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Aquifer recharge bill dies in Senate

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — The momentum that had built up in the House behind the contentious aquifer recharge bill burst in the Senate on Thursday, leaving only one question in its wake.

What happens next? House Speaker Bruce Newcomb sponsored the legislation that put greater priority on replenishing the depleted aquifer with Snake River water than on using that water for generating power with hydroelectric dams. The Senate

killed the bill by a vote of 14-21. "I don't know where we go from here," Newcomb said.

The retiring lawmaker from Burley wants to see something done about the falling level of the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, which provides water for cities, industry and agriculture in southern Idaho.

Diverting abundant flows during wet years to replenish the aquifer is one tool to restoring health to the aquifer, Newcomb says. But, Idaho Power and surface water users contend the Republican legislator wants to

mess with senior water rights for the benefit of groundwater pumpers — at a cost to power customers.

"A restored aquifer would benefit Idaho Power, Idaho Power ratepayers and their customers," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, who debated in support of House Bill 800.

Cameron argued that the state must assert its right to control the waters of Idaho rather than allowing the power company to control the water. In 1984, the state and Idaho Power reached an understanding in the Swan Falls Agree-

ment about the use of water in the Snake River. Two decades, and several pieces of legislation later, different parties have varying interpretations of the agreement.

"Idaho Power should be held to the deal it struck," said Sen. Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls. "Idaho Power should honor its promise to water users."

If the parties want to stick to the original deal, then they'll allow the water court to determine Idaho Power's rights in the Snake River, said Sen. Chuck Collier, R-Twin Falls. "I do not believe we need legislative meddling in the

process," Collier said. "Passing SB001, to me, only slows the process down."

A board member of the Twin Falls Canal Co., Collier points out that the Swan Falls Agreement also established a procedure for determining water rights — the Snake River Basin Adjudication. The SRBA will likely begin ruling on Idaho Power's water rights



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How they voted

Here's how valley legislators voted on House Bill 800:

- On March 17, the House voted 43-22-5 in favor of the aquifer recharge legislation.
- On Thursday, the Senate killed the bill by a vote of 14-21.
- Ayes:** Reps. Eads, Bell, Block, Field, Jaquet, Newcomb, Nielsen, Pence, Smith, Stevenson, Willis.
- Sens.** Cameron, Corder, Darrington and Stanseth.
- Nays:** Rep. Brackett.
- Sens.** Collier and Gannon.

NO MORE WAITING



People gather Thursday evening in the lobby of the expanded and remodeled Fine Arts Building on the campus of CSI for the unveiling of the original donor plaque. The building includes a 340-seat theater, classrooms, offices, dressing and rehearsal rooms, scene and tool shops, and a costume room.

CSI rededicates Fine Arts Building

But foundation still has plans for the building's big lobby

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Shakespear's Hamlet, Handel's Messiah and the expansion of CSI's Fine Arts Building all share one thing in common.

They seem to last an eternity. "It's kind of taken on a legendary status," said Chris Bragg, chairman of the Fine Arts Department at CSI, at the rededication of the Fine Arts Building on Thursday evening.

"It's come to the point where it's like a

folk tale when you hear about all the delays before it was completed," Bragg said.

Some who attended the rededication were the same people who began raising money more than 40 years ago for the original building.

"I remember in 1963 we were told to go recruit 60 people to donate a thousand dollars each," said Hank Willis, one of four men who began the fundraising campaign.

"We had less than a month to do it. It was during the Christmas holiday, and back then a thousand dollars was a lot of money," he said.

They managed to raise the money, which was then matched by CSI, Willis said. The original building cost about \$1 million.

Planning for an expansion began about 20 years ago, was stopped for lack

of money, and picked up again about a decade ago.

"We actually started looking for the money about eight or nine years ago with the Legislature," said Jerry Meyerhoefer, former president of CSI. "It was long coming, but it finally came. I think that even after all the challenges, it's something that is great for the campus and also the Magic Valley community," Meyerhoefer said.

The CSI Foundation is still trying to raise money to furnish the expensive lobby with furniture and a piano.

So, just like the old bronze plaque that was unveiled after being restored to its original location, many of the same people who raised money 40 years ago are returning to familiar positions of their own — as fundraisers.

Freed journalist says kidnappers treated her well

By Amer Madhani
Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD, Iraq — With a knock on the door at the branch office of a Sunni political party in western Baghdad, American hostage Jill Carroll's nearly three months in captivity came to an end.

Dressed in an abaya, the modest cloak worn by many conservative Islamic women, she carried a note of introduction written in Arabic that her captors gave her before dropping her near the offices of the Iraqi Islamic Party.

Party officials did not immediately recognize the 28-year-old freelance journalist who was snatched off the streets of Baghdad on Jan. 7 in a bloody ambush that killed her translator.

"When she knocked on the

door, we thought she was one of the sisters of our political party," said Tariq al-Hashimi, secretary general of the Iraqi Islamic Party.

After confirming her identity, officials let her in. They quickly arranged an armed convoy to take her to the party's headquarters and called U.S. officials and Carroll's journalist friends at The Washington Post to come pick her up.

Before the U.S. military could transfer her to the American Embassy in the heavily fortified



Carroll

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Study casts doubt on healing power of prayer

By Jonathan Bor
The Baltimore Sun

There's an indisputable: The largest effort so far to measure the power of distant prayer to heal a sick patient didn't help — and one curious respect, prayer was associated with poorer outcomes, researchers said Thursday.

The researchers who followed 1,800 heart bypass patients in 63 medical centers found that those who knew they were being prayed for suffered higher rates of complications than others who weren't.

Cautioning that they don't know what, if anything, to make of the finding, some doctors speculated that telling patients on the eve of surgery that

people were praying for them might not be a good idea. It could put them under increased pressure to heal, raising their blood pressure.

"Our study design does not allow us to draw firm conclusions," said Jeffrey A. Dusek, a Harvard University psychologist who directed the study. "Is it random or not? We don't know."

But for some faithful who regularly pray for people they don't necessarily know, there is no scientific inquiry that can prove their efforts fruitless.

"This is a very hard thing to measure," said Sister Patricia

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Blackwater USA says you supply the conflict, we'll supply forces

"We're low-cost and fast. The issue is, who's going to let us play on their team?"

— Cofer Black, vice chairman of Blackwater USA, a private military company

By Bill Sizemore
The Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK, Va. — Stepping into a potential political minefield, Blackwater USA is offering itself up as an army for hire to police the world's trouble spots.

Cofer Black, vice chairman of the Moyock, N.C.-based private military company, told an international conference in Amman, Jordan, this week that Blackwater stands ready to help keep or restore the peace anywhere it is needed.

Such a role would be a quantum leap for Blackwater and

raises a host of policy questions. Until now, the eight-year-old company has confined itself to training military and police personnel and providing security guards for government and private clients. Under Black's proposal, it would take on an overt combat role.

"We're low-cost and fast," Black was quoted as saying. "The issue is, who's going to let us play on their team?"

Unlike national and multinational armies, which tend to get bogged down by political and logistical limitations, Black said, Blackwater could have a small,

nimble, brigade-size force ready to move into a troubled region on short notice.

Black's remarks were reported by Defense News, a military publisher that sponsored the conference where he spoke. The Special Operations Forces Exhibition, Chris Taylor, a vice president at Blackwater's Moyock headquarters, confirmed the account.

Blackwater is no stranger to volatile situations. As a security subcontractor escorting a convoy in Iraq in 2004, the company attracted worldwide attention when four of its workers

were killed, mutilated and hung from a bridge in Fallujah.

Blackwater now provides security for the U.S. ambassador to the Iraq Department.

The reconstruction of Iraq has been hampered by insurgent activity, Taylor said, and Blackwater has the expertise to quell insurgent attacks if invited by the Iraqi government.

"We clearly couldn't go into the whole country of Iraq," Taylor said. "But we might be able to go into a region or a city," Taylor and Black said the company would undertake

such a mission only with the approval of the U.S. government.

Peter Slinger, a scholar at the Brookings Institution who has written a book on private military companies, said the concept of private armies engaging in counter-insurgency missions raises myriad questions about staffing standards, rules of engagement and accountability.

"No matter how you slice it, it's a private entity making decisions of a political nature," he said. "It gets dicey."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

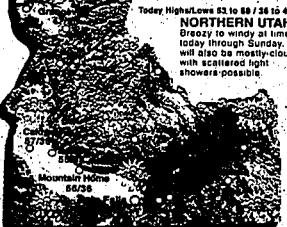
Today: Breezy and mostly cloudy with scattered showers developing. Highs in the lower 50s.
Tonight: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and a good chance of scattered showers. Lows in the lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and on and off showers. Highs upper 40s to lower 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and scattered late showers. Highs lower 50s.
Tonight: Cloudy with scattered rain and snow showers. Lows lower 20s to lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Cool temperatures and scattered showers. Highs near 40s, lows lower 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING HTS.
Valley rain and snow showers will be on the increase for today and Saturday. Higher elevations will see periods of a wet, soggy snow. Any accumulations in the valleys should be small and mostly occur at night.
Today Highs 28 to 40. Tonight's Lows 18 to 21.
BOISE - Cloud cover will be on the increase for today and Saturday. Higher elevations will see periods of a wet, soggy snow. Any accumulations in the valleys should be small and mostly occur at night. Today Highs 28 to 40. Tonight's Lows 18 to 21.



1 Yesterday's State Extremes: 61 at Lowell; Low: 24 at Starkey, weather key; in heavy clouds to be heavy snow. In heavy snow, mostly cloudy, no rain, no snow, but heavy clouds, a snow, a snow, a snow.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	City	Hi Lo	Prep
Mossy cloudy skies and showers	Mossy cloudy and scattered showers	April showers	Mossy cloudy and mostly dry	9 am showers	Cool with tepid showers	Cooler with mixed showers	Boise 56 40	0.00 0.00
High 53	Low 34	52 / 33	55 / 32	51 / 31	47 / 30	Blaine 58 42	0.00 0.00	

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 53	37 Month to Date: 0.18"	Yesterday's Maximum: 72%	Today: 30.00 in.	Today: Sunrise: 6:23 AM; Sunset: 7:03 PM	17 Pollen Levels: 0 Low Elm, Cedar/Juniper
Normal High/Low: 53/30	Normal Month to Date: 1.06"	Yesterday's Minimum: 47%	Yesterday's Minimum: 30.00 in.	Saturday: Sunrise: 6:20 AM; Sunset: 7:04 PM	17 Pollen Levels: 2000 (High)
Record High: 79 in 1987	Record Low to Date: 6.18"	Today's Maximum: 70%	Today's Maximum: 30.00 in.	Sunday: Sunrise: 6:18 AM; Sunset: 8:08 PM	17 Pollen Levels: 1000 (High)
Record Low: 19 in 1987	1987 Precipitation total through 5 pm yesterday: 0.18"	Today's Minimum: 32%	Yesterday's Minimum: 30.00 in.	Tuesday: Sunrise: 7:11 AM; Sunset: 8:08 PM	17 Pollen Levels: 1000 (High)

Moon Phases

First Qtr.	Full Moon	Apr 21	Apr 27
Today	Today	Today	Today

Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Moonrise: 7:23 AM	Moonrise: 7:53 AM	Moonrise: 8:21 AM	Moonrise: 8:57 AM	Moonrise: 9:32 AM
Moonset: 10:37 PM	Moonset: 11:03 PM	Moonset: 11:43 AM	Moonset: 12:23 PM	Moonset: 1:03 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
Boise	53 34	52 33	55 32
Blaine	58 42	56 40	54 38
Idaho Falls	54 38	52 36	50 34
Payette	50 34	48 32	46 30
Rupert	48 32	46 30	44 32
Shoshone	46 30	44 32	42 30
Timberline	44 32	42 30	40 28
Wendover	42 30	40 28	38 26

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	60 40	58 40
Baltimore	58 40	56 40
Boston	56 40	54 40
Chicago	54 40	52 40
Denver	52 40	50 40
Houston	50 40	48 40
Los Angeles	48 40	46 40
Miami	46 40	44 40
New York	44 40	42 40
San Francisco	42 40	40 40
Seattle	40 40	38 40
Washington DC	38 40	36 40

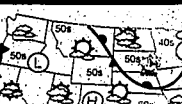
WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	50 40	48 40
Paris	48 40	46 40
Tokyo	46 40	44 40
Sydney	44 40	42 40
Mumbai	42 40	40 40
Delhi	40 40	38 40
Beijing	38 40	36 40
Manila	36 40	34 40
Bangkok	34 40	32 40
Seoul	32 40	30 40
Osaka	30 40	28 40
London	28 40	26 40

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Index	Today	Change
Dow Jones	11,232.58	+15.25
S&P 500	1,232.58	+0.15
NASDAQ	2,345.67	+0.25
Russell 2000	3,456.78	+0.35

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Ottawa	40 30	38 30
Montreal	38 30	36 30
Toronto	36 30	34 30
Vancouver	34 30	32 30
Calgary	32 30	30 30
Edmonton	30 30	28 30
Winnipeg	28 30	26 30
Saskatoon	26 30	24 30
Regina	24 30	22 30
Victoria	22 30	20 30

GREG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are told that talent seeks its own opportunities. But it sometimes seems that lesser talents create not only their own opportunities, but their own talent." - Dr. Phil

Water

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Absent any more attempts at a legislative solution, that might be one remedy to the uncertainty of the aquifer's future.
Late on Thursday, Idaho Power officials ended another "Idaho Power is willing to commit research dollars and environmental and water management expertise to a collaborative process to help solve Idaho's water issues," said Lamont Keen, chief executive officer.
The power company, surface water users and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne were working on a deal, in which the state would pay Idaho Power up to \$1.6 million for recharge water when Newcomb introduced his bill. Newcomb doesn't want the taxpayers to reimburse Idaho Power for water he believes already belongs to the state. The lawmaker said he's willing to participate in talks about recharge in the future.
However, Newcomb found one silver lining in the past few weeks of heated debate over Swan Falls and recharge.
"Now that I'm knowing I feel good about the fact that the institutional knowledge has been passed on," he said.

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Coming up in The Times-News

The trend on top

Red hair is hot — and getting hotter. Monday in Image

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Scanlon, one of many Carmelite nuns at a Towson, Md., monastery who regularly beseech God to heal regularly.
"We pray for complete healing, and sometimes that takes different forms. It could be spiritual healing, or even health, an attitude, an acceptance, a preparedness, maybe not being physically healed. Many are being prepared for whatever the next stage of that person's life may be."
The \$2.8 million study, which appears today in the American Journal of Geriatrics, is the most ambitious to examine a thorny question of whether distant prayer is beneficial.
It was funded largely by the John Templeton Foundation,

Hamas faces financial crisis on first day in office



GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The Hamas-led government faced a financial crisis on its first day in office Thursday, as Western nations threatened to cut off aid to the Palestinian Authority if the militant group does not soften its stance on Israel.
Hamas leaders said the aid would violate the Palestinians' democratic rights, but Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice declared: "The principle is very clear. We're not going to fund a Hamas-led government."
Hamas has rejected Western demands to renounce violence, recognize Israel and accept previous agreements between Israel and the Palestinians. The United States and European Union list Hamas as a terror group, as does Israel.
A nightfall Thursday, a Palestinian suicide bomber in the West Bank killed four Israelis, the first such attack in the West Bank this year. The explosion injured 15 others at the entrance to the Jewish settlement of Gush Katif.
The Palestinian Authority gets a large part of its \$1.9 billion annual budget from overseas



sources, and may run into difficulties next week when March salaries are due to be paid to some 140,000 government employees.
Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh said the aid cuts hurt

And Foreign Minister Mahmoud Zahar hinted that any country that shuns Hamas will be considered "an enemy of the Palestinian people." He said Foreign Ministry employees would not be allowed to talk to them.
Rice said the United States was reviewing its Palestinian aid programs to see which ones it would freeze, emphasizing that the U.S. will not "provide funding to a Hamas-led government."
Rice said she expected to talk about Palestinian funding with France, Germany and Britain during her current trip. "We've been very much on the same page," she said.
The Quartet of Middle East mediators — the U.S., EU, Russia and the United Nations — warned the Hamas-led government Thursday to recognize Israel and seek peace talks. It wants to be guaranteed continued aid.
"The Quartet concurred that there inevitably will be an effect on direct assistance to that government and its ministries if those conditions are not met, the mediators said in a statement."

of the offices of the prominent Sunni Arab politician Adnan al-Dalaini. Her translator, Alfan Inayih, was killed in the attack.
The previously unknown Revenge Brigades claimed responsibility.
Carroll's captors had demanded the release of all women detainees in Iraq by Feb. 26, but said Carroll would be killed if that did not happen. The date came and went with no word about her fate.
Five of the nine women detainees in U.S. custody were released after Carroll's abduction, but the U.S. military said the release was unrelated to the demand. On Thursday, U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said U.S. military and diplomatic officials did not reach out to the kidnappers in exchange for pay ransom for Carroll's release.

Hostage

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Green Zone, Carroll called her father in Chapel Hill, N.C., with the news he had been willing to receive for 82 days.
"We're feeling ecstatic," Jim Carroll told reporters outside his home. "It's been a long haul, and we're glad with it."
A relative of Carroll's mother, Mary Beth Carroll, read a statement outside her Evanston, Ill., condominium, thanking those who helped her find her daughter and offering hope that the many Iraqis still in captivity would soon be freed as well.
"We're very happy to hear on Iraqi television," Carroll described her fall as a furnished room with a shower nearby that she was free to use. Her captors kept her well fed, she said, and she only was allowed to watch television and read a newspaper once during her

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captivity. Frosted windows and curtains made it difficult for her to see outside, and she was uncertain of where she had been taken.
"All I can say right now is that I'm just happy to be free," Carroll said in the television interview. "I was treated very well. It's important people know that — that I was not harmed. They, never said they would hit me, never threatened me in any way."
One of the many questions that remain unanswered is why her captors decided to free her. Carroll said she couldn't guess their motivation.
"They just came to me and said, 'OK, we're letting you go now.'"
Jim Carroll acknowledged that his daughter was one of the lucky ones. Hundreds of Iraqis and dozens of foreigners have

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been kidnapped in the three years since the insurgency started raging in Iraq.
Earlier this week, 16 Iraqi men were abducted from a Baghdad trading company, and their whereabouts remain unknown. Three Iraqi journalists are believed to be held by insurgents. And at least 13 Americans are among the 42 foreigners who remain hostage in Iraq, a U.S. official said.
"Don't forget that the other American hostages, and other hostages of all nationalities, are still being held in Iraq," Jim Carroll told reporters. "These people still need that support, and they need the courage to make sure that their loved ones can come home and that they can enjoy this day that we're having."
Jim Carroll's ordeal began Jan. 7 in Baghdad's western Adil neighborhood while returning

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fluttering of the heart's upper chamber. If it stuck, it could cause a stroke, but usually resolves in a few weeks.
Dusak said the study was not designed to assess why medical outcomes might be worse in one group than another — and that it might even be wrong to speculate. But he said some investigators could help by wondering whether the rates of prayer patients suffered "performance anxiety or felt the usual about their outcome."
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whose philanthropist founder poured millions into attempts to apply principles of scientific research to the spiritual realm.
Researchers urged caution about drawing conclusions from Thursday's report.
"Our study was never intended to address the existence of God or the presence or absence of intelligent design in the universe," the Rev. Dean W. Menick, head chaplain at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and one of the study's investigators, said in a statement.
The study did not endeavor, either, to compare the efficacy of one prayer form over another to assess practitioners' understanding of the nature or purpose of prayer.

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In the study, doctors randomly assigned patients to three groups. One group was told to pray, but respect the rules of the demographic game and that they would have different positions and not act this way."
The first two groups had nearly the same complication rates of about 50 percent. But the third group — which knew people were praying for it — suffered complications in 59 percent of cases. Atrial fibrillation accounted for most of the problems.
The condition, which is usually controlled with medication, is marked by an uncontrolled

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NATION

President Bush, Fox push for immigration reform

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) — With Mexican President Vicente Fox at his side, President Bush gave Congress a long-distance push Thursday to open the United States to the two countries' workers who have been sneaking across the borders to fill low-paying jobs.

"We don't want people sneaking into our country that are going to do jobs that Americans won't do," Bush said at the end of a private meeting with Fox, where the issue was on top of the agenda. "We want them coming in in an orderly way, which will take pressure off both our borders."



From left to right: Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Mexican President Vicente Fox and President George W. Bush are photographed by members of the media Thursday in front of a Mayan pyramid in Chichen Itza, Mexico.

The meeting between the Mexican and U.S. leaders came on the first day of a two-day North American summit that also includes Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Harper, meeting with Bush for the first time since taking office two months ago with the promise of building stronger ties with Washington, said the two countries are moving past their "tension" over Iraq.

Still, he took a combative stance on their long-standing dispute over U.S. tariffs on Canadian softwood lumber, saying, Canada would "pursue all its legal options" if he and Bush can't work out an agreement.

But it was the immigration debate, which has dominated the U.S. Senate this week, that took center stage in talks conducted in a beachfront resort surrounded by bikini-clad

spring breakers. A new immigration law could affect as many as 6 million Mexicans living illegally in the United States — about half of all those who are estimated to have sneaked in from other countries seeking new opportunities they can't find at home.

Bush is pushing for a guest worker program that would let foreigners in low-paying jobs stay temporarily, which he says is a good first step toward some form of legal status for all Mexican illegal immigrants.

The issue has united the two leaders, whose immigration duties back to Bush's time as Texas governor but was strained over Fox's objections to the war in Iraq. But immigration has divided Bush's Republican party, with business interests who want tougher labor battling conservatives who want a get-tough policy against illegal immigrants.

Fox suggested the issue is largely out of their hands now. "The matter is in the Congress of the United States and that is where the decision will be made," Fox said. "It is no longer between President Bush and President Fox."

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N.Y. will release 911 calls from WTC attack

NEW YORK (AP) — Christopher Hanley had to repeat his story to two different dispatchers after calling 911 from the Windows on the World restaurant on Sept. 11, 2001.

"Yeah, Hi. I'm on the 106th floor of the World Trade Center. We just had an explosion on the, on the like 105th floor," Hanley, 35, told an operator. Later, he says, "We have smoke and ... it's pretty bad." An operator tells him to "sit tight. Do not leave, OK?"

Hanley, who died in the tragic event, was one of 28 people identified among about 130 emergency calls the city planned to release Friday. Hanley's parents shared the tape with The New York Times, which had sued the city for access to all the calls.

An appeals court ruled last year that the public could only hear the voices of 911 operators and other government employees on the tapes, saying the frantic calls of victims in the burning twin towers were too emotional to be released without families' consent.

But a state judge ruled Wednesday that the city must provide the names of the 28 people, along with other excerpts that could help identify more callers. On Thursday, the city filed an appeal, effectively staying that order. The Times would need to seek an appellate hearing to lift the stay.

The newspaper, joined in its lawsuit by relatives of several Sept. 11 victims, is hoping the tapes will offer clues to the experiences of the 2,749 people who were killed after hijacked jetliners crashed into the towers. Attorney Norman Siegel, who represents the victims' families, said he wants to learn whether operators' instructions affected evacuations.

"We will potentially hear Operator A say, 'Go to the roof,'" Siegel said. "We might hear Operator B say, 'Stay in place. We're coming to get you.'"

Sally Regenhart, who lost her 6-year-old son and one of two plaintiffs, said the public should be allowed to hear both sides of the conversation to get a true picture of what happened inside the towers.

"What we're getting is only half of the truth, half of the story," Regenhart said.

She also said families should be able to listen to the callers who were not identified, to try to hear their loved ones' voices. "Only a mother could listen to recordings and maybe hear some glimmer of your child's voice, even though his name may have been garbled," she said.



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Bush letter to Shiite spiritual leader reportedly goes unread

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A letter from President Bush to Iraq's supreme Shiite spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, was hand-delivered earlier this week but sits unread and untranslated in the top religious figure's office, a key al-Sistani aide told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The aide — who has never allowed use of his name in news reports, citing al-Sistani's refusal to make any public statements himself — said the ayatollah had laid the letter aside and did not ask for a translation because of increasing "unhappiness" over what senior Shiite leaders see as American meddling in Iraqi attempts to form their first, permanent post-invasion government.

The aide said the person who delivered the Bush letter — he would not identify the messenger by name or nationality — said it carried Bush's thanks to al-Sistani for calling for calm among his followers in

preventing the outbreak of civil war after a Shiite shrine was bombed late last month.

The messenger also was said to have explained that the letter reinforced the American position that Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari should not be given a second term. Al-Sistani has not publicly taken sides in the dispute, but rather has called for Shiite unity.

The United States is known to object to al-Jaafari's second term but has never said so outright and in public.

But on Saturday, U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad carried a similar letter from Bush to a meeting with Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, leader of the largest Shiite political organization, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

The al-Sistani aide said Shiite displeasure with U.S. involvement was so deep that dignitaries in the holy city of Najaf refused to meet Khalilzad on Wednesday during cere-

monies commemorating the death of the Prophet Muhammad. The Afghan-born Khalilzad is a Sunni Muslim.

Elizabeth Colton, the U.S. Embassy spokeswoman, said Khalilzad had not sought any meetings and simply flew over Najaf and the nearby holy city of Karbala to witness the big processions of Shiite faithful marking the day.

"The ambassador did a fly over to see people on the streets of Karbala and Najaf. The ambassador did not ask to see anyone and did not go into either city," Colton told AP.

The United States is believed to oppose al-Jaafari because of his close ties and strong backing from radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who has a thousands-strong heavily armed militia that was responsible for much of the violence that hit the country after the Feb. 22 bombing of an important Shiite shrine in Samarra, north of Baghdad.

Torture expert wants access to alleged prisons

GENEVA (AP) — The United Nations' special investigator on torture said Thursday he was certain that there are secret U.S. prisons in Europe and he wants access to them.

Manfred Novak said he had proof that secret U.S. prisons continue to operate in Europe.

"I am 100 percent sure I have evidence," Novak said in an interview with The Associated Press.

He cited a U.S. refusal to provide details or records of interrogations later used in terrorism trials in Germany. He did not explain how that was proof of the ongoing existence of U.S. prisons in Europe, and he did not offer other examples.

Allegations of clandestine U.S. detention centers in Europe have sparked separate investigations by the European Parliament and the Council of Europe, the continent's leading human rights watchdog.

"It is totally unacceptable, even in the fight against terrorism, that a highly democratic country such as the United States of America is keeping secret places of detention," said Novak.

Iran defiant despite new calls for halt in uranium enrichment

BERLIN (AP) — A top Iranian envoy defiantly rejected a U.N. Security Council demand for a halt in uranium enrichment, saying Thursday that Tehran's activities are "not reversible," despite new calls to reconsider, from the United States, its key European allies, Russia and China.

All Asghar Soltanieh, Tehran's chief representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog, said "it is impossible to go back to suspension."

"This enrichment matter is not reversible," he said in a telephone call from Vienna, Austria.

Iran's defiance cast a pall on a meeting of top officials of the five permanent Security Coun-

cell members, plus Germany, meant to demonstrate consensus on confronting Tehran over its nuclear program. After two hours of talks that were twice as long as planned, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the six nations were "united."

But Russia and China suggested otherwise, expressing opposition to strong council action against Tehran after the meeting in comments that reflected the continuing fault-line dividing East and West on Iran.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov specifically challenged U.S. assertions that Iran was trying to make nuclear arms, saying no proof existed of such claims.

48 dead after cruise boat capsizes

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — A cruise boat carrying up to 150 people capsized Thursday night in the Persian Gulf off the coast of Bahrain, and at least 48 bodies were recovered, the country's coast guard chief said. American divers and a U.S. helicopter aided the rescue effort.

Coast guard chief Youssef al-Katani said at least 63 people survived. A passenger on board the boat calling from his cell phone was the first to alert officials that the ship was listing, he said.

Survivor Khalil Mirza of Bahrain told The Associated

Press that he made that call. He said the listing began while the craft was making a left turn out of the harbor.

People were scared in the water, he said. "They were fighting with each other and screaming."

Television stations early Friday put the death toll at 54, but that higher figure couldn't immediately be confirmed with authorities.

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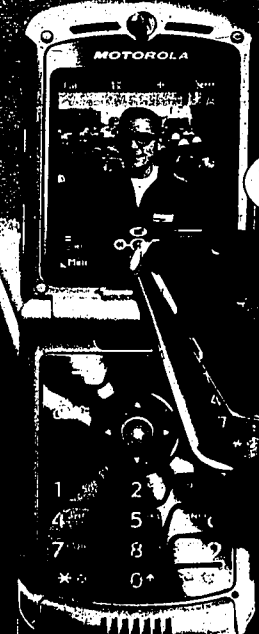
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NATION

Court: Out-of-state gay couples can't marry in Massachusetts

BOSTON (AP) — In a disappointment for the gay rights movement, the state's highest court ruled Thursday that same-sex couples from states where gay marriage is prohibited cannot tie the knot in Massachusetts.

Gov. Mitt Romney, a Republican who is considering a run for president in 2008, welcomed the decision, saying he did not want Massachusetts to become "the Las Vegas of same-sex marriage."

The Supreme Judicial Court upheld a 1913 state law that forbids nonresidents to marry in Massachusetts if their marriage would not be recognized in their home state.

If the court had struck down the law, Massachusetts would have been thrown open to gay couples from across the country to get married. Then they would have returned to their home states to fight for legal recognition for those marriages.

Massachusetts "has a significant interest in not meddling in matters in which another state, the one where a couple actually resides, has a paramount interest," Justice Francis Spina wrote.

The state "can reasonably believe that nonresident same-sex couples primarily are coming to this commonwealth to marry because they want to evade the marriage laws of their home

states and that Massachusetts should not be encouraging such evasion.

The ruling leaves in legal limbo an undetermined number of out-of-state gay couples who got married in 2004 in Massachusetts when it became the first state to let gays wed.

chests Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus called the decision "a painful reminder that we remain second-class citizens."

"It's painful to know you'll be treated equally under the law but only if you happen to live here," she said. "Otherwise, you are completely unequal as a gay person."

Jury weighs the fate of Moussaoui

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The jury weighing Zacarias Moussaoui's role in the deaths on Sept. 11, 2001, asked for a definition of "weapons of mass destruction" Thursday as it worked to decide whether the al-Qaida conspirator is eligible for the death penalty.

The jurors obtained the definition as deliberations neared four hours. U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema told them the term includes airplanes used as missiles. One of the three convictions on which Moussaoui could receive the death penalty is conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction.

The nine men and three women, who got the case late Wednesday, then returned to deliberate on whether Moussaoui is a calculating

terrorist responsible for the deaths of Americans on Sept. 11 or an al-Qaida lackey with delusions of grandeur who had no role in 9/11.

The jury went home Thursday afternoon, having deliberated more than seven hours over two days.

Meanwhile, federal prosecutors in Philadelphia are investigating a government lawyer who nearly derailed Moussaoui's sentencing trial by coaching witnesses and lying to his defense attorneys.

The criminal investigation of Transportation Security Administration lawyer Carla J. Martin was revealed in the recently unsealed transcript of a closed March 21 hearing in the Moussaoui case.

At that hearing, Brinkema disclosed that she had been "advised by the U.S. Attorney's office that there may very well be a prosecution of her, at least they're looking at the possibility."

Rob Spencer, the lead prosecutor in Moussaoui's case, said the matter was referred to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, where Martin is a member of the bar. Prosecutors in Alexandria decided to take no part in the investigation.

Rich Manieri, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney in Philadelphia, declined comment.

Moussaoui's defense lawyers have said Martin should be charged with witness tampering.

Martin's misconduct interrupted Moussaoui's trial for a week and almost derailed it.

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EDITORIAL

State leaders rally nicely to improve state parks

Compromise just might be the defining theme of the 2006 Legislature, that is, if the governor's revised Experience Idaho state park plan is any barometer.

Secretary of the Interior. But the state park plan is even better thanks to the efforts of Congressman Mike Simpson and his plan to secure land for a new state park in eastern Idaho, as part of his Boulder-White

Our view:

Legislators wisely went back to the drawing board to find improvement money for state parks.

What do you think?

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

White Cloud wilderness proposal. The provision would draw 630 acres of state land along the Salmon River in the northwest of Stanley for federal land in eastern Idaho. The swap would increase the amount of land designated as wilderness in Sawtooth Recreation Area. It also helps the state avoid the additional cost of buying land for a new eastern Idaho park.

Kempthorne's staff and members of the Idaho Conservation League helped craft the state land proposal. No specific site in eastern Idaho has been identified yet. But a 19-member selection committee including local officials, legislators and Idaho residents, would probably weigh in after some considerable discussion.

The challenge for Idaho, should it close the deal on the eastern Idaho park, is not to follow the trend that continues with Billingsley and Castle Rocks. It does little good to acquire or buy new state park land, just to let it mothball when funds are short.

The Legislature is sending the right message by revisiting the need for park investment, and finding the money necessary to revitalize the parks we own. The thousands of Idahoans and visitors who cherish these facilities will be glad to tell them it's worth the expense.



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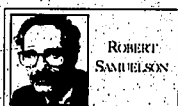
Dragging France into the present

To anyone who cares about Europe's future, the French demonstrations and street riots protesting the government's new labor law must be profoundly disturbing. It's the French against France—a familiar ritual that mirrors Europe's larger predicament.

Hardly anyone wants to surrender the benefits and protections of today's generous welfare state, but the fierce attachment to these costly and self-defeating programs prevents Europe from preparing for a future that, though it may be deplored, is inevitable. Actually, it's not the future; it's the present.

The dilemma of advanced democracies, including the United States, is that they've made more promises than they can realistically keep. Their political commitments outstrip the economy's capacity to deliver. Sometimes they were made sincerely based on foolish assumptions. Sometimes they've been overruled by new circumstances. No matter, the dilemma is the same: To disavow past promises incites public furor; not to disavow them worsens the country's future problems.

Look at France. Its needs are plain: to assimilate a large and restless Muslim population of immigrants and their children, to pay for the rising health and pension costs of an aging society and to compete in the



ROBERT SAMUELSON

world economy. But its economy is lackluster. From 2001 to 2005, annual growth averaged only 1.6 percent. By accident and design, the French have discouraged work. In a recent study, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris reported the following:

• From 1994 to 2003, unemployment among prime-age adults, from 25 to 34, averaged 9.9 percent; for those 15 to 25, the average was 24 percent.

• In 2003, French workers spent an average of 1,431 hours on the job, the third lowest among 26 advanced countries; Italy (1,591 hours) was 11 percent higher; the United States (1,822 hours); 27 percent and South Korea (2,350 hours, the highest) 67 percent.

• Among those 60 to 64, only about one in six have jobs. In the United States, the comparable figure is about one in two. This cannot continue indefinitely. In 2005, France's labor force was 2.7 times as large as its 65-and-over population; by 2020, it's projected to be only twice as large. A shrinking share of France's population—already working short hours—would pay an increasing share of the country's rising pension

and health costs. In 2004, the average retirement age was 59. Average taxes are already about 50 percent of national income; effective marginal rates (the rates on additional income) can hit 60 percent. How much higher could these go without crushing work incentives? Sooner or later, France will have to adopt policies that lower unemployment, lengthen work hours, raise retirement ages and cut promised benefits.

Probably later. Efforts to face these issues provoke protest. The present flash point is a new law that allows employers to fire young workers (those hired after Jan. 26) for the first two years. Of course, U.S. firms can fire workers of all ages within the bounds of union contracts and the anti-discrimination laws. But in France, the Labor Code gives most full-time workers an employment contract that makes layoffs costly. Legal standards must be met. Workers can appeal to labor courts. By one study, companies lost 74 percent of those cases. All these protections pervade—both predictably and not—other areas of labor law. That's one cause of high unemployment.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin's new law tries to disarm that logic. The two-year probationary period gives employers flexibility. They don't have to keep workers they don't

want. The change stemmed from last fall's rioting among young Muslims and complaints about their high jobless rate. Whether the law might work as intended—or inspires temporary two-year jobs—is unclear. Protesters said it would make them "the Kleenex generation," to be discarded at will. Either way, the change is minor. The outsize political reaction is telling and has happened before. In the 1980s, prime ministers Edouard Balladur and Alain Juppé withdrew controversial proposals in the face of mass protests.

All this bolters ill for Europe, because other countries share France's situation. Governments seem incapable of reconciling political commitments and economic realities. The street protesters are given to much kinder beliefs—the illusion that if they march long enough and burn enough cars, they can prevent unwanted change. The concessions that governments make to the future are usually small and slow. France is making full eligibility for retirement benefits from 40 to 42 years of contributions; the U.S. has extended from 30 to 35 and 2020. This suggests a messy process of grudging accommodations that neither placate public opinion nor improve the situation in Europe, which is insecure and unconfident now, will probably become more so.

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One has to be suspicious of all modes of communication as money takes precedence over so many things today. The problem is that nobody seems to see anything the same way we see it, therefore, the memories by which we place ourselves in time and place can never be verified by anybody else. To see things the way anybody else sees them, we need to understand some things are real and some things are not. Faith keeps us safe from the unknown. Hopefully, we'll pray for everyone to eat on. The father, the family leader, in a fit of irrationally smashes a plate on the floor. The mother says as she looks at the thousands of plates are you are eating at the head the family." The father says, "If you have no plan to put the plate back together you have a better way to hear tomorrow." This seems logical to the

Money the direct link to obsessive power

A parable: Let's try to think of a way to clarify what's happening in our political system, our democracy. Think of a family, a father, a mother and a group of youngsters. The family, of modest means, has just enough plates for everyone to eat on. The father, the family leader, in a fit of irrationally smashes a plate on the floor. The mother says as she looks at the thousands of plates are you are eating at the head the family." The father says, "If you have no plan to put the plate back together you have a better way to hear tomorrow." This seems logical to the

Change for letters

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kids so they give the mother no support. The father reaches for another plate. The mother knows that her best action, if she were given the authority, would be to stop the destruction and slowly lead the family into a position where they could afford new plates. In the meantime, some of the members of the family will have no plate to eat on. The kids will eventually wake up and help the mother into the leadership position, but the sad part is that the mother has, in the past, broken a few plates.

All we know the reason for this back and forth craziness. It's the trait of many humans to want power over others and its corollary, money. There is some truth to the adage "power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely"; however, there are people who are qualified for leadership who have true character and can control that tendency. We just need a system where the public has the knowledge and the opportunity to select such people and a system of checks to make sure that those leaders remain of good character.

Addition of state park doesn't help CIEDRA

The Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act now contains a new land exchange for a possible state park. No matter how pretty the sun and dairy shores you put on the pig, it's still a pig. Taking public land out of public hands is wrong. Congressman Simpson was right to oppose the president's proposal to sell public land. He should not be taking public land out of public hands in his own legislation.

Meanwhile, the wilderness that proponents of CIEDRA keep holding up as "the good" ("because we can't get the perfect") is not even good wilderness. The wilderness in CIEDRA undermines the stan-

dard of the Wilderness Act and sets a bad precedent for future wilderness bills. To give another example, CIEDRA allows some all-terrain vehicle use in wilderness.

Many people don't know this. "ATV use in wilderness," they ask. "Yes," I say, "Read the bill." (<http://thomas.loc.gov/Search/HR/3603>).

After reading the bill, people say, "CIEDRA gives away public land, and we're not even getting good wilderness in exchange!"

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primary voter to know is that though the commissioner candidate must live in a certain district (I live in District 1), the entire county will choose the candidate to run for the November election. Your vote in May is extremely important to ensure the best candidate in November.

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All voting Republicans in Twin Falls County will get to choose the candidate for county commissioner in the November election. I ask for your vote in the May 23 primary. I am the best choice.
TERRY KRAMER
Castleford
(Editor's note: Terry Kramer is a Republican candidate for Twin Falls County commissioner.)

First things first: The United States needs secure borders



Given the importance and emotions surrounding immigration, you think Washington would want to get to the heart of the problem. But then you'd be guilty of living in a fantasyland.

The last thing either party wants to do is solve the crisis. Both much prefer to expose to the risky business of actually dealing with the facts.

The biggest illusion, emphasized by President Bush and many Democrats and Republicans is that America must somehow first legalize the 11 million-plus illegals here before closing the borders. Right, let's clean up the water on the floor before we plug the leaky pipe. You don't have to be a plumber to know that's not going to work.

The shocking truth is that nobody in Washington has a real and humane plan to stop

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the flow of illegals coming into the United States. An estimated 3,000 people from Mexico alone scramble over and under the border each day, yet the bill that passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday would merely double the number of border agents over five years. With about 1 million illegal immigrants coming here each year, any legislation that doesn't bring border control is doomed to fail.

Indeed, the situation now is a direct result of Washington's last "solution." Twenty years ago, with as many as 6 million illegal immigrants in the country, Congress passed and

Ronald Reagan signed an amnesty bill that also had guest-worker provisions and sanctions against employers. What it didn't have was effective border control, or real enforcement. You see the result.

The reason nobody wants to tackle border control is...I don't actually know the reason. Especially after 9/11, it should be a no-brainer, both good policy and good politics. But the war on terror is ignoring not only the back door but the front door, too.

Undercover investigators recently smuggled into the U.S. enough radioactive material to make two dirty bombs. The New York Times reported Tuesday's driving forged documents, truck drivers got through checkpoints on both the Mexican and Canadian borders even though radiation detec-

tors sounded. These detectors should be a wakeup call, but Washington keeps hitting the snooze button.

Eyes wide shut, the polis and an army of advocates are consumed with the details of legalization proposals for those already here.

Stereotypes are running wild, with the bleeding hearts seeing every immigrant as a hard-working, churchgoing, law-abiding victim.

The hard-heart extreme sees the same people as lazy, skitty thieves stealing services and jobs.

The latter view dominates in a bill passed by the House that would make it a felony to live in the U.S. illegally, instantly turning 11 million immigrants into criminals.

The bill's provision that would make it a crime to assist illegals is an easy target for protesting opponents, including the Catholic cardinal of Los Angeles.

The Mexican government is also at fault: It openly backs legalization and winks at its citizens' conduct. Our porous borders are a boon to Mexico because the remittances illegal immigrants send home are a huge source of consumer capital. Bush is meeting with President Vicente Fox in Cancun tomorrow, but he shouldn't expect much help.

Despite millions of dollars in direct U.S. aid, Mexico, according to a study by the Heritage Foundation, voted against the U.S. about 65 percent of the time in the United Nations.

If I say we're getting ripped off.

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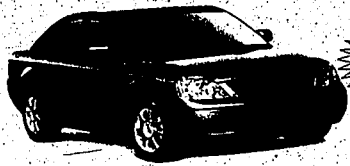
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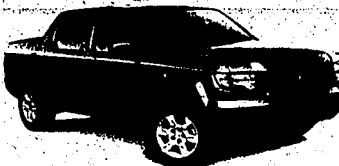
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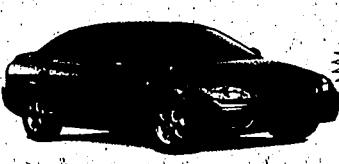
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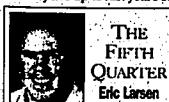
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Section B

The end of the beginning

New-look CSI men deliver same old success

It was 35 games and 152 days ago that we at *The Times-News* summed up the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team's focus for the 2005-06 season with two words and a punctuation mark. "Target: Hutch" was the headline. The dreaded colon was the punctuation mark. Although early in the season, the biggest point of punctuation concerning these Golden Eagles was a question mark. How will they live up to last year's 33-3 record



THE FIFTH QUARTER
Eric Larsen

and third-place finish at nationals? Do they really deserve the No. 4 ranking in the preseason poll? And by the way, aside from Travis Robinson, Zarryon Ferrell and Reggie Larry, just who the heck are these guys?

A 25-10 mark, a third consecutive trip to the NCAA National Tournament, and a tie for ninth place in the nation later, and I give you my best shot at answering those questions: Pretty well, maybe not, and darn good basketball players.

As was so often pointed out early in the season, no, this wasn't last year's team. This was first-year head coach Barret Peery's team. This wouldn't be another year that CSI made it look too easy. There wouldn't be any 73-point wins over Colorado Northwestern. This was to be the year of early struggles to find the right starting lineup, the right team chemistry. Ultimately, it would be a year that CSI exceeded any realistic expectations.

Yes, we're talking about the winningest IUCO program in the nation and the high expectations it carries, but we're also talking about a team that returned only three players with Pacific West Athletic Conference experience. We're talking about a team that brought in five key transfers that had to learn to play together quickly. No one wanted to ask it, but combined with an entirely new coaching staff, we're talking about the makings of a .500 season.

People didn't see the talent from last year. CSI sophomore forward Reggie Larry said after CSI's final game in Hutchinson, Kan. "They didn't see the talent, but they didn't see that you can get here with hard work, too."

If you still don't think this CSI team worked hard enough, here's a hint—you're dead wrong.

Yep, there were times this season that the Golden Eagles looked frustratingly asleep at the wheel. For instance, there was the 82-75 road loss to Mesa (Ariz.) Community College, where head coach and former NBA veteran Alton Lister was still probably the best player in the gym for the Thunderbirds. But if you want to talk about hard work, consider the small child sophomore post Micah Rollin lost in conditioning. It was over 60 pounds Rollin dropped over the season. Or how about how Darrell "Smooch" Jenkins kept reinventing his game to help the Eagles. First, he's a pass-first point guard. Second, he's a combo guard alongside surging point Jermaine Calvin. Then it's back to the one after Calvin broke his left hand in a mid-season practice. Finally, to heck with it, he's a full-on shooting guard come tournament time.

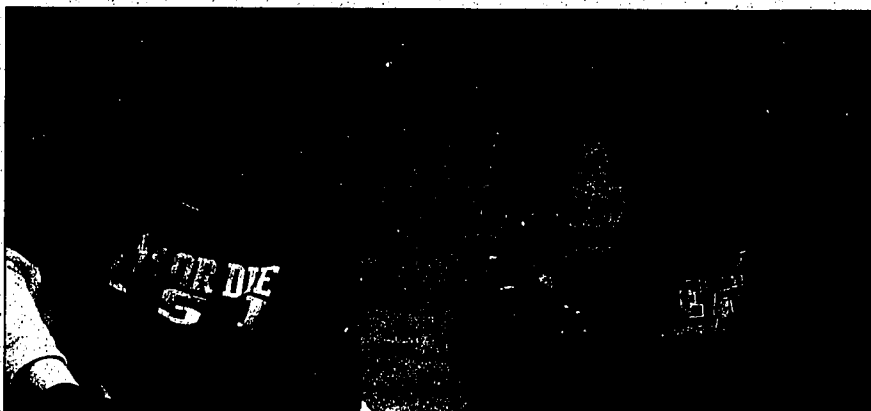
And you know what? It worked—all of it. The personnel shifts, the added plays, the late-night trip to cut down the nets at the CSI gym before heading to the Region 1B Tournament in Coeur d'Alene. It worked through the midseason dismissal of beefy freshman post Ronnel Ramsey and the midseason slumps Larry and Ferrell suffered. It worked through long bus trips and personal losses. It worked through the two-game suspension levied on Rollin and Steve Neal after CSI's SWAC scuffle with Dixie State College. True, it didn't work that well through Calvin's injury, but it worked to ease the transition back while the sophomore played with a protective guard on his left hand.

But here's a word about team. Yes, team—that ethereal collective that hovers around young men in mesh shorts, loosely anchored to screen-printed and sewed-on numbers. Every team knows when it's done, and this year's CSI team is no exception. The team is carried upon sprained ankles, hip contusions and broken hands until it becomes too big a burden and can be carried no more. Friday morning in Hutchinson, with CSI on its way to a 70-66 loss to Monroe College (N.Y.), the players surged on, but the team was finished. The team—the collective—shot 44.8 percent from the free-throw line. The team decided this—it didn't need another game—it needed a CSI title.

"I felt like we were out of gas," Peery said after the game. "We kept pushing on the pedal, but weren't going any faster." In his first year at the helm, Peery saw his Golden Eagles push team as far as it would go and probably a game or two farther. All the while, he spoke about finding ways for the Eagles to go out with their heads held high.

Now would be a good time for that.

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College of Southern Idaho sophomore guard Steve Neal (left) jokes with fellow sophomore Abray Milson while stretching during the Eagles' pre-NCAA National Tournament shoot-around at the Hutchinson Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kan. on Monday, March 20.

Photos by ERIC LARSEN/ The Times-News



College of Southern Idaho sophomore guard Zarryon Ferrell delivers a pass to Reggie Larry during the Golden Eagles' Round 2 victory over Southwest Tennessee Community College at the NCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.



College of Southern Idaho head coach Barret Peery shouts directions at sophomore point guard Darrell "Smooch" Jenkins during the Golden Eagles' 82-72 victory over Southwest Tennessee Community College in Round 2 of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. on Thursday, March 23.



College of Southern Idaho sophomore guard Darrell "Smooch" Jenkins glides past Monroe College (N.Y.) defender Louency Fabre during the Golden Eagles' 70-66 loss in Round 3 of the NCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.



The College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles huddle together to open their Saturday, March 25 practice in Laramie, Wyo. At center is sophomore point guard Jermaine Calvin. Assistant coach Steve Gosar (left) and sophomore guard Darrell "Smooch" Jenkins (right) are also pictured.



SPORTS



Phil Mickelson tees off on the 16th hole during the first round of the BellSouth Classic golf tournament Thursday in Duluth, Ga. Mickelson led the course record with a 9-under par 63.

Lefty shoots strong first round

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Phil Mickelson got off to a fast start in his bid for a third BellSouth Classic title — and made it clear that he's in top form for the Masters.

Mickelson tied the tournament course record, shooting a 63 on the first seven holes on the TPC at Sugarloaf. Tiger Woods set the course record in 1998 and Duffy Waldorf (1999) and Ben Crane (2003) also have shot 63s on the Greg Norman-designed layout. In 1979, when the tournament was held at the Atlanta Country Club, Andy Bean shot a record 61.

Coles had a career-best 61. Charles Warren opened with a 65, and Joe Durant, Ian Poulter and Scott Parel shot 66s.

Wie takes back seat to Ochoa

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Lorenz Ochoa matched the best score in women's major championship history Thursday, shooting a 10-under 62 to take a four-stroke lead over Michelle Wie after the first round of the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

The 24-year-old Mexican star finished her round with a sand wedge into 12 feet — only one of her 10 birdies was longer — to break the tournament record of 63 set by Mary Beth Zimmerman in 1997. The only other 62 in an LPGA Tour major was by Minna Blomqvist in the 2004 Women's British Open at Sunningdale.

The 16-year-old Wie matched her best score on the LPGA Tour, a bogey-free 66 in which she had a birdie put on every hole on the Mission Hills course.

Defending champion Anirika Sorenstam opened with a 71. Stacy Prammanasudh had a 67. Angela Park — a 17-year-old amateur who plans to turn pro Monday — followed with a 68, and Jill Inkster, Paula Creamer, Morgan Pressel, Sean Hyun Lee and Karen Stupples opened with 69s.

Broadhurst leads Algarve Open

PORTIMAO, Portugal — Paul Broadhurst matched the course record with an 8-under 64 to take a one-shot lead in the Algarve Open.

Broadhurst had an eagle and seven birdies in the first round on the Le Meridien Penina course.

The Englishman won last year at Quinta da Marinha. Sweden's Christian Nilsson opened with a 65.

CSI hosts new SWAC foe

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's time for a dual reversal of fortunes.

At least that's what the College of Southern Idaho Athletics team is looking for this weekend as it hosts new Southwestern Athletic Conference foe Western Nevada Community College for a four-game home stand at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls. Western Nevada may be a first-year program, but isn't playing like it's racing out to a 19-13 record and 13-7 SWAC mark. The Wildcats are riding a six-game win streak in to Twin Falls, where the 23-11, (15-8) Golden Eagles have lost three straight and six of their last nine.

It's not that CSI has played poorly recently. The Eagles just haven't been as tack-sharp as they were earlier this season and have been hit by a few unfortunate bounces over the last two weeks. Despite the losses, CSI still has a 2-11 team ERA and .281 team batting average. In short, the Eagles are playing well enough to win and should find a way to gain back some of the ground they lost to SWAC-leading Community College of Southern Nevada with last week's 1-3 mark against the Cougars.

Eagle eyes

Today: Western Nevada Community College (19-13, 13-7 SWAC), DH, Skip Walker Field, 6 p.m.

On the horizon: The Golden Eagles host the Wildcats for a noon doubleheader tomorrow before heading to Salt Lake City to take on Salt Lake Community College next week.

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

CSI season leaders

Batting: Average — Ken Ferguson 4.00; Jeff Vickers .385, RBI — 4; Vickers 22; Jordan Daley 19. Runs — Ferguson 24; Vickers 18, 20; J. Vickers 13, 12; Brad Mady 2; four with 1 HR — J. Vickers, Mady, Mike Giffin 2. SB — Ferguson 12; Kyle Resser 8.

Pitching Record — Nick Carr 5 0, 1.59 ERA (5 starts); Todd Privett 4-1, 1.45 ERA (7 starts). ERA — Tim Mealer 0.00 (15 IP); Adam Urberg 0.00 (4 IP). Stolen Bases — Jordan Laitham 3; James Wallace 2. SO — Urberg, Privett 41; Carr 36. Opponent's average — Mealer 1.80; Carr 1.82.

team ERA. Freshman righty Justin Garcia has been the ace of the staff thus far, going 4-2 with a 1.89 ERA and 27 strikeouts. No Wildcat starters have been dominant, so look for CSI to be aggressive early and force WNCN to go to its bullpen in the middle innings. Sophomore outfielder Ken Ferguson will again be instrumental in wreaking havoc for the Eagles. Ferguson is second in the SWAC with a .400 batting average and is tied for third in runs scored. Sophomore catcher Jeff Vickers continues to be hot at the plate and has upped his batting average to .385 — good for fifth in the SWAC. The power-hitting backstop is first in slugging percentage, doubles and total bases in the conference. The shortstop Jordan Daley has consistently put runners in scoring position while batting ahead of Vickers. Daley is first in both sacrifice hits and sac flies in the conference.

As always, it will come down to execution at the plate and especially in the field for CSI. The Eagles are coming off a WAC in fielding percentage, but sit in second for most errors committed at 53. Earned runs have rarely been CSI's downfall, so it will be important to not give the Wildcats extra outs to do damage.

Game 1 is set for a 7 p.m. start today, with game 2's doubleheader set for a noon first pitch.

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MLB launches probe into Bonds, steroids; investigation criticized

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball launched its probe Thursday into alleged steroids use by Barry Bonds and others, and right away the head of the investigation came under attack for some of his close ties to the sport.

In the wake of a scaring book about Bonds, commissioner Bud Selig appointed former Seattle Major League Center George Mitchell — and currently a director of the Boston Red Sox — to lead the inquiry.

The probe initially will be limited to events since September 2002, when the sport banned performance-enhancing drugs, but Mitchell has the authority to expand it, Selig said. Mitchell's report will be made public but didn't set a timetable.

"The goal here is to determine facts, not engage in supposition, speculation, rumor or innuendo," Selig said.

Whatever the findings, it will be hard to penalize anyone for coming before the steroids and baseball began drug testing in 2003 and started testing with penalties the following year.

Mitchell, meanwhile, said he will not resign his position with the Red Sox. He is also chairman of The Walt Disney Co., the parent of ESPN, a national broadcast partner of baseball.

"I don't think there's any conflict," he said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I'm going to be independent. I will not have any independent authority and will act."

ESPN is airing a weekly behind-the-scenes look at Bonds — with the San Francisco star's cooperation — starting next week.

Along with working for the Red Sox, Mitchell is a former director of the Florida Marlins and served on an economic study committee Selig appointed in 1998. He said he previously announced he would leave the Disney board by the end of the year.

"I've assured the Red Sox owners that should any matter arise, anybody affiliated with the Red Sox will be treated exactly as will anyone else," he said.

John Dowd, the Washington lawyer who headed baseball's investigation of the steroids scandal in 1989, did not like the choice.

"Mitchell doesn't have a great track record with me. I don't think he's independent," Dowd said.

Sen. Jim Bunning, a Kentucky

Famer, also criticized Mitchell.

"While George Mitchell is certainly a man of great integrity, I believe that I believe that baseball would have been wiser to pick someone who is not as close to the game and may be able to take a more objective look into the facts," Bunning said.

Rep. Henry Waxman, a California Democrat who helped lead a congressional hearing last year on steroids in baseball, praised the probe.

"This is precisely what I had asked MLB to do last year," he said. "Finding out the truth about the depth and breadth of this problem is the only way to close the book on this sad chapter of the game's history."

Selig's decision came soon after a "same of Shindlers" book by twin San Francisco Chronicle reporters detailing alleged extensive steroid use by Bonds and other baseball stars.

"I believe the timing on this proper given the charges, given the specificity of the charges for the first time," Selig said.

San Francisco attorney, ballpark. Bonds wouldn't discuss the matter.

"I said no, no, no," he said, shaking his head. "I'm going to jump off the Empire State Building — flat on my face," he added, laughing.

Mitchell will be assisted by Jeffrey Collins and Thomas Cahue of Foley & Lardner — the law firm of Bob Duvy, baseball's chief operating officer — and San Francisco attorney, the federal prosecutor currently at Collins is a former U.S. Attorney and California's former assistant U.S. attorney.

"Should Sen. Mitchell uncover material suggesting that the scope of this investigation needs to be broader, he has my permission to expand the investigation and to follow the evidence wherever it may lead," Selig said.

Duvy said baseball considered Mitchell's potential conflicts of interest.

"Given Sen. Mitchell's integrity, given his background, he was absolutely considered to be the perfect choice for this job," he said.

power to force players to cooperate.

"My hope is that others will see it as we do, that it's in the best interests of baseball and the individuals to be forthcoming, but I can't predict," Mitchell said.

New York Yankees first baseman James Hambl, who like Bonds testified before a federal grand jury in 2003, said he'd have "no problems" in an inquiry.

"I did the things I needed to do, took care of it and played last year and have just gone forward. I'm not really worried about it," he said.

Ruminate Gary Sheffield also testified and said of his cooperation: "I'll have to, I will. I'm going to do whatever the law expects me to do, other than that it's a matter of time."

In 1986 case involving pitcher Ferguson, arbitrator Ray Goetz curtailed the commissioner's power to order cooperation.

"Arbitrators have been reluctant to allow compelled, potentially self-incriminating testimony," Selig said. "The investigatory authority of Major League Baseball, therefore, is particularly limited when the allegations relate to conduct that can create or has created a risk of criminal prosecution for the player."

Selig would not address possible legal action that could result from the investigation.

"When this investigation is over ... that will be the time for me to make those kind of judgments," he said.

Bonds enters the season with 708 homers, trailing only Babe Ruth (714) and Hank Aaron (755) on the career list.

Selig would not discuss whether baseball would commemorate Bonds' pursuit of the home-run record.

Earlier Thursday, Victor Conte — founder of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative — was released from a California prison. He spent four months there after pleading guilty to obstructing an illegal steroids distribution scheme that allegedly involved many high-profile athletes.

Asked whether he gave Bonds steroids, Conte said, "No, I did

but has jacked three home runs and driven in 14 runs. Sophomore outfielder Aaron Henry is also a player to watch for, as he's been a factor in 15 steal attempts this season.

The Wildcats' pitching staff hasn't had the same success. The Golden Eagles have enjoyed, but has completed a solid 3.11

Bruins baseball blast Emmett at home

TWIN FALLS — Senior Chance Elam went 4-for-4 including a double as a home run to lead the Twin Falls Bruins to a 13-3 win over Emmett on Thursday. The game ended after six innings due to the 10-run lead.

"We had good approaches at the plate," said Twin Falls head coach Mike Federick. "With two outs, we were doing it for a while, to make adjustments in our swings."

The Bruins scored 10 runs in the first three innings. Twin Falls' center pitcher, Blake Nielsen and the Bruins defense held Emmett scoreless until the fourth.

Emmett tossed a three-hitter, recording three strikeouts, one walk and one hit batter.

Twin Falls sophomores Remington Pullin and Ho Holmberg led the offense, with Pullin and Holmberg also hitting a double. Elam added a pair of RBIs.

"Twin Falls (7-5) travels to Boise to play in the Bucks Bucs tournament this weekend. At 1 p.m. today, the Bruins face Madison and at 7 p.m. play Meridian."

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with the loss. She recorded five strikeouts and one walk.

The Pilots (3-4) travel to Filer today.

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Softball Mountain Home 6, Glenns Ferry 0

GLENN'S FERRY — The Pilots just kept getting anything good Thursday, dropping a 6-0 noncompetitive loss to Mountain Home.

Mountain Home came out swinging as pitcher Al Hillman hit a three-run shot over the fence in the first inning. The Tigers scored another two in the third as the Pilots committed defensive errors.

Hillman struck out 14 Pilot batters, gave up only one walk and one hit. The Pilots' only hit came from Jocelyn Ferry, who when 1-for-2.

Glenns Ferry pitcher Rachel Anchtuegud dropped to 3-3.

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Amateur golf

Muni Ladies open season

WIN FALLS — The team of Cherie, Julie Bradford, June Florence, and Carolyn Heaver took first with a net score of 58 to crown the Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Golf Association.

Jackie Gasser, Ross Schoen, JoAnne Anderson, and Barbara Frink took second in the scramble. The net score of 60. The association will have another scramble at 10 a.m. on April 6.

Shotgun formation inventor Red Hickey dies

AP/TOS, Calif. (AP) — Howard "Red" Hickey, the NFL coach who invented the shotgun offensive formation with the 49ers, died Thursday. His son said he was 88.

Jeffrey Hickey didn't disclose the cause of his father's death.

Hickey coached San Francisco from 1963 to 1977. He coached for 19 seasons, three games into the 1963 season. He also played on the Cleveland Rams' 1945 championship team, was an assistant coach for the Los Angeles Rams' title club in 1951 and spent two decades as an assis-

He made history in 1960 when he combined elements of a punt formation, a spread passing attack and a double-wing formation invented by Stanford Pop Warner into the shotgun — so named by Hickey because it sprayed receivers around the field.

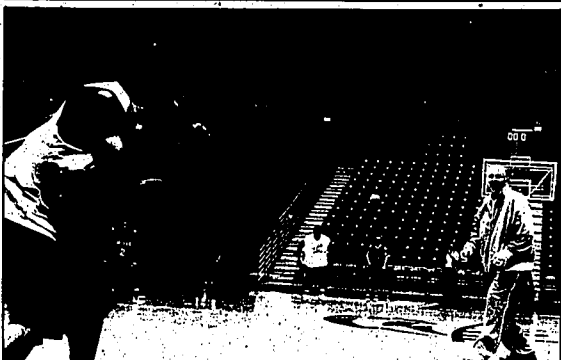
Before a game against Baltimore in November 1960, Hickey instructed quarterbacks John Brodie and Bob Waters to stand several yards behind the center to receive snaps, giving them more time to survive the Colts' formidable pass rush.

49ers to a late-season winning surge, and a five-game winning streak of the shotgun with a three-quarterback rotation in 1961, sending Brodie, Waters and John Brodie's name into the game on alternating plays.

San Francisco dropped the formation before the next season. But it was revived by coach Bill Walsh in the 1970s several years later, and it has eventually spread throughout football.

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George Mason basketball coach Jim Larranaga, right, pitches the ball to Gabe Norwood, left, during a game of "united ball" following the team's last practice at home, Tuesday at the Patriot Center in Fairfax, Va. The team leaves Wednesday for the NCAA Final Four in Indianapolis.

Trip to Final Four turns into celebration of Larranaga's career

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Some people have to die before good things are said about them. Jim Larranaga only had to make it to the Final Four.

Twenty years into a head coaching career that's been more honorable than extraordinary, Larranaga is the star of the show this week. George Mason is the most improbable team in the Final Four in 20 years, and people can't get enough of the Patriots. Or their coach. He's a comedian. A resident philosopher. A one-man dance party. A symbol of all that is good in sport.

"A friend of ours said, 'Jim's kind of being eulogized and he didn't have to die. It's so true.' Larranaga's wife, Liz, said, 'Tuesday. "When somebody dies, we say all these wonderful things about them. When they're here, nobody says anything."

"How beautiful is this?" she added. "It's so lucky right now. But he's worked so hard for it."

George Mason (27-7), the first 11th seed to reach the Final Four since LSU in 1986, plays third-seeded Florida (31-6) on Saturday night.

Aside from his family, friends and the true college hoops audience, few people knew who the 56-year-old Larranaga was until three weeks ago.

Though he has a 571 career winning percentage and was an assistant on both of Virginia's Final Four teams, he's not one of those coaches who chases every job that comes open with little regard for what they're crushing along the way. It's in his ninth season at George Mason and was at Bowling Green for 11 years before that.

"And if you for a snub by the NCAA selection committee in 1997, he might still be in Ohio, coaching Green. Had won 22 games that year, most in at least 50 years. The Falcons lost in the semifinals of the Mid-American Conference tournament, but Larranaga was

certain they still were worthy of an at-large NCAA bid. "We didn't even get close," Larranaga said. "I felt like I just needed to start over somewhere that maybe had a little more commitment to basketball. George Mason ended up being that school."

At school, it seemed like a lateral move. George Mason was a mid-major just like Bowling Green, a commuter school in Fairfax, Va., that was part of the Colonial Athletic Association. It was still reeling from its Paul Westhead experiment and was a distant fourth to Georgetown, Michigan and Georgetown when it came to local interest.

But Larranaga believed he could turn George Mason into something special. "We were in a geographic location where we could get involved with more players immediately because of the fertile ground of recruiting that Washington, D.C., Maryland, Northern Virginia is," he said. "Our philosophy is to recruit locally and build a family atmosphere. We felt like we could do that far better at George Mason than we could at Bowling Green."

Larranaga went 9-18 his first year at George Mason. He was welcomed so warmly, though, that Liz Larranaga said it didn't seem like an easy season. "From the get-go, people embraced him," she said. "They embraced his style, they embraced his values."

Those values can be summed up in one sentence: Everything is a positive.

Instead of scowling or screaming when his players make mistakes, he claps, yelling at people only makes them more upright, he reasons. He comes up with corny motivational slogans — who will forget him saying CIA stood for Connecticut Assassin Association? — and he gets his players to believe in themselves by doing it himself.

And that talk about being a family? There's a reason both of his sons chose to play for him. "The idea is always to build a relationship between player and coach, simply because you spend so much time with each other trying to accomplish the same things. But this goes beyond that," said Washington Wizards guard Antonio Daniels, who played for Larranaga at Bowling Green.

"I talk with Coach every week, and I know how great of a person he is and how much he deserves everything he's getting right now." "From Tony Skinn, the team's second-leading scorer, punched an opponent in the groin during the CAA tournament, Larranaga made the tough call to suspend him for a game — knowing it might be the first game of the NCAA tournament.

"He was mad at me a little bit," Skinn said. "But he was the one who called me more than anyone else just to make sure I was fine."

Everyone has discovered, Larranaga can coach, too. Despite being smaller, shorter and less deep than everyone they played, the Patriots knocked off Michigan State and North Carolina the first weekend, then stunned Connecticut, the season-long favorite to win the title, to reach the Final Four. Together, those three schools won four of the last seven NCAA titles.

Now George Mason — George Mason — and Larranaga are two games from winning it all.

"I don't know if words can describe how I feel," he said. "It's not just about our basketball program, it's about our university, it's about our community, it's about our region. It's about people identifying with the idea of a group of young kids 'overachieving' where everybody says you can't do what you're doing. And yet we have."

for the Bruins (31-6) in the tournament. He had 14 points and 10 rebounds in their surprising comeback win against Gonzaga. He made a tough catch on a job pass in traffic and scored the go-ahead shot with nine seconds remaining and then scrambled for a loose ball to give UCLA possession with four seconds to go.

What is almost a full decade ago, he said, he was a kid whose journey from Cameroon to UCLA began in 2003, when he arrived in the United States to play for the Bruins. He knew basketball could earn him a spot in college.

Mbah a Moute's parents have yet to see him play in the tournament, although his friends in Cameroon have caught some games on replay.

"I explained that this is kind of a big deal," he said, smiling. "They really don't know." His infrequent calls home — Cameroon is nine hours ahead of Los Angeles — contribute to Mbah a Moute's homesickness. He communicates with Aboya, especially when it comes to food. Mbah a Moute's favorites include samga ndole, bimbolo and kpen ke baze — foods derived from corn, maize and cassava, whose roots resemble sweet potatoes. Mbah a Moute says the source of utopia pudding.

Team on a mission: LSU brings joy to hurricane-ravaged state

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Glen Davis stood next to the dying man, holding up an IV bag while doctors worked furiously to save his life.

"One of his lungs had collapsed," Davis said, his voice barely above a whisper as he recounted that awful day. "He couldn't breathe. You could see him struggling for air."

In the days following Hurricane Katrina, Davis and the rest of his LSU teammates "came face-to-face with unimaginable pain and incomprehensible suffering. They saw children crying out for mothers and fathers who were swept away by the floodwaters. They saw parents desperately searching for sons and daughters who would never be found. They saw battered bodies and hopeless souls."

They saw people die. "It makes you appreciate life at a younger age," said Davis, the Tigers' sophomore star. "You think about the choices you make in life. You want to make sure you go out the right way."

No team at the Final Four comes in with a greater sense of purpose than LSU, which has done more than just win a national championship. The Tigers can give the people back home a reason to believe that everything will be all right, a reason to get on with their lives.

Already, their impact has been felt. "We've helped the state a lot," said freshman guard Garrett Temple, a second-generation LSU player. "When people watch our games, they forget they're living in a trailer instead of their house in New Orleans. It feels great to make people happy."

If the Tigers are carrying more of a burden than UCLA, Florida or George Mason, they also have reason to be the loo

team in Indianapolis. When we've seen as much devastation as these guys have seen, there's no reason to get all worked up about a basketball game.

"It kind of woke us up," freshman sensation Tyus Thomas said. "It could have been any of us."

After the hurricane slammed into New Orleans, crumpled the NCAA tournament, knocking off top-seeded Duke and No. 2 seed Texas on the way to their first Final Four since 1986.

While Katrina's fall-out gave the Tigers an added sense of purpose, it wasn't a factor when they stepped on the court. Coach John Brady made that clear to his players before their opening-round game against Iowa.

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to other cities, trying to rebuild their lives. They once had in the Big Easy. The cats were packed away. The hoops went back up.

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From part-time player to full-fledged star

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Wearing headphones and hustling to get to his biological anthropology class, Joakim Noah noticed someone following him.

"I didn't say anything. He didn't look over his shoulder. He didn't even care that the woman talked him across campus and then grabbed a nearby seat in class."

He wondered what she was doing. Was she supposed to be there? Was she even a student? Was she stalking him?

The figures on the 60 minutes later, when she approached him after the lecture.

She sat through the whole class and then came to sign a couple of T-shirts," Noah said.

Noah has received a lot of extra attention lately. He has famous bloodlines, worldwide exposure and a unique combination of talent and charisma — all of which has helped transform the 6-foot-11 sophomore forward from a part-time player to full-fledged star at Florida.

Noah has been the catalyst for the team's run to the Final Four, where the Gators will play George Mason on Saturday night. He is one assist shy of leading Florida in every major category during the NCAA tournament.

Noah is an avid Bob Marley fan. He has a passion for the music of the reggae star, and he has been fascinated with Arabic studies. He has avoided paparazzi in Paris, polished his game on the famed courts of Rucker Park in New York City and bled the jungles of Maui.

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Florida's Joakim Noah dunks the ball as they played Georgetown in their NCAA Regional semifinal basketball game in Minneapolis, Friday.

three continents, visiting more than a dozen countries and learning to speak four languages.

His grandfather in Asa, a Swedish farm town where Roddie grew up, taught him to love the Vikings. His other grandfather, Zacharie Noah, often captivated him with tales of African tribesmen.

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Coach Billy Donovan said he has never been around a player, who has improved as much from one season to the next.

"It's by far the biggest jump in terms of what he's doing and the impact he's made," Donovan said. "He's impacted winning."

His influence has been far-reaching, too.

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Mbah a Moute is prince of a fellow

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jaciri Mbah a Moute gets up in Cameroon passionate about playing with a round ball. Now, five years after trading soccer for basketball, the freshman is returning home to play in a big season UCLA is in the Final Four.

Freshmen often hit a wall late in the season. Not Mbah a Moute. He's shooting 50 percent from the floor, although only 52 percent from the line, and leads the Bruins in rebounding and assists during the NCAA tournament.

"This number one attribute that makes him great is his toughness," competitiveness and his pride," coach Ben Howland said. "It is unique."

Mbah a Moute has given the Bruins an improved presence in the paint, leading them in rebounding in all but seven games. When he's not inside using his long arms to grab rebounds, he's guarding opponents out on the perimeter.

"I never worked on rebounding. It just came naturally," he said. "You got to have a feel for the ball. It's something you're just gifted with."

Any time he scores or grabs a rebound, Bruin fans salute him with long, low shouts of "Tanuuccce."

It's easier than saying his regal sounding name, which is pronounced Luke. He-SHAIRD Umbah-a-MOO. Back home, Mbah a Moute is

better known as a prince whose father is chief of a small rural village in the capital of Yaounde.

"It's an honor," he said, explaining that his own royal title is a sign of respect and honor in ceremonies, dances and festivals while wearing traditional garb.

"When I'm done with everything, I want to go back to my country," he said. "I love my country. It's a beautiful place and it's home. You always want to go home."

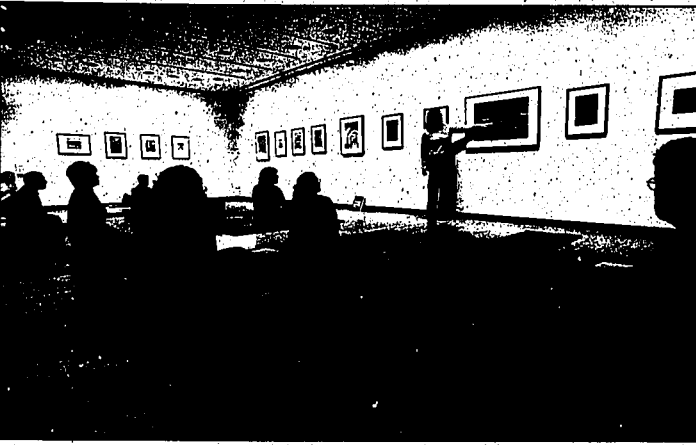
His father, Camille Moute-a-Bidias, oversees life in Bia Messe, where about 4,000 people look to him for help with jobs, construction, weddings and funerals.

"He goes to the village every weekend, hunkering sure everything is going all right, there's no problem with anybody," said Mbah a Moute, whose family lives an hour or so away in Yaounde.

He will choose one of his six sons to succeed him. Typically, it would be the oldest son, and he is third-youngest among his brothers and sisters.

"Being in charge of a lot of people like that, it's a hard thing to do. So it has a pretty big significance. I want to be like Mbah a Moute's freshman teammate, who is from Yaounde. His dad has to do everything. Mbah a Moute has done a lot

Yoga mixes with art



Mary Murray, museum curator, talks about a work by Charles Burchfield 'Village in the Swamps, 1930' on Feb. 4 at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Museum in Utica. She then used the unused mat to join with the others in a yoga class.

Museum provides peaceful setting for workout

By Ellen R. Stapleton
Associated Press writer

UTICA, N.Y. — It may seem like an ordinary art lecture for the visitors viewing a watercolor titled "Moon and Cumulus Cloud." But the listeners are sitting on exercise mats and wearing sweats.

It's a yoga art session, an effort to soothe the soul and tone the body in the inspirational setting of an art museum. After the art lesson, on how the painter captured the effect of nocturnal light on the landscape, the visitors will get an hour-long yoga session.

"Yoga is really more than fitness instructor Rachel Nickel explains before one of six Saturday morning classes at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute. "It's a tradition that's over 5,000 years old, and it's really a spiritual tradition. So it's really a wonderful blending of art and movement."

As yoga holds strong as a popular form of exercise and relaxation, specialty classes are everywhere. More than 12 million Americans participated in yoga in 2004, up from 11 million in 2002, according to the most recent surveys by the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association.

Did artsy yoga to the ranks of power yoga, baby yoga, kick-boxing yoga, chair yoga, punk rock yoga and plus-size yoga. Anamaria Ross, an anthropology professor at Utica College in this central New York city, said she first took a yoga class for pregnant women three years ago and didn't hesitate when she heard what the art museum was offering.

"It sounded like a dream," Ross said. "There's a chance to come here regularly and hear



John Bolton, foreground, and others relax at the beginning of a yoga session led by Rachel Nickel on Feb. 4.

someone talk about the art and do yoga again."

Galleries are places for quiet contemplation, making yoga the perfect companion for maintaining old members and attracting new ones, said Amy Holland, director of the Trummell & Margaret Crow Collection of Asian Art in downtown Dallas. Her museum has been holding yoga classes for three years.

"We realized our niche as an oasis for calm, meditation and relaxation, so yoga seemed to

be the perfect manifestation of that environment," said Holland.

Some classes take place among the sculptures in the Indian art gallery, connecting participants with the history of yoga.

"For many people, it's a way to end a stressful workday," Holland said. "They'll shed their suits and start the class."

The Crow Collection also holds summer camps with yoga instruction for kids.

Ralph La Forge, a physiologist

at Duke University Medical Center, said the value of a "mindful" yoga class like one in an art museum is how it enhances the ability to focus on relaxing, breathing, and meditating. That helps reduce stress and improve body control.

"I would think you'd get more bang for your buck," La Forge said.

At the Utica museum, program coordinator Barb Kane organized the yoga class and also decided to participate as a way to reconnect emotionally with the artwork she's so accustomed to seeing. Nickel, the yoga instructor, uses similar exercises each week but alters the meditations to go with a theme.

The first week, for example, was about the museum's most famous work, "The Voyage of Life" by Thomas Cole, founder of the Hudson River School. The four large canvases symbolically compare the changing landscapes along a river to the stages of life: childhood, youth, manhood and old age. It's a prime material to dwell on during yoga poses.

"An artist goes into that meditative, contemplative space and manifests ideas or visions," Nickel said. "Yoga means, to yoke, or to unite. So we're going inside that infinite part of ourselves and kind of getting in touch with that and just being in this space where someone has done that."

U.S. Army loosens tattoo standards

Military looks to expand pool of candidates

By Mark Mazzetti
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Army has a message for the growing legions of flame-brand tattooed American teens: Uncle Sam even wants you.

Facing one of the worst recruiting climates in the all-volunteer military's history, the Army has decided to relax standards that dictate which parts of a soldier's body can be tattooed. Specifically, the service now will accept recruits with tattoos on their neck and hands.

The service long has prohibited soldiers from having tattoos on places that are not covered by a dress uniform. But after missing Army recruiting goals last year, commanders are looking for every way possible to expand the pool of candidates.

Over the past year the Army has begun accepting more recruits who score poorly on mental aptitude tests and more who don't have high school diplomas. It has begun accepting more candidates with criminal records and histories of drug abuse, and has experimented with raising the maximum age at which a person can enter the Army.

The new tattoo policy will assist in the recruiting of highly qualified soldiers who would otherwise be eliminated, according to the Pentagon directive, announcing the change earlier this year.

The directive still prohibits any tattoos that are "extremist, indecent, racist or racist." And in true Army fashion, there are strict guidelines about where on the neck the tattoo may be located. Neck tattoos are only allowed on the back of the neck, a bodily region the Army officially defines as the area "under the earlobe and across the back of the head."

Pentagon officials say the updated policy is simply an attempt by the Army to compete with mainstream American youths. Tattoos are a staple among pop singers and basketball stars, and young people are finding ever more creative places on their bodies to decorate.

With more American teenagers tattooing their limbs and torsos, officials say, it would be foolish for the military to adhere to strict regulations on skin art, especially given the difficulties that the Army is having recruiting in the midst of a bloody and increasingly unpopular war.

"American youth tend to have tattoos now. The demographic is changing," said Lt. Col Bryan Tillery, an Army spokesman. "If a kid is in good shape and passes all the tests, do Americans really want us to say no to him because he's got tattoos? I don't think so."

But some critics see the new regulations as more ominous, and say that relaxing the tattoo restriction is yet another case of

the Army lowering standards to meet recruiting quotas.

An internal Army news story about the tattoo policy cited a 2003 study by Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University, which found that 28 percent of Americans under the age of 25 have tattoos. Army officials said it is unclear how many recruits could join the Army's ranks as a result of the policy change.

William Reno, a retired three-star general who was once the Army's senior officer for personnel issues, said he would have preferred that the Army keep its originally tattoo policy, but understands why the Pentagon changed it.

"I would prefer that the tattoo would not show on a (dress) uniform," Reno said. "But in today's society, that is a norm."

At the same time, Reno said, he would oppose pushing the tattoo boundaries too far.

"I've seen people on TV that have their entire faces tattooed," he said. "Something like that to me would be totally unacceptable."

The Army has provided guidance to its recruiters about the kind of tattoos that won't pass military muster.

Tattoos that are on the neck that are not vulgar, profane, indecent, racist or extremist, are authorized as long as it does not contain any military appearance, the guidance reads.

The policy defines sexist tattoos as "those that advocate a philosophy that degrades or demeans a person based on gender," such as "French Maid," "Huren Gid," or "Man's World on Dog's Body."

"Indecent" tattoos are those that are "grossly offensive to modesty, decency, or propriety; shock the moral sense because of their vulgar, filthiness, or disgusting nature or tendency to incite lustful thought; or tend reasonably to corrupt morals or incite libidinous thoughts."

Army recruiters are trained to recognize tattoos on recruits that might identify them as members of gangs or extremist groups. Julia Bobick, a spokesperson for Army Recruiting Command at Fort Knox, Ky., said each recruiting battalion consults Web sites that provide information about the symbols and logos of gangs located in their areas.

"We also recommend using the local and state police department sites, as well as the Anti-Defamation League sites, to determine possible links between the meaning of a tattoo and gang/extremist groups," Bobick wrote in an e-mail.

Army regulations forbid recruiters from advising potential candidates on ways to get offensive or forbidden tattoos removed, yet it has become common practice for gang members seeking a life in the military to find ways to erase the markings of their past.

Lawmakers vote to pardon Parks

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Civil rights icon Rosa Parks and hundreds of other victims of segregation-era arrests would be pardoned — but not forgotten — under a bill passed unanimously by the Alabama House on Thursday.

The bill was amended to say that the arrest records would not be expunged or sealed from public view, but would be turned over to the state Department of Archives and History.

That way, the records will provide a permanent record of civil disobedience that, in many cases, helped lead to desegregation.

Some critics of the original legislation had argued that the pardons might cause history to be forgotten for the dead, but Parks' refusal to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery city bus.

"I want to make sure that 20 years from now if my children

want to know what this woman went through that there is a record," said Democratic Rep. Neal Morrison.

The bill now goes to the Senate for debate.

Those arrested or their family members could request pardons.

One black lawmaker arrested during the civil rights era said he has no plans to seek a pardon, saying he considers his arrests "a badge of courage."

Virgin Mary tombstones hid drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal agents on Thursday said they had broken up a ring of drug smugglers who used tombstones featuring the Virgin Mary to move hundreds of pounds of cocaine into the United States from Mexico.

The Drug Enforcement Agency announced arrests of 12 people as part of an alleged conspiracy stretching from New York to Mexico City.

Four of those arrests came Thursday, one in Houston and three after an early morning raid on a warehouse in New York

Brooklyn borough. At the warehouse, agents found bricks of cocaine packed inside tombstones, some decorated with figures of the Virgin Mary, the DEA said.

"Like grave robbers who have no respect for the dead, this drug organization used revered tombstones to smuggle millions of dollars worth of cocaine into New York City," said John Gillibrice, the special agent in charge of the New York DEA office.

At the Brooklyn warehouse, agents found eight tombstones,

five of which were packed with 20 to 25 kilograms each of cocaine. They also found remnants of smashed tombstones.

An earlier seizure at a Long Island stash house netted 84 kilograms of cocaine and nearly \$500,000 in drug proceeds, officials said.

The investigation, dubbed Operation Omnia Presence, began in May 2005 based on a tip from Long Island's Nassau County investigators, and it eventually drew in law enforcement personnel in Georgia, Texas, North Carolina and Florida.

NATION

New Orleans could take 25 years to recover

Official says many factors are out of government control

By Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Much of New Orleans' rebirth from Hurricane Katrina hinges on factors beyond the government's control and could take up to a quarter-century to complete, the Bush administration's Gulf Coast recovery chief said Thursday.

More immediately, as much as \$5.5 billion more for levee work might need to be approved to clear the way for widespread rebuilding, Don Powell said in an interview with The Associated Press.



Don Powell, the White House's Gulf Coast reconstruction coordinator, said Thursday that it could take up to 25 years for New Orleans to fully recover from its devastation by Hurricane Katrina.

Powell said during homeowners and businesses back to the hurricane-ravaged city, "depends on a lot of factors that, I think, are out of our control." Issues with housing, public safety

overnight, or I do, but it's going to take some time," he said. "This could be five to 25 years for all to fit into place."

Powell said it was unclear how much of the \$5.9 billion Washington will agree to pay for levee work as the Army Corps of Engineers seeks to build them bigger and stronger. The Corps' certification of the levees is crucial for drawing new city flood maps, which will determine insurance rates. Without the flood maps, many homeowners and businesses have been reluctant to rebuild.

The new funds, which the Army Corps now estimates will be needed, would come on top of \$108 billion the White House has requested in aid — including \$3.5 billion to repair and strengthen levees battered by Katrina.

"We haven't decided what to ask for," Powell said, leaving open the possibility that the federal government may not agree to fund the entire bill, and will look to Louisiana and New Orleans to share some of the costs.

But he said that decision and the release of new flood maps would probably happen in a relatively short period of time — in a matter of days.

Louisiana officials fumed over the talk of a new funding requirement, coming 60 days before the hurricane season begins.

"This is enormously frustrating to me," said Sen. David Vitter, R-La. "I've been telling them since last November that they've sought way too little money for essential levee work, and this finally confirms that."

Only it comes after months of stonewalling with the new hurricane season right around the corner.

But Powell said all levees would be rebuilt at least to pre-Katrina levels and perhaps even stronger, by June 1. Over the next 60 days, he said, the Corps will put armor on levees and build storm-proof pumping stations and flood gates that would close certain parts of New Orleans canals if there were a major storm.

"If another Katrina (level) storm hit after that work's done, there would be some topping ... but the flooding would be all manageable," Powell said. "I think New Orleans is always subject to some kind of flooding, but it would not be catastrophic-type flooding."

In a conference call with reporters, Army Corps of Engineers Maj. Gen. Don Riley said the new costs are the result of ongoing repairs and studies of the levees.

"If we learn, we will adjust our methodology and our estimate," Riley said. "To do it properly, it takes time. Our main interest is in getting the right for the people of New Orleans."

Sewage release threatens Hawaii beaches

Ocean currents shift toward Waikiki

HONOLULU (AP) — Warning signs to keep out of the water were posted Wednesday along part of Waikiki's world-famous beaches because of high bacteria levels from a massive sewage spill.

Ocean currents shifted toward Oahu's south shore beaches, carrying millions of gallons of raw sewage that was diverted into the Ala Wai Canal and to the ocean.

"What we feared has happened. The bacteria has kind of spread through areas of Waikiki," state Health Department spokesman Kurt Itoe said.

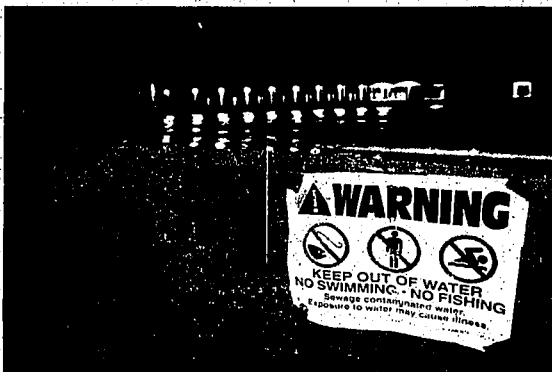
Environmentalists and residents fear long-term damage to the fragile coral reef and other marine life in the area.

"This is absolutely disgusting that here at the doorstep of our economic engine we have untreated sewage on the beaches. This should have never happened," said Jeff Makiwala, director of the Sierra Club, which filed a lawsuit in 2004 alleging deficiencies in the city's wastewater system.

The normally paved beaches were open but mostly empty. Rainy weather kept many tourists away, and those on the beach faced signs warning against swimming or fishing.

There was no sewer odor along the beach, and several surfers were taking advantage of the unobscured murky waters.

The city was monitoring the water in 16 spots in a several-mile stretch from Diamond Head to near downtown Honolulu.



Warning signs are posted along sections of Waikiki's world-famous beaches because of high bacteria levels from a massive sewage spill, early Thursday.

The national standard for acceptable levels of bacteria colonies is 7 per 100 milliliters of water. Rates between 20,000 and 30,000 were recorded at the mouth of the Ala Wai Canal with levels reaching as high as 150,000 to 100,000 per 100 milliliters inside the canal, Itoe said.

The levels near the beaches were not at threatening levels, but enough to put out a warning, he said.

Lifeguards and health officials were busy advising tourists to stay away from the water near the Hilton Hawaiian Village, one of the largest hotels in the world.

The city was trying to determine how much untreated sewage has been diverted into the canal, which empties into the ocean between two of Hawaii's most famous beach areas — Waikiki and Ala Moana. But it could exceed 50 million gallons, considering an average 15 million gallons of wastewater a day flows out of Waikiki.

Eric Takamura, city environmental services director, wouldn't guess how much, but acknowledged it was much higher than the previous 10 million gallon estimate given Tuesday, making it the largest spill on Oahu in decades.

The city has been using seven pumps, each with a maximum pumping capacity of 5 million gallons a day around the clock since the sewer line broke early Friday.

Repairs on the main were completed Wednesday and less than half of the total group sought prompt medical care of any kind.

Although the study was conducted in England, stroke experts here said the findings should hold true for the United States, because most people and many doctors still do not realize that a transient ischemic attack is a strong warning sign that a disabling stroke is likely to follow.

Ignoring mini-strokes may be deadly, study says

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Ignoring mini-strokes has a deadly long-term effect, according to a new study that comes amid mounting evidence that transient ischemic attacks often foreshadow a full-blown stroke that might be prevented.

British researchers found that of 241 patients who had a documented mini-stroke, only 10 percent had gone to a hospital emergency room and less than half of the total group sought prompt medical care of any kind.

Although the study was conducted in England, stroke experts here said the findings should hold true for the United States, because most people and many doctors still do not realize that a transient ischemic attack is a strong warning sign that a disabling stroke is likely to follow.

People tend to ignore TIAs, experts say, because the symptoms disappear within a matter of minutes to hours, leading people to feel nothing is really wrong.

The attack occurs when blood flow to a particular part of the brain is temporarily cut off. The condition can cause sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; or sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

"This basically quantifies how poorly educated the public is and probably quantifies the behavior we all know exists, which is that people tend to ignore stroke symptoms with this fantasy idea that it'll go away and they'll feel better in the morning," said Dr. Jeffrey Frank, director of the University of Chicago's neurointensive care unit.

The same mechanism that underlies a TIA — such as cholesterol-clogged arteries or a tendency to form clots — also can cause subsequent serious strokes, he said.

Wetlands reverse decline — if golf course ponds count

WASHINGTON (AP) — More people building ponds for golf courses and subdivisions or to retain stormwater and wastewater helped create the nation's first net gain in wetlands in a half-century of government record-keeping.

About 5 percent of the contiguous United States, or almost 100 million acres, was covered with wetlands as of 2004, the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service reported Thursday. It found a net gain of 191,000 acres of wetlands since the last report in 1997.

Bush administration officials cast the report as evidence that the nation has turned a corner on years of wetlands losses. State wetland managers and advocacy groups for hunting, recreation and environmental causes all called the report misleading.

The Fish and Wildlife Service reported a gain of 715,300 acres of water-control wetlands — mainly artificial varieties of ponds — which offset a continued loss of 523,500 acres of marshes, swamps, and other more traditional and natural wetlands that are the so-called nurseries of life.

Swamps, marshes, fens, tidal marshes, peatlands and other water-laden ecosystems filter pollutants and sediments, control flooding and protect against coastal erosion. They also provide clean water and homes for fish, shellfish and wildlife, and stopping points for migratory birds.

The report measures strictly the acreage, not their quality, and was completed before hurricanes Katrina and Rita ate up the Gulf Coast. Interior Secretary Dale Norton and Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns cast the report as a partial fulfillment of President Bush's 2004 Earth Day pledge to move beyond his father's "no net loss" policy on wetlands.

Bush promised them to restore or protect as much as 3 million acres of wetlands over the next five years.

"A significant amount of the increase has been in ponds," Norton said. "People like having ponds as an amenity ... Even ponds that are not a high quality of wetlands are better than not having wetlands."

Norton said that while the overall state of the nation's wetlands remains "precarious," the report suggests that Bush administration restoration efforts are working. Johanns lauded farmers, ranchers and others voluntarily doing federally funded private conservation work.

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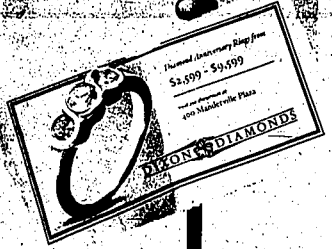
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Section C

YOUR WEEKEND

Three teens arrested in robberies

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Three teenagers have been arrested in connection with several nighttime robberies this week in Twin Falls.

None of the victims was hurt.

One robbery occurred about 10 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of 8th Avenue East.

The next victims were struck after midnight Thursday in quick succession on



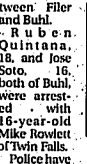
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Falls County Jail. Fullin and Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Lazrus declined to give more details about the crimes.

Lazrus said staff will decide today whether the police report contains sufficient evidence to file charges.

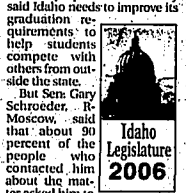
Senate votes against H.S. curriculum redesign

By Anne Wallace Allen
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Idaho Senate has voted down an ambitious high school curriculum redesign.

Most of the senators who debated the state Board of Education's proposal on Thursday said Idaho needs to improve its graduation requirements to help students compete with others from outside the state.

But Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, said that about 90 percent of the people who contacted him about the matter asked him to reject it.



"Good senators, in a few short days, you're going to go home ... and you're going to be living again with your constituents; some of you are going to have elections," Schroeder said. "I think we should listen to the people. I think we should go back and involve them in the process, and come back with a product that we have buy-in and consensus on."

The Senate voted 24-11 in favor of Schroeder's resolution to reject the proposed rule change.

Because it is a rule change, and not a law, the proposal would become valid when the legislative session ends, unless it is rejected by both the Senate and the House. The House is likely to take it up soon.

The board introduced the proposed changes last year, citing statistics showing that relatively few Idaho high school graduates go on to higher education or graduate. It would cost \$1.4 million in the first year.

In hearings around the state last year, superintendents, parents and others said they were concerned the rule change would leave too little time for electives such as music, art, and religious instruction. Some also said it would take the focus away from school districts. The board then scaled back the plan.

Several business and education groups and college presidents testified in favor of the change, but school district officials and others remained opposed.

Thursday, Karen Echeverria, the Board of Education's chief administrator and government affairs officer, said she thought many people in Idaho hadn't learned that the board had scaled back its plan, and that's why it was rejected in the Senate.

"There's been a lot of confusion about this rule from the very beginning," Echeverria said. "We made a whole bunch of changes to the rule, but somehow that information didn't get back to everyone."

GETTING A MOVE ON



Fourth graders Jenna Jerolimiek, left, and Anna Williams, center, race around the track Thursday morning as physical education teacher Vicki Leach encourages them during a 'Walk-A-Thon' at Filier Elementary School. The school has won a Youth Health Hero Award from South Central District Health.

Local people receive 'Health Hero' awards

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Vicki Leach says some of the best learning happens on the Filier Elementary School track.

"One of my favorite things is to be able to talk with kids while we walk," said Leach, the school's physical education specialist. "I learn things from them that I would never learn in the classroom. It's a time when kids can relax. Some of the most creative moments I've had with kids are while we're walking."

All that walking not only improves their minds, but their health. And it's that philosophy that won Leach and her fourth-graders one of this year's Youth Health Heroes awards from South Central District Health.

Meanwhile, teacher Jenny Lukes and other teachers and students at Valley Elementary School received a Youth Health Hero Award for their walking program.

Ann Bybee, a diabetes educator and registered nurse at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, received the

Adult Health Hero Award for her work educating the community about the prevention and treatment of diabetes.

And the winner of the Corporate Health Hero Award went to the College of Southern Idaho for its efforts to improve health in the community through its new recreation center and its program that provides sealants and fluoride varnish services to children in low-income families.

Leach encourages other teachers to get their kids out walking, especially before a big test.

"Walking is a great thing to do with kids," Leach said. "It's such an equalizer. There's no competition and there are health benefits that last a lifetime. I have just learned so much from kids walking — about the things they love to do. I learn about the things that sometimes hurt them inside. I learn about their interests. They teach me new things every day."

Leach and her students are now getting ready for their 11th annual Walk-A-Thon in May in which they'll walk 10 miles a day for five days.

Last year's trek took them along the

Snake River Canyon, where they got some history lessons, learning about how the boulders were formed 15,000 years ago and about the hardships faced by settlers.

Lukes and her students tallied 6,700 miles during fall 2005 alone. Reports from parents indicated that children were better behaved and easier to get along with, slept better, and got better grades in school.

"Think you to the students at Filier and Valley elementary schools, and their respective advisers Vicki Leach and Jenny Lukes, for bringing an innovative way to get kids to exercise and learn more about our state," said Dr. Donald Baird, chairman of the Board of Health, in a news release. "Both groups are extremely deserving of being named 2006 Youth Health Heroes."

Bybee's training in diabetes began very young. Her oldest brother was diagnosed with diabetes back in 1955 when he was 4 years old.

"No one in the area knew much about diabetes," Bybee said. "On the advice of a retired nurse, (her parents) took him to Portland and learned how to manage it. That was the closest source of information for people with diabetes at the time."

Bybee said her brother died at 28 in a motor vehicle accident, but by the time he died he already had diabetes-related

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Some of the most creative moments I've had with kids is while we're walking.

Injured Marine learns to take first steps on new legs

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Spring has arrived on the Walter Reed Army Medical Center campus in Washington, D.C.

The cherry trees are in blossom and the tulips are pushing themselves up from the soil. And Marine Cpl. Travis Greene has taken his first steps.

"He's doing very well," said his father, Terry Greene, in a phone interview Thursday from Walter Reed. "He's taking a few more steps every day."

Amputees first learn to walk on short prostheses called "stumpy legs." Later, they get their permanent full-size prostheses. Greene has been putting in some sweaty workouts walking between the parallel bars, his father said.

Greene, 24, a 1999 Twin Falls

High School graduate and a star on the Brinn track and field

team, lost both of his legs in an explosion in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, on Dec. 7 — Pearl Harbor Day.

One Marine was killed and three other Marines and one Navy corpsman were seriously injured, all of them losing one or both of their legs.

All are now outpatients at Mologne House, a hotel on the Walter Reed campus, while undergoing intensive physical therapy.

"As Terry Greene spoke to the paper, he was standing outside at Walter Reed watching a triple amputee — a man who had lost both legs and an arm in a train accident — demonstrate to his son and other patients how to walk downhill.

"It's a pretty steep hill," Terry Greene said. "I'm pretty surprised."

Physical therapists also have Greene using his manual

wheelchair as much as possible to help build his upper body strength. And he's had numerous fittings for the sockets that attach the prostheses to his legs.

"He's going through fit after fit of sockets," Terry Greene told *The Times-News*. "When they get up on their legs and start moving, the swelling starts to go down rather rapidly. Now that he's got the left side working good, the right side has shrunk."

Still, the Marine is doing pretty well these days.

"He's feeling a lot better," Terry Greene said. "It's exciting to see the progress he's making each day. Each day, there's a little bit of progress."

"The Marine and his father are planning to tour the Capitol today. Terry Greene helped his son put his ribbons and medals on his dress uniform, which he

Keeping in touch
Marine Cpl. Travis Greene is now at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and his parents provide daily updates on their son's condition on the family's CaringBridge.org web site. To read more, or to leave a message yourself, go to the Web site at: <http://www.caringbridge.org> and click "visit" in the first box, type "travisgreene" and click again on "visit."

A one-man tribute to Red

What: Jerry Peters will perform his one-man tribute "Remembering Red Skelton," while the Magichords will sing. It's a benefit performance for the West End Ministerial Association's food bank.

Where: Buhl High School auditorium.

When: Today, 7 p.m.

How much: Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, are available at Farmers National Bank, Sav-Mor Drugs and the Buhl Chamber of Commerce in Buhl and at Farmers National Bank branches in Twin Falls.

Dance all night

What: The Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce will present the third annual Spring Prom: Pools Night Out, a fundraiser for the Chamber Ambassadors Program and the Youth Citizen Scholarship.

Where: Lighthouse Room, Sun Valley Resort.

When: Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

How much: Tickets, which are \$20, are available at the Visitors Center in Ketchum, Hawley Graphics in Halley, or at the door.

Stargazing

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "Mysteries From the Depths of Space," a multimedia show.

Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

When: Today and Saturday, 7 p.m. Other Saturday shows are "Star Signs" at 2 and 4 p.m., and "Pick Floyd The Way" at 8:15 p.m.

How much: Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Go on country

What: Country Classics will perform in Jerome.

Where: Snake River Elks Lodge, 412 E. 200 South on U.S. Highway 93.

When: Today, 8 p.m. to midnight.

How much: Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Dinner also will be available from 6 to 9 p.m. The Snake River Elks Lodge is located at 412 E. 200 S. on Highway 93.

Snowpack levels

Watershed as of March 30

Salmon	119%	113%
Big Wood	138%	130%
Little Wood	120%	127%
Big Lost	123%	118%
Little Lost	111%	104%
Henry Fork/Teton	115%	111%
Upper Snake Basin	110%	105%
Oakley	149%	148%
Salmon Falls	133%	129%

An accumulation of basin snowpack. On this day, with a 30-year average, 100% of basin snowpack is expected.

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OBITUARIES

Ara Mae Preston



BURLEY — Ara Mae Preston, an 89-year-old resident of Burley and formerly of Twin Falls, Richfield and Rupert, passed away Sunday, March 26, 2006, at the Countryside Care and Rehab in Rupert.

Ara Mae was born June 14, 1916, in Toiyuan, Kan. She was the fifth of six children born to Clyde Farrell and Ethel Grace Barr Denning. In 1917, the family moved to Hanssen and Twin Falls. She married Raymond Routh in 1935, and they had two daughters, Julia Lee and Shirley Ray. They later divorced. On April 3, 1942, Ara Mae married Frank Preston, and they had one son, Jerry Russell. After Frank's discharge from the Army, they returned to Idaho and started farming in the Nu Acres area of the Black Canyon Dam project near Nyssa, Ore.

In 1953, Frank drew a homestead on the North Side Pumping project in Twin Falls. Ara Mae was a homemaker and helpmate to Frank on the family farm and also worked at the I.R. Simpson plant in Heyburn. She retired in 1973. They farmed north of Rupert until they retired from farming in 1975 and moved to Cascade, Idaho, where they enjoyed five years of fishing, snowmobiling, motorbike trail riding, traveling, entertaining family and friends, and enjoying the view of Lake Cascade.

Ara Mae was a wonderful cook and had a talent for sewing, crocheting, knitting and crafts. She also loved to fish. Ara Mae was an independent and spirited woman who had a zest for family, life, laughter, fun, friends and family dinners.

After Frank's health failed, they moved to Richfield, Idaho, in 1981. Frank passed away in December of 1981. Ara Mae be-

came involved in the activities of the Richfield community where she helped establish the Richfield Senior Center. She was supportive of the grandchildren in their school and athletic activities. She became a member of the Richfield Tiger Moms marching group that performed at many school activities and parades in the surrounding areas. Ara Mae enjoyed traveling to many parts of the United States, Canada and Europe.

While in Richfield, she was an active member of the United Methodist Church of Richfield. Due to failing eyesight, Ara Mae moved to Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls in 1994. Due to the debilitating disease of Alzheimer's, she moved to Burley in 1998 and then to Countryside Care and Rehab in Rupert in December of 1998. The family is grateful to the many loving, wonderful and kind caregivers that took care of Ara Mae through this difficult time.

She is survived by her daughters, Julie Holliday of Cascade, Idaho, and Yuma, Ariz., and Shirley (Herman) Nelivet of Burley one son, Jerry (Nolan) Preston of Shoshone, Idaho, two grandsons, Harlan Denning of Richland, Wash., and Kenneth

Nannie Lee 'Nancy' Miller

the closing of the internment camp, she went to work at the Atom Bomb Project in Los Alamos, N.M., as administrative assistant in the school there. She returned to the Indian Service in 1940, teaching at the Cushman Indian Hospital in Tacoma, Wash., retiring in 1963 from the Highline Public Schools in Seattle, Wash.

She was married to Richard A. Pomeroy in Tacoma, Wash., in 1954. He was an early resident of the Salmon Tract in Hollister, Idaho, and was superintendent of education in the Hunt, Idaho schools, a former high school principal in the Boise, Idaho, schools and was a principal in the Seattle Public Schools. He died in 1961, after retirement from the Highline Public Schools in Seattle, Wash. She was married to Welliver Miller of Gooding, Idaho, in 1963. Since that time, she had resided in Gooding, together they enjoyed the outdoor activities in Idaho and traveled extensively worldwide as long as health permitted. Nancy was a member of the First Methodist Church in Gooding, the PEO

Sisterhood and the Washington State Retired Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, her parents and two brothers. She is survived by a brother, David (Nancy) Alexander of Fort Worth, Texas, a stepson, Jerry (Barbara) Miller of Salmon, Idaho, two nieces, Pamela (Roger) Hays of Sequim, Texas, and Paula (Hendry) Eggert of Tulsa, Okla., a great-niece, Ursula Hays of San Marcos, Texas; a nephew, Bill (Cheryl) Alexander of Fort Worth, Texas; six step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at the Gooding United Methodist Church, with her nephew, the Rev. John Luckas of Liberal, Kan., officiating. Interment will take place at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding. Memorial contributions may be made in Nancy's name to the United Methodist Church in Gooding or to the donor's favorite charity.

SERVICES

Hud E. Jolley of Gig Harbor, Wash., memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Haven of Rest Chapel in Gig Harbor, Wash. Family and friends are invited to a reception following at the Warnock home.

Janice Carol (Harding) Thurnell of Stribonish, Wash., memorial service at 1 p.m. today at Purdy & Walters at Floral Hills in Lynnwood, Wash.

Carl M. Lindh of Rupert, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Rupert United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Naida Jean Barker Preckel of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Halley LDS Chapel; friends may call from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Evelyn R. Haslan of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church (Parks's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Marjorie Belle (Lakent) Carroll Hughes of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Linda McKnight of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E.

Luella Flores Sr. of Castleford, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Castleford Baptist Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

William J. "Bill" Lloyd of Twin Falls, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Springfield LDS Church on Highway 39 in Springfield; friends may call one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Imogene "Jean" Sorensen Wilcox of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS 3rd and 10th Ward Chapel, 526 S. F St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1050 E. 16th St., in Burley, and from 10 to 11:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

M. Lois (Flowers) Pelton of Burley, funeral at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward building, 2200 Oakley Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel, 521 E. Main St., and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Richard Dale Maggard of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church, 1110 Eighth St.; family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel, 521 E. Main St., and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Dr. Robert Merriman "Doc" Thackeray of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Edward H. "Ed" Heitzman of Jerome, funeral at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome LDS, 7th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S.; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

DEATH NOTICE

Jay Arthur Welch

TWIN FALLS — Jay Arthur Welch of Twin Falls died Thursday, March 30, 2006, at

Woman indicted in Seattle arson

SEATTLE (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted a Berkeley, Calif., woman in an arson that destroyed a horticulture center at the University of Washington last December.

Briana Waters, 30, is the 14th person to be charged in Oregon and Washington with conspiracy to commit a series of ecoterrorist attacks in the West in recent years.

In a two-count indictment returned March 15, Waters was charged with arson and using or carrying a destructive device during a violent crime.

If convicted, she would face at least 35 years in prison.

This is just one step as we attempt to bring to justice those responsible for the UW Urban Horticulture fire, John McKay, A.S., attorney for the University district of Washington, said in a statement.

Waters was to appear for arraignment Thursday afternoon in U.S. District Court in Seattle.

The UW fire, one of the Northwest's most notorious acts of ecoterrorism, was set early on May 21, 2001. The same day, about 110 miles away in Clatskanie, Ore., fire ripped through buildings and vehicles at the Jefferson Poplar Park, causing more than \$1 million in damage.

The Earth Liberation Front, a shadowy collection of environmental activists, claimed responsibility for both fires, which caused no injuries.

The horticulture center, which was rebuilt at a cost of several million dollars, had done work on fast-growing hybrid poplars in hopes of limiting the amount of natural forests that timber companies log.

ELF said in a statement five days after the fire that the poplars pose "an ecological nightmare" for the diversity of native fishes.

A federal grand jury in Eugene, Ore., has charged 13 other people in arson attacks: Stanislas Gregory Meyerhoff, 28; Daniel Gerred McGowan, 31; Kevin M. Tubbs, 37; Sarah Kendall Harvey, 29; Chelsea Dawn Gerlach, 28; Nathan Fraser Block, 28; Ioyanna L. Zacher, 28; Joseph Elbee, 38; Jonathan Mark Christopher Paul, 40; Rebecca Rubin, 32; Suzanne Savoie, 28; and Darren Todd Thurston, 34.

William C. Rodgers, 40, of Prescott, Ariz., was indicted in Seattle in connection with the case, but committed suicide Dec. 22 while being held in the Coconino County Jail in Prescott.

Study said crash site was unsafe

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Just weeks before six people were killed in a 22-vehicle pile-up on Interstate 80, the Wyoming Department of Transportation completed a study saying that stretch of highway needed several safety improvements.

The 415-page report on I-80 between Riverton and Laramie was finished in February and reviewed by The Associated Press on Wednesday. It offers several recommendations, including installation of more snow fences and increased video monitoring of the road during winter storms.

The department was in the process of looking at the recommendations and deciding how many it could afford to do when the crash happened, WYDOT spokesman Dave Stueben said Tuesday.

"While it's not clear the improvements would have prevented the pileup, experts say improved technology and monitoring equipment, if available and could be installed if funding was available."

"It's in the Legislature's hands now," said Bob Tabler, an independent consultant in Laramie and wind engineering, who did the study for WYDOT and has researched that stretch of I-80 for more than 30 years.

The Legislature's Interim Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Committee plans to study I-80 safety issues during its summer meetings.

"We can't let anyone know it is," said Rep. Dave Edwards, R-Douglas, one of the committee's co-chairs.

Blizzard conditions on the highway reduced visibility to near zero on Sunday, leading to a chain-reaction crash that killed six people.

Four of the dead were family members traveling in the same car. A funeral was scheduled for Friday in Morgan, Utah, for the Graves family — Laura, 40, Kaleb, 18, Kelsey, 16, and Cameron, 14 — of Conifer, Colo.

Edwards said he thought the best way to fix the corridor might be to expand it to six lanes, but acknowledged that would be expensive. He said I-80 would be among the first topics the committee addresses this summer.

"Obviously, we need to do something better," Edwards said.

Increasing the number of snow fences has improved visibility on that stretch of I-80 since it was first opened in 1970, Tabler said.

"But strong winds, high truck traffic and high speeds make the area one of the most dangerous places in the nation to drive under winter conditions, he said."

In addition, only 73 percent of the stretch is protected by snow fences, Tabler said, where 100 percent protection is needed to achieve "maximum reduction in crashes." For that goal to be reached, he said, I-80 would need an additional 165,000 feet of snow fence is needed.

Chuck James, a highway designer for WYDOT and a member of the department's blowing snow research team — he said it's the only such team in the nation — said terrain around the crash site also makes driving hazardous.

Land is flat around Elk Mountain, James said, so the mountain creates its own weather patterns.

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Break-ins prompt businesses to take action

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

HEYBURN — Two Heyburn teenagers face burglary charges after leaving well-defined pictures of themselves on a security video system at a Heyburn convenience store where they attempted to steal a midnight snack.

The pair also could be implicated in two other burglaries that took place at the same store this month.

On March 11, the two youths, ages 13 and 15, were walking from one of the boys' homes to the other in Heyburn when they both decided they were hungry, they told police.

They went to Tony's Service Station, where they attempted to break the glass in the front door so they could get some chips and pop.

Unaware that the owner had just replaced a window with right-hand glass that would not shatter, the boys succeeded

only in breaking a fist-sized hole in the door, according to Heyburn Police Det. Dan Soto.

One of the boys told Soto that he reached through the hole to unlock the door. He did not succeed, so the pair went around the store and peered in the front window.

Without their knowledge, looking back at them was the camera lens of the video security system. It recorded clear pictures of both boys.

After owner Tony Gallegos reported the incident, detectives took copies of the pictures to the local junior high schools to see if the pair could be identified.

It took an attendance secretary less than one minute to identify both boys, Soto said.

"These boys are both good kids who were just being stupid and were in the wrong place at the wrong time," Soto said. "They have placed themselves right in the middle of what we believe is someone else steal-

ing beer."

Soto said the same security camera also captured some images of burglars who took more than \$1,000 worth of beer and cigarettes on March 5.

"We have sent the film off to a lab to have it enhanced so we can identify the suspects involved in the first incident at the store, and we believe these same burglars returned to Hi-Tony's again on March 21," he said.

Gallegos and his wife, Carolyn aren't taking the burglaries lying down.

When customers walk into Tony's today, they are warned that a shotgun is sitting in the house across the driveway.

"We've improved what was already a very technical security system," Carolyn Gallegos said. "We aren't going to just lay down and let these kids keep running over us. We'll shoot the tires right out from under any car who comes around here after hours."

Award

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problems with his eyes and feet.

Bybee got interested in nursing in high school, and she's been a certified diabetes educator for 19 years. Bybee works hard at educating people about their diabetes and referring people to services that are available to them.

"We teach people how to manage their diabetes more effectively," Bybee said. "People with diabetes can have a long and productive life as long as they manage their diabetes aggressively. The biggest key is learning as much as they can about the disease. They need to know more about their diabetes than their health care providers. They're the only ones who live their life."

So what do they need to know?

"They need to monitor their blood sugars, keep up with lab testing for heart problems, take their medications appropriately, be active and be involved in their own care. For some people, the biggest challenge is meal planning. For someone else, it may be exercise and for

someone else, it may be record keeping. Everyone has their own hurdle to overcome."

What surprises her?

"The sheer numbers of people developing diabetes," she said. "We're seeing teenagers with the same disease we didn't use to see until they were in their 60s."

And what is the most rewarding thing about her job?

"To be able to help someone

through it and make them realize diabetes is not the end of the world," she said.

"Diabetes is not a handicap. It's a nuisance. You can be as successful and as productive as anyone without diabetes if you care for it."

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TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in the District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

Brenda V. Floyd, 44, Twin Falls, possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 7; \$10,000 bond.

Clayton L. Smith, 34, Twin Falls, failure to appear-driving without privileges; no insurance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for May 2; \$5,000 bond.

Miguel Angel H. Ortega, 27, Burley, failure to appear-driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 18; \$1,000 bond.

Tony Tellez, 26, Buhl, malicious injury to property, interference with a call, injury to a child, domestic battery, domestic assault; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 18; \$10,000 bond.

Bryon D. Drake, 46, Twin Falls, domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 18; \$1,500 bond.

April L. Jones, 24, Twin Falls, violation of no contact order;

pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 18; released on own recognizance.

Tirza M. Muro, 20, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; to hire private counsel; preliminary hearing set for April 7; \$10,000 bond; driving under the influence; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; to hire private counsel; pretrial hearing set for April 18; \$500 bond.

Raymond R. Esparza, 19, Twin Falls; eluding a police officer; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 7; posted bond failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 18; posted bond.

Ernest L. Huber, 34, Buhl; driving without privileges, possession of drug paraphernalia;

pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 18; released on own recognizance; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 7; released on own recognizance.

Chad D. Everett, 28, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 7; released on own recognizance.

Patrick C. Brown, 26, Twin Falls; felony driving under the influence; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for April 7; posted bond.



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PETERSON AUCTION Sunday, April 2, 2006 Located: Twin Falls, Idaho From the Magic Valley Memorial Hospital in Twin Falls, ca 1 1/2 miles west on Hwy 30 to Magna Foods Petrol Station Entrance, follow Peterson Road west for about 1/4 mile to Peterson Drive, turn left and park in the pasture. Sale Time: 11:00am Lunch served by Kathy TRACTORS David Brown '9900' diesel tractor, wide front, 13.6x38 rubber plus tires. 6th duals, axle remote, front wheels, 4pt hitch, 3125 hours. Allis Chalmers '7900' diesel tractor, wide front 13.6x38 rubber plus Snap On duals, cab, category II 4pt hitch, with a dual '140' hydraulic loader with off hydraulic bucket, all sells as a unit. General '8000' diesel tractor, standard transmission with TA, slide remote, 540x1000 pto, wide front, 15.5x38 rubber with Snap On duals, category II 4pt hitch, inspectors have been serviced along with new steering, battery and lighting ready for working work. Pair of 13.6x38 duals - Pair of 1 ton bale hay prongs for loader. 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Shasta visits house where family was killed

Nine-year-old pays tribute to brother

By Nicholas K. Geranos
Associated Press writer

COEUR D'ALENE — Shasta Groene went back to the house where her family was murdered last year, to help celebrate what would have been the 14th birthday of her brother Slade.

Shasta, now 9, is the sole survivor of the carnage at her family's home outside Coeur d'Alene last May.

"I'm happy to be here and happy to be doing this," Shasta told KREM-TV of Spokane, Wash., in a brief interview broadcast Wednesday night. It was her first public comment since she was rescued last July 2 at a Denny's restaurant in Coeur d'Alene after seven weeks of captivity. Slade's my brother and I want to do this for him."

Family members gathered at the home and released balloons for Slade.

Shasta said she wrote a note to Slade, to her mother, Brenda, 40, her 10-year-old brother, Dylan, and to Mark McKenzie, 37, her mother's boyfriend.

"Happy Birthday, and tell Mom and Dylan and Mark I love them and stuff," Shasta said. "Hopefully we'll get to see them again."

During the interview with the television station, Shasta made no reference to Joseph Edward Duncan III, who has been charged with kidnapping and bludgeoning to death Brenda and Slade Groene and McKenzie at the home, so he could kidnap Shasta and Dylan for sex.

Duncan, 42, allegedly took the younger children to a primitive campsite in Montana for seven weeks. Dylan was killed at some point. Shasta was recognized by staff and customers at the Denny's and police arrested Duncan.

He is to be tried Oct. 16 for the killings, and is being held without bail in the Kootenai County Jail. If convicted, he faces the death penalty. The federal government plans to file charges after the state calls for the kidnapping of the children and the slaying of Dylan.

Shasta said the modest home along Interstate 80 is special to her because her family spent so much time there.

"All of the kids pretty much grew up here," she told the television interview.

"Our main bed time was usually at 8:30," Shasta said. "If it was not a school night, she would let us stay up longer."

Slade "was a very nice boy and we don't want to forget

about him," Shasta said. "We should pray for him every night."

"Every holiday I would want him to be involved in the holidays, even though he is not here," Shasta said. "That doesn't mean he doesn't exist."

"In Christmas, I would buy him a Christmas present," she said. "He was a really good brother to me and really sweet to people and we all love him."

The Groene family has been protective of Shasta since her rescue, and had released only a few photographs of her side. Shasta seemed poised and relaxed during her brief comments to the camera.

Law enforcement officers have praised Shasta for her recall of the events at the home and later during her abduction, saying she had provided valu-



Duncan

able evidence against Duncan. Prosecutors intend to call her as a witness during Duncan's trial.

Public defender John Adams is trying to negotiate a plea bargain that would spare Duncan from the death penalty, and has warned that Shasta may have to testify against Duncan for the next 20 years if a deal is not reached.

Adams said Thursday that prosecutors continue to insist on the death penalty, making negotiations fruitless.

"It's unethical for a lawyer to plead his client to the death penalty," Adams said. "As long as that's there, the defense can't do anything."

Take the death penalty off the

table and "I'm sure the case will be over," Adams added.

Prosecutor Bill Douglas has said he will not drop capital punishment for Duncan.

Duncan, a Level III sex offender from Fargo, N.D., told authorities he was driving by the Groene home when he saw Shasta and Dylan playing in the yard in their bathing suits.

He decided to kidnap the children, and allegedly stalked the family for several days before using night vision goggles to enter their home. He allegedly used zip ties and duct tape to bind McKenzie and Brenda and Slade Groene, carried the two smaller children out into the yard, and then beat the three to death with a hammer.

The crime shocked the region and a massive search led by the FBI was fruitless until Duncan and Shasta were spotted at the restaurant seven weeks later.



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Club owner guilty of violating nudity law

BOISE (AP) — The owner of a strip club that made international news with its "art night" promotion has pleaded guilty to three misdemeanor charges that he violated Boise's anti-nudity law.

Christopher Teague, owner of Erotic City, attempted to skirt the city's anti-nudity ordinance last year when he gave patrons sketch pads and pencils so they could draw the nude dancers.

The city rules require dancers to wear at least things and pasties, though the law includes an exception for "serious artistic merit." Teague said he started art night to challenge the ordinance, which he believes is unconstitutional.

"What are they doing on stage? It's dancing," he said. "Is it an art form? Of course it is." Magistrate Judge Thomas Watkins dismissed Teague's claim that the ordinance is unconstitutional, citing a similar ordinance in Erie, Pa., that has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Teague — who faces fines of up to \$300 and six months in jail for each of the three charges — has vowed to fight the ordinance "all the way to the top."

He's reserved the right to appeal the constitutionality of the ordinance, though his guilty plea means he cannot use the art night promotion in legal arguments. Assistant City Attorney Alison Tate said.

Teague is scheduled to be sentenced May 19.

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Ties to the mob? Ex-FBI agent indicted

NEW YORK (AP) — A retired FBI agent was indicted on murder charges Thursday for allegedly taking bribes from a mobster to supply him with inside information that led to two underworld slayings in Brooklyn.



DeVecchio

DeVecchio pleaded not guilty and was released on \$1 million bail. He did not speak at his arraignment. One of the two

alleged mob hitmen behind the slayings was killed without bail. The other was in a hospital, awaiting extradition. Colleagues of the FBI veteran were quick to defend him against the charges.

with the FBI's New York office, said Wednesday. "It's so sad it could happen to a guy like this," Stynes said. The charges stemmed from the unusually close relationship between DeVecchio — then head of the FBI's Colombo crime family squad — and Gregory Scarpa Sr., a government informant and Colombo captain nicknamed "The Grim Reaper."

Cantankerous cat put under house arrest

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — Lewis the cat is terrorizing his neighborhood — and now the town's animal control officer has issued the feline fellow a restraining order.

Some of those who were bitten and scratched ended up seeking treatment at area hospitals. Animal Control Officer Rachel Solviera arrested the cat's owner, Ruth Chero, charging her with failing to comply with the restraining order and reckless endangerment.

Costs soar in clergy sex abuse scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — New figures released Thursday by the nation's Roman Catholic bishops show the unrelenting cost of the clergy sex abuse scandal: 713 new credible claims last year, most of which date back decades, and costs of nearly \$2 billion.

While researchers who analyzed 50 years of data on molestation claims concluded that the number of new cases is declining, the church is still paying a heavy price for predatory clergy. The abuse problem was already known to have cost dioceses more than \$1 billion since 1950, including some expenses paid last year.

The total number of accusations against Catholic clergy amounts to more than 12,000 since 1950. The latest statistics were released as part of the third audit U.S. bishops commissioned to look into their leaders' conduct after abuse allegations soared in 2002. Auditors found that 88.5 percent of dioceses had put in place a full set of reforms required by the bishops' reforms.

However, advocates for victims called the reforms inadequate, since 104 of the 195 American dioceses conducted a "self-audit." In previous years, according to the Gavin Group, a private firm hired by former FBI agent William Gavin, had conducted onsite audits in all participating dioceses.

U.S. considers helping Libya destroy chemicals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon specialists made an unannounced visit to Libya in January to see what it would take to help Libya destroy its tons of chemical weapons, a process that could cost \$100 million.

James A. Tegaglia, director of a Pentagon unit known as the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, said Thursday that the officials who visited Libya are now writing a proposal for the State and Defense departments, spelling out various options for helping Libya comply with an international agreement to get rid of the banned weapons.

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Port security measures advance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two congressional panels approved measures Thursday stemming from the furor over the attempted takeover of significant operations at big U.S. ports by a United Arab Emirates-owned company.

In the House, a Homeland Security subcommittee cleared the measure that aims to improve cargo inspections and strengthen security at U.S. ports. By voice vote, the subcommittee on economic security, infrastructure protection and cybersecurity sent the wide-ranging bill to the full committee, which is to vote on the measure in late April.

And the Senate Banking Committee voted 20-0 to approve a measure that will bring the United Arab Emirates-owned DP World, ports deal under tighter oversight by Congress. The multigenency panel, called the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, would be required to investigate any proposed transaction that involved a foreign government or "critical infrastructure" of the country.

Senators said the bill, which was sent to the full Senate, strikes a balance between national security concerns and U.S. economic interests — with foreign investment in this country exceeding \$530 billion in 2003-2005 and creating an estimated 5.3 million jobs in 2003. The top three sources of foreign investment in the United States are Canada, Britain and Japan.

"As critical as foreign investment is... our national security is paramount. Once bargained away, it may never be recovered," committee Chairman Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said before the vote. "Thus, we cannot take the chance and allow it to be sold in the first place."

Under the bill, the president could suspend or block a transaction if it is deemed to threaten or impair national security. And the review panel would have to notify congressional committees and the House and Senate leadership of proposed deals and the negotiations of them.

Similar legislation is expected to be discussed in the House Financial Services Committee in the next few weeks. Several industry groups, including Wall Street investment houses, banks and insurers, have lobbied against the Senate bill, contending it could lead to harmful barriers to foreign investment in the United States.



Mine accident survivor Randall McCloy Jr. relaxes at his home next to his wife Anna on Thursday in Simpson, W.Va.

Sago Mine survivor glad to be home

By April Vitello, Associated Press writer

SIMPSON, W.Va. — It wasn't a fancy homecoming. Just some red balloons, handmade signs, a lot of hugs and his wife's homemade lasagna. But it was everything the only survivor of the Sago Mine disaster wanted after a three-month recovery that continues to amaze doctors.

"He is thin and still a bit unsteady on his feet, but Randall McCloy Jr. was strong enough Thursday to leave the Morgantown rehabilitation hospital where he has spent two months in intensive therapy, recovering from a severe brain injury and regaining his physical strength.

The scene would have been hard to imagine Jan. 4, when a critically injured McCloy was carried out of the mine 41 hours after an explosion that left 12 fellow miners dead.

"It just like to think everybody for their thoughts and prayers," he said softly at a news conference with his wife, Anna. He paused, then added, "I believe that's it."

An hour later, when he arrived at his white trailer in Simpson, relatives shouted out greetings and small children blew noisemakers.

Missy McGee, Anna McCloy's sister, said she knew he would enjoy the fuss.

"He used to be the quiet type, but since this has happened, he's been very, very verbal," said

McCoy, whose husband has been with the McCloy nonstop since the 26-year-old miner was rescued.

"If he saw a crowd before, he would walk around it. But it's not the same now. It's good to see him this way," she said. "Before, he didn't think anybody liked him. He didn't think I liked him, and I'm his sister-in-law." McCloy has also asked Anna to remain by his side, perhaps in a bigger ceremony than the one they had June 30, 2001.

"He has a new lease on life," McGee said.

McCloy is considered a medical miracle because he survived being exposed to carbon monoxide for so long. Doctors cannot fully explain why he lived and 12 others died. He also had expected him to spend about six months in therapy, but released him in half that time.

"It's still amazing, still astonishing," said Dr. Russell Blundo, medical director at Health-South Mountainview Regional Rehabilitation Hospital. "It's basically almost like he was resurrected."

McCloy thanks God for his survival. "Because of him, I am here," he said, sitting on a living-room sofa.

Anna McCloy said her family was happy to be going home, but remembers the families of the miners who died. "There are 12 families who are in our thoughts and prayers today and every day," she said.

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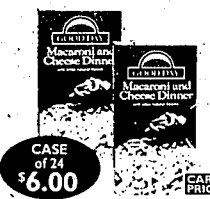
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Thrill and tragedy on the cougar hunt

Having hunted elk in the Selway for many years, I was eager to hunt cougar during the winter. I was invited by friends, Fred Preston and his son-in-law, Rod Osterhout, to accompany them on several exciting hunts. I often took a couple of my grandkids with me and a couple of hounds they had trained. I can vividly recall one of our most exciting hunts in 1985, even though it was somewhat tragic.

CALLS FROM THE WILD Lovell Turner

On this late December hunt, we met at 3 Creek Ranch, about 49 miles west of Rogerson, Ranch owner Merle Rowe and his son-in-law, Rod Osterhout, to accompany them on several exciting hunts. I often took a couple of my grandkids with me and a couple of hounds they had trained. I can vividly recall one of our most exciting hunts in 1985, even though it was somewhat tragic.

Due to loss of several calves to cougars, this rancher welcomed a little cougar control. Controlled cougar hunts opened in December at that time. Snow depth was excellent, and the first day we drove our snowmobiles several miles along the Jarbidge River canyons. We noted several hundred mule deer had migrated from the nearby mountains to their winter feed and this also brought the cougars for their winter meals.

Magpies and crows were abundant and we noted several golden eagles riding the updrafts. Whenever any of these meat-eaters dropped to the ground, we knew they were feeding on deer carcasses, killed by the cougars. We crossed the East Fork of the Jarbidge River at Murphy Hot Springs and glided over the sagebrush covered by deep snow.

We finally spotted a "kill" on the edge of the canyon rim. Numerous tracks around the carcass indicated that one or more cougars were having a deer smorgasbord. Early next morning, Fred loaded his three black and tan hounds into their plywood crate and lashed it to his sleigh attached to his snowmobile. We arrived at the canyon rim soon after daylight, to find a cougar feeding on its kill.

Spotting us, the cougar sped down a rockslide, seeking safety in caves along the rim. Fred pulled the slide on the dog cage, and in an instant, the hounds found the scent and headed down a rockslide. Fred followed the tracks and "bawling hounds" down the slide to the sheer canyon rim and found two hounds trapped on a ledge about 10 feet below.

Fred helped the two dogs off the ledge, and in an instant, Gypsy, the smallest dog, found the scent. Rod and I walked along the rim about a half mile south and headed down to the river via another slide. About 10 minutes

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Photo courtesy Lovell Turner

Lovell Turner of Declo is greeted by Gypsy, a black and tan dog owned by Fred Preston, after chasing a cougar near Murphy Hot Springs in 1985. The cougar is shown in the background on a tree limb.



Dave Moodle of Salmon with his first steelhead of the day. Dave helps catch hundreds of whitefish each winter for use at the Elks Lodge benefit fish fry in Salmon, scheduled for April 29 this year.



Sportsman Jack Ebberts of Challis with yet another trout pulled through the ice of Jimmy Smith Lake.

Would you like that with ice?

Opportunities abound for winter fishing in Idaho

By Ron Yates
Times-News correspondent

Something's always happening on the river or in Idaho. This reporter arrived in the Challis area March 18 and spent two days trolling for news in search of a late winter story, and to facilitate removal of a recliner-chair-sore.

Fishing stories are easy to net. One must sometimes strain them through a minnow bucket thereby separating the water from the fish. Ice-fishing at Jimmy Smith Lake, Jimmy Smith Lake is located 14 miles up the East Fork of the Salmon River and within a narrow basin that holds runoff water year round. The small lake (a half-mile long 300 yards wide) is low in elevation resulting in rising water temperature during the summer; killing some fish and fostering heavy moss growth. Several years ago a large fish kill took place and the remaining fish, now fewer in number, grew in size.

Fish caught through the ice taste best. Ice begins to form in mid-November and fishing is good, sometimes great until February. Ice gets thicker with the arrival of snow, making the use of a powered ice-auger almost essential. We had been on the lake an hour when Jack Ebberts of Challis arrived to fish astride his four wheeler laden with through-the-ice gear. Jack is a wealth of information, good natured, and animated when he speaks. Jack soon had multiple holes drilled. The ice/snow was three feet thick.

Jack fished each ice-hole until fish began to bite at two of five. Jack caught three trout in a short time. Bait used includes worms, corn, meal worms, spoons, all work but, seemingly, not the same day. The ice cracked once, a long soft shudder, a sign that ice, snow, and water are mixing. Ice with no snow upon it will crack sharp and loudly. Open water is coming soon. Not an ice fisherman? A canoe or float tube late spring/early summer may be a good choice, too.

We saw mouse tracks and sign (good reason to filter your drinking water) along the ice-edge. A coyote watched us, yipping and chucking an eight note scale several times. Wolf tracks viewed next to the coyote tracks were huge in comparison. You'll always see game in the area. Near the lake, geodes, quartz, and petrified wood can be found.

Mackay Reservoir is nearby and produces a good winter fishery for trout and later Kokanee. Wax worms, meal worms, crawlers, and power bait are used for bait. Twenty or so folks were on the reservoir fishing as I drove by. The ice looked soft. Open water is now at the inlet. The pursuit of fish is exciting, true; but equally exciting was our view of mountain peaks.



Jimmy Smith Lake amid sunbeams and snow squalls.

Stunning vistas ever-changing in the sunlight was worth the trip from Twin Falls alone. The Challis area geology is an example of past carboniferous. The landscape, that is now simply eroding, was formed indescribably slow (quicker) or quickly with a rift of the earth's crust.

Steelhead fishing. Down-river from Challis (zone 17) a few dozen fisherman could be seen casting for migrating steelhead toward traditional spawning areas. This reporter interviewed 16 nearby frozen fisherman and fielded many requests to turn off the wind. My count: four Steelhead had been caught, two released. Fish and Game personnel at the Palisadero hatchery reported 850 caught, mostly in zone 15. Average of five hours per fish, with fisherman density high and growing. Water temperature of 34 degrees is slowing migration, as temperature gets closer to 40 degrees fishing action will be further up river.

At the confluence of the Palisadero and Salmon rivers I spoke with three anglers with only one complaint among them; that being they would have to return home someday. At the moment they were happy to cast, reel and converse; with no interest in the combat fishing down-river, yet David Dickenson of Rathdrum described "combat fishing" to me as follows. "When the steelhead are running heavily in a section, the riverbank (both sides) will be elbows to elbow with folks fishing. In the river, the drifter boats are bow to stern down

Getting there

The East Fork Road is accessed from Highway 75 two miles down river from Clayton or 22 miles up river from Challis. Drive 14 miles, about 12 of which are paved. Look for the BLM take sign on your right. Drive 1-1/2 miles toward the lake from the East Fork Road to a parking area. This parking area is large enough for trailer turn around. An all person toilet is here too.

If you wish to camp, look for four undeveloped campsites along the road. You may choose to hike the half-mile to the lake (about 20 min) or use an ATV of choice. The trail is off limits to motorized travel after reaching the lake. For local fishing reports call: The Bent Rod, Challis, 208-879-2500 Old Sawmill Station, Clayton, 208-838-2400 Online: Great Steelhead reports.IDFG. www.idahosteelheadunion.com

the center. We'd be there in our drifter combating the other lines, congestion and watching others catch small fish. All the while catching the big ones ourselves." Better hurry folks, this steelhead run is heating up.

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OUTDOORS

Group hosts state parks program

TWIN FALLS — Prairie Falcon Audubon Society, the local chapter of the National Audubon Society is sponsoring a program by Louisa Johnson, park manager for the Thousand Springs park district, Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. The program will be in Room 201 of the Shields Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Johnson will speak on the state parks of Idaho with emphasis on our local state parks and will discuss current management and recreational opportunities as well as future plans for the parks in the Thousand Springs district which includes Madia Gorge, Box Canyon, Niagara Springs, Billingsley Creek and Crystal Springs state parks.

He will also discuss Gove, Knappton's, Capetone, Idaho initiative which proposes to invest millions of dollars into our state parks. The program is free and the public is welcome.

Outdoors in brief

Fish and Game offers hunter education classes

BURLEY — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is offering a Hunter Education class in Burley April 11, 13, 18, and 20 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. Students must be able to attend class on all the dates listed to complete the course. To register, stop by the Regional Office, 319 South 417 East, Highway 93 Business Park, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. People may also call (208) 324-4359 and receive an application for the class by mail.

Registration for the classes requires an address, phone number, date of birth, and social security number for each student. Cost is \$8. Students age 17 and younger

completing the Hunter Education program will receive a free small-game hunting license for this year's hunting season. Students age 12 and older wishing to hunt big game this fall must upgrade to a junior hunting license. Cost for the upgrade is \$3.75 at any Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Office or available for purchase at other license vendors for \$7.25. For more information, call 324-4359.

Mini-Cassia NRA will sponsor annual banquet

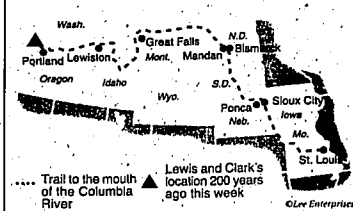
RUPERT — The Mini-Cassia Friends of NRA annual banquet will be held April 8 at the Rupert Elks Lodge. Social hour will start at 5 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. An African Safari will be a special auction item. Pre-event tickets are available for a 270 Short

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Spring Fling concludes Soldier Mountain season

FAIRFIELD — Soldier Mountain will host a season-end Spring Fling on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fairfield resort. Evenings will include a barbecue, costumes, games and a performance by the King Stocking Band, recently voted as the Wood River Valley's best band. All tickets will be half-price on Tuesdays. The resort will close for the season on Sunday. For more information call the resort at 764-2526.

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March 28, 1806 — soon after we halted for dinner the two Wackiaucums who have been pursuing us since yesterday morning with two dogs for sale, arrived; they wish tobacco in exchange for their dogs which we are not disposed to give as our stock is now reduced to a very few carrots, our men who have been accustomed to the use of this article Tobacco and to whom we are now obliged to deny the use of this article appear to suffer much for want of it. They substitute the bark of the wild crab which they chew; it is very bitter, and they assure me they find it a good substitute for tobacco. The smokers substitute the inner bark of the red willow and the saccammbis.

March 28, 1806 — arrived at the old Indian Village on Lord side of Deer Island where we found our hunters had halted... six of them turned out to hunt very early this morning by 10 A.M. they all returned to camp having killed seven deer. These were all of the common fallow deer with the long tail.

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

Trophy species applications due in April

April is the month for applying to draw for moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat hunts.

Applications for the application for trophy species will be accepted from April 1 through April 30, 2006.

Hunters may apply at Fish and Game offices or license vendors, or they can apply using a credit card by telephone or over the Internet.

Telephone applications may be made at 1-(800)-554-4868; Internet users may apply through Fish and Game's Web site at http://fishandgame.idaho.gov. Each applicant must possess an Idaho hunting or combination license to apply for a controlled hunt. License fees will not be refunded.

For moose, goat or sheep hunting, the application fee must be paid with the application and all but the \$6.25 application fee

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will be refunded to those who do not draw. The resident application, including permit fee, costs \$180.75; nonresidents pay \$178.75. These fees have increased from last year; the fees listed in the rules brochure are not correct. Unsuccessful resident applicants will receive a refund of \$174.50; unsuccessful nonresident applicants will receive a refund of \$179.50.

Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than April 30.

Hunters who apply for moose, goat and sheep may not apply for any other controlled hunt in the same year except for unlimited controlled hunts, extra deer, elk or antelope hunts, controlled bear hunts or predation hunts. Those who draw a moose, goat or sheep permit and do not have a kill may not apply to hunt the same species for two years. Any person who has harvested an antelope in Idaho may not apply for any moose permit except an antlerless moose permit.

Any person who has harvested an antlerless moose in Idaho may not apply for any moose permit except an antlered moose permit. Any person who has killed a mountain goat in Idaho since 1977 may not apply for a mountain goat permit. Anyone who has killed a California bighorn or a Rocky Mountain bighorn may not apply again for the same type of sheep but may apply for the other subspecies.

Time to send in super hunt applications

Just a reminder, applications for the first Super Hunt and Super Hunt Combo drawing in 2006 must be received at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game headquarters by May 31 with the drawing set for June 15.

Applications will be drawn for eight elk, eight deer, and eight antelope hunts as well as one moose hunt. One Super Hunt Combo application will be drawn. The winner will be a winner to hunt for one elk, deer, antelope and moose. A

second drawing will be held Aug. 15 when another Super Hunt Combo and applications for two elk, two deer, and two antelope hunts along with one moose hunt will be drawn. The application period for the second drawing is June 1 through Aug. 10.

A single application is \$6.25. Applications are available at license vendors, Fish and Game offices, on the Internet at http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ or by mail to the Regional Office at 800-824-3729 or 800-554-9685. Mail applications to: IDFG License Section, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707. Applications also can be purchased online at https://65.67.43.193/Internet/

Application fees are: 1 Super Hunt, \$6.25; 1 Super Hunt Combo, \$19.95; 6 Super Hunts, \$24.95; \$99.95; 13 Super Hunts, \$49.95; 13 Super Hunt Combos, \$199.95.

Proceeds go to help pay for Fish and Game's Access' program that helps expand hunting and fishing access to and across private lands.

Birds tuning up for the spring hit parade

By Jonel Alecia The Spokesman-Review

COEUR D'ALENE — The coming of spring is a sure thing. Bird-watchers know too well. So while the calendar says the new season has begun, several members of the Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society led a strain mightily on a weekend field trip to detect the change.

The good news? They found it. For birders like Lisa Hardy, 47, of Coeur d'Alene, spring is heralded not by sight but sound.

Species that have hung around the inland Northwest all winter occasionally vocal but mostly mute start crooning for all they're worth. Then newcomers pipe up as well.

"Last week I heard a song sparrow doing some kind of 'tzz-zizz' and then 'tun tun.' I said Hardy part of a group banded against Saturday's late-winter cold at Liberty Lake County Park.

Across the lake's marshy flats, red-winged blackbirds chimed from the tops of trees and tall grasses, a sure sign of the new season. By June, their chorus will be overwhelmed by a cacophony of bird song, but in March, it's still distinct.

"Because they're just starting out the spring, you can learn them one at a time," Hardy said.

There were other subtle indications of the vernal shift. A male hooded merganser preened in front of a would-be mate, dipping his head repeatedly before diving beneath the water.

"It's X-rated out there," said Judy Waring, 67, of Coeur d'Alene. "For birders and non-birders

alike, spring is most evident in the parade of species that begins about now and lasts through summer. It's all part of the bird-watching on the Pacific flyway, through which birds shuttle on their quest for sun and sustenance.

"With each week as we progress in the spring, a new bird comes back," said Nancy Curry, manager for the Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge. "Every day there's something new, and it's exciting to watch."

"Already, more than 30 spring bird species have been spotted by visitors to the center near Cheney, Wash.

The robins are already back, not just one or two but in flocks of 200, said Shirley Sturts, 69, who keeps lists of spring sightings for the Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society. Ditto for the cedar waxwings and the tundra swans.

"And then there's those swallows and green-winged swallows," Sturts said. "They're back for a couple of weeks, along with American woodpeckers, killdeer and marsh wrens."

Still, the real show is yet to come.

"It's really too early for the flycatchers," said Sturts. "And all the warblers are here in April and May."

Birders, like everybody else, have to be patient as winter wanes. But it's not hard to detect a note of vitality as they anticipate a favorite species.

"The western meadowlark; Now that's a spring bird," said Sturts. "And the spotted towhee. I'm surprised I haven't seen one."

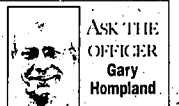
F&G devises strategy to preserve sage grouse

Question: "I'm new to the area and have heard and read a lot of discussion in the local newspaper about sage grouse in local print and television media. Why is everyone so focused on sage grouse?"

Answers: Sage grouse are a unique species of prairie grouse native to Idaho. Their populations have declined markedly over the last 50 years.

Many pioneer families grew up eating sage grouse. To many, sage grouse are a symbol of our heritage, similar to the elk, bald eagle or salmon. Historical numbers of sage-grouse populations in Idaho are not well documented.

Overall, populations of this magnificent bird have declined throughout the West due to habitat loss and fragmentation. Efforts to list the species, or individual populations, as endangered



ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

other threatened or endangered have been presented to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service eight times since 1981.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has released a draft version of the new statewide sage-grouse conservation plan for public review. An electronic version of the plan is available on the Department's Web site at www.fishandgame.idaho.gov/cws/hunt/grouse/conserv_plan. The goal of the plan is to maintain, improve, and where

possible, increase sage-grouse populations and habitats in Idaho, while conserving the predictability and long-term sustainability of a variety of other species.

A secondary goal of the plan is the establishment of new Local Working Groups (LWGs) in all sage-grouse planning areas where they do not currently exist. A new working group for the South Magic Valley LWG will be initiated in the Magic Valley.

In 1997, the Fish and Game Commission approved the first statewide sage-grouse management plan. This effectively divided the state into management areas and called for the formation of these working groups.

"The sage-grouse local working groups are the heart of this long-range conservation

strategy. The state plan identifies and prioritizes threats to the species at the broad-scale, statewide level. Local working groups will address issues and concerns, prioritize local threats, and identify appropriate conservation measures on a local scale.

Ultimately there will be 13 local working groups in the state. Regional Department personnel will be involved with six LWGs in the Magic Valley. The Shoshone Basin LWG is the oldest one in Idaho, and perhaps the West.

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Groups sue over pygmy rabbits

HOISE (AP) — Conservation groups have filed a federal lawsuit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Interior Secretary Gale Norton, claiming the agency ignored scientific information in recommending not to list the pygmy rabbit as an endangered or threatened species.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court here Tuesday by the Bailey, Idaho-based Western Watersheds Project joined with the Biodiversity Conservation Alliance, Center for Native Ecosystems, Oregon Natural Desert Association and the

Sagebrush Step Campaign.

It's the second lawsuit the groups have filed against the Interior Department agency over North America's smallest rabbit. A trick suit, filed in 2004, ended in a settlement that required Fish and Wildlife to decide if threats to the tiny bunny warranted a yearlong review that could have led to protection under the Endangered Species Act.

Last year the agency said the petition seeking to protect the pygmy rabbit did not contain enough biological information to warrant a study, but that they would continue to

monitor the rabbit.

That's not good enough, the conservation groups contend. Their lawsuit says the agency decision was "arbitrary, capricious, and contrary to law in many respects."

Specifically, the conservation groups say the agency ignored scientific evidence they provided that says pygmy rabbits had suffered a significant reduction in their historical ranges. Fish and Wildlife decided against using that information on grounds that it was not collected in a systematic or comprehensive manner, the lawsuit says.

a mile down the shallow stream. We found where the cougar had made a small circle up through the pines and had headed back in his same tracks. A trick used to confuse a dog since it takes time for the dog to figure out the cougar's direction of travel. After a couple of more circles and a couple of hours, we saw the cougar coming toward us. With a dog behind, and us in front, it left the cougar only one choice.

The cougar had one other option, but spring high onto a

Gypsy was "howling" and trying to climb the tree. This was a young tom with beautiful red fur (females are seldom killed due to limited quotas by Fish and Game). The second hound finally showed up, and Lawrence Gillett went downstream to trap for the third.

The cougar apparently been snatched off the ledge by the cougar and fell about 150 feet to his death. Lawrence returned with the collar.

An escaped hound, somewhat saddened by the tragic

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Continued from D1 down, a cougar jumped from the rocks and exhaled, landing only about 10 feet in front of us. Red grabbed for his pistol, but was too late. All we got was a cloud of gray, screeched up by a scared, accelerating cougar. Gypsy, not five seconds behind, springing in front of us from the same ledge and bounded down the canyon in quick pursuit.

Red and I finally made our way to the bottom, found fresh cougar and dog tracks in the

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OUTDOORS

Celebrating centennial

Island Park landmark undergoes a facelift



Photo courtesy of Mesa Verde National Park

This December 2005 photo shows a 'luminaria' or nighttime illumination of Cliff Palace in Mesa Verde National Park, Colo.



AP photo

Co-owner and developer Gary Campbell talks March 16 about one of the new cabins built at Ponds Lodge in Island Park.

Mesa Verde marks anniversary of first park to protect man-made wonders

By Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press writer

MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK, Colo. — Most national parks in the United States protect natural wonders — mountains, forests, canyons.

But Mesa Verde was the very first national park created to preserve man-made wonders — ancient cliff dwellings, made from sandstone, perched on ledges at elevations of 7,000 feet (2,100 meters).

This intricate architecture, dating to the 12th century, is as awesome to behold today as it was when cowboys and ranchers first saw it. Two men looking for lost cattle, Richard Wetherill and Charles Mason, came upon the most spectacular site, the 150-room Cliff Palace, in 1908.

Mesa Verde National Park was established 18 years later, in 1906. The park's centennial is being observed this year with festivals, lectures and access to sites that have been closed to the public for decades.

"It's not just a birthday party to commemorate 100 years in June 2006," said Tessa Shirakawa, chief of visitor services for the park. "It is a year-long celebration about the last 100 years, and looking into the future to the next 100 years."

A four-day party, free to the public, with a birthday cake, music, Indian dances, a traders' festival, craft demonstrations and other events is scheduled for June 29-July 2. Other highlights of the centennial include monthly lectures and demonstrations: daylong horseback rides in September to Spring House, which has been closed since the 1960s; and ranger-led hikes to two other dwellings. One of these, Mug House, has never been open to the public before, and another, Oak Tree House, has been closed since the 1930s.

Other events are being held in communities around the region: for advance reservations and a complete schedule, visit <http://www.mesa-verde.org>. The celebration ends Dec. 9

with a "luminaria" — nighttime illumination — of Cliff Palace and Spruce Tree House, another dwelling.

The cliff dwellings were built by a group of people whom archaeologists refer to as Ancestral Puebloans. They lived in the area from about 400 A.D. to 1300 A.D. Their descendants include 21 contemporary tribes.

"They were incredible masons," said Ranger Kimberly Accardy on a tour of Cliff Palace, the largest of the park's 600 dwellings. "They did not have metal. All their tools were made out of wood, stone or bone." Bricks for the buildings were made from sandstone mixed with mud mortar.

Accardy said Cliff Palace was probably a community center for trade, commerce or special ceremonies. Only 125 people lived here, but many more people came here. It's a bit like the idea of people living on the outskirts of a major metropolitan area and coming into the central area to take care of their needs.

Cliff Palace's 150 rooms include walls up to four stories high, nine storage rooms on an upper ledge, and 21 "kivas," small round pits used for ceremonies and other community activities. Kivas are still used by modern-day Hopis and other tribes.

The Puebloans hunted wild game, domesticated turkeys, and grew corn, squash, and beans. For travel, Accardy said, "they relied on rain and snowmelt, and a lot of the alcoves had deep springs" — water that trickled in through the canyon walls.

The park is also a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Most first-time visitors to Mesa Verde — which is Spanish for "green cliff" — tour Cliff Palace. But adventurous types — including sure-footed children — will also want to see Balcony House, which can only be accessed by climbing steep ladders and shimmying through an 18-inch-wide stone tunnel.

If you go ...

MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK: <http://www.nps.gov/mesve/> or (970) 529-4461. Open daily, year-round. Entrance fee: \$10, good for seven days. Chapin Mesa Archaeological Museum and Spruce Tree House are open year-round for free, self-guided tours.

RANGER-LED TOURS: Tickets, \$3 each, available at Far View Visitor Center, open April 9-Oct. 9, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Cliff Palace tours are held April 9-Nov. 4; Balcony House, April 30-Oct. 9. (Note that Balcony House tours involve steep ladders and climbing through a tunnel.) At the more remote Wetherill Mesa, open May 28-Sept. 4, Long House requires a ticket; Step House does not.

CENTENNIAL EVENTS: Tickets for ranger-led, two-hour hikes

and September horseback rides to sites open for the centennial available online at <http://www.mesa-verde2006.org>, which lists all centennial events, including the free June 29-July 2 birthday party.

GETTING THERE: Mesa Verde park headquarters is a one-hour drive from Cortez, Colorado, heading east on Highway 160, and 90 minutes from Durango, heading west on Highway 160.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Inside the park: Far View Lodge, \$110/290; \$127 nightly, or Morefield Campground, \$20-\$25; <http://www.visitmesaverde.com>. Outside the park: Mancos, Cortez and Durango offer a variety of lodging and dining. Visitor information at <http://www.mesa-verdecountry.com>.

Balcony House is much smaller than Cliff Palace, but its highlights include interesting archaeological evidence.

Shell prints on the sandstone suggest that millions of years ago, "this was the shore of an ancient sea," according to Ranger Lee Litterer.

Litterer also pointed out red plaster on the walls, along with paintings of triangular designs that resemble mountain ridges.

"Everybody wants to add personal touches and beauty to their homes," Accardy said. "The centennial celebration includes a symposium, May 3-5, on the history of Southwestern archaeology. "The science of early archaeology in North America" started here at Mesa Verde," Shirakawa said.

In fact, the same year Mesa Verde was designated a national park, Congress passed a law making it a crime to collect or destroy antiquities from federal land. The law was spurred in part by the removal of 600 objects from Mesa Verde by a Swedish scientist. Those objects now reside in the National Mu-

seum in Helsinki, Finland.

Fortunately, you don't have to travel that far to see the tools, baskets and exquisite pottery produced by the Ancient Puebloans. Mesa Verde's Chapin Mesa Archaeological Museum has its own fine collection. While you're there, visit nearby Spruce Tree House, the only dwelling in the park accessible by a paved trail.

Cliff Palace and Balcony House require tickets for ranger-led tours; you can see Spruce Tree House and the museum on your own for free.

Those looking to get away from the crowds may want to head to a more remote area of the park, Wetherill Mesa, to explore two other dwellings — Long House, which requires a ticket, and Step House, which does not.

The Ancestral Puebloans left Mesa Verde some 800 years ago, and archaeologists think they might have been on a quest. "They were on a migration route to find their ancestral home," Accardy said. "Perhaps they left on a journey to that place."

Ex-ballplayer, investors hope to make lodge a four-season resort

By Kendra Evensen
Post Register

ISLAND PARK — Thousands of visitors flock to Island Park every year to snowmobile on its miles of trails or to fish in its world-class waters.

Now the owner of Ponds Lodge wants the town to become a destination point, a place to relax or even just watch television.

"I want it to be a resort where no matter what the weather is, people can come up and have a good time," owner Gary Campbell said. "Not just fly-fish or snowmobile."

Campbell is partnering with retired baseball player Bill Buckner in a \$20 million project to turn the 60-year-old lodge into more than just a place to crash between trails.

"They are building 60 new cabins, which will sell for \$300,000 to \$400,000. They plan to tear down or move the existing cabins — some of which date to the 1930s — and rent the new buildings while the owners are away."

"We want it to be a great destination year-round, make it a place to go play and stay," said Buckner, who played for the Boston Red Sox and other teams.

The development is the latest aimed at catering to Island Park's popularity among tourists, said Mark Payne, Chamber of Commerce director of the community on the Idaho-Montana border near the western edge of Yellowstone National Park.

Similar lodging developments such as the Pines at Island Park have already been catering to Island Park's growing tourist numbers, Payne said.

"Island Park is a diamond in the rough," she said. "I think

that people that make investments now will reap major benefits later."

Chances of the city being overleveled with development are slim, said Payne, who owns Outback Realty.

"I'm talking with my Realtor hat on; I don't think you're going to see major development that is going to burden anything up here," she said.

Campbell's and Buckner's plans call for a major overhaul. They're remodeling the lodge, which will include an indoor pool, spa facility and game room for children. They've already made the lodge roomier so they can hold events such as weddings, conferences and more.

"The lodge is unique and rustic," Buckner said. "There's a lot of opportunity to do things other than have a meal."

They plan to emphasize the building's history rather than destroy it.

"We want to update it, but keep the 80-year-old feel," Campbell said.

Items found around the lodge, such as old trunks and scales, will serve as decor; wood details on the building have been enhanced rather than removed.

The partners hope the changes will draw more people to Island Park, which they consider Idaho's undiscovered paradise. They believe places such as Driggs and Victor have taken much of the spotlight, but they hope Island Park will soon claim its share of the glory.

"There's just not that many places around that offer so many things to do," said Buckner, who wants the lodge to be a part of the action. "We'd like to make it the nicest destination lodge in that part of the country."

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Feds urge fish ladders as condition of relicensing dams on Klamath River

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Federal fisheries agencies recommended Wednesday that relicensing of dams owned by PacifiCorp on the Klamath River be equipped with fish ladders and turbine screens as a condition of getting a new operating license in order to help struggling salmon on their spawning runs.

The proposal from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and NOAA Fisheries is adopted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, it would restore access for salmon, steelhead, and lamprey to more than 300 miles of river for the first time since the early 1900s.

Fish ladders to help adult salmon over dams and screens

to keep young salmon out of turbines won't solve all the problems caused by the Klamath Hydroelectric Project, the agencies said. But they hope ongoing settlement talks between PacifiCorp and interest groups could find better remedies, and they urged FERC to evaluate alternatives that include removing the dams.

The 327-page document comes as pressure is growing for the federal government to resolve bitter battles over sharing scarce water between farms and fish in the Klamath Basin, which was once the third-largest salmon producer on the West Coast.

Farmers and fishermen have suffered tens of millions of dol-

lars in lost crops and catches, and biologists have lost hope in salmon that are an important part of their culture as well as their diet.

After the third straight year of dangerously low returns of fall chinook salmon to the Klamath, the Pacific Fishery Management Council will decide next week whether to shut down sport and commercial salmon fishing on 700 miles of the West Coast off Oregon and California.

Steve Thompson, head of the California-Nevada office of Fish and Wildlife in Sacramento, Calif., said dam improvements would be an important step in a larger effort to resolve environmental problems in the Klamath Basin.


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Panel 2: "—AND I'D LIKE A 10-CENT BEER." (Post Office)

Panel 3: "NOW, WHAT CAN I REALLY DO FOR YOU?" (Post Office)

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: "WHERE'S MOM?"

Panel 2: "IN THE BEDROOM."

Panel 3: "GUESS HAVING THOSE DAYS."

Panel 4: "YOU MUST BE TALKING TO ENTER."

Baldo By Hector D. Caniu and Carlos Castellanos

Panel 1: "WHAT'S GOING ON?"

Panel 2: "GRACE LEARNED HOW TO WRESTLE TODAY."

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

Panel 1: "ALL RIGHT, I'M DONE—THAWING OUT THE FREEZER, NOW, WHAT WAS IT YOU COULDN'T WAIT TO TELL ME ABOUT FINALLY FINDING TWO SNOWFLAKES THAT ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?"

Dilbert By Scott Adams

Panel 1: "THE MARKETING GURU... CONSUMERS WILL BUY OUR TRACTOR-SIZED MP3 PLAYERS IF WE OFFER SOMETHING FREE WITH EACH ONE."

Panel 2: "SO WE'LL OFFER A FREE IPOD WITH EACH SALE, AND FREE TOWELS TO THE LANDFILL FOR OUR MP3 PLAYER."

Panel 3: "THE REST IS JUST PRICING."

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

Panel 1: "RURAL THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN SCREAM AND THE PROBABLY SAYS THAT'S A WINDMILL—JUST LIKE THE WINDMILL!"

Panel 2: "THAT DOES NOT MEAN I DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN THE COUNTRY! I WANT TO LIVE IN THE COUNTRY!"

Panel 3: "WE DON'T OBLIGE HIS CLAIMS JUST TO INSURE THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE STABILITY! THAT'S THE POINT!"

Panel 4: "SO GET OUT THERE AND ABOUT UP PEOPLE! CIVIL WAR!"

The Elderberites By Phil Frank and Joe Tronzo

Panel 1: "MAYBELLE BOUDREAU, DISPERSED BY HURRICANE KATRINA, LEAVES FOR HOME. SO, YOU WON YOUR COURT CASE. Purity!"

Panel 2: "I wish I had some goodness in my life!"

Panel 3: "Oh, I am so homesick for New Orleans! I want to get my family back together and rebuild my house!"

Panel 4: "Ch yes, just I want to live in my own lousy bin!"

Panel 5: "Don't you like it here at Elderpark?"

Panel 6: "I can relate to that! I'll go get my toothbrush."

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

Panel 1: "BORN WITH A GUITAR, I DON'T WANT TO BE A MUSICIAN. I WANT TO BE A MUSICIAN!"

Panel 2: "I'D LIKE TO HAVE THEM ALL GO AWAY. THEY'RE ALL GOING AWAY!"

Panel 3: "I SHOULD BEGETTING TOGETHER AND PLAYING MONOPOLY. WATER!"

Panel 4: "IT WOULD HELP ME SLEEP."

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

Panel 1: "YOU'RE BETWEEN JOBS, EH?—HOW FAR BETWEEN?"

Luan By Greg Evans

Panel 1: "I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WINNING THIS CROWN HAS CHANGED AN LIFE."

Panel 2: "BEING MISS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS A SERIOUS JOB. I'LL BE SPENDING LOTS OF TIME SPREADING GOODWILL, BRANSING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND INSPIRING PEOPLE TO..."

Panel 3: "PETICURE APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE!"

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

Panel 1: "CONTRARY TO LAST WEEK'S MEDICAL JOURNAL REPORT THAT EATING WOOLY MAMMOTH IS BAD FOR A NEW STUDY CONFIRMS THAT EATING MAMMOTH..."

Panel 2: "IS, IN FACT, VERY GOOD FOR YOU. MEANWHILE, ANOTHER JOURNAL COVERED EARLIER FINDINGS THAT AS PREVIOUSLY POSTULATED GIVING A WOOLY MAMMOTH WOOLIES IS STILL BAD FOR YOU..."

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

Panel 1: "DID I HEAR THAT PEOPLE ARE NOW HIRING YOU TO WRITE THEIR THANK-YOU CARDS?"

Panel 2: "YES, MORON. MY THANK-YOUS ARE WELL WRITTEN AND QUITE GRACIOUS CHECK OUT THIS ONE..."

Panel 3: "THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT. IT WILL MAKE A WONDERFUL ADDITION TO MY NEXT GARAGE SALE."

Panel 4: "ALRIGHT, MAYBE 'GRACIOUS' IS TOO STRONG A WORD."

Pickles By Brian Crane

Panel 1: "WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING, EARL?"

Panel 2: "I'VE GOT THE KIT KAT CANDY BAR JINGLE STUCK IN MY HEAD. YOU KNOW THE ONE... 'GIMME A BREAK, GIMME A BREAK...'"

Panel 3: "'BREAK ME OFF A PIECE OF THAT KIT KAT BAR.'"

Panel 4: "THANKS A LOT!"

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

Panel 1: "GET INSIDE THE WINDOW OR THE WIND WILL BLOW YOU AWAY!"

Panel 2: "I'M CALLED PRESERVATION! I'M CALLED PRESERVATION! I'M CALLED PRESERVATION!"

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: "MAYBE HE'S NOT A HOPELESS SOB. MAYBE HE'S JUST DECISIVE."

Non Sequitur By Wiley

Panel 1: "DID YOU REALLY TELL YOUR TEACHER THAT MATH IS AGAINST OUR RELIGION?"

Panel 2: "NO. I SAID IT WAS AGAINST MY RELIGION."

Panel 3: "DANKE, YOU CAN'T MAKE UP A RELIGION JUST TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS. GET OUT!"

Panel 4: "OH, SO WHEN DID OTHER RELIGIONS GET OUT?"

Panel 5: "YOU'RE OVERKILLING TO WHAT?"

Panel 6: "DANKE, YOU, AT LEAST IT'S A RELIGION. I'VE BEEN WORSHIP ABOUT STINGING AND CONSENT."

Strange Brew By John Deering

Panel 1: "IT LOOKED BETTER ON PAPER."

Individualism leads Aries to success

IF MARCH 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Count your blessings throughout the year. When obligations call, you will be able to buckle down and work hard—but when opportunity knocks, you will have all the credentials needed to accept an offer. For the rest of April and during the month of July, be sure to remain steadfast, respectful of authority and don't drink duties. In May and August, you may be well rewarded for your discipline and willingness to accept responsibility. Be confident that during the first quarter of 2007, both love and career will get a big boost.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Break away from the crowd. Your sign may be that of the Ram, but you aren't a herd animal. Individualism is your ticket to success. Start projects that require widespread publicity for success.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Make your mark. Put major career initiatives into motion especially if a partner or mate is involved. It is best to bend with the wind when news of crucial changes blows your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Trust and honesty win the day. Sign agreements or make deals and expect them to prosper.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

The person at the other end of the table may have the knowledge and luck to make big things happen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Business before pleasure. Your industries/business will pay off if you work hard all day and use your knack for commerce or salesmanship. Relax with friends or a loved one tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Celebrate new beginnings. Break a bottle of champagne over the bow of a new business effort. New friendships or romantic entanglements started now may lack commitment, but could still receive publicity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Act as fairly as possible. Genuine concern for others may be repaid faster than you imagine. Because you are generous and forthright, others are likely to treat you in the same manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): To err is human, but to forgive is divine. Head out and be as fair as possible. A new love interest may think you are the goddess (or god) of their dreams, at least for

the weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Break all the rules and follow your vision. Shatter records and slip loose from restrictions. You have the ball in your hands and can head straight for the goalpost without interference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Say you're sorry. The value of a pardon may enrich you in more ways than one. Act on powerful urges and have faith that others will be as generous towards you as you are towards them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Leave the past behind. Launch strategic plans for future success now. Perform without concern, as you can count on your friends and trust that things will be different this time around.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get the ball rolling. Important projects and plans can be launched under these celestial conditions. All your ducks are in a row for career success and your romantic nest is feathered.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Work hard all day and put the final initials on a new project or contract. Then take some time out to enjoy amorous activities with a snugly special someone later this evening.

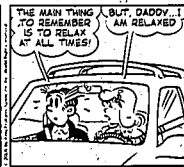
Daughter's prince charming has transformed into a frog

Beetle Bailey



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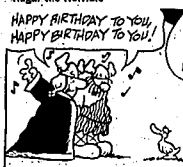
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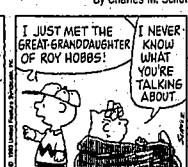
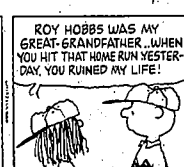
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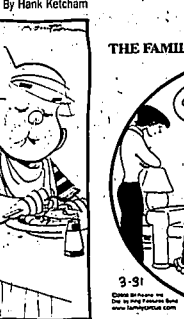
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By Hank Ketcham

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



"I say it's a couch. Who's right?"

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DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

My mother wants me to date only doctors. She has even threatened to cut me out of her will if I "settle" her worth for someone who doesn't have a medical degree. I was interested in a man who owned his own business, but she made me so miserable that I simply stopped dating.

I want to respect her because she is my mother, and I know she loves me. Can you help me figure out how to get her to back off and let me live my life my way? By the way, I am 41.

— PEACEFUL REBEL

IN OHIO
DEAR PEACEFUL REBEL: I'll try. Start by talking with a licensed mental health professional, preferably one who specializes in helping young adults with "individuate" from controlling parents. Once you have a firm grasp of who you are, and what your proper boundaries are, you will be able to confront your mother. After that, you may want to consider relocation, because your mother's off the charts, and she's not likely to change.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Lulu" moved in with a man I'll call Al a year and a half ago, telling me this was the man she was going to marry and spend the rest of her life with. So my husband and I welcomed him to the family.

They now have a baby, and still there has been no wedding. Al came to us eight months ago to ask our permission to ask Lulu to marry him. We consented. He appears to have had convenient memory loss about asking and — without going into details — has proven himself to be extremely self-centered, controlling, and a negative influence on what was once our happy, outgoing daughter.

We now realize that Al is someone we don't care to have in our family, and we'd like to know how (if it's possible) to rescind our blessing on their marriage.

— CHANGED OUR MINDS DOWN SOUTH
DEAR CHANGED OUR MINDS: If I were you, I wouldn't raise the subject of marriage with Al at all. Your daughter's

lower appears to be in no hurry to make any trips to the altar. Do, however, "mention" to your daughter that you had hoped she'd find a husband who would cherish her and make her happier than Al seems to have. Be sure to let her know that if she changes her mind about him, you'll welcome her back home with open arms. That way, she'll know she still has a choice.

DEAR ABBY: My problem is that my mother is a control freak. I was raised to respect my parents, but I have just about had it with her controlling ways. She wants to dictate my hair length, color and style, my weight, my love life, what car I drive, what job I have and where I live.

Elvis' number makes magic change

In "Jailhouse Rock," Elvis Presley is prisoner No. 6240 — or prisoner No. 6239, depending on which scene he's in.

This day in history: One-popular president Lyndon Johnson, bogged down in an endless war, declared on March 31, 1968, that he would not seek re-election.

If a cat cleans itself after you've touched it, don't be offended. It's just overpowering instincts to get any scent off, so as to not tip off prey.

Neither Laos nor Paraguay use coins as currency. Both rely solely on less durable, but cheaper to make, paper money. In 1911, the Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre in Paris. It was found 27 months later when the thief tried to sell it to a dealer in Florence for a measly \$100,000. Before those pesky truth-in-advertising laws, the bitter



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Mode soft drink claimed to cure "nervousness, exhaustion, loss of manhood, imbecility, helplessness, purely softening of the brain, locomotor ataxia, and insanity (when caused by nervous exhaustion)."

A U.S. penny rarely sees a long circulation life. Of all the pennies minted this week, 70 percent of them will be taken out of circulation within two years, dropped into drawers, grates, piggy banks, car seats, gutters, sofas, etc. Imagine the history of the earth as a single year, with the earth solidifying on New Year's Day. Bacteria appear on about March 22. Invertebrates show up by Nov. 2; fish, about Nov. 20. Some mammals make their debut on Dec. 16, but monkeys and apes won't swing into view until Dec. 28. And humans? Look for them to arrive a few minutes before midnight on New Year's Eve.

When Adolf Hitler was a lad, he wanted to become a church altar boy. Then he wanted to become an artist. Neither worked out, so he had to fall back on his backup career choice — leader of the Third Reich.

Once a person discovered graphite, they quickly figured out what it was good for, as evidenced by its name: In 1789, geologist Abraham Werner coined "graphite" from a Greek word meaning "to write."

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	2,340.82
Standard & Poor's 500	-2.84
	1,300.25
Russell 2000	-1.88
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Stocks of local interest

Albersons	\$25.66	▼ .04
Con Agra	\$21.28	▼ .04
DeL. Inc.	\$30.16	▼ .26
Idacorp	\$32.31	▼ .16
Micron	\$14.82	▼ .07
Sempra	\$46.53	▼ .18

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Commodities

Oil, by barrel	\$67.15	▲ .70
(May, light sweet crude)		
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Gold (May)	\$591.8	▲ 13.2

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State tax receipts climb in 2005

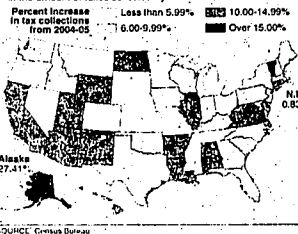
By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — State tax receipts jumped nearly 10 percent last year as a strong national economy increased individual earnings and corporate profits. Most states showed increases without raising tax rates, meaning the gains were caused primarily by an expanding economy, said Corina Eckel, fiscal program director for the National Conference of State Legislatures. "It's absolutely attributable to an improving national economy," Eckel said. "Very few, very modest tax changes happened last year." Nationally, states collected a total of \$649 billion in taxes in the 2005 budget year, which ended in June for most states, according to

a report by the Census Bureau. That's \$2,192 per person. The numbers include only taxes collected by states. They do not include federal or local taxes, which can greatly increase a person's taxes. California collected the most money, more than \$98 billion. Vermont collected the most per person, \$3,600. South Dakota collected the least overall, at a little more than \$1 billion, and the least per person, \$1,430. States get nearly half their tax revenue from sales taxes, which went up 6 percent from 2004 to 2005. Individual income taxes increased by nearly 13 percent, and corporate income taxes shot up 28 percent. However, corporate taxes account for little state revenue, about 6 percent, nationally. "Individual income taxes are the big driver," said Chris Edwards, director of tax policy at the Cato Institute, a Washington think tank. "The stock market is up and people are earning more money." Eckel said states also were helped by a two-year, \$20 billion package of federal aid to states approved in 2003. The money helped states overcome budget shortfalls stemming from the economic downturn earlier in the decade, she said. Eckel said most state budgets have recovered after several years of budget shortfalls. States across the country had to cut programs, increase tax rates and scramble for quick budget fixes after the national economy slumped earlier in the decade.

Strong economy lifts state tax receipts

An expanding economy was the driving force behind an increase in the amount of taxes collected by states in 2005.



TIME FOR A MAKEOVER



Workers package units of Carmex at the Carm Laboratories Inc., March 17 in Franklin, Wis. Carm Laboratories Inc. creators of Carmex lip balm has been around since 1936 selling millions of units a year without any marketing or sales person until 2006 when they hired a single sales man.

Carmex to try flavors, advertising

By Emily Fredrik
Associated Press writer

FRANKLIN, Wis. — For nearly 70 years, loyal, chapped-lip sufferers have dabbed on Carmex lip balm from its classically white packaging. Customer devotion made it the third-largest selling lip balm in the country despite a lack of advertising, sales campaigns or product updates. Now, the little yellow-capped jars found next to cash registers of nearly every pharmacy and convenience store are going Madison Avenue. "The family-run Carmex Laboratories Inc. has hired a new sales manager — a former employee of rival Blistex — to oversee the company's sales and growth. Carmex has started advertising, is launching new lines and even adding flavors such as cherry and strawberry in the fall.

Paul Woelbling, Carmex Labs' controller and grandson of product founder Alfred Woelbling, said after so many years it's finally time to give the company a face. "We've had our own little world where we come in, make Carmex and ship it out every day. But we have not gone out to meet the buyers," said Woelbling, who works with father Don, the company's president, and brother Eric, the vice president.

Paul Woelbling and other company officials plan to meet officials from retailers who already carry the product, such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Target

Corp. and CVS Corp., and find out from consumers what they want in a lip balm. But Carmex Labs will still be the laid-back, cool-as-menthol business it has always been, he said.

And the trademark yellow packaging? "That's not going anywhere. People sort of think it's like blue jeans or something else," Woelbling said. "It's almost like an iconic product."

Still, the company is evolving. Its first ad campaign this winter took Carmex officials to New York and Chicago, where they hung billboards, bright yellow, of course, handed out magnets and blizzards areas with yellow posters proclaiming "It tingles," and "It heals." More campaigns will follow, they say. "The most obvious change will be the new flavors. Competitors ChapStick and Blistex have had flavors for years and even expanded their offerings, offering products to kids and adding premium and herbal lines, while Carmex for the most part has stayed the same. It began offering a mint variety of its Clickstick in 2002 and that's been slow to sell, Woelbling said.

This fall, the makers plan to roll out two new flavors, most likely cherry and a berry variety, such as strawberry. More flavors, like licorice, bubble gum, watermelon and mocha, will be released the following year.

Other possible changes include developing lines of premium and all-natural products, Woelbling said.

The company, based out of the Milwaukee suburb of Franklin, has sold Carmex since 1937, at first in jars, and now in tubes and sticks as well. Alfred Woelbling created the balm for his own chapped lips and originally left samples — with cards to order more — at pharmacies and other stores throughout the region.

Customers liked the feel of icy menthol, camphor, lanolin, and cocoa butter on their lips and asked for it, the younger Woelbling said.

Today, customers still clamor for Carmex, which is how the company has stayed strong. The company expects to sell at least 65 million units this year, with the far-form of the balm outselling the other varieties.

ChapStick and Blistex are Nos. 1 and 2 respectively in lip balm, jelly or lip treatment sales, according to Kline & Co., a market research and consulting firm in Little Falls, N.J. The industry grew 9.6 percent last year to \$336 million in retail sales, Kline said. Sales have grown at an average annual rate of 6.4 percent over the last five years.

Carmex's new — and only — sales manager, Mike Pletsch said Carmex Labs is growing at about 8 percent a year, with a quarter-ounce jar as its top seller. The company hopes the new products and advertising will bring that up to 10 percent annual growth.

Everton Mattress Factory gets grant

TWIN FALLS — A check for \$16,440 was presented to the Everton Mattress Factory at the Business Plus Meeting of Investors Wednesday. The grant will make it possible to provide training for 16 new full-time employees in the production warehouse in Ellet.

Everton Mattress has 90 employees and has been in business in the Magic Valley since 1938.

Comcast to offer NBC programs on demand

PHILADELPHIA — A dozen popular TV programs from NBC Universal's network and cable channels will be available in May on Comcast Corp.'s video-on-demand service, the companies announced Thursday.

Select prime-time shows from NBC will cost 99 cents each and will be available any time after midnight the evening of their broadcast. Shows from USA Network, Sci-Fi Channel and Bravo cable channels as well as late-night and daytime network programs will be free. The shows include "The Office," "Las Vegas," "Monk," "Hawaii Five-O," "The Contender," "Friday Night Lights," "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and "The Law & Order" series. "Sports Illustrated" and "Criminal Intent."

NBC Universal and Philadelphia-based Comcast will split revenue from the prime-time network shows, said Page Thompson, Comcast's general manager for video services.

Mercury News not in Ridder's future

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Knight Ridder Chairman and Chief Executive "Bobby" Ridder began raising money to buy the San Jose Mercury News and two other Northern California newspapers being sold by McClatchey for sale but his lawyers and investment bankers urged him to drop the effort.

Ridder recounted his short-lived attempt to buy the Mercury News, the Contra Costa Times and the Herald of Monterey County in two meetings Wednesday with the staff of the Mercury News. The three newspapers are among the 12 papers put up for sale by McClatchey to help finance its \$4.5 billion purchase of San Jose-based Knight Ridder.

Google plans to sell another 5.3M shares

SAN FRANCISCO — Google plans to sell another 5.3 million shares of its prized stock, hoping to raise more than \$2 billion to finance its ambitious plans to expand beyond its Internet-leading search engine. The move comes just two days before Google's closely watched stock will be added to the Standard & Poor's 500 index — a breakthrough that snapped the company's shares out of a recent funk and presented management with an opportunity to capitalize on the surging demand.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Antitrust regulators examine coming sale of Knight Ridder

By Mark Sherman
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Antitrust regulators are reviewing the McClatchey Co.'s proposed \$4.5-billion takeover of Knight Ridder Inc., including its plan to sell 12 newspapers it is acquiring.

While the decision to investigate the proposed deal's effect on competition and prices is fairly routine given its size, the

government also apparently is interested in who might buy the Knight Ridder papers, McClatchey plans to sell.

A journalism lecturer at San Jose State University said he received a call this week from a Justice Department lawyer inquiring about the effect on advertisers if a McClatchey Group Inc. were to buy the San Francisco Bay area by the San Jose Mercury News and Contra Costa Times from McClatchey.

MediaNews already owns several papers in the area and is widely believed to be interested in those two.

The Washington-based lawyer "asked about the impact of a MediaNews buyout on advertisers, rather than on consumer prices or news quality. But he was willing to listen to concerns about concentration of ownership on the news product," John McManus wrote on the GradenheNews.

Web site. McManus directs the group, which evaluates Bay area media outlets.

Justice Department spokeswoman Gina Tildemann confirmed that antitrust lawyers are examining the proposed McClatchey-Knight Ridder deal, but she would not comment on specifics about the inquiry.

McClatchey hasn't set a timetable for completing the acquisition, but it wants to dispose

\$11 silver could lead to Idaho mine reopenings

Prices soar to height unseen since 1983

The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE — A rise in silver prices could lead to reopening silver mines in northern Idaho, mine owners say.

Silver prices have gone over \$11 an ounce for the first time since 1983.

Bob Hopper, owner of the New Bunker Hill Mine in Kellogg, said the increase could attract investors to the Silver Valley mining industry. That could "encourage people to examine the possibilities to reopen mines," Hopper told the Coeur d'Alene Press.

Zinc and lead are mined in the Silver Valley now, and silver could be added to that mix. "Now you really have a smiley face to put on this valley," Hopper said.

"You need to have these price increases to encourage investors to step up."

At the Lucky Friday Mine in Malheur and the Galena Mine outside Wallace, employees could see an increase in their paychecks from increased silver prices.

"There are incentive programs in place where employees of Lucky Friday benefit from the price of silver," said Vicki Volkward, spokeswoman for Hecla Mining Co., which owns the Lucky Friday Mine.

"We started planning for this a couple of years ago and now we're able to reap that benefit."

She said that since the company anticipated rising silver prices, it made plans accordingly and doesn't plan to hire more employees or increase production.

The company expects silver prices to remain strong for some time, she said.

Hopper likewise said he thought demand will remain high.

"Silver is being added to more and more products," he said.

Increased prices won't lead to opening the Sunshine Mine south of Coeur d'Alene in the fall of 2007, said Roy De Motte, president of Sterling Mining Co.

The mine is being reopened and pumped dry so Sterling Mining Co. can dig a tunnel linking to an ore vein in the nearby Sterling Summit mine.

of the 12 papers at the same time that it completes its acquisition of Knight Ridder, based in San Jose, in June or July.

Among the 12 papers, Piedmont Press is being sold to address potential antitrust concerns. It competes directly with McClatchey's Minneapolis Star Tribune.

Sacramento, Calif.-based McClatchey is retaining 20 other papers included in the Knight Ridder deal.

MONEY

Drug maker begins trials on bird flu vaccines in humans

By Linda Loyd Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — As U.S. health officials warn it may only be a matter of time before the avian flu hits the United States, GlaxoSmithKline P.L.C. said Thursday it has started clinical trials to test two bird flu vaccines in humans.

The London-based drug maker with U.S. headquarters in Philadelphia, said it is conducting two European trials — in 400 healthy volunteer adults in Belgium and 100 in Germany — to test the vaccines' safety and ability to boost protective immune response against the H5N1 avian flu strain, which has killed more than 100 people worldwide.

The vaccines are made from killed, or inactivated, H5N1 virus and should pose no health risks, the company said. The tested vaccines will contain immune-enhancing chemicals, called adjuvants, to boost the power of the shots, said David Stout, president of GlaxoSmithKline's pharmaceutical operations, in a conference call with reporters.

Primary results from the studies are expected in the third quarter, and the company plans to have a vaccine in production before the end of the year.

Drug companies are scrambling to create vaccines or symptom-reducing therapies against H5N1, which has killed millions of birds across Asia, Europe and Africa and now the Middle East. Health officials are worried the virus will mutate and be easily transmitted among people.

Avian flu vaccines are part of a program for pandemic preparedness, GlaxoSmithKline officials said Thursday.

GlaxoSmithKline is spending more than \$80 million to increase production of influenza vaccines. The company is spending Wednesday by U.S. regulators to test seasonal influenza in adults and children, 5 and older. The company is expanding about \$2 billion on expanding flu manufacturing, including developing new cell-culture technology flu vaccines and innovative immune-boosting technology, which would allow the company to move away from the current way of making influenza vaccines from chicken eggs. The company is expanding its plant in Dresden, Germany, and recently acquired ID Biomedical, a Canadian vaccine manufacturer.

As a result of all our capital investments in flu manufacturing, GSK's capacity to produce a seasonal flu vaccine should grow from today's 30 million doses to around 150 million doses by 2008, Stout said.

GlaxoSmithKline pandemic vaccines will contain doses of less than 4 micrograms to 30 micrograms of virus antigen, but will be enhanced by adjuvants to boost immune response.

The company is hoping for better results than were reported Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine on a Sanofi Pasteur H5N1 avian flu vaccine. Sanofi's vaccine contained a high dose, 90 micrograms, of antigen, but did not contain an adjuvant. Sanofi's vaccine is the nation's first to be tested in people, was found to be only 54 percent effective in producing an immune response to the virus, officials said they would work on improving their vaccine.

Shares of GlaxoSmithKline rose 37 cents to \$52.63 Thursday.

NEWSPAPER RADIO



Kim Kingley works two stations in preparation for a live broadcast on Washington Post Radio in Washington D.C. on Thursday. The new radio station debuted Thursday. Washington Post Radio is a joint venture of the Washington Post Co. and Salt Lake City-based Bonneville International Inc.

Sempra forecasts 2007 profit

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Natural gas distributor Sempra Energy on Wednesday forecast 2007 profit within range of Wall Street expectations and set target earnings for 2010.

For 2007, the company sees earnings per share in a range of \$3.50 to \$3.70. On average, analysts polled by Thomson Financial see profit of \$3.67 per share.

Sempra said it is targeting earnings between \$4.20 and \$4.75 in 2010. From 2007 through 2010, the company said it expects average annual capital expenditures to be about \$2.3 billion, and about \$2.3 billion for 2006.

Last month, Sempra ripped its 2006 earnings guidance to a range of \$3.45 to \$3.65. Analysts are looking for profit of \$3.57 per share.

Stocks mostly lower after fourth-quarter GDP report

NEW YORK (AP) — Renewed inflation fears left stocks mixed Thursday as new data on the nation's gross domestic product bolstered the Federal Reserve's view that the economy remains strong.

Investors fretted after the Commerce Department revised the nation's fourth-quarter GDP, which was raised to an annual growth rate of 1.7 percent from an earlier 1.6 percent estimate.

The slowdown in growth — GDP grew at 4.1 percent in the third quarter — was blamed on lower unexpected consumer government spending — and

business investment. But while the final GDP reading matched economists' expectations, the department's chain deflator — an inflation measure — rose 3.5 percent, above forecasts for 3.3 percent growth. Investors have been watchful for any hint of inflation amid signs that the Federal Reserve will keep hiking interest rates to control price increases.

"I think you're seeing the market raising its estimates on economic growth, but that also may mean higher rates," said a strategist for ING Investment

Management. "So we're still digesting what all this means, and the result so far is a flat-to-lower market."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 65.00, or 0.58 percent, to 11,150.70, after opening the session in positive territory.

Broader stock indicators were narrowly mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 2.64, or 0.2 percent, to 1,506.25, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 3.04, or 0.13 percent, to 2,340.82, reaching its second straight five-year high.

Bonds continued falling amid concerns that Treasury

yields will draw away 10-year investments, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note jumping to 4.86 percent from 4.80 percent last week.

The dollar was mostly lower against other major currencies, and gold prices rebounded. Crude futures pushed past \$67 per barrel and reached a two-month high as investors worried about political tension over Iran's nuclear arms program and fourth straight straight week drop in U.S. gasoline reserves. A barrel of light crude settled at \$67.15, up 70 cents, from the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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Alzheimer's center faces nursing assistant shortage

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - An Alzheimer's and dementia care center set to open this fall already has a waiting list, but officials are worried they will be unable to hire enough nursing assistants to care for the patients.

"Finding qualified staffing looks like it will be the real concern, not only for us, but most health care facilities in the area," Mike Grabenstein, director of Coeur d'Alene Homes, told The Spokesman-Review.

"It's not the point of panic, but it's something you need to think about," he said. Officials say that nursing shortages in the Inland Northwest are getting worse, especially among the population ages 75 and over.

At a Spokane home health care agency, At Home Care, said Terry Marston, president of At Home Care. The agency has about 45 nursing assistants

care for 60 patients. Nursing assistants work at nursing homes, assisted living centers and private homes. They are usually responsible for personal care of ill, infirm and elderly people.

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BLM rejects ExxonMobil's oil shale research application

DENVER (AP) - Federal land managers have rejected ExxonMobil's application for an oil shale research project in western Colorado, citing concerns about another mineral on the site and about the economic viability of the proposal.

Four other companies are still in the running for the Bureau of Land Management program, which is offering leases on federal land in Colorado and Utah to test technologies for recovering shale. Geologists estimate that a trillion barrels of oil may be locked in shale across the West.

BLM spokeswoman Heather Feeney in Washington said Thursday that ExxonMobil did not want what it planned to do with the technology. She said that a trillion barrels of oil may be locked in shale across the West.

Feeney said the BLM expects to make decisions on the remaining shale research and demonstration leases by this summer, though the reviews may not be finished simultaneously. She said three of the proposals are for shale in Colorado and one for land in Utah.

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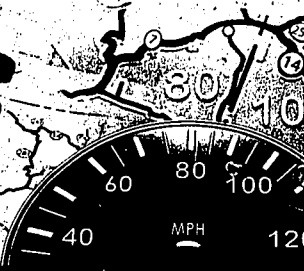
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2006 TOYOTA CAMRY SOLARA COUPE

Style, performance and economy

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

Featuring a stylish, sexy, aggressive appearance, Toyota introduced its second generation Camry Solara coupe in 2004. Boasting a roomy, luxurious interior, enhanced safety technology and a high level of sporty performance, Toyota engineers designed plenty of value into the very capable Camry Solara.

Built at the automaker's sprawling Georgetown, Ky., manufacturing complex, the Camry Solara is available in SE, SE Sport and SLE trim levels. The standard prime mover for the Toyota coupe is the tried-and-true 2.4L DOHC four-cylinder engine with VVT-i (Variable Valve Timing with Intelligence). A 3.3L VVT-i V-6 engine is optional.

Torque is transferred to the road via the standard crisp-shifting five-speed manual gearbox. A five-speed sequential (super ECT) automatic is standard for the six-cylinder and optional for the four-cylinder. The five-speed automatic features a gated shifter that allows manual shifting for a sporty driving experience.

On the road, the Solara coupe equipped with the V6 engine delivers a smooth and sure ride. Responsive and composed at speed, the Camry Solara is a balanced performer that provides drivers with a reassuring and refreshing adventure each time they get behind the wheel.

The underpinnings of the Solara start with a unitized body featuring front and rear vibration-dampening sub-frames designed to ensure a smooth, quiet ride, on par with many upscale sedans. The four-wheel independent suspension is mounted to the sub frames with gas-filled shocks at the four corners and consists of MacPherson struts with stabilizer bar and a suspension upper (tower) brace in front; dual-link strut with stabilizer bar in the rear. SE Sport mod-



The 2006 Toyota Solara - a smooth and sure ride

2006 Toyota Solara by the Numbers

WHEELBASE:

107.1; overall length: 192.5; width: 71.5; height: 56.1 - measurements in inches.

ENGINE:

2.4L four-cylinder - 157 hp at 5,600 rpm, 162 lbs-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.3L six-cylinder - 225 hp at 5,600 rpm and 240 lbs-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm.

TRANSMISSION:

five-speed manual, five-speed automatic.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

2.4L four-cylinder - 24 city/33 hwy.; (manual); 23 city/33 hwy.

els feature larger diameter stabilizer bars front and rear.

Inside, the cabin is airy, modern, and clean - a sculptured look with a luxury feel. The driver enjoys a panoramic view of the road. Displays are large and easy

Price:

The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2006 Toyota Camry Solara coupe starts from \$19,530 for the SE up to \$26,405 for the SLE V6. Destination charges add \$580.

CARGO CAPACITY:

13.8 cu. ft.

SAFETY FEATURES:

Dual front airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, fog lamps, remote keyless entry, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock engine immobilizer, tire pressure

monitor-system, automatic power door locks, automatic headlamp control and daytime running lights, SLE adds alarm system and garage door opener. **WARRANTY:** Basic: 3-year/36,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper. Powertrain: 5-year/60,000 mile. Corrosion: 5-year/unlimited.

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The Toyota Camry Solara offers plenty of interior storage space featuring a front console box, cupholders that double as additional storage and a center console that offers dual storage compartments. Optional XM Satellite radio capability and available DVD-based navigation systems assure miles of entertainment and pinpoint directional accuracy when traveling.

cherish blood circulation below the knees during long drives. The standard cloth seats are supportive and sinfully comfortable - front and rear.

Rear seat passengers are coddled by the Camry So-

lora. Plenty of space abounds with plenty of leg room for adults. Hand grips and cupholders are built into the rear seating area, facilitating entry and exit to the rear seats. The 60/40 split rear seat back adds to the coupe's already impressive cargo-carrying abilities.

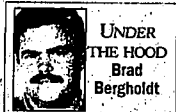
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There's a quick test that should prove out the ground bulb. With the engine idling and headlights on, touch a length of wire between the gauge's metal face bezel and a bare-metal item such as the radio case or lighter socket. If the gauge needle and light now return to normal operation, we're on the right track.

Gauges acting crazy?

Q: I recently purchased a 1994-deer CJ-7. Last night I took it for a drive and was surprised to see the oil-pressure gauge peg-out in a little past 80 pounds. Today I determined the gauge reads properly during the daytime, but when the headlights are on, that's when it goes crazy. What can I do to track down the problem? Do I need a new gauge? As far as I can tell, nothing else is affected when the lights are on. Also, the light for the oil gauge is not working.

-Rick Tucci, San Jose



A: Before we try to nail down the fault causing the oil-pressure gauge to work erratically, let me give you the short lesson.

Your oil-pressure gauge has three wires connected to its rear side: power, ground and sender. Inside are two coils of wire (ie's coil then low and high) that function as electromagnets when electric current flows through them. When the ignition switch is on, a constant current flows through the low coil, pulling the gauge needle to zero. A varying amount of current also flows through the high coil, which is wired to the oil-pressure sending unit on the engine. The sending unit provides a high resistance path to ground when oil pressure is low and proportionally less resistance as oil pressure increases.

How might use of the headlights raise the needle to its maximum level? You made this easy for me by noting that the gauge's illuminating bulb was inoperative. I believe the black (ground) wire has come loose from its plug-in connection at the back of the gauge. The black wire supplies a ground circuit for the low coil and the gauge's illuminating bulb. Without the wire, the gauge might operate in a marginal manner, as the low coil feeds back through the inactive bulb, and finds ground through the instrument panel's other illumination bulbs. When the headlights are turned on, this circuit becomes inoperative.

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Automotive Scramble

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2. Use **E L O G N I S A** to fuel your car.

3. To put motor oil into your car, you'll probably need to use a **N L E U L N**.

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Answers: 1. Overhead 2. Gasoline 3. Funnel 4. Highway

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NEEDS SOME SUGAR
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NOT AFRAID TO GET MY...
 hands dirty SWF 19, 5', dating/white-blond/hazel, Aquarius, NS, enjoys dancing, Mexican food, and movies. Seeking WM, 19-30, NS, to chat with. Burley #2918228

YOU NEVER KNOW
 SWF, 26, 5'7", blonde/blue, mother, enjoys the outdoors, camping, humming, snowmobiling, movies, relaxing at home, cuddling. Looking for a good-hearted guy to share simple fun, and friendship first. Hollister #2823359

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
 45-year-old SWF, mother of two, CNA. I love camping, mountains, long rides, etc. ISO a SW/M, 35-65, who has similar interests. Burley #2907501

SWEET, PETITE CHRISTIAN
 SWF, 67, employed part-time, seeks caring, honest SW/M, under 57', 58-68, who enjoys the outdoors, mountains, reading, music, the simple life. Twin Falls #2911920

LET'S ENJOY LIFE!
 SW/F 60, 4'10", medical profession, HWTR. I enjoy yard work, walks, relaxing at home, animals, etc. Seeking a SW/M, 55-67, to share special times together, friendship and more. Hollister #2913531

LOOKING FOR A GREAT GUY
 Spontaneous SWF, 19, competitive tennis player, enjoy having a good time, living life to the fullest. Seeking time-to-learn SW/M, 18-23, for LTR. Appleton #2905428 @ victoriak1

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
 SF 20, 5'11", light brown eyes, employed, sociable, easygoing, likes horror films, most music, hanging with friends. Looking for a cool, fun guy to hang with. Wendell #2936019

Hi
 SWF, 21, very easygoing, Cancer, NS, enjoys shopping and meeting new people. Seeking WM, 18-27, for friendship, hopefully leading to more. Hollister #2918306

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
 SWF, 18, 4'11", enjoys humor and comedy films, pizza, hanging with friends, music. Seeking responsible, loving SM, 18-25, to share talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister #2912173

SINGLE MOM
 WF, 19, 5'6", black/blue, with on daughter, good cook, enjoys anything fun with the right person. Looking for WM, 18-25, to have fun with. Hollister #2895900

LET'S HANG OUT
 SWF, 36, homebody ready for a change. I am looking for somebody to hang out with and just have a good time. If interested, contact me! Twin Falls #2863033

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
 SF 21, 5'2", short brown/dark brown 150bs, looking for someone child-friendly, outgoing, honest man to share a friendship, fun and maybe more. Hollister #2874280

SEEKING COMPANION
 DF, 40, 5'2", brown/blue, great smile. Enjoys fishing, slow dancing, romantic evenings and more. Looking for a SM, 38-43, who has a relationship with the Lord, stable, funny and outgoing. Burley #2879225

WHY WAIT?
 SWF, enjoys fishing, camping, walking, dancing, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking SW/M, 21-50, to share interest with and get to know. Kimberly #285784

NEED A NICE GUY!
 Romantic, fun SWF, enjoys family life, movies, dining, horseback riding, gardening, cooking, and fishing. Seeking a tall SW/M, NS, 40-60, who wants to share a good friend and possible LTR. Twin Falls #2889561

SEEKING GOOD FRIEND
 Attractive SF, 49, 5'4", 130lbs. Cancer, likes dancing, seeking open, honest SM, 45-55, to befriend and develop a relationship. #2868887

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

STILL LOOKING
 SW/M, 22, Italian, majoring in culinary arts, likes paint ball, rock climbing, movies, jump out of planes. Seeking SF, 18-23, for friendship and more. Hollister #2940662 @ davidrusino11c

A TRUE GENTLEMAN
 SWF, 42, 5'6", 185lbs, light brown/blue-green, truck driver, enjoys yard work, walks, hunting, fishing, camping, country drives, simple times. ISO honest, commitment-minded lady to share the special times in life. Appleton #2836240

OUTGOING KINDA GUY
 SW/M, 41, 6'1", employed, fun to be with, enjoys hunting, fishing, bowling and more. Seeking a SF 28-54, who enjoys life to the fullest. Adaoka #2840814

SEEKS PRETTY GF
 WM, 52, 6'4", weightlifter, enjoys playing, fishing, outdoors, church, animals, cuddling in my muscle car. Seeking pretty Christian lady, 38-50. Twin Falls #2858969

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
 Simple, easygoing, affectionate SW/M, 45, likes fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, BBQs. Seeking similar lady to share friendship, fun, social times, possible LTR. Hollister #2918128

JUST AN ORDINARY GUY
 HM, 41, short, dark, and handsome, very friendly, fun, social times, 25-45, to connect with. Hollister #2898654 @ pokerpro

ONE WOMAN MAN
 SW/M, 58, 5'8", 150lbs, clean-cut, NS, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing, Country music, outdoors, camping. Seeking fun SWF, 40-56, slender, for friendship maybe more. #2851957

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE
 Sociable, honest SW/M, 51, 5'9", 160 lbs, looking for a nice, easygoing, honest, level-headed lady to get to know, share some fun and more. Gooding #2823674

SHY FLOW BOY
 SW/M, 23, grew up on a farm, enjoys motor sports, outdoors, family activities, seeks female, 18-27, with similar interests, or possible romance. Murtaugh #2926579 @ SHYFLOWBOY

LOCAL TRUCK DRIVER
 W, 62', 185lbs, likes fishing, camping, cooking, the mountains, quiet times at home and time with a significant other. Seeking SWF, 35 and up, dating, hopefully leading to LTR. Hollister #2836262

LET'S HANG OUT
 SW/M, 29, 5'8", 145lbs, brown/brown. Pizzas, smoker, loves Smashing Pumpkins. Seeking woman, 23-35, for friendship, possible romance. Hollister #2931113

PRETTY OPEN
 Kind-hearted WM, 28, 5'7", 180lbs, brown/brown, likes camping, fishing, outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends, more. Looking for an honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. Burley #2820358

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN
 Easygoing DWM, 60, 5'7", 140lbs, self-employed, NS, likes camping, fishing, traveling, dining out. Seeking active, SWF, 40-60, NS, looks important, must be honest, caring and true. Friendship first, maybe LTR. Twin Falls #283469

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
 SM, 50, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping. Seeking SF, 18-24, who enjoys the same, for talks, dates, friendship and more. Hollister #283469

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
 WM, 45, black/green, likes movies, theater, walks, bowling, dancing, most quality time. Would like to meet a WF, 45+, for possible relationship. Hollister #2858908

CALL ME
 WM, 59', 175lb, brown/hazel, likes country music, good movies and cuddling on the couch. Seeking WF, 30-45, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. Wendell #2825500

HANG OUT PARTNER WANTED!
 SW/M, 41, financially secure, loves to try new restaurants, weekend getaways, sporting events, very outgoing, seeks seeking SF, 18-45. Lots of options. Hollister #277626 @ fun-time111

WORTH A CALL
 Employed, honest SM, 45, loves the outdoors, coin collecting, hunting, fishing, quiet romantic walks, candle-lit snuggling. Seeking easygoing, understanding, good-humored, witty, fun female, to share life with. Lone Star #2932593

THE SMILE IN YOUR EYES
 WM, 21, 5'7", 160lbs, brown, father, retired police officer, ISO outgoing, like-minded sweet lady to share my life. If you're camping, fishing, dancing, etc. over weekends, contact me. Kimberly #2933773

NEW TO THE DATING SCENE
 SW/M, 35, very real person, enjoys the outdoors, horse riding, hunting, pickup, seeking honest SF, 23-45, to love and date. Hollister #2867057 @ justme102005

A GOOD GUY STILL EXISTS
 Hard-working, churchoing SM, 27, 6'4", 160lbs, brown/blue, glasses, enjoys horseback riding, karate, cycling, country music, camping, comedy, action/adventure films, joking with friends. ISO fun SWF, 18-28. Hollister #2917467

FLEXIBLE FELLOW
 SBM, 18, Scorpio, works at a cheese factory, loves rollercoasters, motorcycles, camping, and fishing. Seeking nice, caring, loving BF, 18-25, NS. Burley #293044

LOOKING TOO
 SW/M, 52, enjoys golf, movies, gardening, getting lost and finding my way home, seeks SF, 35-55, to get to know each other. Paul #2875531 @ helms1

A GOOD MAN STILL EXISTS
 SM, 32, hard-working, active, enjoys SM, good, rock car racing, snowmobiling, simple times. Seeking familiar child-friendly woman who knows how to enjoy life. Fairfield #2742631

HOW ABOUT ME?
 SW/M, 52, hardworking, loves the outdoors, horseback riding, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, occasional nights out. Seeking happy, sincere lady who loves animals and the great outdoors. Friendship/relationship. Murtaugh #2743269

MAKE ME YOURS
 SW/M, 27, outdoor-type, likes dinners, movies. I just got back from Iraq. Looking to meet a nice SW/F, 18-24, to have fun and live life to the fullest. Hollister #2883943 @ afterahockrock

MAKE IT HAPPEN
 SW/M, 31, 5'11", average build, Sagittarius, NS, seeks WF, 18-50, NS, just as a friend. Cury #2756992

LET'S TALK
 SM, 21, 5'10", 210lbs, outgoing, fun, works construction, likes dining, walks, camping. More ISO active SF, who enjoys the same. Hollister #2804445

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SEEKING COMPANION
 SH/M, 28, single father of two. Seeking single female 25-35, who is honest, truthful and likes to have fun. Hollister #286549

WANT TO JOIN ME!
 SW/M, 61, 175lb, enjoys camping, bowling, dancing, movies. Seeking female for a friendship, quality time and good conversation. Contact #2866223

ROOM IN MY HEART
 SW/M, 39, 5'10", 250lbs, great SOH, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, outdoor sports, gardening. Seeking SF, race open, 30-45, slender to medium build, with similar interests for LTR. Paul #282445

WHY NOT CALL?
 SW/M, 49, 5'7", 180lb, light red/blue, looking for an intelligent, fun and open-minded BW, not afraid to be herself, to share friendship and fun that could lead to lasting love. Hollister #2906035

HELLO LADIES!!!
 SW/M, 57, 160lb, single parent. Enjoys outdoors, skiing, dancing and socializing. Would like to meet a SB/WF, 40-55, for a LTR. Hollister #287204

GOOD CHRISTIAN MAN
 Male, 20, NS, works in a sawmill, loves camping. Seeking good CF, 19-30, NS, just as a friend. Rock Creek #2915525

STILL SEARCHING...
 SW/M, 49, 5'7", very mature and caring, enjoys outdoors, fishing, sports, and more. Seeking SF, race open, 36-46, NS, 5'11", average build. Twin Falls #2913291

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PUBLISH: March 31 and April 7, 2006

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An Environmental Assessment (EA) and Proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Horse Butte Rehabilitation Treatment having been prepared and are available for public review...

PUBLISH: March 30, 31 and April 1, 2006

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FOUND Lab/Rottweiler mix, black, neutered, male, 50 lbs., very friendly...

102 Lost ATV seat on 03/25 between Natsum-Pan and Hwy-200...

103 LOST blue pontoon boat cover, 3023 8th Street...

104 LOST Camcorder Panasonic Model PV-0519...

105 LOST cat, Male, long hair, black and white, I have no claws...

106 LOST Golden Retriever - male, black and tan, 300 W 100 S area...

107 LOST necklace, Indian head necktie embedded, with loop on silver chain...

108 LOST Schnauzer male 8 months old, gone on 03/23/06, off Hwy 200...

109 LOST Shih-Tzu, 1 year old female, white and tan with pink collar...

110 LOST 2005 Ford Focus, silver, 4-cylinder, 2005, 423-9041 or 308-2511

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200 Employment
All advertising is subject to the newspaper's standard of acceptance.

201 Lost and Found
FOUND Bassett. About 1 year old, small female, black and white...

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