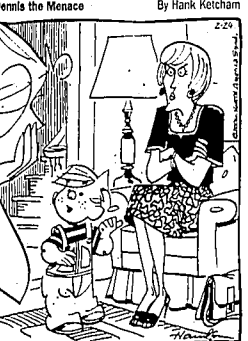
The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



"SHE DOESN'T LOOK 'CATTY' TO ME, MOM. SHE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE WHISKERS."

"Grandma says she's gonna play her favorite rock song!"

Racy pictures fuel fantasies about friend's hunky hubby

DEAR ABBY: I was visiting my friend Carla, last week and arrived a little early on our way to go shopping. While I was waiting for her to dress, I noticed some photographs on her kitchen counter. I browsed through them and was shocked to see they were pictures of Carla and her husband, "Cesare," naked, in various positions and stages.



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

of it and find something else to occupy your mind, because from my perspective, it seems you have too much time on your hands.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 7 or 8 I was molested by a friend of the family — but my real problem is my mother. After the incident, I had nightmares and wanted my mother to sleep with me. One morning I woke up and felt her touching me, where I shouldn't be touched. I didn't know what to do, so I moved away from her until it happened three more times, until I finally asked her to stop sleeping with me.

I am now 14, and about to become an aunt. I'm afraid of what my mother might do to the baby. I'm afraid to say anything because I don't think anyone will believe me. (After the incidents I became distant to Mother and we don't get along.)

DEAR ABBY: I see nothing to be gained by telling your friend you saw the pictures, nor do I think it would help the situation to tell her that her husband has been coming to you. The fantasy in which you are indulging is a common one, but let's get real here — not all daydreams make for a pleasant reality. My advice is to snap out

DEAR SCARED: Your mother is sick. Your concerns about the baby are justified, but you have kept this secret too long. Please tell the parents-to-be so they can protect their little one from your mother. Because you are afraid you may not be believed, start out this way: "You may have wondered why I don't get along with Mother. This is the reason — and I'm worried about the safety of your baby."

Your mother may have been molested herself, or she may simply have touched you out of some warped sense of power. She should never be alone with any child who is too small to fight her off. Please discuss this with a trusted teacher or counselor at school, so you can receive professional counseling regarding your multiple nightmares. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 10 years recently left me for another woman. My mother-in-law e-mailed me today telling me to return all of the gifts given to us for anniversaries and Christmas for the past 10 years. I am hurt beyond words.

What would be the best way to respond to her e-mails?

DEAR STEWING IN SEATTLE: STEWING: I see you are sometimes when silent speaks volumes. The strongest message you could send this woman would be to ignore her outrageous e-mail.

— SCARED IN SAN DIEGO

Barney evolved from teddy bear

Purple dinosaur Barney was originally going to be a magic teddy bear — an idea that was an unabashed copy of an episode from the "Wee Sing" video series. But the creators saved themselves some lawsuits by changing his species.



RANDOM KINSHIP FACTINESS
Jack Alingo
Erin Barrett

This day in history: Feb. 24, 1938, the day that consumers could buy the first nylon-bristled toothbrush. DuPont was the first to manufacture nylon; the toothbrush was the first product made from Wallace Carothers' invention.

time by saying "Blimp! Blimp!" and the name stuck for good.

Another theory of how blimps got their name: military models labeled "Model B Limp" to differentiate them from dirigibles, which used a supporting frame.

"Astronaut" comes from Greek words meaning "sailor among the stars." "Cosmonaut" means "sailor of the universe."

The scorecard for the Hatfield-McCoy feud up there in the mountains included 13 killed, eight jailed and one hanged. The bloody feud start-

More than 100 million birds die each year from legal harvesting (hunting), according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Here's one story of how blimps got their name. In 1915, Lt. A.D. Cunningham of the British Royal Navy Air Service flaked the ribs of an inflatable airship with his fingers. He imitated the sound at the same

ed after a McCoy accused a Hatfield of stealing a razorback hog.

Centuries ago, people noticed that those multicolor bull-terrier superstars, like a curved bow right before you release an arrow. Hence the name "rainbow."

There are 17.5 miles of hallways in the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C.

Getting cramps when exercising? Try eating some fruit. The muscles use a lot of potassium and a banana or a glass of orange juice supplies more than enough potassium to prevent that particular pain.

Identify the profession in which you hear these terms: hurricanes, superstars, queers, right, festoons, cuppings and propolis. Answer: bekeeping, of course.

Erin Barrett and Jack Alingo can be reached at factman-gers@mingo-harrett.com

Cat proves it's a hurricane survivor

ATLANTA — When Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, Tristin Carter thought she had lost everything — her home, a grandfather, two dogs, a cat and a rabbit.



Tristin Carter holds her cat, Cupcake, Wednesday after they were reunited in Atlanta. For nearly a half year after Hurricane Katrina, the cat lived on her own.

But Cupcake the cat was alive and well after six months of being stuck in a styrofoam box in a hurricane-ravaged neighborhood. On Wednesday, animal

rescue volunteers reunited the lithe, 7-pound black cat with Carter, who now lives in Atlanta.

"I lost a grandfather in the hurricane. To find a little kitty, survived six months, that's great," said Carter, holding Cupcake close and thanking the rescuers who found her.

Animal rescue groups have rescued more than 1,200 former pets living as strays in New Orleans and have been working to reunite them with their owners, according to Best Friends Animal Society, the group that arranged the reunion.

Cupcake wore a collar with rabies tags and rescuers hoped to quickly link her with her owner. But volunteer Shelley Thayer could not find a person who matched the tags name and address. A phone number on the tag was disconnected.

But after using professional Internet-based searching services, Thayer matched Carter with the tags address. The people-finding service provided Thayer with Carter's phone number.

Carter says her family had given up any hope of finding their pets. In November, they returned to their former home and searched without success. "God works in mysterious ways. She is a gift, she is here to let us know there is hope," Carter said. "She's our good luck charm."

pect to about 200 cases of rotavirus worth an estimated \$506,000.

Burglar nets urine samples from office

WAUKESHA, Wis. — A burglar on a dirty mission broke into a parole office and left with some key pieces of evidence — urine samples.

At least half a dozen of the samples were flicked from a locked refrigerator at a Wisconsin Department of Corrections probation and parole office, authorities said.

Nothing else appeared to have been stolen from the office, said John Dipko, a Corrections Department spokesman. Agents will review which samples are missing and order new ones as needed.

Dipko said urine samples are commonly taken and tested for the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs in order to hold offenders accountable to the rules of their court-imposed supervision.

Homeless man or vet?

MANELES man to take sheep . LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A homeless man who police say tried to take a sheep from the Little Rock Zoo has been arrested.

A security guard at the zoo called police Tuesday evening after spotting a man carrying a trash can with a sheep in it, according to police reports.

Grady Allen Carnahan, 32, told officers he was a doctor and the sheep was sick, the report said.

He said he was taking the animal to a veterinary clinic. Carnahan fought with the officers as they tried to take him into custody, police said. — compiled from wire reports

Japanese burglar keen on scent of perfume

TOKYO — Police say a suspected burglar couldn't keep his nose out of trouble — literally. Seichi Shiota, 46, was arrested for alleged burglary in December. He told police he sought out his victims by sniffing women's homes for expensive women's perfume, police said.

He was trying to determine if the occupant was a single woman likely to own a collection of expensive designer bags, watches and jewelry, according to Kanagawa prefectural police spokesman Tsuneo Kosuge.

Shiota also made sure laundry hanging on clotheslines on a balcony did not include men's underwear. Police have linked the sus-



Julinna Lamb of Ketchum, a local skating student of Linda Fratianne, extends into a spin on the Sun Valley Event Center ice rink.

MEAGAN THOMPSON/The Times-News



Linda Fratianne, an Olympic silver medalist and skating coach at Sun Valley Resort, poses Feb. 17 with student Julinna Lamb, 12, of Ketchum, on the outdoor ice rink at the Sun Valley Lodge.

MEAGAN THOMPSON/The Times-News

LINING

Olympic medalist Linda Fratianne continues her skating legacy as coach at Sun Valley

By David Cooper
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — The ice skating rink Linda Fratianne frequents in Sun Valley doesn't have any Olympic rings on it. In fact, most days, the resident of Ketchum isn't even at the rink. Much of her daily routine revolves around raising her teenaged daughter.

And that silver medal from Lake Placid? Heck, for many years, it was hidden away under her bed.

But every four years when the Olympic Winter Games roll around, Fratianne can't help but watch and then realize how good life has been, all because she didn't earn gold.

Today, Fratianne, 45, works as one of the professional skaters now coaching at Sun Valley Resort's ice skating school. While she lives in Ketchum full time, she also coaches in Los Angeles on a seasonal basis and performs occasionally along with some motivational speaking.

But as one of a mere handful of Americans who have stood on the Olympic podium in figure skating, Fratianne has made the sport a last-

ing part of her professional life. Sun Valley eventually became the perfect setting for it all.

"When I would get a summer break I would come to Sun Valley and skate in summer ice shows, which was so much fun. When the full moon was out and the weather was warm, it was an experience like no other. I absolutely loved it."

Sun Valley became home when Fratianne married Nick Maricich, a World Cup alpine skier whose father, Herman Maricich, was the skating rink director at Sun Valley.

A few years later, they had a daughter, Ali, and concentrated on family, parenthood and post-competitive careers. It went so well in fact, that it was easy to forget about that silver medal stashed away in the house.

The Olympic moment

Long before the pairs skating controversy of the 2002 Salt Lake Games, skating insiders pointed to the 1980 Lake Placid ladies figure skating event as the flash point of Olympic skating corruption. Fra-

tiianne entered the Olympics as defending world champion. Overcoming some mediocre compulsory figure scores, she skated an exceptional short program and then dazzled the crowd with the free skate performance of her life.

But judges gave the gold medal to East Germany's Anett Pötzsch, launching numerous allegations of score-fixing by international judges. The biggest factor, however, was probably the Games' emphasis on compulsory figures. That emphasis was reduced and eventually dropped from subsequent Olympics.

"Under the new system I would have been champion four years in a row," Fratianne noted. "But life works in funny ways, and what came along with the silver medal was just enough for me to handle. And, I think things happened for a reason."



Linda Fratianne poses for a Sun Valley Resort promotional shot from the 1980s. Fratianne performed in Sun Valley numerous times before moving permanently to Ketchum in 1988.

Courtesy of Sun Valley Co.

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Skate school continues tradition

By David Cooper
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — If you think Sun Valley's reputation was built solely on the sport of skiing, think again.

The renowned Idaho resort has welcomed some of the world's best figure skaters through its 70 years of history. Today is no different, with Olympians and professionals hitting the Sun Valley ice in winter and summer months for performance and coaching gigs.

Ever since the resort opening in the 1930s, figure-eight and Salchow have been as common on the Sun Valley scene as slaloms and stem-christies.

"The ice shows have been going on forever," said Sun Valley marketing director Jack Sillbach. "It used to be just employees who would try to entertain the guests. There were people who waited tables at the resort who got the job just to skate."

But over time, the ice show atmosphere didn't just appeal to the fans, but also to the skaters. Many return to participate in coaching

Skate with the best

Skate school camps are in full swing during summer months at the Sun Valley Resort. But classes are also available in winter from resort coaches.

Go online to www.sunvalley.com/resort_reskating_main.cfm to see the calendar.

Or if you just want to skate, check out the famous outdoor rink. Rink prices are \$9.80 for adults; \$8 for kids 6 to 12; and \$3.50 for skate rentals. Hours fluctuate during the winter season. For information call the skating center at 622-2194.

clinics on the year-round outdoor ice rink and indoor arena.

Winter is known as a slower period for teaching and coaching at the resort, but those who do stay for the winter are Wood River Valley residents who made Sun Valley a permanent home.

"What we have here is a local staff; they've been here awhile," said

Cory Lavoie, manager of the ice rink and skating school. "More come here in the summer for the skating camps. A lot of them started to come here in the show, fell in love with the place, and then moved here to live year-round."

Joan Lamb of Ketchum grew up in Canada with skating rinks near most neighborhoods, and later moved to the West Coast. After arriving in the Wood River Valley seven years ago from Seattle, her daughter, Julinna, immersed herself into the skating school at age 7, learning from pros such as Linda Fratianne, Gia Guddat, Anita Hartshorn and Frank Svedling.

Lamb recalls hearing two-time Olympic champion Katarina Witt explain that allure of Sun Valley as an almost impossible environment to duplicate — not that she didn't try.

"She basically said, 'We spend our lives in meat lockers. It's such a thrill to be outside,'" Lamb said. "So she said she went back to Germany and has someone flood a tennis court to get a natural feel out there because



Claire Siderman, 9, of Ketchum, skates with professional skater and coach, Gia Guddat, on Feb. 17 at her practice ice at the Sun Valley Ice Arena.

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OUTDOORS

CSI sponsors kayaking classes

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Two kayak instruction classes set to begin in March...

are relatively new or who lack experience in kayaking to learn how to roll, bores, skirts and paddles...

March 8 through May 10 (no class March 22). The class will cover whitewater, hardshell, and inflatable kayaking...

ment fee. • The Outdoor Program will facilitate scuba certification...

Olympics exposure helps Utah's ski season

By Jim Graham Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah ski industry officials can hardly imagine a better scenario for this winter.

Constant references to Salt Lake City's 2002 Winter Olympics during the games in Turin, Italy...

There's no delay at the airport, and easy access to the ski areas, said Krista Parry, spokeswoman for Park City Mountain Resort...

I was watching the games the other night, and I wish I had a dollar for every time someone mentioned Salt Lake City...



An ariving guest struggles with his skis as Jon Wade carries firewood in front of a huge wall of snow at a lodge Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, in Alta, Utah. Above average snowfall has blanketed the state's ski areas.

ranked the nation's top ski areas in separate ski magazines. Meanwhile, as some ski regions around the country are experiencing a snow drought...

At Park City Mountain Resort, bookings were up about 8 percent from last year's Presidents' Day Parry said.

44.5 inches, said Linda Cheng, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Salt Lake City.

Study: Helmets reduce head injury risk on ski slopes

By Carlo Johnson Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — Helmets greatly reduce the risk of head injuries among skiers and snowboarders...

On the Net: JAMA: http://jama.ama-assn.org

may lead to accidents by giving threefold skiers a false sense of security or cause more neck injuries because of the weight of the headgear.

With about 30 fatalities a year, skiing and snowboarding are safer than bicycling or swimming, which have higher death rates...

The new study. "I do wear a helmet," Healy said. "But if you hit a tree, don't think a helmet will make the difference in being alive or being dead, it won't."

Researchers hope their study along with helmeted child Olympic athletes like Shaun White, will lead to greater use of headgear.

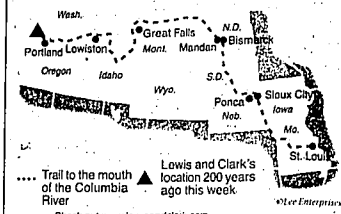
The study found that while risk takers were more likely to wear helmets, helmet owners were 60 percent less likely to suffer head injuries. It also found a lower risk of neck injuries with helmet wear...

Over the past five years, almost 40 percent of skiers, and snowboarders who died in ski accidents wore helmets, said Jasper Healy, professor emeritus at Rochester Institute of Technology...

"You can still sit cool even when you're wearing a helmet," Torino said.

'the Salt works'

Captain Meriwether Lewis used a sextant, chronometer (clock) and published tables to help establish latitude and longitude...



February 19, 1806 - myself and six more of the party set out early to go by land to the Salt works to bring in the Salt & baggage we proceeded on to the prairies...

February 25, 1806 - I am mortified at not having it in my power to make more celestial observations since we have been in Fort Clatsop...

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

Silver

Continued from C1 "I still get fan mail to this day saying how I was robbed, and you should have gotten the gold, but I think my life has gotten past that. It just doesn't matter anymore."

Youth movement

Between Sun Valley and Los Angeles, Fratianne, now divorced from Maricich, has found an order of balance and raising her daughter Ali, who competed a junior Olympic downhill skier...

School

Continued from C2 she wanted to duplicate what Sun Valley had. "The thing that's unique about this training center is having the quality of people and former Olympians that are here," Lamb said.

coaches welcome all levels of skaters. "There was a time where it was more experienced skaters," Lovoi said.

classes, are popular with children and girls. "We do have some guys who are taking it, but it is primarily a female-dominated sport," Lovoi said.

Magic Valley Realtors Online

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Elk numbers on the rise in Unit 48

For The Times-News

JEROME — The wintering elk population in Game Management Unit 48 has nearly doubled, according to a recent aerial survey conducted by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

In the three days of flying, biologists counted 638 cows, 124 bulls, 320 calves, and 113 animals they were unable to classify because of ground cover. The final count totaled 1,195 animals. Using a sightability model, Idaho Fish and Game biologists estimated the total

population to be around 1,537 total animals.

"In 1998, we estimated the elk population to be at 653 elk in the unit," said Megan Berkley, Fish and Game Population Biologist in the Magic Valley. "After this year's count, we estimate the population to be 1,537 elk. That is a significant increase, and puts elk numbers in Unit 48 well above our objective."

Bull-to-cow ratios are estimated at 37 bulls to 100 cows, with 13 mature bulls to 100 cows. Biologists estimate there are around 69 spikes, 107 rag

horns, and 91 mature bulls wintering in the unit.

Call-to-cow ratios are estimated to be around 50 to 100 which indicates the herd is growing.

"In general, elk numbers and composition in Unit 48 exceed our objectives," Berkley said. "This year's estimate represents a significant increase in elk numbers over the past several years. Potential causes for this increase include fluctuations in winter weather conditions over the past few years and possible changes in seasonal migration patterns from Units 43 and 44 to

Unit 48. We are currently plotting the locations of cows with radio collars to see how they have moved between where they were captured in the summer and where they are now."

"The adult bull-to-cow ratio may seem low, but that is mostly because the number of cows observed vastly exceeded our objective for the unit," she said. "The actual number of adult bulls is well within our objective, and the adult bull-to-cow ratio would be within our objective if the number of cows observed had been closer to what we had expected."

Remember safety when hunting ground squirrels

Question: "I recently noticed ground squirrels and rock chucks out and about. What are the rules about shooting ground squirrels?"

Answer: The sage brush flats north of Mountain Home are a popular shooting destination for hunters in search of ground squirrels.

Ground squirrels in the area are the unprotected subspecies of the Great Basin or Piute ground squirrel.

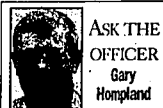
All hunters must purchase and carry a valid hunting license while in the field.

Hunters must also be off, and away from roadways and cannot shoot across any public roads. On private property, hunters must have permission from the landowner to hunt or shoot.

Small caliber rimfire rifles are the common weapon used by most of these hunters. These calibers are also extremely prone to ricochet.

A common safety issue arises when hunters shooting at ground squirrels shoot in unsafe directions. Law enforcement officers have investigated vehicles hit by squirrel shooters as well as near misses on other hunters.

All hunters are encouraged



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Gary Hompland

to increase their awareness and to "make sure of their target and beyond" a common saying from our hunter education program.

There are many other animals sharing the rangelands in the spring. Hunters must be sure they know their target and restrict their shooting to only unprotected species.

Last fall a hunter near Jerome, trying to shoot a hawk with a .22 rifle, shot and injured a farm worker when the bullet, after missing the hawk, traveled across the section hitting the leg.

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F&G commissioners to set big game rules

Idaho Fish and Game commissioners will meet in Boise March 1-3 to tackle big game seasons and limits, hear updates on wolf management, the 2006 budget and the prospects for a spring chinook salmon season.

The special meeting will kick off with a public hearing at 7 p.m. March 1 in the Trophy Room at Fish and Game Headquarters, 600 S. Walnut in Boise.

The next day, March 2 starting about 10:25 a.m., commissioners are expected to consider changes to deer, elk, antelope, bear and mountain lion seasons and limits. The



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session will continue after lunch. Commissioners are not expected to make any major changes to big game rules this year.

Fish and Game biologists will propose a series of adjustments to increase hunting opportunities where big game population goals are being met, and to eliminate or limit hunts in places where male-to-female ratios or population goals are not being met.

They also recommend changes to simplify weapon type opportunities and to standardize mountain lion "dogs prohibited" seasons.

Hunters are encouraged to contact their regional Fish and Game offices for local detailed changes and to provide comment on changes or concerns.

Regional game managers around the state will meet with hunters to discuss adjustments before sending their recommendations on to the commissioners. Meeting times and locations will be announced by regional offices.

About 4 p.m. March 2, commissioners will hear an update on wolf management.

Starting again about 8 a.m. March 3, commissioners will hear updates on a preference point system for controlled hunt drawings and on the 2006 budget. About 9 a.m., a 2006 spring chinook salmon forecast.

SFW chapter hosts banquet on March 4

TWIN FALLS — Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife will host its fourth annual Magic Valley Chapter fundraiser banquet on March 4 at the Idaho Rendezvous in Twin Falls.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7 p.m. A dinner package is \$75 and includes dinner for two with a one year membership \$20 in raffle tickets. A single dinner is \$45 and includes membership and \$20 of tickets. A youth package for those 8 to 16 is \$15, and includes dinner.

A sponsor package is \$225 has dinner for two, \$60 in raffle tickets and a one-year membership.

Members can come and support SFW and its vision to protect and enhance habitat for game in Idaho and across the West.

Festivities include a live and silent auction, general raffle, ladies raffle and kids raffle. Each sponsor has the opportunity to win a grand prize, which is the winner's choice of a Kodiak Island "Cast and Blast" (ducks, black-tail deer and halibut) or a "Sawarovski" optics package (sporting scope and binoculars).

SFW-Idaho and local chapters have conducted a number

Outdoors in brief

of habitat improvement projects, and placed gazettes to enhance wildlife, opened access to public lands, and worked with regulatory agencies for wildlife. Many percent of contributions raised at the event will be spent on Idaho projects and programs. Ten percent will go to national lobbying efforts.

For more information on the banquet, contact Doug Palmer at 734-6015 or Chris Bell at 736-8017.

Soldier Mountain resort launches ski pass sale

FAIRFIELD — Soldier Mountain will offer a 2006-07 season pass that can be used for the remainder of the 2006 season and all of next season. The sale starts Monday, Feb. 27 and goes through Sunday, March 5.

Passes are \$199 for adults and \$149 for kids ages 7 to 17. For information, call Soldier Mountain at 764-2526 or e-mail info@soldiermountain.com. Order forms are also available at Chaudes Sports in Twin Falls and Fairfield, and at Sturtevant's in Ketchum in Idaho.

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New fossil overturns previous ideas of ancient mammals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The discovery of a furry, beaver-like animal that lived at the time of dinosaurs has overturned more than a century of scientific thinking about Jurassic mammals.

The find shows that the ecological role of mammals in the time of dinosaurs was far greater than previously thought, said Zhe-Xi Luo, curator of vertebrate paleontology at Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh.

The animal is the earliest swimming mammal to have been found and was the most primitive mammal to be preserved with fur, which is important to helping keep a constant body temperature, Luo said in a telephone interview.

For over a century, the stereotype of mammals living in that era has been of tiny, shrew-like creatures scurrying about in the underbrush trying to avoid the giant creatures that dominated the planet, Luo commented.

Now, a research team that included Luo has found that 164 million years ago, the newly discovered mammal with a flat, scaly tail like a beaver, vertebrae like an otter and teeth like a seal was swimming in lakes and eating fish.

The team, led by Qinghai of the Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences in Beijing, discovered the remains in the Inner Mongolia region of China. They report their findings in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

Matthew Carrano, curator of dinosaurs at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural



This image provided by the Journal Science shows a beaver-like mammal that lived during the time of the dinosaurs.

History called the find "a big deal."

An important factor is how specialized the creature was, said Carrano, who was not part of the research group.

"It gives him that early mammals were not just these shrewlike creatures at the time of

dinosaurs" but were having their own evolution. There have been hints of such animals in the past but nothing equal to the remains found by Luo and colleagues, he said.

Thomas Martin of the Research Institute Senckenberg in Frankfurt, Germany, said the dis-

covery pushes back the mammal conquest of the waters by more than 100 million years.

"This exciting fossil is a further jigsaw puzzle piece in a series of recent discoveries," commented Martin, who was not part of Luo's team.

It's the first evidence that some ancient mammals were semi-aquatic, indicating a greater diversification than previously thought, the researchers said.

Modern semi-aquatic mammals such as beavers and otters and aquatic mammals like whales did not appear until between 55 million years ago and 25 million years ago, according to the researchers.

The new animal is not related to modern beavers or otters but has features similar to them. Thus the researchers named it *Castorocauda lutrasimilis*. *Castor* from the Latin for beaver, *cauda* for tail, *lutra* for river otter and *similis* meaning similar.

The researchers found imprints of the fur, bodyguard hairs and shirt, dense under fur that would have kept water from the skin.

Weighing in at between 1.1 and 1.7 pounds, about the size of a small female platypus, *Castorocauda* is also the largest known Jurassic early mammal.

The research was funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation, National Natural Science Foundation of China, Ministry of Science and Technology of China, Chinese Ministry of Land Resources, National Geographic Society and Carnegie Museum.

Ohio lawmaker suggests ban on GOP adoption

Knight Ridder News Service

AKRON, Ohio — If an Ohio lawmaker's proposal becomes state law, Republicans would be barred from being adoptive parents.

State Sen. Robert Hagan sent out e-mails to fellow lawmakers Wednesday night, stating that he intends to "introduce legislation in the near future that would ban households with one or more Republican voters from adopting children or acting as foster parents." The e-mail ended with a request for co-sponsorship.

On Thursday, the Youngstown Democrat said he had not yet found a co-sponsor.

Hagan said his "tongue was planted firmly in check" when he drafted the proposed legislation. However, Hagan said that the point he is trying to make is nonetheless very serious.

Hagan said his legislation was written in response to a bill introduced in the Ohio House this month by state Rep. Ron Hood, R-Ashville, that is aimed at prohibiting gay adoption.

"We need to see what we are doing," said Hagan, who called Hood's proposed bill blatantly discriminatory and extremely divisive. Hagan called Hood and the "eight other conservative House Republicans who backed the anti-gay adoption bill "homophobic."

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Girlfriend of anti-tax author sentenced to prison

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A former girlfriend of anti-tax crusader Irwin Schiff was sentenced Thursday to more than five years in federal prison for advising people that there was no federal law requiring them to pay income tax.

Cynthia Neum, 52, also was ordered to pay \$1.1 million in restitution and faces years' worth of back taxes, interest

and penalties.

Prosecutors cast Neum as a key administrator of Schiff's Las Vegas business, Freedom Books, which advised clients that they did not have to pay federal income taxes and that the Internal Revenue Service has no legal authority to collect them. Prosecutors estimate that the fraud cost the government as much as \$57 million

since 1999.

"There is more evidence of the validity of the tooth fairy than there is of this tax theory," U.S. District Court Judge Kent Dawson said.

Neum was found guilty in October of 15 charges, including tax evasion and aid in filing fraudulent tax returns. Appeals of the conviction and 68-month sentence were planned.

defense lawyer Michael Cristallini said.

Dawson was due to sentence Schiff on Friday on 13 conspiracy, tax evasion and tax fraud charges. He faces up to 43 years in prison.

A third co-defendant, Lawrence Cohen, 65, was sentenced Feb. 3 to 33 months in prison on one conviction for aid in filing fraudulent tax returns.

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White House report finds multitude of flaws in storm response

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal government planning for major disasters led to rampant confusion during the slow federal response to Hurricane Katrina, the White House concluded Thursday in a report focusing on the days just before the next storm season than on assigning blame.

The review described poor communications systems, delays in delivering supplies and overall tumult within the Bush administration, but revealed little new about the plodding federal effort in the days just before and after the storm socked the Gulf Coast last Aug. 29.

The 226-page document, including 125 recommendations for improvement, adopted a far softer tone than a scathing House report issued last week and offered scant criticism of President Bush, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and then-FEMA Director Michael Brown.

That House review, written by a Republican-led committee, blamed all levels of government for the lackluster response that it said contributed to the deaths and suffering of thousands of the region's residents.

"The magnitude of Hurricane Katrina does not excuse our inadequate preparedness and

response, but rather it must serve as a catalyst for far-reaching reform and transformation," the White House report concluded.

It added: "Similar to the images of grief and destruction on September 11, 2001, the images of suffering and despair from Hurricane Katrina are forever seared into the hearts and memories of all Americans. Those painful images must be the catalyst

for change." Katrina, one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history, left more than 1,300 people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama dead, hundreds of thousands homeless and tens of billions of dollars worth of damage in its wake.

Days after the storm, Bush accepted responsibility for the faulty federal response and ordered White House homeland security adviser Frances Fragos

Townsend to conduct the internal inquiry.

"We will learn from the lessons of the past to better protect the American people," Bush said Thursday.

The report's recommendations span from dramatic reforms — including potentially giving the Pentagon control over the federal response in worst-case disasters — to smaller changes. It calls for a public awareness campaign on indi-

vidual preparedness similar to the successful "Stop, Drop and Roll" slogan for fire safety information.

It says the government should improve its evacuation preparations, its plans for swifter medical aid and its overall blueprint for coordinating federal response efforts, calling it confusing. It also calls for state tax breaks to encourage citizens to purchase disaster gear and requirements that students take

courses in first aid, starting next year.

The review singles out the Homeland Security Department for most of the breakdowns. They included failure to understand the scope of Katrina's damage, delays in passing information to the White House and emergency workers, and a system for delivering water, food and other supplies that was ensnared in red tape.

Inmate says Yates told her to fake mental illness

HOUSTON (AP) — Andrea Yates once advised a fellow inmate that she could escape prosecution by pretending to be mentally ill and persuading a psychiatrist she suffered from serious disorders, according to court documents filed Thursday by prosecutors.

Felicia Doe, who spent four days in a jail block with Yates in 2002, told prosecutors last year that Yates instructed her not to eat, not to speak properly and not to be friendly or open in front of people if she wanted to "beat her case."

Yates—who is awaiting a new trial in the drowning of her young children, allegedly said "if you could get the jail psychiatrist on your side, they could testify to your mental health, and they couldn't prosecute you if you were sick," according to the documents, which describe interactions with witnesses who could be called during Yates' trial.

"According to the witness, the defendant basically told her, 'Do what I'm doing,'" prosecutor Kaylynn Williford wrote.

Yates' defense attorney, George Parham, called the account "sordid and ludicrous."

"That is absolutely so bogus, it doesn't even deserve a response," he said. "That discounts the medications that this woman was on, the mental illness she suffers from."

Yates, 41, has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. During her 2002 trial, psychiatrists testified Yates suffered from schizophrenia and postpartum depression, but expert witnesses disagreed over the severity of her illness and whether it prevented her from knowing right from wrong.

Government will stop funding program calling for abstinence

HOUSTON (AP) — The federal government agreed to stop funding a nationwide program that promotes teen abstinence to settle a lawsuit alleging the money was used for Christian proselytizing.

The agreement was reached Wednesday between the Department of Health and Human Services and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Under the deal, the Silver Ring Thing program won't be eligible for more funding unless it ensures the money won't be used for religious purposes.

"Public funds were being used to fund a road show, really, to convert teens to Christianity," said Julie Sternberg, an ACLU attorney. She said the ACLU supports the program's right to offer religious content, but not with taxpayer money.

Joel Oster of the Alliance Defense Fund, which represented the program in court, said it was "pleased that abstinence-based sex education programs like Silver Ring Thing will continue to have the right to seek federal funding."

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Stocks of local interest

Company	Close	Change
Albertsons	\$25.55	▲ .07
Corn Agri	\$20.63	▼ .30
Dell Inc.	\$29.08	▼ .68
Idacorp	\$32.35	▼ .25
Micron	\$15.75	▼ .56

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Commodity	Close	Change
Oil, by barrel	\$60.54	▼ .47
Live cattle	\$90.77	▲ .15
Gold (Feb.)	\$548.40	▼ 5.50

'Housewives' to be tailored to Latinos

MIAMI — Wisteria Lane is getting a Latin makeover as *Desperate Housewives* returns this summer — actually make that four versions.

In an unusual move, Buena Vista International Television Latin America will shoot editions of *Desperate Housewives* for four different markets: Brazil, Argentina, Ecuador and Colombia, complete with their own casts and tweaked scripts to reflect local language and cultural flavor.

Class offers 'insider secrets' of real estate

IWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will hold a "Real Estate Investment - Insider Secrets" class from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on March 9 through 9 at the Shields 117 building. Topics to be covered include the value of title insurance, how legal entities work in investment property, how to invest in insurance premiums and risk, best way to finance commercial property, and how to avoid common mistakes. Cost is \$55. For an information packet, call 732-4290 or 732-4290.

Insurance and finance advisors to meet

IWIN FALLS — National Association of Insurance & Finance Advisors, Southern Idaho will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 7 at Laing High Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road. A presentation on "Retirement" benefit programs and special retirement plans will be given by Debbie Hetherington of Premier Insurance and attorney for Morton III, International Legal Group. Agents/representatives of the industry are invited to attend and cost is \$25 for NIFA Members and \$35 for non-members. Free lunch and two Idaho CE credits.

KFC hides message, prize in new TV Ad

IWIN SECRET — Colonel Sanders' herbs-and-sones recipe for Kentucky Fried Chicken is still safely locked away but the chain unveiled a new TV ad Thursday that gives viewers to crack a hidden message if they play the spot back slowly on a digital video recorder or VCR.

The gimmick is aimed at countering the rise of technology that enables television viewers to skip past commercials faster than ever before.

"This is taking the exact opposite approach — rewarding viewers for taking the time to engage and be interactive with television," said Tom O'Keefe, an executive at Fonic Game & Bellring, the advertising agency that created the spot for KFC Corp.

For those savvy enough to solve the secret, the prize is a coupon for KFC's new, sauced-up Buffalo Sacker chicken sandwich.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

PICK-AND-PAY TELEVISION



France's head of Freebox Olivier Rosenfeld shows the Freebox in Illad SA headquarters in Paris, on Wednesday. For the equivalent of \$35.50 a month, some 1.5 million French subscribers to illad SA's Freebox get broadband Internet, unlimited phone calls and over 80 TV channels, with additional ones billed individually. By the end of 2005, two years after the service launched, some 200,000 Freebox users were paying for extra channels.

Broadband making long-awaited TV debut

By Laurence Frost
Associated Press writer

PARIS — French restaurant diners often put the menu aside and order the better-value "formule du jour." But when it comes to television, the same thrifty customers are increasingly doing the opposite, going a la carte.

The broadband revolution, which has shaken traditional media industries from newspapers to music and confronted consumers with an explosion of choices, is making its long-awaited TV debut.

As U.S. cable companies, politicians and regulators debate whether pick-and-pay TV would benefit the public, consumers in parts of Europe and Asia are finding out the easy way — by trying it.

Those subscribers choose their premium channels individually, instead of paying for large, pricey cable packages in order to get the smaller amount of television they actually want.

The new offerings come from phone companies and Internet service providers, not the cable industry. Instead of bundling channels, the new entrants make their profits by bundling voice calls and Internet with cheap TV.

For euros (€35.50) a month, some 1.5 million French subscribers to illad SA's Freebox get broadband Internet, unlimited phone calls and

more than 80 TV channels — with additional ones billed individually. ESPN's European sports highlights channel is offered for 50 euro cents (60 U.S. cents), CNN for half that price.

"It seems pointless to pay more when I'm only going to watch one channel out of a package of 10," said Alexis Casas, a 27-year-old computer programmer who recently switched to Freebox from traditional cable. "It also means I spend less time channel-surfing. I can really target the stuff I like to watch."

By the end of 2005, two years after the service launched, some 200,000 Freebox users were paying for extra channels.

"The number of pay-TV

subscribers we've acquired in a relatively limited amount of time is significant for the French market," illad's Chief Financial Officer Olivier Rosenfeld said.

As cable companies diversified into voice calls and broadband, phone and Internet operators have moved defensively into TV.

Many are now well placed to beat cable at its own game, analysts say.

"Telecos might have disadvantages in acquiring content and have to pay more for it," said Lars Gödel of Forrester Research. "But overall, they have advantages on the network side."

At the same time, Wal-Mart Chief Executive Lee Scott said Thursday that employers cannot continue to meet the rising costs of health care under a government-business partnership to find an answer.

The announcement marks the second time in six months that the world's largest retailer has moved to improve health benefits and comes ahead of Scott's speech Sunday about the issue to the nation's governors, who are looking for ways to cap rising costs for taxpayer-funded health plans that cover the uninsured. Details of the new health benefit plans are expected to be unveiled in the coming months.

Scott is also expected to renew Wal-Mart's criticism of bills filed in at least 22 states that would force the retailer to spend more on health care. Maryland has become the first state in the nation to require Wal-Mart to spend more on employee health care or pay the difference into the state's Medicaid fund. The Retail Industry Leaders Association has challenged the law in court.

"The soaring cost of health care in America cannot be sustained over the long term by any business that offers health benefits to its employees," Scott said in a statement released ahead of the speech to the National Governors Association.

Wake Up Wal-Mart, one of Wal-Mart's harshest critics, called the retailer's attempts to improve its health care plan as "nothing more than a facade."

"Wal-Mart's proposed changes are clearly designed to try and salvage a faltering public image, rather than make substantial changes to improve health care benefits for its employees," said Paul Plink, campaign director for Wake Up Wal-Mart in a statement.

In fact, the labor-backed group released a report Thursday that showed the health care issue at Wal-Mart is getting worse — Wal-Mart failed to provide health coverage to over 57 percent of its employees last year, up from 52 percent the previous year. The group said the report is based on new analysis of Wal-Mart's reported data of its health care spending.

Experts advise RadioShack to fix image

By Barry Schlachter
Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — Now that RadioShack has changed leaders, it must get down to repairing its image.

Damage control is necessary to retain talented employees, attract new ones and rebuild credibility with Wall Street, according to consultants and academics who study corporate behavior.

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Dave Edmondson, who resigned Monday after admitting last week that he inflated the academic record on his resume, they said.

"If I were in their shoes, I would be most worried about employees and the investment community, which sees a vacuum — and hates vacuum and uncertainty," said John Gilfeather, a vice chairman of Popper Public Affairs, which has conducted market research for RadioShack in the past.

Other important constituencies include corporate peers, the news media and the Fort

Worth community, he said.

"They've got to work on the relationships," he said. "Keep lines of communications open. Don't say things are better than they are. Then when things start to turn around, the story will get out faster."

Edmondson's departure came after the company reported a 62 percent decline in fourth-quarter profit Friday and said it would close 400 to 700 stores to cut costs. Chief Operating Officer Claire Babrowski was named interim chief executive officer while the board seeks a permanent replacement.

placement. Babrowski is considered a leading candidate for the job.

Until a new CEO is named, there will be uncertainty among employees and prospective recruits, who may not want to be hired by an executive team that might soon be shown the door, said Peter Sealey, a former Coca-Cola executive who is now an adjunct marketing professor at the Haas School of Business at the University of California at Berkeley.

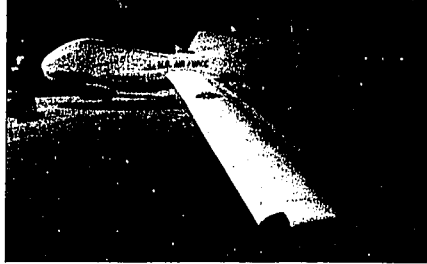
Utah tech company a nast master at flying under radar

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — For most of its five decades, Communications Systems West has quietly protected the nation in near anonymity — a tightlipped operation whose clients were the White House and Pentagon.

But with the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and subsequent invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq by America and its allies, the work done at the company's Salt Lake campus took on more urgency.

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Most of what Communication Systems does is top secret, which made a recent celebratory luncheon for 250 staff and others at the Grand American casually vague. Attendees count on a precedent of seeking the limelight, though. It took the company's 50th anniversary to warrant this much attention.

Even then, the bragging was cautiously vague. Attendees learned that Communication Systems, which began in 1956 as Sperry Utah Engineering Laboratories, employs 2,300 people in Utah, 1,000 of them engineers. In its present incarnation, the Utah-based Communication Systems is the largest division

to be spun out of Lockheed Martin to form L-3 in 1997.

Today, Communication Systems provides an array of guidance and navigation products, encrypted satellite communications and other classified technology that feeds intelligence to the Department of Homeland Security to protect U.S. shores, and to the Department of Defense to direct and safeguard troops overseas.

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Wal-Mart to offer improved health care plans

Retailer urges government to help cap costs

The Associated Press

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Wal-Mart Stores Inc., under attack for its health care coverage for its employees, plans to improve that coverage by including expanding the availability of its lowest cost plan and shortening the waiting periods to enroll part-time workers and their children.

At the same time, Wal-Mart Chief Executive Lee Scott said Thursday that employers cannot continue to meet the rising costs of health care under a government-business partnership to find an answer.

The announcement marks the second time in six months that the world's largest retailer has moved to improve health benefits and comes ahead of Scott's speech Sunday about the issue to the nation's governors, who are looking for ways to cap rising costs for taxpayer-funded health plans that cover the uninsured. Details of the new health benefit plans are expected to be unveiled in the coming months.

Scott is also expected to renew Wal-Mart's criticism of bills filed in at least 22 states that would force the retailer to spend more on health care. Maryland has become the first state in the nation to require Wal-Mart to spend more on employee health care or pay the difference into the state's Medicaid fund. The Retail Industry Leaders Association has challenged the law in court.

"The soaring cost of health care in America cannot be sustained over the long term by any business that offers health benefits to its employees," Scott said in a statement released ahead of the speech to the National Governors Association.

Wake Up Wal-Mart, one of Wal-Mart's harshest critics, called the retailer's attempts to improve its health care plan as "nothing more than a facade."

"Wal-Mart's proposed changes are clearly designed to try and salvage a faltering public image, rather than make substantial changes to improve health care benefits for its employees," said Paul Plink, campaign director for Wake Up Wal-Mart in a statement.

In fact, the labor-backed group released a report Thursday that showed the health care issue at Wal-Mart is getting worse — Wal-Mart failed to provide health coverage to over 57 percent of its employees last year, up from 52 percent the previous year. The group said the report is based on new analysis of Wal-Mart's reported data of its health care spending.

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Inflation worries, Viacom earnings push stock prices lower

By Michael J. Martinez
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street fell lower Thursday, with inflation concerns and a disappointing earnings report from Viacom Inc. prompting investors to collect profits. A drop in oil prices failed to mitigate the losses.

Investors grew jittery as the latest unemployment figures showed strength in the labor market. First-time jobless claims fell by 20,000 from the previous week to 270,000 — a far sharper drop than economists had expected.

While a strong labor market is generally good news, Wall Street remains concerned that the ad-

ditional buying power that comes with steady employment could push prices higher and spark inflation, prompting the Federal Reserve to keep hiking interest rates.

Still, investors were pleased with a drop in oil prices, which fell below \$60 per barrel at one point after the Energy Department reported a rise in crude oil stockpiles. A barrel of light crude settled at \$60.54, down 47 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Certainly the mood in all is good, and the market certainly perked up somewhat after that inventory report," said Peter Cantillo, chief strategist and senior vice president at S.W. Bach & Co. For the intermediate

term, there doesn't seem to be a supply-demand problem out there. But you don't know when that'll change."

The Dow Jones Industrial average rose 0.75, or 0.61 percent, to 11,069.22.

Broader indicators also fell. Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 4.48, or 0.38 percent, to 1,217.70, and the Nasdaq composite index dropped 3.65, or 0.17 percent, to 2,279.32.

Bonds fell, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note climbing to 4.55 percent from 4.53 percent late Wednesday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Stocks jumped to their 45-week highs over the past few

weeks as strength in the economy encouraged investors. Yet concerns remain, including whether the Federal Reserve's interest rate hikes will cut off investment. Wall Street's mixed Thursday trading may mean a turn aside and uncertainty about the state of the economy later in the year, profligate take into the rally.

It's very difficult for investors to extrapolate anything from these short-term moves in the market," said Christopher Conley, chief investment officer at Evergreen Investments. "Don't get too excited about days like yesterday, and don't get too excited about days like today, either."

In first-quarter reports, Viacom

Inc. said its fourth-quarter profits fell due to poor performance at its Paramount movie studio arm as well as one-time charges related to the company's reorganization. Viacom fell 96 cents to \$41.

Home builder TD Brothers Inc. rose \$1.05 to \$33.54 after the company said fourth-quarter profits jumped 49 percent and that its backlog of building projects rose 22 percent by the end of the quarter. But the number of new contracts fell 21 percent, raising new concerns about a softening housing market.

Clothing retailer Limited Brands Inc. said Wednesday its fourth-quarter earnings climbed 36 percent on strong sales at its Victoria's Secret stores and a com-

panying turnaround at its Express stores. Limited Brands, which beat Wall Street forecasts by 4 cents per share, added 68 cents, or 2.9 percent, to \$24.09.

Mortgage broker Finance Macquarie rose \$1.25 to \$57.14 after investigators implicated the company's former chief executive and chief financial officer for its \$1.1 billion accounting scandal. Investors showed relief that no current executives were named in the investigation.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by more than 1 to 7 on the New York Stock Exchange, where preliminary consolidated volume came to 2.17 billion shares, compared with 2.25 billion at the same point on Wednesday.

RadioShack

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Radio Shack's problems might be seen as an opportunity for some private equity firms.

"This is a turnaround situation that attracts a certain kind of individual," Sealey said. For them, "it's going to make it even more attractive."

Although the federal Sarbanes-Oxley corporate reform has put CEOs in a fish bowl, RadioShack should not have a shortage of prospective candidates.

"I don't think they'll have any problem recruiting," said Greg Segal, managing partner of Redwood Hills Capital Partners, a private equity specialist working with large distressed companies.

"Some are very sensitive to the current climate and understand they'll be under a microscope."

The company should make clear that although Edmondson drafted his resume, this was not

as serious a transgression as defrauding the government or shareholders.

All integrity issues are not equal. "That said, the next CEO has to be squeaky clean. The media will kick him," the officer said. "You don't want to go through that again. The vetting process must be really thorough."

Justin Menkes, author of the book "Executive Intelligence," couldn't agree more.

"To stop the bleeding, RadioShack's next CEO will have to have unquestionable integrity and a highly respected track record. Only the best shareholders and employees will continue to run with this company."

And the situation could have been worse, Sealey said. "This is nothing like the Wendy's fiasco in the child case. This was falsehood. Certainly a terrible thing, but nothing like an appendage in your bowl."

Television

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Hong Kong phone operator PCW Ltd. claims more than 10 million subscribers. New TV, a pick-and-pay TV service, launched around the same time as iFlax's. Offering 15 free channels and about 75 à la carte, New TV has won 39 percent share of the Hong Kong pay-TV market and reaches one in four households, according to Macquarie Research Equities.

Both PCW and Big had their TV over the Internet and have gained some ground against rival cable and satellite services — typically starting with what the industry calls a "last mile" package, which includes some premium channels.

But the newcomers have so far been unable to extend their full pricing flexibility to the most popular channels, as most studios and other content owners resist the change. This has limited their ability to pro-

vide best customers.

Subscribers who have stayed with Cable TV, Hong Kong's incumbent cable operator, say New TV doesn't have enough attractive premium channels to persuade them to switch.

Some, like cable executive Comcast, have nevertheless decided to trade down to a smaller, cheaper cable package while picking up some of the dropped channels more cheaply from the rival à la carte services.

"Both New TV and Cable TV offer Discovery channels, but New TV charges a cheaper price," Lee said. "I'll pay a lower rate for it on the Discovery channel à la carte TV."

While U.S. cable companies are facing calls for pick-and-pay pricing from the Federal Communications Commission and such lawmakers as Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the industry is already fighting a rearguard action elsewhere.

British Sky Broadcasting

Group PLC last year launched a new satellite service called "build your own TV package," which allows subscribers more choice, but still not a la carte.

Compounding the challenge from internet TV, digital broadcast services are also springing up in the U.S. and Europe. The radio spectrum more efficiently than traditional analog broadcast, they make room for more free-to-air and pay-TV channels.

France Telecom SA is already offering a hybrid of internet TV and digitally broadcast channels, and British phone company BT Group PLC is proposing a similar subscription offering that could put more pressure on Sky BT's set-top box doubles as a digital video recorder and can tap an extensive movie library for on-demand viewing.

Video on demand, unlike a la carte TV or cable packages, lets customers pay for each movie or

show they watch, rather than by subscription, and view it whenever they like. It is increasingly offered by cable and internet-based providers.

Freebox users in France also get video on demand. Those who want subscription access to the very best live sports or movies have to pay over \$25 (\$30) for a five-channel premium package that includes both, under the terms negotiated with Canal Plus, Vivendi Universal SA's pay-TV arm.

But Brad Hosenfeld believes the rise of both video on demand and illegal downloading will eventually force content owners like Vivendi to rethink their opposition to pick-and-pay.

Package-based pricing is "at the opposite end of the spectrum to the kind of environment that the internet has brought," he said. "Over time, people will have to meet the consumer in the middle."

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Witness didn't at first conclude crimes were committed at Enron

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Enron Corp. vice president of investor relations testified Thursday that the months before the company failed in late 2001, he witnessed, reluctantly, by company executives that concerned her but didn't think crimes were being committed.

"I observed events that I thought were wrong, so I did make a conclusion... I didn't make a conclusion that it was legal or illegal," Paula Hieker said under cross-examination in the fraud and conspiracy trial of company founder Kenneth Lay and former Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling.

She said Skilling twice told analysts during a conference call in second-quarter 2001 that sales of innovative fiber-optic cable accounted for \$50 million in revenue for Enron's broadband unit. She said she had told Skilling earlier that virtually all of the unit's \$140 million to \$150 million in revenue came from the fiber sales.

But she said her answer left analysts believe the other two-thirds of the fledgling unit's revenue came from business operations rather than fiber sales, she said. "I know Mr. Skilling knew the right answer and I felt he gave the wrong answer purposely," she said.

While Hieker insisted Skilling deliberately misled investors, she acknowledged she didn't correct him. She said she felt pressure to omit the fiber sales from a press release about second-quarter 2001 earnings. But she said her lawyer explicitly told her to lie to investors or the public.

"Did you make an agreement with Mr. Skilling to break the law and to keep Skilling lawyer Daniel Petrocelli," "No," she said. "Did you make an agreement with Mr. Lay to break the law?" "No sir," she replied.

Later, under a second round of questioning from prosecutor John Houston, Hieker said her concern with Skilling, conditioned by her lawyer, didn't lead her to act to correct. Hieker, the prosecution's fourth witness in as many weeks, declined testifying Thursday her third day on the witness stand. She had testified earlier that Skilling twice ordered that the company boost its reported earnings-per-share figures to meet Wall Street expectations and support its stock. She also had said Lay painted a

falsely rosy public picture of Enron's financial health as CEO before and after Skilling held that post from February to August 2001. She had said her investor-relations boss, Mark Koenig, had told her Skilling ordered the earnings-per-share changes. But Koenig, who testified for seven days, told jurors only that Skilling had authority to order such changes. It didn't testify that the CEO explicitly gave such a command.

Hieker acknowledged Thursday she never spoke with Skilling directly about the changes. She pleaded guilty to insider trading in May 2001 and is cooperating with prosecutors. About three months later, Koenig pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting securities fraud for lying to auditors. Both are among 16 people who have pleaded guilty to crimes.

Petrocelli challenged whether she had actually committed a crime, noting that she admitted to lying about the revenue because she knew broadband unit losses were about to be announced. But that the losses were announced, Enron shares closed at \$49.53 — up from the previous close of \$49.10.

Hieker said she felt she admitted "to being part of a lot of wrongdoing." She said she was the second round of questioning from Houston, Hieker blinked back tears and said in a choked voice that pleading guilty was very difficult. "It has had a profound effect on my life," she said.

Petrocelli called Hieker Enron's second secretary in September 2001, maintaining minutes of board meetings and answering to him. "You were paid \$3 million in 2001 more than just to hear management's answers and responses to questions," Petrocelli asked. "Fair statement," she replied. "I know Mr. Skilling was 'packaged' away from Enron by a lawyer named by Lay, Skilling and division heads and repeated those messages to investors. When Petrocelli asked if she was an Enron insider, she said she was a 'key player'."

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• More state wrestling results from Pocatello.

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

It was the hardest jump ever tried in competition and I'm very glad I threw it in the Olympics.

— Boise native Jeret "Speedy" Peterson on finishing seventh in freestyle after attempting his trademark trick — the Hurricane — Thursday on the aerials course.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
 Eric Helden of the United States swept all five men's speedskating gold medals in 1980. How many different skaters earned silvers?

.....answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College
BASEBALL
 CSI at Dixie State College, DH, 1 p.m.
MEN'S BASKETBALL
 CSI at Colorado Northwest-cent, Rangely, Colorado, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
 CSI at Colorado Northwest-cent, Rangely, Colorado, 5:30 p.m.
High School
WRESTLING
 State tournaments, Holt Arena, Pocatello

IN BRIEF

CSI softball signs three

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho softball program announced the signing of three more softball players for the program's inaugural 2007 season. Previous Golden Eagles signees, Helinda Turley will be joined by Anna Sorrell and Lacey Buchanan, both current Highland High School (Pocatello) seniors, along with Mountain View High School senior Kaitlyn Reuter.
 Sorrell is a catcher who averaged .303 at the plate as a junior, while Bowman finished her 2005 season with a .376 average, 3.37 ERA, 18 wins and 106 strikeouts.
 (Bowman will see some time on the mound for us but gives us a lot of versatility at other positions," Baumert said in a Thursday press release. "She is solid at the plate and very competitive."
 Toyser is a centerfielder who bats from the left side of the plate. She finished her junior season with a .306 average for the Mavericks.
 Baumert will look to add 12-14 more players to fill out his opening-day roster.
 "Anna, Lacey, and Kristin are class acts on the field and off," Baumert said. "These types of kids are a perfect fit for CSI and what we want to accomplish."

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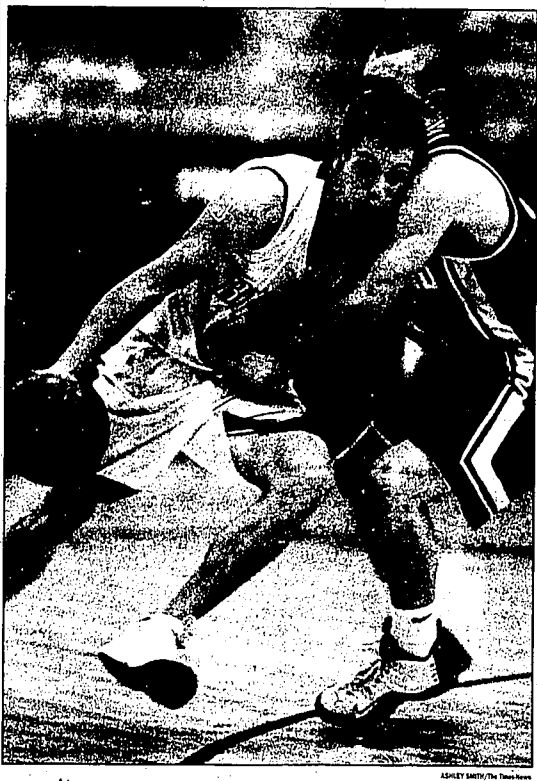
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ROAD TO STATE Bruins three-peat



Twin Falls guard Brandon Stokes, left, collides with Highland defender Brad Gravatt during the second quarter of their Region-Four-Five-Six title game on Thursday in Twin Falls.

Bruins bust Highland, claim Four-Five-Six title

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — Play for pride.
 That old sports cliché usually disappears during tournament time, after all the teams that have nothing else to play for but pride are eliminated. The 21-2 Twin Falls Bruins boys basketball team — apparently not big on cliché etiquette — gave their community a huge boost of civic pride with Thursday night's 56-46 victory over the Highland Rams at Baun Gymnasium. The Bruins claimed their third consecutive Region Four-Five-Six title, a No. 1 seed in the Class 5A state tournament, and the deafening appreciation of a raucous crowd clad in blue and white.
 "After we cut the nets down, I pulled the guys in briefly and

told them, "You did a lot for the community tonight. You saw those junior cheerleaders out there in blue and white and all the people there. You've won three district championships in a row, and they want to be part of that," Bruins head coach Matt Harr said.
 The Bruins never trailed in the contest and found the fortitude to fend off the Rams' best run early in the third quarter. After Brandon Stokes found Brady Jardine for an easy layup on the second half's first play to put the Bruins up 29-23, the Rams were able to rally off a 6-0 run off a layup from Anthony Martin and a layup and pull-up jumper from Travis Martin. The run was due mostly to an uncharacteristic five turnovers by the Bruins in the half's first 4 minutes, 21 seconds before Harr called a timeout with his

team's lead cut to 31-29.
 "I just told them to relax," Harr said. "There was never any yelling, no Xs and Os. I just said we were trying to force the issue."
 The pause worked, as the Bruins reeled off a 13-5 run to end the period up 43-34. The Rams (10-5) cut the Bruins' lead to 49-43 with 3:28 left in the fourth, but Jardine's offensive rebound and putback answered an Anthony Martin three-pointer to put the Bruins back up eight with 3:28 left. The Bruins ate off 50 seconds of clock before Stokes found Brett Wisconsin for an easy layup to put the Bruins up 10 and essentially tie the game with 1:45 left.
 "We're real excited," Stokes said. "We came out as a team and won as a team."
 Indeed they did. Stokes and Harr called a timeout with his

Spartans start strong at state

By Nathaniel Garabrant Times-News writer

POCATELLO — The Minico Spartans made the trip to Holt Arena Thursday afternoon loaded for bear with 18 wrestlers qualified for the state tournament, including three No. 1 seeds.
 Even so, the Spartans could definitely use a few upsets along the way for a shot at the class-4A team title.
 On a day full of big performances from the team, a streak of unseeded wrestlers delivered just that.
 Sophomore Brady Cooper knocked off the 189-pound third seed, junior Josh Clapier took care of the No. 4 at 140, and sophomore Nate Crane defeated the No. 1 seed at 112.
 Behind 11 first round victories and another four in the consolation bracket, Minico finished Day 1 in first place with 43.5 points, three ahead of second place Lakeland.
 "We had a great first round," said Minico head coach Brad Cooper. "We only lost a couple matches and the kids that lost fought hard. I think we've got them tuned up and ready to go. We're plum tickled by the way we got started."
 All three of the Spartans' first seeds delivered dominant per-

formances in their opening matches.
 After building a 7-1 lead through one period, senior 189-pounder Wes Cooper planned Pocatello's Alejandro Archuleta 12 seconds into the second.
 "It was the third time I wrestled the kid and I knew what to expect," said Cooper. "We're wrestling pretty good. A couple of Skyview kids lost that we needed to. I think we're sitting pretty good as far as the team."
 Senior Kurt Anderson sent Pocatello's Nate Maravilla into the consolation bracket at 3:32 of their 145-pound match, while Kevin Kilroy blanked Kama's Mike Hodges 14-0 at 140.
 In other 4A action, No. 1 seeded Jerome senior Tim Powell took an 8-2 nod over Rigby's Justin Welch.
 "It's a real strong kid," said Powell. "The competition steps up at state. Everybody comes here to wrestle. I knew I could take him down the whole match, but he came out and I did."
 The Tigers concluded the opening day in 15th place with 15 points, while Burley finished top for 19th with Valli-ue with 10.
 In 5A competition, Twin Falls wrapped up the day in 14th place with 16 team points.
 Senior Kyle Smith (160) and

Please see STATE, Page D2

CSI hoops should handle CNCC

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Safe bet of the day — a losing streak will continue.
 That's the certainty involving tonight's Scenic West Athletic Conference men's basketball game between the No. 23 College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles and host Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans. It's not a certainty, but the probability is the Eagles' two-game losing streak will come to an end against a Spartans team that hasn't tasted victory since Nov. 22, 2005. After dropping a pair of SWAC games to Salt Lake Community College last weekend in Twin Falls, 20-6 (11-3 SWAC) CSI travels to Rangely, Colo., looking to secure at least a tie for the regular-season SWAC championship with a pair of wins.
 "I think we're eager to get off to a winning track and get things back to a positive and try to wrap up the league," CSI coach Larry Baumert said. "We have an opportunity to control our own destiny and

that's a nice thing to have. Often times teams have to rely on others and we don't have to. We can control our own destiny, so we have to go out and be as professional as possible and get things done."
 The Eagles will have to limit Spartans freshman point guard LaDon Frazier, the No. 2 scorer in the SWAC to below 10 points per game average this weekend. More importantly though, they'll have to show a continued commitment to boxing out and rebounding the ball after being out-rebounded 93-99 in their last two games.
 "I think it's a mentality more than anything," Peery said. "Our mentality wasn't good and we don't want to repeat a lot of this week on blocking out and being tougher and doing things to where we can win. We can't give up second, third, fourth shots and expect to win."
 Please see CSI, Page D4

Golden Eagles travel to first-place Dixie State

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

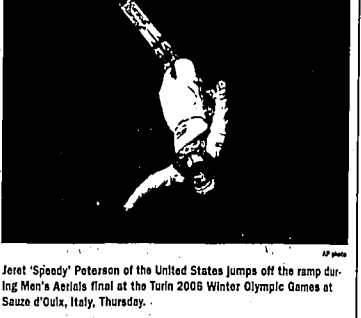
TWIN FALLS — It must be the hospitality in St. George, Utah.
 Whatever the reasons for Boomer Walker's excitement about traveling south to face the Dixie State College Rebels, past success at Bruce Hurst Field isn't one of them. Walker's College of Southern Idaho baseball team has gone 1-7 in its last eight Scenic West Athletic Conference road games against the Rebels. With four games to play in St. George before the Rebels move to the NCAA Division I ranks next season, though, Walker and his 7-3 Eagles are looking forward to an other challenge on the road.
 "We haven't had any success against those guys, but I get more and more excited to play them," Walker said. "I'm really sad this is the last time we'll play down there. It's a great place to play. It is. It's a great place to play and great atmosphere, and it should be easy to get excited."
 It may be easy to get excited to face them, but getting a couple wins over the 10-1 (4-4 SWAC) Rebels will be far from it.

Eagle Eyes
 Today: CSI (7-3, 1-1 SWAC) at Dixie State College (10-1, 4-0 SWAC), Bruce Hurst Field, St. George, Utah, DH, 1 p.m.
 On the horizon: The Golden Eagles' Rebels next game is a lot of tomorrow for a noon double-header. The Eagles host Treasure Valley Community College on March 1.
 Last on the list: The Rebels swept the Eagles in a four-game SWAC home stand during the 2005 season.
CSI season leaders
 Batting average (Min. 20 AB) — Grant Koefler, .356; Jeff Vickers, Ken Fuglerud, .314.
 RBIs — Nik Guneson 6; J. Vickers 5; Runs — Fuglerud 6; Helder, Alex Hancock 4, 2B — Fuglerud 5; Mike Griffin 4, 3B — none, HR — none, SB — Fuglerud 3.
 Pitching: W — Troy Grundy 3, SV — Jordan Latham 2, ERA (Min. 8 IP) — Latham 0.00; Grundy 0.54, 50; URG — Lirberg 18; Grundy 14; Fuglerud against (Min. 8 IP) — Todd Privett, .147; Grundy .153.
 Dixie State is batting .316 as a team and boasts a 1.88 team ERA. Led by pitchers Chris Reap. Please see EAGLES, Page D4

Peterson finishes seventh

The Associated Press

SAUZE D'OULX, Italy — A gambler's man in a gambler's sport, Jeret "Speedy" Peterson could hardly contain his gold-medal smile after flying down the mountain.
 Never mind that he only finished seventh. To him, that wasn't what Thursday night's Olympic aerials competition was all about.
 "I came here to do the Hurricane," he said, "and I did the Hurricane."
 Problem was, he blew it. Flying 50 feet above the ramp on his trademark trick, America's last hope for a freestyle medal did five twists packed inside of three somersaults during his three seconds in the air — the toughest jump in the sport, by far.
 He looked great soaring through the night sky, but not so great on the landing. He bobbed backward and used his right hand to keep himself from sitting down. They weren't huge errors, but on a night when all the leaders were close to perfect, the mistakes were enough to push him way down in the standings.
 Despite that, it was hard to



Jeret "Speedy" Peterson of the United States jumps off the ramp during Men's Aerials final at the Turin 2006 Winter Olympic Games at Sauze d'Oulx, Italy, Thursday.

find anyone happier down at the bottom, and that included the top three finishers — Han Xiangping of China, Dmitri Dladinski of Belarus and Vladimir Lebedev of Russia.
 "It's great. It's awesome. I love it," Peterson said. "It gets my adrenaline going. It's absolutely everything I live about freestyle aerials. It's the one thing in my heart that I can't find anywhere else."
 Not for lack of trying.
 Peterson has taken a recent liking to skydiving and is one of 12 U.S. Olympians who are candidates to join Donald Trump on "The Apprentice" in the fall.
 Maybe Speedy's biggest off-the-mountain adrenaline rush moments are to join Donald Trump on "The Apprentice" in the fall.
 Please see PETERSON, Page D2.

SPORTS

Wendell clinches 2A district title Oakley claims state berth

By Diane Philbin Times-News writer
WENDELL — Fast records and statistics only tell half the story. After having lost twice to Wendell in the regular season in Canyon Conference play, the Vikings edged the Trojans all they could muster, but behind 25 points from senior Zach Davis and a double-double by TJ King...

Davis hit some NBA threes in the second half that he missed in the first half. Wendell, in the battle of the boards 30-20. In the third quarter, with King hitting the boards, scoring 11 of his 14 points and Davis scoring seven points and adding a pair of steals, the Trojans closed the book to 42-40. Senior Patrick Johnson scored the first points for Valley in the final period, Junior Jerred Smith matched with a basket for Wendell. Davis poked the Vikings' pocket for a breakaway layup to tie the game at 44-41 with six minutes remaining. Senior Justin Stigle gave Valley one last lead at 46-44. With four minutes left in the game, a three-point basket by Davis gave Wendell a 47-46 that the Trojans would not relinquish.

first half. The kids got back into it and worked the boards and created turnovers. As the tempo picked up, so did our defense. For Wendell, King scored pulled down 12 rebounds, while Davis also added seven rebounds and totaled four steals. Senior Matt Myers also scored in double figures with 12 points to go with seven assists and nine rebounds. "Maybe we came out a little soft early," said Davis. "We knew we had to play harder and do all we could in the second half." The workhorse for Valley was junior Stephen Allen who scored a game-high 28 points. "Stephen and Jerardo (Martinez) were huge," said Davis. "Neither one got a break. I don't believe the pressure got to either one of them."

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By Linda Brittan Times-News writer
MURTAUGH — With a trip to state on the line, the Southside Conference's Oakley Hornets stepped up in the fourth quarter to extinguish the Northside District Blue Devils 70-54 in Maple Valley Thursday night in Murtaugh. With the score tied at 44 by the end of the third quarter, both teams fought hard to maintain a lead in the final frame. With 4 minutes 40 seconds left to play in the game, the Blue Devils' Anthony Pittman scored and was fouled, and Pittman's shot from the charity stripe put the Blue Devils up 51-50 for what would be Dietrich's final lead. It was then that the Hornets took over. Oakley scrambled and managed to score 20 points to Dietrich's three in closing minutes of the game. Owen Wadsworth helped the cause by netting two quick baskets and Blake Beke hit a 3-point goal to put Oakley ahead 64-52. The momentum continued for the Hornets and they took their first trip to state in five years. "It (the win) felt really good," Oakley head coach Scott Amell said. "I think we wore them down in the fourth quarter and we were able to make a huge run."

Sophomore Mitch Becke scored 20 points for the Hornets while senior Brock Beke followed closely scoring 18 points, including two 3-point goals. Chase Anderson contributed 12 points and Owen Wadsworth came through with 10. "They never gave up," Amell said. For the Hornets, scoring second through 21 points, Jason Brown put in a good night with 14 points and Brailon Carlos added 12, including four 3-point goals. For Richfield, who will go to the state playoffs scored fourth, senior Hanlie Amy netted the game's 17 points, while Shyann Hutchins with 14.

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Championship
Carey 66, Castleford 54
The Carey Panthers captured the No. 1 seed for the state playoffs by defeating the Castleford Panthers 66-54 in Thursday night's final game. Senior Idd Green scored 25 points for Carey while classmate Hyler Cook added 17 points and scored three-point goals towards the Panther victory. Nathan Pryor led for Castleford with 21 points while Miguel May and Dreyly Tvedy followed with eight apiece. Castleford is now seeded No. 2 out of the district. Carey 66, Castleford 54
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A Jersey guy goes for a Turin gold

TURIN, Italy (AP) — There's no shortage of Jersey guys with Italian heritage: Frank Sinatra, Joe Pesci, Samuel L. Jackson and yet the Garden State's best athlete is a Turin medalist. A look ahead Yugoslav immigrant, a former pro football player with Sarajevo as Springfield. Pavle Iwanovic, from Tom's River, N.J., saw his first bobbed competition during the 1994 Winter Games in his father's homeland, and was immediately smitten by the sport. On Friday, this Jersey guy teamed with Texas' Todd Iyga as the Americans head out to match — or exceed — another 2002 silver in the four-man bobsled. They aren't the only Texan back in the medal chase. Speedskater Chad Hedrick, already a two-time Turin medalist, enters the grueling 10,000 meters and 5,000 meter races with his teammates/

agonists Shani Davis. Good for Chad. Bad for all the empty reporters' notebooks. The men from Minnesota are after the U.S. curling team, off a disappointing semifinal loss to Canada, goes for a bronze medal against Britain. The last Friday of the 20th Winter Games has NBC airing a prime time program with the women's giant slalom final, the four-man bobsled and Hedrick's fifth and final race in Turin. The four-hour show, beginning at 8 p.m. EST, will also feature an evening of entertainment from the figure skating champions in an exhibition where the Olympic winners strut their stuff while still enjoying the reflected glow of their medals. The hour-long afternoon show on NBC starts at 4 p.m. and focuses entirely on the women's 30km cross-country race. Katherine Neumannova of the Czech Republic, already a

Utah State squeaks by Boise State, 64-62

BOISE (AP) — Utah State's Jaycee Carroll scored 18 points and Nate Harris added 16 as the Aggies defeated Boise State 64-62 in a Western Athletic Conference game Thursday night. David Pak led Utah State (19-6, 9-4 WAC) ahead 64-49 with a field goal with 5:02 left in the game. The Broncos went on a run that ended when Boise State's Karl Kai hit a field goal with 44 seconds left. The Broncos (13-13, 5-9 WAC) got one more chance when Utah State's Harris turned the ball over with 22 seconds left. A field goal attempt by Kai, who buzzer-bounced off the front rim, Karl ended with a game-high 31 points, including 11 down the home stretch. Kurt Cunningham scored off the Boise State bench and added 10 points. For the Aggies, Carroll added 13 and Cass Mathews 10 points. Utah State dominated the first half, holding a 41-22 halftime lead on 63 percent shooting from the field, including 55 percent from 3-point range, while the Broncos could manage only 31 percent from the field. Utah State cooled off in the second half and wound up hitting 52 percent for the game while the Broncos hit 40 percent from the field, including 40 percent

Peterson

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came last year when he won a half-million dollars playing blackjack in Las Vegas and bought himself a house. As 100,000 pop could surely get the blood pumping, Peterson wonders if for Speedy like standing atop the aerials hill, waiting to be hurricaned. On this night, though, he said he was probably going to jump up, which made him over-rotate and take. That almost always foreshadows something bad on the landing and Peterson has had several bad landings, but he knows what that means. "In aerobics, if you don't land, you might as well have not showed up," he said.

TV schedule

- Mens' curling: bronze medal final, curling: semifinal, MSNBC, 5 p.m.
Mens' curling: gold medal final, mens' hockey: semifinal, USA, 9 p.m.
Country: women's 30km gold medal final, NBC, 2 p.m.
Mens' curling: gold medal final, CNBC, 3 p.m.
Alpine skiing: women's giant slalom, curling: semifinals, NBC, 2 p.m.
Prime-time replay: NBC, mid-night

Medals Table

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Curling

Women
PINEROLO, Italy — The Swedish women's curling team rolled its way to another Olympic medal — this one bronze. Stars of a head-binding, leather-and-chains music video back home, the Swedes played a convincing game over their Swiss and their red-clad, taucous, long-waving Alpine fans a second gold in as many days. Philipp Schoch won the mens' event Wednesday, with brother Simon winning silver. Switzerland rallied from a 6-4 deficit in the 10th and final end of regulation to force the extra end, or inning. In the 11th end, Switzerland put one stone in the middle and piled guards in front of it before Swedish second Cathrine Lindahl took out two stones with one to get the edge back. Mirjam Ott curled her first stone — Switzerland's second-to-last of the game — around a guard, but she got inside the Swedish one that was sitting on the lip of the red-4-foot circle. Switzerland rallied from a 6-4 deficit in the 10th and final end of regulation to force the extra end, or inning. In the 11th end, Switzerland put one stone in the middle and piled guards in front of it before Swedish second Cathrine Lindahl took out two stones with one to get the edge back. Mirjam Ott curled her first stone — Switzerland's second-to-last of the game — around a guard, but she got inside the Swedish one that was sitting on the lip of the red-4-foot circle.

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NASCAR juggernaut Hendrick bounces back from adversity



DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson's victory in last Sunday's Daytona 500 is one more example of how Hendrick Motorsports bounces back from adversity.

Johnson raced in NASCAR's biggest event without his crew chief, Chad Knaus, on suspension after being penalized for making an illegal modification to Johnson's car a week earlier in qualifying.

But Darlan Grubb, the lead engineer on Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet, took Knaus' place, showing the depth that Hendrick's team has built.

"Basically, I was trying to do the same thing I've always done," said Grubb, who generally shares the top of the pit box with Knaus. "I was able to bring in some other engineers that had some experience, too, to help me out. They just fed me enough information to make the calls myself instead of feeding the information to Chad."

Sounds simple? Not really. Hendrick Motorsports, which fields four full-time entries in the Nextel Cup Series, is certainly better prepared to make quick personnel changes and to take up the slack for a missing key ingredient than most teams.

Hendrick, whose money comes mostly from one of the biggest auto dealership networks in the United States, employs more than 500 people at his team's sprawling campus in Concord, N.C.

Beyond the manpower, though, this team never panics. When Hendrick was diagnosed with a violent form of leukemia in November of 1996, the future of the team appeared bleak.

"But nobody left," Hendrick said. "Everybody stuck with us and we were able to get through that situation."

John Hendrick, Rick's brother, took over the day-to-day management of the team and it sailed on as if nothing had happened. The team responded by starting the 1997 season with Jeff Gordon, Terry Labonte and Ricky Craven, dedicating a 1-2-3 sweep of the Daytona 500 to their departed boss.

In August, 1997, Rick Hendrick pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud for a \$20,000 bribe sent to a Florida executive for preferential treatment. Because of his illness, Hendrick was sentenced to one year of house arrest, but he was also barred from any contact with his team during that same period.

No problem, Gordon went on to win two of his four series championships in 1997 and 1998 and Hendrick, who underwent a bone marrow transplant, was finally able to return to lead his team in 1999.

"Then came the biggest blow of all. The crash of a team plane on the way to a race in Martinsville, Va., in October, 2004, killed 10 persons, including John Hendrick, Rick's son Ricky — a team's heir apparent — two executives, among them engine builder Randy Dorton and general manager Randy Turner.

Again, the Hendrick team soldiered on, with Johnson winning the next Sunday in Atlanta and again two weeks later in Darlington.

"If you ask me what I'm proud of with my team it's the way everybody pulls together and we work like a family when something comes up," Hendrick said earlier this week. "We had every crew on all the other teams offer help when this thing happened down here."

"I think it's a caring company. I don't want to sound corny but I think that's the key, and I think everybody works together hard and they want to see the thing work."

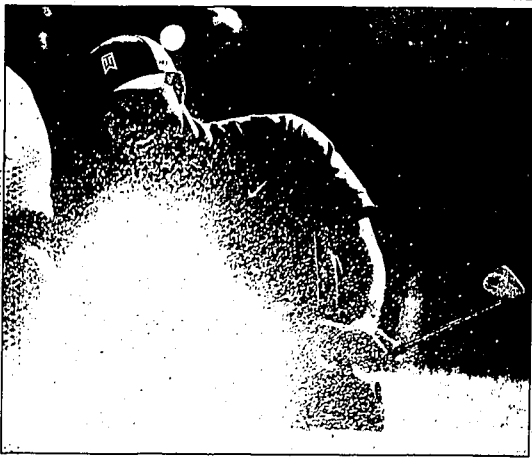
Hendrick said the team's philosophy is "You can sink half a ship." That means everybody is willing to step up in a difficult situation.

"I appreciate it because I have been through a lot and they always see that for a little motivation." Let's go with this thing and make it a special day for everybody," he added.

The 48 team will have to get along without Knaus for the next three races, as well. But Johnson and Grubb head to California Speedway for Sunday's Auto Club 500 at the top of the standings and with plenty of confidence.

"The way this team responded in Daytona and the victory in the 500 is going to carry a lot of confidence throughout the race track for however long we're without Chad," Johnson said. "We can't wait to have him back but, at the same time, this is going to build a lot of confidence in each of us that we can go out and do our jobs and still win."

"Definitely, not having Chad there hurt this race team. But (others) stepping up to different responsibilities and winning the biggest race in our sport, it's a huge thing for us."



Tiger Woods hits his bunker shot on the 18th hole to set up his match-winning birdie putt against Robert Alenby in the second round of the Accenture World Golf Championship, Thursday, in Carlsbad, Calif.

A long day for Woods

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Tiger Woods didn't remove his cap and shake hands on the 10th green Thursday.

"This time, he was lucky to be leading."

One day after he shattered the tournament record for the

shortest match, Woods had to go the distance against Robert Alenby, squeaking by with a 7-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to advance into the third round of the Match Play Championship.

"I'm advancing," Woods said. "That's a good thing."

Ultimately, that's all that matters in this most fickle golf tournament, which was reduced to 16 players after another wild day of dramatic shots and unlikely rallies.

Woods knew that his 9-and-10 victory in the opening round against Stephen Ames meant nothing when he teed off against Alenby. That much was clear to everyone else when he bogeyed three of the first five holes.

"That's the beauty of match play," Woods said. "Start again. What you did yesterday is no consequence for what you're going to do today. Whether it was a good day or a bad day, your opponent is right in front of you."

Alenby, the first player to sweep Australia's three majors, stayed in front of him all day. All square coming to the last hole, it turned into a battle of 3-woods from 246 yards away. Woods went left, away from the flag, into a bunker. Alenby went right, short-siding himself and catching a bad lie in trampled turf.

"At least I made it interesting," he said.

Even more interesting is how the Accenture Match Play Championship was shaping up.

after two days, with six of the top eight seeds still alive for the \$1.3 million payoff Sunday. It's the first time in the eight-year history of this tournament that so many top seeds advanced through two rounds.

Vijay Singh is among them, a minor surprise even as the No. 2 seed. He had never advanced beyond the second round in seven previous attempts after coming a close start to beat Miguel Angel Jimenez.

Third-seeded Retief Goosen also won, but not before Ben Crane made a hole-in-one on the 16th hole to make him seven. Phil Mickelson missed several 5-foot putts, but he holed a 25-foot eagle putt on the 11th that sent him on his way to a victory over John Daly, a match that might have carried more buzz had he not been played in the morning.

The best rally came from Padraig Harrington, who birdied the last three holes to send his match into overtime, then beat Angel Cabrera with a par on the first extra hole.

Woods had to labor to join them. He opened with six straight birdies and smoked Ames in the first round, a victory so resounding that the match lasted the minimum 10 holes. Against Alenby, it took him that long simply to get his first lead, stalling an approach into a foot on the 10th for a 1-up edge.

"We got outta there," said Alenby, who had dogged cramps in his right calf over the final three holes.

The Aussie got a bad break from his bad swing on the 10th. Not only did he leave himself no room for his chip with the pin to the right of the green, the grass was trampled and firm.

"I couldn't afford to get delicate on it," Alenby said.

His wedge bounced off the hard ground and sailed 40 feet beyond the pin. Woods blasted

out to 7 feet, and after Alenby missed, he rolled the birdie putt into the center of the cup.

Woods next plays Chad Campbell, who won the 18th hole in a 4-foot birdie to beat big-hitting Henrik Stensson of Sweden. Stensson never made a bogey in two days, but still had to check out of La Costa.

Wilson leads in Tucson with 8-under 64

TUCSON, Ariz. — If history has any bearing, this could be a really big weekend for Mark Wilson.

The Wisconsin native shot an opening-round 64 to take the lead Thursday at the Chrysler Classic of Tucson, two shots ahead of Doug Barron, Gabriel Hjerstedt, Jerry Kelly, John Riegger and Duffy Waldorf.

Wilson's 8-under was anchored by a 30 on the front nine. He started the tournament on the 10th tee, made the turn at 22, and got rolling with an eagle on No. 2, a tricky par-5 with a narrow fairway and an undulating green.

Wilson drained a 20-foot putt and then logged birdies on the third, fourth, seventh and ninth holes at par-72 Tucson National. A bogey at No. 18 was the only blemish on what he called one of the best rounds of his career.

The Chrysler Classic has had a first-time champion 14 times, including five of the last six years. Wilson would be a perfect candidate to extend the streak.

He spent five years on the mini-tours and twice survived qualifying school. With his conditional status, he knows which tournaments will accept him and often works the Monday qualifying rounds.

"Two weeks before, 15 guys will commit and I'm out," Wilson said. "But if I can keep shooting 64 here, things will change quick."

CSI

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Women

Sunday also marked the first time all season that both the men and women lost on the same night, as head coach Randy Rogers' Golden Eagles fell to the Bruins 43-71. Though the Eagles should wave through Rangely and the 0-24 Spartans for a pair of easy wins, Rogers wants to see his team regain the edge in front of his fallen out of while losing three out of its four last games.

"Obviously our confidence has got to come back up a little bit, and getting two wins will help that a little bit," Rogers said. "But we just need to make better decisions on the floor. We have to cut down on turnovers and rebounded a team like this, even though they're bigger than us. We just have to get back to our style, pushing the ball, taking those open three-point shots, and getting back to our style of basketball we played earlier."

To do that, Rogers is adding a few new wrinkles, including a 1-3-1 zone and a full-court zone press, to throw at the Spartans. The Spartans average 22.4 turnovers per game and shoot only 25 percent from beyond the three-point arc. The zone and press trap will help take advantage of those deficiencies in the Spartans' game.

The Eagles will look to not only gain momentum but to gain a win, but eliminate any

Eagle Eyes

Tonight: CSI at Colorado Northwestern Community College, Rangely, Colo. Women at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m.

On the horizon: The Golden Eagles will play against the Spartans again tomorrow. CSI finishes out its regular season schedule next Friday and Saturday in Ephraim, Utah, against the Snow College Bulldogs.

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

Matchup No. 23 CSI (206, 11-3) Snow (204, 10-4) Northwest (102, 0-14) SWAC.

Last time they met: The Golden Eagles blew past the Spartans 119-55 in Twin Falls earlier this season. Freshman point guard Cirro Christian led the Spartans with 17 points, and was one of five CSI players to score over 10 points in the game.

CSI season leaders (per game): Points — Mako Moore 20.1; Birt-

tany Moore 11.8; Rebounds — M. Moore 8.0; Ashley Thompson 7.2; Assists — M. Moore 5.3; B. Moore 2.8; Steals — M. Moore 4.0; Blocks Williams 2.5; Blocks — Amy Bravold 0.8; Tanya Litcher 0.5.

Men Matchup No. 19 CSI (206, 11-3) SWAC vs. Colorado Northwest (204, 10-4) SWAC.

Last time they met: CSI smacked the Spartans 97-63 earlier this season in Twin Falls. Sophomore forward Reggie Lary led the way with 24 points and 10 rebounds, while fellow sophomore Travis Gabbidon finished with 23 points for the Eagles.

CSI season leaders (per game): Points — Travis Gabbidon 17.1; Reggie Lary 14.3; Rebounds — Reggie Lary 8.0; Gabbidon 6.9; Assists — Jermaine Calvin 5.9; Darrell Jenkins 4.4; Steals — Calvin 3.0; Ferrell 1.5; Blocks — Lary 1.5; Gabbidon 0.8.

note, a four-game win streak, and we'll end up playing Colorado again up there, so we don't want to give them any false hope, but they may have some positives coming out of this weekend that they can carry into the region tournament.

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No. 3 LSU thrashes Crimson Tide

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Seimone Augustus scored 32 points and Sylvia Fowles had 20 points and 13 rebounds to lead No. 3 LSU to an 86-61 victory over Alabama Thursday night, clinching at least a share of the Southeastern Conference title for the Tigers.

The duo of Augustus and Fowles took turns dominating the game for LSU (24-2, 12-1) which led by only six at halftime. Augustus scored 20 points in the first half and Fowles had 22 after that to help LSU pull away.

With the win, LSU secured the No. 1 seed for the SEC tournament entering the regular-season finale against Mississippi State.

The Crimson Tide (9-17, 3-10) endured its second straight loss to a top-five team, having fallen to No. 5 Tennessee on Sunday. Augustus ended the game with 2,486 career points, just two behind Julie Ross for No. 2 on the school's career list.



Louisiana State's Seimone Augustus, right, drives around Alabama's Navando Moore during a college basketball game at Coleman Coliseum in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Thursday.

No. 4 Maryland 89, Clemson 63

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Crystal Langhorne scored 16 points to reach the 1,000 mark quickest than any player in Maryland history and the Terrapins extended Clemson's losing streak to nine.

Maryland (25-3, 12-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) never trailed in cruising to its school-record 14th home win of the season. The Terrapins completed their league schedule assured of a second-place tie, their best finish in the ACC since 1983.

Amanda Frisc scored 16 points and D'Leshia Boyd added 12 for Clemson (8-19, 2-11). The last-place Tigers haven't won since Jan. 15 and are 0-6 on the road in the ACC.

Points and Sidney Spencer led 18 to help Tennessee beat Auburn.

The Lady Vols (25-3, 11-2 Southeastern Conference) built a big lead in the first half and never relinquished it on their way to a 13th straight victory over Auburn.

Auburn (13-13, 4-9) led early but couldn't take advantage of its large front line that at times was bigger than Tennessee.

Candice Parker had her seventh double-double of the season with 13 rebounds and 11 points for the Lady Vols, though she missed a dunk attempt in the second half.

points in the second half to lead Ohio State over Purdue, giving the Buckeyes their first outright Big Ten title in two decades.

The victory — Ohio State's 15th in a row since losing 61-59 at Purdue on Jan. 1 — gave the Buckeyes (24-2, 14-1) a two-game lead in the conference with one to play.

Kate Graden led the Bolleermakers (22-5, 12-3) with 19 points, with Lindsay Wisdom-Hilton adding 13. The Bolleermakers have lost two straight.

No. 5 Tennessee 81, Auburn 56

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Yvetha Fluker scored a career-high 22

No. 6 Ohio State 67, No. 12 Purdue 58

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jessica Davenport scored 14 of her 20

No. 13 Georgia 86, Arkansas 80

FAVETTEVILLE, Ark. — Sheri Baker scored 28 points and Tasha Humphrey had 23 in the second half to lead Georgia past Arkansas.

Eagles

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and Chad Powell — both 3-0 as sophomores this season — the Rebels held CSI to only 10 runs in eight games last season.

"You know what, we had no success at all against Reap twice last year, but we had success against Powell," Walker said. "I think for us to win, we're not going to be able to give up more than two or three runs. If we go out and give up five runs, we can't be on the short end, I really feel that."

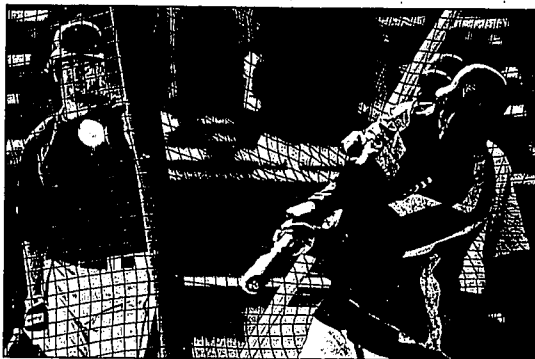
home run and 12 RBIs on the season, while Wells, a sophomore outfielder, is averaging .364 at the plate with 10 RBIs and seven stolen bases. Walker will again start Adam Umberg and Troy Grundy today and will follow with Todd Price and Nick Carr as Saturday's starters.

"Carr" hasn't started yet this season for us, but you know if he's on, we should win," Walker said. "He's off, now we've got a struggle. But if he's on, he can beat anybody, it doesn't matter who it is."

Walker hopes his team will open up the top of the first with a quick run or two to get their confidence at the plate up. That may be a tricky proposition

though, as Walker's No. 4 and 5 hitters, Mike Griffin and Ken Figlerud, will have to play through injuries. Griffin suffered a strained hip during Tuesday's practice and has been sore throughout the rest of the week, while Figlerud needed three stitches after cutting a finger while sliding a home of bread after last Friday's lone doubleheader against the Salt Lake Community College Bruins.

"They're our No. 4-5 guys in our lineup, and we'll need them to play," Walker said. "If not, it's going to be a lot tougher." Game 1 is set for a 1 p.m. start today, with Saturday's play set to start at noon.



San Francisco Giants' Steve Finley, left, eyes a ball hit by teammate Barry Bonds during Major League baseball spring training batting practice Thursday in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Bonds works out for second straight day

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Barry Bonds' second day in spring training was much quieter than his highly anticipated arrival, ending with a nap in the clubhouse Thursday.

Bonds was greeted his first day in San Francisco Giants camp by dozens of media members from around the world, who chanted his every move. The media contingent was much smaller for Day 2.

"What happened to the mob?" manager Felipe Alou said. "The mobsters."

Bonds hit five home runs in batting practice against first-base coach Luis Pujols, including two consecutive balls into the right-field picnic area.

Bonds also nearly hit pitcher Matt Morris's head on a come-

back line drive.

"I could have caught that with my teeth," Morris said. "Luckily, I didn't. I'm just throwing fastballs at this point and just trying to find my spots. I'm just trying to get my work. I'm not competing."

At the end of his workout, Bonds took a nap on the floor in the far corner of the clubhouse, watched over by two members of his entourage.

By contrast with last spring when he was hobbling with an injured right knee, Bonds drifted effortlessly under fly balls in left field before batting practice despite a bulky brace on the knee.

Alou said Bonds wouldn't play in an intrasquad game next Wednesday and probably would be limited to games in

which he can be the designated hitter. The Giants concern now is how Bonds will react to running in the field or on the bases.

Bonds, who played only 14 games in 2005 after undergoing three knee operations, enters the season with 708 home runs, seven shy of passing Babe Ruth for second place and 48 short of breaking Hank Aaron's record of 755.

Closer Armando Benitez put in an inning of work in his continuing comeback from radical hamstring surgery. Benitez missed 96 games last season before returning for the final seven weeks of the season.

"I did everything I would do in the regular season," Benitez said. "I threw sinkers, splitters and fastballs. I feel fine."

Ripken talks about spring training, Cooperstown, keeping baseball fun

NEW YORK (AP) — Spring training was fun, but Cal Ripken Jr. acknowledges he's feeling a little blue.

Baseball's Ironman, who played in a record 2,632 consecutive games for the Baltimore Orioles, was in town Thursday promoting a contest that celebrates the same determination he was known for over his two decades in the game.

But Ripken, who retired in 2001, also talked with The Associated Press about how he misses spring training, the World Baseball Classic and whether he thinks about being voted into the Hall of Fame next year, the first time he's eligible.



Cal Ripken, Jr.

AP: With players reporting to training camps, do you miss baseball more these days?

Ripken: I didn't really miss baseball a whole lot when I retired because I felt like I did everything I wanted to do. It was time to actually not look back, move forward. I never really looked up to say, "OK, they're going to spring training and the leaving without me." But spring training was the time I really liked, I really loved and looked forward to it. Because you miss baseball all winter, you're sitting with your teammates and all of a sudden you're back with the people you want to be with. You went from cold weather to warm weather, no pressures and the fans were close. So this is the only time that kind of makes me miss a little bit.

feel like you were on the inside — you knew everything that was going on because you were there every day. Now, the more you're removed from it, you have to live vicariously through somebody else. So you have to ask Alex (Rodriguez) or you talk to someone else and you say, "OK, give me the scoop."

AP: How much do you think about the Hall of Fame?

Ripken: Only when I'm asked.

AP: Which is by every reporter who ever talks to you.

Ripken: The Hall of Fame — I think everybody secretly who plays the game wants to make their mark in some positive way and the Hall of Fame is the ultimate mark that you've left individually on the game. And so I am eligible for voting this year and I try not to think about it — I try to let the process take care of itself — but I guess secretly you keep your fingers crossed and you hope.

AP: You and Tony Gwynn are both eligible for the Hall (this year) and you both played for the same teams your entire careers. That is such a rare feat these days — why is that?

place, would they want to play in one place for their whole careers, and I think the answer would be yes.

Ripken: The voting for the Hall of Fame is very subjective and everybody is going to weigh in and think about things in their own way. I was asked, "If you had a vote, what would you vote?" And I say, well, if I had a vote, I would have to really get more information and research it and really feel I've gathered all the information I can for a sense of making a vote. I don't know how many people are going to do that collectively. I imagine the shadow of suspicion of steroids. I don't know how the world's going to treat that. I honestly believe the facts will ultimately come out.

AP: You have a new book coming out, "Parenting Young Athletes the Ripken Way." There is so much more structure and pressure in sports now than when I was a kid, when you were a kid. Do you think it's possible to just go out in the street and play baseball for fun anymore?

AP: How much do you watch baseball now?

Ripken: I haven't gone to too many games, but I tend to watch on TV quite a bit.

AP: Can you watch it like a normal fan or do you know too much?

Ripken: I'll never watch it purely from a recreational standpoint — I mean, you get drawn into how you were trained. You look at pitch selection, you look at where they're playing, what they're trying to do, who's hot or who's not, who impresses you or who doesn't. So you sort of look at it from a scouting perspective. I always enjoy the game. The one thing is, the longer you play, the more you feel that you're an outsider looking in. You used to

Ripken: I don't think it's fair to say that free agency has killed that and that's the reason to blame because there's a lot of instability in organizations who change their general managers, their managers, their staff, and they change out whole rosters a lot of times. I think a lot of the movement occurs not because of free agency necessarily, but, you know, trades, releasing, trying somebody else for the position. And I think if you ask every player in the big leagues if they had a chance to play in a certain

Ripken: I think the days of the pickup games are kind of gone as far as baseball goes. I think we live in a society where we've a little more safety-conscious, security-conscious, and maybe the two parents working in the household doesn't allow for that sort of supervision. So I think we tend to let them play inside games or we put them in organized sports a little bit more. But that's not bad. I think the philosophy, in my opinion, is that you should return the game to the kids.

Big Hurt still a little hurt as he arrives at A's spring training

PHOENIX (AP) — Frank Thomas arrived at Oakland Athletics' spring training Thursday but it still will be a while before his new teammates get to see the Big Hurt in a game.

Thomas won't be able to take part in workouts until the team's doctors check out an MRI exam of his surgically repaired left ankle, and he plans to spend most of the spring hitting in "B" games with minor leaguers.

"They are going to take me real slow," he said. "I'll get my time in the back field with the minor league guys getting at-bats. That's great with me because I'll get a lot more work in instead of getting three or four at-bats in regular games. I'll spend more time in the back fields getting my eye going and timing."

"I'm going to take these at-bats seriously on the back field. As we get close to opening day, if they want to mix me in that's fine. I'll be ready to go."

That appeared to surprise manager Ken Macha, who added that keeping Thomas healthy this spring is the primary goal.

"I would prefer that he play to see how he did," Macha said. "But if he comes up here I'm sure you'll be up here with him to see how he does. If playing in one of those games will jeopardize his health, then it's better that he not play."

Thomas' health was the big question when he was a free agent this offseason. After the Chicago White Sox declined to offer him salary arbitration in December, Thomas had to wait until last month to find a new team.

He signed an incentive-laden deal with Oakland that guarantees him \$500,000 and could be worth up to \$3.1 million if his ankle stays healthy and he reaches certain level of plate appearances.

Thomas had only 315 at-bats his last two seasons with the White Sox, when he was dealing with ankle injuries. He missed the last three months in 2004 before undergoing surgery.

He came back May 30 last season and played 34 games before being shut down for the season with another broken bone in his ankle, leaving him to watch the White Sox win their first World Series since 1917.



Oakland Athletics' Frank Thomas warms up his swing during a Major League baseball spring training workout Thursday in Phoenix.

"I'm not prone to injuries at all," he said. "I had an unfortunate injury and I was surgically repaired. I chose to come back maybe a month too soon. Now it's feeling a lot better. The point I'm at now is a little better than it was when I returned last year."

Thomas did have some success in his brief time playing last season, hitting 12 homers in 105 at-bats for the White Sox. But he batted a career-low .219 and his on-base percentage of .315 was more than 100 points lower than his career mark of .427.

He attributes part of that to changes he made because he couldn't run the bases and said he expects to hit between .285 and .305 this season.

Thomas, a two-time AL MVP who has 448 career home runs, turned 40 in May. He would like to play until he's 41 or 42 years old and thinks he still can be a productive player.

"I know I'm going to provide for the team I'm on," he said. "Bottom line, I've done it my whole career. If I'm healthy, you're going to have a special player on your team."

Thomas hasn't been cleared to

run yet and hasn't even hit in a cage or off a tee since July 11, he said. He puts a lot of stress on his left foot when hitting, which is why he has taken precautions to make sure the ankle has healed.

Thomas said it will take six weeks — which will be into the first week of the season — to get back to full speed with the bat after such a long break. But he doesn't envision any problems returning to his usual level.

"Hitting is something I've been doing since I was a kid," he said. "Give me a few days and I will feel pretty comfortable. I will be ready to go. I'm concerned about that."

Thomas still has lingering bitterness about the way his 16-year tenure in Chicago, saying the team should have called him to tell him he was being cut loose. He said he's getting past that now, but wasn't ready to join his old teammates at the White House earlier this month to celebrate the World Series title.

White Sox general manager Kenny Williams said last month that the team tried its best to make sure Thomas' relationship ended in a "first-class manner."

VIERA, Fla. (AP) — Alfonso Soriano isn't ready to commit to playing outfield for the Washington Nationals, so a resolution will have to wait until after the World Baseball Classic.

A two-hour meeting with team officials Thursday failed to produce a decision on whether the parties essentially agreed to put off the problem.

"We've been pretty clear about being unclear," general manager Jim Bowden said.

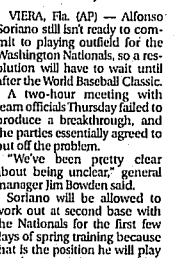
Soriano will be allowed to work out at second base with the Nationals for the first few days of spring training because that is the position he will play for the Dominican Republic.

Soriano reports to the Dominican team March 3 and could return as late as March 21.

Let's not get ahead of ourselves," Nationals manager Frank Robinson said. "Is he going to play left field? Who knows? Those decisions will be made before we leave Florida."

The Nationals acquired Soriano, a four-time All-Star second baseman, from Texas in a December trade that sent outfielder Brad Wilkinson and Terrell Sledge and pitcher Armando Galarraga to the Rangers. With three-time All-Star Jose Vito already on the roster, Washington made it clear

Soriano, Nationals at an impasse over move



Newly acquired Washington Nationals player Alfonso Soriano listens to a question during a news conference, Thursday, at the team's Major League Baseball spring training facility in Viera, Fla.

that Vito will not be moved and that Soriano would be asked to play left field. Soriano made it clear that he wasn't happy about it.

Thursday's reporting date was the first chance for Soriano, his agent, Robinson and Bowden to sit down.

The team had limited contact with Soriano in the offseason because he was going through arbitration — the pot of the team's \$10 million offer over his \$12 million request.

"We know more about Alfonso

so now than we did before," Robinson said. "We understand where he's coming from. We've got some things to think about, and he has some things to think about. We'll get it done."

How they plan to get it done isn't clear. Robinson said both Vito and Soriano are "tradeable commodities" and used the word "if" when talking about Soriano playing in D.C.

Asked by Robinson to play left field, would Soriano respect the manager's wishes?

"Who knows?" Soriano said.

SPORTS



Heisman winner Reggie Bush responds to a question from the media while standing at a podium during the NFL combine in Indianapolis, Thursday.

Bush hopes to give Heisman Trophy winners a new image

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Forget the hype or even the line. Reggie Bush intends to change the image of Heisman winners when he arrives the NFL next fall.

Bush entered Thursday at the annual scouting combine as the favorite to be the top pick in April's draft thanks to an uncanny combination of blazing speed, deft moves and his ability to turn nothing plays into touchdowns.

They are traits, Bush believes will help him transform his college success into NFL stardom, a transition recent Heisman winners have struggled with.

"Hopefully, you'll see the same things you've seen from me in my college career," he said. "I look forward to it."

The NFL has been inundated with recent Heisman busts. Since Barry Sanders won the award in 1988, names like Jason White, Danny Wierffel, Cato Iborreta and Andre Ware have become the rule. Players like Carson Palmer and Eddie George have been the exceptions.

Bush believes there is a logical explanation for the failures and insists he can change the perception.

"It's harder for a quarterback to go in and be successful as opposed to a running back," he said. "You can go in and expect to have success right away. I know there are going to be mistakes, but hopefully not too many."

Sources have found little to criticize in the highly 20-year-old running back who thrived in the spotlight at Southern California.

Late last season, the chase for the No. 1 pick was dubbed the "Reggie Bush sweepstakes." Even Houston, which holds the No. 1 pick and was being pressed by fans to take home-town quarterback Vince Young, appears to have bought into the Bush hype.

Two weeks ago, the Texans exercised an option to keep quarterback David Carr in Houston but two more seasons. It's unclear he does slip, other teams are ready to take him.

"Reggie is there at No. 12, we'll turn that card in," Cleveland Browns general manager

Phil Savage said amid laughter. "I think if a team utilizes him in the right way, I think he can still be a Heisman winner at the pro level even if he only carries it 10 or 15 times a game."

Who wouldn't take a chance on a player some consider the most exciting runner to enter the NFL since Sanders?

Yet Bush would rather avoid the hysteria. He insists he still has much to prove — that he can excel in the NFL, that he can bulk up his slight frame, that he can be an every down back and that he can pass block. Bush measured in at slightly less than 6-foot and 201 pounds Thursday.

He also wants to ease any angst among scouts about his personality.

If Thursday's 20-minute interview session was any indication, Bush appears ready to take care of that issue, too.

He demonstrated a rare combination of confidence, modesty, self-deprecation and even a penchant for the business side of football. When he stepped to the podium, Bush tried to put on an NFL combine hat that didn't fit. When a reporter asked if his head was getting too big, Bush replied with a simple "nope" and a broad smile.

And when he was asked about doing photo shoots, like his Heisman-winning backfield mate, Matt Leinart, Bush said he'd worry about endorsements later. For now, he wants to focus on playing football.

"I don't like to compare myself with guys in the NFL, who have already done so much," he said. "That's what I'm trying to do, get there."

The skill part is well documented.

Last season, Bush emerged as the backbone to Southern Cal's strong offense. His amazing displays — rums for 260 yards and 2 TDs against rival UCLA, piling up 513 all-purpose yards against Fresno State, pushing Leinart across the goal line to beat Notre Dame — not only propelled Bush into the spotlight but also allowed him to run away with the Heisman. Even Leinart voted for his teammate.

In April, Bush will have an

Hutchinson, Backus protected from free agency

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Michigan linemen Steve Hutchinson and Jeff Backus were protected from free agency Thursday, the final day for NFL teams to designate franchise and transition players.

Hutchinson, an All-Pro left guard for Seattle, was given the transition player tag by the NFC champion Seahawks, meaning he is guaranteed \$6.3 million next season if he doesn't sign a long-term contract. The tag also gives the team the right to

match any offer from another club.


Backus, who has had a less distinguished career as the tight tackle for a less distinguished team, was designated Detroit's franchise player. He is guaranteed \$5.98 million, and the Lions will get two first-round draft picks if he signs with another team and can decide whether or not to match.

The NFL's free-agent period starts next Thursday, with a minimal number of star players


available — except at running back. One of the second tier backs, Carolina's Deshaun Foster, was made a transition player Thursday with the tender of \$5.13 million for that position.

Two other prime players, San Francisco linemen Pat Peterson and Oakland cornerback Charles Woodson, were not protected, meaning they will be among the more attractive free agents, but both have been plagued by injuries recently and will carry a "buyer beware" tag.

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Williams gone from Bills, 49ers release nine

NEW YORK (AP) — Offensive lineman Mike Williams was released by the Bills, ending an disappointing four-year tenure in Buffalo for the former No. 4 draft pick.

The move allows the Bills to save more than \$3 million in salary cap space for next season. Williams had two years left on his contract, was due a \$3 million roster bonus in July and was scheduled to count about \$10.8 million against the cap next season.

The 49ers also released nine players, including veteran receiver Jerome Minton and cornerback Ahmed Plummer.

The most sought-after free agent could be NFL MVP Shaun Alexander, who was designated Seattle's franchise player before last season, signing a one-year deal worth \$6.32 million with the agreement that he not be tagged again after the 2005 season.

Alexander then led the league with a team-record 1,890 yards rushing and 20 touchdowns. He will become a free agent unless he agrees to a new deal with the

team, which is still trying to reach an agreement with him.

The only other player protected Thursday as the 4 p.m. EST deadline approached was Minnesota cornerback Brian Williams, who received the transition tag for \$4.774 million.

Two other franchise players were protected earlier this week — Buffalo cornerback Nate Clements and New York Jets defensive end John Abraham.

In another move Thursday, Cleveland terminated the contract of veteran Kenard Lang, who was switched from defensive end to linebacker last season when the Browns switched from a 4-3 defense to a 3-4. Lang was due to make \$4.6 million this season.

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NATION IN BRIEF

NRA urges judge to overturn gun ban

SAN FRANCISCO — The National Rifle Association urged a state judge Thursday to overturn an ordinance voters overwhelmingly approved in November banning handgun possession and firearm sales.

Chuck Michel, an attorney for the NRA and gun enthusiast, said he was "sympathetic with the victims of gun violence" but said lawful weapon owners "are part of the solution, and not part of the problem."

Without addressing the Second Amendment dispute over whether individuals have a right to bear arms, Michel said a local government cannot ban weapons because the California Legislature allows their sale and possession, and has almost exclusive authority to regulate them.

A measure H was put on the November ballot by the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors, who were frustrated by the alarmingly high number of gun-related homicides in this city of 750,000 residents. The NRA said the effort drew 58 percent of voters approved the law.

Federal agents seize fossil dinosaur eggs

TUCSON, Ariz. — Federal agents seized three fossil dinosaur eggs, each the size of a small watermelon, and some 14,000 pounds of other fossils during the Tucson Gem, Mineral and Fossil Showcase this month after authorities determined that the cache may have been smuggled illegally out of Argentina.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents began investigating after receiving a tip from Interpol suggesting that an exhibitor, the Itiada Co., may have been selling fossils belonging to the Argentine government.

Rhodes' owner, Jose Lopez, was vacationing in the United States and could not be reached, said Diego Chamarrut, an employee of Itiada in Buenos Aires. He said Lopez was not due to re-jump next month.

The company's Web site bills it as a supplier of Argentinian Rhodocroite, a pink mineral often used in jewelry, decorative bowls and other items.

Customs agents acting undercover took digital photos of the fossils and conferred with paleontologists from Argentina. Interpol said the fossils probably came from Argentina and had significant scientific value.

Agents have an arrest warrant, Customs Supervisory Special Agent Lisa Fairchild said.

Reputed Genovese crime boss charged

NEW YORK — The reputed acting boss of the city's most powerful Mafia family and 31 other alleged mob figures were charged Thursday with a host of underworld crimes, including a hit that prosecutors say was ordered by the don from behind bars.

The charges deliver "an absolute body blow" to the Genovese family, said FBI Assistant Director Mark W. Scarsella. He said 30 people had been arrested.

The indictment accuses the defendants of engaging in money laundering, drug trafficking, extortion, gun running and murder for more than a decade.

Laborio S. "Barney" Bellomo, who was associated with the crime boss upon the 1992 arrest of Vincent "The Chin" Gigante, was accused of authorizing from prison the 1998 killing of mobster Ralph Coppola. Bellomo is serving a 10-year sentence for extortion.

Prosecutors disclosed Thursday that the message sanctioning the hit was carried by Bellomo's lawyer, Peter J. Peluso. Peluso pleaded guilty last summer to racketeering and has agreed to cooperate against his former client.

The arrests follow a three-year investigation into the family's activities in the Bronx, Harlem and the Westchester County suburbs north of the city.

— compiled from wire reports

Painful problems

New Orleans convention center once again a last resort — this time it's for medical care

By Rokmini Callimachi Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Angela Jaster was wearing a urticaria when she fell and broke her arm and so for days, she didn't change her shirt because she couldn't raise her arm.

The swelling stretched the fabric, even though the pain was nearly unbearable, she did not consider going to the hospital, because in this flooded city there is only one for the uninsured and it doesn't treat broken bones.

It was only when the pain sent her into a hyperventilating panic several weeks later that her family called an ambulance and had her taken to the convention center.

In the same concrete structure where thousands of fleeing families waited in vain for food and water, they now wait for medical care, dispensed by a skeletal staff of doctors snaking out of a collection of military tents.

Inside their plastic and canvas walls, the doctors can only offer the most rudimentary care: They can X-ray bones, but not set them. They can draw blood to diagnose an ailment, but not treat it beyond prescribing pills. And with no X-ray and no capacity to operate, they can do much more than stabilize trauma patients before sending them by ambulance elsewhere, often far away.

These tents are all that remain of Charity Hospital, the 270-year-old institution which for generations was the medical epicenter of the city's uninsured.

With their building flooded, the doctors of the disbanded hospital set up the tents first in a parking lot, then secured a lease inside the convention center. Yet even this bare-bones service is in jeopardy, as the convention center — the city's main economic engine — plans to reopen.

In just a few weeks, the hospital has been told it will have to move the tents once again. Their options include a vacant department store, said Don Smithburg, CEO of the Louisiana State University Medical Center, which operates Charity.

"We're moving from one temporary fix to another," he said.

In spite of the space's obvious limitations, the convention center was in fact an improvement, he said. It had a ramp, a lot of large parking bays provide arriving ambulances good access. Unlike the exposed parking lots where doctors previously pitched their tents, they now

have a roof over their heads.

For the city's spluttering economy badly needs the revenue generated by the 95 yearly conventions which in previous years pumped nearly \$1 billion into local hotels, restaurants and other venues, said Sabrina Witten, spokeswoman for the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

"It is the economic lifeblood of the city in order for us to stand by the economy, the convention centers need to open," she said.

For the poor in New Orleans' crumbling health care system, tents have replaced buildings and plastic has replaced walls as the temporary appears to have become permanent.

The ones it hurts the most are people like Angela Jaster, a 51-year-old social worker who suffered an excruciating, yet not life-threatening injury.

Patients in imminent danger are quickly shipped off by ambulance to one of the seven private emergency rooms in the area.

It is those who are not in at death's door who end up waiting, often as long as six hours, to be seen. If their ailments cannot be treated with a prescription, they are referred to a hospital elsewhere. From those hospitals are far away.

In Jaster's case, the doctors X-rayed her arm inside a tent where images of broken limbs hung like posters. But with no orthopedic on call, she was given an appointment at a hospital 1 1/2 hours' drive away to get cast.

"I don't have a car. The bus leaves in the evening, they can only see me in the morning — and there's no vacancies in the hotels," said Jaster, who a month after her fall has run out of options and says she plans to let the book heal it for now, treating the pain with nothing more than ibuprofen, a non-prescription painkiller.

Here is a medical problem treatable in two visits: One to apply the cast and a second to take it all. Those with long-term health problems requiring multiple hospital visits are among the worst off.

"If you have cancer, my advice is never if you need dialysis, get out of here. If you have any major illness and are uninsured, we cannot possibly accommodate your needs. You will die sooner if you stay here," said Dr. Peter DeBilieux, the head of emergency services for what remains of Charity Hospital.

He summed up the situation on a hurried morning outside



Patients wait their turn to enter the triage tent, one of several military tents being used as part of the makeshift Charity Hospital inside the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in downtown New Orleans, La., last month.

Dr. Peter DeBilieux, left, head of emergency services at Charity Hospital, describes measures the staff have undertaken to offer medical care at their current MASH-like facility of military tents inside the New Orleans convention center. Listening, from top right, are U.S. Reps. Michael Burgess, R-Tex., Bart Stupak, D-Mich., and William Jefferson, D-La.

one of the tents, as dozens of tired patients waited to be seen in metal chairs nearby, some holding their chests, others wincing under the pain of a swollen gun or infected limb.

"It's very frustrating that I can't provide the type of care our mission calls for," he said, referring to the founding of the hospital, originally called "l'Hopital des Bonnes de la Charite," French for the Hospital of the "Poor of Charity."

Before the hurricane, Charity Hospital prided itself on treating trauma victims within the "golden hour," the ideal time in which to get treatment. Now with the nearest Level 1 trauma center located in Shreveport, 340 miles away, "the golden hour has become the golden four hours," said DeBilieux.

Hurricane Katrina closed eight of the area's 16 hospitals, erased all but 1,760 of its 4,083 hospital beds and displaced around 2,000 of its 3,500 practicing doctors, according to trade groups and industry experts.

For the community — nearly a quarter of which was uninsured before the storm — the greatest loss was Charity. Founded in 1736, the storied institution had a nationally recognized trauma center where decades ago the inventor of the first artificial heart trained.

It was the birthplace of jazz luminary Wynton Marsalis, rap

mogul Master P and Mayor Ray Nagin. But most of all, it was the medical safety net of the city's least privileged, a one-stop shop where an uninsured woman could give birth, have chemotherapy or have a stent implanted in her faltering heart all in a single, centrally located high-rise.

Although the Aug. 29 hurricane had waste to much of the city and dispersed as many as 300,000 of its 500,000 residents, the stress on the health care system has not lessened, because many of the people who returned lost their jobs and their health coverage, said Smithburg. They tend to come in with more severe injuries, a reflection of the dangerous work by many who are rebuilding the city, he said.

"For sure, there has also been progress, especially lately. In the last month, heavily damaged Tulane University hospital reopened its downtown emergency room and 63 of its 235 beds. And on Thursday, Louisiana State University and the federal Department of Veterans Affairs announced the possibility of constructing a new medical complex.

For one time being, though, the closure of Charity has strained all of the area's open hospitals, as they struggle to take in the cases deemed critical.

"The safety net has become more like a corridor," said DeBilieux.

On one recent weekend night, that corridor emptied out into the crowded parking lot outside the Ochsner Clinic foundation's hospital, where head nurse Dr. N. Smith frantically scrouged for a list of patients, trying to find beds for the ill.

"The get going bed filled. Bed with me," she yelled as a paramedic, sporting a tattoo of Yoda on his biceps, wheeled in a gale man lying motionless on a pale yellow stretcher in the hallway alongside another gurney in this crumpling a man on a respirator.

One of the people the hospital cannot afford to lose is 57-year-old Prescilla Ybarra, who was brought in by ambulance earlier that day from the convention center.

For days, her pelvic infection festered, until it became so inflamed she could no longer relieve herself by sitting down. "I put newspaper down on the floor and did it standing up," she said, embarrassed.

Hospital staff say she waited too long, turning a treatable infection into a debilitating one requiring hospitalization. It's a waiting game that more appear to be playing, as the bulldozing hospital prepares to enter its sixth month somewhere other than the convention center.

PRIVATE POKER NIGHTS

Risk of robbery raises the stakes

By Thorsaa Vargas The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The first time Doug Thomas looked up from his cards to see a gun pointed at him, the chips on the felt-topped poker table were piling up to about \$100 a pot. The Texas hold'em game was just getting up last month at the suburban electrical shop when two masked men, armed with a semiautomatic handgun, ordered players to lie down on the floor.

The second time was less than two weeks later and just a few blocks away. Nine players had paid \$500 each for a seat at the poker game at his apartment, but Thomas wasn't making any money other than the few bucks he'd earned on each pot to pay for food and drinks. The pizza and wings had just arrived when



A player shows his hand in a private Texas Hold 'Em game in Woodbridge, Va. As poker's popularity explodes in private homes, police say the danger also has increased, with such games ripe for robberies.

the police officers showed, "It scared the hell out of us," said Thomas, 42, a mortgage

broker in Manassas, Va. "When we figured out it was the cops, there was a sense of relief."

But the relief lasted only for a moment, Thomas was hushed.

As poker's popularity explodes, swallowing basements and living rooms in its wake, the danger also has increased, police say. No one tracks the number of poker-game bets because they are recorded simply as robberies, and many go unreported by hosts fearful of gambling charges. But police across the region and nation say private games are ripe for robberies.

Hosts are reaching by keeping guest lists more exclusive, often risking serious criminal charges by taking money from players to pay for alcohol security.

For police, the mixture of a high-stakes game in a low-security spot such as a home is cause for worry.

"It can be a situation for a very volatile event to occur," said Lt. Rich Penz, a suburban Fairfax County, Va., police spokesman. "There is just one person wanting to capitalize on the money, and you are going to end up with a robbery or shooting or something."

Police say that in the past 1 1/2 years, calls about private poker games have increased steadily, including complaints from relatives worried about depleted savings accounts and from neighbors tired of watching cars clog each week.

These hosting games at home are more likely to face criminal charges if they "rake the pot," taking a cut of the proceeds. But gambling laws differ from state to state. For example, in

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NATION

Poll finds fading trust in government

By Erin McClam
Associated Press writer

Ask Irene Tuzinski, a retiree living in a small, northeast Pennsylvania town, about the legacy of Hurricane Katrina, and she answers with an intense blend of bewilderment and outrage.

She questions the government's handling of the recovery. "What happened to all the money we're spending on Katrina?" she asks, and she doubts the government could adequately handle another major disaster. And a new Associated Press-Ipsos Public Affairs poll suggests she is far from alone.

The poll finds public confidence in government disaster readiness is lower today, six months after Katrina struck, than it was in early September 2005, when images of rooftop-stranded storm victims were fresh in the nation's mind.

Slightly less than half of those polled, 47 percent, said they were very or somewhat confident in the government's preparedness — down from 50 percent in the days after the storm and 54 percent in mid-September.

And just one in three Americans is confident the money set

Fading confidence after Katrina

In a 2-to-1 margin, Americans believe Katrina recovery should be a higher priority for government spending than the war in Iraq.

Which do you think should be the higher priority for government spending?

Hurricane Katrina recovery	64%
iraq war	34%
Not sure	5%

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aside for Katrina recovery efforts, an expected \$100 billion, is being spent wisely, down from half in mid-September, the poll found.

In the eyes of Tuzinski, a 72-year-old former public relations worker now living in Olyphant, Pa., who classifies herself as a strong Democrat, the recovery effort along the Gulf Coast has been lackluster.

"They just seem like they don't want to do anything if it's going to cost any money — it's

just, 'Let's hope for the best,'" she says in a telephone interview. "This is like the gang that couldn't shoot straight."

The findings come on the heels of a scathing House report that concluded a failure of initiative and preparation by all levels of government cost lives and prolonged suffering because of the epic hurricane.

"The preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina should disturb all Americans," warned the report, prepared by

a Republican-dominated committee that studied the storm and its aftermath.

Nearly six months after Katrina made landfall, enormous swaths of Louisiana and Mississippi remain shattered. And earlier this month, the government announced it would no longer pay hotels to house thousands of storm refugees.

The AP-Ipsos poll, which surveyed 1,000 adults Feb. 15-16 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, also found a nearly mirror-image split between Republicans and Democrats on the issue of handling the next major disaster.

Nearly three in four Republicans, 70 percent, said they were confident in the government's readiness. Almost the same proportion of Democrats, 72 percent, said they were not confident.

But the poll also found a striking drop in confidence among Republicans in whether the federal money earmarked for Gulf Coast recovery was being spent responsibly.

In mid-September, 60 percent of Republicans said they believed that money was being spent wisely. That figure has now dropped to just 37 percent.

Poker

Washington region, a person caught gambling in Virginia can be charged with a misdemeanor, but running an illegal gambling operation is a felony. Washington itself does not consider private poker games illegal, the attorney general's office said. In Maryland both acts are misdemeanors, but in suburban Montgomery County police say they do not target "friendly" games.

"If it's a bunch of neighborhood guys who get together on Friday night and they chip in \$15 to buy beer and pizza, and their wives are in the next room playing buncie, that's something we don't investigate," said Detective Michael Herbert of the Montgomery vice-section.

"What we're looking for is when someone is profiting. We figure, on average, these guys make \$2,000 to \$3,000 a night for every night they run a game."

In November, police investigated a robbery in which two masked men took about \$5,000, watches, cell phones and car keys from players at a Texas Hold 'Em tournament in a private Atlantic City. Two of the men that night were also present for the Mississippi robbery in late January, leading police to investigate possible links.

In December, police arrested two off-duty Haymarket, Va., police officers standing sentry at an illegal poker game in suburban Chesapeake, Va. The police maintain that game was concerned enough about security that they hired the officers as guards.

"You used to have to worry about robbery in the table taking your money. Now you have to worry about cops and robbers," said Thomas, who was charged with running an illegal gambling operation.

"There's a bunch of us passionate poker players that can't play poker anymore unless we wear a heavy flannel hat up to the Atlantic City. We're not trying to be a menace in our community. We're just trying to play poker."

They're not alone. Advertisements for local games abound on the Internet. The National Council on Problem Gambling said that 80 percent of adults admitted gambling at least once last year, and that one in five calls to its help hotline was about poker. The Bravo and ESPN cable networks dedicate hours to the subject. Cascares Palace in Las Vegas just opened a \$12-mil-

lion, 8,500-square-foot poker room.

As the risks increase, the friendly home game is changing. The list of internet invitations, once sent to hundreds of strangers, has narrowed. Guys were once prohibited as an unspoken rule, but players might now be packing heat. And some hosts are willing to take in some profit — and risk arrest — so they can pay for security.

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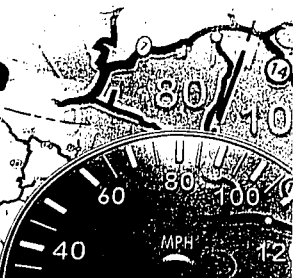
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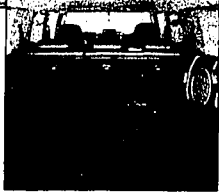
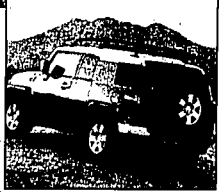
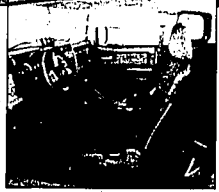
To see what the future is going to look like, some times, it helps to take a look at the past. In March, Toyota will roll out the 2007 FJ Cruiser, a go anywhere, meet life head-on, fully-capable sport utility vehicle. While it is equipped with the latest technology the automotive industry has to offer, the concept is all Toyota heritage.

The story behind the 2007 FJ Cruiser actually began in 1954 during production of the Land Cruiser FJ40-series of all-purpose 4x4 vehicles initially developed for use by the US military — which by the way, was also one of the first Toyota vehicles sold in the United States.

Those early Land Cruisers were popular with weekend warriors who explored wilderness trails, as well as those around the world who used them to travel through unexplored and untracked jungles and deserts.

Now, fast forward to 1999 when a group of Toyota Motor Sales in Torrance, Calif., were brainstorming for ideas and came up with a special project they dubbed the "Retro-Cruiser." The project took root, and a team came together to design and build a vehicle that blended the advanced technology of a current-generation Land Cruiser with the styling heritage of a 1967 FJ40 Land Cruiser wagon. What emerged was a concept vehicle that made its debut at the 2003 North American International Auto Show in Detroit. It was unique, but it struck a chord with the niche market of truly committed off-road enthusiasts.

The 2007 FJ Cruiser will be available in three models: two-wheel drive with automatic transmission; four-wheel drive with manual transmission; and four-wheel drive with automatic transmission. Manufactured at Toyota's Hamura plant in Tokyo, the FJ will be produced on a fully boxed frame, a



The 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser — a dedicated off-road vehicle

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modified version of the Land Cruiser Prado model sold overseas. Designed for serious off-roaders, it has a standard towing capacity of 5,000 lbs., and is powered by a 4.0-liter V6 (239 hp/278 lb-ft torque) shared with the Tacoma, Tundra and 4Runner.

Using 91 octane unleaded gasoline, it has a preliminary EPA fuel economy rating of 18 city/22 highway for two-wheel drive models and 17/21 for four-wheel drive versions. The FJ lives up to its billing as a dedicated off-road vehicle. It is an absolute blast to drive, and during difficult

driving conditions, it is great to have the clutch-start cancel switch that allows the vehicle to be started in gear, without depressing the clutch pedal.

Manual transmission models have a full-time four-wheel drive system with transfer case shift positions for high-range 4x4, high-range 4x4 low gear, and low-range low gear 4x4. It is also possible to lock the center differential. Automatic transmission models have the shift-on-the-fly part-time 4x4 system with high-range two-wheel drive, high-range

four-wheel drive and low-range four-wheel drive.

Talking of capabilities, the FJ Cruiser has a maximum climb angle of 30 degrees; maximum side slope angle of 41 degrees; maximum water fording depth of 27.4 inches; approach angle of 34 degrees and departure angle of 30 degrees (32 degree approach and 29 degree departure for 2x4); and 9.6 inches of ground clearance. It also has rear-hinged access doors that open nearly 90 degrees for easy entry and exit for rear seat passengers.

The six-speaker audio sys-

tem, which includes two "Exciter" speakers in the ceiling, creates a "sound shower". There is also an optional Flammer audio system that adds two speakers in the rear pillars and a subwoofer in the rear cargo area.

Like all Toyota sport utility vehicles, the FJ Cruiser features the STAR safety system, which includes anti-lock brakes, electronic brake force distribution, brake assist, vehicle stability control and traction control. The company is expecting annual sales of 46,000 units, with 93 percent of that being 4x4 models.

Water, water everywhere?

Q. I have a 1992 Buick LeSabre that is parked outside my home and for the first time I noticed water in my trunk and the floor of the back seat on the left side. Could you please tell me what is causing this problem and where the water is coming from? My windows and trunk always are closed.

—Albert Benalbathe, Seattle



UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Bergholdt

A. The most likely places for water to enter the trunk and rear-seating area are the rear window and trunk lid seals. Before going further, be sure to check for the presence of leaves or other debris in the area around the trunk seal, particularly the front corners. Debris here can dam up water, increasing the chance of seal leakage, rather than allowing drainage rearward, outboard of the rubber seal.

Next, check the seal for torn or damaged areas and the fit of the seal/trunk lid by repeatedly opening/closing the trunk with a dollar bill (to increase various locations of the junction. With the trunk closed, you should feel resistance as the bill is gently pulled on. If it withdraws too easily, the trunk lid may require adjustment.

Next I'd find a trustworthy partner and have him briefly close the trunk as you lie inside, with the LeSabre parked in bright sunlight. (This is energy but safe as long as the engine is not running). Look for signs of light from the seal area and body seams, and with a flashlight, check for water entering, as your helper irrigates the trunk lid seal area with water. Be sure to rule out this elevation before your helper raises the hose to the window seal and above.

My hope is you'll find a combination of debris and possibly a crack/void in the hard putty used to seal the quarter (rear fender) and rear window apron junction. (This can be filled with household caulking.) A faulty trunk seal is fairly easy to replace, while a leaking window seal requires the services of a pro.

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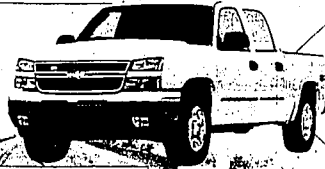
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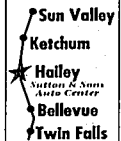
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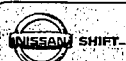
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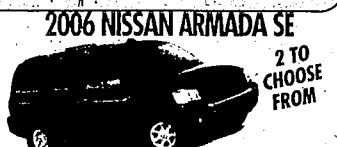
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee's Sale No. 02-MS-40900 Notice is hereby given that, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, the duly appointed Trustee, will on June 23, 2006, at the office of 10:00 AM, of said day, at the Office of Alliance Title Company, 1411 Falls Avenue, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payments at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to-wit: Township 10 South, Range 18 East Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho Section 20; N1/2 2N1/2 2W1/2 2SE1/4 4SW1/4 4SE1/4. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 130 Spruce St, Kimberly, ID 83341, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant of warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Wade J. Granger, a single man, as Grantor, to First American Title Company, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of New Century Mortgage Company, as Beneficiary, dated 1/22/2004, recorded 1/30/2004, under instrument No. 2004-002131, mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee. The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(a)(4), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The date for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust No. dated 1/22/2004, the monthly payment which became due on 9/1/2005 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of February 14, 2006 Disinquent Payments from September 01, 2005 to payments of \$522.00 each \$3,115.95 (09-01-05 through 02-14-06) Late Charges: \$187.80 Beneficiary Advances: \$28.12 Suggesse Credit: \$-77.75 Total: \$3,474.13 All delinquencies are in gross due together with unpaid and accrued taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect and secure the interest with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$49,376.41, together with interest thereon at 6.25% per annum from 2/20/05 until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the real property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale. Dated: 2/14/2006. Fidelity National Title Insurance Company Trustee by Gorr Sheppard Co Regional Trustee Services Corporation, 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Soothie, WA 99104 Phone: (206) 949-2560. Sale Information: http://www.trustee.com ASAP# 758125

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NOTICE OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE CONTRACT
NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER FOR SALE
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST
The Sawtooth National Forest, Fairfield Ranger District is seeking bids on the Smoky Pine II Stewardship Timber Sale. This sale is located in portions of Township 3 North, Ranges 10, 11, and 13 East, South Fork Boise River east of Coeurville, Idaho. This is an integrated Resource Timber Contract which is an exchange of goods for services. The information submitted for best value bidding will include timber bid information and stewardship project bid information. The Forest Service will receive sealed bids at the Supervisor's Office, Sawtooth National Forest, 2467 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301 (Attention: Sharon LaBrecque) until 10:00 AM local time on April 6, 2006. The volume is estimated at 190 CCF ponderosa pine, live sawtimber, 44 CCF Douglas fir live sawtimber, and 19 CCF topdog pine and other live sawtimber. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A prospectus, bid information, and complete information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale, and submission of bids is available to the public from the Fairfield Ranger District, PO Box 189, Fairfield, ID 83327, 208-764-2004. The USDA is an Equal opportunity provider and employer.

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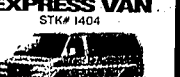
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