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Avalanche catches and kills local man

By Renee Wells and Joshua Palmer Times-News writers

BURLEY — A Burley man was killed Wednesday while snowmobiling in the mountains of south-central Idaho.

Collin S. Bowcut, 47, was caught in an avalanche about 2:30 p.m. near Antelope Creek in Antelope Valley, about 25 miles west of Arco, according to Butte County Sheriff Wes Collins.



Bowcut

The slide carried Bowcut about 200 yards down the mountain. He was snowmobiling with Brad Baker, who rushed to locate Bowcut and attempted to resuscitate him when he found him under about three feet of snow.

“It really became hazardous conditions because we had 12 to 16 inches of new snow on top of old snow, and then we had high winds and some rain.”

— Ed Waldapfel, U.S. Forest Service spokesman

The Forest Service issued a high-avalanche warning on Tuesday, said Ed Waldapfel, a U.S. Forest Service public affairs officer with the Sawtooth National Forest. “It really became hazardous conditions because we had 12 to 16 inches of new snow on top of old snow, and then we had high winds and some rain.”

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Avalanche conditions

To learn more about avalanche conditions at Sawtooth National Forest, go to the Web site: www.sawtoothavalanche.com.

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Newcomb out

Speaker won't seek re-election

By Anne Wallace Allan Associated Press writer

BOISE — House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said Thursday he will leave the Legislature after this year.

Newcomb, R-Burley, said he won't seek re-election after serving 20 years in the Idaho House, eight of them as the leader of that body. Newcomb has served the longest of any Idaho House speaker.

“This place and these people are like home, and family to me. I met my wife here, and some of my best friends in the world,” Newcomb said. “It's going to be hard to go, but it's time to get back to the ranch and leave the heavy lifting to younger backs.”

ultimately decided Idaho's next Speaker of the House, said Becke. Newcomb's retirement comes just days before Monday's official date for candidates to begin filing for office. That was certainly by Newcomb's design, Becke said, because giving notice before the filing date is the fair and right thing to do.



Newcomb

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Semprea foes visit Boise

Magic Valley residents urge passage of coal-fired plant moratorium

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BOISE — They came. They saw. They fumed.

For most, it was a two-hour minimum trip to the Capitol to testify about a proposed moratorium on coal-fired power plants. But, after the first three hours of a House committee hearing, B.J. Ross began to worry she might never get a chance to speak.

“The great estate broker had taken in testimony from legislators, from industry lobbyists and energy officials — all three hours of it.”

“A lot of the people that are here took time off their jobs and away from their lives to come and testify,” Ross said.

“Of the roughly 100 people on hand at the House Environment and Energy Committee meeting, she was the majority speaker in favor of Rep. Sharon Block's legislation. The bill calls for a two-year moratorium on the permitting and building of coal-fired power plants in Idaho, such as the 600-megawatt plant proposed by Sempra Energy for Jerome County. If Block's legislation passes, the House of Representatives of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission also would undertake a study — costing \$100,000 to \$200,000 — on the impact of



B.J. Ross passes while making notes Thursday morning before a charter bus leaves the College of Southern Idaho for Boise. The bus transported Magic Valley residents to the state Capitol to participate in a debate concerning a proposed two-year moratorium on coal-fired plants in Idaho.

coal-fired power plants. “We are simply asking you to be certain you have all the information before making a decision,” Block, a Republican lawmaker from Twin Falls, Idaho, is too great to waste on a decision hastily made.”

Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, also supports Block's bill. Smith says he's not against a coal-fired power plant in Idaho, but he wants it in the right place and regulated to protect Idaho's clean air and water.

Former Idaho Governor John Evans had contacted committee members earlier in the week to let them know he would support the bill. Evans had contacted committee members earlier in the week to let them know he would support the bill.

“It's important,” Evans suggested legislators take a little time to investigate the energy sources available to the state.

However, Tom Hewson, with the Center for Energy and Economic Development, suggested that Idaho might not have enough time to take a break from bringing new electricity producers into the state.

“The question of a moratorium comes down to limiting the number of choices you have,” he said.

Bob Narebout, from the Idaho Dairyman's Association knows all about moratoriums. His organization has fought similar efforts to block dairies in Magic Valley. So, Narebout said, it wasn't easy for the dairyman's group to support a moratorium, but they worry about Sempra's impact on air and water quality as well as possible stray voltage issues.

“We need to have some unbiased, third-party views,” he said.

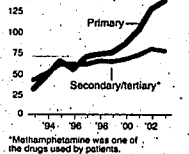
While Sempra might be looking to build a \$1.4 billion plant in Jerome, the dairy industry already generates an equal amount of milk sales annually — and, Narebout said, according to researchers at Boise State University, if all

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Meth abuse rising

A recent report showed that the number of methamphetamine users who sought treatment in the United States quadrupled from 1993 to 2003.

Number of methamphetamine/amphetamine admissions 150 thousand



Methamphetamine was one of the drugs used by patients.

SOURCE: U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Meth heads east

Report finds sharp rise in treatment rates

WASHINGTON — The number of people seeking treatment for methamphetamine abuse more than quadrupled from 1993 to 2003, a report released Thursday said.

States in the Midwest and South that had few meth abuse patches a decade ago are now seeing a sharp rise in the rate of admissions to treatment centers, according to the report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

“The report's findings mirror the trend of meth abuse moving gradually from the West — where the highly addictive drug first became popular — across the Midwest and South to the East Coast.”

“Methamphetamine is undeniably a uniquely destructive drug,” said the agency's administrator Charles Curie. “As this new analysis of data shows, many states continue to see a dramatic increase in the numbers of methamphetamine users in treatment programs.”

The report was released before the Senate was expected to pass major anti-meth legislation as part of the bill renewing the anti-terror Patriot Act.

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The report is available at: www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k6/meth/methTX.cfm

Researcher finds roots of altruism in babies' helping hands

By Lauran Neergaard Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Oops, the scientist dropped his clothespin. Not to worry — a wobbly toddler raced to help, eagerly handing it back. The simple experiment shows the capacity for altruistic urges as early as 18 months of age.

“Toddlers' endearing desire to help out actually signals fairly sophisticated brain development, and is a trail of interest to

anthropologists trying to tease out the evolutionary roots of altruism and cooperation.

Psychology researcher Felix Warneken performed a series of ordinary tasks in front of toddlers, such as hanging towels with clothespins or stacking books. Sometimes, he “struggled” with the tasks; sometimes he deliberately messed up.

Over and over, whether Warneken dropped clothespins or knocked over his books, each of 24 toddlers offered help within

seconds — but only if he appeared to need it. Video shows how one overall-clad baby glanced between Warneken's face and the dropped clothespin before quickly crawling over, grabbing the object, pushing it up to his feet and eagerly handing back the pin.

Warneken never asked for the help and didn't even say “thank you,” so as not to taint the research by training youngsters to expect praise or help.

After all, altruism means helping with no expectation of anything in return.

And — this is key — the toddlers didn't bother to offer help when he deliberately pulled back the book off the stack or threw a pin to the floor, Warneken explained.

But babies aren't the whole story. No other animal is as altruistic as humans are. We donate to charity, recycle for the environment, give up a prime subway seat to the elderly — tasks that seldom bring a tangible return

social motivation,” a desire to be part of their community.

“When those two things come together — they obviously do so at 18 months of age, and maybe earlier — they are able to help,” Warneken explained.

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beyond a sense of gratification.

Other animals are skilled at cooperating, too, but most often do so for a goal, such as banding together to chase down food or protect against predators. But primate specialists offer numerous examples of apes, in particular, displaying more human-like helpfulness, such as the gorilla who rescued a 3-year-old boy who fell into her zoo enclosure.

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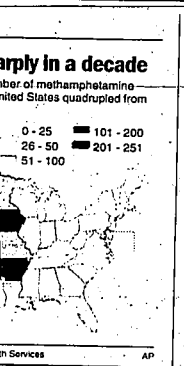
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The dairies pulled out of Magic Valley could create an economic impact similar to that of Miron and Hewlett-Packard leaving the Treasure Valley.
Ross says she is tired of hearing "boycott Sempra" signs. The plant might create thousands of jobs.

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"Will miss him," said Beckel. "We will miss him."
Thursday from a friend across the aisle. "I have served with Bruce for 16 years, 10 in leadership - him in the House, me in the Senate," said Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum.
Newcomb, 66, is married to Cella Gould, a former state representative from Buhl. He is a farmer and rancher who was chosen as speaker in 1998 after Speaker Mike Simpson was elected to Congress.

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Newcomb was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease and lost 15 pounds and several inches.
Newcomb said he will miss his children and seven grandchildren. Simpson said Newcomb didn't give him any reasons for his decision to retire.
I think 20 years is a long time to serve in a legislative body," Simpson said. "It's a stressful job actually - and after 20 years, it's time to have some new blood come in with new ideas and that kind of stuff."

Bowcut
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unpredictable terrain. Densely packed snow that rests on a weak snow surface can break loose on steep slopes due to melting, physical disturbances or even sound.
Waldapfel said a dangerous but common sport is snowmobiling. "If you're snowmobiling see how high you can drive their snowmobiles up a slope. If slopes are unstable, the result can be deadly," he noted.
Butte County Sheriff's officials and members of the volunteer search and rescue squad were dispatched to Wednesday's avalanche. Following an investigation by the sheriff and Deputy Coroner Chris Merrill, rescue members assisted with recovery of the victim.
Bowcut was self-employed in a custom spraying business. He had a snowmobile and a motorcycle shop, Over The Top, at his home.
He and his wife, Carla, also own the Legacy Event Center, a wedding reception and convention center in Burley.
Funeral services will be announced by Hasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

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Idaho Pick 3
Thursday's numbers: 9, 6, 2

U.S. and India agree on landmark nuclear deal

NEW DELHI (AP) — Reversing decades of U.S. policy, President Bush offered India into the world's exclusive nuclear club Thursday with a landmark agreement to share nuclear reactors and expertise with the nuclear nation in return for its acceptance of international safeguards.

Eight months in the making, the accord would end India's long isolation as a nuclear maverick that defied world appeals and developed nuclear weapons. India agreed to separate its tightly entwined nuclear industry — declaring 14 reactors as commercial facilities and eight as military — and to open the civilian side to international inspections for the first time.

proved by Congress, and Bush acknowledged that might be difficult because India still refuses to sign the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty.

"I'm trying to think differently. It's not 'stay stuck in the past,' said Bush, who has made improving relations with India a goal of his administration. Celebrating their agreement, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said, 'We have made history today, and I thank you.'"

The deal was sealed a day before Bush begins an overnight

visit to Pakistan, a close ally struggling with its own terrorism problems. An American diplomat and three other people were killed when a suicide attacker rammed a car packed with explosives into theirs. The bombing was in Karachi, about 1,000 miles south of Islamabad, the Pakistani capital, where Bush will meet with Pervez Musharraf, the military leader who took power in a 1999 coup.

U.S. officials said there was evidence the U.S. diplomat, foreign service officer David Foy, was targeted.

"Terrorists and killers are not going to prevent me from going to Pakistan," Bush said at a news conference with Singh in New Delhi.

president going to Pakistan but that officials were satisfied adequate precautions were in place.

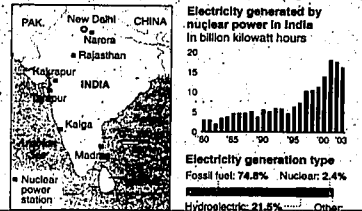
"But this is not a risk-free undertaking," said national security adviser Stephen Hadley.

The U.S.-India nuclear deal was seen as the centerpiece of better relations between the world's oldest and most powerful democracy and the world's largest and fastest-growing one.

India has more than 1 billion people; its booming economy has created millions of jobs and consumer demands that have attracted American businesses. India's middle class has swelled to 300 million — more than the population of the United States. About 80 percent of Indians live on less than \$2 a day.

Nuclear a small portion of India's energy

Electricity generated from nuclear plants has grown steadily in India, but still remains a small part of how its power is generated.



SOURCES: Energy Information Administration; Motecnyk Institute of International Studies; International Nuclear Safety Center

Killer nurse shuts out families

SOMERVILLE, N.J. (AP) —

Charles Cullen's eyes were shut tight as relatives of some of his victims made a plea to let them know what he had taken from them — and what they thought of him.

They called him "one pathetic little man," an "agent from the deepest depths of hell" and "the monster."

The gaunt nurse, who has admitted killing at least 29 patients with drug injections in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, seemed unmoved Thursday during a sentencing hearing where he received 11 consecutive life terms and came face-to-face with his victims' families for the first time.

Relatives wept and yelled at him from a lectern about 15 feet from where he sat slightly slouched, wearing a black sweater over a bulletproof vest. After refusing to look at those testifying, Cullen was given a chance to speak, to attempt an explanation or even an apology.

"I have nothing to say," Cullen said quietly. A surprised Superior Court Judge Paul W. Armstrong asked him why, but could get nothing further from the defendant, other than an acknowledgment that he could hear the question.

Cullen pleaded guilty in 12 murders and three attempted murders in New Jersey that he committed between 1998 and 2003, as well as seven murders and three attempted murders in Pennsylvania, where he is to be sentenced March 10.

On Thursday, relatives were forceful as they detailed to Cullen how he had hurt them. "Sometimes, he probably believed he was an angel of mercy," said Dolores Agnola, whose father, Giacomino J. Toto, was among the victims. "Let us correct him: He was an agent from the deepest depths of hell."



Melissa Hardgrove talks about her father, Christopher Hardgrove (in photo at right), during sentencing for serial killer nurse Charles Cullen in Somerville, N.J., Thursday. Cullen was sentenced to 11 consecutive life terms in prison after a hearing during which victims' relatives called him "the monster."

"Are you counting sheep? Are you singing the alphabet?" asked Debra Yetter Medina, whose grandmother Mary Natoli was among those killed.

In case you forgot what my mother looked like, look into my eyes. You'll see the same eyes," Richard J. Stoecker, son of victim Eleanor Stoecker, told Cullen.

"You don't even have the guts to look this way, do you?" Stoecker said. "It's a shame."

Cullen had resisted appearing at his sentencing, but Armstrong ordered him to show up. Cullen's public defender, Johnnie Mask Jr., said his client had offered to explain himself nearly two years ago — but only on his terms. Mask said after Friday's sentencing that Cullen had been willing to meet with families out of the eyes of the media. With the help of medical files, Mask said, Cullen could explain why he killed each victim.

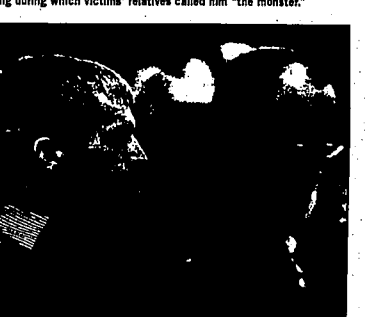
Mask disagreed with families and authorities' contention that they still want an explanation from his client.

"They don't want to talk to him," Mask said. "They really don't."

Cullen was arrested in December 2003 after officials at a hospice-medical center noticed that several people who died there or nearby died had unusual levels of the heart medication digoxin in their systems. He told authorities then that his killings were out of mercy, but younger, healthier victims discovered later believed that explanation.

Cullen agreed to help investigators solve his killings. In exchange, prosecutors in all seven counties where he worked agreed not to seek the death penalty.

Because of the frailties of his memory and imprecision — and in some cases, destroyed — medical records, it is unclear whether authorities have identified all of his victims.



Cullen, left, sits with his public defender Johnnie Mask in court during his sentencing in Somerville, N.J., Thursday. The nurse admitted to killing as many as 40 patients.

Investigations remain open in two New Jersey counties. Essex County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Norman Menz told Armstrong that after several meetings with Cullen, he still had no inkling of his motive.

David Agnola, the son of Frances Agnola, whom Cullen attempted to kill, begged Cullen to explain his actions.

"Mr. Cullen, you still have something good to do with your life," said Agnola, a physician. "Tell us how you did this,

how you killed all these people."

Twenty lawsuits have been filed against the facilities where Cullen worked.

In other similar cases around the country, nurse aide Donald Harvey pleaded guilty in 1987 to at least 34 murders in Ohio and Kentucky and was sentenced to life in prison, and coronary-care nurse Robert Diaz was convicted in 1994 of killing 12 elderly patients in California with lethal doses of heart drugs.

Study: Children's TV has grown darker, more violent

NEW YORK (AP) — Children's television is studded with violence, much of it darker and more realistic than when an avvil dropped on Willie E. Coyote's head, a watchdog group reported on Thursday.

The Parents Television Council analyzed 44 hours of kids' daytime programs last summer and detailed 2,794 violent incidents, even after sifting out "cartoon" moments like those involving the Road Runner. That's 63 incidents an hour — more than the 41 found in prime time aimed at adults during a 2002 study.

Programs like "Teen Titans" on the Cartoon Network and ABC Family Channel's "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers" often feature intense fights with swords, guns and lasers, the group said.

It detailed a scene on Fox's "Shaman King" where two characters have a lengthy sword fight. One character is knocked off by a blow to the head, and his foe reaches into the chest of his screaming rival and pulls out his "soul," leaving him dead.

"There's nothing wrong with fanciful, fantasy violence," said Brent Ezzell, PTC founder. "I grew up with Tom and Jerry and I think I'm OK," he said.

"I joke beat up Bluto and you checked out," he said. "That was perfectly fine. Now the protagonists will be caught in dark, powerful, oftentimes scary scenarios where there is hard violence."

Violent cartoons can increase children's anxiety, desensitize them or lead them to believe that violence is more prevalent — and acceptable — in real life than it really is, said Dr. Michael Rich, director of the Center of

Media and Children's Health at Harvard University's medical school.

Children under age 8 are cognitively unable to distinguish between real and fantasy violence, he said. Rich studied reactions to five terrorist attacks and found children much less upset than their parents, perhaps because they couldn't distinguish it from what they saw on TV regularly, said Rich, who endorsed the study.

"They will tell you it's only make-believe," he said. "The responses they have to it are exactly the same as the real-life information."

The PTC cited the Cartoon Network as having the most violent incidents. The watchdog group also criticized the ABC Family Channel while praising the Disney Channel as the least violent network, both are owned by the Walt Disney Co.

Fox and NBC, with more live-action children's shows, scored low on the violence meter.

The Cartoon Network, in a statement, said that "we are confident that our standards and practices policies ensure that the programming on our air is age-appropriate. All our shows undergo several reviews throughout the production process to make sure they are suitable for their intended viewers."

The watchdog group also criticized networks for coarsening the dialogue with potty humor and mean-spirited name-calling. There's also been a trend toward mimicking movies in including double-entendres so shows will appeal to both children and adults, their report said.

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Video underscores public's frustration

Some wonder if government can be trusted

By Ron Fournier Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush says "We got you prepared." Mike Brown bucked orders. Weather experts warned of a killer storm. The behind-the-scenes drama, captured on videotape as Hurricane Katrina roared ashore, confirmed Americans' suspicions of government leaders: They can run a room, but they can't run a crisis.

It is hard to review the transcripts and footage obtained by The Associated Press without reaching three conclusions.

- Federal, state and local officials knew what was about to happen.
They knew what to do about it.
They failed to deliver.

For most Americans, this is not a revelation. The public knows all levels of government long before Bush and other leaders owned up to their responsibilities after the sluggish post-Katrina response. But the transcript and transcripting a graphic display of a fatally inept bureaucracy at work — a system where everybody talks a good game and nobody produces.

The city of New Orleans failed. The state of Louisiana failed. The federal government failed. It is astonishing to me that five months after the obvious failure of all three layers of government that there has been no serious systemic change.

It's no wonder Katrina has become a tipping point event that crystallized the public's long-simmering concerns about the competence and accountability of government.

A bit more faded than before Katrina, Americans are less likely to give Bush the benefit of the doubt, and they are quicker to question his positions on the Iraq war and post-hurricane controversies such as the port security issue.

The president can no longer say, "Trust me," without a ma-



This frame taken from a secure government video obtained by The Associated Press shows then-Federal Emergency Management Agency chief Michael Brown, center, at the Homeland Security, EDC, emergency operations center in Washington on Aug. 28, 2005, telling part in a government video briefing the day before Hurricane Katrina struck.

forly of Americans asking, "Why should we?" But this is not just about Bush.
A Pew survey two months after Katrina showed Americans expressing increasingly negative views of a wide range of major institutions, including Congress, corporations and oil companies.

In an AP-Ipsos survey released last week, only 15 percent of Americans said they were "very confident" in the federal government's ability to handle a major disaster in the future, down from 19 percent in mid-September when visions of rooftop-stranded citizens were fresh in the public's mind.

A separate Ipsos poll suggests the public is twice as likely to have a lot of confidence in individual Americans than the government in times of tragedy. That may be why Americans set charitable donation records after Katrina and thousands of civic-minded citizens rushed to the Gulf Coast to help out.

Jon Roper, senior vice president at Ipsos, said the videotape will exacerbate the public's skepticism.

With the issue respect to the president, Americans must be looking at all this as very disconcerting. In that it appears to confirm what many suspect — that they can't rely on government in times of disaster. Roper said.

Theresa Skoepel, dean of the graduate school of Arts and Sciences at Harvard, said Bush lost his can-do credibility in Katrina's wake.
The whole episode has raised the question in the public mind about what government

can do, but it also raised questions about the Bush administration, which was built on the promise of protecting people in case of emergencies, she said.
The White House points to places in the transcripts where Bush is said to be engaged. That may be true, but Americans also heard the president on videotape boasting that his government was prepared for Katrina. He was certainly wrong about that. Now the public has the evidence to consider whether he was also arrogant, out of touch and dangerously incurious.

Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco criticized Bush and his administration after Katrina, but the transcripts show state officials complimenting the Brown-led Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal partners even after the storm hit.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said the videotape gave him a "sinking feeling." But he can't avoid blame. Federal officials urged him to evacuate his city sooner, and the mayor knew as well as anybody that a monster storm was brewing.

Brown's reputation may be rehabilitated a bit by the videotape and transcripts. But his complaints about a lack of funding and attention to FEMA from his new parents at the Homeland Security department came too late for Katrina's victims.

Every level of government failed. Some people, like Gingrich, think the only solution is massive reforms.

New video shows Blanco assuring levees were safe

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the hectic, confused hours after Hurricane Katrina lashed the Gulf Coast, Louisiana's gov-

"We keep getting reports from some places that maybe water is coming over the levees," Gov. Kathleen Blanco said shortly after noon on Aug. 28, according to the video. "We heard a report unconfirmed. I think we have not breached the levee at this time."

In fact, the National Weather Service received a report of a levee breach and issued a 9:12-a.m. that day, according to the White House's formal recounting of events the day Katrina struck.

Critics have maintained the Homeland Security Department responded too slowly to the breaches, delaying repair efforts and allowing flooding to worsen. Formal reports of New Orleans' levee breaches reached the White House by 6 p.m. that day, the administration confirmed that damage by the next morning, according to the White House's account.

In the video of the conference call, Blanco appears uncertain about the reliability of her information and cautioned that the situation "could change."

Blanco said floodwaters were rising in parts of the city "where we have waters that are 8 to 10 feet deep, and we have people swimming in there."

"That's got a considerable amount of water itself," the governor said. "That's about all

I know right now on the specifics that you haven't heard."

The AP separately obtained video earlier from other briefings before the hurricane made landfall. That video showed U.S. officials warning that Katrina might breach levees, put lives at risk in New Orleans' Superdome and overwhelm rescuers.

Before the passage of the latest video, lawmakers from both parties said the pre-Katrina briefing for President Bush and top administration officials raised new questions about government response to the storm that flooded New Orleans and killed more than 13,000 people.

Sen. David Vitter, R-La., said the earlier video "makes it perfectly clear once again that this disaster was not out of the blue or unforeseen. It was not only predictable, it was actually predicted. That's what made the failures in response — at the local, state and federal level — all the more outrageous."

The earlier video "confirms what we have suspected all along," said Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada, charging that Bush administration officials have "systematically misled the American people."

Reid and House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California renewed their calls for an independent commission to investigate the federal response to the hurricane.

The House and Senate have conducted separate investigations of the federal response, and the White House did its own investigation. House Democrats for the most part refused to participate in the House probe, insisting since they had full access to the commission should be created to handle the probe.

better government; less bureaucracy; less partisanship and more accountability. They don't expect their leaders to be perfect, only perfectly frank.

"They want us to get things done," said Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, a Democrat. "Is that so much to ask?"

Snow not keeping up with melt, study says

Los Angeles Times

The ice sheets of Antarctica — the world's largest reservoir of fresh water — are shrinking faster than new snow can fall, scientists reported Thursday in the first comprehensive satellite survey of the entire continent.

Researchers at the University of Colorado determined that between 2002 and 2005 Antarctica lost its ice at a rate of 36 cubic miles a year, rather than growing from heavier snow falls as previous research had predicted. That amount of ice is equivalent to about 30 times the fresh water used by Los Angeles every year.

"It is the first time we can say that if you look at the entire ice sheet, it is losing mass," said geophysicist Isabella Velicogna, whose findings were published online Thursday by the Journal Science.

Earlier this month, an independent research team at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., reported that the Arctic glaciers of Greenland were melting twice as fast as five years ago, adding an extra 38 cubic miles of fresh water to the Atlantic Ocean every year.

Taken together, the findings suggest that a century of steady increases in global temperatures has altered the seasonal balance of the world's water cycle.

If so, experts say, increasing global temperatures — the 10 warmest years on record all occurred since 1990 — may be hastening the demise of the polar ice caps, and estimates of the pace of future sea-level rise could be too low.

By previous calculations, Antarctica's constant glaciers shed enough meltwater every year to raise world sea levels by two-tenths of an inch, even as new snow falling in the interior locked up the same amount in the ice cap. The result was that sea level remained essentially the same from year to year.

"A little bit of change in one of these things could throw it out of balance and, evidently, that is what is going on," said University of Colorado geophysicist John Wahr, who helped analyze the new satellite measurements.

Panel agrees to expanded wiretap oversight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Intelligence Committee has agreed to expand its oversight of the Bush administration's anti-terrorism eavesdropping program and will seek full briefings for select members of the panel.

The deal was worked out Thursday between House Intelligence Chairman Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., and the panel's top Democrat, Rep. James Harman, D-Calif. Hoekstra and Harman sent the Justice Department a list of 27 questions they want answered.

In an interview, Hoekstra said he has an agreement with the White House to fully brief an undecided number of lawmakers — perhaps seven to 12 — about the most classified operational details of the secretive National Security Agency's work.

Administration officials want national oversight, Hoekstra said, "but they are also very concerned just to make sure what is secret in this program stays secret."

The White House has resisted such briefings in the past and has only shared full details of the program with the eight lawmakers who lead the House and Senate and the two intelligence committees. While Harman still wants all members of the intelligence panel to be briefed, she said, "a lot of movement in the right direction."

As part of its expanded oversight, the committee will privately receive information on the operations and authorities of the 1978 law and will later hold an open hearing to improve the public's understanding.

In a subtle nod to the difficult politics facing Congress as it seeks information from the administration, the committee is not initiating a full-scale investigation and will do this work in its oversight role.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-N.M., who chairs a subcommittee that oversees the NSA, said she's interested in a thorough review of the 1978 law and details on the program's operations — limitations, oversight and privacy protections.

Wilson said a change in law might be necessary. "We want to make sure the intelligence agencies have the tools they need to gather intelligence," said Wilson, an Air Force veteran who served in the intelligence community with the White House last month to publicly urge it to give more information to Congress.

During a committee session Thursday, however, Wilson and the nine other Republicans voted to disapprove a Democratic measure that would have required the administration to produce legal advisory opinions and intelligence reports related to the warrantless surveillance program. Hoekstra said his committee would request the information, without making it a demand from the House.

Democrats are trying to keep a lid on the need for more information, Sen. Robert Byrd,

D-W.Va., introduced a bill Thursday to investigate the Bush administration's eavesdropping program with a nonpartisan organization, called the National Commission on Surveillance Activities and the Rights of Americans.

A commission would "shed much-needed sunshine on any unlawful or unconstitutional or excessive intrusions into the lives of ordinary Americans," Byrd said.

He was critical of a letter, released this week, in which Attorney General Alberto Gonzales clarified his testimony on six different points he made before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Gonzales testified last month "it has always been our position" that President Bush inherently had the power to order the monitoring of a commander in chief and under a Sept. 2001 congressional authorization to use force in the war on terror.

But Gonzales said his comments may have given the impression that the department's legal analysis has been static over time. In fact, "the department's legal analysis has evolved," Gonzales wrote. Senate Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa.

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Inquiry: Soviet Union was behind shooting

ROME (AP) — An Italian parliamentary commission has concluded "beyond any reasonable doubt" that the Soviet Union was behind the 1981 shooting of Pope John Paul II, the first time an official body has blamed the Kremlin for the fatal assassination.

The draft report, obtained by The Associated Press Thursday, said the pope was considered a threat to the Soviet bloc because of his support for the Solidarity labor movement in his native Poland. Solidarity was the first free trade union in communist eastern Europe.

The Italian report said Soviet military intelligence — and not the KGB — was responsible. Russian Foreign Intelligence Service spokesman Boris Lushnikov rejected the accusation as "absurd."

"All assertions of any kind of participation in the attempt on the pope's life by Soviet special intelligence, are completely absurd," he said, according to the Interfax news agency.

In its report, the commission said Moscow was alarmed because "Poland was the main military base of the Warsaw Pact, its main supply lines and troop concentrations were there."

"This commission believes, beyond any reasonable doubt, that the leaders of the Soviet Union took the initiative to eliminate the pope," Wojtyla said, the document said. Wojtyla was John Paul's Polish name.



Pope John Paul II, is assisted by Alois Estermann (left) seconds after he was shot in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican in this May 13, 1981, file photo.

The draft has no bearing on any judicial investigations, which have long been closed. If the commission approves the report in its final form at a meeting Tuesday it will be the first time an official body has blamed the Soviet Union.

The report also said a photograph shows that Sergei Antonov, a Bulgarian man acquitted of involvement in the May 13, 1981, assassination attempt was in St. Peter's Square when the papalf was shot by Mehmet Ali Agca.

The Bulgarian secret service was allegedly working for Soviet military intelligence, but the Italian court held the evidence was insufficient to convict the

Bulgarians in the plot. Agca, a Turk, has changed his story often and investigators said it was never clear who he was working for. He initially blamed the Soviets. In 1991, then Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev denied there was KGB complicity.

In Bulgaria, Foreign Ministry spokesman Dimitar Tsanchev told reporters the case was closed with the Italian court decision in March 1986. He also referred to comments by John Paul during his visit to Bulgaria in May 2002.

"The pope said at the time that he never believed in the Bulgarian connection," Tsanchev said.

Agca served 19 years in an Italian prison for shooting the pope and 5.5 more years in Turkey for murdering journalist Abdilpekci. He was released from the Turkish prison on Jan. 12 but returned days later when prosecutors said he must serve more of his 10-year term for killing Ipekci. He will be released in 2010.

The Italian commission was originally established to investigate any KGB penetration of Italy during the Cold War.

The commission president, Sen. Paolo Guzzanti, said he decided to investigate the 1981 shooting after John Paul said in his book "Memory and Identity: Conversations Between Millenniums" that "someone else planned it, someone else commissioned it." The book came out weeks before the pope's death in April.

The passage drew immediate interest because during John Paul's 2002 visit to Bulgaria, he appeared to put the issue to rest, saying he never believed there was a Bulgarian connection to Agca.

The report said the commission considered all the evidence gathered during trials in Italy as well as information from a French anti-terrorism judge, Jean-Louis Brugiere. That information apparently stemmed from the French investigation of Illich Ramirez Sanchez, a terrorist known as Carlos the Jackal, held in France since his capture in Sudan in 1994.

Pakistan bombing kills four, including a U.S. diplomat

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — A suicide bomber who was blocked from driving into the U.S. Consulate slammed into it on an American diplomatic convoy, killing the envoy. The force of the blast on the eve of President Bush's trip to Pakistan blew the U.S. vehicle into the grounds of a hotel.

The attack killed three other people, wounded 52, and shattered windows in the consulate and on all 10 floors of the Marriott Hotel. Ten cars were destroyed, and charred wreckage was flung as far as 600 feet away in one of the most heavily guarded areas of the volatile southern city.

Bush, in neighboring India, quickly vowed to stick with his plan to fly to Pakistan's capital, Islamabad, on Friday.

"Terrorists and killers are not going to prevent me from going to Pakistan," Bush told reporters. His national security adviser, Stephen Hadley, said there was evidence "the U.S. diplomat had been targeted."

Pakistani officials said the bombing could have been timed for Bush's two-day visit.

"All international media are eyeing Pakistan at this time, and terrorists are using this to defame Pakistan and Muslims," said Ishtarat Ilyas, the provincial governor.

No group claimed responsibility for the bombing, which left a crater eight feet wide and

more than two feet deep. But Karachi is a hotbed of Islamic militancy, and past attacks have been blamed on al-Qaida-linked militants.

The American was identified by the State Department as David Foy 52, of Fayetteville, N.C. Foy was married and the father of four daughters. He joined the State Department in 2003 and was assigned to Pakistan last September as a facilities maintenance officer.

The attacker was driving on a road that leads to the consulate but a paramilitary guard signaled him to stop at a checkpoint, said Niaz Siddiqui, the provincial police chief. The bomber then saw the American official's car and rammed into it 65 feet from the U.S. Consulate gate, igniting high-strength explosives, Siddiqui said.

"We have reached the conclusion that it was a suicide attack, and we have found body parts of the attacker," Siddiqui said.

Diplomats' cars are usually marked by red-colored plates, which could explain why the bomber was able to target the official. Jalak Khursid, a deputy inspector-general of police in Karachi, said the plates allow diplomats to avoid routine checks although they can choose not to have them for security reasons. It wasn't clear if Foy's wrecked car had such plates.

Iraq prime minister says he will fight oust attempt

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's prime minister and his radical Shiite backers vowed Thursday to fight a bid by Sunni Arabs and Kurds to oust him, threatening to plunge the country into political turmoil, delay formation of a new government and undercut U.S. plans to begin withdrawing troops this year.

Meanwhile, gunmen attacked the disabled car of Iraq's top Sunni politician, Adnan al-Dulaimi, killing one bodyguard and wounding five. al-Dulaimi sped away in another vehicle. It was not clear whether the assault was an assassination attempt, and the Sunni leader refused to blame anyone. Altogether, 39 people died Thursday in a new round of violence.

A coalition of Sunni, Kurdish and secular parties formally ousted the Shiite bloc Thursday to withdraw its nomination of Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari for another term. The prime minister's adviser, Halid al-Ibbadi, insisted the bloc would stick by its candidate.

Many Sunnis blame al-Jaafari for failing to rein in commanders of the Shiite-led Interior Ministry. Sunnis accuse al-Jaafari of dragging his heels on resolving their claims around the oil-rich city of Kirkuk.

But the alliance vows the nomination by a single vote during an election Feb. 12 among Shiite lawmakers who won seats in the Dec. 15 parliamentary election. He is cited as Vice President Adil Abdul-Mahdi in large part because of the support of radical, anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

The idea of a prime minister who owes his position to the young radical has alarmed not only Sunni Arabs and Kurds, but also several key figures in the Shiite alliance. al-Ibbadi was the candidate of Shiite Alliance leader — Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, who often is at odds with al-Sadr.

But the alliance does not know how to resolve the problem without risking a huge fight with al-Sadr, who is revered among impoverished Shiite militants and who relies on an armed militia allegedly behind many attacks against Sunni mosques last week.

Al-Ibbadi lashed out at the prime minister's opponents, accusing them of trying to delay formation of a new government. "There are some elements who have serious differences with al-Jaafari," al-Ibbadi told the Associated Press. "The Alliance is still sticking to its candidate."

As expected, the move against al-Sadr drew a sharp opposition from al-Sadr. "We will not abandon al-Jaafari," said a close aide to the firebrand Shiite cleric. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the dispute.

Tedra Jawad Taqi, an al-Hakim aide, said representatives of the largest and most influential Shiite would meet al-Jaafari opponents to "learn what is behind their position. We will not reject their offer (to meet). Everything is negotiable."



A bullet-ridden windshield of one of the cars in a convoy escorting Iraq Accordance Front head Adnan al-Dulaimi is seen Thursday in Baghdad, Iraq. Gunmen attacked the car of a top Sunni political leader, killing one bodyguard and wounding five.

elections, giving them the largest bloc of lawmakers and the first chance to form a government — but not enough to govern without partners.

Afterward the attack on his vehicle, al-Dulaimi, leader of the largest Sunni parliamentary bloc, called for restraint to blunt the spiraling sectarian violence that has taken about 500 lives since Feb. 22, when a Shiite shrine was bombed in Samarra.

"I don't accuse anyone... I consider it accidental, and I call on my brothers for self-restraint and to contain what happened because Iraq is bigger than Adnan and his guards," al-Dulaimi told the AP.

Not long after gunmen hit Adnan al-Dulaimi's convoy Thursday, other attackers shot up cars carrying security men assigned to his fellow Sunni lawmaker, Defense Minister Saadoun al-Dulaimi. One bodyguard was killed and five were wounded. The attacks on both Sunni heavyweights — who are also cited as occurring in Ghadafia, a dangerous west Baghdad neighborhood.

In an attempt to avert attacks during the Muslim day of prayer, the government announced a one-day ban on private vehicles in Baghdad and its outskirts, effective when the overnight curfew ends Friday morning. The police and army were instructed to seal off the capital and seize any private vehicles on the roads between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The military reported a U.S. soldier was killed during combat in insurgency-ridden Anbar province Wednesday, raising to 28 the number of U.S. servicemen who have died since the war began, according to an Associated Press count.

Elsewhere Thursday, an explosion tore through a vegetable market in a largely Shiite Baghdad neighborhood, killing at least eight people and wounding 29.

Gunmen also attacked a joint police-army checkpoint about 20 miles north of Samarra, wounding 10. And in the western Amariyah neighborhood, a roadside bomb detonated near an Interior Ministry patrol, killing one and wounding three.

Police found the bodies of five men shot in and around Baghdad.

Gunmen also attacked a joint police-army checkpoint about 20 miles north of Samarra,

killing six soldiers and four policemen. The attackers set fire to the bodies before fleeing. Four more policemen were killed by gunfire in the northern city of Mosul.

Near Kirkuk, police found the bullet-addled bodies of two police trainees, who had been blindfolded, handcuffed and dumped along the road.

Iran, Russia end nuclear talks

MOSCOW (AP) — Iran and Russia ended talks Thursday without reaching a deal on a Kremlin offer to defuse tensions over the Islamic republic's suspect nuclear program, and the Iranians flew to Austria for more meetings with European nations, Russian news agencies reported.

Tehran's top nuclear negotiator accused the United States of trying to sabotage the deal, in which Russia has offered to host Iran's uranium enrichment activities as a way to increase international monitoring of Iran's nuclear efforts.

All Larjani said at a news conference that Washington's push to have Iran reported to the U.N. Security Council would kill Moscow's proposal.

"America is lying, trying to destroy the Russian proposal," Larjani said. "The Americans' insistence on handing over the Iranian nuclear dossier to the U.N. Security Council means the destruction of the Russian proposal."

In Washington, the U.S. State Department said Thursday that Iran only had itself to blame for the referral of its activities to the Security Council. Deputy spokesman Adam Linnell reaffirmed U.S. support for Russia's enrichment proposal and for European negotiations with Iran.

"We see that diplomacy as a way out of this conundrum," Linnell said Thursday.

"The Security Council has the power to impose economic and political sanctions."

U.S. intelligence chief John Negroponte also told lawmakers in Washington that the risk of Iran acquiring nuclear weapons and using them to arm its existing long-range missiles was "a reason for immediate concern."

Iran insists it is pursuing uranium enrichment only to produce fuel for nuclear reactors used to generate electricity.

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Roar up the chainsaw, get rid of Russian olives

It may have taken awhile, but it appears Twin Falls County is determined to get rid of the area's most invasive foreigner.

That's right, the Russian olive tree is now *persona non grata* in the Malheur Valley. Crews from Twin Falls County Parks are prepping for spring by clearing hundreds of Russian olives out of Rock Creek Park. The work is part of the department's Rock Creek National Recovery Project, to restore native trees and plants in the county's scenic recreation areas.

It's a Herculean task, and maybe even an impossible one. But you have to start somewhere. The towering brambles are a hane to regional plant life, not to mention an ill-suited fit for a parched desert.

Sure, Russian olives have a distinctive perfume that contrasts with Idaho sage. And the trees' small flowers of green and gold would be a splendid fit for Martha Stewart's color board. Even the plant's name — *eleagnus angustifolia* — rolls off the

tongue like words from a sonnet. But don't be fooled. Russian olives are the Genghis Khan of Idaho's non-native plants. They survive frost, drought and can board water if a desert terrain that needs every drop. No wonder then that Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality gave the county a \$75,000 grant for this project.

The Russian olive has its defenders. Namely a few plant lovers and magpies. Hardly a majority. But if you've ever found a Russian olive thorn in your car tire, a Russian olive tree in your yard, and a pile of olive berries on your fence line, you have probably cursed the aboriginal gods.

Twin Falls County Parks officials recognize this as an immense task. But their goal is to create a long-range plan that protects native plants, suppresses those doing the most damage to the soil and watershed. The most Russian olives we cut, uproot and chip out of the ground, the better off the landscape will be.

Homosexuals treated with tender respect and understanding. An Israeli undercover operative hours by the day he must deal out to Palestinian terrorists. McCarthyism condemned in a drama that draws strong, infernal comparisons between the assaults on civil liberties then and now. A great American city teetering on the edge of chaos in part because of its brutal and racist politics.

RICHARD SCHICKEL

Never before have the nominees for the best picture Academy Award been so exclusively devoted to liberal dreams, liberal nightmares. And there is a buzz of consternation among the voters. It's not just that the content of the best-picture contenders (and most of those in the other major categories) has so little popular appeal. It's that "revert" TV shows (the Golden Globes, the Emmys, even the Olympics) have, like the Oscars in recent years, been losing audiences.

To make matters worse, the movie box office swooned last year by over 6.2 percent, but is being dragged down by a 1.4 percent. Finally, the motion picture Academy chose Jon Stewart to host this year's program; while he's a delight to the enlightened, he's not exactly beloved in the red states where, let's face it, most of the mass audience resides.

To counteract these trends, Sunday's Oscar show needs, according to the consensus, a big picture — something romantic and/or spectacular ("Titanic," "The Lord of the Rings") and basically nonpolitical that the public has seen, loved and can root for. Without it, the show is bound to tank.

But with one modest exception, no such film is available this year. Four of the nominees' best film grosses only in the \$22-million to \$55-million range, which means they are distinctly a minority taste — and probably have yet to turn a profit. The exception,



"Brokeback Mountain," is a tidy success; it will have taken in about \$75 million by Oscar night. But even so, it ranked only 33rd last year, far behind the real commercial winners, such as "The Revenant of the South," "War of the Worlds" and "Lust for Steel." "Wedding Crashers" led the 40-Year-Old Virgin," none of which, shall we say, had Oscar written all over it.

So far, the commentary on the best picture, perhaps justifiably so. It's more than possible that folks in Kansas just don't want to see "Thirteen Capote" lying around their state, gathering material for a book published 40 years ago — not when Willy Wonka is on offer. What's interesting is why, with the exception of "Brokeback Mountain," this indifference extends so widely.

It could, indeed, be a red state/blue state thing. Conservatives have been reacting for years that Hollywood's "ultra" liberalism puts ordinary people off that a day of commercial reckoning will be in order. It's not a particularly dubious proposition. I'm convinced that last year's downturn in attendance is almost completely attributable to the fact that it is cheaper and more convenient to wait and see routine films at home on DVD, than it is to see them

theatrically. More over, it has never been proved that the perceived liberalism of Hollywood's morals or politics has any large effect on moviegoing. Decades ago, people went right on seeing meek movies, no matter how much the religious fundamentalists railed at Mae West.

It's the same now. Last year's winner for best picture, "Million Dollar Baby," took up a much more controversial and divisive issue, euthanasia — than any of this year's nominees and was not punished. People responded to its generally rooted story, its modesty of voice, its strong characters, and the fact that it was directed by and starred the iconic Clint Eastwood.

It's important for its commercial success. It was released by a major studio, meaning it eventually played in thousands of theaters, not hundreds, and had the kind of advertising and promotional campaigns — small-scale, non-studio picture can only dream of.

Until recently, every major studio tried to have a potential Oscar nominee ready for late-in-year release. If it won in a major category, it could make money, and its creators could feel good about themselves the morning after.

But the rise of Miramax, the studios' "classic" divisions and

the other independent companies for what Oscar nominations were part of the business plan freed the studios of that responsibility, freed them to do what they think they know how to do — fashioning "tent poles," the only ambition of which is to gross north of \$200 million. This year, among the five nominees, only "Munich" is a traditional release.

I don't say that the big studios are never again going to make a heart-centered, more fabulous spectacle with which the mass audience can make an emotional connection. But I think the majority of executives from here on out are going to be low budget, largely lacking bankable stars and are going to play to a minority — to those who define quality in movies in political terms.

They are (perhaps) a majority of the audience in L.A. and New York. They are assuredly so in the nation picture academy. So one begins to wonder: How far distant is the day when the Oscar show is no longer the great view of the only American spring but has become instead a cablecast — the *Pinot and Pius People's Choice Awards*?

Richard Schickel is a film critic for *Time* magazine and the author of *Bill Kazan: A Biography*.

BPA is no piggy bank

Bipartisanship isn't dead yet in the U.S. Senate, at least not in the Pacific Northwest.

Regional senators are opposed to President Bush's budget plan taking surplus revenue from the Bonneville Power Administration and paying off federal debt. The power-marketing agency has been a proven success in lowering electricity rates for Northwest businesses and homeowners. Now the feds want some share of the load.

Commentators from Oregon, Washington and Montana gathered in the office of Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, to meet last month with Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman and express their opposition to this budget measure. The feds defend the idea as a common business practice and say the BPA revenues would only be tapped once. They expect \$500 million. The BPA expects annual sur-

pluses around \$650 million through 2009. But in a booming region strapped for more affordable power, the plan could hike up power rates by 10 percent. The Northwest Coalition for Affordable Power said the plan could also cut more than 1,000 jobs in the region.

Craig went outside his usual close ties with the White House to criticize administration's past and present that try to skin from the BPA. "I don't believe Bonneville was nor has it ever been anticipated to be, a revenue-raiser for the general fund treasury of our government," he said.

Northwest power consumers already face increasing costs and declining supplies. If Washington pushes to cut its federal deficit, don't do it at the expense of a program that saves taxpayer money.

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Give kids a chance — vote yes on school bond

I hope you do not mind me taking a minute to give you my views on the new school bond election. I really believe that we must do everything in our effort to get this school bond election passed.

I do not want to pay more taxes. Also do not want your young people to pass up the education that is required in today's world. I have also seen in the past where we have not passed the bond issue the first time and when it comes back later, it costs half again as much.

I do not think we can afford to gamble with our young people's lives. I feel that my wife and I that I would gladly double that amount to know that my grandchildren and the young people in our community will have the facilities that we need.

I also feel that we are on the verge of a population increase like we have never seen in the Magic Valley. We claim that we are a growing region. The new companies inquiring about our area are always wanting to know about our school system. Remember, with increasing population, that means we will have more people helping to retire our bond debt.

I urge everyone to support the Twin Falls School bond election. Please let us not pass this bond. Please get all the facts before you vote. Remember, this is not just a new high school, but it affects almost every school in Twin Falls.

CKJ JARDING
Twin Falls

Letter writer shot blanks on shutguns
I was reading the letters to the editor in your paper today (Feb. 21) and was amazed to read the letter written by Do-

lores Sloan of Burley. I would not call Ms. Sloan a liar as she referred to your columnist, but she certainly is ignorant when it comes to shotguns.

The number of shot in a shotgun shell is not determined by the weight of the shot, not the size of the shot or the gauge of the gun. A 28-gauge shell with 1 1/8 ounces of No. 8 shot has the same amount of pellets as a 12-gauge shotgun shell with 1 1/8 ounces of No. 8 shot. If Ms. Sloan were to cut open a 28-gauge shell, she would find there are more than 200 No. 8 pellets in 1 1/8 ounces. Furthermore, the spread of the shot is determined by the bore, choke and length of the barrel, not the size of the shot.

Ms. Sloan is quick to call people liars and ignorant about a subject she herself knows very little about. If Ms. Sloan does her homework, I would expect to see a letter of apology to your editors in the next few days.

BILL NEVILLS
Jackpot, NV.

Respect sorely lacking for the blind, disabled

I wish to report along with your vandalism spree that are slowly defacing our town's beauty and heritage. I say this because if they are old enough to drive a car, they should be responsible for their actions.

When a person speeds away after the act, they know that they are wrong, regardless of their age. My question is, how is it that we can spend billions of dollars to fight a war in the name of freedom, yet our own people with disabilities don't have the right to walk down the streets free from harassment, oppression and a cruel sense of humor does not excuse these people's actions. We don't need another law, we just need good people who see these

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evants to report them. I've just sent a message to these young people today. These same people will pass on their cruel ways to their children and society in general. If we can't stop these seemingly small acts of terrorism right here in America, how can we stop it from coming over from other countries?

If any citizen witnesses these harassments, just jot down their license plate. I'm sure that this qualifies as some sort of civic crime. A little action from anyone can stop this in its tracks.

ANNETTE HILL
Twin Falls

T.F. has a chance to embrace the future

I look forward to voting yes March 14 in favor of the Twin Falls School District's bond to improve existing school sites as well as construct a much-needed high school.

Twenty years ago, voters took in the responsibility and expense of building Oregon Trail Elementary. At that time, I, like many traffic-crowded classrooms and other Twin Falls elementary school. We adapted to the cramped conditions by spreading out in the hall and working on the floor. Sometimes, we would conduct reading class in our own little amphitheater — the stairwell, where it was so much cooler and quieter. The welcoming breezes from opening our windows also brought intruding sirens; street traffic and fly-grabbing noise making fresh air a poor choice. The children's basic learning opportunities were met despite frequent radiator malfunctions in the winter and spring that prevented full concentration.

Thanks to the voters, we haven't had those challenges at Oregon Trail. The students face better, but our classrooms and facilities are beginning to fill up. New subdivisions are built next door and throughout

Twin Falls for young families that have brought many new children into our buildings. The students' future depends on you. We have an important decision to make. This is our chance to again meet the needs of our community and the challenges of the coming years.

Please join me in supporting this bond.

SHERIE KEYS
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Sherie Key is a fifth-grade teacher at Oregon Trail Elementary School.)

School bonding plan a cost-effective proposal

On March 14, voters will have the opportunity to build a bright future for our children and our jobs. Voting yes for the school bond levy will help ensure this.

It is well known that each of our schools is bursting at the seams. There are literally no vacant classrooms, or extra space. Students are being taught in hallways, abandoned storage closets and under stairwells. With the passage of the bond, our children will be provided with an environment that will optimize learning.

Your Long Range Planning Committee has volunteered countless hours to research the most cost-effective approach to upgrade existing facilities and build a new high school. We are ready to begin construction now. To delay this improvement will only increase the cost later, both monetarily and in providing the best educational opportunities to residents in the Twin Falls School District.

I urge you to vote yes on March 14 for the Twin Falls School District's facilities bond. It is the responsibility of our generation to provide the best possible future for our children and youth. You will be proud of our children when you look back 15 or 20 years from now. **JANET C. BURDICK**
Twin Falls

Corn maze flag needs-to-be-retired

The American flag flies from our churches, schools, government buildings, as well as our homes. It is our choir to respect about this matter, and I hope someone will show the respect owed our flag. Please do the proper thing and bring it down now.

KATHY MOOSO
T Rupert

Power plant is not best idea for Idaho

Enjoy reading the letters to the editor. It is an important thing to me when reading the newspaper, and I am thankful for our society in which one is, without fear, able to express their opinion on a variety of subjects. I doubt "that freedom exists in many parts of

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the world. And now for my opinion: It seems to me that the construction of a new plant, such as the one proposed by Sempra in Jerome County would not be in the best interests of the state of Idaho.

Sure, there would be a temporary boost in tax revenue and income from construction and operation wages, but Idaho would be giving up some of its valuable and irreplaceable resources.

Idaho's open scenery, its clear air, its dark skies and its water would be put at risk forever to the proposed power plant. Let Sempra build its power plant elsewhere, not in Idaho. **FRANK ALLARD**
Twin Falls

OPINION

LETTERS

Consumer fundamentals create basis for Sempra

I attended a meeting of the Castleford Men's Club where the guest speaker was promoting the Sempra proposed coal power plant. I was impressed by presentation, though it didn't answer all of the doubts about the desirability of having a coal-burning factory for a neighbor. I was impressed by how well informed the audience was about the proposal, though there were some doubts expressed that didn't appear to be based on good understanding.

One of the doubts that didn't seem to be based on good understanding was the economic impact of the facility. I wish that I was able to help in providing a good understanding, but I am afraid this will be a weak effort.

Commerce, the buying and selling of products, is the source of prosperity. The idea is to make a product where there is little or no use to where it has the most beneficial use. In the buyer-seller exchange, it is the buyer who receives the immediate benefit. He gets what he wants. The seller gets money but no immediate benefit. It is only when the seller engages in another transaction where he becomes a buyer that he will receive satisfaction.

Commerce is the unending chain of buyer-seller transactions. There is no beginning and it has no ending, but in every transaction, someone gets satisfaction from what they buy. Commerce spreads both ways. The seller becomes a buyer in another transaction with someone else and gains satisfaction. The buyer produces something to sell to another party giving the new party satisfaction and receiving money.

For a person to say that Sempra will sell the electricity out of state and, therefore, no benefit will be felt in Idaho, or on the other hand, Sempra won't buy any products from me so I won't receive any benefits, denies the benefits of commerce spreading beyond the initial transaction. Commerce is the "invisible hand" that the Wealth of Nations describes that makes an individual's efforts to improve his own welfare result in the general benefit of society.

TED QUIGLEY
Buhl

'Harmless' chemicals added to sicknesses
Thank you, Armin Sutterlin, for insightful letters of Nov. 12, 2005. "New solutions for disease research," and Feb. 5, 2006. "Chemicals may impact on children?" ... Yes, there are coordinated efforts in medical research as

pioneering doctors are finding root-causes of illness. (See the book, "Is This Your Child?" by Dr. David Rea.) Thousands of chronically ill are finally finding help through private research of Environmental Medicine Specialists, a highly-trained, worldwide group of doctors of various backgrounds like surgeons, allergists, neurologists, internists, psychologists, etc. (See referrals www.aem.com.)

(Thanks to much research, doctors now recognize such maladies as asthma, autism, headaches, ADHD, Tourette's, Crohn's irritable bowel, colitis, chronic fatigue, arthritis of all kinds, lupus, fibromyalgia, hives, rashes, eczema, sinusitis, fatigue, joint aches, depression, mood swings, sleep disturbance, muscular aches, chronic infections, and neurological disorders may be caused by environmental toxins. In other words, the simplest things in your environment, everything you eat, breath or touch can cause a more diverse range of problems than you could ever imagine because different organs are affected and symptoms may be delayed.

I owe my life to my patients. Dr. William Rea, Dallas, Texas, (www.ehcd.com) and Dr. WA. Shunder, Santa Fe, N.M. (www.spalling.com), who are busy helping thousands like me recover from so-called harmless chemicals. My system eventually rejected all food, vitamins, medications and inhalants. Symptoms included vision problems, anaphylaxis, learning and memory difficulties, rashes, behavioral changes, mood swings, headaches, migraines, arrhythmia, chest pain, chronic infections, seizures, fevers, dizziness, cloudy thinking, fatigue, blisters, neurological problems, severe joint and muscle aches, to name just a few!

Countless doctors tried to help, but my condition worsened. Finally, the mystery to my illness was solved: toxicology reports showed high levels of mercury, DDT/E, other chlorinated pesticides, volatile organic solvents and formaldehyde.

Rea explained, "With chemical overload, the body's detoxication pathways can become exhausted, permitting abnormal reactions to foods and chemicals, e.g., perfume, cigarette smoke, car exhaust, neurotransmitters, chemicals, etc." (See Rea's articles and books www.aehf.com.) All patients' lab results share in common the following suppressed T and B lymphocytes, food and chemical sensitivities, high chemical blood levels, brain scans (SPECT) show chemical damage, magnesium and digestion enzyme deficiencies. Rea has saved 30,000 (including me!) by his preserva-

tive-free immunotherapy methods and cutting-edge technology at a highly specialized Dallas-based medical clinic, The Environmental Health Center.

KERRY CURTIS PETERSON
Twin Falls

Sticking with the one punchline — Bush
Those damn liberals! All they do is poke fun at poor President Bush. I mean, what kind of fecaloid do we live in where president-bashing is the "hip" thing to do nowadays?

When are they ever going to learn that our current president is only a sound bite puppet, not even worth wasting the time and effort over. In fact you can order one of them on the Internet for yourself — my only complaint about them, though, is that there is a slight difference from the original: they only have one string to pull. I guess it makes sense, though, since they are designed for only one person to play with, unlike the original, which is equipped with many to accommodate that group of neo-conservatives. I think that the one I ordered is broken, though.

since I has a penchant for telling the truth, I would like to know where Karl Rove got a hold of the original. Maybe the Secret Service would let me borrow it. I'm sure it would be great for parties — I mean can you imagine the laughs amid eloquent speeches and brand new sound bites no one has ever heard yet in the comfort of your own home? Hey I heard that the new "Karl Grover From Seize'em Street" doll just came out. I think that you can get it at Big Bad Boys "R" Us. The packaging says that it can "wind" up, but that you needed the Bush puppet to activate that feature somehow.

But seriously, all you liberals who have no sense of decency I ask this: Can you come up with a better joke than this one? Come on, it is our president. It is Pinocchio... It is a human being who has feelings that you almost have to feel sorry for — it tries to please its dark of verlorls from over there in Israel while fighting its conscience to do the right thing and tell the truth for once. The poor thing is about to crack and go for the nearest bottle of whiskey.

AARON CLINE
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STATE TOURNAMENTS

Bruins torch Timberline



Twin Falls senior guard Brandon Stokes goes for a layup during the second half against Timberline in the first round of the Class 5A state boys basketball tournament at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

By Nathaniel Garbrandt
Times-News writer

NAMPA — On to the semifinals. It took two quarters for the nerves to calm, but once the opening jitters were gone, so was the Timberline Wolves' ability to compete with the Bruins. After holding a 21-19 edge at the break, Twin Falls sufficed the Wolves offense to the tune of 16-percent shooting from the field during the second half, and one fourth-quarter point to cruise through its Class 5A state tournament opener 52-33 at the Idaho Cen-

ter in Nampa. "I think we just got aggressive in the second half," said Bruins head coach Matt Harr. "I think we just had some first-quarter jitters and we let those jitters play into the way we wanted to play in the second quarter. We weren't going to the boards, we weren't screening. We wanted to make it a physical game, but we weren't physical in the first half."

That changed quickly. Twin Falls guard Blake Nielsen drained a three-pointer to open the third quarter, during which the Bruins outscored Timber-

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CSI baseball looks for four in Rangely

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's time to get the bats going. The thin Rocky Mountain air of Rangely, Colo., and a four-game date with the 14 Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans may be just the catalyst the College of Southern Idaho baseball team needs to get on a roll at the plate, and in the win column. The Golden Eagles look to be heavy favorites heading into today and tomorrow's four-game Scenic West Athletic Conference road series against a Spartans pitching staff that carries a 5.58 ERA into today's first game.

CSI's top batting average sits at .253 for the season, good enough for third in the SWAC rankings, but not good enough to keep the 11.5 Eagles on the type of consistent win streak head coach Boomer Walker expects out of his team. The CSI pitching staff has been nothing short of dominating this season, holding opponents to a .197 batting average and carrying a 1.36 team ERA. However, as Wednesday's 1-0 loss in Game 2 of the Eagles' home double-header against Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.) demonstrated, sparkling pitching isn't enough. The CSI pitcher allowed no earned runs and only two hits, but the Eagles batters managed only three hits on the game.

"I was real disappointed in their effort, because our pitching was just phenomenal today," Walker said after the loss. "Couldn't have been any better at all, and those guys just did a great job and they deserve better than that. You go and you get shutout at home, it's just brutal. You get shutout at home and it's a little embarrassing, but it's a great day and good crowd, and we had a lot of good things going today. Guys should have been excited for both games, but it was like our guys never got excited to get out of the clubhouse after the first game."

CSI should have little trouble against a CNCC pitching staff led by first-11 sophomore righty Matt Aragon, who at 2-2 on the season, has accounted for both Spartans wins. Freshman Brian Lux, Zeb Besant and Andrew Kalsner are the Spartans'

Eagle eyes

Today: CSI (11.5, 4-2 SWAC) at Colorado Northwestern Community College (5.4, 0-4 SWAC), Rangely, Colo., 10 a.m.

On the horizon: The Golden Eagles and Spartans meet for tomorrow's noon doubleheader. CSI is back in Twin Falls next week, hosting its three-day tournament Thursday through Saturday at Walker Field. Last time they met, The Eagles easily swept a fourgame SWAC road swing in Rangely last season.

CSI projected starters — Game 1: Adam Umberg (3.3, 1.16 ERA); Game 2: Troy Grundy (3.1, 0.84 ERA); Game 3: Todd Privett (1.0, 1.88 ERA); Game 4: Nick Carr (1.0, 2.45 ERA).

CSI season leaders — Batting (Min. 20 AB): Average — Ken Fugleund .389, Jeff Vickers .314, RBIs — J. Vickers 10, Mike Griffin 9. Runs — Fugleund 3, Matt Walker 2. 2B — Fugleund 6, Griffin 5. 3B — Sean Pitts 1. HR — Pitts, Griffin, Alex Hancock 1. SB — Fugleund 4.

Pitching (Min. 8 IP): W — Troy Grundy 3, Zak Privett 2. SV — Jordan Latham 2. ERA — Latham, James Wallace 0.00, SO — Adam Umberg 20, Wallace 19. Average against — Latham .133, Todd Privett .163.

other three probable starters. At the plate, the Spartans are dead last in the SWAC in hitting, carrying a .225 average through 16 games. Sophomore infielder Josh Mamer is the only CNCC regular starter to average over 300 hitting at .340 clip. Those numbers should give projected CSI starters Adam Umberg, Troy Grundy, Todd Privett and Nick Carr reason to expect wins in each of their starts. Still, it will come down to solid execution at the plate. Sophomore Ken Fugleund has been the most consistent CSI batter, hitting .389 with 10 follow-up sophomore Jeff Vickers is hitting at a .314 clip. The rest of the CSI lineup is battling well below 300 and will look to get in some good runs.

"They just have to know their own roles and know who they are as hitters and not try to do everything," said Walker. "We just have to find some consistency in our lineup."

Today's first game starts at 10 a.m., with Friday's Game 1 scheduled for a noon start.

Miracle shot topples Trojans

By John Derr
Times-News writer

BOISE — There will be no dream season. After trailing by double digits in the second half, Wendell's late rally came up short as the dreams of a state title for outgoing coach Alan Kelsey were dashed at the buzzer in the opening round of the 2A boys state basketball tournament.

The Trojans tied the score at 59 with 1:2 seconds left on a three-pointer by Zac Davis, but the Panthers' Blake Skidmore hit a miracle shot from beyond halfcourt as the clock ran out for the 62-59 victory, sending Wendell to the consolation bracket.

"It is tough, I feel bad for the players," said Kelsey. "We did what we had to do to get back into it and it looked like we were going into overtime. It feels almost like fate."

The crowd was silent for a moment before the Panthers fans went wild while the Trojans fans sat in stunned silence as the ball hit nothing but the net.

"It is not like we did anything to lose the game. They made the shot. We didn't want to get too close to him to foul," Kelsey said. TJ King started the fourth quarter with a three-pointer while Davis and Myers both hit jumpers and the lead was down to six with five minutes left.

Myers grabbed the steal and Please see TROJANS, Page B2



Wendell senior guard Matt Myers drives past Wendell Jefferson's Blake Skidmore during the Class 2A state boys basketball tournament Thursday at Capital High School in Boise.

All quiet on the Wendell front

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — On a typical business day, the Smoke Shack is booming.

However, yesterday was no exception. The College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles and Snow College Badgers men's basketball teams find themselves in the same position.

Both know where they'll finish in the Region 18 regular-season standings, along with exactly where they'll start next week's Region 18 Tournament at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene. For the 22-6 Eagles, the gives are a Region 18 regular-season championship, along with a first-round bye in the postseason after earning it with a 13-3 Scenic West Athletic Conference record to this point. For the Badgers, it's the No. 5 seed in the postseason after a disappointing 8-20 (5-11 SWAC) mark heading into tonight's matchup in Ephraim, Utah.

All that left is two games to finish out the season. The Badgers want that get tricky. Given the teams' respective record, a good, old-fashioned woodshed beating should be in the works. However, the Badgers would carry a 15-13 record had they not been forced to forfeit their first 11 games of the season

"I finally asked where everyone was going. After explaining they were headed to the state Please see QUINT, Page B2

CSI hoops looks to plow Snow

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

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after it was discovered freshman guard James Sonneberg was not eligible to play during the fall semester after transferring from Utah Valley State College.

Freshman forward Geoff Payne leads the Badgers, along with the SWAC, in scoring, averaging 21.5 points per game. Sophomore guard Mike Clark gives Snow a solid No. 2 scoring option, averaging 15.9 points per game. The Badgers are a careful team with the ball that shoots over 51 percent from the field.

The Eagles will again look to sophomore Darrell Jenkins to continue to competently run the team in the absence of injured sophomore point guard Lermaine Calvin. Jenkins has the point well while trying to find a balance between being unselfish and taking advantage of his solid outside touch. CSI will continue to focus on rebounding and getting the ball out in transition for easy buckets. The continued improvements by reserve posts Mich Rollin and Leon Henry should give the Eagles a re-

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

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"We put a system in place for operations and logistics last year..."

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ing back, but 29 Busch Series...

"Racing should go a lot smoother this year, but most of us, we already look at it like we're going to any other race..."

generally do not get involved in all the areas of operations and logistics that we do in this event to make sure things are covered."

"The teams came out of last year's event feeling this was a very positive step for NASCAR and I think that shows by the starting grid Saturday..."

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taking the pole. "That was part of the reason I made a lot of mistakes, I made a lot of mistakes, especially in the pits."

Car Edwards, whose No. 60 American Ford took the pole here a year ago, said the Mexican drivers could surprise some people again.

But for all next year's talk about how unlike Mexico City would be, the final results looked a lot like any U.S. Busch Series race, with well-known driver Tracy taking an early pit stop to outlast regular Kevin Harvick and Edwards.

Green said this year's race likely will go the same way. "Most of the hype prior to the early stage of the race will go to the Mexican drivers because they know the track and are excellent competitors," he said.

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Idaho native joins Utah State soccer

LOGAN, Utah — Alyssa Adams of Pocatello was one of six soccer players that have signed letters of intent to join the Utah State team...

Adams played for Pocatello High School for four years, with her first season as a dual selection for both her junior and senior years and a sophomore team selection as a second teamer.

Calms described Adams as a fit, quick and technical player and also serves great balls from the flank. She is projected as a mid-fielder at USU next fall.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Adams of Pocatello and the granddaughter of Florence Adams of Paul.

Titans pay \$1M to keep McNair through 2006

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans decided Thursday they will pay a \$1 million fee to keep quarterback Steve McNair this season but not beyond...

The move means the Titans won't have to pay a \$50 million option that would have been extended through 2009...

The future of the NFL's 2003 co-MVP had been in doubt since the Titans' pressure to get under the cap by Thursday.

Titans general manager Floyd Reese said they will keep McNair for a year to give them more room under the salary cap.

All-star baseball team holds tryouts

HEYBURN — The traveling all-star baseball team "The Dawgs" will hold tryouts from 4-5:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, and Monday, March 13...

For more information, contact Vince Frank at 438-5657 or Ben Frank at 431-6411.

Mishap aboard horse leaves driver injured

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SCORES AND STATS

Area ski report

Men's slalom: 118-118... Women's slalom: 118-118... Men's giant slalom: 118-118... Women's giant slalom: 118-118...

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Baseball: Preseason, Dodgers vs. Braves, ESPN, 11 a.m. Basketball: NCAA Division II, CIAA Tourney, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE

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GOLF

- European PGA Tour, Indonesia Open, second round, TBC, 7 a.m. PGA Tour, First Championship, second round, USA, 4 p.m.

A.P.T. RACING

- March 11 - Wauw Cheyenne 200, 2000... March 12 - Golden Coast 2000, 2000... March 13 - Grand National 2000, 2000...

Busch Series

- March 3 - Tropicana 2000, 2000... March 4 - Las Vegas, 2000... March 5 - Las Vegas, 2000... March 6 - Phoenix, 2000...

Craftman Truck

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CASCADE — Special Olympics Idaho will hold their annual State Winter Games...

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SPORTS



Atlanta Braves center fielder Andrew Jones, left, gets back to first safely on a pickoff throw to Los Angeles Dodgers first baseman Hómar Garciparrá in the third inning of the baseball spring training opening game in Vero Beach, Fla., Thursday.

MLB exhibition in full swing

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Nomar Garciaparra made two outstanding plays at first base, Aaron Sele and Lance Carter pitched two scoreless innings each, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Atlanta Braves 3-2 on Thursday. Grady Liddle was a winner in his debut as manager of the Dodgers, who had only four hits and no walks. Four Braves pitchers combined to retire the last 13 batters after Ricky Ledee's leadoff single in the third.

Marlins 6, Orioles 4
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Following his first start of spring training, Donnell Willis ran wind sprints on the warning track and then returned to the dugout, where he shook fists with every classic ate and coach while bidding them goodbye. Don't fret: Florida fans — he'll be back. Willis and Miguel Cabrera, the Marlins' lone remaining stars following a winter fire sale, departed Thursday to join their World Baseball Classic teams. But first they helped the Marlins beat the Baltimore Orioles 6-4. Willis, coming off a 22-10 season, allowed one run in 2-3 innings. Cabrera hit an RBI triple in the first and made a fine defensive play at his new position, third base.

Phillies 6, Yankees 3
TAMPA, Fla. — Johnny Damon doubled on his first swing in pinnacles and singled on his next. A few hours later, he was gone. The Yankees' new center fielder and leadoff hitter went 2-for-4 Thursday as New York opened its exhibition schedule with a 6-3 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies. Even before the game was over, Damon departed along with Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez and Al Leiter to join up with the U.S. baseball team gathering in Phoenix for the first World Baseball Classic, the 16-nation tournament Yankees owner George Steinbrenner wishes would go away.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Fla. — Ronnie Bellard looked ready for the World Baseball Classic, hitting a three-run homer to lead the Cleveland Indians past the Houston Astros 5-2 Thursday. The second baseman will be back at the Astros' spring training complex on Friday to join his Dominican Republic teammates, who open the 16-nation tournament against Venezuela next Tuesday.

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Astros relievers Dan Wheeler and Brad Lidge have been looking forward to the tournament, too. They were the first two of eight pitchers selected by manager Phil Garner on Thursday and were flying to Arizona later in the day to join the United States team.

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Devil Rays 9, Blue Jays 5
DUNEDIN, Fla. — Roy Halladay was rusty in his first outing since last July, allowing four hits and four unearned runs Thursday in the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' 9-5 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

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The 2003 AL Cy Young Award winner hadn't pitched for a batter since breaking his leg in Texas on July 8. He walked one and threw 16 of his 21 pitches for strikes in one inning of work.

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Mets 12, Cardinals 7
JUPITER, Fla. — Xavier Nady went 4-for-4 with a grand slam and six RBIs in his Mets debut, leading New York to a 12-7 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday. Not a bad way to stake an early claim to a starting spot.

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After being acquired in a trade with San Diego during the offseason, Nady is competing with Victor Diaz this spring for playing time in right field. Carlos Delgado was used to in his first game with the Mets, who roughed up Cardinals starter Jeff Suppan for nine runs and nine hits in 1-13 in an inning.

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All-Star closer Billy Wagner also made his first appearance for New York. He allowed one hit and struck out one in one inning.

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Woods still on top at Doral

MIAMI (AP) — Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson resumed their duel at opposite ends of Doral on Thursday, and the outcome didn't change. Woods was still one shot better. In a balmy start to the Florida swing, Woods again reached the 653-yard 12th hole in two shots and ran off a string of birdies along the back nine of the Blue Monster for an 8-under 64 and a one-shot lead over Mickelson and four others in the Ford Championship at Doral. This guy Tiger seems to play well every day, every week, Mickelson said. "I'm just trying to keep pace. I'm trying to maybe have another shot at dueling out with him on Sunday, and I'm glad that he's playing well. I've got to do my part and stay with him."



Tiger Woods reacts to his putt on the 18th hole in Doral, during the first round of the Ford Championship at Doral in Doral, Fla.

Woods won last year in a scintillating "showdown" between golf's two biggest personalities, with Woods pulling ahead on a 30-foot birdie putt at No. 17 and Mickelson lipping out a birdie chip on the last hole. They tied at the same time Thursday, but on opposite nines. They were together only on the leaderboard, although both had a three-run double during a hole-in-one on the 17th hole. Mickelson made the straight birdie putt to tie the lead, while his gallery was about one-fourth the size of those watching Woods, they were as passionate as they were.

Woods got off to a hot start on a tropical afternoon with birdies on three of his first four holes, including a tee shot within a foot on the 22-yard fourth hole. Mickelson made the straight birdie putt to tie the lead, while his gallery was about one-fourth the size of those watching Woods, they were as passionate as they were. There were throaty cheers when Lefty made a 12-foot birdie putt on No. 5, and one man yelled, "Yeah! He's letting Tiger know that he's coming." At that point, Woods was only about 250 yards away as he walked down the 14th fairway. He hit a 3-iron into 10 feet, the shot of three strikes up the leader board. His 64 was his best score in the first round on the PGA Tour since a 63 in the 2003 Western Open, which he went on to win by five.

It was sizzling stuff, even though it was only Thursday. There are still three days left, and loads of other players capable of denying fans an encore. Camillo Villegas, one of several promising rookies who hit the ball a mile, birdied four straight holes until settling for a two-putt par from about 8 feet on the 18th. That put him at 65, along with former PGA champion Rich Beem, Ryan Palmer and Mark Wilson, one of five players who got into this elite field with a top-10 finish in Tucson last week. At times, it seemed like a replay from last year. Woods had 282 yards to the hole on the monster 12th hole, and hammered a 3-wood that floated enough in the air to clear the bunker and reach the green. This time, he had to settle for a two-putt birdie, bouncing on his feet as the ball rolled to a stop inches from the front of the cup. Then there was Mickelson, facing a 30-foot birdie chip after having to lay up on the par-5 eighth. The ball ran hot toward the hole, spun out of the cup and Lefty threw his head back in disbelief.

NFL extends free agency deadline

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL denied the start of the free-agent signing period by three days Thursday, seven hours after the owners had seemed to end all hope for a labor contract extension. The move came just as a number of teams far over the salary cap were about to dump high-paid veterans. It provides a cooling-off period for the league and the NFL Players Association to reach a deal and keep those cuts under control. A bizarre day of twists and turns began when the owners took just 57 minutes to rubber stamp a recommendation by their labor committee to turn down the union's final offer, a meeting so short that many people who expected a long session showed up after owners had already left. A bizarre day of twists and turns began when the owners took just 57 minutes to rubber stamp a recommendation by their labor committee to turn down the union's final offer, a meeting so short that many people who expected a long session showed up after owners had already left.

had been done. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello noted in a statement that the union had agreed to push back the free-agency deadline "to provide time to resume negotiations." That is an indication that despite the rhetoric, contact continues between Tagliabue and union head Gene Upshaw, who have always had a close relationship. The union is asking for 60 percent of the league's total revenues go to the players, the NFL is offering 56.2 percent. The extension puts off free agency for a class led by two running backs: NFL MVP Shaun Alexander of Seattle and Edgerrin James of Indianapolis. There are two years left on the labor agreement first signed in 1993 and extended continually before the deadline. But unless there is an agreement, there will be no salary cap in 2007, which could create big-spenders "haves" and low-revenue "have-nots," a situation that has prevailed in other sports such as baseball.

That also has traps for teams and players: a player would be eligible for free agency only after six years instead of the current four; there would be no salary minimum, and annual raises would be limited to 30 percent. That is complicated by an internal dispute over revenue sharing between big- and small-money teams, a battle that has accelerated as outside revenue has increased from sources from stadium naming rights to local radio. That money is expected to be included in the new labor contract for the first time. Upshaw contends that inter- and dispute should be settled before the labor agreement is reached, but the owners didn't even discuss it Thursday. The three-day respite gave a lot of clubs officers a little relief. The ramifications of a low cap and a lot of players on the market — the likely situation if there is no agreement — go beyond free agency. There is still a cap by Monday, cap problems will make it hard for teams to sign their draft picks, especially the high ones.

CSI

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bouncing advantage over a much smaller Badgers team. Women
Unfortunately, the Snow Badgers women's team doesn't have 11 forfeit games to blame for their 1-1 record. The Badgers enter tonight's game with an eight-game losing streak, and have won only three of their last 16 contests. Still, the Badgers have lost two of their last three games by less than three points. Head coach Randy Rogers' Eagles will have to play physical and rebound with passion against the Badgers' bigger front line of Lacie Tamus, Tory Lindbert, Britany Pollastro and Andrea Medler. All are 6'feet or taller and all average over nine points per game. CSI will continue to look to push the pace as it did last weekend against Colorado State in the national tournament. Rogers will look for his Eagles to continue to make strides in their full-court man-to-man press and zone trap, and to have a little half-court zone at the Badgers. Look for the Eagles to gun for the 100-shot mark in the game, taking the first solid look they

Table with 2 columns: Game details and scores. Includes 'Eagle eyes' section with scores for various games like 'Tonight: CSI at Snow College', 'On the horizon: The CSI men and women will travel to Coeur d'Alene to participate in the Region 16 tournament on March 6-11 after facing the Badgers again tomorrow.', and 'Matchup: No. 27 CSI (22-6, 13-3 SWAC) vs. Snow College (8-18, 3-13 SWAC)'. Also includes 'Last time they met: The Eagles smacked Snow 68-51 earlier this season in Twin Falls. Zaryon Feroti finished with a team-high 14 points, while Reggie Lary finished with 11. Travis Gobbidon and Darrell Jenkins scored 10 each.' and 'CSI season leaders (per game): Points — Travis Gobbidon (17.2); Zaryon Feroti 14.8; Gobbidon — Reggie Lary 7.5; Gobbidon — 6.8; Assists — Jermaine Calvin 5.9; Darrell Jenkins 4.4, Steaks — Calvin 3.0; Feroti 1.5, Blocks — Lary 1.4; Gobbidon 0.7.'

NATION

Senate panel approves lobbying reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislators would force lobbyists to disclose more about their spending to influence the political process advanced Thursday in the Senate, but minus a key provision that would set up a new independent office to monitor congressional ethics.

A federal corruption investigation involving his providing of lavish trips, meals and golf outings "in exchange for a series of official acts."

sponsored the bill with committee chairman Susan Collins, R-Maine.

accepting jobs lobbying Congress, up from the current one-year waiting period.

Parolee killed in shootout

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An Oregon parolee was killed in a shootout with police following a chase in eastern Utah.

pulled over an SUV that had been reported stolen in Washington.

Poll shows opposition to port deal

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Americans, by more than a 3-to-1 margin, oppose the proposed deal that would allow a state-owned Arab company to assume control of operations at several U.S. ports, according to a Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll.

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The survey has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The Times/Bloomberg Poll, supervised by Times Poll director Susan Pinkus, surveyed 1,123 Americans from Saturday through Wednesday.

Debbie Davis, a Republican in Middleport, Ohio, who responded to the new poll, remains positive on Bush. "He does a good job," she says.

But Beverly Greenwald, a Democrat in Atlanta, expressed the inconsistency registered by many Bush critics in the survey. "He's an incompetent, ignorant man who looks for simple answers to complex issues," she says.

In the new poll, 43 percent of independents, 51 percent of Democrats and 77 percent of Republicans rated Bush's performance positively.

Contributing to the drop in Bush's approval ratings since January was a slight increase in the number of respondents who identified themselves as Democrats.

"Party identification is a dynamic variable that changes with the popularity of the party in control," said Pinkus.

A poll by Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., found 36 percent approved and 58 percent disapproved of the president's performance in a CNN/USA Today/Gallup survey.

Osaka Massage advertisement with phone number 736-1747

REX 2-DAY SALE advertisement featuring various electronics like TVs, DVD players, and stereos with prices and descriptions.

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YOUR WEEKEND



Something's coming

- **What:** The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein's musical, "West Side Story."
- **Where:** The Ballroom, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- **When:** Starting at 7 p.m. Saturday. The event also will include food and an array of entertainment, as well as a raffle and fine-art auction.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$9, can be reserved by calling 877-ARTS.

A masked ball

- **What:** The Magic Valley Arts Council will sponsor "La Mascara," a fundraising event.
- **Where:** The Ballroom, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- **When:** Starting at 7 p.m. Saturday. The event also will include food and an array of entertainment, as well as a raffle and fine-art auction.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$40, are available at the Magic Valley Arts Council office, 132 Main Ave. S. For more information, call 734-ARTS.

Unhappy endings

- **What:** Company of Fools will wrap up its production of Henrik Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler."
- **Where:** Liberty Theater, Halley.
- **When:** Today and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 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.



Strings and things

- **What:** The Bottom Line Duo
- **Where:** Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., in Bull
- **When:** Saturday, 7 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$25, include dessert. For more information, call 343-2888.

Music for a cause

- **What:** Hospice-Visions Inc. will sponsor its annual Celebrate Life fundraising event, featuring music by crosstite.
- **Where:** Snake River Elk Lodge, 412 East 200 South, Jerome.
- **When:** Saturday, 8 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$15 per person and \$20 per couple, are available at the Hospice-Visions office at 209 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls or by calling 735-0121.

Snowpack levels

Waterhead	% of avg.	% increase peak**
Saltmon	117%	83%
Big Wood	122%	100%
Little Wood	124%	102%
Big Lost	126%	88%
Little Lost	113%	84%
Henry Fork/Teton	117%	85%
Upper Snake Basin	114%	91%
Oakley	142%	120%
Salmon Falls	127%	106%

*As of March 2

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average. **The percent increase over the 30-year average.

Marine injured in explosion is getting stronger

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — He's finding his way around Walter Reed Army Medical Center via electric wheelchair. He's been measured for one of his prosthetics. The sweaty work of physical therapy has begun.

Marine Cpl. Travis Greene still gets tired, but he's getting stronger, his parents, Terry and Sue Greene, wrote on the family's Carlingbridge Web site.

"Travis continues to get stronger each day," his parents wrote Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Terry and Sue Greene packed their bags and moved from their room in a lodge on the National Naval

Medical Center campus in Bethesda, Md., to a room at the Mologno House on the campus of Walter Reed. But not before saying goodbye to some wounded troops and their parents at the Bethesda Hospital.

"Unfortunately, the ICU is full," they wrote. "They received seven wounded Marines last night. I saw one Navy flag up, probably their corpsman. Please add these



Greene
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Military blood drive to be held in Greene's name

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Thursday announced a blood drive to benefit military personnel to be held March 8-10 in Greene's name. The blood drive will be conducted from a mobile unit by the Armed Services Blood Bank, Pacific Northwest and a unit from Madigan Army Medical Center of Fort Lewis, Wash. All of the blood collected will be used by military personnel injured in combat, according to a news release from the governor's office.

"Travis has served our country so faithfully," Kempthorne said in the news release. "He answered the call to arms. So now

I'm making another call to arms — a call to your right arm or your left arm — so you can provide blood for those who are injured in the line of duty. The blood drive will be held next week at the following locations, and times:

- **Boise:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the second floor conference room of the Barab Building, 750 W. Dannock in Boise.
- **Mountain Home:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at Mountain Home Air Force Base.
- **Twin Falls:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at the National Guard Armory.

Greene went through almost 80 units of blood before reaching U.S. soil. At Bethesda Naval Hospital, Greene used more than 200 units of blood during the early stages of his recovery. In fact, the hospital exhausted its supply of his blood type at one point, the news release said.

"This is a unique opportunity, because the blood donated will actually be given to those who make the sacrifice and are wounded in action as they defend freedom and liberty around the world," Kempthorne said.

— Sandy Miller

Meter maids entering the computer age

City using latest technology in illegal-parking crackdown



Tony Wilson, a parking administrator with Historic Downtown Twin Falls, talks Wednesday afternoon with Regina Whitthead about parking restrictions for employees of downtown businesses.

By Bob Kirkpatrick
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Violators beware. If you work in the Historic Downtown Twin Falls Business District and you park in a customer-only parking lot, be prepared to shell out some cash.

And be prepared to have your excuse shot down in flames.

Starting this month, the district is using a handheld computer that tracks license plates.

It will print out the location and the time the ticket was issued, so it will eliminate all the excuses," said Kula Williams, executive director of Historic Downtown Twin Falls.

Parking in downtown is

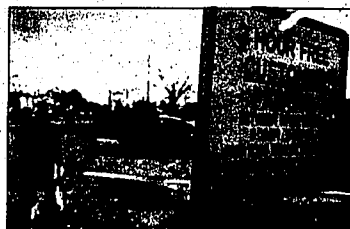
controlled by the business district, and the money from the meters, from fines and from leased parking is used to pay for landscaping, signage and other improvements.

The district collected \$55,451 in 2005, and downtown employees are regular contributors to that amount.

"Employees of the downtown district are restricted from parking on Main Street," Williams said. "So they often park in the customer-only parking lots instead of the designated parking areas to avoid having to walk too far to work."

The fine for the first offense is \$10, the second offense, \$25, and the third offense, \$50.

Williams said parking attendants enforce all parking regulations.



Tony Wilson makes rounds through one of the seven parking lots he patrols in downtown Twin Falls.



Photos by ALNEY SMITH/The Times-News

Parking fines

A city ordinance restricts employees from parking on Main Avenue. Some employees are parking in customer-only parking lots.

First offense is a \$10 fine
Second offense is a \$25 fine
Third offense is a \$50 fine

"We don't want to be running customers off," Williams said. "So if this is what it takes to get their (the employees') attention, we'll keep writing tickets."

But employees of the Historic Downtown Twin Falls business district aren't the only people who are being ticketed.

"During the month of January, we issued a lot of tickets

for meter violations," Williams said. "I think it is because we let people park for free during the month of December."

In January, the downtown business district collected \$1,750 in fines, almost as much as it collected in the three months ending in January 2005 — \$2,502.

When a parking ticket is issued, the violator has 48 hours to pay the fine or the amount of the ticket doubles. After 30 days, violators are sent a reminder. After 60 days, unpaid fines are turned over to a collection agency. She said \$450 in fines were turned over for collection in 2005.

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Board OKs rezoning request by member

Commissioner wants to develop family farmland

By Rusty Tevis
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Lincoln County Board of Commissioners approved, following board member Lawrence Calkins' application this week to rezone 320 acres near Richfield; Commissioner Calkins asked to rezone his farm from Agriculture 40 acres (A40) to Residential half-acre (R.5).

"I'm in favor of developing near the city where growth should be," said Calkins.

In January, the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission agreed with Calkins' assessment and recommended the Board of Commissioners grant the request.

Sandra Calkins, wife of commissioner Calkins, told the board that development of her family's farm next to the city of Richfield would give the community a chance to develop in the city's Area of Impact.

A 1997 agreement between the city of Richfield and Lincoln County gave authority to the county to approve rezoning on acreages of more than 20 acres. The city retained jurisdiction on sizes less than 20 acres.

Mayor Charles Buttance testified that he liked Calkins' present subdivisions. Buttance said "Point blank, what I see in his subdivisions, I like."

Buttance expressed concern that the county and city needed to establish who had jurisdiction for subdivisions in the Area of Impact. "I'm not opposed to this development," said Buttance. "It's time for the city to shepherd this and have a say in what happens here."

An application to rezone 194 acres from "Gloria" Parker of North Shoshone was considered by the board. The P&Z Commission had recommended the board deny Parker's request to rezone her property from Agriculture 5 acres (A5) to Rural Residential 2 acres (RR2). County commissioners submitted the application to the European wild boar hunting facility and the number of 2-acre lots currently in the area.

Parker appealed the commis-

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Panel clears new meth bill for debate

BOISE — The House State Affairs Committee on Thursday approved for further debate a bill to limit the amount of pseudoephedrine a person can legally have in his possession.

Pseudoephedrine, found in over-the-counter cold medications, is a key ingredient in methamphetamine.

Already, people caught with large amounts of ingredients for the illegal stimulant can face up to a life in prison and a \$100,000 fine. Those amounts include more than 500 grams or more of pseudoephedrine, 400 grams of phenylacetone or a half-pint of methylamine.



Those provisions target operators of large labs that manufacture vast quantities of the drug.

Rep. Bob Ring, R-Caldwell, said his bill is aimed at smaller meth makers who may brew the drug in their homes. It would provide a maximum penalty of

10 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine for a person convicted of possessing between 25 and 500 grams of pseudoephedrine.

Ring said the usual cold sufferer needn't worry; it would take about 32 packages of Sudafed, or 10 packages of Clarin-D, to exceed that amount.

Sweet offers scaled-back concealed weapons bill

BOISE — Sen. Gerry Sweet, R-Meridian, is substituting a scaled-back version of his concealed weapons bill, saying he

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Chamber backs school bond

TWIN FALLS — The \$49.7 million school bond election has won the approval of the Twin Falls Area Chamber Commerce Board of Directors.

The board is now encouraging voters to support the March 14 vote on the Twin Falls School District as a Facilities Bond.

"Our organization sees the bond as a needed investment in our community's educational infrastructure," said Shawn Baragar, president and chief executive officer of the Chamber. "Having appropriate facilities for our local school district is critical to the continued economic vitality and positive quality of life for the Twin Falls area."

The board voted at a public meeting to support the bond if a survey of members showed a favorable response.

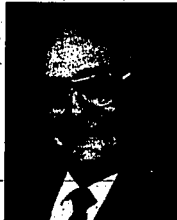
An online survey next week had a 25 percent response rate from the Chamber's nearly 750 members. Of those responding, 78 percent support the bond. Individual comments made by those participating in the survey included an emphasis on the need for quality education, addressing growth and future needs of the school district, and the primary role schools play as a determining factor for economic development.

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OBITUARIES

Condido DeThomas



RUPERT — Condidio DeThomas, 65, of Rupert, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2006, at Century Living Center. Con was born April 18, 1920, in Roseta, Pa., to Italian immigrants, Victor and Ernesta Gregori DeThomas. While Con was very young, the family moved to San Francisco for a brief time, then on to Los Angeles, Calif., where they settled. Con attended Roosevelt High School, where he lettered in five sports. He attended Santa Ana Junior College, where he was active in sports and played offensive tackle for the football team, which won the 1940 National Championship at a bowl game in Hawaii. In November 1941, Con married Ruth Norby, a Rupert girl who was working in the administrative offices at the college. They were united in marriage in World War II. Con served in the Merchant Marines and Ruth moved back to Rupert to be near her family after the war. Con and Ruth settled permanently in Rupert. In 1958, Con and four other friends, Dick Beeson, Harold Fredrick, Dean Anderson and Charlie Norby, began working to establish the present site of Pomerleau Ski area. Each of the men brought a wealth of experi-

ence and talent to the project. Con oversaw the building of the present lodge and was responsible for much of the actual construction. This popular family recreation site exists today because these five men pursued a dream. As a young man, Con had learned carpentry and cabinetmaking at the family furniture business in Los Angeles, and he worked in those trades and at farming at various times throughout his life. His interest in woodworking continued after retirement, and he made countless rocking horses, flower planters and articles of furniture for family and friends. Con and Ruth were married 62 years and raised six children. Con was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, one sister, and by Ruth in 2003. Con is survived by his children, John (Jane Belew) DeThomas of Prescott, Ariz., Christine Kelley of Rupert, Deborah (Dick Albani) DeThomas of Nampa, Dennis (Cheryl) DeThomas of Providence, R.I., Edward DeThomas of Rupert and Anna DeThomas of Tropic. Con is noted as the father of nine grandchildren, Marisse DeThomas, David Belov, and Sheldon, Carrie and Victor Kelley. Nine great-grandchildren; and one brother, Harold DeThomas, also survive, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews and their families. A memorial service, during which friends and family are invited to share memories and anecdotes about Con, will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 4, at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Immediately following the service, friends and family are invited to gather at Con's home for a meal, refreshments and fellowship. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pink Ladies and left in care of the funeral home or mailed to: MMH Volunteers, c/o Louise Dockett, P.O. Box 354, Paul, ID 83347.

Jack French-Ramsey



FILER — Jack French Ramsey was born in Rock Creek, Kan., on Nov. 16, 1919, and died March 1, 2006. Jack was raised in Idaho, graduating from Filer High School and the University of Idaho. He married Lucy Adele Dillingham on July 4, 1942. In Washington, D.C., Lucy and Jack had been boyfriend and girlfriend since the fifth grade. While in graduate school, Jack joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1941 and was a Marine Company commander with the 29th Marine Regiment. He was wounded in combat in 1945 during the Battle of Okinawa when a bullet pierced a Bible and was deflected by a spoon in his chest pocket. Jack stayed in the Marine Reserves until after the Korean Conflict, when he retired as a major. Jack was a member of the United Methodist Church in Filer. He was also a member of the Filer Kiwanis Club, the Masonic Lodge, the York Bodies and the El Korah Shrine. He served as president of the Board of Twin Falls Memorial Hospital as well as the foundation board. He also served on the Twin Falls County Fair Board and as president of the Southern Idaho Livestock Fair of Fame. Jack was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1996. In 1945, Jack began his banking career at Fidelity National Bank in Filer and retired from Idaho First National Bank in Twin Falls in the early 1980s.

Jack was preceded in death by his mother and father, Ruth and Earl Ramsey; his sister, Phyllis Jean; his brother, Hal Victor; his son, Kirk; and his grandson, Nathan. He is survived by his wife, Lucy Adele; sons, Jack, Tom and Guy; daughter, Camille; sister, Janice Jensen; and three great-grandchildren. Jack loved Idaho, he loved the Marine Corps, he loved his family, and he cherished his friends. His single goal in his final years was to care for Lucy. During the last few days of his illness, a fresh bouquet of roses from his garden for Lucy. The family suggests memorial services be made to the Filer Rose Society, P.O. Box 574, Filer, ID 83328. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 4, 2006, at White Mortuary Chapel by the Rev. David Peterson, pastor of the church. Friends and family are invited to call on the family at the funeral home or to call the funeral home for more information. The family requests there be no public viewing, and a private family burial will be held at the Filer Cemetery.

Rosalie Ellen Waymire



NAMPA — Rosalie Ellen Waymire, 79, of Nampa and formerly of Twin Falls, passed away at her home, surrounded by her children, on March 1, 2006, after a short battle with cancer. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2006, at the Church of Christ, 53 N. Yale St. in Nampa. A viewing will be held preceding the service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 4, 2006, at Nampa Funeral Home, Yreagan Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., in Nampa. Rosalie was born on May 7, 1926, in Lynnville, Ind., to Joseph and Mae Blake. She loved life and believed in living it to the fullest of her capabilities. She traveled and did missionary work with the Church of Christ to Bulgaria and Albania until last year when she was diagnosed with

cancer. Rosalie had amazing strength and beauty inside and out. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenton Waymire, whom she had married on April 18, 1946. She was also preceded in death by two children, her parents, siblings, a niece and a grandson. She survived by her sons, Mark Waymire of Nampa, Idaho, and Jeff Waymire of Centalla, Wash. Her parents, siblings, Northern-Waymire of England; her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Though Rosalie Waymire will be greatly missed, She passed away with a smile knowing she was adored by her children, family and friends.

Alysia LaNelle Victor



TWIN FALLS — Alysia LaNelle Victor, 25, of Twin Falls, Idaho, crossed over Wednesday, March 1, 2006. The daughter of Brent Victor and Teri and Brett Reid, she was born on Feb. 15, 1981, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Alysia was a licensed beautician at the Magic Valley and Nevada and enjoyed helping others "stay beautiful" with her talented haircuts and styles. She had an adventurous soul and was excited and eager to experience all life had to offer. Although she loved "being a girl," she was also "tougher than nails." She delighted in "roughing it," while camping; she caught sturgeon in the middle of the night; she hauled in sharkfish from the ocean and used a motorboat to catch wind blowing through her beautiful hair. Most of all, she loved the serenity of trekking through the southern Idaho desert with her family at her side. Alysia had many friends of all different walks of life and was a special spirit that will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. Her smile was like sunshine and could brighten any room, and without doubt it was lighting up heaven as well. She will be remembered in every beautiful sunrise. We will feel her gentle spirit in soft summer winds. Alysia is survived by her father, Brent Victor and Brett Reid; mother, Teri; brothers, Shaun Victor, Thomas "Rowden" Reid — and her most beloved "little brother," Ridge Reid. She gifted the world with

two beautiful children, Luke and Laine, children of Stephanie Martin. Alysia is survived by maternal grandparents, Phillip and LaNelle Cobegan; and paternal grandparents, Paul and Ruby Victor. She is also survived by her maternal great-grandparents, who she was blessed with many aunts, uncles and cousins. She had a special friend who continually gave her support and unconditional love. His name is Xanth, a three-legged black cat that she rescued as a kitten. Little Xanth will forever miss his dear mommy. Though she pined for him this life after such a short time, her beautiful spirit will always linger, bringing comfort and joy to those who loved and knew her. We miss you, Sissey. A memorial service for Alysia will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 4, 2006, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2221 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, with Bishop Dale Cook officiating. All services are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Donald Dean Fredrickson



HANSEN — Donald (Don) Dean Fredrickson peacefully left this life on Feb. 29 at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho, surrounded by his family. Don was born in Driggs, Idaho, on July 11, 1931, to Theodore Fredrickson and Bertha Arltle Williams. He married Erma Jean Fullmer on June 7, 1952. They later were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple on May 23, 1963. Don moved his family to the Magic Valley in 1957 and farmed in the Hansen and Kimberly area until 1995. Don never was one to sit still and after he retired, he continued to work part time at Moore's Warehouse in Hansen, Idaho. He also loved to spend time in his shop working on wood projects for friends and family. Don is survived by his wife, Erma Jean of Hansen; his daughter, Sandra (David) Hamil-

son of Loveland, Colo., and Benjamin (Pavela) Hamilton of Provo, Utah; and three great-grandchildren. He also is survived by five sisters, Mae Murri of Twin Falls, Fay (Dean) Murri of Kimberly, Lois (Don) Burnett of Boise, Viola (Don) Strode of Wasilla, Alaska, and Corinne (Ray) Smith of Rigby, Idaho. Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Edwin and Wayne; and one sister, Ruth Luton. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m., Monday, March 6, 2006, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Kimberly Chapel, 222 Birch St. in Kimberly, with Bishop Dave Hopper officiating. Family will greet friends from 10 until 10:45 a.m., Monday before the funeral at the church. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Lorraine L. Beavers of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Park's Magic Valley Chapel, 504 S. Kimball in Caldwell; viewing from noon to 1:30 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Donald James Stoltenberg of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park, 2296 Kimberly Road, Lindquist's Bountiful Mortuary in Bountiful, Utah.

Steven Voy Osborne of Heburn, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Reina John DeVries (R.J.), formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Frank Perrine of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome LDS 3rd Ward chapel, 825 E. Ave. B; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Fred E. Rendla of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Sheridan (Sher) Rene' Kirsch Florence of Twin Falls, rosary prayer service at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E.; celebration of life 11 a.m. Saturday at the St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church.

161 Sixth Ave. E., with eulogizing following at Sunset Memorial Park, Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Reception will follow the graveside service at the Rock Creek Restaurant, 200 Addison Ave. W. Ruth Marion Rippey Eccles-Fundy of Picoabo, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Community Campus Auditorium (old Wood River High School); celebration of life for family and friends immediately following at the Picoabo Store (Wood River Chapel in Haley).

William W. Freeman of Rupert, celebration of life from 10 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Free-

man home, 501 S. 1 St. in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Joseph W. Barlow of Clearfield, Utah, and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Clearfield 22nd Ward chapel, 151 N. 1000 W.; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Lindquist's Layton Mortuary, 2221 Birch St. in Clearfield, Utah, and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Ralph "Glenn" Larsen of Glenns Ferry, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Glenns Ferry Veterans Memorial Hall with a dinner following (Demary's Funeral Service in Gooding).

DEATH NOTICES

Colin S. Bowcut — BURELY — Colin S. Bowcut, 47, of Burley, died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, in Butte County from injuries sustained in an avalanche accident while snowmobiling. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 6, 2006, at the Deco Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main St., with Bishop LaVell D. Stoker officiating. Burial will be in the Grand View Cemetery in Elba. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

86, of Carey, died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Wood River Chapel of Haley.

Carroll Tex' Kolb — PAUL — Carroll "Tex" Kolb, 70, of Paul, died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Bill Hawkins — BILL. TWIN FALLS — Bill Hawkins of Twin Falls died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Dorothy Whitby — CAREY — Dorothy Whitby,

Pierce tries to get special van for Dan

PIERCE, Idaho — Like any 13-year-old, Dan Raymond dreams about a vehicle of his own. But unlike most kids, Raymond wants a van — painted with red and orange flames, if you please, and a lift for his wheelchair. Pierce area residents are trying to help Dan get a special van for Dan. The 7th grader suffers from Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a rare disease that weakens muscles in the arms and legs and eventually, the heart and respiratory system. "I was born with it and didn't know I had it," he said. By the time he was 4, he was having trouble negotiating steps. He was a 4th grader when the wheelchair became part of his everyday life. Dan's father died last year, and now he and his sister, Angel Starr, live with their grandparents, Jan and Don Starr. Until recently, the family traveled in a 1982 Subaru, but the old car broke down, leaving them without any transportation. Family friend Linda Smith and other residents have started a fund-raiser, with donations accepted at Wells Fargo banks. Dan, meanwhile, said he's just

happy people want to help his family get mobile again. "Just to go to Lewiston and places like that," he said, "it would be fun."

Boise begins changing house numbers on Bench

BOISE — More than 100 homes in the Boise Bench neighborhood will have new addresses this summer. The city is changing the addresses as part of a pilot project to replace an outdated and inconsistent numbering system that can be confusing to emergency responders, officials said. But some residents say the effort will be nothing but a hassle. "All my folks, they know about this number, and I really want to keep it," said Lida McFarland, who has lived in the same house for 60 years. "This number has been here for years and years and years." The city is notifying the U.S. Postal Service and local utility companies on behalf of the residents.

If the test program goes smoothly, the city will change more than 5,000 additional home addresses in older neighborhoods around town.

— compiled from wire reports

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Words cannot adequately express our deep appreciation for the many kind and sympathetic acts that came to us at the time of our recent bereavement. —The Scott Turner Family

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Thousands of Utahns allegedly bilked in scheme

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The number of Utahns saying they were bilked by the 12DailyPro Internet scheme has grown to more than 6,400.

Utah Consumer Protection Director Francine Giani said most of the Utah complaints to her office have been made since the Securities and Exchange Commission announced Tuesday that it had sued the Web site and its owner, Charles Johnson of Charlotte, N.C.

"Up until two weeks ago, we had received one complaint,"

Giani said Wednesday. "What probably happened is a lot of folks thought, 'If I don't say anything, I'll get taken care of.' With the charges filed, that's changed. The complaints have been pouring in."

Giani said 12DailyPro's pattern in Utah seemed to wind through the state's typically large, close-knit families. "By and large, it has been family members who have gotten hooked and then got other family members involved."

The SEC has described 12DailyPro as a Ponzi or pyramid scheme. In which early investors receive high returns from money coming from subsequent investors rather than from real business revenue.

A pyramid scheme just offers memberships, no products or service, just money," Giani said. "People who got money at the beginning of 12DailyPro are lit and happy, but a lot of the people underneath never got their money back," she said.

Prosecutors said that 12DailyPro had promised that in exchange for buying \$6 units, up to a maximum of \$6,000 worth, investors could expect a 144 percent return within 12 days simply for using an application to automatically click on, or outsource, a dozen Internet advertisements daily.

The SEC complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles alleged Johnson ran a \$50 million scam involving more than 300,000 investors, pulling in nearly \$2 billion for herself.

The SEC said Johnson, without admitting guilt, had agreed to a tentative settlement in which she promises to stop recruiting new members.

The deal also freezes her assets and calls for the government to appoint a receiver to monitor Johnson's company and distribute whatever refunds are eventually approved.

In late January, 12DailyPro began to collapse after the online payment service StormPay halted processing payments for the site. StormPay, which is under investigation by Tennessee authorities, said it took the action after learning 12DailyPro had come under suspicion as a scam.

StormPay's assets also are targeted by the SEC.

Derek Dodge, a Salt Lake City mortgage broker, said he and a partner lost \$2,300 in 12DailyPro.

"We were leery of this for a long time because Utah has always been notorious for scams," he said. "And then we finally got in, but apparently at the wrong time to make money."

Committee kills bid to tax reservation gas

BOISE (AP) — A bill to allow Idaho to collect about \$3.3 million in taxes on gas sold from Indian reservation pumps died Thursday in the House Transportation Committee after opponents argued it would amount to a tax on the reservation.

"Why in the world would we go to Idaho before we have the chance to negotiate?" Rep. Joseph Cannon, R-Blackfoot, asked the committee before the vote.

Since 2001, Idaho has spent more than \$1 million on legal

costs to craft legislation to collect the tax, lawmakers said, including an unsuccessful effort to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court in 2005.

Before the vote, lawmakers heard more than three hours of testimony from Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce and Shoshone-Banock tribal leaders, all of whom operate service stations.

They said their rights as independent nations would be trampled.

The bill's demise in committee comes less than a month after the state's American Indian groups tendered off a separate plan in the Idaho Legislature to challenge the state's tribal gaming laws.

In both instances, these issues represent the sovereignty of tribal government, said Rebecca Miles, chairwoman of the Nez Perce tribe. "It would threaten a vital revenue stream. Passage of this bill is an action that seems both premature and unnecessary."

Indian tribes sold 13 million gallons of gas from reservation stores last year.

The Nez Perce and the Coeur d'Alene tribes assess a 25-cent tax, the same amount as the state tax, on every gallon sold from their pumps.

They say they need this money, as well as proceeds from gaming, to help fund roads, education and other projects. Their reservations are in isolated areas far away from commercial centers that would otherwise boost their economies.

Proponents of the failed bill said Idaho, which collects about \$210 million annually from the fuel tax, is being deprived of money that could be used for highway construction projects.

Owner wants to turn Rexburg drive-in into amusement park

REXBURG (AP) — A local drive-in theater owner hopes to make the switch from movies to an amusement park.

Thomas Goe of Lathrop, Calif. hopes to turn the Rexburg Drive-In Theater into a park with batting cages, a go-cart track, a miniature golf course and maybe even a bumper boat pool by June.

"There's not much there to do," Goe said of Rexburg. "I think that will be a great asset to the community."

But neighbors are worried about the park's noise potential. Yolanda and Kendall Davenson have lived next to the drive-in since 1965, and they run an art gallery out of their home.

"At times when they've had a college night at the motor view, those so loud you can hear it when you have the windows closed," Yolanda Davenson said. "It sounds like a fun, clean business. We're just wondering if there's a way we can get some help about the noise we're getting out of there."

A public hearing on Goe's rezoning application is scheduled for March 22.

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new injured Marines and families to your prayers tonight."

But for Greene, life's getting better, though it's still at times painful. On Tuesday doctors removed the stitches from what's left of his left leg. It was not a pleasant experience.

"There were a lot of them, too," his father wrote.

For the next few months, Greene's waking hours will be spent in intensive physical therapy, where he'll learn to walk again on prostheses.

Greene, 24, a 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate and a star on the Bruin track and field team, lost both legs in an explosion Dec. 7 in Ar Ramadd, Iraq, just west of Baghdad. One Marine was killed and three other Marines and one Navy aviator were injured, and 10 of them losing one or both of

their legs. They've been over at Walter Reed for over a month.

Once Greene is strong enough and up on his prostheses, he'll become an outpatient and will move to the Keegan House, where he'll share a room with another recovering Marine. His parents will take turns staying with their son.

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

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Rusty Teus lives in north Shoshone. He can be contacted at teusranch25@yahoo.com.

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was forced to let the move after law enforcement agents spread "misinformation."

Originally, he had wanted to allow Idaho residents to be able to hold firearms in their homes without needing to have a concealed weapons permit. When people were pulled over by law enforcement agents, they would have been required to inform the officer they had a weapon in the vehicle.

Law enforcement officials said such a provision, which is similar to the law currently in place in Montana, would have increased uncertainty — and danger — for officers making traffic stops.

"I have some concerns about it," said Idaho State Police Director Dan Charbonneau.

Sweet's revised bill would require notices be sent to holders of concealed weapons permits 90 days before the permit is due to expire. Permits would be valid for four years, down from the five-year period now in place. It would also increase the fee to \$15 from \$12.

Sweet said he'll reintroduce the original measure, which is supported by the National Rifle Association, next year.

"This is a very important issue to the NRA, and it won't go away," he said.

ces who would work with tribes to help improve test scores and dropout rates among Native American students.

"I believe there are issues that need to be addressed, but I also think those issues could be handled at the local district level between school districts and tribal representatives," said Sen. Shawn Koussath.

Historical Society gets nod for maintenance fund

BOISE — After a four-year drought of money for maintenance on the 53 historically significant buildings maintained by the state, a legislative panel voted Thursday to spend \$93,200 toward reducing a \$240,000 backlog of leaky roofs, moldy walls and decaying foundations.

The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee forwarded a \$4.4 million budget recommendation for the Idaho Historical Society to the full House and Senate. The panel added the maintenance money that had been removed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne during a state budget crunch in 2002. Kempthorne did not ask for historical building maintenance in this fiscal year's request, but So-

cety Director Steve Guerber displayed test scores and deteriorating conditions at the state historical museum during a January presentation to lawmakers to demonstrate the need.

Committee members sparred over whether to also add another \$90,000 to the society's budget recommendation to pay for storage shelving at the new \$4.3 million Idaho History Center in Boise.

Lawmakers previously approved the shelving cost, but Guerber used the money to pay for a video security system at the new center, which houses antiquities such as the original copy of the state constitution. The security system was overlooked in designing the building and was never included in the project budget.

"We're all angry that the historical society did not run this by us first, but they had to make a decision," said Sen. Brent Hill, R-Rexburg.

Rep. Kathy Skippen, R-Emmett, said the society should wait until next year to seek funding for the shelving to make sure all the money for the security system.

— compiled from wire reports

Proposed liaisons for state's tribes rejected

BOISE — Legislative budget writers on Thursday rejected a proposal to hire two people to act as liaisons with Idaho's Indian tribes on public education issues but agreed to create a new charter school oversight officer for the state Board of Education.

Idaho has 24 charter school districts in addition to 112 public-school districts. Lawmakers on the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee voted unanimously to recommend the full House and Senate approve spending \$94,800 to add an employee on the state board staff to provide day-to-day oversight of the new school systems.

But the panel balked at a \$107,000 request to establish an American Indian Education Office within the state Department of Education with two employ-

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Idaho likely to seek authority to kill wolves preying on elk

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A final decision won't be made until today, but members of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission say they will likely ask the federal government for permission to kill up to 43 gray wolves preying on elk in the Lolo Pass region.

Commissioners said they were inclined to make the request, despite overwhelming public opposition and the likelihood that the state's application would trigger a lengthy federal analysis and court battle. At their meeting Thursday, they put off a decision on whether to proceed with the lethal-control application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service until today.

Though the wolves — reintro-

duced here in 1995 — are protected under the Endangered Species Act, the federal agency last year modified a provision of the law to allow Idaho to kill wolves that are reducing big-game animal numbers below state wildlife-management goals.

Lethal action is allowed only if the agency agrees with the state's science-based proposal that will remove, rather than other means, would restore the game populations to the desired level.

Idaho took over day-to-day management of the estimated 600 wolves in the northern and central mountains of the state in January from the federal government. At issue are approximately 58 wolves near the state border with Montana, which the state wants to reduce to 15 animals.

The state says wolves have been responsible for 32 percent of elk deaths in the Lolo region since 2002.

Chairman John Waits of Boise said he was frustrated that the federal government still had the upper hand in deciding if the state could kill wolves to help boost the size of the Lolo elk herd size.

"We have the responsibility, but not the power," he said. "We're in a spot where the car's going 160 miles an hour and it doesn't have a steering wheel and we're in the damn thing."

The commission heard that an overwhelming number of people from around the country registered their opposition to the plan during a public comment period that ended Feb. 17. Of the 42,400 comments received, over

41,000 were generated by an e-mail campaign from Defenders of Wildlife, a Washington, D.C.-based group that opposes the state's plan to kill 43 members of the Lolo pack.

"We have to look at making people in Idaho happy versus making all the people of the Defenders of Wildlife happy," said Commissioner Wayne Wright of Twin Falls. "They're two different things." The state-based comments opposed the kill by a margin of 2-to-1.

Gary Power, a commissioner from Salmon, said the agency had not done a good job of communicating to the public the need for controlling wolf numbers to help the elk herd grow. He also stressed that Idaho's application must be able to withstand scientific scrutiny.

Online charter schools attract more students

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Online charter schools are giving Idaho parents an option for educating their kids other than home schooling, private school, or traditional public schools.

The Idaho Virtual Academy has about 1,800 students in kindergarten through ninth grade, while the Idaho Distance Education Academy has about 1,000 in kindergarten through grade 12.

"We've been very happy with it," Kristin Milloway, whose first-grade daughter Ria is in the Idaho Virtual Academy, told the Post Register. "I don't know if I could have done this on my own."

Both schools are state funded, and students must take standardized tests and meet state standards.

The Idaho Distance Education Academy allows parents to come up with their own curricula and teaching methods as long as they comply with the state's education standards. The Virtual Academy, which began in 2002, uses a set curriculum that is sent to parents.

Before Ria entered kindergarten, she was reading, adding

and subtracting. She liked working at her own pace, and her mother said she was concerned Ria would find the pace too slow at a traditional public school.

"She just advanced so quickly, she was reading and doing fairly advanced math," Kristin Milloway said. "We were concerned that putting her in a public school would be frustrating."

However, Kristin said she didn't feel confident about her first-grade daughter Ria, so she enrolled her in the academy. Ria takes lessons over the Internet and studies some subjects in a prepackaged curriculum. Kristin said her daughter is thriving and is ahead of where she would have been had she gone to a traditional public school.

Chris Peterson of Ammon has enrolled her children in the Virtual Academy and the Distance Education Academy.

She said some parents like the schools because they want their kids to work at their own pace. Parents also say schooling their children at home lets their kids avoid the social pressures at school.

Potatoes will stay on license plates

By Anne Wallace Allen
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Senate Transportation Committee voted for potatoes Thursday — and against a bill that would have let drivers delete the phrase "Idaho Potatoes" from their standard-issue license plates.

"It's funny how deep this question has become," Sen. David Langhorst said after the committee heard impassioned testimony about Idaho potatoes not only from the leading potato lobbyists but also from a representative for the region's onion growers.

"What Idaho should be recognized for is a really huge question: that's the kind of thing that keeps popping over decades or generations,"

Langhorst, D-Boise. "I'm not sure that's a decision we want to start making today."

The standard red, white and blue license plates now include the phrases "Famous Potatoes" and "Scenic Idaho." Drivers can also elect to pay extra for various specialty plate designs, including one that bears the image of a baked potato with a pat of butter. But if they don't spring for a specialty plate, they end up with "Famous Potatoes."

The conversation about the plates landed in the transportation committee after Sen. Hal Bunderson, R-Meridian, introduced a bill that would have given drivers the option of having no mention of potatoes on their plate. He said the state is no longer based on farming, and the potato slogan is outdated.

On Thursday, Bunderson tried to let committee members his bill was aimed at giving Idaho motorists more choices — and meant no disrespect to the starchy staple that Idaho is famous for. But potato supporters told the panel that removing the potato would harm not only the state's potato industry, but other agriculture, Idaho's history and the very self-image of its people.

Idaho potatoes have had a hard time of it lately. First came the low-carb diet craze, then the tuber was omitted from the Idaho quarter design choices the governor sent to the U.S. Treasury last year, said Frank Muir, president and chief executive officer of the Idaho Potato Commission.

In other states, they're passionate about it; they're not embarrassed by their agricultural roots," said Muir, noting that Wisconsin celebrates its dairy industry in its quarter and on its license plate, and Georgia has the peach.

And now this. Muir estimated the potato crop's economic value to the state at about \$2 billion annually. He noted the United Nations just voted to make 2008 the International Year of the Potato.

"It's becoming more and more the choice to feed starving countries," Muir said.

RAIN REMEDY



Photographed through the rain-dappled window of his car, Joseph Janosko installs a new set of windshield wipers on Wednesday during a brief round of rain in Tucson, Ariz.

Mother of abused daughter avoids prison

BOISE (AP) — A Nampa mother who prosecutors say repeatedly lied to help her husband evade criminal charges of abusing his stepdaughter, who had three children by him, won't go to prison.

Attorneys on both sides agreed that Sandra Annette Young, 48, was an abused wife who lived in fear of her ex-husband, Michael Jerome Young. They also agreed that sending her to prison would result in irreparable emotional and physical harm to her now 18-year-old daughter, the victim, and her three grandchildren.

"She's a severely battered woman," federal prosecutor Jim Peters said. "What she did was irreparable and reprehensible, but in some ways you can see why it happened."

Young pleaded guilty to failing to report a felony in October. On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge ordered that Young serve no prison time. But she must complete five years probation, participate in a protective parenting class operated by Sexual Abuse Ended Now, get mental health counseling and perform 100 hours of community service.

Young must first spend 180 days at a halfway house, Port of Hope treatment center, the Idaho Press-Tribune reported. Lodge said that in his 44 years on the bench he had never seen a case where the need for counseling and intervention was more critical.

Oil spills from Alaska line

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — An unknown quantity of crude oil spilled Thursday from a 34-inch diameter pipe transit line here in the Bay of Alaska's North Slope, and dangerous fumes stalled inspection and clean up efforts for hours.

Crude oil could be seen on snow-covered tundra along the pipe more than 200 miles east of Barrow.

Crews on Thursday afternoon began using a vacuum truck to recover some of the oil that had pooled on the frozen ground, said BP Exploration (Alaska)

daughter and I've got to be accountable for what I've done," Young said.

Michael Young, 39, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in 2005 to two counts of transporting his stepdaughter over state lines and attempted to avoid prosecution by divorcing Sandra and marrying her daughter after the investigation started.

Investigators said Sandra Young knew about the abuse since her daughter was 5 years old, and took part in schemes to cover up each of her daughter's pregnancies.

Kathy Edwards, acting as an advocate for the 18-year-old victim, told the court the woman needs her mother's help and that the victim's three children have formed close bonds with their grandmother.

Edwards said removing Sandra Young from the home would be a disaster for the victim and her children.

Sandra Young's attorney, John DeFrance, said the victim earns minimum wage and depends on her mother's income to survive.

"I love my mom with all my heart," the victim said. "My kids wouldn't know what to do without her."

Inc. spokesman Daren Baudo. The amount of crude spilled will be determined in the clean up.

Officials with BP which operates the transit line, said did not know it took a response but it's taken us awhile to get closer and closer to the actual scene to try to evaluate exactly where the leak is," Baudo said.

The spill was discovered early Thursday morning by BP operators visually inspecting lines, Baudo said. He was not sure how long it took a response but said the fire was quickly blocked and depressurized.

Sheriff charged with felonies

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's attorney general filed a criminal complaint Thursday against the Adams County sheriff, alleging in nine felony counts that Richard Leo Green misused over \$1,000 in public money and tried to cover it up.

Green is accused of using a county credit card to make unauthorized personal purchases starting in August 2003, according to a statement from the office of Attorney General Lawrence Wasden.

The charges include two nights in a Holiday Inn totaling \$130.00, a tank of propane gas for \$176.75, and nine purchases between Dec. 23, 2004 and Jan. 25, 2005, totaling \$888.85, the attorney general said.

In all, Green is accused of misusing public funds in the amount of \$1,247.93.

Messages left on Green's answering machine at his office in Council weren't immediately returned to The Associated Press.

Adams County Prosecuting Attorney Myron Dan Gabbert asked Wasden to prosecute the case, according to the statement.

For each of six counts of misusing public funds, Green faces a maximum of 10 years in prison, according to the statement.

Green also is charged with three counts of presenting fraudulent accounts to a bank. That charge carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison.

If he's convicted, Green would have to resign as sheriff in his central Idaho county. People convicted of misusing public funds can't hold public office in Idaho.

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Report: U.S. Hispanics face health issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of Hispanics come to America looking for jobs and education, but remaining here seems to be bad for their health. The longer Hispanics are here, the more likely they are to become obese, to develop diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. And Hispanics born here have even higher rates of those illnesses, a new government report shows.

The analysis of immigrants' health by the federal Centers for Disease Control comes on the heels of a report calling for more educational programs for Hispanics, who are expected to increase to nearly one-fourth of the country's population in coming years.

"Failure to close Hispanics' education and language gaps risks compromising their ability, to both contribute to and share in national prosperity," cautions the study by the National Research Council, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences.

Maria Tenda, a sociology professor at Princeton University and head of the panel that wrote the National Academies report, said Hispanics are scatt-

Falling health

About 22 percent of Hispanic immigrants living in the United States for five years or more are obese compared with 16 percent of more recent immigrants.

Less than five years' More than five years' Percentage of foreign-born Hispanics with ...

Obesity	16.1%	22.0%
Diabetes	6.9	7.5
Hypertension	13.4	19.8
Cardiovascular disease	3.5	5.4

NOTE: National Health Interview Survey, 1996-2002. SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

tering across the nation and "transforming their new destinations, even as we evolve as a nation."

"We are in the midst of the Hispanic moment," she said at a briefing. But, she added, there

are two ominous trends for Hispanics — worsening health status and increased risk of family disruption.

The immigrants report, also issued Wednesday, prominently documented her health concerns.

It found that 22.0 percent of Hispanics who have been in the country five years or more are obese, compared to 16.1 percent who have been here for less than five years.

High blood pressure climbs from 13.4 percent for newer arrivals to 19.8 percent for those here longer. As they stay longer than five years, diabetes rates rise from 6.9 percent to 7.5 percent and heart disease increases from 3.5 percent to 5.4 percent.

And Hispanic immigrants are among those least likely to have health insurance.

Among Hispanics born in this country, 29.8 percent are obese, 24.5 percent report high blood pressure, 10.8 percent are diabetic and 7.6 percent have heart disease.

Among the native-born U.S. population overall, 22.9 percent are obese, 24.3 percent have high blood pressure, 6.1 percent

are diabetic and 7.6 percent have heart disease.

The one positive note, smoking declines from 15.3 percent to 13.8 percent among Hispanics here more than five years. Some 20.1 percent of U.S.-born Hispanics smoke, as do 24.0 percent of the overall population.

Hispanics are a diverse group, ranging from families that have resided in this country since the days of the earliest Spanish colonies to the millions of recent immigrants.

And that causes problems in drawing broad conclusions, Stephen J. Trejo of the University of Texas noted. For example, lack of education is a problem for many Hispanics, especially Mexicans, but Cubans have very high rates of education, he said.

The most recent estimates from the Census Bureau show 40.5 million Hispanics in a U.S. population of 285.7 million in 2004. The bureau estimates that immigration and natural increases are adding 5 million Hispanics annually, a growth rate that will make them nearly 25 percent of the population by 2050.

University presidents reach agreement on funds

By Anne Wallace Allen Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho's four-year post-secondary institutions — one college and three universities — have agreed to settle a long-running dispute over payments by the state.

School presidents will sign an agreement at a meeting of legislative budget-writers Friday, when spending plans for Idaho's colleges and universities are set.

"Everyone's going to agree that it's been settled," said Marjorie Peterson, a spokeswoman for the University of Idaho, which — according to college presidents past and present — has received more than its share of state money in past years.

The University of Idaho doesn't agree, "however, we have not prevailed," Peterson said Thursday.

She, along with the State Board of Education, the Legislature, and the other institutions certainly understand that there is a need to get this issue behind us," he said.

The matter of equity payments for the schools has been stammering since at least 2001, when the state board asked an education consulting group

called MGT of America to review the state's method of allocating money to Boise State University, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College and the University of Idaho.

The board asked MGT to determine if the allocations were fair, based on the schools' different missions and economies of scale.

MGT found inequity in the state's method, and said the University of Idaho was getting more than its share. The matter of payments made before 2001 has come up in higher education budget-setting ever since.

Friday, it will be resolved when a letter is signed at a meeting of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, said Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley and a member of the panel.

"There's a real motivation in the Legislature to bring this issue to a close," Bedke said. "There's certainly a desire among legislators not to have to hear about it every time we set a higher education budget."

The matter can be settled this year because the Legislature is working with more money than usual, thanks to a record rapid economic growth, Bedke said.

ALMOST UP



Whittier Elementary School 8th-grader Jon Watson, left, nervously waits his turn to spell while North Middle School 8th-grader Matt Wier adjusts the microphone during the Cascade County Spelling Bee in Great Falls, Mont., on Wednesday. An 8th-grader won the bee in a later round by correctly spelling "Perillingul."

Idaho House passes liquor license bill to benefit hotel

By John Miller Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Idaho House voted 49-17 to allow businesses located within year-round resorts to get liquor licenses, helping clear-the-way for a swanky hotel project that's being financed by tennis stars Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf to see it through.

The plan now goes to the Senate.

Under current law, the couple's 225-room, 300,000-square-foot hotel project at Tamarack Resort near Donnelly — or any other establishment that buys or leases space at such resorts — is limited to selling nothing more than beer and wine.

Advocates called the measure a way to boost the economy of a growing resort region. Fern Pierré Hoepfling, a main investor at Tamarack, where President Bush stayed in August, has said the measure could force Agassi and Graf, along with partner Fairmont Hotels and Resorts in Toronto, to abandon their plans.

"As we look at where our economy is heading, recreation is taking its place front and center," said Rep. Ken Roberts, R-McCall, a backer of the measure. "It is a major driving force that puts people to work in my community."

Idaho's 1947 liquor laws, passed to promote "temperance," allows a single liquor license for every 1,500 people

within city limits. Exemptions approved in the past 50 years allow cocktail salons at golf courses, road grounds and ski areas outside of municipal limits.

That means Tamarack Resort has been able to get its own license to sell alcohol by the drink on property adjacent to its ski area and 18-hole golf course.

But the law doesn't extend to third-party businesses that want to operate on its property. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Mark Snodgrass, R-Meridian, would allow lodging, dining and beverage establishments that operate within "year-round resorts" to apply to the Alcohol Beverage Control division for a liquor license. The division could still reject applications.

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

YUK! THAT MUST BE A MAN THING!
NOT NECESSARILY, COULD BE A TOBACCO THING...
AAAGGG

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU, DORRIL?
ARE YOU SURE?
YES, I'M A GROWN MAN. I THINK I KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF MYSELF. THANKS, I'M SURE.
HELLO!

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

WOULD YOU STOP WITH THE PEPPER?
YOU DON'T SAY HIS RECIPE HAS A MEANER FACE TO IT?

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

Big Bert's Brickmaking Academy
YES YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO MAKE BRICKS OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO BE THE BEST PERSON YOU CAN POSSIBLY BE.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

BOB WILL BE LEAVING US AFTER 17 YEARS AS VICE PRESIDENT OF MARKETING.
BOB'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE LOWERING BOTH OUR MARGINS AND OUR SALES WHILE OVERSEEING A SERIES OF CONFUSING MARKET-ING CAMPAIGNS.
I HOPE YOU'LL ALL JOIN ME IN WISHING FOR A PLANO TO FALL ON HIS HEAD.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

DR. IS THERE AN APPOINT TO HIS CALL WOULD HE MEET?
WELL, HE HAS BEEN THINKING ABOUT EVERYTHING OVER THE WEEKEND AND HE'S DECIDED TO GOE. HE'S GOING TO BE THERE. HE'S GOING TO BE THERE!
WELL, HE'S GOING TO BE THERE. HE'S GOING TO BE THERE!
I FEEL GREAT! I FEEL GREAT! I FEEL GREAT!
I FEEL GREAT! I FEEL GREAT! I FEEL GREAT!

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Toise

You still watch that TV Poonce?
Look, Poonce is a TV evangelist who's also a cowboy.
Farmers have you led a life of discipline and woe?
Sounds like you.
A life of drinkin', gamblin' and chain women.
Really sounds like you!
We can help you! Just send your check for \$100 to the ministry!
That's for sure not me!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

THEY'RE TAKING AWAY THE CLOTHES FROM THE CLOSET AND THE CLOTHES FROM THE CLOSET AND THE CLOTHES FROM THE CLOSET.
SO, WE'VE BEEN EXERCISING WHEN WE WERE YOUNG!
MAKE A CARE!
FILL AND STANK!
CUT UP A POUND!
WEIGHT STUFF!
I WAS NASTY AT THE TIME.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

YOU FIND YOUR WAY AROUND ALASKA BY CELL PHONE TOWERS?
SURE... ALL NODES LEAD TO NOME!

Luan By Greg Evans

...M'ENS, MIDNIGHT, BLACKIE, BOOTS, SILVESTER, CHAPLIN, SOCKS, SCAT...
FINALLY, MRS. MOKER SAID THIS CITY SURE LOVES TO WEIGH IN!
SO WE NAMED HER CUDDLES.
AWW, CUDDLES IS PUZZLES.

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

FEDERAL AGENCIES LIKE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES...
HAVE SPENT ALMOST A BILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS LATELY ON TRIPS TO EXOTIC PLACES FOR CONFERENCES...
SO... HOW'S THAT DIFFERENT FROM WHEN CONGRESSMEN DO IT?
YOU MEAN OTHER THAN THAT THE MEDIA COVER IT WHEN CONGRESS DOES IT?

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING, DEAR?
THOSE NATURE PROGRAMS. THIS IS THE ONE WHERE THE KILLER WHALE LEAPS OUT OF THE SURF AND GRABS THAT POOR SEAL.
WHY DO YOU WATCH THOSE THOSE OVER AND OVER?
BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT, YOU KNOW. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ALWAYS REMEMBER WHO THESE WHALES ARE. THAT THEY ARE VICIOUS, CALCULATING BRUTAL, COULDEARTED MURDERERS!!!
So much for borrowing a cup of sugar.

Pickles By Brian Crane

SOMETIMES I THINK TIME IS PASSING ME BY. I WISH THE DARN CLOCK WOULD JUST SLOW DOWN!
BY THE WAY, ARE YOU GOING OUT TONIGHT? I GOT TO FEEL LIKE A TRIP TO THE FABRIC STORE.
WHAT?? BUT YOU HATE GOING TO THE FABRIC STORE!
I KNOW, BUT AT LEAST THE TIME JUST CRAWLS BY WHEN I'M THERE.

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

IT'S DEAD! WE'LL HAVE TO CALL A TAXI!
PUMP THE GAS TWICE THEN TURN THE WAGON, JIMBO!
OKAY?
WHERE DID YOU LEARN HOW TO DO THAT?
NOTHING. I'LL TRY AND SURPRISE!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

MY CHILDHOOD WAS INCREDIBLY BLAND.
NO DRAMA
NO TRIUMPH OR ADVERSITY.
NO HEARTBREAK
NOTHING BUT WALL-TO-WALL MIDDLE-CLASS CONSENT AND SECURITY!
WHEN THE SPRING OF NEVER HAVING SUFFERED?
NO WONDER I'M SO CRANKY.

Walt Sequitur By Wiley

WALT: A MINUTE, BURR. REALLY, BEING THIRSTY HURT. WITH/OUT NO SCIENCE?
WALT: I'M NOT SURE. I'M NOT SURE. I'M NOT SURE.
LET ME GUESS: EVOLVING?
NO... LEARNING.

Strange Brew By John Deering

OOOOH!
IF ONLY THIS WERE A REAL BEER.
IF ONLY THIS WERE A REAL BEER.

Taurus might make a new friend

IF MARCH 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, Make important plans to ensure a rosy future and put them into action in April or August when the stars are in your favor. You can enjoy the kindness of others and expect a helping hand with any crucial project during those months—be the consumer about making commitments in May. Because you are poised to make key changes in your life this year, allow people and situations the freedom to come and go as they please. Whatever is of benefit to you will remain or return.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get away from the beaten path. A small adventure into foreign territory may be just what the doctor ordered. Try out a new dining spot or invite new friends along for fun and festivities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It isn't a night to avoid social obligations. Get out and about for a few hours. Your popularity is accentuated under these stars; you may stumble upon a new idea or form a new friendship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep your own counsel. You may feel compelled to play your cards close to your chest at work, but that doesn't mean

friends that lovers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This is singles night in most parts of the country. You are better off enjoying an intense and deep heart-to-heart conversation with a new friend than a fleeting romantic rendezvous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Having home like it. Visits to family and shopping expeditions with friends may loom on the horizon. Tastes could run towards the exotic, so be sensible about your spending.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sudden, unexpected expenses could put a hole in your pocket. Look at the new fads but wait before making a purchase. The unusual and unconventional might not be of lasting value.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Remain frosty and fancy free this Friday night. If you find a prospective new hookup tomorrow night is a better date night. Check out true compatibility with others at leisure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Congregate with friends and buddies, but don't let an important cat out of the bag. Be forgiving if someone closes makes a faux pas. Discuss business or gossip, but not commitment.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

you must stay home alone tonight. Explore the latest hot spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't cry over spilled milk. The hurt you thought was over and done with can still cause minor turmoil. Try being contrite and offering an apology, or forgive those who hurt you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can walk a bit on the wild side tonight if you can tear your self away from work. A new passion may absorb your interest or a fresh set of circumstances can have you spinning in circles.

VIARGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A smile keeps your tongue from wagging. Someone may think you are the victim of a botched lobotomy if you try to discuss an important issue, so ahead and experiment silently tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There's safety in numbers. If you are heading out on the town, surround yourself with like-minded friends. Under these stars you are apt to attract those who make better

COMICS

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

1. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR MARRIAGE?
 A BOOR INEPT
 SLOPPY UNSOCIAL
 STUPID AIMLESS
 UNSTABLE JERK

2. I'M STUCK ON THAT MARRIAGE QUIZ?
 I'M STUCK ON THE FIRST QUESTION

3. AND I'M PAYING FOR THIS MAGAZINE THAT'S IT... CHEAP!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

1. HEAR, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM.

2. SHOULD WE TAKE OUR WIVES TO THE MOVIE OR GO BOWL A COUPLE OF GAMES?

3. WASN'T MUCH OF A PROBLEM, WAS IT?

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

1. YOU'RE NITTY, YOU'RE WISE, YOU'RE NATTILY ATTIRED, YOU'RE SNAVE, YOU'RE DEBONAIR.

2. THAT WILL BE ALL, THANKS APPLE! YOU MAY LEAVE!

3. SOME DAYS, EVEN I NEED A LITTLE VALIDATION!

Garfield By Jim Davis

1. KEEP OFF THE GRASS.

2. (Garfield is on the grass)

3. (Garfield is on the grass)

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

1. HAMLET, I DON'T WANT YOU TO GROW UP THINKING THE WORLD IS CROOKED.

2. SLIGHTLY OFF-CENTER, PERHAPS, BUT NOT CROOKED.

3. (Hagar is on a hill)

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

1. HURRY UP KIDS, OR YOU'LL MISS THE BUS.

2. YOU CAN JUST PRIVE US.

3. BUT THEN IT'LL BE REALLY, REALLY MAD.

4. HURRY! WE CAN'T GIVE MOM ROAD RAGE!

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schultz

1. MY GRAMPA SAYS THAT AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, HE STILL DOESN'T UNDERSTAND LIFE.

2. FOR INSTANCE LAST WEEK HE BOUGHT A NEW CAR.

3. BUT HE GOT THE FLU ANYWAY.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

1. WE CAUGHT THIS MAN STEALING FROM THE BANK.

2. HOW MUCH DID HE GET?

3. I TAKE IT THE WAR ON CRIME IS ALL BUT OVER.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

1. THE FAMILY CIRCUS

2. (Dennis is painting a pig)

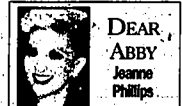
3. (Dennis is painting a pig)

"Pigs are easy to color. But wait until you get to an octopus."

Eye candy holds no beauty for overweight receptionist

DEAR ABBY: I weigh 327 pounds. I'm 5 feet 11 inches tall, and I carry it better than most. I'm trying to diet to improve my health, but I crave sweets.

I am employed as a receptionist. My desk is behind an L-shaped counter, which is eye level above my computer screen. My boss insists on putting a candy dish right above my computer monitor, directly in front of me. I have tried moving it to the ends of the counter, out of my range of vision, and I tried placing it on the end tables in the reception area, but he moves it back again.



DEAR ABBY: I'm a 14-year-old Jewish girl. At least, I think I am. My parents told me I was Jewish. My father is Catholic and my mother was Jewish before she converted when I was 10. Some people say I am Jewish, and others say I'm not. I hope I am. What do you think?

— 14 AND WONDERING

DEAR WONDERING: I don't know what religion you are practicing, but Jewish ancestry is matrilineal — traced through the mother. Therefore, you could be considered Jewish, if you WANT to be. According to the "Jewish Book of Why" by Alfred I. Katch (Jonathan David Publishers Inc.): "A child born of a Jewish mother is considered Jewish regardless of the future actions of the mother or father. The child's Jewishness is considered his or her natural right, one that cannot be denied by the action of either parent."

Abby, my boss is a small person. If he was a girl, he'd be called "twit." He doesn't battle weight like I do, nor does he seem to crave sweets the way I do. I sometimes work 10 or 12 hours a day, and it's torture. I have talked to him about it, and he just laughed. I need my job. Do you have a clever way I can get the point across?

— CONSTANTLY TEMPTED IN CANTON, OHIO

DEAR TEMPTED: The real problem, however, isn't your boss, it's your compulsive eating. An organization that has been mentioned in my column before — Overeaters Anonymous — could give you support and help for the problem. Over the years it has helped thousands of men and women overcome the compulsion to binge. There are more than 8,000

QA chapters in 58 countries, and the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are chapters in almost every city, but if you have difficulty locating one, log on to www.overeatersanonymous.org or send a long SASE to QA World Service Office, P.O. Box 4020, Rio Rancho, NM 87174-4020. They will help you regain control.

It appears your "little" boss has a sadistic sense of humor. On lunch breaks and your other break time, get out of the office and walk. Also, use not touching the candy as a way of showing the man who's boss.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing concerning my daughter, who is 10. She signed up to play basketball, but now she cries when she has to go to practice or to games, and says she wants to stop playing.

Her mother and I are divorced. Her mom says it's OK for her to quit, but I was raised believing that when you start something you should finish it. Now it looks like I am the bad guy. Should I let her go ahead

U.S. got a little warmer this day in 1845

This day in history: March 3 is a big day in American history. Florida became the 27th state in 1845, the "Star Spangled Banner" became the official national anthem in 1931, and Mount Rushmore was dedicated in 1933.



You probably know that sugarcane provides more than half of the world's sugar supply. But did you know that it's also the source of a fiber called bagasse that's used in making wallboard, plastics and heating fuel?

lar incubator baby evidence. Admission was 25 cents but free to parents of the babies.

Back in the days, when sewing needles were made of bone or wood, the person responsible for drilling the hole in the needle was called an eye.

When the inventor of the baby incubator couldn't get financial backers, he got creative. He raised money and awareness by exhibiting premature babies in incubators at world's fairs and carnivals.

"Pygmy" was a unit of measurement from ancient Greece, based on the distance from elbow to knuckles. When explorers in Africa met tribes of short people, they named the tribes after that ancient measurement.

What does a ballroom have to do with a ballpark? Actually, nothing at all. Ballroom comes from the Greek word "ballizinn," which means dancing or jumping about. Ballpark comes

Lawmaker saves life of political opponent

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — State Sen. John Glanetti was warring for his take-out order of penne pasta and meatballs at an Italian restaurant when he saw a man choking.

Washington district. "It's one of those really weird, cosmic things," Glanetti told The (Annapolis) Capital. He said Rosapepe was hunched over and moving toward him in distress, so he decided to try performing the Heimlich.

Glanetti rushed over, performed the Heimlich maneuver and dislodged a chunk of seafood — saving the life of his political foe.

The choking man, Jim Rosapepe, is challenging Glanetti in the Democratic primary for the suburban

Rosapepe thanked his opponent for saving him. "Obviously, it's an incredible coincidence, and a happy coincidence," said Rosapepe, a member of the University of Maryland system's Board of Regents.

Coney Island had two population incubator baby evidence. Admission was 25 cents but free to parents of the babies.

in 1829, President Andrew Jackson had to take refuge in a hotel when 20,000 high-spirited citizens came to celebrate his inaugural. His aides finally lured the mob out of the presidential palace with washstubs filled with whisky and orange juice.

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Documentary tells of grim, grisly future awaiting stolen dogs

By Connie Bloom
Knight Ridder News Service

Distraught pet owners frequently report their dogs have disappeared from their properties. Sometimes, the dogs were tethered, sometimes fenced. More often than not, the owners took their eyes off their beloved pets for only a few minutes — and then they were gone.

There is little hope they will ever see their pets again.

Some thugs steal animals to take to dog shows, or snatch them to make a quick buck, selling them back to their owners or to anybody who'll pay. But on a larger scale, "bunchers" move through neighborhoods across states in a series of grab-and-run, transporting pets in a van to certain dealers, who then sell them to research facilities and veterinary colleges. The story is told in the new HBO documentary "Dangling Dogs."

The bunchers, Tim Simon and Sarah Teale followed the case of C.C. Baird, a notorious Class B dealer who made millions selling stolen or "random source"

dogs for four years, beginning in 2001. Baird was also a minister in the Church of Christ.

His USDA licensed, family-operated business, Martin Creek Kennel, in rural northeastern Arkansas, was infiltrated by an animal welfare activist known as Pete, working on behalf of Last Chance for Animals, based in Los Angeles.

It took Pete many months to gain the trust of Baird, who had a policy of hiring only family, and ultimately got the job of "house man," in which he was ordered to spray clean the kennels with high-pressure hoses, which covered the dogs with feces and left them freezing wet, unable to dry for days, in winter weather.

Wired for sound and video, Pete documented 72 hours of footage on the conditions, mistreatment, physical abuse and butchering of 500-700 warehouse dogs at any given time; animals en route (should they

survive) to labs for medical experimentation.

Film five years in making HBO estimates that of the 92,475 dogs and cats used in research in 2002, about 30 percent were random source animals, with another 42,000 obtained from Class B dealers. Many of those animals were pets, and began their journey as sweet, socialized animals, but were torn apart by other fished dogs — they were housed four to a pen — starved and diseased, the film shows. Dying dogs languished in pain. Some were butchered in order to extract heartworms, which were also sold to research.

"We started making the film in 2001," said Teale, who waited to air it until the case worked its way through the courts. Baird was making millions, buying dogs for \$10 to \$15 and selling them for \$250 to \$600 each. He was selling thousands and thousands of them. He got

them from flea markets where they sold dogs and guns. He also had these guys called bunchers, who would collect random source dogs, which he got ... from taking them off people's lawns."

The bunchers move so quickly, there's never any evidence, she said. "They come by with their van and put the dogs in and cross state lines. They cruise neighborhoods and take dogs and sell them. ... Before you know it, your pet was being experimented on."

There are three types of licenses relating to animals, said Ken McCort, Doylestown, Ohio, animal behavior consultant. "I had a USDA license, a Class C, for 11 years, so I am familiar with the licensing process. The A license is for breeders. The C license is for exhibitors. That's what I had."

"Class B dealers are licensed to buy, sell and transport animals," he said.

The USDA sets minimum standards for animal care, but they are low and it's easy to fly under the agency's radar, he said. Inspectors are overworked and often looking in the wrong direction, at the people who aren't licensed rather than the ones who are, he said.

USDA spokesman Darby Holladay defended the agency, saying it actively inspects its licensees and registrants, and seeks to correct "noncompliance items" through education and enforcement measures.

"It's not the inspectors' fault," said McCort. "When the FDA cuts budgets, the Animal, Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS, the arm of the USDA in charge) out of Maryland is where they cut. ... They're running around with a skeleton crew trying to make sure people who are licensed are doing everything according to the rules. ... It's easy for the unscrupulous guys to get around

the regulations. They aren't well enforced."

There are thousands of Class B dealers in this country, she said, most of whom supply dogs and cats for the pet trade. There are only about 15 offering dealers in this country who are selling random source animals for research purposes, she said, a number that has dwindled from 150 dealers 15 years ago.

"If people want better laws, they should contact their local legislators," said Holladay of the USDA.

Baird's operation has been shut down permanently; his license revoked. He was fined nearly \$300,000, the largest fine of a Class B dealer ever.

He was convicted of money laundering and mail fraud and shamed enough to resign from his church.

He could be sentenced to a decade in prison. "The dogs in the documentary have been adopted," said Teale.

Scandal has smokes, booze and pork rinds

WISE VA. PAP — An investigation that began with allegations of cigarettes, alcohol and pork rinds being offered for votes led to the indictment Thursday of a small town's mayor and 13 others on charges of election fraud and corruption.

Prosecutors allege a May 2004 election was fixed in Appalachia, a small town of about 2,000 in Virginia's rugged southwest corner. Also named in the 280-count indictment were a town councilman, a police captain and a police officer.

Mayor Ben Cooper, who also is the town manager and runs the police department, faces about 20 charges and "more time than he could possibly serve," said special prosecutor Tim McAfee.

They indicted included Councilman Owen "Andy" Sharratt, his father, mother, brother and several other members of their family.

The investigation began after residents of a government-subsidized housing complex said they were approached by a supporter of one of the candidates and offered cigarettes, liquor and in one case a bag of fried pork skins for their votes.

Such offers in themselves are not illegal, McAfee said, but state police found a web of voting misconduct.

The Wise County indictment alleges a conspiracy to elect a slate of three candidates to the five-member council. Once they took office, the police department engaged in drug trafficking and illegal seizure of money and personal possessions from residents, the indictment said.

Ex-Jackson Five drummer fatally stabbed

Chicago Tribune

Johnny Jackson, a former drummer for the Jackson Five, was found stabbed to death early Thursday morning at a home in Gary, Ind., police said.

Jackson, 54, was pronounced dead at 12:20 a.m. CST, according to the Lake County, Ind., coroner's office.

About 11:20 p.m. Wednesday, police were called to the house after an upstairs resident of the home heard a disturbance on the first floor between Jackson and a female acquaintance, Gary Police Cmdr. Jack Arnold said.

Because of the commotion, the witness went downstairs to check on the situation and discovered Jackson unresponsive with a stab wound to his chest, Arnold said.

Reports conflict on whether Johnny Jackson was related to Gary's legendary Jackson family. He had two brothers, pop stars Michael and James.

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At the Boundary Creek put-in for the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, this crew is gearing up for a six-day voyage through the Frank Church Wilderness Area.

Photo courtesy of BOB BULLOCK

Winning the whitewater lottery

By Bill Studebaker
Times-News correspondent

"The permits are out," the message from Jerry said. "Rich has won the lottery, a river permit for the Middle Fork of the Salmon River."

When I think of a lottery I think of a short story, "The Lottery," by Shirley Jackson. The *mother* supports the annual community lottery wherein the winner is sacrificed. As a good citizen and a forty-year veteran of the Lottery, she is devoted to it.

The day the Lottery is to be held, she rushes her family off, so they won't be late, but stays behind to read up. She insists that everyone attend. It's essential for the greater good. Shortly, she dashes off too. She arrives late, but not to be disappointed. She has won the lottery.

Winning a float-boat permit on either Hells Canyon (a part of the Snake River), the Main Salmon (the east to west section of the Salmon River that runs through central Idaho), the Middle Fork of the Salmon, or the Selway is like any big win. There are mixed blessings.

If you win, you are committed. You, the permit holder, must go on the trip — the whole trip. There's no trading. There's no, "I'll get them launched, then fly out at Loon Creek or Salmon Lodge or Moose Creek or Johnson Bar."

There's no being late. When the crew pushes off, you're aboard.

And you're responsible for the crew. They must treat the environment kindly, boat together, keep a tidy camp, and keep a quiet late-night camp. All is copacetic.

Say you won the Middle Fork of the Salmon River Lottery. You can take as many as 24 persons. (Fewer are better.) There's food, equipment, boats and floaters, and shuttles to wrangle.

"It's like moving an army down the river," said Col. Richard Baller from Alexandria, Va. "The logistics are significant."

"I didn't know what to expect," said Tim Irvin, who was visiting from Seattle. "I thought it'd be racing. This is better — slalom with rings. I'm just trying

However, unlike *mother's* win, the blessings from winning a Middle Fork permit (no sacrifices expected

here) are sublime—as are wins on the other rivers.

"The trip down the Middle Fork is the best whitewater float and camping trip in the lower 48 states," said Rob Studebaker.

Everyone I've spoken to is in agreement. They all point out the numerous natural pleasures to be enjoyed: clear water, beautiful mountains and canyons, great campsites, glorious hot springs, wonderful fishing, and intriguing histories. I could wear out my thesaurus trying to replace adjectives always used to match river beauty and emotion, but I stuck with the tried and true, these river trips are phenomenal.

When one loses, sadness will eventually turn to determination, and you will start looking forward to next Dec. 1 when permits for 2007 may be submitted.

When one wins, jubilation will soon turn to happiness. There's no happiness like kicking back on a wilderness river, floating along and watching the blue sky above as the upriver breeze trickles over tanning skin. It's peace wrapped in solitude.

What are the odds of winning a river permit?

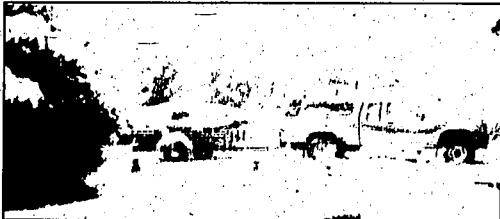
The Main Salmon is 10-1. The Middle Fork is 27-1. The Snake (Hells Canyon) is 3-1. The Selway is 30-1. (2005 statistics).

Most applications came from Idaho both in 2005 and 2006.

"Idahoans drew 31.9 percent of the 2006 permits for all four rivers," said Donna Leuzinger, the office automation assistant at the Middle Fork of the Forest Service's Salmon District office. "They drew 115 permits for the Middle Fork."

Idaho is seconded by Oregon, followed closely by Colorado and Washington. Utah and California produced 2,700 applicants in 2005. Montana had a fair show, 1,157. And other states, those other 43 states

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For whitewater enthusiasts, the weather is no excuse. The trailer is loaded with gear and kayaks and hitched to go.

Photos by BILL STUDEBAKER/The Times-News



Shane Harper kicks back on a summer Selway trip.

Hitch your skis to a steed, it's Ski-Joring time!

By David Larson
The Wood River Journal

BELLEVUE — Six miles south of Bellevue, you take a left. Follow the icy road for about six minutes, past ranches on the left, cow pastures covered with snow to the right. Even though you think you took a wrong turn six minutes ago, keep driving. Today, you are about to witness a love affair not seen since peanut butter and jelly. This coupling involves people on horses and people on skis — a fit about as natural as the words

Ski and Joring. "It started years ago," said Tyler Peterson, of a sport they call Extreme Ski-Joring. The activity can be summed up as horses pulling skiers at uncontrollable speeds. "They've been doing it for hundreds of years in Europe. I think it started in Colorado and Montana."

For someone who has never seen Ski-Joring. It involves a melting pot about as diverse as New York City. Animals, people, food and culture are thrown into a pot. When simmered,

they come out to just a normal Sunday in south central Idaho, watching people on skis getting pulled by horses at breakneck speeds.

"It's just such a great event. Two different types of people out here, combining, meeting each other," Peterson said.

A crowd of 150-200 lined the snow packed, groomed course, an orange plastic fence all that separated spectator from skier, horse and cowboy. Van Morrison blasted over the loud speakers while people warmed themselves inside tents. Sadies, sweatshirts and hats were

for sale. Grandparents, parents, friends and tourists munched on wings, hot chili and oversized sandwiches while sipping on \$2 Budweiser bottles. A man in a Maroon ski jacket with an REI wool cap covering his ears chatted with a mustached, belt-buckled friend sporting a black cowboy hat.

"I didn't know what to expect," said Tim Irvin, who was visiting from Seattle. "I thought it'd be racing. This is better — slalom with rings. I'm just trying



Unidentified competitors participate in a 'Ski-Joring' event Feb. 22 near Bellevue.

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OUTDOORS

Kids don't see lure of fishing

By Hugo Martin
Los Angeles Times

OJAI, Calif. — Surrounded by rolling hills and lush green oaks, Lake Castias is a picturesque body of forest-grown water with a reputation as one of the state's best bass fishing spots. But in the last 25 years, the number of anglers visiting the 2,700-acre lake has dropped by more than 50 percent.

Lake manager Brian Ronney can recognize the problem in his own family.

Listen to Ronney's 17-year-old daughter, Heather, describe fishing: "It's sitting unproductively waiting for something to happen."

Besides, she said, she doesn't have time for it. She has a part-time job at a shoe store and choir and swim practice.

Ronney's 13-year-old son, Spencer, shares his sister's view. "You just put your line in the water and wait for something to happen," he said dislodgedly. He prefers playing basketball, riding mountain bikes and surfing the Internet.

Such talk disheartens Ronney — as a father and as manager of Lake Castias, about 90 miles north of Los Angeles.

He struggles to replace the revenue lost to declining boat rentals and bait sales.

To attract more anglers, he is considering allowing visitors to fish without a state license, a move that would incur the wrath of the Department of Fish and Game, which relies on license revenue to stock the lake with trout and bass.

The department would respond by ending future allocations of fish at Lake Castias and requiring the lake to apply for a \$557 aquaculture license.

At a recent meeting of Southern California lake operators,



Seth Averill Murphy, 11, flies a fly during a class at the Long Beach Casting Club in Long Beach, Calif. He was the only youth present.

Ronney predicted a dark future unless operators and government officials launch dramatic efforts to draw in new anglers. "I think it's a dying industry," he told his colleagues, some of whom nodded in silence.

At home, six fishing rods hang in Ronney's garage, collecting dust. Ronney worries that the sport he loved as a boy won't be passed on to his children.

When Ronney was 8, his grandfather taught him to fish during overnight boating trips

off Los Angeles. He has fond memories of catching halibut, rock cod and an occasional shark.

When his children were old enough, Ronney taught them to fish during family vacations. "But in the years since, they have shown no interest in the sport, even though they have year-round access to one of the best fishing lakes in the state. I don't see the next generation of anglers coming up through the system," he said.

Ten cliffs will be closed in Utah park

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Ten cliffs in Zion National Park will be closed to climbers, beginning Wednesday, to help peregrine falcons breed and nest.

"They don't all show up at once, but they can be quite aggressive to climbers, so we want to make sure and secure those cliffs before they arrive," said Jeff Bradybaugh, chief resource management officer at the southern Utah park. The cliffs will be closed through mid-July.

Zion is considered an important population area for peregrine falcons.

"We'll probably see some where between 14 and 16 nesting pairs, sometimes a few more," Bradybaugh said. "The young birds aren't fully fledged or fly out of the nest around mid-July."

From the mid-1960s through the 1990s, peregrine falcons were listed as an endangered species. They were removed from federal protection in 1999 after North American populations increased.

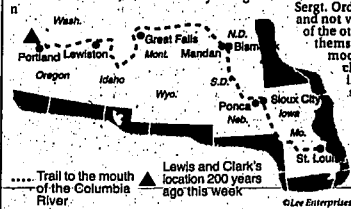
An adult bird can be up to 18 inches tall and weigh from three to five pounds.

"They prey principally on small birds they catch on the wing, and Zion has a really good food source and good nesting sites for these falcons," Bradybaugh said.

"The one or two offspring usually venture out after spending a few months in their cliff-side home. Once in a while one of the babies can't return to its nest and park officials have to give it a ride home.

'on the recovery'

Captain Merlweher Lewis may have had an inherited aptitude for treating the expedition's maladies. His mother was known to be knowledgeable about herbal and folk medicine. In addition, Merlweher Lewis received a quick course in medicine for the expedition from Philadelphia doctor Benjamin Rush, all many of the treatments authored by Lewis likely did as much damage as they did healing — prescribing mercury and bleeding for the men.



February 27, 1806 — Willard still continues very unwell the other sick men have nearly recovered. Gutzridge and McNeal who have the pox are recovering fast, the former nearly well.

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March 3, 1806 — our convalescents are slowly on the recovery. Lapage is taken sick, gave him a dose of Scots pills which did not operate. no movement of the party today worthy of notice.

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Navajos appeal decision to allow snowmaking

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The Navajo Nation has appealed a federal court decision to allow a ski area to use treated wastewater to make snow, arguing that federal environmental policies were not followed and the tribe's religious freedom was violated.

The court ruling last month upheld a decision by the Coconino National Forest to authorize facility upgrades at the Arizona Snowbowl and allow artificial snowmaking. The treated effluent would be delivered by pipeline from Flagstaff, a few miles southeast.

Snowbowl officials have said the snowmaking equipment is necessary to ensure the survival of the ski area, which has struggled with short seasons because of a lack of snow. The Snowbowl, privately owned and operated, is on a small portion of federal land in the San Francisco Peaks.

The Navajo Nation — along

with other American Indian tribes in the region — consider the peaks sacred.

In an appeal to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the Navajos contend that the Forest Service decision violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. They also disagree with the court decision on "moral and ethical grounds."

The district court ruling makes no sense, Navajo President Joe Shirley Jr. said in a statement Monday. "The entire mountain is a shrine, not just parts of it. The government's own documents show the sacredness of the San Francisco Peaks to our people. We all of the tribes, have emphasized this many times but the court does not hear us."

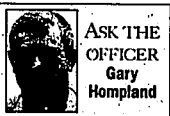
Ramon Riley, cultural resources officer for the White Mountain Apache tribe, said the project would have a negative impact on the Apache way of life.

Hunting without a license is a common violation

Question: "I heard the conservation officers have really been issuing a lot of citations for hunting jackrabbits without a hunting license. Why do you need a hunting license to hunt an unprotected species like jackrabbits?"

Answer: Jackrabbits, both white-tailed and black-tailed, are classified by the state as unprotected wildlife, rather than big game.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission rules say both predatory and unprotected wildlife may be taken in any manner not prohibited by state or federal law, by holders of the appropriate valid Idaho hunting, trapping, or combination



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hunting and fishing licenses, and possession of a valid Idaho hunting license when in the field hunting. The law says: "No person shall hunt, trap, or fish for or take any wild animal, bird, or fish of this state without first having procured a license."

Hunting or fishing without a valid license is a common violation this time of the year as cabin fever or "spring fever" lures sportsmen out to hunt jackrabbits, rock chucks or ground squirrels. Anglers also begin to show up on reservoirs and streams.

This year has been a "high" in the rabbit cycle for many areas. Populations of jackrabbits are numerous and sportsmen have been hunting. One area we have experienced a large number of hunters without hunting licenses is in the Strevell area near the Utah border. In the last few months conservation officers and county sheriff's deputies have issued nearly 40

citations in that area for hunting without valid Idaho hunting licenses.

All hunters are encouraged to purchase their hunting licenses prior to taking to the field and carry a map to make sure the area you are hunting is open and prevent accidental trespass onto private property.

Reference Idaho Code 36-401, IDAPA 13.01.06.30003.

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Michelle was pointing toward chance more than persons. Unsuccessful lottery participant Eric Kafka of Halley said, "I've never won the lottery because I've never won a wish. There were better odds for locals."

Losers and winners alike are emotional about the river lottery. The good news is that of the 40, four won. And each of the winners was on a different river. That's a four-for. One of the winners is Jerry Glogge of Twin Falls.

"The only other permit I've ever gotten was for June 20 on the Main Salmon, and when I got that, it was seven feet," Glogge said. "And I wondered

why I was the only one there!"

Here is another issue for the private permit holder. Is the river safe? Is a member of the crew been down it at its current flow? Is there someone who would be extreme sportsman? First times are fine, but being sensible is certainly safe. And to quote Les Bell: "The best accident is no accident." Like precautions. There's no substitute for experience. There's no substitute for living.

Said Jerry said, "It's [winning a permit] greater than winning the \$325,000,000 lottery, and it's collectible all in one week."

The lottery is good for some, and it's bad for others. That's the

consensus, depending on whether you're talking to winners or losers. And as always, as mother unexpectedly discovered, there are more losers than winners. If there weren't, there would be the odds of destroying the very sanctuary one wants to enjoy. Greater than 30-1 bet.

As is, the lottery is working, and, as the contest says, "It's a legitimately preserved. But what about the future? Lotteries are statistical, not personal. And as the number of applicants increases, the odds of winning diminishes. The problem for the future, the dilemma for locals, is whether the permits will go to curious or to the lovers of rivers?"

"I did it in Montana, growing up. We used to line up 10 skiers, 10 horses. We'd run 400 feet around a barrel and back," he said. "The biggest thing back then wasn't getting tangled up. Now, you're on the track by yourself, this is just more technical."

Stutz finished the day in first place with a combined time of 42:57.

"I did rodeo in high school and ski racing in high school. A lot of people hear about it and say 'whatever.' A lot of good racers came out of Stutz. A lot of guys will ski behind a snow machine but they won't touch a 1,200 lb horse."

Stutz describes his secret to winning while giant horses with long hair stroll by in the distance. Kids talk with grandparents and different cultures. In lawn care, Van Morrison still plays at a slightly uncomfortable level and Stutz smiles and shakes his head when asked about Ski-Joring in the K-C Games.

"It'd be a kick in the ass to see it go that far," he says.

Lottery

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turned in between 1:20. The total applications for all rivers in 2005 was over 16,100. In 2006 the total was 16,831, counting the "free" permits issued to Canadians. That represents applicants, not participants. Participants are in the tens of thousands.

"I'm aware of about 40 persons who entered the lottery(s). One of the losers, Michelle Walsh of Boise said, "I feel awful. I'm really fed up. I feel like I'm being held out on us." They in this context are those who run the lottery and is the group with whom the permits issued to."

"There is no red blame here.

Ski-Joring

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To stink it all up, have a beer and a hot dog.

In the opposite end of the crowd stood a group of people standing around a grill, keeping warm and making sure the meat didn't overcook.

"It's pretty crazy around here," said Brandon Moore, laughing. "The whole thing is pretty intense. When you're watching guys go off jumps, flying around, they're making us, blowing out AC's." Moore was volunteering at the event, picking up beer cans and keeping the grounds clean.

"I would say basically it's a rodeo on snow... an intense rodeo on snow... it's like riding a bull on snow." Moore concluded.

Racers were hooked to a horse by a 33-foot pulpe rope that connected to saddle with a carabiner-type device. Peterson started a group of commentators with another volunteer at the finish via Walkie-talkie, giving racers the signal when to begin.

"See we've done ski-joring before were competing for fastest time, while more advanced (see:

brave) entrants were required to explode off jumps and grab rings that dangled from wire ropes."

The contestants did this while old acquaintances were revisted.

Jane Drussel charted with old friends in the crowd while waiting for her granddaughter to make an appearance.

"I've never seen horses pulling people on skis before. I think it's great, though. Only if you live in a small community do you see things like this — we're very fortunate."

Drussel's eight-year-old granddaughter, Michaela, saw no fun in participating in the extreme sport.

"I have snow machines at home that pull me with a rope," she said of her preparation. Her grandmother quickly adds a side note. "It's not really scary for her — she's been skiing since she was four."

Ski-jores were penalized for missing or dropping a ring, benedict if their horse hit a gate and penalized if both ski tips touched the ground around the gate. They were disqualified if the rider, skier or horse is unable to complete their second

run, according to the official Wood River Extreme Ski-Joring Association rules.

So while Drussel's rider encouraged her horse to "hee-yahhh!" Tara Bell looked back at her two races, which saw her take home first place with a combined time of 51:06, more than 27 seconds better than the second-place finisher.

"The course today is a little slower because the gates at the end spread further out," she said.

"So, to make them all the horse had to slow down to zoring back and forth." Bell has attended Ski-joring events before, but until this weekend, only as a spectator.

"I always wanted to do it," Bell said. "It wasn't until this year, though, that she got a call from Dolly Thacker, a rider who heard she could ski. "It was really fun. I hit one (jump) at the end and landed on the flat. It was a little over-the-top. I'm not quite that caliber of a Ski-jorer yet," she said.

One who is, though, was Curtis Stutz. He started the Snowy Mountain Ski-Joring Association and has been involved with

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TO THE TOP

More women are tackling ribbons of ice

OURAY, Colo. (AP) — There already has been a woman in space, female chief executive, senator, race car driver — not much opportunity for firsts as a woman these days.

For Ines Papert, a feisty, petite woman from Germany, the male-dominated world of ice climbing was where she found her firsts, and she's carved out quite a few: Mission Impossible in Italy, Tomnahawk and Vertical Limit in Switzerland. There are some of the most difficult routes to climb in the world and until Papert, only men had tried.

Now, more and more women are joining her in a sport that long has been limited to adventurous men.

Exact numbers are hard to come by, but anecdotal evidence shows those involved in the sport say the number of female climbers has jumped in the last few years, perhaps tenfold. And with balance and agility more important than brute strength, women are starting to make their mark.

Last year at the Ouray Ice Climbing Festival in this southwestern Colorado mountain town, Papert beat her male counterparts in the competition by more than 3 minutes. She won the female competition necessary for this year.

"For me there is no question, can I do it or not, I just do it," Papert said.

Wielisa Rajkowski, an ice climber of elite status, says along with persistence and patience, a willingness to be humbled ("You could be doing everything right and a chunk of ice can fall and hit you in the face and make you bleed") is a key to doing well in the sport — not necessarily a competitive trait you associate with men.

"Women do better right off the bat because it's all about detail," said Dave Rensberg, a Boulder guide who leads climbs around the world and gets paid by gear manufacturers. "Women are more technical. They don't just hack away like men."

— Dave Rensberg, a Boulder, Colo. guide

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Ines Papert, a world champion climber from Germany, works her way up the ice during mixed climbing competition Jan. 15 at the Ouray Ice Festival in Ouray, Colo.

"What do you do with it, do you think?"

A short time later, a single-file line of would-be climbers heads down a narrow path along the Uncompahgre Gorge, leaving a trail of claw-like footprints as they descend to the bottom and arrive at the School House. As the name suggests, this part of the gorge is beginner friendly.

The ice in the 1.5-mile-long gorge — the result of 10 million gallons of water piped in and spilled here when the temperatures are just right — is the blue color of the water to the top of the ice.

The climbers, wearing crampons attached to their boots and ice picks leashed to their wrists, peer up at their task. S c r a t c h, scratch, twack. Good stick. The pick is securely in the ice.

Tap, tap, tap.

Another step up the ice.

Looking like a cat on curtains along the frozen wall, Shannon Heringer lets out a little whoop.

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Rajkowski, who works at Ouray Mountain Sports, has noticed the sport slowly being promoted more to women and has seen an increase in the number of women coming into the store for their own gear. But many are the wives or girlfriends of male climbers.

Papert herself got started in the sport after ascending a peak in Peru with an ex-boyfriend.

"But it was not my success. I just followed," she said. "And I don't like to just follow."

Kim Reynolds, a veteran ice climber from nearby Ridgway, got tired of seeing women content with just following. So she started Chicks with Picks, which offers five ice climbing clinics each year for women by women in Colorado and New Hampshire.

"They weren't taking control of the situation," Reynolds said. "They weren't lead climbing or setting up anchors."

Sandy Heise, another Ridgway climber who works with Reynolds and got into the sport at the behest of a boyfriend, thinks the sport's list of prior-knowledge-required tools, such as ice screws, keeps women from trying the sport.

"Women are intimidated by things that are gear intensive," she said. "Guys are the ones typically seen as the gear-heads."

When Chicks with Picks started in 2000, Reynolds led one clinic with 18 women. Now about 80 participate.

"When I started, women ice climbers were as rare as ice climbing in summer," said Will Gapp, a world champion who has been climbing for more than 20 years and written books about techniques.

He said he thinks more women have become involved as the sport has grown in general and as gear has gotten better, not just for climbing but for keeping warm.

"Women are generally smart. They don't like to be cold and miserable," he said. "They're not like men, who'll be like, 'Ughh, I can handle it.'"

Pomerelle holds competition

ALBION — Pomerelle's Competition X 2006: A Triple Challenge will be held this Saturday for mountain bikers, skiers and boaters.

Mountain bike competition begins at 10 a.m. and boaters and skiers begin at noon. Events are open to all ages. There is a \$5 entry fee and a \$5 fee to deposit.

Competitors under 18 will need to have a waiver signed by a parent. These are available on-line at www.pomerelle-min.com.

Trophies will be given for the top three places in each division. For more information, call Pomerelle at 673-5599.

Jerome D.J. chapter will meet on Saturday

JEROME — The Jerome Ducks Unlimited Chapter will be holding its Annual Couples Banquet on Saturday. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner being served until 9 p.m. The dinner will be catered by Kirt Martin of The Snake River Grill. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information call Randall Rector at 673-5425.

Join CSI for open pool night, water sports

TWIN FALLS — Come hang out with the College of Southern Idaho Outdoors program, get confident in your roll, or learn how to roll. Wednesdays are open pool night on at the Twin Falls City pool from 7:50 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. in the month of March. Boats, skis, and paddle will be provided for those enlisted for instruction prior to each (separate) class date.

The fee is \$20 for instruction, \$15 for pool use plus our equip-

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ment, or \$7 for just pool use. (There is no session on March 22 for the spring break.)

Other CSI watersport activities include:

Scuba certification — Get your SCUBA certification in two weekends for the unreal price of \$250. Just in time before Spring Break! Fee includes pool fees, equipment use, instruction, books, lecture room, and certification. So get your materials early and start studying.

Beginner kayak — Starts March 8. Beginner kayaking is a nine-week course that introduces — and advances the exciting world of whitewater, hardshell and inflatable kayaking. Skills include safety, environmental etiquette, equipment essentials, and fundamentals of river reading, sweep, draw, and skull strokes; low and back bracing; wet exit, boat lean, basic boat control, and self-rescue rolls. It will end with a two day trip on the river to apply these new skills.

For more information call the CSI Outdoors program at 732-6637.

Nordic skiers gather for spring meeting

TWIN FALLS — Members of the High Desert Nordic Association will meet for the final time this season on Wednesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the restaurant on 598 Blue Lakes Blvd.

Members will select new board members, discuss plans for late-season ski activities and report on skiing conditions and outings in recent weeks.

Association meetings are open to all interested in cross-country and back-country skiing. For more information call 733-1882, or go to the groups Web site at www.skiidn.org.

Sharpen your ski racing skills at Magic Mountain

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is teaming up with Magic Mountain Racing to offer ski racing technique clinics where beginner and intermediate level skiers will learn basic ski racing skills including navigating ski course gates.

Jake Cowden, an experienced ski racing coach from the University of Wyoming, will serve as coach. Cowden was also a NCAA Division-I all-American. He has 18 years experience coaching high school collegiate and professional ski racers. The assistant coach for these clinics is Kent Holyoak, who has 10 years experience in ski patrol.

The two-day clinic will take place this Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Magic Mountain Ski Resort. The cost will be \$50 for kids ages 7 to 15 and \$60 for those 16 and older.

One-day clinics take place the same day, time and location. The cost is \$35 for ages 7 to 15, and \$40 for those 16 and older.

The cost includes the clinic and the ski pass. Proof of current health insurance and a ski helmet are required. Pre-registration for this clinic is required at Twin Falls Parks and Recreation, 136 Maxwell Ave. or call 736-2265 for information.

— compiled from staff reports

Hike across Nevada impresses duo

RENO, Nev. (AP) — John Dalton and his niece, Laura Hall, made a discovery on a trek that led them from one end of Nevada to another.

Contrary to Nevada's image as a desert wasteland, they learned the nation's most arid state has some of the most varied life in the United States, with plants, insects, fish, amphibians and at least one mammal — the playful Palmer's chipmunk — found nowhere else.

Plant life was particularly prolific on the two-month, 510-mile hike that ended Oct. 15. While other hikers have crossed the width of Nevada in recent decades, Dalton and Hall are believed to be the first to traverse its length.

"I couldn't believe the variety of life out there," said Hall, 22, of Circleville, Ohio. The color of the wildflowers and shrubs and aspens was amazing. Everything out there was different. It was always changing and beautiful."

The pair chose an unlikely place for the adventure: an empty swath of eastern Nevada near the Utah line, one of the nation's least-populated regions. They encountered few people and only scattered ranches as they walked dirt roads from Jarbidge along the south of the Arizona line south of Mesquite.

Dalton, 65, of San Jose, Calif., said he fell in love with Nevada's stark beauty while assigned with the Strategic Air Command in the 1950s at the then-

Hawthorne Navy Ammunition Depot.

"I tried to tie as many fascinating areas together as possible for the hike," said Dalton, who pulled a rickshaw loaded with more than 150 pounds of water and supplies. "I've always thought eastern Nevada is the prettiest part of the state and the least known."

Among scenic high spots were Ruby Valley near Elko, Cave Valley south of Ely and Cathedral Gorge State Park near Pioche. The combined population of the few towns they passed, including Ely, Pioche and Caliente, totals no more than 12,000.

Starting out in the Jarbidge Mountains on the Columbia Plateau, they saw stands of subalpine fir, whitebark pines and aspen. By hike's end on the Mojave Desert, they had entered a realm of Joshua trees, cholla cactus, yucca and creosote in between were the Great Basin's endless sage plains and piñon-juniper woodlands.

Particularly beautiful were stands of aspen with brilliant yellow and red leaves, and extensive fields of purple wildflowers. They trekked diversely," said Dalton, former director of product development for the Lockheed Martin Corp. in Sunnyvale, Calif. "The Horn was greatly diversified, but the fauna we did not see nearly as much as we had hoped, probably because it was hunting season."

Glenn Clemmer, administration-

tor of the state-run Nevada National Heritage Program, said he still finds the state's collection of plants and animals surprising after 20 years in his position.

Nevada ranks 11th of the 50 states in variety of species and sixth in native species with 173 species, according to a 2002 study by the conservation group NatureServe of Arlington, Va.

Biologists attribute the variety to the sheer size of the nation's seventh largest state and to the diverse habitats of its uniquely basin-and-range topography. Nevada has more than 320 mountain ranges; more than any state other than Alaska.

"When you drive Interstate 80 across northern Nevada, you don't get a sense of the diversity," Clemmer said, noting there are countless pockets that sustain thousands of animals and plant species.

"I'm glad someone from our state saw this. They weren't walking with their eyes closed," he added.

Hall, a backpacker who carried about 45 pounds of supplies, said she and her uncle also were impressed by unspecified vistas.

"I think the most interesting thing I've heard nothing but the wind," said Hall, who plans to attend the Medical University of Ohio in Toledo next year. "You can turn around in all directions and see nothing for miles and miles." It's nature as nature should be.

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Market Watch

March 2, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	-28.02	11,025.51
Nasdaq composite	-3.83	2,311.11
Standard & Poor's 500	-2.10	1,289.14
Russell 2000	-2.19	740.16

Stocks of local interest

Company	close	change
Albertsons	\$25.38	▼ .02
Con-Agra	\$23.07	▼ .28
Dell Inc.	\$29.56	▲ .29
Intercept	\$32.00	▼ .54
Micron	\$47.99	▼ .02
Sempra	\$47.99	▼ .02

Commodities

Commodity	close	change
Oil, by barrel	\$65.36	▲ 1.39
(April, light sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$86.80	▼ .22
Gold (March)	\$568.20	▲ 4.70

Costco shares hit 5-year high

SEATTLE — Costco Wholesale Corp., the nation's largest wholesale-club operator, said Thursday that its fiscal second-quarter profit slipped 3 percent, but the results still beat Wall Street expectations, nudging its shares to its highest level in five years. Costco shares rose 61 cents, or 1.2 percent, to close at \$52.80 Thursday on the Nasdaq Stock Market after rising earlier in the day to \$53.30, its highest level in five years.

Wal-Mart raises annual dividend

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, said Thursday it would raise its annual dividend by 11.7 percent to 67 cents per share, an increase that will give shareholders \$2.7 billion in dividend income this fiscal year.

Wal-Mart said it would pay the new dividend in four quarterly installments of 16.75 cents per share, starting in April.

Northwest, pilots keep talking; strike looms

MINNEAPOLIS — The threat of mutually assured destruction kept Northwest Airlines and its pilots at the bargaining table on Thursday. Though Northwest had the power to impose a cost-cutting contract of its choosing, the pilots' threat of a strike that could wreck the nation's fourth-largest airline made that unlikely, Northwest spokesman Kurt Brubaker said the company will keep talking.

Self-help books are growing in popularity

NEW YORK — Think of all the things we see on the news these days, starting with stress, job insecurity, obesity, health-care costs and the number of baby boomers becoming senescens. Perhaps as a result, anxiety is on the rise, too — and Americans are looking for help at the bookstore — specifically the self-help section — where sales are also on the upswing.

Such books, which represent 3.7 percent of adult nonfiction titles, reportedly account for \$580 million in annual sales, 10.7 million copies were sold, up from 9.5 million the year before, according to Nielsen BookScan US, a sales monitoring service.

Tomorrow



Historic Buhl building gets new life as an upscale clothing store.

Paul restaurant opens in Twin Falls

By Marlo Mischel
For the Times-News

PAUL — Soon you can find a taste of burley in Twin Falls' Magic Valley Mall.

Steve's, the popular restaurant that for 10 years has been known for its charbroiled burgers, steaks, potatoes and fries, will open Friday in the food court where McDonald's had been.

"We specialize in fresh-cut fries and our famous seasoned steak fries," owner Steve Dells said Tuesday in the wood-paneled Mini-Cassia location. "All our food is going to be fresh. That's what has made this place successful, and we hope it will make that piece successful too."

Steve and his wife, LoLanne, plan to continue operating the local restaurant, but see the Twin Falls location as a natural expansion.

"It's just an opportunity to have a bigger population to draw from," Steve said.

The Dells' opened the restaurant on 600 S. Paul on April 25, 1996, and the menu listed just six items. Steve said he wondered if they even

needed a credit card machine and LoLanne decided the restaurant only needed a handful of forks for table settings.

"I thought we wouldn't ever have six people eating at the same time," LoLanne said. "And hamburgers are finger food. I thought we'd only need napkins."

Now, after a decade of steady growth, the menu includes steak, seafood and pasta as well as burgers. The couple looks back and laughs at their naivete. Their children help run the business: even their 6-year-old twins like to come in and clean tables, LoLanne said.

"It has always been a family operation," she said. "I think it helps a business. I don't know what it adds, but it adds something."

Most of the items at the Mini-Cassia location will be on the menu in Twin Falls, including the seasoned steak fries, hamburgers, steaks, fish and chips and jumbo prawns.

"These are the things that have made this place what it is," Steve said. "It will be the same food. We're going to set



LoLanne and Steve Dells, owners of Steve's, are opening a sister restaurant in Twin Falls' Magic Valley Mall. The couple opened Steve's in 1996. "It's just an opportunity to have a bigger population to draw from," Steve Dells said.

up the kitchen the same way. We'll use a cardboard box to serve the food. That will be the only difference."

The food at the new location

may be the same as in Burley, but the menu will be missing a few things, most notably trout, halibut and steaks.

"It's hard to serve steak with

plastic knives," Steve said. "It's mostly finger food in the mall."

The Dells at Steve's 2 will be as familiar as the food. Five of the six employees at the mall will be those who now work at the Mini-Cassia location.

But those at the original eatery won't be left to break in new staff. Instead, most of the employees will begin working full-time rather than part-time, Steve said.

The Mini-Cassia location recently underwent a remodel and now can seat 60 people. Larger tables were put in to accommodate bigger groups. However, the Dells' don't plan to expand the original restaurant any further.

"We refined it," LoLanne said, "but we want to keep the quality and service that people expect."

The Mini-Cassia restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The new location will operate during mall hours, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Marlo Mischel writes for the South Idaho Press.

WORDS CAN'T EXPRESS



Kentarō Toyama, assistant managing director of Microsoft Research India, right, explains to Microsoft employee Tami Fosmark "Text-Free User Interfaces for Emerging Markets," an application to help people who are illiterate to use computers.

Microsoft tries to help connect the illiterate

By Allison Linn
The Associated Press

REDMOND, Wash. — Can someone who doesn't even know how to read or write use a computer?

Microsoft Corp. is probing that question at a research lab in India.

Working with a local advocacy group, Microsoft has developed a prototype of a system that would connect illiterate domestic workers in India with families seeking their services. The system uses pictures, video and voice commands to tell women what jobs are available, how much the jobs pay and where they are.

The goal is to help the women secure work more efficiently, as the first step toward creating broader tools to help illiterate people benefit from technological advances.

The software was on display Wednesday as part of Microsoft Research

TechFest, an annual gathering of employees from the company's various research and development centers. The researchers, located in China, India, England and the United States, provide the company with a mix of far-flung technology and more practical applications.

Researchers on the Indian project say they have had to overcome their preconceptions about how the technology should work, and why people would want to use it.

Kentarō Toyama, a researcher overseeing the project, said the first big hurdle was to understand what kind of computer images actually made sense to the domestic workers.

A photograph of dirty dishes, for example, was too precise — the women thought those were the actual dishes they were supposed to wash. But a realistic cartoon, with water running over dishes, worked well.

Also, the women associated neighborhoods with landmarks rather than addresses, so an interactive map and verbal directions had to be tweaked to represent that.

Even after extensive revisions, the researchers found that while the women understood how to use the technology, they had trouble seeing why a computerized system for finding work was better than traditional word-of-mouth.

The researchers eventually created a video — with popular "Bollywood" moves in mind — showing a woman, complaining to her spouse that she needed another job, and using the computer to find it. That worked.

The researchers say they are now trying to figure out how to implement the system, since most women who do domestic work don't own computers. One option is to put up a kiosk in a community center, Toyama said.

Affordable housing continues nationwide decline

By Alan J. Havens
Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Even when you're trying to make housing affordable, a booming real estate market can continually thwart your efforts.

Take, for example, the experience of Celebration, Fla., the 10-year-old New Urbanist community just outside the gates of Walt Disney World. They've tried to build smaller and less expensive houses there, town architect Mark Jones said, and almost every time "sale prices rise faster than we can build."

But that's not the case only in the central Florida new-home market, according to the National Association of Realtors. NAR's most recent data show that fewer Americans are able to afford to buy a house in 2005 than in 2003, although existing-home sales numbers were about even for the last three years.

The twin issues in the resale market have been prices increasing faster than annual income and rising mortgage rates. The most recent data show that since 2003, the median sale price of an existing home nationally rose to \$207,300, from \$170,000.

In that time, the effective rate for 30-year fixed mortgages rose to 5.91 percent from 5.74 percent in 2003 (they average about 6.3 percent today), boosting the monthly principal and interest payment on a median-priced home to \$985 from \$775.

What this means is that to buy a \$207,300 house, assuming 20 percent down and a 25 percent down payment rate for monthly housing expenses to gross income, loan underwriting would require a buyer to have a median annual family income of \$57,214, the NAR data show.

Compare that with 2003, when the median annual family income needed was \$52,662. Does that mean things are running downhill fast? Not necessarily.

NAR spokesman Walt Molony cautioned that the affordability index is both "relatively slow-changing" and subject to seasonal variations. "In addition, the index was created in 1981 by the lending criteria assumptions and mortgage instruments were considerably different from what they are today," Molony said.

The data NAR uses to measure changes in affordability also assume a down payment of 10 percent, "far from the national median of 2 percent today," he said.

Pssst ... wanna buy a wedding dress?

Dream clouds eBay shopper's common sense

By Jeff Galles
Knight Ridder News Service

Blakely Smith dreamed of getting married in a Monique Moulin wedding gown — the kind she'd always loved when she saw them on pop stars like Pink in People magazine.

Now she's out \$2,400 to an eBay scammer, and thinking

maybe she should get married in a courthouse.

She called to tell her tale of wedding-dress-lust, clouded judgment, and wedding-dream-foat.

Yes, it's a bit embarrassing. But she hopes to help others avoid the same feeble.

Ebay says Smith made at least two textbook mistakes en route to being scammed. What may make her case most remarkable, though, is how it ended — in a bitter exchange with her anonymous scammer.

It came after Smith had paid her money and received nothing

back. She e-mailed "Kate," the supposed seller, told of a coworker's eBay horror story, and outlined why she was growing suspicious. "I am sorry to be this way, but in today's world, it is not totally off base to be wary," she said.

To which "Kate" replied: "That's true, indeed. I just scanned you, sorry for that. It's nothing personal. ... It's how I do, and it pays well."

How did Smith get into this mess? The way any confidence game victim does — by letting an overabundance of trust overwhelm ordinary caution.

Smith, 29, works in advertising at Philadelphia Style magazine. Her fiancé, Michael Minton, teaches high school science. She turned to eBay because, dreams or not, a new Monique Moulin gown was out of reach.

She was the top bidder for the gown, which sold new for \$5,500 and features Alençon lace, "decadent silk chausseuse lining" and an "exquisite golden silk sash." But she fell short of the reserve, the seller's hidden minimum price.

She couldn't tell how short.

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Wall Street stocks finish lower on retail sales worries

By Michael J. Martinez
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Nervous investors bid stocks modestly higher Thursday as disappointing retail sales reports dispelled fresh concerns about a slowdown in the economy and a dropoff in corporate revenues. A surge in oil prices also spurred selling.

While many big-name retailers reported solid, if uninspiring, sales for February, the majority of monthly retail sales were below Wall Street's expectations — a disturbing sign for investors who hope consumer spending will remain robust in the face of

expected interest rate increases from the Federal Reserve.

The economy is slowing, not to the point where anybody's really worried, but if corporate profits follow along with it, you're going to want to see the Fed finish up with rate hikes," said Russ Koesterich, senior portfolio manager at Barclays Global Investments in San Francisco. "The Fed is going to err on the side of inflation. So the one catalyst that could move the markets out of this trading range doesn't seem to be there right now."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 28.02, or 0.25 percent, to 11,025.51.

Broader stock indicators also

fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 2.10, or 0.16 percent, to 1,289.14, and the Nasdaq composite index slipped 3.53, or 0.5 percent, to 2,311.11.

Bonds fell for a second straight session, with the 10-year Treasury note losing 4.64 percent from a 4.64 percent late Wednesday. The dollar lost ground against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Unrest in oil-producing regions as well as higher natural gas prices helped boost crude oil futures. A barrel of light crude settled at \$63.36, up \$1.39, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The retail worries overshadowed another sign of strength in the labor market. First-time jobless claims rose by 15,000 last week to 294,000, according to the Labor Department. The second season's gains kept claims below 300,000 for the seventh straight week.

The claims data, however, did not provide any additional clarity on the overall economy. The week's economic data, while plentiful, has been mixed, leaving investors with their uncertainties about economic growth and prompting what Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co., called a knee-jerk reaction to each new

bit of data.

"You look at the past three days, we've gone up and down again," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. "Without any real catalyst, and really without knowing what the Fed will do, we're going to bounce around here for a while."

The Fed meets March 28, and is likely to raise the nation's benchmark interest rate to 4.75 percent. Wall Street will be watching closely for signs whether the March rate hike will be the last in the recent string of increases, or whether the Fed sees more signs of inflation to combat.

Against a backdrop of slowing consumer spending and falling retail sales, more rate hikes could further slow economic growth, which is why investors punished retail sector stocks. Among those reporting retail sales: discount merchants and department stores.

Wal-Mart slipped 9 cents to \$45.06, while Target fell 86 cents to \$53.71.

Scam

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Neither the presumably cool scammer, but the "Kate" knew when to pounce.

Soon after the auction closed, Smith got a message via her e-mail account. The scammer had decided to accept her final bid, it said, and directed her to reply to an outside-e-mail address.

Looking back, Smith realizes that was a red flag. She should have been warned against in a "Marketplace Safety Tip" on the same screen: "If you receive a response inviting you to transact outside of eBay, you should decline — such transactions may be unsafe and are against eBay policy."

Another red flag was the wire transfer. "Kate" requested, saying her account on PayPal, eBay's own payment system, had been frozen because of what she called a scammer's intrusion.

But Smith, now a eBay, didn't notice either warning until the deed was done. Last Monday, after a brief e-mail exchange

with "Kate," she sent her money — the \$2,000 including fees — to a Western Union office in Mount Clemens, Mich.

Police there are investigating, and may catch the scammer or a day or two later, the scammer has broader lessons in Smith's story for anyone new to eBay.

One is that eBay says it can only warn against scammers, not prevent them. Ultimately, the lie is between the buyer and seller. This is just a venue," spokesman Ian Duray told Smith.

Smith is understandably angry by the suggestion she fell victim to her own greed. She returned to eBay for a used wedding dress, and lost eight months of savings. The truth is, eBay can be a risky place for novices.

Don't take my word. Consider "Kate" put in her e-mail her name as the scammer game Smith: "It's like the food chain, you know — I was the predator, she was the prey."

SIX SOURCES TO CONSIDER IF YOU NEED TO BORROW CASH

By Marshall Loeb
MarketWatch

NEW YORK — You need a loan for home improvements, a car, an investment opportunity or to pay off those high-interest credit cards. You may be surprised at how many different ways there are to obtain your existing assets to get a good loan.

Here are six sources for general-purpose loans:

- **Home equity loan.** You borrow against the value of your house, a figure that has risen substantially in the past few years for many Americans. You can get a substantial sum at favorable rates and the interest is tax-deductible up to \$100,000.
- **IRA loan.** If you use the money to invest in a home, you can borrow up to 5% of the value of your securities. The interest you'll pay is deductible up to the amount of income you earn on the loan amount unless

the securities are tax-exempt. If the value of your securities drops, your broker may demand more of your portfolio as collateral. Stay on the safe side and generally around 20 percent of your portfolio's value. Rates: Generally between 0.5 and 2 percentage points above the so-called brokers' call rate, currently around 3.5 percent.

- **Your life insurance policy.** If you own a whole, universal or variable life insurance policy you can borrow the amount under the policy's cash value. You'll have to pay taxes on the interest and if you don't repay the principal, the outstanding debt will be withdrawn from your death benefit, which may hurt you later in life when a valuable policy can hedge against rising premiums. Rates vary between insurers.
- **Your local bank.** Try the branch where you have a savings or checking account or a

credit union. Regular customers sometimes earn rates as low as 2 percentage points below those for noncustomers. An unsecured personal loan will come with a higher rate, but it may be lower than what you're paying on your credit cards. If you secure the loan you can earn a lower rate and you may be able to borrow more than a relatively new car, boat or other asset. Rates: Vary depending on institution and collateral.

Relatives and friends. Don't borrow money from family and friends; you'll fry your relationships. But don't discount a personal loan either. You may be able to pay a higher rate than your relative would earn on money if it were to remain in a bank account and the interest will still be far less than on a credit card.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Name	Div	Low	High	Chg
ADP	41.18	41.18	41.18	+0.13
AIG	43.50	43.50	43.50	+0.15
Alcoa	36.45	36.45	36.45	-0.10
Amgen	47.50	47.50	47.50	+0.15
Arista	19.50	19.50	19.50	-0.10
Arista	19.50	19.50	19.50	+0.15
Bank of America	32.50	32.50	32.50	+0.10
Boeing	55.00	55.00	55.00	+0.15
Boston	24.50	24.50	24.50	+0.10
Caterpillar	47.50	47.50	47.50	+0.15
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Eastman	32.50	32.50	32.50	+0.10
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Merck	32.50	32.50	32.50	+0.10
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Monsanto	32.50	32.50	32.50	+0.10
Pfizer	32.50	32.50	32.50	+0.15
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Yield	32.50	32.50	32.50	+0.15

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE		AMEX		NASDAQ		
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Vol	Vol	Vol	Vol	Vol	Vol	
DanCorp 95330	104-81	SPDR 97152	129-36	1	JDS Uniphil 14223	34-00
Chesapeake 51330	31.70	SPDR 97152	129-36	1	JDS Uniphil 14223	34-00
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INDEXES

Index	Low	High	YTD
Dow Jones	11025.51	11025.51	-0.25
S&P 500	1289.14	1289.14	-0.16
Nasdaq	2311.11	2311.11	-0.50
Russell 2000	4000.00	4000.00	-0.10
NYSE Composite	5000.00	5000.00	-0.10

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 625 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange.

Mutual funds are 1,118 separate. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

Names: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.

Div: Dividend annual dividend paid on stock. Based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise indicated.

Div Yr: Dividend stock yield based on price.

Chg: Change up or down by the price change closed by the day.

Low: Lowest price of the day.

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MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including Wheat, Corn, Soybeans, and other grains. Columns include commodity name, price, and change.

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BEANS

Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds. No. 1... information subject to contract details.

GRAINS

Prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans. Information subject to contract details.

WHEAT

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CORN

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SOYBEANS

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Dick Cheney urges Americans to save more for retirement

WASHINGTON—Vice President Dick Cheney urged Americans Thursday to do a better job of saving and challenge policymakers to strengthen pensions and Social Security to help people in their golden years.

The American dream begins with saving money and that should begin on the very first day of work, Cheney told a conference here exploring how to encourage people to boost savings and be better prepared for retirement.

Cheney renewed President Bush's call in his State of the Union address for the creation of a bipartisan commission to study the impact of retiring baby boomers on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

There will always be a wagon load of excuses for ignoring the problem of entitlements, Cheney said. "But Americans have a right to expect more out of the nation's leaders, especially when it comes to Social Security and other defining national promises."

Lawmakers in the House and Senate have passed separate versions of pension bills, and to include it, please call Ramona Jones at 733-0931, Ext. 262, with your suggestions.

MUTUAL FUNDS table listing various mutual funds, their assets, and performance metrics. Columns include fund name, assets, and other financial data.

NATION IN BRIEF

Boycott throws Gitmo hearing into disarray

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — The hearing for a Guantanamo detainee charged with conspiring to commit murder was thrown into disarray Thursday after he boycotted the session and the U.S. military judge criticized the defense attorneys.

The stalemated proceedings exposed problems in the U.S. military tribunals — the first since the aftermath of World War II — that were set up for prisoners captured by U.S. forces and their allies. Many of the detainees at this U.S. military base in eastern Cuba were captured in Afghanistan.

All Hamza Ahmad Sulayman al Bahuli, a Yemeni who allegedly was a bodyguard for Osama bin Laden's founder, bin Laden, has refused since Wednesday night to attend the hearings, saying the U.S. military officer appointed as his attorney was the enemy and could not represent him.

Col. Peter E. Brownback, the presiding officer, late Wednesday asked attorneys from both sides for opinions on how to respond. Army Maj. Tom Fletcher, the defense attorney, told Brownback on Thursday that al Bahuli still refused to come to court and that his absence was voluntary.

Brownback said the information was "sufficient." The presiding officer said he would happen next was not immediately clear.

Al Bahuli was brought voluntarily Thursday to the courthouse, but because he refused to attend the proceedings, was held in a side room under guard, said Army Capt. Bruce Roberts, a tribunal spokesman.

Italy official denounces pressure for extradition

ROME — Italy's justice minister accused prosecutors Thursday of pressuring him to request the extradition of purported CIA operatives accused of kidnapping an Egyptian cleric on a Milan street in 2003.

The prosecutors have accused 22 Americans of kidnapping the cleric, Osama Moustafa Hassan Nasr, a terrorist suspect also known as Abu Omar. They contend he was snatched by the CIA and spirited away to a U.S.-Italian air base, flown to Germany and then to Egypt, where he says he was tortured.

The operation is believed to be part of the CIA's "extraordinary rendition" strategy to transfer terrorism suspects to select countries where some allegedly are subject to torture. Italian Justice Minister Roberto Castelli denounced a letter sent by prosecutors urging him to act on their extradition request as "unlawful pressure."

"The interests of the state are at stake," Castelli told journalists in an apparent reference to U.S.-Italian relations which were soured by the Italian probe of the kidnapping.

EPA: Allow ethanol plants to emit more pollution

WASHINGTON — In an action spurred by the Bush administration, the Bush administration has proposed allowing ethanol plants to send more hazardous air pollutants into the air.

The Environmental Protection Agency announced Thursday a rule that would raise the emissions threshold for corn milling plants that produce ethanol fuel, allowing those plants to emit up to 250 tons per year of air pollutants before triggering tougher restrictions on production.

Currently, corn milling plants can emit 100 tons of pollutants per year. Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., has been pushing the agency to make the change since last fall, noting that corn milling plants that produce ethanol products for human consumption had a higher emissions threshold than those that produce ethanol fuel.

The change, he says, will help the country navigate gasoline prices by producing more renewable energy.

When a stranger calls ...



Rep. Tim Murphy, R-Penn., picks up his telephone handset in his office in the Cannon House Office building on Capitol Hill, on Wednesday. Last fall, Murphy's office started getting phone calls from constituents who complained about receiving recorded phone messages that bad-mouthed Murphy. As it turned out, someone was using a fake Caller ID system.

Officials raise warnings over spoofed Caller ID

By Peter Svensson
 Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Last fall, U.S. Rep. Tim Murphy's office started getting phone calls from constituents who complained about receiving recorded phone messages that bad-mouthed Murphy. The constituents were especially upset that the messages appeared to come from the congressman's own office. At least, that's what Caller ID said.

People thought we were making the calls, Murphy said. The calls, which the Pennsylvania Republican estimated in the thousands, were apparently placed with fake Caller ID. That has been possible for a long time, but it generally required special hardware and technical savvy.

In the last few years, Caller ID spoofing has become much easier. Millions of people have Internet telephone equipment that can be set to make any number appear on a Caller ID system. And several Web sites have sprung up to provide Caller ID spoofing services, eliminating the need for any special hardware.

For instance, Spoofcard.com sells a virtual "calling card" for \$10 that provides 60 minutes of talk time. The user dials a toll-free number, then keys in the destination number and the Caller ID number to display. The service also provides optional voice scrambling to make the caller sound like someone of the opposite sex.

Caller ID spoofing appears to be legal, though many of its uses are not. The Federal Communications Commission has never investigated the issue,

spokeswoman Rosemary Kimball said. Lance James, chief scientist at security company Secure Sciences Corp., said Caller ID spoofing Web sites are used by people who buy stolen credit card numbers. They will call a service such as Western Union, setting Caller ID to appear to originate from the card holder's home, and use the credit card number to order cash transfers that they then pick up.

Exposing a similar vulnerability, Caller ID is used by credit-card companies to authenticate newly issued cards. The recipients are generally asked to call from their home phones to activate their cards. Some card companies maintain, however, that they use additional means to confirm new cards. And caller ID spoofing may not work for calls to 1-800 numbers, where the hardware can identify calls using a separate technology.

Two spoofing services contacted by The Associated Press, Spoofcard.com and Telcspoof.com, did not return messages seeking comment about their business. However, some of the five or so Web sites in the business did appear to be completely unscrupulous; James said he had been hired by a few of them, which he would not name, to help stop the Western Union scam.

Also, both Spoofcard.com and SpoofTel.com say they will surrender call logs to authorities in response to subpoenas. Spoofcard.com says the service is "intended for entertainment purposes only."

Telephone companies can trace calls to their origin regardless of the Caller ID



Robert Douglas, a privacy consultant, sits in his office in Steamboat Springs, Colo. Douglas testified before Congress last month that pretexters (someone who poses on the phone as a customer) trade lists on finding the best spoofing services.

information they carry, but the process is laborious, especially since a call may be carried by several companies before reaching its destination. The fragmented nature of the telephone network also makes it technically difficult for the carriers to prevent spoofing.

At Verizon Communications Inc., security manager John Lewandowski said the company often gets complaints about fake Caller ID after a telemarketer has spoofed his number to cover his tracks.

In a typical case, someone will be jarrred in the middle of the night by repeated telemarketing calls. He checks Caller ID, calls the number — which is false — and starts "cussing out" the person at the other end of the line, Lewandowski

said. "And that poor guy was upset. It wasn't him," Lewandowski said. The company investigates and tracks down the callers, he added.

Apart from fraud and telemarketing, Caller ID spoofing can be used for pranks and spying.

In one case, SWAT teams surrounded a building in New Brunswick, N.J., last year after police received a call from a woman who said she was being held hostage in an apartment. Caller ID was spoofed to appear to come from the apartment.

It's also easy to break into a cell phone voice mailbox using spoofing, because many systems

Stroke patients improve by using 'weak' arm

The Associated Press

DALLAS — As long as five years after suffering a stroke, people were able to regain use of a weak arm when their strong arm was restrained during two weeks of intensive therapy, new research shows.

The study was small but is the best evidence yet that this simple and novel treatment may help restore movement to hundreds of thousands of stroke victims left with impaired limbs.

"Even if you are a long time after your stroke, there is a hope of gaining recovery," said study co-author Giandomenico Uswatte, assistant professor of psychology at University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Patients also retained the benefits of this brief treatment up to two years afterward, according to the findings published Thursday in the American Heart Association's online journal Stroke.

It is the second study in two weeks to report success with constraint or "forced use" therapy, in which a hand splint or sling is used to immobilize the patient's good arm while intensive daily physical therapy is given to strengthen the weak one.

The idea is to try to encourage the brain to rewire itself and send more signals to the impaired area and help it recover.

Traditionally, doctors thought maximum recovery was reached within six months to a year after a stroke. However, the new study suggests hope beyond that point.

Researchers put 21 people who had moderate impairment in their arms about five years after surviving a stroke through constraint therapy for 10 days. A comparison group of 20 other stroke survivors got a general exercise program instead.

That group didn't significantly improve. However, the group forced to use the weak arm improved at daily activities like holding a book, using a towel, picking up a glass or brushing their teeth.

In some of the most dramatic cases, patients began using their affected arm to write again. Some patients would come to therapy with one or arm hanging limply and by the end of the therapy be spontaneously gesturing, Uswatte said.

"This wasn't months and months of treatment, this was 10 days of treatment," said Dr. Milton Thomas of the Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation in Dallas, who had no role in the study.

The study's lead author, Edward Taub, a psychology professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham who pioneered constraint therapy, said there is a "use it or lose it" phenomenon after a stroke — if a patient avoids using an impaired limb, it will gradually get even weaker.

"The important thing is to get the person doing what they do if they get better," Taub said.

Doctors caution that such therapy should be done with a physical therapist. And stroke patients shouldn't think the approach will help them "get back to normal," said Dr. Jeffrey Borsook, a medical director of the rehabilitation unit at Stanford University Medical Center.

"Some patients get a fair amount of improvement and some get a little movement in their hand," said Terakoa, who was not part of the study. "That's a far cry from being back to normal."

Jury convicts animal welfare activists in harassment campaign

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — An animal-rights group and six members were convicted Thursday of using their Web site to incite threats, harassment and vandalism against a com-

pany that tests drugs and household products on animals. The group, Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty, maintained its actions were protected under the First Amendment.

The government charged that SHAC waged a five-year cam-

paign against Huntingdon Life Sciences, posting on its Web site information about the lab's employees and those who do business with Huntingdon, including their home phone numbers, addresses and where their children attended school. Many of those people saw

their homes vandalized, and they and their families received threatening e-mails, faxes and phone calls.

Many were also besieged by protesters wandering with photos of mutilated animals and screaming "Puppy killer" through megaphones at all

hours outside their homes. One woman said she received an e-mail threatening to cut her 7-year-old son open and stuff him with poison, and a man said he was showered with glass shards of mutilated animals and windows of his home overturned his wife's car.

NATION

Mine rescuers have not been interviewed

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rescuers who helped pull victims out of the Sago and Aracoma mines said Thursday they are still waiting to be interviewed by federal investigators who have not yet turned to them for insight into the January accidents.

Waiting to contribute to and learn more about the investigations has been difficult, the rescuers said during a visit to Capitol Hill that coincided with Senate hearings into mine safety.

"I would like to personally find out what their findings are," said mine rescuer Jim Klug. "We're just as curious as you are."

The rescuers were vocal about their displeasure over federal rules that require mine rescue teams to be within two hours from mines. They said teams should be closer than that and should be assigned to specific mines, so they could be familiar with them during accidents.

It costs roughly \$250,000 to train and equip a team, they said. Rescuer Harry Powell said it's like insurance, companies don't want to spend the money on it but "like it when they need it."

The rescuers declined to talk about their experience inside the Sago and Aracoma Coal Alma No. 1 mines, citing the ongoing investigations into the January accidents in West Virginia. One person survived and 12 people were killed at Sago and two were killed in the fire at the Aracoma mine.

Sam Stavitschek said he has been a mine rescuer for 22 years, but nothing prepared him for the emotional aspects of the Sago rescue in which the victims were overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning.

"Going to the Sago mine has been one of the roughest things I've ever done,"



Freda Sorah, left, holding a picture of her husband Joe Sorah kissing their daughter Amber Sorah, and Wanda Blevins, right, holding a picture of her with husband Dave Blevins, attend the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions hearing on the state of mine safety and health, Thursday on Capitol Hill. Both women's husbands were killed in a mine explosion, on Sept. 23, 2001, in Brookwood, Ala.

Stavitschek said. United Mine Workers of America spokesman Phil Smith said he knew of no mine rescuers who had been interviewed to date. Dick Filippot, a spokesman for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, said, "MSHA's investigation into the Sago and Alma accidents are ongoing, and not all interviews have been completed yet."

The rescuers are miners, and they say they live with the knowledge that they could end up as victims of accidents like the ones in West Virginia. "We do exactly the same things those guys did," Stavitschek said.

The rescuers also complained about not having communications equipment that allows them to talk to trapped miners.

Senate lawmakers questioned mine agency officials on why the government has not required stepped-up communications and safety equipment in mines during a hearing before the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

"We must harness the power of technology to improve mine safety," said Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., who chaired the hearing. The mine agency is review-

ing new technology and is within days of issuing an emergency rule requiring additional oxygen packs be placed in mines and that improvements be made to escape routes, acting agency head David Dye said.

The agency also drew criticism for failing to collect all of its delinquent fines and for levying fines that are too low. Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., said she couldn't understand why for more than two years the agency has failed to send delinquent fines over to the Treasury Department for collection efforts, as is required by law.

On the Net

Senate HELP Committee:
http://help.senate.gov/
Mine Safety and Health Administration:
http://www.msha.gov/

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— Jim Klug, mine rescuer on Senate hearings into mine safety

David Dye, the acting director of the mine agency, said computer problems at the mine agency and Treasury were to blame.

"Well, could you walk them across the street?" Clinton said to a round of applause from miners in the standing-room only crowd.

The agency had \$16 million in outstanding delinquent fines as of the end of last year, according to Filippot. He said the agency has collected 80 percent of its fines over the last decade.

NASA agrees to speed up deliveries

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA agreed Thursday to speed up delivery of European and Japanese components to the international space station, wrapping up plans with its global partners to finish work on the orbiting space lab by 2010. The delivery of the European Space Agency's Columbus laboratory — Europe's biggest contribution to the space station — and the Japanese Experiment Module, known as Kibo, will be bumped up by several months, if not more.

The Japanese and European agencies had been lobbying NASA to send the parts up as early as possible because NASA plans to ground its space shuttles — the chief carriers for supplies — in about four years. NASA has made a commitment to the space station through 2015 but will soon turn its focus to sending people to the moon and eventually to Mars. NASA administrator Michael Griffin said Thursday that the space station will be finished according to its original design from the early 1990s, despite substantially fewer planned trips, with 16 more shuttle flights.

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Caller

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items and to automatically grant entry to calls from the owner of the account. Shopping that requires setting a PIN code or password for the mailbox.

The slightly more complicated fashion spoofing was part of the technique used by a hacker who broke into Paris Hilton's cell-phone voicemail in 2004, according to multiple sources. Kevin Mitnick, who said he was citing hacking sources. The hacker apparently called the celebrity soliciting posing as a tech support person on the carrier, and lured the password from her.

"That is known as a 'pretex' call — someone poses on the phone as a customer, employee or even a regulator to obtain personal information from companies and individuals," an industry source told Spoofcard.com contends that its service is for "entertainment purposes," it also notes that "private investigators will find Caller ID spoofing valuable for pretext calls."

Robert Douglas, a privacy consultant in Colorado, testified before Congress last month that pretexters track the phone numbers of the best spoofing services.

Pretexters generally claim their practices are legal, as long as they don't involve financial information. A bill introduced in the Senate would make it illegal to pose as someone else to obtain phone records or e-mail records from phone company insiders.

Douglas would like legislation against Caller ID spoofing, as well as measures to protect the little interest in Washington.

"If I'm paying extra for Caller ID, which I do, there should be some ability on my part to believe what I'm getting," Douglas said.

In Alaska, State Representative Bob Lynn has introduced a bill to make spoofing a misdemeanor. False caller identification is more serious than pranks, or the annoyance of intrusive telemarketing, Lynn writes. "It facilitates fraud and can be potentially deadly."

However, it is unclear what effect the bill would have. As Lynn notes, Caller ID is a federal issue.

Matinees Every Saturday and Sunday in Twin Falls and Jerome

Features & Showtimes for March 3 to 9, 2006

Odyssey 8 Theatre

Aquamarine (PG) Daily 7:00 - 9:15
Sat - Sun 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

Madea's Family Reunion (PG) Daily 7:30 - 9:45
Sat - Sun 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45

Felicy Huffman Transamerica (PG) Daily 7:30 - 9:45
Sat - Sun 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45

When a Stranger Calls (13) Daily 7:15 - 9:15
Sat - Sun 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

Final Destination 3 (R) Daily 7:00 - 9:15
Sat - Sun 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

Big Momma's House 2 (13) Daily 7:15 - 9:30
Sat - Sun 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:30

Twin 12 Cinema

Magic Valley's True Entertainment Center

Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (PG) Daily 5:45 - 9:30
Sat - Sun 12:30 - 3:45 - 6:45 - 9:30

Steve Martin in the Pink Panther (PG) Daily 7:30 - 9:45
Sat - Sun 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45

Worlds Fastest Indian (13) Daily 7:15 - 9:45
Sat - Sun 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

Paul Walker - Running Scared (R) Daily 6:45 - 9:30
Sat - Sun 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

Ultraviolet (13) Daily 7:15 - 9:00
Sat - Sun 12:30 - 3:15 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:00

Nanny McPhee (PG) Daily 7:00 - 9:15
Sat - Sun 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

Curious George (G) Daily 7:15 - 9:00
Sat - Sun 12:00 - 3:15 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:00

Date Movie (13) Daily 7:15 - 9:00
Sat - Sun 12:00 - 3:15 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:00

Firewall (13) Daily 7:30 - 9:45
Sat - Sun 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:30 - 9:45

Great Family Fun Doogal (G) Daily 7:15 - 9:00
Sat - Sun 12:00 - 3:15 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:00

Wait Disney's Eight Below (PG) Daily 7:15 - 9:30
Sat - Sun 12:30 - 3:45 - 6:45 - 9:30

Brokeback Mountain (R) Daily 7:15 - 9:30
Sat - Sun 12:15 - 4:00 - 7:45 - 9:30

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Anthony Hopkins
One Hall of a True Story - Found at Breakable Salt Lake

FINAL DESTINATION 3
The Third Time's the Charm?
Now at the Odyssey

Orpheum Theatre

Bruce Willis - 16 Blocks (13)
Daily 7:00 - 9:05
Sat - Sun 12:30 - 2:30 - 5:00 - 7:00 - 9:00

Jerome 4 Cinema

Nanny McPhee (PG)
Daily 7:15 - 9:30
Sat - Sun 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:30

Hanson Ford

Firewall (13) Daily 7:00 - 9:15
Sat - Sun 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15
In Digital Stereo Surround

Steve Martin in the Pink Panther (PG) Daily 7:00 - 9:15
Sat - Sun 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:15

Wait Disney's Eight Below (PG) Daily 7:15 - 9:30
Sat - Sun 12:30 - 4:00 - 7:15 - 9:30

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At the Twin Cinema and Now at the Jerome Cinema 4

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Now at the Twin Cinema 12

A Fish out of Water Comedy

AQUAMARINE
Now at the Odyssey

Bruce Willis is a NY Cop and whiz, who's Distance Between Life and Death just got Very Short.

16 BLOCKS
Now at the Orpheum in Dolby Digital

Milla Jovovich
The Blood War is On!

ULTRAVIOLET
Now at the Twin Cinema

Life is more than the sum of its parts

Curious George
Now at the Twin Cinema

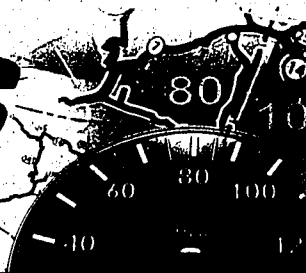
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2006 LINCOLN MARK LT PICKUP TRUCK

Luxury and elegance

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

Combining the functionality of a full-size pickup truck with the luxury and refinement of a luxury sedan, Lincoln introduced the 2006 Lincoln Mark LT last year. Designed for customers that want equal amounts of luxury and capability, the new Mark LT is based on the sophisticated Ford F-150 pickup chassis and available in two shift-on-the-fly four-wheel drive configurations. Big, solid and upscale, the Mark LT has a bold exterior look that reflects impressive strength. The face of the Lincoln truck carries the nameplate's signature upright grille.

Power for the Lincoln truck is generated by a naturally aspirated 5.4L Triton V8 engine joined to a four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive. The Mark LT is built on a stable hydroformed frame that forms a closed "box" section as opposed to the traditional "C" frame rail design. The result is increased stiffness and a stronger foundation for body and suspension components which provide above average handling and a quiet, composed ride.

On the road, the Mark LT is responsive and driver friendly - smooth and quiet at speed - solid without feeling heavy handed. Body-on-frame construction serves as the foundation for the LT's control hardware.

Suspension components for the Lincoln Mark LT consist of coil-on-shock, long-spindle double-wishbone coil-over-shock with a cast aluminum lower control arm in front and a traditional Hotchkiss-type, non-independent live setup at the rear.

The rear suspension also includes three inch leaf springs and outward shock absorbers for maximum benefit in directional control, wheel travel and ground clearance.



The 2006 Lincoln Mark LT - luxury and refinement of a luxury sedan

2006 Lincoln Mark LT by the Numbers

WHEELBASE:
138.5; overall length: 223.8;
width: 78.9; height: 73.5 (2WD),
76.0 (4WD) - measurements in
inches.

ENGINE:
5.4L V8 - 300 hp at 5,000 rpm
and 365 lbs-ft of torque at
3,750 rpm.

TRANSMISSION:
4R75E four-speed automatic
with overdrive.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 city/19 hwy. (2WD); 14
city/18 hwy. (4WD).

CARGO CAPACITY:
55.5 cu. ft.

Inside the cabin, Lincoln engineers paid close attention to the needs, wants and desires of the luxury truck audience. The passenger compartment is spacious,

Price: The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2006 Lincoln Mark LT pickup truck starts from \$34,980 for 2WD and \$42,235 for 4WD. Destination charges add \$850.

PAYLOAD CAPACITY:
1,680 lbs.

TOWING CAPACITY:
8,900 lbs.

SAFETY FEATURES:
Dual front airbags, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, electronic brake force distribution, fog lamps, universal garage door opener, side-intrusion door beams, remote keyless entry, SecuriLock passive anti-theft system, battery saver, automatic

with plenty of room for occupants front and rear. Oversized cupholders in the center console hold large cups. The driver enjoys fingertip steering wheel controls

power door locks, automatic headlamp control and conventional spare tire.

Optional safety features include limited slip rear axle, rear parking sensors and power adjustable pedals with memory.

WARRANTY:
Basic: 4-year/50,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper.

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for audio and climate control systems.

Two dash mounted power points support small electrical appliances such as laptop computers and cell phones. A

power point located at the rear of the center console makes power available to rear seat passengers. cavernous storage in the center console is designed to hold numerous items.

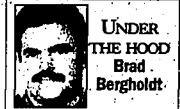
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Q: My daughter has a '91 Chevrolet S-10 and the speedometer has just quit working. Everything else works. What do we look at to find out what is causing the problem? Someone at the parts place told us it does not work with a cable. How does it work without a cable?

-John and Betty Lynch
Huntsville, Ala.



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A. During the 1980s, most automotive speedometers and odometers took a leap forward in reliability by abandoning the traditional cable drive and aluminum cup/magnet speedometer head.

You mentioned everything else works besides the speedometer. Does this include the odometer? How about the cruise control? And finally, has the service-engine-soon light come on recently? If the odometer works, this means the VSS, DRAC and wiring to the instrument cluster are all OK. The fault would have to lie in the speedometer gauge or a faulty connection in close proximity.

If the speedometer and odometer are both inoperative, and the cruise control works OK (and there's no SES light), this steers us to a wiring fault between the DRAC and instrument cluster, or faulty DRAC output to this one circuit.

If the odometer and cruise control are both inoperative, and there is an illuminated SES light, the VSS, DRAC, or wiring between them might be faulty.

I'd start at the DRAC, checking for proper power and ground, and incoming and outgoing voltage pulses, and work in the direction indicated. A less costly option, assuming the DRAC or VSS are suspect, might be to replace one or both with inexpensive wrecking-yard parts. The DRAC would need to come from an S-10 with identical gearing and the size, while the VSS would be identical to similar S-10 trucks.



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Sealed proposals will be received by the Division of Public Works, State of Idaho, at McManaman Physical Plant Building, College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave, Twin Falls, Idaho until 11:00 am, local time on March 15, 2006, for IDPW Project No. 06091, Gas Heat Return & Lighting Upgrade, Expo Building, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho. Further information including plans and forms regarding Pre-Bid Conference, availability of documents for review and bid bond requirements, is at www.idaho.gov/pw/works/divconspg. [jca:him or contact: Mustang Engineering, PA at (208) 384-0585
Estimated Cost: \$319,850
Jan P. Frazier, Deputy Administrator, Division of Public Works

PUBLISH: March 1, 2 and 9, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR DESTRUCTION OF SCHOOL RECORDS

According to school board policy, the Twin Falls School District #411 hereby gives notice that special education records, if any, are no longer needed to provide educational services to individuals with disabilities who were enrolled in the district as students prior to the year 2000 and have since left the district. The district will destroy these special education records (by shredding them) by the day of Destruction of these records is the best protection against improper and unauthorized disclosure.

Please be aware that you have special education records on file with the school district, these records may be needed for social security benefits or for other purposes in the future. If you wish to review the file or keep a copy of your records, please make the request to the administration office within 45 calendar days.

For further information contact the school district administration office.
Twin Falls School District #411 Support Services
301 Main Avenue West
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

PUBLISH: March 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2006

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale Notice: I, the undersigned, hereby give notice that, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on June 20, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 AM, of said day, AT THE OFFICE OF TITLE COMPANY, 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, its lawful portion of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to-wit: Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho Section 20; N1/ 2N1/ 2W1/ 2SW1/ 4SE1/ 4SW1/ 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 or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Wade G. Hamby, 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, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee. The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-508(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 1/22/2004, the monthly payment which became due on 9/12/2005 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of February 14, 2006 Delinquent Payments from \$228.12 Suspense Credit: \$-77.75 Total: \$3,474.13 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$48,378.41. The Trustee elects to sell or cause the trust 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 on or before the date set forth in a lawsuit to restrain the same. Dated: 2/14/2006 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Trustee Gen. Sheppard C/O: Regional Trustee Services Corporation 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.trustee.com> ASAF# 758125.

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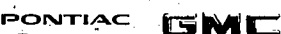


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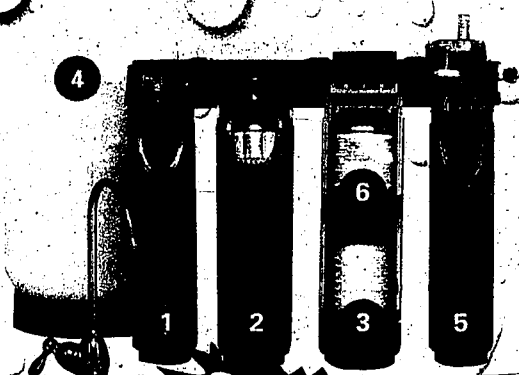
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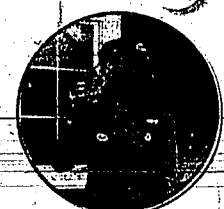
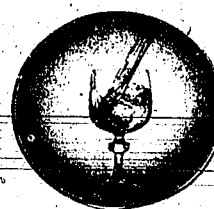
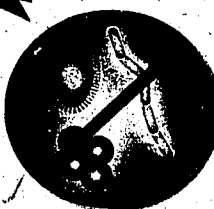
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

Case No. CV-06-965

A Petition to change the name of Kimbroburg, born 3-23-87 in Phoenix, AZ, residing at 529 Ave. E., Twin Falls, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Tiffany Dawn Kimbroburg because First and Middle names were inadvertently omitted on birth certificate. The petitioner's father is living and his address is 528 2nd Ave. E., Twin Falls. The petitioner's mother is living and her address is 528 2nd Ave. E., Twin Falls. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2006 at the County-Court house. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: Feb 28th, 2006
By/Deputy Clerk

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME, MAGISTRATE DIVISION, IN THE INTEREST OF: SARAH CARLSON CASE NO. CV-2006-193

THE STATE OF IDAHO SEES GREETING TO: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:

A petition has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate Division of District Court of Jerome County, Idaho. The petitioner, Sarah Carlson, alleging that the above-named children come within the purview of the Child Protection Act, and, You, Earl Tracy, the biological father of Sarah Carlson, are hereby notified to appear personally before the court for an Adversary hearing at the Jerome County Judicial Annex, 233 West Main, Jerome, Idaho on the 23rd day of March 2006 at 1:30 pm.

You are hereby notified that service of such summons upon you, as the parent(s), guardian, or custodian, of the above-named child, does confer the personal jurisdiction of the court upon you, and does subject you to the provisions of the Child Protection Act.

You, Earl Tracy, are notified that the parent(s), guardian, or custodian may be (temporarily) liable for the support of the child in the best interest of the child.

You, Earl Tracy, are further notified that the child and the parent(s), guardian, or custodian have the right to be represented by the parent(s), guardian, or custodian at county appointed by the court.

You, Earl Tracy, are further notified that there shall be rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the department and was also placed in out of the home care for a period of not less than fifteen (15) out of the last twenty-two (22) months from the date of adjudication, the department shall initiate a petition for termination of parental rights.

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Thomas H. Borreson, Magistrate Judge

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1528 Unfurnished Apts. And Duplex

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TWIN FALLS new office building for lease, corner of Eastland and Julia, 1728 sq. to 5300 sq. ft. available. Finish to suit. 733-2222 or 733-7051

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6006 Commercial Property

TWIN FALLS garage, 4 base, 2 offices, lift, pressure washer, storage, fence with extra land, 417 Main Ave. E. \$1600 208-734-3930

6007 Condominium / Times Shares

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, built-in AC, W/D, kitchen unit, \$375. No pet/smoking. Call 423-5332

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Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer here: A

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By Henri Arnold and Mike Argente

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OUR EDITORS PICK WHAT TO WATCH, READ & LISTEN TO

1 CD

CAT POWER: THE GREATEST (Matador)
F indie rocker Chan Marshall (a.k.a. Cat Power) records with Memphis's best backup musicians. The result: a soulful, deeply moving collection of southern noir that'll send chills up your spine.

2 MOVIE

AQUAMARINE (20th Century Fox; PG)
In this cute coming-of-age comedy, a mermaid washes ashore to grant best friends (teen stars Emma Roberts and Jojo) one wish before summer's end.

3 BOOK

EAT, PRAY, LOVE, BY ELIZABETH GILBERT (Viking; \$23)
Reeling from a nasty divorce, a disastrous affair, and crippling depression (uh-huh!), Gilbert takes off on a yearlong journey to Italy (eat), India (pray), and Bali (love). You'll be rooting for her every step of the way.

4 WEB

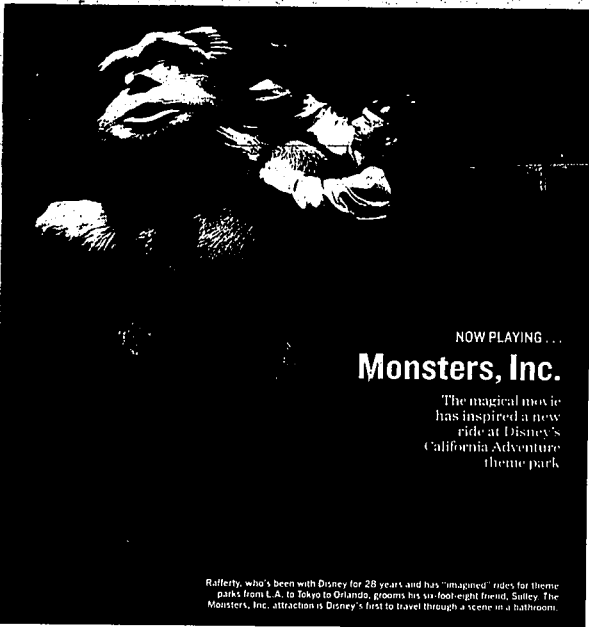
WWW.HOMEWORKSPOT.COM
Is reviewing eighth-grade biology with your child giving you night terrors? This site, for first graders to high schoolers, offers useful tips and links to online encyclopedias and other resources to help any struggling student (or parent).

5 DVD

PRIDE & PREJUDICE (Universal Studios Home Entertainment; PG)
Best actress nominee Keira Knightley revitalizes the Jane Austen perennial and makes it a classic for your DVD collection. —STACEY HENDERICKSON



Aquamarine makes a splash.



NOW PLAYING ...

Monsters, Inc.

The magical movie has inspired a new ride at Disney's California Adventure theme park.

Rafferty, who's been with Disney for 28 years and has "imagined" rides for theme parks from L.A. to Tokyo to Orlando, grows his six-foot-eight friend, Sully. The Monsters, Inc. attraction is Disney's first to travel through a scene in a bathroom.

• Kevin Rafferty, you're one of Disney's top "imagineers." What was your role in creating this latest attraction? My colleague Robert Collin and I thought it up. We planned how it would go through Monstropolis, how the story unfolds for the rider. On the far end, I pitched in with a paintbrush on the sets.

• Why isn't Monsters, Inc. a roller coaster? Good question! There's that scene in the movie where they're zooming, and that's a perfect coaster. But a 5-year-old girl came here one day and hugged a giant Sully, and I realized the characters were the biggest part of that film. In a

coaster, you'd blow right by them. In our ride, we have 16 scenes, and you spend real time with them.

• Now that the ride's open, what's the daily care and feeding of Sully and friends? There are 40 three-dimensional, moving figures, including five 200-pound Sullies. That's a thousand square feet of fur—enough to carpet a house—to brush.

• Do you have a favorite kind of ride to design? Any of them, really. I have a fear of falling, but I actually loved doing Twilight Zone, which plummets 130 stories!

WEB

Get Your Music for Nothin'



Stealing music online is illegal. But you can get plenty of free tunes on the Web—without finding the feds at your door.

IF YOUR CD COLLECTION STOPS IN 1987, AND THE GOOD CHARLOTTE BLARING AT THE MALL SENDS YOU FLEEING...

www.pandora.com Enter a favorite artist or song. The site, working off of an amazing catalogue of 400,000 songs analyzed for almost 400 attributes, selects and plays music that it predicts you might also like. Simply keep the tracks playing continuously in the background while you

surf, or vote on the site's picks as you go and the program adjusts to offer more precise suggestions. **Tip:** You can't rewind or replay favorite tracks, but there are direct links to **www.amazon.com** and the iTunes Music Store (**www.apple.com/itunes**) to make buying easy.

IF YOU MISS YOUR HOMETOWN RADIO STATION...

www.zonecast.com The site

collects online feeds from thousands of radio stations and Web-only broadcasts around the world. Search by keywords (like a city you visited or the college you attended) or genre (say, bluegrass). Once you choose a station, the site streams the live feed to your computer—so you can listen in as long as you're connected to the Internet.

BONUS: Some music players—such as Winamp—will automatically store links to stations you listened to, so you don't need to search for them.

IF YOU PINE FOR THE DAYS OF UNDERGROUND FM...

Podcasts from iTunes (www.apple.com). Everyone from NPR pundits in down to trendy teenagers, is recording and releasing a music or talk show. Once you've downloaded a podcast, you can transfer it to a personal audio player (like the iPod; hence the name) or just listen to the file on your computer whenever you want.

BONUS: All podcasts on iTunes offer free subscriptions, so new shows will download directly to your computer whenever you go online and open the software.

All programs compatible with Mac and PC, though software requirements vary.

By STEVEN RUSSELL

The Wonder Pets: (Nick Jr.; Friday; 11:30 a.m.) A magical new animated series for preschoolers, in which a guinea pig, a duckling, and a turtle travel the world, saving wild animals from danger. Three cheers for the family pet!

Ghost Whisperer (CBS; Friday; 8 p.m.) Melinda (Jennifer Love Hewitt) encounters an angry boy spirit who plagues his workaholic mom. Spooky.

Little People, Big World (TLC; Saturday; 8 p.m.) Catch the premiere of this enthralling docu-series about the Roloff family, composed of dwarf parents and their four children, one of whom is also a little person.

The 78th Annual Academy Awards (ABC; Sunday; 8 p.m. EST) The drama! The competition! The performances! And after the red-carpet extravaganza, they'll hand out some Oscars.

America's Next Top Model (UPN; Wednesday; 8 p.m.)

Host Tyra Banks leads the latest crop of contestants through the grueling process of becoming a top model.



GAMES

Your New Sudoku

Give this week's challenge a try.

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HERE'S HOW YOU SUDOKU:

Fill in the grid so that all nine rows across, all nine columns down, and all nine 3 x 3 boxes contain the numbers 1 through 9, with no use of repeats. Solution on page 14.

For more sudoku, check out our interactive player at **www.LIFE.com**, where you'll find new puzzles every day.

PUPPY PERSONALS

Seeking Soul Mate In San Diego

A shelter dog in search of her perfect match. Is it you?

Orlee

Age: 2 months

Breed: Chow Chow mix

Gender: Female

What she'd say if she could: I love to kiss, and I love getting belly rubs, so it's important for me to be with someone who's very affectionate. Children are welcome, but—full disclosure—while I'm just a tiny ball of fluff now, I'll be growing into a big, active dog, so older kids are preferred. Contact: San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, San Diego; **www.sdhumane.org**



Looking for puppy love

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PHOTO: JEFFREY MAYER; PUPPY: JEFFREY MAYER; TYRA BANKS: JEFFREY MAYER

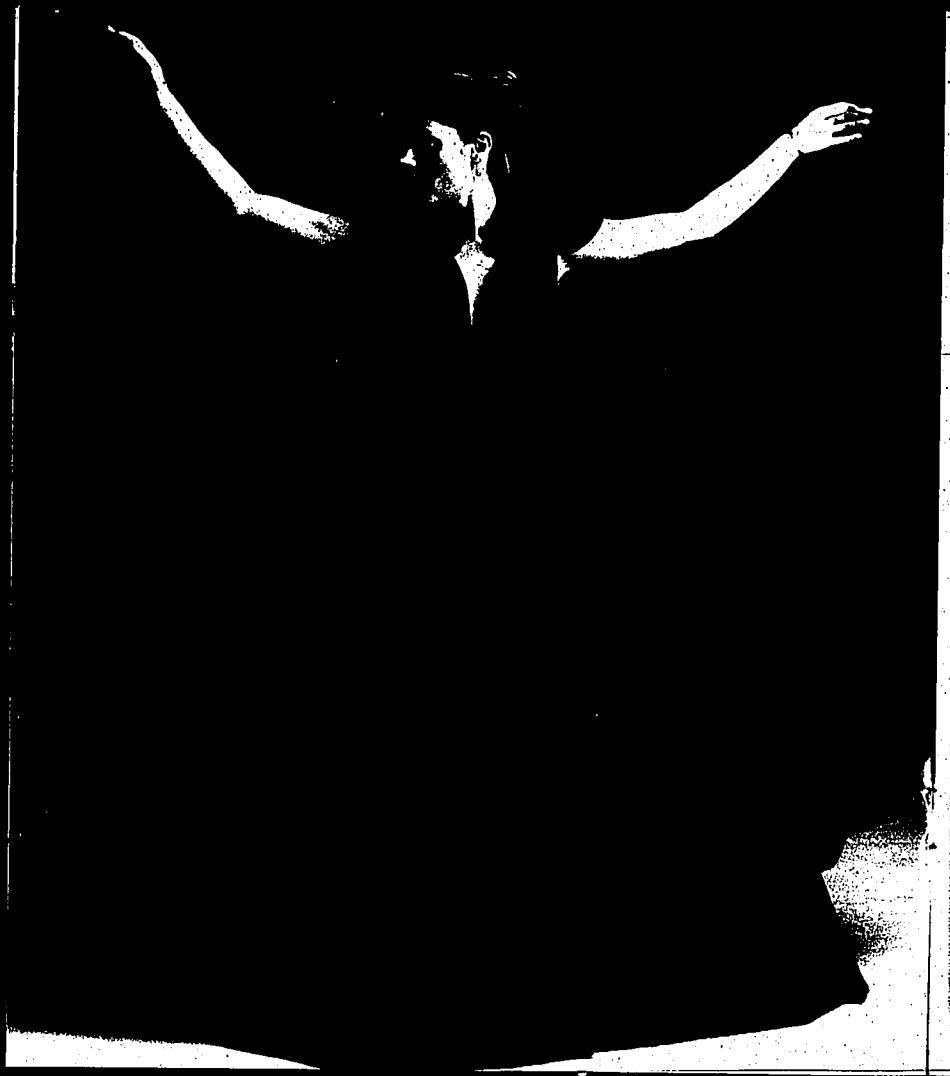


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The real-life fairy tale of a small-town waitress who, supported by an Oscar contender with cameo by Steven Spielberg, Kirstie Alley, and Timmy Lincecum

By CARRIE BELL • PORTRAIT & COVER by MATT JONES

Once upon a time, Amy Adams dreamed of the kind of night she'll have this Sunday. Nominated for a best supporting actress Oscar, Adams, 31, who's up against such veterans as Catherine Keener and Frances McDormand, came out of nowhere to earn a nod for her work as the wide-eyed mom-to-be in the indie gem *Juno*. Whether she wins or loses (one Vegas oddsmaker puts her chances of getting a gold man at

4-to-1), her transformation from relative unknown to newly minted star makes her the year's best Cinderella story. But how did a fledgling dancer from Castle Rock, Colorado, become the belle of the Oscar ball? A combination of talent, grit, and one influential fairy godfather. LIFE asked Adams to look back on the pivotal people, places, and things that helped get her to this red-carpet moment. And the thank-yous go to...

HER SUPER-SIZED FAMILY

Adams grew up the middle child in a family of seven (four boys and three girls). Which, she says, "automatically makes you need more attention. 'Please look at me!'"

DEAR OLD DAD

Her earliest memories in the spotlight: He skits with her siblings that her father, a nightclub performer, would write. "We were like the Partridge Family—only we didn't have tambourines. That's where I caught the acting bug."

A GROWTH SPURT

It's the reason she wasn't cast in her sixth-grade play ("Darn Jason Sauer for being so short!," says Adams of the production's leading man). But losing out on the role freed her up to focus on dance lessons, which led to her first paying gig—in local dinner theater—at age 20.

A BAD REACTION TO CHEMISTRY

"I wanted to be a doctor, but I just couldn't pass chemistry—despite all my efforts and tutoring. It wasn't in my blood."

THE PATRONS OF HOOFERS: YEP, *THE* HOOFERS

At 17, Adams started hosting at the infamous restaurant chain so she could buy a car. "The job paid seven bucks an hour, and I was tired of taking the bus to my dance classes in Denver. I never thought the outlets were that bad, because I was a dancer who ran around in leotards. But I grew up pretty quick—businessmen would walk in gentlemen and leave something else."

EVERY OSCAR CERIMONY SHE'S SEEN SINCE CHILDHOOD

"It's like watching dreams come true. I like big, honest reactions, like Roberto Benigni's. And the dresses—like Gwyneth Paltrow in the pink dress!"

A FORMER FTV ACTRESS

In her early twenties, Adams moved to Minnesota, where she did a regular stint at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatres before being cast in the 1999 beauty-pageant spoof, *Drop Dead Gorgeous*. Shot in and around Minneapolis, Kirstie Alley, who costarred in the film, took Adams under her wing. "I was scared that if I moved [to



California] I might not get work. But Kirstie said, 'You should go to L.A. You're young and cute—lesser actresses have done it before you.' She gave me that added bit of confidence I needed."

THE GUTS TO PASS ON BEING A POWER RANGER

Adams turned down the part of "the Pink Ranger" on the kids' TV show. "A lot of people kept saying 'You're so dumb!' But I wanted to learn about acting and wanted a job that would help me do that in a serious way. I wonder all the time what would have happened to my career if I had taken it."

OFFICE-MATES AND CASTING DIRECTORS

Adams has lived in Hollywood for seven years, working steadily as a guest star on TV shows, including NBC's *The Office*, on which she's had a recurring role. "When I look at the people who've championed me, it's my agents and managers and the casting directors who kept auditioning me—lighting to get me in front of people who might not otherwise see me. They're my real heroes. So, thank you: Mark Bennett [who cast her in *Juno*], Allison Jones [*The Office*], and Debbie Zane [*Catch Me if You Can*]."

A HOLLYWOOD KING


Steven Spielberg kicked Adams's career to the next level when he tapped her to play Leonardo DiCaprio's naive fiancée in *Catch Me if You Can*. Says Spielberg: "I remember inviting Leonardo into the office to see my five top choices for Brenda. Amy was number three on the tape, and after seeing her, he threw up his hands and said, 'Why look at the rest?' She was a breath of fresh air."

DIRECTOR PHIL MORRISON AND THE 2005 SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL JURY

Morrison had the insight to hire her as *Juno*'s eternal optimist, which landed her a Special Jury Prize for Acting at Sundance last year. "I didn't even know her name," says juror and film critic B. Ruby Rich. "But I knew that everybody would after seeing *Juno*."

HER POGGI, PIPPI

"I can't get through the day without coffee, baths, my boyfriend, and my dog, Pippi. She's a mutt I rescued three years ago. I named her Pippi because she has red hair. She's a firecracker. What a kook." ☐



Greg Kinnear

Age: 42

The movie: Little Miss Sunshine, a gut-busting family road-trip flick. At the shoot: Arriving after he had hit the slopes, Kinnear still wasn't acclimated to the bone-shaking temperatures in Park City, Utah. "It's a whole lot colder than L.A.," he said. "I'm dragging around hats and parkas and ChapStick and water. Good thing I have a kid, because once you have a kid, you learn never to leave home without diapers, snacks, toys, extra clothes..."

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Some go to ski. Others to schmooze. Photographer Ma went to this year's Sundance Film Festival to



Who's to Watch

Here's who he captured. + REPORTING BY Carrie Bell and Caitlin Costin

Age
The movie

At the school
The movie

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Ages: 27

The movie: *The Science of Sleep*, about a man whose dreams trump his reality. At the shoot: Despite chilly temps, Bernal—Mexico's answer to Brad Pitt—struck a cinematic pose with the help of a Pontiac GTO and some off-camera space heaters.

Ages (from left): Ben Foster, 25; Emile Hirsch, 20; Justin Timberlake, 25; and director Nick Cassavetes, 46

The movie: A drama about one of the youngest men ever wanted by the FBI. At the shoot: In his Sundance debut, Timberlake stuck to his pop-star roots—he and the other *Alpha* males arrived with an outsize entourage in tow.





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Maggie Gyllenhaal

Age: 28

The movie: In *Sorry Baby*, Gyllenhaal plays an ex-con trying to go straight. At the shoot: The New York City native showed up to be photographed wearing little makeup, her hair in a ponytail. No fuss. No muss. And completely comfortable in her own skin.

Sam Shepard and director Wim Wenders

Ages: 62 and 66, respectively

The movie: *Don't Come Knocking*, about a washed-up Western star who gets a second chance at his career—and life. At the shoot: What a formidable team. Shepard (far right) is a celebrated actor-director-playwright. The German Wenders is a cinematic master (1987's *Wings of Desire*). Still, the vibe was laid-back, thanks in part to Shepard, who showed up with a cup of joe in his hand—and a wide smile on his face. >





Josh Hartnett and Lakey Jue

Ages: 27 and 37, respectively
The movie: *The successful Lucky Number Slewin* has Hartnett and Liu getting caught unwittingly in a murder plotted by the Mob. At the shoot: Most movies debuting at Sundance are filmed months in advance, so the festival is often a reunion for cast-mates. Liu and Hartnett had a chance to reconnect during a break from press interviews at a nearby restaurant.

Paul Giamatti

Ages: 38
The movie: *The Hawk Is Dying*, in which a man changes his mundane existence by training wild birds. At the shoot: Giamatti was loose and relaxed, at one point joking that Sundance had become like *Girls Gone Wild*. "There are all these 20-year-old blond chicks running around in ridiculous furry boots and miniskirts," he said. "And I'm like, 'It's 15 degrees outside. Aren't you freezing!'"

Ages: 21

The movies: *Dreamland*, a coming-of-age drama. At the shoot: For many Hollywood starlets, a film festival is a chance to get noticed by the endless stream of movie producers, casting directors, and, yes, photographers. Garner, a fetching Mena Suvari look-alike from Bakersfield, California, got everyone's attention by being funny, free-spirited, and not the least bit camera-shy.



Ages: 33

The movies: The comedy *Little Miss Sunshine* and *The Night Listener*, a thriller about a mysterious radio-show fan. At the shoot: The Australian character actress kept her coat on, but no matter, since it's Collette's demure eyes, nose, and mouth—not her wardrobe—that tell the greatest story. B



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