

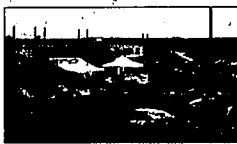
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Politics and loyalty clash in T.F.

County appointee says he's feeling heat over supporting incumbent's opponent

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Does volunteering on a county board obligate you to support an incumbent county commissioner for re-election? Apparently, Commission Chairman Gary Grindstaff thinks it does, at least in the case of one Fair Board member. It's all about loyalty, he said.

There are two different accounts of a conversation that took place between Grindstaff and Fair Board member Jim Barker following a Fair Board meeting earlier this month. Grindstaff and the other two county commissioners appointed Barker two years ago to a four-year term. As a member of the Fair Board, Barker said he thought it was the right thing to do to tell Grindstaff he was volunteering with his longtime

friend Terry Kramer's campaign for Grindstaff's District 1 commission seat. He said he was a little surprised by Grindstaff's response. "He told me if he was re-elected, I would not be reappointed to the board," Barker said. "He expects loyalty from the people he appoints. He thought I'd support him, or at least not support the other guy." Barker said he and Grindstaff have always gotten along well. In fact, Barker still considers Grindstaff a friend. "He doesn't have a problem with me as a Fair Board member, he has a problem with me supporting Terry

Kramer," Barker said. At first, Grindstaff said he never made a statement regarding Barker's future on the Fair Board. But then he said he didn't remember the exact conversation. "I don't remember if I told him that that day or not," Grindstaff said. But Grindstaff added that the decision to reappoint someone to a board is not his alone. "I don't have the authority to appoint anybody," Grindstaff said. "It takes three people." Grindstaff said he understood

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— Jerry Beck, CSI president



Student artist Jessica Larsen explains how some classmates responded to her paintings by walking out of class during a critique session at the College of Southern Idaho. Those pieces, and her painting shown here, will go on display Saturday at an alternative exhibit across town.

Skepticism and smokes



Dragana Kurbegovic cleans a table Wednesday afternoon at the cafe in the Euro Store in Twin Falls. After leaving Bosnia and moving to Twin Falls, Kurbegovic and her husband, Narcis, became U.S. citizens in 2002 and opened the store.

Immigration rights is hot topic at Euro Store

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Chain-smoking, laughing caustically and twirling from espresso, the Euro Store regulars talk with mixed emotions about expanding the rights of illegal immigrants. The issue draws from them both sympathy and bitterness. "Bitterness, because what principle justifies thinking them and other refugees wait in line while granting unconditional amnesty to illegal aliens? And sympathy, because they too would

seize the opportunity to enter the U.S. illegally if it meant greater opportunity for their family. "I would do it, too, for survival," said Narcis Kurbegovic, formerly a Bosnian refugee who now owns Euro Store, an eastern European cafe bar on Hansen Street East. Others nodded in agreement. "If you see a bigger opportunity for your family, of course it makes sense," he said, about people who work illegally in the U.S. But whether it should be legal is another question. Mirzo Ramovic, a custodian at Twin Falls High School, legally obtained refuge in the U.S. after the war. "This is a big problem," he said. "I'm 50-50.

Build a wall. We need more security" on one hand, but "if they don't have a home in Mexico, (they) need a license to stay and work." The room stirs when Kurbegovic contrasts the illegal Mexican immigrant's plight with that of the political refugees. "The difference between those guys and me," said Kurbegovic. "I came from war. They came from a free country." "I would never have come here if I didn't have war in my country," he said. But the economy in Bosnia before the war offered more opportunity than in Mexico.

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FOR SOME EYES ONLY

Controversial art moved off campus for alternative show

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Student artist Jessica Larsen just wants people to see her paintings. Problem is, some folks would rather not. Larsen paints nudes, and when hundreds of art enthusiasts stroll the Herrett Center for Arts and Science this week to view the annual College of Southern Idaho student art show, her paintings won't be there.

Because of grumbling from other students and community members, artwork like Larsen's are forbidden at this year's show. But late last month, CSI administration, faculty and art students reached an agreement that accommodated the axed art. Controversial pieces — mostly paintings and sculptures of nude figures by students and CSI art instructors — will be displayed Saturday across town at the Lamphouse Theatre in an alternative show dubbed "Odious Addendum."

Until then, several of Larsen's paintings, including one some classmates have called pornographic, are tucked in a dark, narrow room in the Herrett Center basement. Other banned works are hidden away in artists' bedrooms or studios on the outskirts of campus. Upstairs in the Herrett's Jean B. King Gallery, the regular show is in full swing. It opened Tuesday.

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AG's office finds no foul play in Blaine County deputy's death

The Times-News

BOISE — The state attorney general's office has closed an investigation of criminal allegations surrounding the late Blaine County Deputy Sheriff Michael Lance, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said. Wasden said his office will not file criminal charges.

Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Jim Thomas had asked the attorney general to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of Michael Lance, a detention officer employed by the Blaine County

Records available

The attorney general's office has released the records of the Michael Lance investigation. Citizens may obtain a copy of the records on compact disc by sending a written request to: Public Records Request, Office of the Attorney General, 700 W. Jefferson St., 80, Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0010.

Sheriff's Office. Thomas also asked the attorney general to investigate allegations of unlawful sexual con-

tact between Lance and a female inmate at the Blaine County jail. "Our investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding the death of Michael Lance did not reveal any evidence that indicated that he died by any means other than a self-inflicted gunshot to the head," Deputy Attorney General Stephen Bywater, Chief of the Attorney General's Criminal Law Division, wrote in a letter to Thomas. Bywater also wrote that the investigation into allegations of inappropriate sexual contact between Lance and a female inmate was un-

able to establish definitively whether or not Lance engaged in sexual contact with the inmate. However, the investigation did reveal substantial evidence that Lance was engaged in inappropriate behavior with this and other female inmates of Blaine County. "Our prosecutorial review of the facts developed by the investigation has led us to the conclusion that there is insufficient evidence to support and prove criminal charges based upon either of the matters we investigated," Bywater told Thomas.

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New business caters to divorced parents.

Read about it in Sunday's Family Life.

Running on 'Travis Time'

T.F. High School track team remembers wounded Marine Cpl. Travis Greene.

Read about it in Saturday's Magic Valley.

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Today: A mostly cloudy morning followed by afternoon rain and possible thunderstorms. Highs middle 60s.
Tonight: Periods of rain and thunderstorms possible. Lows 50s.
Tomorrow: Windy periods and a chance of showers. Highs middle to upper 50s.

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Today: Breezy with periods of afternoon rain and isolated thunderstorms. Highs low to middle 60s.
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Tomorrow: Very windy with periods of rain expected. Highs 50s.

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Run showers will develop around the region during the next several days. Winds will be strong and gusty at times. A rain snow mix, to all snow is possible overnight during the weekend across higher terrain.
Today Highs 48 to 57 Tonight's Lows 24 to 32
BOISE
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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
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GREG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Keep away from small people who try to belittle your opinions. Small people always do that, but the really great make me feel that you, too, can become great."

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Coalition, Afghan troops push on with offensive

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Some 2,600 Afghan and U.S.-led coalition troops pushed ahead with a massive offensive in Afghanistan's eastern mountains Thursday to flush out rebels believed hiding there, officials said.
Backed up by military aircraft, the forces have killed six insurgents since the operation started Tuesday, but there has been no major battle, Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammed Zahir Azimi said.
U.S. military spokesman Lt. Mike Cody confirmed the operation in Kunar province's Pech River Valley was going on Thursday and was the biggest offensive this year. He gave no other details.
Taliban-led rebels have stepped up attacks across Afghanistan in the past year, raising concerns for this country's future.
Kunar has been the site of

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"Every guy here," he said to the room. "His paycheck was bigger before the rain in my country than it is now."
At present, 600 Bosnian refugees live in Twin Falls; there are at least 150 Turks; some Cambodians and some Laotians, according to the College of Eastern Idaho Refugee Center.
"The saying that illegal immigrants are taking jobs Americans won't do, there's some truth to that," said Rena Carby, who works at the CSI Refugee Center teaching ESL and in other ways helping with the transition to American society. "But some are taking jobs refugees would do."
She said the government, granting amnesty to illegal aliens would send the wrong message to people who immigrate here legally. That message: "Don't wait for the process. Just pay money under the table to get here," she said.
Carby came to America as a refugee from war-torn Azerbaijan in 1991. She knows adapting can take some time.
In a gesture of debate, she tells her students that the protesters on TV want to be legalized.
She also tells them she disapproves of immigrants who skip ahead in line.
"We're talking to families saying, 'Grandpa can't come, he's in line,'" she said. "Our refugees are waiting their turn."

Immigrants Election

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Barker is good friends with Kramer, but admitted he "felt kind of betrayed" when Barker told him he was volunteering on Kramer's campaign.
"I told him I didn't think it was right because he was on the Fair Board, and when you're working together, you kind of support each other," Grindstaf said. "You think I'd support you. We worked on the fair building together."
On May 23, the Twin Falls County Fair Board will ask voters to approve a \$1.2 million, two-year override levy to build Phase 1 of a multipurpose building on the fairgrounds in Filer. In the same primary, Grindstaf will square off against the Republican Kramer for the District 1 commission seat, an office Grindstaf has held since he was appointed by the governor in 2000. He's been re-elected to the seat twice. The winner of the May primary will face independent Grant Atkinson of Buhl in the November general election.
In today's Times-News is a letter to the editor from Nancy Glasemann of Twin Falls in her letter, Glasemann writes that "one Kramer volunteer, Jim Barker, has been threatened with loss of his county board position if he continues to support Terry."
Barker, owner of Barker Realtors in Buhl, said when Kramer asked him to volunteer on his campaign, he immediately

Emergency declared in nine more counties in California

FIREBAUGH, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger visited a vulnerable levee by the San Joaquin river on Thursday and warned that the state needed to shore up its levees to prevent a catastrophe similar to the one that struck Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina.
"We've seen one big disaster in New Orleans, and we want to make sure we don't go through something like that," Schwarzenegger said.
Repairing the state's fragile levee system has been a priority for Schwarzenegger, who is seeking \$6 billion in state money for levee repair projects.

Art show

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"I feel student art that is more adult in nature should be displayed to that," said Jerry Beck, the college's president. "We just had to find the right place to do it."
When Larsen's paintings were presented at a debate, she and her students were offended and walked out.
After that, and numerous complaints from community members and other students about controversial pieces in past CSI exhibitions, Beck asked the art department and its students to find a way to please the artists and the community.
The solution: an alternate show off campus that would showcase the students, including the painting that was judged as this year's best by a visiting art critic.
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CORRECTIONS

Suspect was a TSA officer at Hailey airport

A headline on the cover of Thursday's Magic Valley section was incorrect. The person accused of hiring a 10-year-old into a pickup was an officer with the Transportation Security Administration, part of the Homeland Security Department, at the Friedman Memorial Airport in Hailey.

Filter centennial party to be held April 22

A headline in Thursday's Magic Valley section was incorrect. The centennial celebration in Filer is April 22.

Family name misspelled

The Sorensen family ranch in Shoshone is threatened by floodwaters. The family's name was misspelled in a story in Thursday's edition.

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NATION

# Moussaoui says he has no regret, no remorse for 9/11

By Michael J. Sniffin  
Associated Press writer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Reasserting his role in Sept. 11, al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui told jurors Thursday he has "no regret, no remorse," was disgusted by the heart-wrenching testimony of victims and relatives and only wished they had suffered more.

"I said hearing a Navy officer sobbing in court made me die," he said. "So you would be happy to see 9/11 again?" Prosecutor Rob Spencer asked.

"Every day until we get you," the bearded 37-year-old Frenchman shot back.

As court-appointed defense lawyers began the last phase of their effort to save him from execution, Moussaoui put in a second unsettling appearance on the witness stand.

For 2 1/2 hours, Moussaoui argued with defense lawyer Gerald Zeikin and Spencer about when he had been telling the truth over the last four years and whether he was sane.

In the process, he revealed why he implicated himself in 9/11 after four years of denials, how he would have defended himself, his reasons for hating

America and his dream of being freed by President Bush in a prisoner exchange for captured American troops.

Among his most startling statements, Moussaoui said Army Lt. Col. John Thurman's harrowing account of escaping the burning Pentagon left him with "regret that he didn't die."

He mocked a Navy officer who wept as she described the death of two subordinates in the attack on the Pentagon.

"I think it was disgusting for a military person to cry, Moussaoui said of Lt. Nancy McKennon. "She is military. She should expect people at war with her to want to kill her."

Asked if he was happy to hear her sobbing, he said, "Make my day."

He noted many relatives of victims wept on the witness stand, then walked past him in the courtroom and looked his way without crying. "I find it disgusting that people come here to

share their grief over the death of some other person," he said.

"To glad there was pain, and I wish there will be more pain," Moussaoui said. "The children in Palestine and in Chechnya will have pain, I want you to share their pain."

So, Spencer asked: "You have no regret, no remorse?"

"No regret, no remorse," Moussaoui responded.

When he left court after the judge and jury, he yelled: "God curse America. We will win. It's just a question of time."

In a lengthy explanation of why he hates Americans, Moussaoui said Islam requires Muslims to be the world's superpower as he flipped through a copy of the Quran searching for verses to support his assertion.

He said one verse requires Muslims "to fight against all who believe not in Allah."

"We have an obligation to be the superpower. You have to be subdued," Moussaoui said. "America is a superpower and you want to eradicate Islam."

He criticized U.S. support for Israel. "Every child who has been killed in Palestine has been killed because of you," he said. Israel is "just a missing star in the American flag," he added.



Moussaoui

## Can Rumsfeld weather criticism?

By Tom Rumm  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Crusty and unapologetic, Donald H. Rumsfeld is the public face of an unpopular war and a target of unrelenting criticism. A growing number of commanders who served under him say he has botched the Iraq operation, ignored the advice of his generals and should be replaced.

The White House insists the defense secretary retains President Bush's confidence. Few close to the administration expect him to be shown the door.

"The president believes Secretary Rumsfeld is doing a very fine job during a challenging period in our nation's history," Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said Thursday as the administration circled its wagons around the embattled Pentagon chief.

Two more retired generals called for Rumsfeld's resignation Thursday, bringing the number this month to six.

Retired Army Major Gen. John Riggs told National Public Radio that Rumsfeld fostered an "atmosphere of arrogance."

Retired Gen. Charles Swannack told CNN that Rumsfeld micromanaged the war. "We need a new secretary of defense," he said.

Military experts say the parade of recently retired military brass calling for Rumsfeld's resignation is "treason" and threatens to undermine strong support Bush has enjoyed among the officer corps and troops.

With public anti-war sentiment increasing, "the president and his team cannot afford to lose that support," said Kurt Campbell, a former deputy assistant secretary of defense.

Yet for Bush to try to distance himself from Rumsfeld "would call into question everything about the last three years' strategy in ways the White House worries would send a very negative message," said Campbell.

Now with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, joining the critics earlier this week was retired Army Maj.

### Analysis

Gen. John Batiste, who served as an infantry division commander in Iraq until last November. He called for a "fresh start at the Pentagon," accusing Rumsfeld of ignoring sound military decision-making and seeking to intimidate those in uniform.

Earlier calls for Rumsfeld's replacement came from retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni, retired Marine Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold and retired Army Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton.

The most nettlesome member of Bush's Cabinet, Rumsfeld has been a lightning rod since the war began in March 2003.

He was blamed for committing too few U.S. troops and for underestimating the strength of the insurgency.

He took heat in 2004 over the abuse of Iraqi prisoners at the U.S. Army-run Abu Ghraib prison, and for a brusque response he gave to an Army National Guard soldier in Kuwait who questioned him on inadequate armor.

Republicans in Congress have offered Rumsfeld little in the way of public support.

## Police say teen kidnapping story was a hoax

By John Hanna  
Associated Press writer

INDEPENDENCE, Kan. — A 16-year-old girl's story of being kidnapped at gunpoint from her family's driveway and then held in a white van for hours was a hoax, authorities said Thursday.

Police and FBI agents said Kelsey Stelling acknowledged

Thursday morning that it never happened and said she instead spent the day alone not far from town.

The reported abduction around dawn Tuesday led Kansas officials to issue an Amber Alert, the FBI brought in 30 agents and other personnel to join the search, and officials in Oklahoma were notified to be on the look out for a white van.

Kelsey was missing for about 15 hours before turning up at a stranger's home in her small southeast Kansas town. She said she had clobbered her assailant and was able to escape. In reality, officials said, she jogged to an area southwest of Independence, called 911 to report that she had been abducted, and then stayed there alone.

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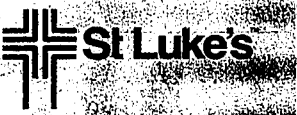
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NATION

# Six bodies found in tiny Pennsylvania town; homeowner's grandson arrested

By Mark Sciforo  
Associated Press writer

LEOLA, Pa. — A young man was charged Thursday with bludgeoning or strangling six relatives whose bodies were found wrapped in sheets and blankets in the basement of his grandmother's home.

Authorities said Jesse Dee Wise, 21, confessed, but they would not comment on a motive. The victims spanned three generations of the same family; the youngest was just 5 years old.

Three of the victims were hit in the head with a blunt metal object, and three others were strangled, police said in an affidavit.

Wise was arraigned on six counts of criminal homicide. As a judge recited the charges, Wise seemed to read along with a listing of the victims.

"When will I get a lawyer?" he asked.

Wise was ordered held without bail. The judge set a

preliminary hearing for April 20. Authorities said his parents were both dead and that he lived with his grandparents, but provided no other information about Wise.

Investigators discovered bone fragments, hair and a hammer in two upstairs bedrooms. There also appeared to be blood on the walls and ceilings, authorities said.

In a guitar case at the home, police found two 17-inch pieces of metal that appeared to have blood on them. The objects were wrapped at one end with cloth and had the appearance of a homemade weapon/club, capable of causing death if used as a weapon," according to the affidavit.

The victims apparently died of multiple, traumatic injuries sometime last weekend. Lancaster County District Attorney Don Totaro said.

The dead were identified as Wise's 61-year-old grandmother, Emily Wise; two relatives believed to be his aunts; two of

Emily Wise's grandchildren, ages 5 and 19, and a 17-year-old relative, said East Lampeter Township police Chief John Bowman.

The bodies were found after Emily Wise's husband called from New York on Wednesday asking a friend to check on his family in the three-story house in Leola, a small village in Lancaster County's rural Amish country.

Jessie L. Wise, 60, was worried because he had not heard from his wife since Friday, authorities said.

The friend, John Sean Adams, 24, met the first officer at the house. When they went inside, Adams stopped halfway down the basement steps and yelled. "They're all dead! All six of them are dead!" the affidavit stated.

Police found several bodies wrapped in sheets and blankets and piled on the basement floor, one of them with obvious head wounds, according to the affidavit. One body was at the

bottom of the steps wrapped in a comforter secured with a phone cord. The affidavit also described blood in the rooms and bone fragments.

Police searched the property for fingerprints, weapons, a hammer and phone cord, as well as anything wrapped around the victims' necks. They also sought personal effects and financial information related to the victims.

In addition to Emily Wise, the victims were Wanda Wise, 45; Agnes Arlene Wise, 43; Skyler Wise, 19; Chance Wise, 5; and Jessie James Wise, 17.

Chance was "a typically energetic kindergarten," said Gerald G. Huesken, superintendent of Conestoga Valley School District. Schools were closed Thursday, the first day of spring break, but counselors would be at the elementary school when classes resume Tuesday to talk with students, he said.

Neighbors said the family had lived in the house for about six months.

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### Easter Schedule

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Holy Week: Prayer Labyrinth, available in afternoons or other times by calling 934-4633

Wednesday, April 12, 7:30 pm: Family Fellowship  
"Peter and Judas: Thinking about the Passion"

Thursday, April 13, 7:00 pm: Footwashing and Devotional at Gooding UMC, Gooding Ministerial Association Community Good Friday Service at 1st Christian Church, 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 16, 6:00 am - Easter Sunrise Service, Church Lawn, Main Street side. Classic Easter Service - 11:15 am

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- April 13th: Maundy Thursday Worship-7:00 p.m.
- April 14th: Good Friday Ecumenical Worship at 1st Presbyterian, Twin Falls-7:00 p.m.
- April 16th: Easter Sunrise Service-7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast-8:00 a.m. Easter Worship-9:30 a.m.

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10:50am - Worship Services  
6:00pm - Keith Ham & Family Missionaries to Africa

Please join us on Easter Sunday, April 16th:  
7:30am Sunrise Services in Rose Garden  
8:15am Easter Breakfast  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:50am Worship Services  
(The choir will be singing the cantata "No Greater Love")

**Jim Tubbs - Minister**  
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## Easter SERVICES

**Good Friday**  
Movie: *The Passion of the Christ* - 7:00pm  
**Easter Morning** (Live on KCTF Ch. 45)  
Celebration Service - 10:00am

**Easter Evening**  
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NATION

# Scientists await first U.S. case of bird flu

WASHINGTON (AP) — In about three weeks, waterfowl, shorebirds and songbirds will start arriving in the Alaska Peninsula, the Yukon Delta and the westernmost Aleutian Islands to begin mating. That's when and where government scientists expect the first case of bird flu to show up in the United States.

To screen the birds for the deadly virus, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Alaska's Fish and Game Department are setting up more than 50 remote backcountry camps accessible mainly by float planes or boats.

More than 40 species of waterfowl and shorebirds are considered susceptible to infection by a highly pathogenic H5N1 bird flu virus that's killed more than 100 people, mostly in Asia. It also has killed or led to the slaughter of more than 200 million chickens, ducks, turkeys and other domestic fowl in Asia, Europe and Africa.

Species migrating from Asia across the Bering Strait — considered the most likely carriers of the highly pathogenic H5N1 virus — include eiders, pintails, geese, long-tailed ducks, dun-

lins, sandpipers and plovers. There's also concern about gulls, terns and falcons.

Rick Kearney, wildlife program coordinator for the U.S. Geological Survey, described the \$29 million surveillance program to collect and sample 100,000 birds — 15,000 to 20,000 in Alaska alone — as an early warning system for poultry producers and health officials in the lower 48 states.

"If we find it this summer, it could provide them with several weeks of warning," he said. "We're looking in all places, but we're looking most intently in the place we most expect to find it, Alaska."

Kearney is co-author of the joint surveillance plan created by the Interior and Agriculture departments and the state of Alaska for use in all 50 states.

The plan mentions that the H5N1 virus also could arrive in the U.S. through a smuggled chicken or duck, an infected traveler, black market trade in exotic birds or even an act of bioterrorism, but it says the most likely carrier will be a migrating wild bird.

Government officials say there's no known case of virus

being passed from a wild bird to a person and no one knows whether wild bird-to-person transmission is possible.

At each of the more than 50 camps in Alaska, several government biologists, volunteers and contractors stationed for days or weeks at a time will test living birds, those dead from unknown causes and hunter-killed birds such as those taken during Alaska Native subsistence hunts.

They'll collect the samples by swabbing both ends of a bird's digestive system for mucus and feces. At least 200 birds from each sample population are needed to detect the virus accurately.

After Alaska, surveillance priorities are a matter of geography: the Pacific flyway from the Canadian border to southern California and then east to the Central, Mississippi and Atlantic flyways.

## Easter Buffet

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**Easter Sunday Worship Services**  
**April 16 - 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am**  
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April 16th 9:00am  
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**Easter Lunch at the Home of Pastor Bear**  
at 11:00am

**Worship Service**  
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Sunday School - 9:45 am

**Palm Sunday**  
Sunday Rejoice Service - 8:30 am  
Sunday Traditional Service 11:00am  
Sunday School - 9:45 am

**Maundy Thursday Service - April 13th 7:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday**  
Sunrise Services at Shoshone Falls - 7:00 am  
Easter Breakfast at Church - 7:30 am to 10:30 am  
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## EDITORIAL

### Aquifer recharge holds out after a second try

The defeat of House Bill 800 was not the death knell of aquifer recharge in the 2006 legislative session.

Southern Idaho legislators went over time with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's staff and officials from Idaho Power to craft an aquifer recharge agreement before Tuesday's adjournment. It was a sound and practical way to secure help for a damaged aquifer in a season of abundant precipitation. But in no way does it settle the issue of disputed water.

The fight over water that was prioritized for by the Legislature under 1994 Nevada and the 1984 Swan Falls Agreement will be decided in the water courts. Whether you lean to the side of agricultural use of water, or the ratepaying customers of Idaho Power, the dispute has yet to be decided.

But for now, we can applaud what state leaders managed to compromise. On Tuesday, House Speaker Bruce R. Lenoir, D-Burley, officials from Idaho Power and staff members of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne made an agreement that the power company would drop two water rights for recharge purposes recognized by Idaho Power in the 1984 Swan Falls deal.

Those two rights will allow the state to use 2,000 cubic feet per second of Snake River water to replenish the depleted Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, which runs from Wheeler to King Hill, (including that 2,000 cfs is allowed to run has yet to be decided.) Large-scale aquifer recharge occurs when river water is intentionally

rechanneled through canals to raise the water table. This week's agreement would switch only a small portion of the water that HB 800 initially went after. But it was still acceptable to Idaho Power.

### Our view: Legislators pushed forward to find a suitable aquifer recharge bill for 2006. What do you think?

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

"I provides water for recharge, it is to be our company's water rights under state law and preserves the Swan Falls Agreement," said Idaho Power president LaMont Keen. "I'd a h o Power was positionate in his belief in America and in the belief that the struggle for black equality was a fulfillment of America's true creed. Which is why King was assassinated if pointedly, in classic American cadences, invoking the sacred language of Lincoln,

still arguing that in a median year, the loss of those water rights would amount to a \$30 million loss. Newcomb, however, called the claim "hogwash." Give credit to Newcomb and his colleagues, including Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, who both refused to let the recharge issue die. This agreement is far better than the recharge plan pushed by the governor and Idaho Power, but King was positionate in his belief in America and in the belief that the struggle for black equality was a fulfillment of America's true creed. Which is why King was assassinated if pointedly, in classic American cadences, invoking the sacred language of Lincoln,

This ownership issue will continue to nag Idaho state leaders and water users across the aquifer. Eventually, the question of who has the rights to that trust water — Idaho Power or the state — will need to be decided.

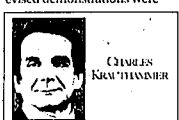
While charging legislators the authority to decide that issue is not the wisest path, based on the attorney general's opinion, the water is entrusted to the state — and we still agree with that view.

But in a state with water rights belonging to canal users, spring users, ground pumpers, and power companies, it would have been unwise to legislate that answer. The proper forum was the decision in the water adjudication process.

In spite of the promising agreement broached in 2006, that matter will have to play itself out.

## A march for mercy, not justice

Many of the hundreds of thousands of Hispanic demonstrators who poured out into the streets on April 10 may not know much English, but they've learned the language of American politics: Flags. Tons of flags. And make them American.

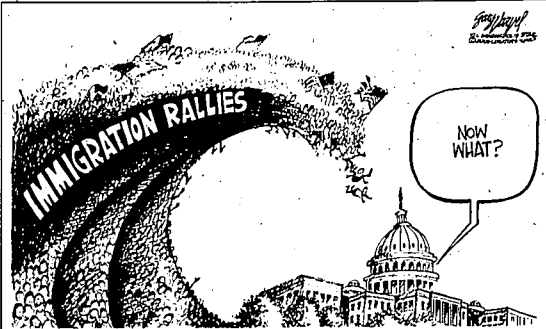


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distinguished by the ubiquity of Mexican flags. Poor salesmanship. If you are appealing to the citizens to give up their rights and privileges of citizenship, it is not a very good idea to hail Mexico, and an even worse idea to hold up signs such as "This is our continent, not yours" and "Honkies are illegal aliens too."

But by April 10, the demonstrators were as American as apple pie. All stars-and-stripes and white t-shirts, a nice additional touch, painting the television screen with the color of peace and brotherhood. As one demonstrator explained, "I think we have been somewhat educated."

And so they have. They are now reading from the original civil rights textbook written by Martin Luther King, whose genius was to ensure that his people's struggle was always framed in quintessentially American terms. There was nothing cynical or contrived about it. Of course it was good politics, but King was positionate in his belief in America and in the belief that the struggle for black equality was a fulfillment of America's true creed. Which is why King was assassinated if pointedly, in classic American cadences, invoking the sacred language of Lincoln,



the Declaration and Exodus.

But it is not enough to speak in the right cadences. You need to know how to articulate and frame your goals. Americans instinctively know the difference between these two civil rights crusades. Blacks were owed. For centuries they had been the victims of a historic national crime. The principal crime involved in the immigrant crusade is the violation of immigration laws by the illegals themselves.

To be sure, that is not a high crime. But it does not behoove one who has stealthily stolen into another's house to then make demands about rights — or to march under the banner of "The National Day of Action for Immigrant Justice."

Justice? On what grounds does one have a claim to demand illegally claim rights? They seek good will and understanding. And Americans might give it — but on request, not on demand.

Martin Luther King had a case for justice that was utterly incontrovertible, yet he always appealed to the better angels of America's nature. It is all the more important for illegals, whose claims rest not on jus-

ice but on compassion, to appeal to American generosity, openness and idealism.

There is much generosity in America to be tapped. But that will require two things. First, a change of tone. And second, a clarification of goals.

If you find a stranger living in your basement, you would be far more inclined to let him stay if he assured you that his ultimate intent is just to improve his own life and not to prepare the way for his various cousins waiting on the other side of your fence.

And that's the critical issue that the demonstrators and their supporters ignore. Is the amnesty they are demanding/requesting the beginning or the end? Is it a precedent or a one-time — last but not least — exception to their seeking open-ended immigration or do they agree that they should be the last wave of illegals?

We know they support the spirit of the failed Senate bill which, when all the phony length-of-stay distinctions are stripped away, is about legalization and amnesty. And we know they oppose the House bill because it declares illegals

to be felons. But House Republicans recognize that they made a huge political error with that language and are pledged to remove it. Will the demonstrators support the rest of the House bill, which would radically restrain new illegal immigration by means of a physical barrier and other measures?

If the answer to that is yes, then we have the makings of a national consensus to combine the House and Senate bills — a fence plus amnesty — into a comprehensive new policy. But we need an answer.

The Hispanic civil rights movement is young and backing unified leadership. That would be an excuse for temporary incoherence about goals if the massive demonstrations did not insist on bringing the issue to a head now. The politically mobilized millions need to tell America where they stand. Are they ready to be welcomed into the American family as the last illegals — or only as the first of many millions more?

Charles Krauthammer's e-mail is letters@charles-krauthammer.com

## Most of our soldiers support the war

Earlier this year there was a town hall meeting on the Iraq war, sponsored by Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., with the participation of such anti-war organizations as CodeTank and MoveOn.org. The event also featured Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., a former Marine who had become an outspoken critic of the war. To this Iraq war veteran, it was a good example of something that's become all too common: People from political parties and ideologies purporting to represent "our" views. With all due respect, most often they don't.

The tenor of the town meeting was mostly that one might expect, but during the question-and-answer period, a veteran injured in Afghanistan stood up to offer his view: "If I didn't have a herniated disc, I would volunteer to go to Iraq in a second with my troops," said Mark Seavey, a former Army sergeant who had been recently returned from Afghanistan. "I know you keep saying how you have talked to the troops and the troops are demoralized. Since he really resent that characterization. The morale of the troops I talk to is phenomenal, which is why my troops are volunteering to go back despite the hardships..."

### WADE ZIRKLE

"And, Congressman Moran, 200 of your constituents just arrived back from Afghanistan — we never got a letter, we never got a visit from you, you didn't come to our homecoming. The only thing we got was a letter from the governor of this state thanking us for our service in Iraq, when we were in Afghanistan. That's reprehensible. I don't know who you two are talking to, but the morale of the troops is very high."

What was the response? Murtha said nothing, while Moran attempted to move on, no pun intended, stating: "That wasn't in the form of a question. It was a statement."

It was indeed a statement; a statement from both a constituent and a veteran that should have elicited something more than silence or a dismissive comment highlighting a supposed breach of protocol. This exchange, captured on video (it was on C-SPAN), has since been forwarded from base to base in military circles. It has not been well received there, and it only raises the already high level of frustration among military personnel that

their opinions are not being heard.

In view of his distinguished military career, John Murtha has been the subject of much attention from the media and is a sought-after spokesman for opponents of the Iraq war. He has earned the right to speak. But his comments supposedly expressing the negative views of those who have and are now serving in the Middle East run counter to what I and others know and hear from our own colleagues — from junior officers to the enlisted backbone of our fighting force.

While we undoubtedly know full well that the greatest single thing that drags on morale in Iraq is the loss of a buddy. But second to that is politicians questioning in amplified tones, the validity of that loss to our families, colleagues, the nation and the world.

While we don't question his motives, we do question his assumptions. When he called for an immediate withdrawal from Iraq, there was a sense of respect and disagreement among most military personnel. But when he subsequently stated that he would not join today's military, he made clear to us that he is out of touch with the troops. Quite

frankly, it was received as a slap in the face.

Like so many others past and present, I proudly volunteered to serve in the military. I served one tour in Iraq and then volunteered to go back. Veterans continue to make clear that they are determined to succeed in Iraq. They are making this clear the best way they can: by volunteering to go back for third and sometimes fourth deployment. This fact is backed up by official Pentagon recruitment reports released as recently as Monday.

The morale of the trigger-pulling class of today's fighting force is strong. Unfortunately, we have not had a microphone or media audience willing to report on this. Despite this frustration, our military continues to proactively dedicate itself to the mission at hand: a free, democratic and stable Iraq and a more secure America. All citizens have a right to express their views on this important national challenge, and all should be heard. Veterans ask no more, and they deserve no less.

The writer is executive director of Veterans for Freedom. He has served tours in Iraq with the Marines.

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### Don't leave children in idling automobiles

I am bothered by what many young mothers are doing in the last several years. It seems to me that they are too lazy to take their young children out of their cars when they just need a few things. I realize taking them with you is more work and sometimes you even have to wake them up. That is better than the alternative — than being left in a car that is still running. Leaving a car running is an invitation to be stolen. If you leave your young child or children in that running car, they could be kidnapped. Have you thought about what might happen if your stolen car gets in an accident with a police

chase? Your precious family may be killed or worse. In the last few weeks, I've seen two mothers doing this. I confronted the first one and told her that it wasn't too late to leave her car running with her children inside. Apparently, I made her mad because she left the store. I timed the second mother. She was in the store for seven minutes, car running with baby in the car wide awake. That was ample time for me to steal the car had I been inclined to do so. If you want to give your cars away, fine, but don't put your children in that position. They are too young to defend themselves. DIANE TODD Buhl

### Kramer allies fear commissioner's reprisal

I am working on Terry Kramer's campaign against Gary Grindstaff for the county commissioner seat. Terry and I have been friends since childhood. He has volunteered countless hours in service to the Castleford community and to the county. As a fourth-generation Idahoan, he is invested in the quality of life in southern Idaho. I intended to help Terry with his campaign, because I believe in his leadership ability and respect his motive for wanting to be a commissioner. He is successful in business and doesn't have to win the election to survive financially. Public service is his motive.

## LETTERS

I do not know Gary Grindstaff. Going into this campaign, I didn't have strong feelings against him. I simply believed Terry would make a great county commissioner in the course of the campaign. I have become increasingly surprised at how many people are hesitant to publicly support Terry due to fear of retaliation by Gary. County employees and members of various boards wonder what they can do to help Terry without Gary firing them. One Kramer campaign volunteer, Jim Barker, has been threatened with loss of his county board position if he continues to support Terry. Volunteers who have selflessly given of their time and expertise on the hospital board, fair board, etc., cannot decide it

is time for a change in the commissioner's office without fear of reprisal.

With the recent decision to require county employees to resign if they want to run for county office, it is unlikely a county employee would run against him. Who could afford to be without a job from the filing date in mid-March until taking office in January? Is this in the best interest of the county? How far will Mr. Grindstaff go to strip citizens from exercising their constitutional rights? NANCY GLAESSEMANN Twin Falls

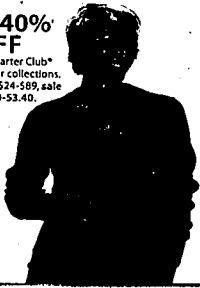
read his and Grindstaff's response.)

### Lawmakers wisely left property tax alone

Kudos to our state legislators who fought hard to keep school funding on the property tax despite shifting it to the sales tax. This was a victory for Idaho's public schools! This took much leadership from many senators and representatives who were looking ahead to Idaho's future. These leaders fought for the education of Idaho's children as well as property tax relief for those who needed it — homeowners. Thank you for all of your hard work. KATHRYN GRAVES Halley

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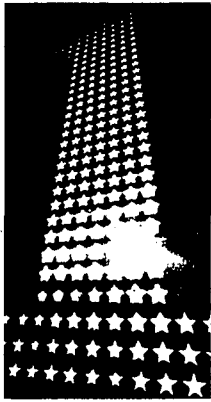


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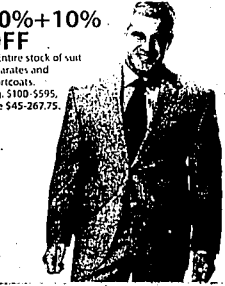
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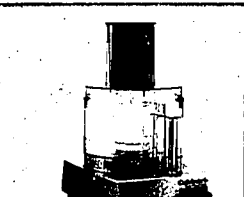
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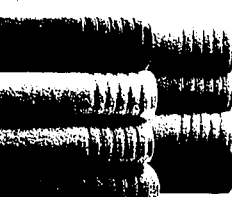
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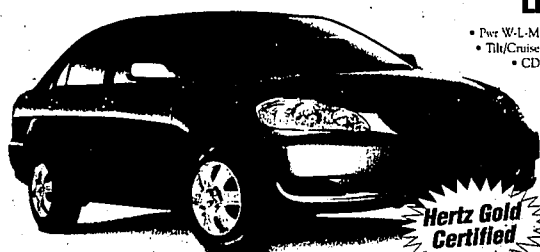
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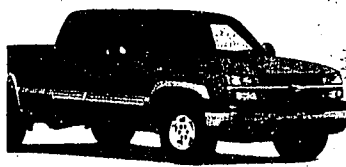
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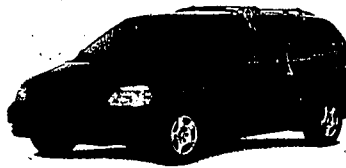
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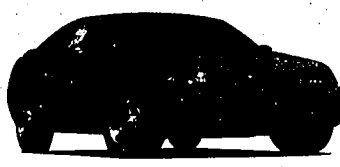
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## MORNING LINE

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High School**  
BASEBALL  
Minico at Century, 11 a.m.  
RODEO  
District VI, Filer, 7 p.m.  
SOFTBALL  
Jerome at Minico, 4:30 p.m.  
TENNIS  
Century at Durley, 3:30 p.m.  
Community School at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.

**TRACK**  
District IV All-class Meet — Wood River, Filer, Murtaugh, Glenns Ferry, Burley, Minico at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.  
Brad Mathews, Declo, 3 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### M.V. Eagles hold tryouts this week

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Eagle All-star Chess leaders will hold tryouts Monday, April 17 through Saturday, April 22. Grades 1-4 will practice from 4-5 p.m., April 17, 19 and 21 at the Radio Television at 241 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Grades 5-12 will practice from 5-6 p.m., April 17, 19 and 21. Final tryouts will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 22.

For more information, call Andrea Pierce at 734-1381.

#### Shoshone holds spring sign-ups

**SIOSSHONE** — The Shoshone Baseball Association will hold youth baseball and softball sign-ups from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at the Shoshone baseball complex concession stand. The program is for boys and girls ages 5-16. Fees range from \$15-25 per player. For more information, contact Tony Bozzuto at 896-7774.

#### Sinclair-Hoss golf tournament planned

**TWIN FALLS** — The 21st Annual Jim Sinclair-Dr. Glenn A. Hoss Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 24 at the Blue Lakes Country Club in Twin Falls. The 18-hole four-person best-ball scramble will start at 8 a.m. after the 1 p.m. registration and lunch. The fee is \$100 per individual golfer, with sponsor fees available in three tiers. There is a maximum of 18GA. Who's in? 36. The event also includes an awards dinner, hole-in-one contest and putting competition. For more information, contact La Rae or Merrily at 737-2480 or visit <http://www.mvrmc.com/foundation>.

#### Oasis Best-ball tournament slated

**TWIN FALLS** — The 21st Annual Oasis Best-ball Golf Tournament, benefiting the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley is slated for April 29-30. This tournament is played on three of the area's courses: the Magic Valley Golf Course in Bullh Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls and Blue Lakes Country Club in Twin Falls. The cost is \$140 per two-person team for a maximum of 250 teams. The tournament has three divisions: men's, women's and couples. Each player must have a current USGA Handicap Card.

Call Canyon Springs at 734-7600 for more information.

#### T.F. men's softball on Wednesday

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Men's Softball Association will play at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Building at 136 Maxwell Ave. For more information, contact Chris Lewis at 825-4257.

#### Benefit Boxing Smoker scheduled

**GOODING** — The 14th Annual Fifth District High School Rodeo Boxing Smoker will be held on Friday, April 14, at the Gooding High School Gymnasium. Tickets may be purchased at Seifer's Jewelry in Gooding or at the door. Proceeds support the Rotary Scholarships and the Fifth District Rodeo Scholarships. Anyone interested in boxing or for more information please call Kent Seifer at 834-4119 or Craig Hobday at 334-4423.

## Hansing's shot drops Declo



Filer shortstop Holly Hansing catches Declo shortstop Kendra Koyle at second base during their game Thursday in Filer.

### Filer takes four in a row with SCIC win

By Brad Gulre  
Times-News writer

**FILER** — It was dramatic enough to be the tension-filled final minutes of a softball game.

Tied at nine apiece with two outs in the bottom of the seventh and the bases loaded, Filer shortstop Holly Hansing saved the day.

A crisp hit up the middle that bounced off the corner of second base and scored first baseman Sarah Haney for the final run of Filer's 10-9 Southwest Central Idaho Conference victory over Declo on Thursday. Had the game not ended on the 10th run, it would have been a stand-up triple. After stepping on the bag, she jumped triumphantly into the third-base coach's arms — her dad, coach Bob Hansing.

"That was a monster," coach Hansing said. "What a clutch hit."

Last time around, Declo took the upper hand with a 9-5 win. The difference? "Aggressiveness," Hansing said. "I think today we came out for business. Instead of coming out for fun, we came out to win."

However, it wasn't easy, as the Hornets and Wildcats kept taking the lead from each other every other inning.

"A week ago, I would be really upset because we probably would have lost, but the girls never panicked," coach Hansing said. "And that was nice to see. Before, one or two errors and that would be it."

Declo jumped out to a four-run lead to start the game, three of those unearned. But Filer battled back their first time up with some base hits to cut the lead 4-2. The Hornets put another run up in the second, and Filer answered with a big inning of its own. Walks, stolen bases and Declo fielding errors sent Filer to a tie at five apiece.

Both teams stalled in the third, going three-up and three-down, and Filer picked up a one-run lead in the bottom of the fourth.

The Hornets rallied for three more runs in the top of the fifth as the Cats seemingly fell apart on defense, committing three errors.

But Filer again recovered on offense, tying the Hornets again, 8-8. Declo stalled in the sixth while Filer took the lead again, only to have the Hornets tie it again in the top of the seventh.

In the bottom, Haney singled, then stole second to move into scoring position. Catcher Jennifer D'Antonio walked, as well as Sarah Lensen to lead the bases when Hansing made her move.

Hansing went 3-for-5 with an RBI. Hurler Amber Sheen hit 4-for-4 with three doubles and four RBIs. She walked five, struck out two and gave up four earned runs.

"We did have a couple of errors," Sheen said. "But we came back and our defense picked it up for us. We hit better."

Game 2 was another close affair with Filer taking a 15-14 win, but it wasn't pretty.

Declo pitcher Coles Geary walked 11 batters before being relieved by Kelsie Peterson, who gave up six of her own. Filer scored 11 of its runs in the first inning alone.

"There were just a lot of walks," coach Hansing said. "The pitches weren't even close to give them a chance to hit. I've told

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## Taylor leads at Harbour Town

By Pete Iacobelli  
Associated Press writer

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.** — With a nerve-racking and disappointing Masters debut behind him, Vaughn Taylor relaxed and played his best round of the year.

"Taylor, who grew up in Augusta, Ga., shot an 8-under 63 to take the lead after the first round of the Verizon Heritage on Thursday.

A week ago, Taylor couldn't make a move around his hometown without someone he knew ready with a comment, question or request. He was edgy and lost focus.

"My phone was ringing off the hook," Taylor said. "You are asked to do a lot of things. In preparing for a tournament, it's tough to be able to do it all. ... You want to talk to everybody and you feel bad because you just can't do it."

The attention proved too much for Taylor to handle. He shot a 75-74 in Augusta National and missed the cut.

Instead of letting the disappointment drag down his slumping season — Taylor had only broken 70 once in his previous 12 rounds coming in — the 30-year-old pushed on to Harbour Town Golf Links and found the play he'd hoped to have at the Masters.

"I came in this week and it just feels easy," Taylor said.

Taylor stood a stroke ahead of Jim Furyk 64 and two in front of Tom Pernice Jr., Billy Mayfair



Ben Crane of Beaverton, Ore., hits out of the trap on the 15th green during the first round of the Heritage Golf tournament Thursday at Harbour Town Golf Links on Hilton Head Island, S.C. Crane made bogey on the hole and finished the round at 4-under par 67.

and Duffy Waldorf, tied at 65.

Ernie Els was the only one of golf's "Big Five" — Masters champion Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods, Vijay Singh and Retief Goosen are the others — competing at Harbour Town after last week's chase for the green jacket. Els' unearned round of 71 included three straight bogeys on the 17th, 18th and first holes, and an eagle three on the second hole.

Taylor is a two-time PGA Tour winner who qualified for last

Taylor's strong play continued on his final nine. Moments after Furyk moved to 7-under with a birdie on the ninth hole, Taylor jammed a 9-iron to about 7 feet to set up the go-ahead birdie.

Taylor was two off the course record of 61 set by David Frost in 1994.

Taylor, Furyk and many others took advantage of perfect, windless conditions for the low morning scores. None of the afternoon starters got closer to the lead than Aaron Baddeley's 66.

Such starts aren't rare at Harbour Town — but they usually don't last.

Defending champion Peter Lonard opened with a 62 here a year ago, but held on through a final-round 75 for his first PGA Tour win.

Another reason for the scoring? At 6,973 yards, Harbour Town is a full Augusta par-4 shorter than the Masters' beefed-up layout of 7,445 yards.

"It's not that long," said Mayfair, who lost a playoff here to Jose Gascas in 2001. "You have to drive it straight, hit a lot of greens. If you miss it (and) you manage to putt well, that seems right up my alley."

The mild weather had the pros thinking low. Be too aggressive here, however, and problems await. "If you force it and try and make those things happen," said Furyk, who tied for second behind Lonard last year. "I think that's when the course jumps up and bites you."

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week's major by finishing No. 36 on the 2005 money list. He has struggled more recently, missing cuts at the Nissan Open, the Honda Classic and Bay Hill Invitational before his Masters' farewell.

At Harbour Town, Taylor rediscovered his game.

He began his run with birdies on the floor, bleeding profusely. Scott said at a news conference.

After lying on the floor for some time, Young got up and walked bleeding through several rooms of his spacious,

## Osterkamp is key for undefeated Indians

By Nathaniel Garrabrandt  
Times-News writer

**BUHL** — Ten games and 10 wins into the current baseball season, the undefeated Buhl Indians seem aware of two things: they're good — very good — but they're not unbeatable.

For every blowout such as last Saturday's 17-0 rout of Wells, New and 9-7 thrashing of South Fremont, there have been gut checks and squeakers such as an 8-5 comeback over South Fremont and an 8-7 rally over Bear Lake the day before.

### James Osterkamp



"I think that's kind of good for us," said senior James Osterkamp in reference to a surprisingly challenging 4-3 win over Wendell on Wednesday. "It brings us back down and shows us that we're not as good as we might think we are right now. There's a lot of work to do."

With three wins and a save from the hill as well as a penchant for big, timely hits from the No. 3 spot, Osterkamp is a key component of the Indians' rounded game and a huge reason why they've yet to lose. Busting an eye-popping .484 with an on-base percentage of .639, he's gone yard three times, hit three doubles, and driven in 20 runs. On the mound, Osterkamp is 3-0, striking out 17 in 18 innings pitched with a 2.72 ERA.

"I'm a competitor," said Buhl head coach Mark Laling. "He wants to win. And it just reflects on the whole team. He wants to win and the team has to win. He's just a good kid to have in your field."

Last Friday, down 3-1 to South Fremont in the bottom of the first, Osterkamp clubbed a two-run homer over the center-field fence to tie the ballgame and open up a showcase performance that would include two more jacks by the end of the day.

With the four home wins Buhl put together over the weekend, the Indians completed an impressive sweep of the annual Midweek Classic tournament, which was won by Filer the three years previous.

"I've just been hitting the ball well lately," said Osterkamp. "When you get on a roll, it just seems everything goes right for you. That's just what the feeling was last weekend. Not only at the plate, but as a team, winning, going 4-0 in our own tournament."

His second homer of the day came in the sixth inning against the Cougars, putting Buhl up 7-3 to ice the game.

But the momentum didn't hold and Buhl again started out sluggishly against Bear Lake that afternoon, trailing 4-1 in the bottom of the fifth. But again, Osterkamp came through. Preceded by an RBI from catcher Will Chivers, Osterkamp sent his third ball of the day out of the park for a three-run homer.

He then capped off the afternoon with a save, taking the mound in the seventh.

"I'm excited to see the team and let the defense help out behind me," said Osterkamp, whose three wins have come against Wendell, Jerome, and Confederation. "I trust in these guys and expect them to make plays for me. And this season they have been. It's been nice."

## Police conclude booster's death an accident

By Woody Bald  
Associated Press writer

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — A university of Alabama football booster died when he hit his head in an accidental fall at home, rather than being slain as first thought, police said Thursday.

death of 65-year-old Logan Young as a bloody slaying after a fierce struggle but quit calling it a homicide a day later.

"We treated it as a homicide, the most serious, and put the puzzle together," Police Director Larry Godwin said.

Homicide Lt. Joe Scott said police believe Young tripped while carrying a salad and fell

drink up a set of stairs and hit his head on an iron railing. The fall onto the railing opened a large gash across the top of Young's head and he dropped to the floor, bleeding profusely. Scott said at a news conference.

Two-story house before ending up in his second-floor bedroom. Scott added, His housekeeper found the body beside his bed Tuesday morning.

"There was a lot of blood," Scott said.

Young, who was divorced and lived alone, apparently tried to slow the bleeding with towels

from the kitchen downstairs and a bathroom upstairs, and two towels soaked with blood were found on the bed. He was the first to see the body, but didn't place an emergency call, Scott said.

Young, a multimillionaire and longtime Crimson Tide booster, was celebrated as a hero of Crimson Tide. Please see BOOSTER, Page B2



SCORES AND STATS

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Table listing TV schedules for Basketball, Boxing, Golf, Tennis, Baseball, and other sports, including channel numbers and start times.

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Runners' bar codes help safety officials

BOSTON—When more than 25,000 runners hit the streets for the 10th Boston Marathon on Monday, they'll be teaching public health and safety officials how to better respond to mass casualty events like Hurricane Katrina.

All runners will have a barcode on their bibs that will allow organizers to track them using handheld scanners should they require transportation or hospitalization during the race.

The immediate goal of the runner tracking system is to make sure organizers don't lose any participants during the 26.2-mile event that starts from Hopkinton to downtown Boston.

It's not uncommon at the end of the day to have hundreds of family members knocking on the tents trying to figure out where their runners are, said Greg Higgins, the medical coordinator for the Boston Athletic Association.

Hennin-Hardenne advances at Family Circle Cup CHARLESTON, S.C.—Defending champion Justine Hennin-Hardenne extended her unbeaten streak at the Family Circle Cup to 11 matches Thursday, defeating Katolinn Sprem 6-4, 6-4 to reach the quarterfinals.

Hennin-Hardenne's latest win on Thursday took more than 90 minutes on a warm, windy afternoon. "After the match you can say it's good to win in conditions where you're on the court you just think about winning every point that's coming," said Hennin-Hardenne, a Belgian who plays Diana Sainna of Russia on Friday.

Sainna won 6-7 (6), 6-2, 6-2 over Julia Vakulenko, a qualifier who looked off in her second round match against Martina Jelenic in the first round.

FIFA says it has no power to stop forced prostitution

GENEVA—Soccer's governing body insists it has no power to stop forced prostitution in Germany, which is expected to host the 2006 World Cup.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter said Thursday his organization is obliged to comply with international law, but his main task is to ensure its competitions adhere to regulations.

FIFA places great importance on respecting human life and the physical integrity of human beings, Blatter said in response to accusations that his group is not taking stronger action on this issue.

Prostitution and trafficking of women, however, does not fall within the sphere of responsibility of an international sports federation but in that of the authorities and the lawmakers of any given country," he added.

Germany legalized prostitution in 2003. The European Union said it had no clear, binding rules on prostitution, but might be forced to work with prostitutes in the 12 host cities.

The German Women's Council said it would not be surprised if prostitution were to be legalized in the 12 host cities.

UConn's Geno Auerema hospitalized STORRS, Conn.—Connecticut women's basketball coach Geno Auerema was hospitalized Thursday for what the university officials said was a concussion and is expected to be released this weekend.

The school said the 62-year-old coach was taken to a local Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford but would not elaborate because of privacy concerns.

Edwards and McMurray's teams

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Carl Edwards and Jamie McMurray got a new twist to their rivalry in a rough racing shakeup designed to jump-start their struggling teams.

Edwards' car owner Jack Roush placed all five of his teams in the Chase for the championship last season, only the Matt Kenseth and Kevin Harvick teams are currently ranked in the top 10.

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Penalty man imposes Nevada on Mayweather

LAS VEGAS—Trainer Roger Mayweather had his license revoked and was fined \$200,000 after failing to properly file his license and triggering a brawl during last weekend's IBF welterweight title fight between Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao.

The Nevada Athletic Commission hit Roger Mayweather with the suspension and the \$200,000 fine because of the brawl. Mayweather's attorney said the brawl was a result of a misunderstanding.

The trainer, a former 140-pound champion known as the Black Mamba in his fighting days, entered the ring in the second round of the 10th round after his lawyer was caught by a law enforcement officer and taken to the hospital.

Debris rained down from the fans as officials tried to restore order.

After the fight, Roger Mayweather said he was disappointed and would try to appeal, which entails taking his complaint to a state district court. After a year he could apply to have his license reinstated.

Capitals star nets 50 goals, 100 points ATLANTA—Washington Capitals star Alexander Ovechkin became only the second rookie to net 50 goals and 100 points when he scored against the Atlanta Thrashers on Thursday night.

Ovechkin scored his 50th goal on a power play in the first period with a shot from the top of the left circle. Atlanta goalie Mike Dunham appeared to be screened in front of by defenseman Matt Bradley.

Ovechkin picked up his 52nd assist in the second period, setting up a power-play goal for Dan Cloutier with a perfect cross-ice pass.

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# Stewart keeps Eldora running

# NASCAR THIS WEEK

**POINT WORTH, Texas (AP)** — Tony Stewart climbs fences. He also helps design them.

The two-time and reigning Nextel Cup champion, who seems to be a new man from retirement as one of NASCAR's biggest stars, already has a second career. And he's gotten going in everything as a dirt track owner at a grass-roots facility where he got his racing start.

"The driver of the No. 20 orange Home Depot Chevrolet, who has made scaling fences part of his victory celebrations, owns famed Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio. The track is a long way from the glitz and glamour of NASCAR's top circuit, and Stewart quickly had to confront his biggest challenge so far.

"Well, it was probably the first night, the women's restroom in the pits being stopped up," Stewart said. "So, the first night I realized it was a lot more than just turning on the lights, open the gates, sell tickets, hot dogs and the race goes fine."

Stewart purchased Eldora in November 2004 from Earl Bales, who retired because of health problems after owning and operating the facility for 51 years.

Stewart's work at the track even involves pre-race entertainment. "I don't think we are going to have the military command shows, because we don't have a big enough infield."

Stewart, fifth in the Cup standings going into a rare weekend off for the series, said his track ownership already is helping shape his post-racing career.

"There is going to be a day that I am not going to be able to drive race cars any more and you sit there and wonder, 'Well, what are you going to do with the rest of your life?'" Stewart said.

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Tony Stewart climbs the fence after winning the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard 400 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005, in Indianapolis.

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Last week, Stewart got a chance to work on his celebratory fence climb when he won the second round of the international Race of Champions. With thousands of fans cheering him on, he obliged, climbing the fence to get the checkered flag.

In the days before going to Texas, Stewart was back at Eldora, working on catchfence design.

"We are getting ready to expand the restrooms on the grandstand side; it is a big project to double the size to handle the capacity," Stewart said. "I am just excited about it."

No word on whether improvements at Eldora will prompt him to climb his own fence.

## Talladega plans for softer bumpers

**NEW YORK (AP)** — NASCAR is hoping that a new, less-rigid bumper configuration on its Nextel Cup cars will cut down on the bump drafting that has been blamed for some of the worst crashes in recent years.

The new bumpers will be in use for the first time in the race April 30 at Talladega Superspeedway.

Bump drafting is the art of banging into the rear of the car in front to gain an advantage in the turn to make a pass. It works well on the straightaways but is not as effective in the turns, where a bump can cause a car to spin out.

Two-time series champion Tony Stewart became so concerned about bump drafting after the exhibition Budweiser Shootout at Daytona in February that he said NASCAR needed to do something before another was killed.

Before the next week's Daytona 500, NASCAR officials set up "No Zones" in the turns, where drivers were not allowed to bump draft. Officials also said overaggressive driving would be penalized, but that only slowed down the bump drafting a bit.

Softening the bumpers could mean not more drafting.

"I'm excited that NASCAR is doing something," said four-time Cup champion and four-time Talladega winner Jeff Gordon. "I sure hope for something like that a while ago."

The change involves teams removing steel plates that have been used in recent years at Talladega and Daytona to reinforce the bumpers and allow for very hard bump drafts with damaging force on or off the car.

what another guy doesn't." Gordon said the new bumpers might not make much difference late in the race at Talladega, either.

"I'm not going to do anything for the last lap," he said. "On the last lap, guys are going to say, 'Hey, I don't need water in the engine anymore. I don't care if it rains.'"

It might just help out the first three quarters of the race and maybe make guys think a little bit more about things. It's not going to change the way I race much. I've gotten into situations where I've bumped some guys harder than I wanted to but, for the most part, I try to just barely push the guy out of him and just let the air push the cars. So it's going to be a big adjustment for some guys."

## Troxel heads for seventh finals appearance

Mechie Troxel has said all along that she wants to be recognized for her accomplishments as an NHRA Top Fuel driver rather than for being a woman in a man's sport.

With her second win of the season and sixth consecutive trip to the finals — including last year's runner-up showing in the season finale — Troxel is accomplishing just that.

In fact, no Top Fuel driver — male or female — had started the season with five straight appearances in the finals.

Now she has a chance to join teammate and defending Top Fuel champion Tony Schumacher as the only drivers to advance to seven consecutive final rounds. Troxel will get her chance at Bristol, Tenn., on April 28-30.

"No matter how good a team you have, you just can't think that you'll continue to go to the final every week," she said. "I'm surprised as anybody. But we're on a team that has all the resources and is enjoying a lot of success, and that motivates you to perform at your best."

Troxel's victory in the final over runner-up Dave Grubnic at Las Vegas last Sunday gave her a 156-point lead over Grubnic in the season standings.

## Matt Kenseth wins with middle school students

Roush Racing driver Matt Kenseth too, time out of his race schedule at Texas Motor Speedway last week to visit with teenagers from Dallas and Fort Worth area middle schools.

The visit was part of a national educational initiative called "America's Soaring Dreams," a partnership between Ameriquest Mortgage Company, non-profit organization Portraits of Hope and Roush Racing that brings together youngsters from schools, hospitals and after-school programs to explore personal goals and societal issues through education and art.

Kenseth shared his life story and discussed the importance of setting goals and following your dreams. Kenseth and the youngsters also shared their creative expressions by painting murals replicating the shapes and colors depicted on the No. 17 Roush Racing Ford that Kenseth drove to fifth place in Saturday's NASCAR Busch Series race.

This was the second of four interactive educational workshops scheduled this year with Roush drivers. Last month in Bristol, Carl Edwards visited a high school. Mark Martin will do the same later this month in Phoenix and Greg Bille will visit a school at Dover in May.

## NEXTEL CUP

Last race: Kasey Kahne became the 11th different winner in as many Nextel Cup races held at Texas Motor Speedway, yet he still managed a first — by doing it from the pole. Kahne sped away from the field after the final restart with 17 laps to go for his second victory this season. Kahne, who turned 26 on Monday, earned his third career victory. The last three times he's been on the pole, he's won.

Next race: Subway Fresh 500, April 22, Avondale, Ariz.

## BUSCH

Nextel Cup  
Pepsi 300  
Site: Lebanon, Tenn.  
Schedule: Saturday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 11 a.m.); race (FX, 4 p.m.).

Track: Nashville Superspeedway (tri-oval, 1.33 miles, 14 degrees banking in turns)  
Race distance: 300 miles, 225 laps.

Last race: Already with a season title and 15 victories in NASCAR's Nextel Cup series, Kurt Busch stepped down and drove in his first Busch Series race. He led the final 70 laps — including an extra six after a flurry of late cautions at Texas Motor Speedway. Cup regulars have won all seven Busch races and led all but 55 laps this season. Busch, making his debut in the No. 39 Penske Dodge that Ryan Newman also drives, became the seventh different Busch winner on the season.

The last driver to win in his Busch Series debut was Terry Labonte at Lowe's Motor Speedway in 1995.

Last year: Rookie Reed Sorenson raced to victory at the Pepsi 300, beating Kenny Wallace by a

whopping 14.417 seconds. The 19-year-old Georgia driver, making only the 11th start of his Busch career, started from the pole after topping qualifying for the first time.

Fast facts: Greg Bille recorded his first Busch win at Nashville in 2001. Kevin Harvick has built a 146-point lead over second-place Denny Hamlin. Harvick has finished every race in the top 10, with a season-best finish of second at Bristol. There have been six first-time race winners in nine races at Nashville. Jason Keller and Ashton Lewis Jr. have started each of the nine previous races at Nashville. Keller and Johnny Sauter are tied for first among drivers running at the finish at Nashville, seven times.

Clint Bowyer leads all drivers with four top-five finishes. Three penalties were assessed to the No. 17 Ford team for violations discovered during inspection at Texas Motor Speedway on April 8. Crew chief Chad Norris was fined \$10,000 and suspended until May 3; driver Matt Kenseth will penalize with the loss of 25 driver championship points; and crew chief Jack Roush was penalized 25 owner championship points.

Next race: Bashus' Supermarkets 200, April 21, Avondale, Ariz.

## CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS

Last race: David Starr held the lead through eight restarts over the final 121 laps to win the Kroger 250 at Martinsville, Va., on April 1, his fourth career truck victory.

Next race: Dodge Ram Tough 200, April 29, Madison, Ill.

## A LOOK AHEAD

### Nextel Cup

- April 30 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.
- May 6 — TBA, Richmond, Va.
- May 13 — Dodge Charger 500, Darlington, S.C.
- May 20 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
- April 21 — Bashus' Supermarkets 200, Avondale, Ariz.
- April 29 — Aaron's 312, Talladega, Ala.

### Busch Series

- 1. Jimmie Johnson, 1,063
- 2. Matt Kenseth, 1,049
- 3. Kasey Kahne, 1,017 (tie)
- 4. Mark Martin, 1,017
- 5. Tony Stewart, 966
- 6. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 951
- 7. Kyle Busch, 950
- 8. Jeff Gordon, 911
- 9. Kevin Harvick, 859
- 10. Casey Mears, 845
- 11. Dale Jarrett, 828
- 12. Elliott Surratt, 754
- 13. Clint Bowyer, 750
- 14. Denny Hamlin, 747
- 15. Martin Truex Jr., 744
- 16. Jeff Burton, 741
- 17. Kurt Busch, 722
- 18. Ryan Newman, 711
- 19. Reed Sorenson, 701
- 20. Brian Vickers, 684

### NASCAR Standings

- 7. Johnny Sauter, 832
- 8. Paul Menard, 819
- 9. Jason Leffler, 818
- 10. Jamie McMurray, 816
- 11. Carl Edwards, 809
- 12. Matt Kenseth, 795
- 13. Jon Wood, 793
- 14. Jason Keller, 756
- 15. Buddy Lamar, 755
- 16. Todd Kluever, 710
- 17. Reed Sorenson, 700
- 18. Ashton Lewis, 690
- 19. Kenny Wallace, 688
- 20. John Andretti, 655

### Craftsman Trucks

- 1. Mark Martin, 720
- 2. Ted Musgrave, 645
- 3. Todd Bodine, 622
- 4. David Reutimann, 576
- 5. David Starr, 556
- 6. Erik Darnell, 552
- 7. Jack Sprague, 544 (tie)
- 8. Mike Bliss, 544
- 9. Dennis Setzer, 531
- 10. Rick Crawford, 508
- 11. Johnny Benson, 505
- 12. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 493
- 13. Matt Crafton, 491
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# Officer in Duke rape investigation: 'She's just passed-out drunk'

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A woman who claims she was raped by members of Duke University's lacrosse team was described as "just passed-out drunk" by one of the first police officers to see her, according to a recording of radio traffic obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

The conversation between the officer and a police dispatcher took place about 1:30 a.m. March 14, about five min-

utes after a grocery store security guard called 911 to report a woman in the parking lot who would not get out of someone else's car.

The officer gave the dispatcher the police code for an intoxicated person and said the woman was unconscious. When asked whether she needed medical help, the officer said: "She's breathing and appears to be fine. She's not in distress. She's just passed-out drunk."

The black woman, a 27-year-old stripper and college student, told police she was raped and beaten by three white men around midnight at an off-campus party thrown by Duke's lacrosse team. The racially charged allegations have led Duke to cancel the highly ranked team's season and accept the resignation of its coach.

No charges have been filed, but District Attorney Mike Ni-

fong has said he believes a crime was committed. Attorneys for the players have said DNA tests failed to connect any players to the alleged attack and they have urged NiFong to drop his investigation.

The radio recordings, obtained by the AP through a records request, are the first instance in which police or anyone connected with the investigation has said the woman appeared to be intoxicated.

Defense lawyers, however, have said time-stamped photographs taken by the players show that the accused was drunk and already had suffered some injuries when she arrived at the house for the party.

The recording is consistent with "what I have seen of the photo evidence before," attorney Kerry Sutton said. Those photos, she said, showed that

she was "way beyond where you would put somebody behind the wheel of a car."

The description of the woman's medical exam — which NiFong has said is his basis for believing a rape occurred — does not mention her being drunk. It states only that the woman's injuries and behavior were consistent with having been raped, sexually assaulted and having suffered a traumatic experience.



Utah Jazz forward Mehmet Okur (13) is fouled by Denver Nuggets forward Ruben Patterson (22) during the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game Wednesday in Salt Lake City.

## Jazz start critical trip

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Before thinking too much about how other teams' losses can get Utah back into the playoffs, the Jazz have a road trip that is every bit as critical.

Utah's next three games include a team that is also fighting for the final playoff spot and the two teams vying for the top record in the Western Conference. Two losses, and it won't matter what anyone else does.

"It's a big one. The most important games all year for us," said forward Matt Harpring.

The road trip starts Friday with a game against the New Orleans Hornets in Oklahoma City. The Hornets (30-40) trail the Jazz (39-39) by a game and whoever loses can just about forget the playoffs.

Utah follows that with games at Dallas on Sunday and at San Antonio on Monday. The Jazz are 1-3 against the two teams from Texas so far and haven't beaten either on the road in years.

"We've just got to go out and play our game and not worry about it being on the road," Harpring said. "You don't look at it like a whole road trip. You look at it as we're playing New Orleans first. Let's get through that game."

Utah and that's quite an if — the Jazz sweep their final four games, they would finish 43-39. But that alone wouldn't get them into the playoffs. The Los Angeles Lakers are in seventh place in the conference at 42-37 and Sacramento holds the final playoff spot at 41-38. Both the Kings and Lakers have three games remaining while Utah still has four to play.

The Jazz would lose a tiebreaker with the Kings, Utah

split the season series with the Lakers but would have a better conference record — if the Jazz win the rest of the way.

It's a lot of mathematical possibilities, which could have been simplified for the Jazz if they hadn't slumped through March. Utah fell to 32-37 with a 91-89 loss at Sacramento on March 25, and the playoff prospects looked bleak.

April has been much better, so far, although it may be too late. But, having a chance no matter how slim, has made the month much more interesting.

"I would think those things would make you a better basketball player," said Jazz coach Jerry Sloan.

Sloan was still a little irked Thursday about Andrei Kirilenko's comments about his shrinking role in the offense lately. Kirilenko had just two points on four shots in the first half Wednesday of a 104-83 win over Denver, but Sloan freed up the versatile forward in the second half and he finished with 14 points and seven assists against the Nuggets, who played without Kenyon Martin (knee) and Marcus Camby (back) having already clinched the Northwest Division.

Sloan said sometimes Kirilenko and the rest of the Jazz have to accept sharing the offense — especially if they want to continue to win.

"I think they've always been fairly responsive. Everybody has their own way of playing and everybody has their strengths," Sloan said. "In order to get 12 guys happy in that situation, it's kind of difficult at times to do. But I think for the most part they've done a pretty good job."

## Stern angry with Seattle

NEW YORK (AP) — David Stern gave another warning that the SuperSonics could eventually leave Seattle, saying Thursday that the city is "not interested in having the NBA there."

The NBA commissioner also touched on the situations regarding the Trail Blazers and Hornets during a conference call, but his strongest words were saved for the Sonics' future in Seattle.

Stern said the Sonics' lease with the city is the worst in the NBA, and he went to Seattle in February to ask Washington state lawmakers for tax money to renovate Key Arena.

Senators owner Howard Schultz, the chairman of Starbucks Corp., has threatened to move or sell the team if state lawmakers don't approve a sales-tax package to pay for a new or renovated arena. But state lawmakers last month said there would be no deal this year.

Asked what that meant, Stern responded: "What I mean is they're not interested in having the NBA there. We understand that, we understand that there are competing issues, and the mayor is free to make whatever decisions he needs to make and I support it."

"But that's a pretty strong signal and I think that the existing ownership has said they don't want to own a team that's not in Seattle, so I know that they're in the process of doing what we'll just see how this play ends."

Barriann Bleckel, spokeswoman for Mayor Greg Nickels, said the city wants the Sonics to remain in Seattle.

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Albersons	\$25.26	▲ .04
Con Agri	\$21.49	▼ .04
Dell Inc.	\$29.35	▼ .30
Idacorp	\$32.58	▼ .17
Micron	\$15.04	▼ .28
SuperValu	\$29.31	▲ .09

### Stocks of local interest

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close	change
Oil, by barrel	\$69.32 ▲ .70
(May, light sweet crude)	
Live cattle	\$81.87 ▲ .12
Gold (June)	\$600.1 ▲ 1.2

## Retail rebounds in first quarter

WASHINGTON — Shoppers got back in the groove in March, sending sales at the nation's retailers up by 0.6 percent.

The rebound, reported by the Commerce Department on Thursday, provided further evidence that the economy snipped out of an end-of-year funk and was chugging along at a decent clip in the recently ended January-to-March quarter.

The increase in March came after shoppers took a breather in February, pulling down merchants' sales by 0.8 percent, according to revised figures.

"That drop wasn't as deep as first reported a month ago — offering another encouraging sign."

The latest snapshot of retail activity was slightly better than the 0.5 percent gain that economists were forecasting.

## General Electric sees rising profits in Q1

STAMFORD, Conn. — General Electric Co. said Thursday its first-quarter profit rose 9 percent as strong sales of aircraft engines, locomotives, medical equipment and financial services offset weaknesses in energy and its NBC television network.

GE's Fairfield, Conn.-based company said net earnings for the three months ended March 31 were \$4.3 billion, or 41 cents per share, compared with \$3.9 billion, or 37 cents per share, a year ago.

Total revenue climbed 10 percent to \$7.0 billion in the latest quarter, from \$34.1 billion a year ago.

Earnings from continuing operations were 39 cents per share, which matched the consensus estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial.

## Honda might cut back on a hybrid

NEW YORK — Honda Motor Co. may cut production of the Honda Accord hybrid because sales have been so slow, Honda Executive Vice President Dick Collier said Thursday at the New York Auto Show.

Collier was the second executive in as many days to question the direction of hybrid sales during media previews for the show, which opens to the public Friday, Nissan Motor Co.

Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn said Wednesday that hybrid sales appear to be slowing down, something he has warned could happen as consumers decide whether hybrids are worth their additional cost.

Collier would give exact sales for the Accord hybrid, which went on sale in December 2004, but said they make up a tiny percentage of Honda's overall sales.

Overall Accord sales were down 4 percent last year, according to Autodata Corp.

# Ford selects two plants for closure

**By Shawn Langlois Knight Ridder News Service**

SAN FRANCISCO — Ford Motor announced the next step in its vast restructuring effort Thursday when it said it will permanently close its Norfolk, Va., and St. Paul, Minn., plants in 2008.

"A decision to end production at a plant is not an easy one and I'm deeply mindful of the impact this decision has on Ford employees, families and communities," said Mark Fields, president of Ford's American unit. "Unfortunately, these are necessary steps we must take to move the business forward."

The two plant closures will eliminate 4,318 union and salaried jobs, part of the 55,000

### End of the line

The roughly 4,300 workers at two Ford plants closing in 2008 will be part of up to 30,000 jobs the company announced in January.

**Ford assembly plants to close**

Plant	Location	Employees
City	Norfolk, Va.	1,885
Hourly	Norfolk, Va.	1,750
Salaries	150	135
Model(s)	F-150	Ranger, Mazda B

Opened 1925 1925

SOURCE: Ford Motor Co. AP

30,000 jobs Ford is seeking to shed.

Ford in January laid off 14 manufacturing

plants in an effort to slash \$6 billion in costs by 2010 and restore its North America auto operations to profitability within the next two years.

Seven vehicle assembly plants were targeted for closure, including lines in Missouri, Georgia and Michigan.

The Batavia Transmission plant in Ohio and Windsor Casting facility in Ontario were also named. At the time, Ford said two more plants would be added but it hadn't yet decided which ones.

The St. Paul plant builds the Ranger, Ford's smallest pickup, which has seen a steep decline in sales in recent years. Last month, Ranger sales fell 9 percent to 9,609 from March a year early.

In comparison, rival Toyota's Tacoma saw a 15.5 percent increase from a year ago to 15,662 pick-ups while sales of the Nissan Frontier surged 36 percent to 6,433 trucks.

Ford also announced the closure of its Norfolk, Va., plant, which is one of many that manufacture its perennial best-seller, the F-150 pickup truck.

When Ford first announced the details of its "Way Forward" plan earlier this year, it looked as if the Norfolk line would be spared and might even be the recipient of additional resources for upgrades.

But David Cole, chairman for the Center for Automotive Research, said Ford's decision makes sense.

"These two would be prime

candidates because of location, age and product," he said. "There have not been any new products from St. Paul in a long time. When you see that, it's not a good sign."

As for Norfolk, he added that he expects the market for larger, gas-hungry vehicles, like the F-Series, to shrink as consumers flee to more fuel-efficient models.

"Even the F-150," he said. "It's been a very strong market for a long time, but it won't stay as strong as it has been."

Ford said closing the plant will not affect the capacity to build the flagship truck, thanks to flexible manufacturing at other plants.

Shares of Ford Motor added 1 percent to close at \$7.55.

# A little help



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## Housing perks on the rise for middle class

**By Gary Polakovic Los Angeles Times**

LOS ANGELES — The high cost of housing in Southern California is pressing employers to offer subsidies or other housing assistance to an unlikely constituency: middle-class workers.

Although the region's supercharged housing market has ebbed somewhat, costs remain high relative to income for key workers, including police officers, firefighters, teachers and healthcare workers. The median home price in the region hit \$408,000 in February, up 13 percent from the previous year.

"The high cost of homes is consistently cited as an obstacle for people wanting to join the Los Angeles Police Department," said Matt Myerhoff, spokesman for L.A. Councilman Greg Smith.

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attract and retain talent. They say that housing costs are scaring away hires.

"Housing prices are becoming a very significant factor in being able to attract people from other parts of the country," said Carol Schutz, president and chief executive of the Central City Association of Los Angeles, which represents downtown businesses and property owners.

"We hear from employers all the time that it's hard to recruit employees," she said.

Steve Cohen, manager of instructional media services at the University of Southern California, said the university's home-buying program made it possible for him and his wife, Carolyn, to buy a 108-year-old Craftsman-style house near the campus south of downtown L.A. in 2001.

USC provides \$25,000, paid in diminishing monthly payments over seven years, to any employees who buy a home within either of its campuses. It is one of the regions more generous employers.

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er-funded housing subsidies. If an employee sells before the seven years are up, payments are suspended.

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## Comedy Central leads a humor revolution

**By Frank Ahrens The Washington Post**

Launched on cable in 1991, Comedy Central was for most of that decade a small-viewer niche channel that was probably best known for the cult show "Mystery Science Theater 3000" and being the first home of Bill Maher's "Politically Incorrect."

That all changed in 1997 when "South Park" debuted, boosting the channel's audience and transforming it into a mainstream success — and, indeed, must-see viewing for millions, with "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report."

Similarly, over the past few years, the channel — which, like MTV, VH1 and Nickelodeon, is owned by Viacom Inc. — has developed a broad and deep Web site full of repurposed content, from television and added Web-only material.

The Web gives distribution to comedy far beyond what has been possible in the past, as it has done for music by indie bands and short films by unknowns.

For instance, comedy-specific sites are a collection of bits from dozens of comedians, many of you've probably never heard of who are nevertheless worth your time, and interactive sites like "The Daily Show" to see clips of the previous night's program so you can be in on all the office jokes the following day.

"I've found the video clips of stand-up comedians to be the most enjoyable parts of the site. It's a great way to check out new comics without having to pay \$15 for their CDs or more for comedy club tickets."

It's the same reason I like the comedy channel on XM Satellite Radio — it's a constant rotation of comedy bits, typically lasting a few minutes each.

If a comedian comes on I don't like, I change the channel and come back after a couple of minutes, knowing he or she will be gone.

Comedy Central's Web-only shows include film shorts, the cartoon "South Park" and some fun spoofs on celebrity shows. For instance, "All Access: The Middle Ages" uses Henry VIII, Catherine of Aragon and Anne Boleyn in its "Awe-some! Bad Break-Ups" segment to spoof Brad Pitt's split with Jennifer Aniston to be with Angelina Jolie.

For the first of you who still lament the demise of the wickedly funny "Upright Citizens Brigade" sketch show, you can find clips here.

One thing as Comedy Central appears on cable, rather than over-the-air television, its content is outside the enforcement of the FCC decency regulations.

So parents should know that some of the content on Comedy Central's Web site is as potentially offensive as Comedy Central television shows, such as "South Park."

Skilling: Government misrepresented Enron facts

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling struggled to hold his temper Thursday as he was pegged a liar and a crook by federal prosecutors, telling jurors in his criminal trial that he was devastated the company he cherished became a symbol for scandal. "I think they have purposely looked at facts they've chosen to look at in a way that's not fair... I think they've looked at it in a way that's not fair... I think they've looked at it in a way that's not fair..."

He and his co-defendant, Kenneth Lay, have complained that witnesses could corroborate their claim that no fraud occurred at Enron won't stop forward at being targeted by prosecutors. Skilling said he also said that the ex-Enron executives who have pleaded guilty to crimes cut deals with prosecutors — even though he says they did nothing wrong — out of fear of expensive trials and lengthy prison terms. Skilling said he was crushed, not only because Enron spiraled into bankruptcy proceedings in December 2001, but also because there had been "a lot of damage" to individuals subsequent to that, which was not a result of facts, or what really happened, but a result of rewriting of history to depict Enron executives as crooks. "I did not believe you firmly had your hand on the wheel," Petrelli asked.

Much of Skilling's testimony since he took the witness stand on Monday has featured his fond memories of leading the transformation of a steel pipeline company to an energy giant, a "concrete trading market." "I bled Enron blue," he told jurors Thursday, invoking a company slogan for loyalty. "I believed in this company. I believed this was a fine company (in 2001) ... a vibrant company in fact having some of the best financial performance in the history of the company." Jurors began to take notes during Skilling's rant. Prosecutors have presented a string of witnesses — including eight ex-Enron executives who have pleaded guilty to crimes — who gave a starkly different view than the defendant. They bolstered government contentions that Skilling turned Enron around to avoid prosecution or at least to divert blame from himself. "I made worse by this sort of ... these sorts of ... inaccuracies," he said.

Wall Street buzz when he took the witness stand. Unveiled to Wall Street in 2000, Skilling billed the unit to dazzled analysts as a potential multibillion-dollar business that would stream video to homes on Enron's fledgling broadband network and trade Internet bandwidth. The general government witness-including former broadband unit CEO and Skilling ally Kenneth Rice, said Skilling minimized the division's losses. Skilling, Enron's former investor relations chief, testified in February that Skilling turned to him to answer an analyst's question about the broadband unit's revenue makeup. Koenig said he lied to save off more probing questions about Enron's revenue, still earning more money from his main missions. Koenig acknowledged he wasn't told by, and that he didn't know if Skilling knew he lied.

Stocks rise as interest rates, GE dampen spirits

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks inched higher in light trading Thursday after government debt yields fell. The Federal Reserve's streak of interest rate hikes, the major indexes ended the week narrowly mixed. Thursday's gains were capped as General Electric Co. and Alcoa Inc. fell and bonds declined sharply, sending the yield on the 10-year Treasury bill above 5 percent for the first time since 2002. The 5 percent yield could have acted as a "psychological barrier," said Mike Maloney, trading analyst, Cowen & Co. The fact that it didn't suggest yields could move higher in the next week, keeping some pressure on equities.

The Fed has raised official interest rates 15 straight times since 2003. The current rate is 4.75 percent and the Fed is widely expected to raise rates to 5 percent next month. While the approaching holiday week kept many investors away — most financial markets around the world were closing for Good Friday — equity traders were making few moves in advance of next week's cascade of earnings and economic reports. Earnings, especially for large companies, the Labor Department will be issuing wholesale and consumer inflation data, and the Fed will release the minutes of its last policy-making meeting. The holding pattern left the major indexes little changed in early trading. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.16 percent, the S&P 500 closing 1,289.12 and the Nasdaq composite rose 0.34 percent to 2,326.11. Declining issues led ad-

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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WhirlyBall helps workers develop drive, teamwork

By Mike Riser Knight Rider News Service

AKRON, Ohio - You may think you know your co-workers pretty well. But have you ever seen them play WhirlyBall?

Expect shrieks of celebration. Shouts of frustration. And a growing sense of camaraderie that often waits back to the office.

Across the country, corporations make up about 60 percent of WhirlyBall's participants, said the game's co-founder, Kim Mangum.

Corporations feast on WhirlyBall because of its applications with teamwork. Efficient passing and cooperation are nearly essential to success.

Recently, a group of about 30 employees from Roadway Enterprises jumped into some bumper cars and played a spirited match at WhirlyBall/Laser-Sport in Bedford Heights.

"I've calmed down a lot. Used to whip the ball at the ref," said Andre Spidell, 38, a copy center employee at Akron-based Roadway Enterprises. "I'm surprised they let me in."

Employees who seem otherworldly, such as Spidell, turn into a different cutthroat competitor on the court.

WhirlyBall is a game played in an agile bumper car, using a ball through a 15-inch hole in a backboard. Two teams of five can play at a time.

"It's instantly competitive," said Bedford Heights area. "That's what makes it so fun."

Roadway announced the game to reunite with some former employees and strengthen the bond between current ones.

"We all got along really well before this," said Spidell, who once ranked his eighth appearance at WhirlyBall/Laser-Sport. "But we came here and drink beers and talk to people you normally don't talk to at work."

One of the game's best features is that speed and strength are not necessary, Morad said. "You're in a bumper car with a lightweight plastic scoop. The ball. You don't have to be fast, so everyone is evened out."

Managers have wondrous tales to tell of workers who have little in common except their jobs. Bowling, golf, dinner and bar hopping have always been options.

In the past few years, corporate WhirlyBall bookings have steadily increased at Northeast Ohio's only area. The sport began in Salt Lake City in the 1960s. Stan Mangum,

who had a few other patents, was working on a small wheel that would spin with no agility. However, Mangum was uncertain about how the machine could be used.

That day, his son, Kim, was goofing around in his dad's junk shop. Kim rode a golf cart up to a tin can and smacked it with a stick.

"That lit it," Stan said. "We'll build that machine and play hockey with it."

After some partnerships went awry, the Mangums set WhirlyBall aside.

In 1979, Kim's 5-year-old son died, which inspired Kim to quit his job and develop a business. WhirlyBall still needed much refining. Deciding on the proper playing surface was difficult.

Kim said. After much thought, the Mangums chose a low-voltage, electrically charged floor to motor the cars.

"We knew we had something, but if we could increase the amount of development," Kim said.

Today, Kim is president of Flo-Ton Enterprises, which sells WhirlyBall franchises and manufactures equipment for the game. Flo-Ton has licensed 19 WhirlyBall centers in the United States and Canada.

Morad opened his WhirlyBall franchise in 1987 in nearby Brook Park. The agreement gave Morad the exclusive rights for a 10-mile radius around his area. He moved his business to Bedford Heights in 1992.

"I've recently had Morad send such a large corporate interest in WhirlyBall."

"It wasn't that way until people trusted us enough to bring their company down here," Morad said.

WhirlyBall helps unite employees who may not have anything in common, Morad said.

"Many companies come in here and say, 'We usually go to dinner and drink beer. We want to get to sit by a couple of your co-workers. Here, you have four teammates. It just creates a common interest.'"

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## AROUND THE VALLEY



### Sweet rides

- What: The 30th annual Magic Valley Early Iron car show will be held on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls this weekend.
- When: Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids ages 6-12, and \$4 for senior citizens, are available at the door.



### Suite sounds

- What: The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will perform its spring concert.
- Where: Harvot Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls.
- When: Today, 7:30 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$6 for adults, \$3 for students, \$5 for seniors or \$15 for families, are available at the door.

### What's out there?

- What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present the multimedia show "Mysteries from the Depths of Space."
- Where: Harvot Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls.
- When: Today and Saturday, 7 p.m.; other Saturday shows are 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and "Pink Floyd The Wall" 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.



### Idaho heritage

- What: The Magic Valley Arts Council will present "The Vanishing: Re-Presenting the Chinese in the American West," an exhibit of paintings by Chinese-American artist Hung Liu and vintage photographs.
- Where: Magic Valley Arts Council gallery, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- When: Through the end of April; gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday (the gallery is closed Sundays and Mondays and open Tuesday-Wednesday).
- How much: It's free.

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% normal
Salmon	125%	123%
Big Wood	148%	158%
Little Wood	164%	145%
Big Lost	141%	136%
Little Lost	119%	117%
Hennys Fork/Teton	120%	118%
Upper Snake Basin	112%	110%
Chippewa	105%	106%
Salmon Falls	148%	140%

As of April 13

A comparison of basin snowpack, as measured with a snow gauge, to the long-term average for each basin.

## Weather reduces risk of flooding

By Matthew Brady  
Times-News writer

**SHOSHONE** — Cool, dry weather slowed the risk of water in Magic Reservoir on Thursday and put off flooding in Gooding and Lincoln counties for at least another day.

Water flow is measured in cubic feet per second.

By Thursday morning, the influx of water into the reservoir had slowed to about 3,000 cfs, down from 5,000 cfs earlier in the week, said Terry

### For flooding help in Gooding County

Lori Capps, disaster services coordinator, 934-9598; cell: 316-2364  
Sham dough, sheriff, 934-4421  
Bob Morgado, county commissioner, cell 539-5355  
Pat Bishop, fire chief, cell: 539-0060

Bingham, acting area field officer with the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security.

As of Thursday night, water was beginning to slop over the spillway at Magic Reservoir, Bingham said.

"It's just a little bit," he said. "The weather has been very good to us."

In Gooding County, sandbags are packed and ready, but so far haven't been needed.

"We are in a ready state of preparedness," said Lori Capps, disaster services coordinator for Gooding County.

"We don't know when, we don't know how much. We

don't know for sure if."

The Big Wood River just north of Gooding is expected to fill its banks by this afternoon, said Les Collin, lead forecaster for the National Weather Service in Boise.

The highest potential for flooding will be where State Route 46 crosses the Big Wood just north of Gooding, he said.

At this point, flooding is not forecast on the Little Wood River, and no flood watch has been issued for Lincoln County.

## T.F. School Board will change its policy on hearings

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A revised school policy now makes it more difficult to speak before the local school board.

People must seek permission before addressing the school board, and be either a parent of a student, an employee of the district, or a business that has been solicited by the district for materials or services. The revised policy also requires speakers with complaints to talk to administrators before speaking to the board.

The school board unanimously approved revisions to its public speaking process on Monday night. The revisions came during a critical time when the teacher's union is preparing contract negotiations, and the district begins work on a \$49.7 million hearing program that was recently approved by taxpayers.

Bryan Matsuoka, chairman of the Twin Falls School Board, said he heard revised the policy because of a change in district clerks and more challenging board meetings.

"I think we did it because of the length of the meetings and the personal attacks," he said. "But it also really came about after the veterans stepped down."

Matsuoka said new administrators, and new board members, are still learning how to direct the district's patrons to administrators who can resolve specific problems.

He said speakers have increasingly approached the board with specific questions that the board feels it is not able to answer.

When asked if he thought the revision would make it more difficult for the public to approach the board, he said it might seem that way.

"I guess it could be looked at that way," Matsuoka said. "But if the intention is to solve a problem, it should be much more efficient."

The new policy bars many taxpayers who approved the school bond from talking to the board without getting permission first.

"I think we will direct people to the levels where the issues will get solved most quickly," Matsuoka said, superintendent of the Twin Falls School District. "And we are building committees so parents, the public and also teachers have as much input as possible in the building process."

The new policy also gives authority to the chairman of the board to "interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, repetitive or irrelevant."

The are guidelines that would have eliminated almost every speaker during the divisive teacher contract negotiations last year.

State law does not require public bodies to hear public comments.

"The truth is the board would be inundated if they heard every concern from every parent," Debbs said. "School boards do not have to do that, but our board wants to do it."

### What's different?

**Before:** "Any patron may appear before the Board at their regular meeting."  
**After:** "All complaints should be resolved through the proper channels..."

**Before:** "Any group appearing before the Board shall select a spokesperson to address the Board. Other members of the group may do so with the permission of the chairperson."  
**After:** "If two or more patrons wish to address the Board on the same topic, they shall choose a spokesperson and that person may address the board."

Source: Twin Falls School District

## LIVING HISTORY



Report Centennial Committee's Co-chairwoman Diane Nilsson tells Heyburn Elementary School fourth-graders what it was like in the classroom 100 years ago. The committee will visit all Minidoka County fourth-graders this week in celebration of Rupert's 100th birthday. The city's centennial birthday bash will be held April 23-22.

## Sex crime definition may affect sentence

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — No sooner had Travis Leavitt's name expired from the convicted sex offender registry than he pleaded himself back on.

On March 29, he pleaded guilty to statutory rape in exchange for his plea, the prosecution promised to not seek a punishment exceeding 12 years imprisonment.

He has admitted responsibility for a sex crime committed against a 15-year-

old girl in April 2005 — that is settled. But on May 22, at his sentencing hearing, the prosecution and Leavitt's lawyer will tug-of-war over what kind of sex crime it was.

Leavitt's lawyer, Chief Deputy Public Defender Stan Hilleway, will portray a less severe crime to obtain a reduced sentence.

The defendant wrote he was admitting to "statutory rape" in his guilty plea questionnaire.

Senior Deputy Prosecutor Janice Kroeger will have the

option to bring up his past conviction of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor child under 16. He was convicted of that crime in Custer County in 2001.

The past conviction was not a factor in the current charge, Prosecuting Attorney Grant Leob said after the arraignment in August, but likely would be considered by a judge in sentencing.

When Leavitt turned 21, the Custer County prosecutor could have, but did not, extend the duration of time his

name would be held on the registry. But that conviction may still be used as evidence in the present case.

Leavitt was arrested by Twin Falls police in August, in response to at least one accusation of rape. According to an affidavit from Det. Mike Steen, Leavitt told the victim he was 16.

He had been dating her for at least a month before the rape occurred. The affidavit alleges that he forced himself on the girl when she was asleep.

## Where to find an Easter egg hunt this weekend

The Times-News

Children's Easter egg hunts scheduled for today and Saturday in the Magic Valley.

### Today

**Twin Falls**

- The College of Southern Idaho will sponsor an Easter egg hunt at 4 p.m. in the center of the campus. Campus organizations are donating funding and staffing for kids' activity booths, such as face painting, egg decorating and various crafts. Activities surrounding the event will be held for an hour or two after the Easter egg hunt. Visitors are encouraged to arrive early enough to make sure their children can get to the area appropriate for their age groups. There will be separate scramble for kids ages 0-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. The event is free and open to the public.

### Saturday

**Twin Falls**

- The Twin Falls Department of Parks and Recreation and the Twin Falls Optimist Club will sponsor an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. in City Park. There will be more than 300 dozen colored Easter eggs hidden throughout the park and competition for four age groups: 2 and under, 3-4, 5-7 and 8-10. For each age divi-

sion, there will be three golden eggs hidden, each of which can be redeemed for two \$1 coins. For more information, call 736-2265.

- Bridgeview Estates will sponsor an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. For more information, call Camille Murphy at 736-3933. Bridgeview Estates is located at 1828 Bridgeview Blvd.

- The Twin Falls Care Center will sponsor its annual Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m. for kids up to age 10. It's located at 674 Eastland Dr.

**Eden**

- Anderson Camp will sponsor an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. Just off Exit 182 on Interstate 84. There will be two age groups, 1-5 and 6-10. Kids can find candy and coupons. There will be prizes for finding a gold egg and a silver egg for most eggs found, least eggs found and for the cutest basket. Refreshments — punch, popcorn and cookies — will be available.

**Murtaugh**

- The annual Murtaugh Easter egg hunt will be at 11 a.m. on the high school football field for kids up to age 11. Prizes, candy and eggs will be available for all kids. For information, call Kall at 432-5282.

### Hansen

- The Hansen Recreation Department will sponsor an Easter egg hunt at 9 a.m. in Rolling Hills Park on the north side of U.S. Highway 30, for kids up to age 12.

### Hagerman

- Hagerman's annual Easter egg hunt will be held starting at 10 a.m. in City Park, sponsored by the Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Hagerman Fire Department and the Hagerman Quick Response Unit. There will be competition in four age groups — 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12 — with candy and cash prizes. For more information, call Tim Peterson at 837-4552.

### Kimberly

- The Crossroads United Methodist Church will sponsor an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. in City Park, for kids up to the sixth grade. Prizes will be awarded, there will be Easter craft activities and lunch will be served. For more information, call 423-4311.

### Hollister

- The Women's Association of the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church will sponsor an Easter egg hunt at the church at 2 p.m. There will be games and refreshments, and all kids are invited. The

church is located at 2461 Central Ave. For more information, call Rhea Lanting at 655-4257.

### Jerome

- The Life Church of the Magic Valley will sponsor a community Easter fun day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 25 East 100 South. An Easter egg hunt is planned, with prizes in two divisions, 2-5 and 6-11 (bring your own basket), as well as an Easter bonnet contest, an egg art and decorating contest and a free screening of the movie "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., with hot dogs, nachos, and soda. It's free, but children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

### Filer

- The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office and the Community Service Team and Sheriff's Association will sponsor an Easter egg hunt for children who are physically and developmentally delayed. It's scheduled for 10 a.m. at the sheriff's sub-office at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Prizes will be awarded and Easter baskets will be given away. For more information, call Joanne at 736-4177 or Sgt. Byers at 735-4302.

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OBITUARIES

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**Kirby L. Severe**



the River Side shuttle boat on the Colorado River for many years.

He and Joyce moved back to Burley in May of 1978. Kirby loved to fish, hunt and spend time with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joyce of Burley; his daughters, Kathy (James) Endres of Burley, Karla (Lloyd) Robinson of Albion and Kayleen (Rox Munsel) of Libby, Montana; one sister, Lorraine Hatch of Burley; 11 grand children; eight great-grandchildren; and his fishing buddies, Ed Hatch and Martin Martinez.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Kirby Gene Severe; two brothers, Bob Severe and Ron Severe; and a grandson, Adam Munsel.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 17, 2006, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the funeral Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

**Carty Jay Tadlock**



ing with the dog.

He also taught his girls how to shoot and took them for target practice.

He would have long talks with his girls and tried to teach them to be strong, responsible, caring and loving girls.

Carty's girls were his greatest joy in life. Carty and Vicki shared their life together for 21 years and were divorced in August of 2005.

He worked as a machinist at Serrits Manufacturing and Herritt Gun Stocks. He was a very skilled machinist.

He was loved greatly by Chris Pollock, Rick Smith, Jim Boran, Mike Wenzell and Mike Franklin — just to name a few, but these were "The Boys."

Surviving: Carty's three daughters, Britney, Nicole and Lindsay; sister, Kathy; nephew, Troy who was like a brother to him; and several aunts and uncles.

Preceding him in death were his father, Roy, who worked as a barber and passed away on March 29, 2003, and his Mother, Nedda, who worked at Standard Printing for over 20 years and passed away on September 6, 2004.

A celebration of Carty's life will be held Monday, April 17, 2006, at 2 p.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Interment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

**Karen Nanine Kump**



da-hov Commercial Creamery for 16 years as their purchasing agent.

Previous to Ee-dah-hov, she worked for the Jerome Water Department and the Northside Canal Company.

Survivors include her parents, Truman and Esther Arbaugh of Jerome; two daughters, Sarah (Jeff) Clark of Kuna, ID, Wendy (Lee) Thomas of Jerome; two brothers, Bobby Gene Arbaugh of Moscow, ID, Dennis (Lori) Arbaugh of Twin Falls; grandsons, Logan, Mason and Cole Clark, all of Kuna; her loving friend, Robert (Berke) Berkley of Jerome; "Dude" (her cat); many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, nephews and many close friends. She was preceded in death by her uncle, Jim Arbaugh.

A memorial service will be conducted 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2006, at the Jerome Second Ward LDS Chapel on 100 South Flood in Jerome.

A gathering for friends will follow the service at 3 p.m. at the Snow Lounge in Edary Idaho. Cremation and service arrangements under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Memorial donations may be made at U.S. Bank in Jerome to a trust for her grandchildren.

It would be the fifth case in Canada since May 2003, when the U.S. border was closed to Canadian beef after the sick cows were detected in Canada.

In a written statement, the inspection agency said the case would have no bearing on the safety of Canadian beef if the cow is found to be positive for BSE, as no part of the animal entered the human food or animal feed systems.

Inspectors have tested roughly 100,000 animals since Canada's first case was detected in Alberta and have said they expect to find isolated cases of the disease.

"Canada has a suite of internationally recognized safeguards that work together to provide high levels of human and animal health protection," the statement said.

But if the six-year-old cow tests positive, it would be the second animal born after a ban on cattle feed went into effect in 1997 in an effort to prevent the disease from spreading.

A cow from an Alberta farm tested positive for the disease in January.

Preliminary results of the cow were positive for BSE. Final testing is under way and was expected to be completed over the holiday weekend.

"We're not cowboys. I don't believe we have any cowboy champions on staff," spokesman Sgt. Dave Reagan said of the decision to repeatedly "zap" the animal Wednesday after efforts to restrain it failed.

The cow was among three that escaped from a nearby field near the Spokane Valley Mall, two of the best-trained officers recaptured by their owners, but one avoided capture for about four hours, eventually trotting onto a highway.

State law requires deputies to do whatever you can do to keep somebody from dying as a result of collision with a cow," Reagan said.

Lloyd Warren Graybill of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Bel Air Ward LDS Chapel, 3555 N. Cole Road; friends may call from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (Reilya Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Ralph W. "Scotty" MacFee Sr. of Wendell, service at 2 p.m. today at Demary's Wendell Chapel, 164 E. Main St.; graveside service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Challis Cemetery.

Anita C. Taylor of Boise, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Summers Funeral Home in Boise; memorial graveside service at 3 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Twin Falls.

Mildred "Midge" Farmer of Gooding, celebration of life at noon Saturday at the Idaho State Fish Hatchery, 960 State Fish Hatchery Road in Hagerman (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Kathleen Hulet Francis of Wendell, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell LDS State Center, 605 N. Idaho St.; family and friends may call from 6 to

SERVICES

8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, and from noon to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Verga "Great" Elizabeth Loesel Masoner of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS 4th Ward Chapel, 26 S. 100 W.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, 216 Second Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and from noon to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Norma Lewis Robinson of Blackfoot, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot; viewing from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Yuk Fong "Grandma" Wong of Jerome, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Jerome Catholic Church, 216 Second Avenue in West Avenue 1

(Farnsworth Mortuary). Gerald G. Whiting of Burley, interment at 1 p.m. Monday at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Wheatridge, Colo. (local arrangements by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Madeline Newbury of Jerome, memorial Mass at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Kelly (Kicer) Ensminger of Arvid, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. April 29 at the Olinger Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver, Colo.

Isabel Dorothy Flerman of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. May 7 at the Temple Beth El in Alliso Viejo, Calif. (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICE

**Montene Nichols**  
TWIN FALLS — Montene Nichols, 94, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at

the Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Inspectors test for mad cow at B.C. dairy farm

TORONTO (AP) — Federal officials Thursday tested a British Columbia dairy cow suspected of contracting mad cow disease, potentially bad news for Canadian cattle ranchers still recovering from a ban on their beef in the United States.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency said it was trying to confirm whether it is a new case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE.

In humans, eating meat products contaminated with BSE has been linked to more than 150 deaths, mostly in Britain, from variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a rare and fatal nerve disease.

The cow was identified on a Fraser Valley farm through the national BSE surveillance program.

It would be the fifth case in Canada since May 2003, when the U.S. border was closed to Canadian beef after the sick cows were detected in Canada.

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Deputies kill lost cow with Tasers

SPOKANE VALLEY, Wash. (AP) — A cow that wandered into a home near a shopping mall was killed by Spokane County sheriff's deputies who repeatedly stunned it with a Taser.

"We're not cowboys. I don't believe we have any cowboy champions on staff," spokesman Sgt. Dave Reagan said of the decision to repeatedly "zap" the animal Wednesday after efforts to restrain it failed.

The cow was among three that escaped from a nearby field near the Spokane Valley Mall, two of the best-trained officers recaptured by their owners, but one avoided capture for about four hours, eventually trotting onto a highway.

State law requires deputies to do whatever you can do to keep somebody from dying as a result of collision with a cow," Reagan said.

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**HEROME — Karen Nanine Kump**

HEROME, 49, passed away Tuesday afternoon, April 11, 2006.

She was born July 18, 1956, at Jerome, Idaho, to Truman and Esther Arbaugh. Jerome is where she attended school and graduated in 1974.

It is also the place she raised her daughters and called home. As a child, Karen was active and really enjoyed Girl Scouts.

She was a current member of the Snake River Bros Motorcycle Club and loved riding her Harley.

Her other activities and interests included teaching herself to play the piano, playing the lotto, camping, sturgeon fishing, photography and spending time at as many yard sales as possible.

Besides her love for motorcycles, she loved her three grandchildren, Logan, Mason and Cole, always wishing for a granddaughter.

Karen was employed at Agnes Rose Hocklander Dizmag Thomas

LONGVIEW, Wash. — Agnes Rose Hocklander Dizmag Thomas, 72, of Longview, Washington, died Saturday, April 8, 2006.

She was born January 8, 1934, in Circle, Montana, to John and Elizabeth Hocklander.

Her parents moved to Idaho, first to Gooding in 1950, to Wendell, where she graduated from Wendell High School in 1952.

She began her career in Wendell at the Bank of Idaho.

She also met Bob Thomas in Wendell.

She was born January 24, 1956, in Riverside, California. She was ninth of Barbara Ramsey's eight children, and was preceded in death by her mother who entered into rest September 5, 2005, and sister, Joyce Ramsey in 1959. She was a hard-working single mom who raised two sons, Joshua Daniel Williams, 29, of Riverside, Calif., and Jeremy Allen Williams, 30,

**Vickie Pisano**

of Long Beach, Calif., who gave her four loving grandchildren when she adored.

She moved to Gooding in 1998 and made many new friends when she began working at a local town gas market.

But Vickie's loving heart and nurturing spirit led her back to school, and she became a CNA on May 15, 2005.

She was employed at Gooding Rehab. Vickie's heart and home were always open for one more hungry stray, be it human or animal.

Jorgensen; five sisters, Barbara Meitler, Margaret Kuhlman, Ann Trees, Dorothy Spytman and Loretta Poole; and two brothers, Michael and Nicholas Jorgensen.

Graveside services will be conducted 11 a.m. Monday, April 17, 2006, at the Jerome Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Community Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 2067, Longview WA 98023.

Memorial donations may be made at U.S. Bank in Jerome to a trust for her grandchildren.

She is also survived by three sisters, Beverly Chapel of Gooding, Idaho, Sharon Pittman of Henderson, Nevada, and Robin Rich of Riverside, California;

three brothers, Thomas Ramsey of Bussell, Kansas, Gary Ramsey of Benton, Arkansas, and Leslie Ramsey of Redlands, Calif.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 15, 2006, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

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# Energy secretary visits Nevada nuclear site

YUCCA MOUNTAIN, Nev. (AP) — U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman made his first visit Thursday to the Nevada desert site picked for the nation's nuclear waste dump, pledging to fix problems and press ahead with opening an expanded repository.

"I recognize that there have been problems in the past," Bodman said as he emerged wearing a white hard hat from a five-mile tunnel drilled into the ancient volcanic ridge 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas. "But we've been working very hard collectively to change that."

Bodman said he hoped Congress would speed legislation the Energy Department proposed last week that would remove hurdles to licensing, building and operating the dump.

"The legislation will allow us to provide stability, provide clarity, as well as predictability to the Yucca Mountain project," he said, "and will help lay a solid foundation for America's future energy security."

The bill, sponsored in the Senate by Energy Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., faces a fight from Nevada's congressional delega-

tion including Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., the Senate minority leader.

The measure would raise the amount of highly radioactive waste that could be entombed at the site from 77,000 tons to 132,000 tons, and it would top a special nuclear waste fund, reducing its exposure to congressional budget battles. Some \$9 billion has been spent so far on the \$50 billion project.

Reid, traveling Thursday in Nevada, called the bill "an admission of failure."

"This bill will not pass the Senate, and I believe that Yucca Mountain will never open," Reid said.

Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., accused Bodman of displaying the dangers of shipping more nuclear material, and the head of a Las Vegas-based anti-Yucca Mountain advocacy group said Bodman should have met with critics of the project.

"If you were responsible for such a far-reaching bill with so many implications and impacts on the people of a U.S. state, you should have the obligation to consult with the public," said Judy Treichel, executive director of the

## Nuclear Waste Task Force.

Bodman said he heard all sides of the issue during his two-day trip, which included a meeting with editors of the state's largest newspaper in Las Vegas and a tour of the vast Nevada Test Site — where an Energy Department agency plans a huge non-nuclear explosion June 2.

Bodman, who became energy secretary in February 2002, said opening Yucca Mountain would reduce the nation's dependence on coal, oil and natural gas by encouraging nuclear power plant construction. No commercial reactors have been built in the U.S. since 1973.

The Energy Department hopes the dump will solve the decades-old problem of how to dispose of nuclear waste piling up at commercial, industrial and military sites in 39 states.

Bodman, who taught chemical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the late 1960s, said he was impressed by the "quantity" and "quality" of scientific work at the site. But he stopped short of endorsing his scientific findings, and promised that the repository won't

## open if it can't be made safe.

The energy secretary and Paul Golan, acting director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, pledged to address issues raised in e-mails suggesting U.S. Geological Survey scientists falsified project work.

"We will not tolerate that which has gone on in the past," Bodman said, cutting allegations of shoddy science "a blight on the good name of the people that work here."

The project has had its budget cut and operations scaled back as a crucial radiation standard is rewritten and the scientific work is investigated. The Energy Department had planned to apply for a Nuclear Regulatory Commission license by the end of 2004, but the date has been pushed back to fiscal 2006.

Bodman recently said it could be 2020 before Yucca Mountain opens.

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# Idaho fugitive arrested in New Mexico after five years

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A former financier of the Aryan Nations who disappeared from northern Idaho after being charged with drunken driving nearly five years ago has been arrested in New Mexico, a federal spokesman said.

R. Vincent Bertolini was arrested Wednesday by the FBI in Santa Fe, N.M., almost five years after fleeing a drunken-driving charge in Bonner County, Idaho.

Bertolini, 67, was arrested at a Santa Fe check-cashing business, said FBI Agent Norm Brown, a spokesman for the Inland Northwest Joint Terrorism Task Force.

The FBI obtained a federal warrant, alleging unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, against Bertolini shortly after he failed to show up in July 2001 to stand trial on his third drunken-driving charge in two years.

He will be returned to Sandpoint, Idaho, where he faces the possibility of one to 10 years in prison if convicted of drunken driving.

"We believe that he has been living in the Santa Fe area for months, if not years," Brown said.

had fled to Ireland, Costa Rica or the Virgin Islands, but the FBI said Wednesday that agents have found no evidence to suggest he ever left the country.

Bertolini caught the eye of the FBI's regional task force, which tracks foreign and domestic terrorist activities, because he was a significant financial contributor to the Aryan Nations.

Bertolini and Carl E. Story set up a two-man racist organization known as the 11th Hour Remnant Messenger. In 1999, Bertolini drew only 33 votes in a run for mayor of Sandpoint on a racist platform.

His organization established a racist Web site and mailed out thousands of pamphlets, videos and posters espousing Aryan Nations and similar Christian Identity white supremacy doctrine.

After Aryan Nations founder Richard G. Butler lost his 20-acre compound north of Coeur d'Alene in 2000 after a \$6.3 million civil judgment, Bertolini made the down payment on a house for the aging racist.

Butler continued running his operation from that home in Hayden, Idaho, until his death in 2001.

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# 2006 Legislature: Who won, who lost

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer



**HOUSE** — On Tuesday evening at Idaho's Statehouse, lobbyist Steve Ahrens found himself in an unfamiliar position: For the first time since 1985, the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry had lost a vote on an issue that his pro-business group had backed.

The House voted to expand a homeowner's property-tax exemption to \$75,000 from \$50,000 and index future increases in the tax back to inflation, a plan opposed by IACI's had for businesses and others who would be forced to pick up the \$17 million tab.

The loss of Ahrens' rare defeat was just one of the dramas that unfolded during the 2006 Legislature, which wrapped up Tuesday when lawmakers finally agreed they'd done enough and needed to go home after 93 days.

Some were winners: After an average annual pay increase of just 1.3 percent, state workers got a 3 percent pay boost on Feb. 1 and more money starting in July. Starting teacher pay was lifted to \$30,000 from \$27,500.

Some, like Ahrens, lost. Sempra Energy, a San Diego, Calif.-based utility owner, failed to stop a two-year moratorium on state-financed power plants in Idaho. After losing the vote, the company said it was concentrating on investments in natural-gas projects elsewhere.

The deal sold for interest in the \$1.4 billion power plant it had proposed for Jerome County. Others, including Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, had mixed success. He averted another veto crisis on his \$200 million "Connecting Idaho" road-building program and won easy passage of a plan to reform Medicaid. But he missed his \$34 million "State of the State" target on a state parks improvement plan, and lawmakers rejected his proposed \$50 million raise.

Some of the winners and losers and occasional oddball memories of the session that ended Tuesday.

**PROPERTY TAX REFORM:** Depending on whom you ask, homeowners either won big or got skunked by efforts to cut their property taxes. Lawmakers expanded the homeowner's exemption to \$75,000 from \$50,000 and tied future increases to inflation. Others who favored shifting property taxes that new cars and school maintenance to an increased state sales tax called the session a failure.

"The Senate killed property tax," said Rep. Mike Myler, R-Star, after his chamber couldn't persuade senators to play along. The issue will be back in 2007, likely with renewed attention on shifting some taxes to services, a move advocated by Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Leviston.

**ABRAMOFF EFFECT:** Disgust over unethical lobbying in Washington, D.C., lent momentum to the first expansion of Idaho's lobbyist registration rules in 32 years. People who lobby elected officials, including department heads and appointed commission members, now will have to report how much they spent on influencing the officials. Before, the rules only applied to those who lobbied legislators.

**ABRAMOFF EFFECT II:** Idaho lobbyist Phil Heberger, Kempthorne's former chief of staff, was forced to register as a lobbyist for the first time after he dined with a legislator and a company, Unisys Corp., that was paying Heberger to help it win a multimillion-dollar Medicaid contract with the state. Under investigation by Secretary of State Ben Ysursa, Heberger paid the \$10 fee and agreed to report, but insisted, "I do not lobby."

**EXTREME MAKEOVER:** The 100-year-old Statehouse, whose corridors have grown moldy and cramped with the expansion of state government, is due for a \$115 million makeover starting after the 2007 Legislature, including construction of a pair of 500,000-sq-ft wings on the east and west sides.

**AGASSI'S ALCOHOL:** Tamarack Resort in Donnelly found itself in a quandary. Idaho's 1947 liquor laws prevented restaurants and hotels that opened at the ski and golf resort in central Idaho from selling anything stronger than beer or wine. That could have waylaid plans by tennis star-couple Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi, who want to build a luxury 275-bed hotel here. The Legislature changed the rules, but for a price: Agassi and Graf will have to serve up \$25,000 to get one of the new four-season resort licenses.

**TRIBAL TRIUMPHS:** A bill to allow Idaho to collect about \$3.3 million annually in taxes on gas sold in Indian reservation pumpjacks died in the House Transportation Committee. Opponents, including Indian tribes from some of Idaho's five tribes, said it would lead to a costly lawsuit. In addition, a House committee said it wanted no part of a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of a 2002 voter initiative that authorized video gambling machines in Indian casinos.

**ETHANOL EVAPORATES:** A plan to eventually regulate Idaho service stations to sell gas mixed with grain alcohol made it through the Senate, but died in

the House Agriculture Committee. A committee plans to study the feasibility over the summer, and the issue, a staple of the Idaho Farm Bureau's legislative to-do list, will be back in 2007.

**GAY MARRIAGE:** After two unsuccessful efforts, proponents of putting a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage on the November ballot finally succeeded in persuading the Senate to agree. The pressure was on, with conservative groups e-mailing, leafleting and lobbying lawmakers. "I've been told by some that if I vote against this bill, I'll never see this place again," said Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Boji.

Opponents of the plan were shattered. "We pay our taxes just like everyone else, and we don't deserve to be discriminated against by our own state constitution," said Kelly Groce, president of the Southern Idaho Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Community Center in Twin Falls.

**AQUIFER RECHARGE:** House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Hurley, conceded the state had changed after a 21-14 vote against his plan to take water from the Snake River that Idaho Power Co. wanted for its turbines and use it to recharge an eastern Idaho aquifer. The vote was divided on urban-and-rural, east-and-west lines, a sign the clout in Idaho politics is shifting

to cities from its traditional agricultural power base. In the end, the Idaho attorney general and the utility agreed to a modest plan they say will help bolster the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, which has been drained by groundwater pumping and drought.

**DEAD BODIES:** Idaho lawmakers closed a loophole in Idaho law that had allowed people who didn't report dead bodies to skirt punishment. Under the new law, not reporting a dead body would be punishable by a maximum year in jail and a \$1,000 fine, or if the body couldn't be identified, up to 20 years in prison. The changes were a response to a case near Rexburg in which authorities found the bodies of two women, a mother and daughter, in a trailer where the husband and father lived. The women had been dead for years.

Madison County law enforcement agents this week arrested Kenjick David Kaneko and charged him with involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of Lorraine Kaneko, 58, and Laura Kaneko, 33.

**EDUCATION, COMMUNITY COLLEGE REDESIGN:** Efforts faltered to boost high school math and science requirements and create a \$5 million statewide community college system. Both efforts backed by Kempthorne. Adding math and science re-

quirements drew the ire of those who favor electives, including music and religious seminary that could become competing priorities. Expect both issues, which had support of Idaho's business community, to be back next year.

**BREATHABLE BOZE:** So called "Alcohol Without Liquid" devices haven't yet made inroads in Idaho, but lawmakers don't want them to gain a foothold. That's why they banned the devices used by people to inhale alcohol and avoid calories, bad alcohol breath and the shattering morning-after headache.

**STABLE GUEST HOUSES:** Kempthorne's plan to set aside \$2 million to possibly buy a 35-acre stable and guest home next to the new governor's mansion, west of Boise. Nor has the mansion itself proved popular with candidates running for governor. Jerry Brady, a Democrat, wouldn't live in it. Neither would Republican Dan Adamson, U.S. Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter, R-Idaho, isn't saying where he'll live if he's elected governor, but he is in the midst of a remodel of his ranch in Star.

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**Mushroom cloud blast said to meet state permit**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A huge non-nuclear explosion expected to generate a mushroom cloud in the Nevada desert will meet state air quality regulations, officials said Wednesday.

State regulators have issued questions about pollution and hazardous materials from the planned June 2 detonation of 700 tons of an ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, an official with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection said.

But the Nevada Test Site has a blasting permit, and state officials said they had no plan to try to block the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's experiment, dubbed "Divine Strake."

"If they are going to comply with all the state air quality regulations within their permit, they will be allowed to go ahead," said Dante Pistone, spokesman for the state air quality regulatory agency in Carson City. "We are awaiting information on the air quality parameters of the test."

Darwin Morgan, spokesman for the National Nuclear Security Administration, said the federal agency intends within the next two weeks to provide approval to the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources that the massive blast 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas won't violate pollution emissions standards set by a June 2004 air quality permit.

"They have asked us to assure that we will be able to remain within the boundaries of our permit," Morgan said. "We fully intend to comply."

Computer models show that detonating a 900-ton ammonium nitrate and fuel oil bomb would not violate state regulations, Morgan said. By comparison, the ammonium nitrate and fuel oil bomb that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995 weighed 5,000 pounds, or 2.5 tons.

A Defense Threat Reduction Agency spokeswoman said detonating a 700-ton bomb will help scientists chart ground motion and shock waves in an underground limestone tunnel built in 1958 but never used for nuclear testing.

**Kempthorne rivals fear he could veto their eminent domain bills**

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — State lawmakers who've clashed with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne now fear the outgoing governor may veto bills meant to refine rules governing how state, county and city governments can seize private property for public use.

There are still two dozen measures from the 2006 Legislature to be signed, including more than \$20 million in appropriations bills.

Among the bills on the desk of Kempthorne, President Bush's nominee for interior secretary, are three eminent domain bills from Sen. Skip Brandt, R-Kooskia, a candidate for the 1st District congressional race, and Rep. Mike Moyile, R-Star.

They are a response to a 5-4 U.S. Supreme Court ruling last June in a Connecticut case, *Kelo v. New London*, that gave local government wide leeway to condemn private property for economic development. Idaho is among many states where lawmakers have tried to update eminent domain laws to prevent similar situations.

Aides for Kempthorne have declined to disclose his plans for the bills.

Still, Brandt, outgoing Trans-



Kempthorne

portation Committee chairman, is worried that animosity that started between him and Kempthorne in 2001 over wolf management issues, Idaho Indian tribes, and extended to last year's fight over the "Connecting Idaho" roads program could doom his bills.

"It seems like every year, there's been some clash with me and the governor," Brandt said. "I've heard that there was the possibility" Kempthorne could veto the bills.

Moyile, the House assistant majority leader, has also been a Kempthorne critic, having clashed with him over tax cuts five years ago — Moyile wanted more cuts — as well as the highway building plan in 2005.

"If he's vetoing them, it's because of personal reasons," Moyile said. "This Kelo thing is a serious thing."

Neither Moyile nor Brandt would disclose how they learned Kempthorne was considering vetoing the bills.

The measures would prevent

government entities from reducing prices for private land that's being condemned; would speed some eminent domain proceedings and accelerate payments to private property owners; and revise an existing law to force those condemning property to better describe what property is being taken via eminent domain.

Two of Brandt's and Moyile's bills passed unanimously in the House and Senate, and the third was opposed by just three representatives.

Though they cleared both chambers with margins that would easily override a veto, it's unlikely the Legislature would be called back into session to do it. The Senate and House adjourned Tuesday.

On Thursday, Kempthorne signed an \$1.5 billion appropriation for his "Experience Idaho" parks plan in a ceremony at Eagle Island State Park near Boise. The bill includes an additional \$15 million in spending authority that could come from mining gravel at Eagle Island.

Kempthorne is due to sign the \$200 million first appropriation for his "Connecting Idaho" highway building plan in Nampa on Friday, near a stretch of U.S. Interstate 84 that's due to be improved.

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# Plant offers to rehire some workers fired for attending immigration rally

Only documented ones will be taken back, official says

By Niraj Warikoo  
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — After days of intense scrutiny that have put Detroit in the center of a debate over immigration, a local meat-packing plant decided Thursday to rehire 21 workers it fired last month for taking part to march in a rally for immigrants' rights.

But a manager said, only documented workers will be taken back.

The move by the Wolverine Packing Co. adds another layer to a case that has roiled both sides of the national discussion over immigration. Congress considers legislation that could affect millions of immigrant workers.

Since the story was published in the Detroit Free Press on Tuesday, reports about the fired workers — all immigrants from Mexico — have been picked up by U.S. news media in several countries. And the company has been flooded with phone calls from everywhere from Los An-

geles to London — some from those who support the firings; others from those who are appalled at them, said general manager Jay Bonahoon.

Advocates for the workers reacted cautiously to the decision. "It's not a sincere outreach," said Edith Castillo, executive director of Detroit-based Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development.

Bonahoon said Monday that the company had wanted the 21 fired workers — in writing and verbally — that if they attended the March 27 rally in Detroit and missed their shift, they would be fired. But the workers insist they were not told that.

On Thursday, however, Bonahoon acknowledged that there may have been some confusion about company policies.

In a letter posted on Wolverine's Web site, Bonahoon said that "there are some disagreements on the notification and ramifications of missing work on March 27th."

Therefore, the letter continued, the company will reinstate the workers with full back pay, effective Thursday. But, he added, "We are requiring our staffing company to recheck employment documentation before sending individuals back to work."

Minute Men Staffing, an em-

ployment agency based in Cleveland with a branch office in Detroit, supplied Wolverine with most of the fired workers.

Officials with their Detroit and Cleveland offices could not be reached for comment Thursday. Some of the workers may be undocumented, advocates for the workers have said.

Tim Counts, a spokesman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said he couldn't comment on the case.

Two advocates met with Bonahoon on Wednesday, but they said the company did not tell them it would rehire the workers. And it didn't notify them or any of the workers about its intentions to take the workers back, said Elena Herrada, a Detroit advocate for the workers.

Some workers are unsure whether they want to return to work and have said they were mistreated at the plant, Castillo said.

At first, advocates were told by the workers that 15 women had been fired; they later found six men who had also been fired.

Herrada said she hopes that the glare of media attention will compel the company to treat the workers better.

"Mexican workers are not to be abused, regardless of what their status is," Herrada said.

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# 'South Park' banned from airing image of Islamic prophet

By David Bauer  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Banned by Comedy Central from showing an image of the Islamic prophet Muhammad, the creators of "South Park" skewered their own network for hypocrisy in the cartoon's most recent episode.

The comedy — in an episode aimed at ending Holy Week for Christians — instead featured an irreverent image of Jesus Christ.

In an elaborately constructed two-part episode of their Peacock Award-winning cartoon, "South Park" creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker intended to comment on the controversy created by a Danish newspaper's publishing of caricatures of Muhammad. Muslims consider any physical representation of their prophet to be blasphemous.

When the cartoons were reprinted in newspapers worldwide in January and February, it sparked a wave of protests primarily in Islamic countries. Parker and Stone were angered when told by Comedy Central several weeks ago that they could not run an image of Muhammad, according to a person close to the show who didn't want to be identified because of the issue's sensitivity.

The network's decision was made over concerns for public safety, the person said.

Comedy Central said in a statement issued Thursday "in light of recent world events, we feel we made the right decision." Its executives would not comment further.

As is often the case with Parker and Stone, they built "South Park" around the incident. In Wednesday's episode, the character Kyle is shown trying to persuade a Fox network executive to air an uncensored "Family Guy" even though it had an image of Muhammad.

"Either it's all OK, or none of it is," Kyle said. "In the right thing."

The executive decides to strike a blow for free speech and agrees to show it. But at the point where Muhammad is to be seen, the screen is filled with the message: "Comedy Central has refused to broadcast an image of Muhammad on their network."

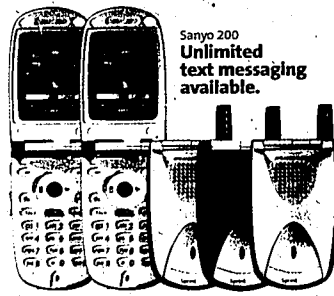
It followed shortly by the images of Christ.

A frequent "South Park" critic, William Donohue of the anti-defamation group Catholic League, called on Parker and Stone to resign out of principle for being censored.

"The ultimate hypocrite is not Comedy Central — it's their decision not to show the image of Muhammad or not — it's Parker and Stone," he said. "Like little whiners, they'll sit there and give the thumbs up to them and they'll whine and they'll take their shot at Jesus. That's their stock in trade."

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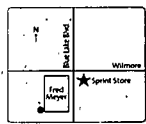


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NATION

# Whistle-blower says AT&T gave spy agency access to network, databases

By David Kravets  
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — AT&T Inc. and an Internet advocacy group are waging in federal court a privacy battle that could expose the reach of the Bush administration's secretive domestic wiretapping program.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation said it obtained documents from a former AT&T technician showing that the National Security Agency is capable of monitoring all communications on AT&T's network.

"It appears the NSA is capable of conducting what amounts to vacuum-cleaner surveillance of all the data crossing the Internet, whether

that be people's e-mail, Web surfing or any other data," whistle-blower Mark Klein, who worked for the company for 22 years, said in a statement released by his lawyers.

U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker is considering whether to unseal documents that Klein provided and AT&T wants kept secret. EFF filed the documents under seal as a courtesy to the phone company, but is seeking to unseal them.

The EFF lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court, seeks to stop the surveillance program that started shortly after the 2001 terrorist attacks. The suit is based in large part on the Klein documents, which detail secret spying rooms and electronic surveillance equipment in AT&T facilities.

The suit claims AT&T company not only provided direct access to its network that carries voice and data but also to its massive databases of stored telephone and Internet records that are updated constantly.

AT&T violated U.S. law and the privacy of its customers as part of the "massive and illegal program to wiretap and damage Americans' communications" without warrants, the EFF alleged.

Klein said the NSA built a secret room at the company's San Francisco central office in 2003, adjacent to a "switch room where the public's phone calls are routed." One of the documents under seal, Klein said, shows that a device was installed with the "ability to sift through large amounts of data

looking for preprogrammed targets."

Other so-called secret rooms were constructed at AT&T sites in Seattle, San Jose, Los Angeles and San Diego, the statement said.

Other documents under seal show that fiber optic cables from the secret room tapped into WorldNet Internet subscribers and instructed technicians how to connect cables to the secret room, Klein said. He said he was required to connect circuits that fed information to the secret room.

The NSA declined directly to address the lawsuit or Klein's allegations, which covered activities at AT&T Corp. before SBC Communications Inc. bought it and became AT&T Inc. late last year.

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# More bone fragments found on skyscraper

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Another 300 or so human bone fragments have been found in recent days on the roof of a skyscraper badly damaged by the collapse of the World Trade Center, officials said Thursday.

Workers have been removing toxic chemicals and trade center dust from the former Deutsche Bank building before they begin dismantling it floor by floor. They found 10 bone fragments on the roof when the cleanup began last fall and another 60 in recent weeks.

Two department battalion chiefs and retired firefighters joined in the search for remains this week after some relatives of people killed in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, complained that recovery experts should help the construction workers.

The bone fragments, most less than 1/16 of an inch long, were found during the past four days in gravel on the roof of the 41-story skyscraper, said Ellen Brankov, spokeswoman for the city medical examiner's office.

Recovered remains are taken to a DNA lab for testing, and those that are identified are turned over to families. Those that can't be identified will be stored at a World Trade Center memorial.

Part of the trade center's 110-story south tower tore through 15 stories of the Deutsche Bank building when it collapsed. The people building, known as black netting, has remained vacant, contaminated with asbestos, trade center dust and other chemicals.

# Disney reopens ride at Epcot one day after woman's death

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Walt Disney World reopened its "Mission: Space" attraction Thursday, a day after a woman who became ill after leaving the ride died at a hospital.

It was the second death in less than a year related to the Epcot Center ride, which spins riders in a centrifuge that subjects them to twice the normal force of gravity. It is considered so intense it has motion sickness bags and signs warning people with heart, back and neck problems not to board it.

The 49-year-old German woman who died Wednesday had reported dizziness and nausea after stepping off the ride on Tuesday, Disney reported to state officials.

The medical examiner's office identified the victim Thursday as Hiltrud Bleumel and said an autopsy was planned Friday.

Disney spokeswoman Kim Frantz said Thursday that the woman's family didn't want any information about her release.

Disney had told state officials that the woman may have had high blood pressure and other unspecified health problems.

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YOUR RECREATION IN IDAHO AND BEYOND

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Section D

"The reality is; you don't need one of those large square load-haulers on your back. Here, you will learn to survive naked, without even a knife."

— Tom Brown Jr., instructing wilderness survival class between slips of Kraussers coffee and drags on his Marlboro in 1985.

# The world on your shoulders

## Backpack selection requires forethought and comfort

By Ron Yates  
Times-News correspondent

To sustain life you need in this order: shelter, water, fire and food. I've followed through on Brown's advice, folks (though not the naked part). The reality I found as a hunter-gatherer was, that even after a week, I had *uncomfortably* hauled enough natural stuff into camp that I could have held a yard sale.

Tom, I love my sleeping bag; with a good pack I'll take it anywhere. Have you been backpacking? For many hikers the trail is adventure; "being there." Good gear will ward off misery. Today's great backpacks offer you ease of carrying more than ever before. You can bring it with you and do so comfortably.

I spoke with Dan Wilson of Elevation Sports in Twin Falls (734-5635) and Mike Schley of Backwoods Mountain Sports in Ketchum (726-8818) about backpack design, use, and recent manufacturer changes. Manufacturers have many specific size/use models and some packs are for multiple applications. Each business has knowledgeable, attentive staff and sells two lines of packs. Schley commented that before showing a pack he asks about a customer's footwear, does it match his or her backpacking use? If not, how enjoyable or safe will backpacking be?

### What's new?

Many packs now have or are compatible with water bladders. Bladders hold water inside the pack and dispense H<sub>2</sub>O to you through a tube. No more fumbling with or losing water bottles. Today better fabrics, zippers, buckles, adjustments, compartments, and even moldable hip belts add to pack quality.

Price—\$150 to \$250 for 1-3 night packs and \$250 to \$450 for expedition packs.

If you adjusted for inflation (and the time it takes to earn the sales price) packs are the about the same price as one I bought in 1983. That 1983 pack was foreign sewn, too.

### Fit and comfort

Think back to your childhood piggy back rides. Your passenger fit your back just the way it curves. Your back curves in above your hips and the riders belly pootches out. A hiker's thighs rode on your hips. The riders tail-end always needed support and for this, arms would go around your neck. Your neck got sore leaning forward, pulling at the rider's weight.

Backpacks have a way to stabilize weight called a frame, internal or external. Balance is best with an internal frame. This allows weight to be carried close to your center of gravity. External frames haven't changed much, and seem to be going backwards in time compared to advances in internal frame packs.

Maximizing the pack to body contact



Winter backpacking requires that you know where you're going and precisely what you'll need.



Shown left; a pack frame (loose) that matches a body's contour, and right, one that fits well at the load carrying shoulders and hips.



A typical layout of items. Now you see them, now you don't. Note the use of multi-size/colored stuff-packs help organization and weight distribution.

ensures fit and comfort. The spine does not carry weight well, therefore, a good backpack harness will transfer its load on the iliac crest of your hips and your shoulders. To say "a percentage of weight here and so much weight there" is not feasible. Two people will handle the same weight differently.

Objects weighing less are placed lower, heavy items are carried close to the body, just below shoulders. A good pack will allow you to adjust for balance. Do not think of balance and comfort as separate. They are one.

Prepare to be pleasantly befuddled while shopping and comparing. In use, you will find that every belt, buckle or loop works for you. Pack weight will shift as you hike. Make it a habit to undo/ratchet (in sequence), load-handlers, sternum strap, shoulder straps and waist belt each time you remove or reorganize your pack.

Backpack harnesses are sized for certain torso lengths and some are adjustable. This allows a large capacity pack to be carried by a small person. This is a real step up for some hikers.

### What size is best?

You need to think about pack size in terms of length of trip. A day pack, overnight pack, or even 10 days. Capacity needed for gear will change with time, terrain and season of travel. Generally you can use a pack that will be large enough for the maximum time you will be trekking and still small enough for a very roomy overnight pack. Hiking with others has weight sharing benefits. For example; a tent, its fly, and poles can be divided.

Capacity for gear tends to be static while food storage area changes with duration of trek. Items such as rain jackets or wet socks can be lashed to the outside. No need for some items to be in the pack.

### How much weight to carry?

Make a list of items you think you need. Now, edit out what you are sure you won't use. In Ketchum, Schley asks to weigh hikers packs. Three to four nights will average 25 to 35 pounds of weight. Mine? 40 to 45 pounds. I carry fresh and canned food. My pack gets lighter each day.

Your goal: lift your pack and you'll feel it on your back you want.

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ACCIDENTAL  
STORIES  
Bill Studebaker

Some dogs 'required' to live highly

Where's your dog? Sleeping out back in a shack you built? Hanging out in a 55-gallon barrel you modified with a cold chisel? Curling up on the ground because she's a rugged sled dog? Not so if you live in San Francisco.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* (January 7, 2006) recently reported that San Franciscans passed a new "housing code" for dog shelters. The code requires "pet owners to provide up-to-code dog-houses for dogs kept outside ... doghouses must be clean,

dry, raised off the ground and big enough for the dog to lie in a comfortable position."  
Go take another look at you dog's house. Does it have the essential five sides, one of which is a floor and one a roof?

Is there bedding material—an oversized pillow, old sleeping bags, stuffed animals, a silken comforter ... or, for heaven sakes, straw, hay, grass, or sawdust?  
It's a simple question: Does your pet sleep in a five-  
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OUTDOORS

Where are the game wardens?

Question: "I used to see the game wardens occasionally when I was hunting or fishing but I haven't seen one now for several years. Aren't they out contacting sportsmen and trying to catch poachers any more?"



ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

Answer: Fish and wildlife law enforcement, like traditional law enforcement can be divided into two law enforcement methods. The uniformed conservation officer in a marked patrol vehicle that you used to see used as a deterrent. The concept in play was, opportunistic poachers would see uniformed officers and voluntarily comply with law fish and wildlife rules to avoid being caught.

A second enforcement method or concept being used more frequently now, involves detection and apprehension. While uniformed officers still play an important role in this second method, plainclothes officers dressed and behaving as sportsmen in the field are crucial to detection of violations. One of the most significant wildlife crimes can only be detected using undercover methods.

As for your comments that you never see a game warden any more, I would suggest you actually may have seen them, you just didn't recognize them.

Some examples of our 2005 Magic Valley fish and wildlife enforcement efforts include:

• Conservation officers floated and waded nearly 100 hours along the Big Wood River last summer and contacted 184 anglers. Eleven violations (11) were detected.

• One hundred thirty five (135) hours were spent observing hunters along the Utah border this winter. This effort netted over 50 citations between fish and game officers and the Cassia County Sheriff's Office.

• Sixty hours (60) of uniformed and plainclothes enforcement at Lake Walcott netted four violations.

• Nearly 150 hours of officer time was devoted to the OIV enforcement in the Little Wood drainage. Three violations were cited and numerous other OIV users were contacted and educated about the OIV rules.

• Nearly 160 hours of plainclothes and uniformed officer time was dedicated to anglers at Salmon Falls and Kelly reservoirs. All three license contacts were made and 17 violations were detected.

On these examples you can see conservation officers are still "out and about." However, I would agree with your observation, you "don't see" as many of them as you used to.

Dogs

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sided shelter in a condition that allows it to remain warm when the ambient temperature drops below that to which it is accustomed? If not, you need to build out your dog's house and bed, or be fined.

If you're talking city dogs and San Francisco city dogs to boot, I'm not talking about Idaho dogs that can "take it." Idaho dogs must meet different standards. They've got to be hearty, and tough conditions make a tough dog. One friend said, "Hell, my dog sleeps on the ground all the time. It doesn't hurt him. He's got a thick coat. Makes him tough so he can stand the cold weather during hunting season. He doesn't need a house. If he can get out of the wind during the night, that's enough. And he can do that by digging in under the lilac bush."

What do you have? A tough dog? Or a pampered dog? Or do you have a house dog? If you have a house dog, you're

Scientists use Labs to hunt up Arctic seals

By Mary Pemberton Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — America's most popular dog is a big hit with scientists who are using Labrador retrievers to hunt up seals for study in the Arctic.

The dogs are proving nifty at finding the breathing holes and snow lairs of ringed seals, which after centuries of being hunted by human and beast alike, are strictly covert.

"Ringed seals are pretty well adapted to not being found because they live in world with polar bears and human seal hunters," said Peter Boveng, program leader for the National Marine Mammal Laboratory in Seattle. "You can walk along on top of the snow on top of the ice and see no sign of them whatsoever."

Seals begin maintaining breathing holes in the ice at freeze-up in the fall. Once there is enough snow, they excavate snow caves.

"They come up, they clear holes through long cracks in the ice and excavate little caves in the snow," Boveng said.

Boveng and Brendan Kelly, an associate professor of marine biology at the University of Alaska Southeast, as well as other scientists, are entering into a second season of tagging ringed seals to get basic information about numbers and breeding sites. The study hinges on being able to find the seals — no small issue it turns out.

"Fortunately, for us the problem had been solved a long time ago by Inuit hunters," said Kelly, who was tagging seals since 1982. "They figured out the dogs could smell the seal holes under the snow."

Scientists are using Labs to find seals from a Canadian biologist and an Inuit hunter in the Northwest Territories of Canada. He trained his first Lab to find seals by burying seal skin slippers in the snow.

During the hunt, the dogs run ahead of researchers wearing snowshoes.



This April 2006 photo provided by the University of Alaska Southeast shows Labrador Jamberry near snow machines on a ringed seal research expedition on the Beaufort Sea ice, north of Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Labrador retrievers are being used by scientists to hunt the seals for study in the Arctic.

Hand and voice commands are used to tell the dogs to find "natchiq" — the Inupiat word for ringed seal.

When the dogs get a whiff of seal, they run in a zigzag pattern, which gets shorter as the dogs zero in on the source, and presto — a breathing hole or lair. The dogs start digging at the spot, but are quickly called off so that researchers can set up a capture net at the hole.

Kelly said the net fits in the bottom of the hole. "What happens is that the seal swims up through an open net into the breathing hole. We hear the seal breathing through a microphone and transmitter that we've placed in the snow and that transmits back to our hut," Kelly said.

When the scientists hear the

seal breathing, they close the net using a radio trigger.

"Then we get on our snowmobiles and take a quick ride back to the seal hole," Kelly said. Once there, the snow cover is swept off and the seal is grabbed and pulled onto the ice for tagging.

Kelly tried finding seals without the help of dogs, using an infrared camera that detects body heat. It didn't work.

"Under ideal conditions, we could detect the seal holes under infrared sensors only if the dogs first showed us where it was," he said.

The dogs have an 80 to 85 percent success rate within several miles of the campsites and can find between 100 and 200 holes a month.

The satellite tagging study in

Poird Bay and Point Barrow in northernmost Alaska, more than 300 miles above the Arctic Circle, is entering its second season. Kelly expects to return to the Arctic on May 8. Last year, 13 seals were tagged. This year the goal is 20.

Last year, they learned that ringed seals use the same breeding sites each year. What they hope to find out this year is whether the seals breed with each other throughout the Arctic in effect creating one big gene pool, or if breeding takes place locally.

Preliminary findings suggest the seals are breeding locally, but more study needs to be done, Kelly said, and with a lot more DNA samples. To get more samples, scientists are extracting DNA from skin

samples left by the seals at the breathing holes.

"These are like little pepper flakes on the ice," Boveng said. Global warming is raising concerns for the future of the seals, especially if they're breeding only locally, Kelly said.

One of the things we are seeing is increasingly early snow melts," he said. "The pups very survival depends on inhabiting the snow cave for the first couple months of their lives while they are still nursing."

Early snow melts expose the pups to the harsh Arctic and leaves them vulnerable to predators. They can freeze to death, Kelly said.

"If you have lots of small isolated populations, each one of them is more vulnerable to local extinction," Kelly said.

Hiking in Idaho's high desert heralds muddy spring

By Pete Zimovsky The Idaho Statesman

OWYHEE MOUNTAINS, Idaho (AP) — The smelt of sagebrush was strong and sweet after the morning rain shower.

There's something about the fresh, pungent smell of wet sagebrush that's irresistible in spring, unless it sets off your allergies (it only gets me in the fall).

Two meadows performed dueling flute-like solos that rivaled any symphony performance. Their bright yellow chests seemed to glow in the gray-green landscape of the Owyhee Front. White phlox, which was just springing up under some of the taller desert plants, still had fresh rain droplets.

It was my first desert stroll of the season, and it was refreshing. The sandy trails going up some of the loess canyons had dried out just recently, making after the morning shower.

That's the key to desert hiking this time of the year: Find sandy roads and trails, and avoid the mud known as Owyhee gumbo. That's not to say that you won't find sand and mud on the same trail.

I did and ended up slipping

and sliding down a hill on my knees. I couldn't get the gooey stuff off my pants and shoes and ended up making it to the truck and then in the house. Now it's everywhere, even on my backpack.

Owyhee gumbo is that fine, silty soil that turns to slippery paste when it gets wet. There's no goo like Owyhee gumbo.

So do your best to avoid the gumbo, and take a desert stroll. Relish all the sights, sounds and smells of the desert after what seems like a long winter.

My wife and I took a stroll out in the desert this week just to get out of the house.

Parts of the Owyhee Front, such as that along the Reynolds Creek Road, are only about an hour from Boise.

You don't have to plan a 5-mile hike or do an expedition backpacking adventure to get that quick fix that only comes from sitting on a desert hillside and taking in the surroundings.

The desert of Southwest Idaho can be accessible from as early as February or as late as May, depending on the area, elevation and weather.

Sometimes you can luck out and get in a day hike like we did. Then, within hours the weather can change and it's

a desert downpour.

When we got home to Boise, the weather stations started blaring with full-blown hailstorm warnings for Owyhee and Elmore counties. We lucked out, but just barely. We could have ended up spending the night in the desert.

It was between rainstorms. The sun was shining in the Owyhees, even though the sky was black across the Treasure Valley toward the Boise Front. The clouds had piled up against the Boise Foothills and the rain just cut loose.

But before that, we had a good walk, looking at orange and brown pastel-colored rock outcroppings and searching the clouds for rainbows.

We often just pick a canyon, a road or a rimrock ridge, and go for it. That's what you have to do in the Owyhees.

The Owyhee Front, the front of the Owyhee Mountains that we can all see to the southwest from Boise, contains hundreds of hiking areas.

We ventured into that part of the Owyhees which also is a wild horse management area. We were hoping we would get a glimpse of a part of the West's treasure.

We even hiked the extra distance over a ridge hoping that we might see some wild horses in a secluded desert bowl above the road.

But we didn't. They are pretty shy animals. The last time I saw wild horses was in the late '70s in the Owyhee Breaks near Owyhee Reservoir.

Even though we didn't see wild horses, we did relish our first desert hike of the spring.

Remember: Check the weather outlook before you go. Give desert areas a few days to dry out after rainstorms.

High-elevation areas in the Owyhees are still snowbound. Hit the lower elevation areas of the Jwyhee Front, say around 3,000 to 3,600 feet.

• Don't venture off main

roads. Stay on paved roads, such as the Reynolds Creek Road, or good gravel roads. Secondary roads are a no-no. You'll get stuck when the weather turns sour.

• Don't go on private land. Get a good map, and pay attention to signs. The Owyhees have public and private land.

• Leave your relatives a map of where you will be going and when you will return.

• Leave them a description of your car and the license plate number.

• Also, give them the phone number of the sheriff for the county where you will be hiking so they know who to call if they have to get a search going for you.

• Pack some extra food, water and clothing in your rig when you head out into the desert. You may need to spend the night because of the weather. A sleeping bag or blankets also will come in handy.

Good hiking and enjoy the smell of sagebrush.

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okay. The San Francisco code exempts house pets.

There might be some gaps here. A house dog could be comfortably required to sleep in a drawer, forced to sleep in the laundry room with assorted poisons, or on the porch. And by law, you're okay.

The assumption that may allow for the house-dog exemption is probably true that house dogs rule the home. They're apt to watch TV from the Lazy Boy. They often sleep on the bed and get the biggest pillow.

But the house pet wasn't forgotten by the legal husbandrinders. There is a clause in the code that creates a conundrum for owners of house pets, dog owners in particular. Dogs must drink from spill-proof bowls.

You can make a bowl spill-proof by nailing or screwing it to the floor, putting a lead object in it like a rock, a lead weight. Wait a minute. Lead is poisonous. Skip the four pounds of sinkers, and throw in four

pounds of galvanized nails.

Then there's the toilet. It's generally spill-proof. Keeping here, a house dog could be issue however, and you'd have to forgo the sanitizers, stain resistors, and deodorizers.

A blue chin on a dog would be become accustomed to such that you would need a shelter for just a few days each winter. You could sneak by.

If a dog's blue chin or a vena persists, there may be a violation of the health code. That's did. Then, within hours the weather can change and it's

Better yet, take an old car, roll the door with a crow and let them jump in. Set a five-gallon bucket of water on the passenger-side floorboards, and volat Code-proof dog house.

# Whitewater season looking stronger

For The Times-News

BOISE — Officials from the Natural Resource Conservation Service are anticipating one of the strongest whitewater seasons in a decade. Statewide, Idaho is enjoying above average snowpack. The runoff should produce prime conditions for spring skiing and a long fishing season.

"What a difference a year can make," says Ron Abramovich, water supply specialist for the

NRCS. "Last year at this time, we were expecting below average snowpack. Now the entire state is above average—the runoff rate is above average—the first time since 1997."

Colder temperatures and a moist storm track over the past month steadily added to the snowpack in all basins. The Panhandle and Clearwater regions have the lowest snowpack but still reached 100 percent by April 1. Meanwhile, the Weiser, South Fork Boise, Big Wood, Little Wood and Big Lost are all

130-140 percent. Camas Creek (Fairfield) is at 160 percent. Willow Creek (Blaine) 145 percent. Oakley and Salmon Falls 138-144 percent, and the Bruneau and Owyhee basins at 156 percent. Other areas are 110-130 percent of average.

This means one of the best whitewater seasons in ten years. Also, reservoir will remain full later into the summer for water skiing, boating and fishing.

Overall, streamflow forecasts are well above average. The

Middle Fork Salmon, Payette and the Owyhee (near Frome) rivers are forecasted at 130-150 percent while Salmon Falls Creek and the Bruneau River are 170-180 percent.

River runners can expect a prolonged season, beginning with early desert canyon streams, then mid-season high water runs, prolonged above average flows through late summer on the main Salmon, and then early fall in the Payette and South Fork Snake rivers.

"River running opportunities will be outstanding this year," Abramovich says. "However, river runners should use caution. Water levels could be very high during the peak flow period and also carry debris from recent forest fires."

The NRCS Snow Survey Program publishes the Idaho Water Supply Outlook Report. For the full report, including conditions for specific basins, and daily updates, visit [www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/watersupply](http://www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/watersupply).

## OUTDOOR EVENTS

### Candidate trap shoot on April 15

MILNER — Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife sponsored candidate Fred Wood will hold a trap shoot at noon Saturday, April 15 at the Burley Trap Club in Milner.

Those attending will meet the opportunity to meet sportsman and Fred Wood, who is running for the Legislature in District 27, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call George Warrell at 679-8951 or Paul Campbell at 300-0142.

### Boat class offered in Paul

PAUL — The Minidoka County Sheriff's office is offering a free Idaho Boating class from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 6 at the West End Fire Station in Paul. The class is limited to 30 students.

To register, call Lt. Dan Kindig at the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office at 434-2320 or 434-2380.

### CSI offers climbing course

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's Outdoor program will host a Rock Climbing Rally on April 29, with Alex Koseff, a climbing instructor.

Koseff is an instructor with the National Outdoor Leadership School, and will demonstrate anchors, leading and technical aspects within the sport of climbing. CSI will have an all day seminar of climbing and learning advanced skills at either the City of Rocks or Massacre Rocks. The cost is \$20 and includes transportation.

For more information call CSI's Outdoor program at 732-6697.

# Waterfowl hunters not deterred by bird flu threat

LEWISTON (AP) — Joe Ford isn't worried about avian flu.

The avid duck hunter from Pullman, Wash., said he intends to go right on shooting and eating wild ducks and geese. There is a possibility ducks and geese could bring a virulent strain of the disease to North America.

"I'm not worried about it myself," he said. "I'm not going to pick up ducks I find staggering around, but I'll shoot pheasants or ducks or geese. I'm going to cook them like I always do and enjoy them."

Ford, the Whitman County chairman for Ducks Unlimited, a nationwide conservation and hunting group, isn't burying his head in the sand. He, like many hunters, has researched the disease and is taking notice from scientists who believe wild waterfowl could carry the disease from the Arctic to the U.S. These same experts also say infected birds that are cleaned of their organs and cooked to the appropriate temperature are safe to eat.

"Most people who really enjoy bird hunting or duck hunting, I don't think they will let it deter them," Ford said.

"What he, other hunters and experts are more unsure of is how avian flu, which is first and foremost a bird disease, may affect populations of wild birds. There are hundreds of strains of avian flu. Many of them are carried by wild birds. A few are considered highly pathogenic.

The H5N1 version of the disease is considered especially dangerous to domestic poultry and it is believed it mutated from a common virus to a dangerous one during exposure to domestic birds. It was centered in Southeast Asia but last year the disease began spreading across Asia and into Europe, the Middle East and central Africa where it infected several species of wild birds and some mammals.

In Europe it has not been responsible for massive die-offs of birds in Africa, Asia or Africa. Bruce Batt, a wildlife biologist with Ducks Unlimited based in Memphis, Tenn., said ducks seem to be carriers that are not highly affected by it. Geese, however, are affected and there have been some significant die-

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— Joe Ford, avid duck hunter.



Reflected in a water puddle, an Emperor goose, rarely spotted in Anchorage, Alaska, spends time at an Anchorage park with dozens of Canada geese in this April 2002, photo. Emperor geese nest in the coastal region of the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta and winter in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska Peninsula and Kodiak. Government scientists expect to find the first case of bird flu in the United States will be in Alaska Peninsula or the westernmost Aleutian Islands.

offs recorded in Asia. Last July, more than 1,000 endangered bar-headed geese were found dead at a refuge in China.

The disease has killed nearly 100 species of birds, including chickens, several species of ducks and geese such as Canada geese, wood ducks, gadwall and teal. It has killed upland game birds like ring-necked pheasants, chukar partridge and longgame species like great blue heron, northern goshawks and mergansers also have succumbed to the disease.

"The species list gets pretty long but by and large there are very few large outbreaks in terms of thousands and thousands of birds," said Mark Drew, veterinarian for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Caldwell.

Drew and other scientists say they really don't know how the disease might affect populations of wild birds and all they can do is test for the disease and monitor bird populations.

"How do we control a disease in a population that we have no control over?" Drew said.

The virulent strain of the disease has never been found in North America. But scientists believe it likely will turn up this fall. That is because wild ducks and geese from Asia mingle with wild ducks and geese from North America in the Bering Sea each summer. When those birds migrate south in the fall, they think it is likely the disease will enter North America via waterfowl using the Pacific flyway that includes Washington and Idaho.

"We may get some interaction with wild birds (from Asia) that go up to Alaska and our birds that go up to Alaska," Drew said.

The federal government, along with state wildlife agencies, will test wild birds for the disease this spring, fall and summer. The testing will begin this month and last until summer. Thousands of wild birds will be captured in Alaska this summer and tested for the disease.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will mix what they call sentinel birds with wild birds and then test them to see if they contract the virulent strain of the disease. Other federal agencies will test water and soil at summer breeding grounds.

"We are in early detection mode. We want to know when and where it shows up in North America," said Nicholas Throckmorton, a spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Washington, D.C.

This fall the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California will capture and test birds as they fly south. They also will ask hunters to allow some of their birds to be swabbed and tested for the disease.

"The game plan would count on using cooperation from hunters," said Terry Mansfield, assistant director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise.

Idaho will test between 750 and 1,500 birds. Even more will be tested in the coastal areas of Washington and Oregon.

Even if the disease is found in wild birds there are no plans to close or alter hunting seasons. "Since we don't have a good correlation between the presence of the virus and active human infections, hunting seasons probably wouldn't be affected at all," Drew said.

## Fish and Game hosts open house for upland game

For The Times-News

JEROME — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game would like input from sportsmen on the proposed upland game and trapping regulations. An open house is planned for Tuesday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Magic Valley Regional Office, 319 South 417 Highway 93 Business Park, Jerome.

Some of the changes include:

- Extending pheasant season in Minidoka and Cassia counties to Dec. 31.
  - Requiring upland game hunters to wear hunter orange where the department stocks upland game farm birds.
  - Extending the closing date for chukar and gray partridge to January 31.
  - Changing the closing date for quail in the Magic Valley Region to January 31.
  - Opening other season concurrent with beaver season.
  - Establishing hunting hours for red fox, bobcats, and budgets.
- Sportsmen unable to attend the open house can go to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/apps/surveys/uplandgame/> and fill out an online survey. For more information, call 324-4359.

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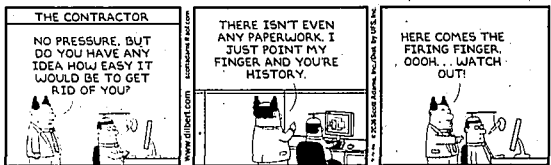
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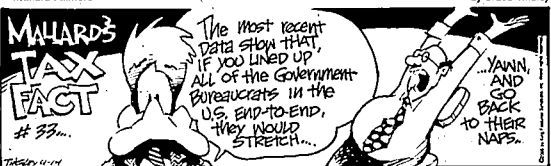
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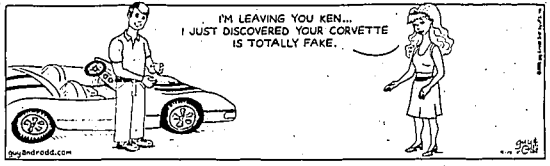
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## Aquarius is free to pursue romance

IF APRIL 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The universe may present you with a chance to reinvent your life or to make a success of some grand passion this year. Shed your imaginary cocoon and don't be afraid to show off your butterfly wings, especially in September when you may be granted a reward for your efforts or an important wish could come true. Since you are passionate about what you want, and willing to work hard to attain it, you are likely to reach a comfortable plateau where you can rest on your laurels before the end of 2006.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make this Good Friday good for something. Even if you don't observe Easter, you can appreciate the symbols of spring. The emblems of rebirth may have significance for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Still waters run deep. Those in close connection can have something important up one of those proverbial sleeves. This may be a fabulous time to launch a joint business project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Family gatherings may be on your calendar in next few days. Plan to spend extra time driving to and from your destination as speed can cause

rush into anything.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. But all grownups know someone performed a lot of work and planning behind the scenes to make him appear. Start major undertakings soon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't jump to conclusions. Tacking shortcuts or exhibiting a lack of business sense can make you a few fries short of a Happy Meal. Anything worth doing is worth doing well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Happy hour could be very happy tonight. Giggle with the girls or banter with the boys. Dance check-to-check with a significant other and make this a weekend to remember.

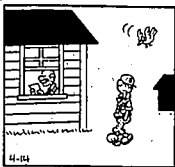
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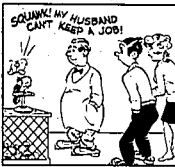
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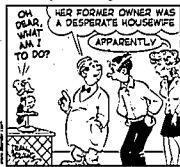
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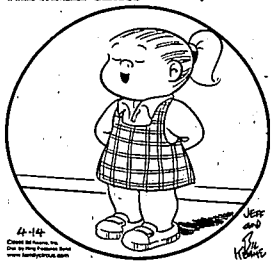
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"Mary had a little lamb, its fleas were white as snow..."

# Pancakes made from old mix cause acute allergic reaction



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I recently made a batch of pancakes for my healthy 14-year-old son, using a mix that was in our pantry. He said that they tasted "funny" but ate them anyway. About 10 minutes later, he began having difficulty breathing and his lips began turning purple. I gave him his allergy pill, had him sit on the sofa and told him to relax. He was wheezing while inhaling and exhaling.

My husband, a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician, heated up some water, and we had my son lean over the water so the steam could clear his chest and sinuses. Soon, his breathing became more regular and his lips returned to a more normal color.

We checked the date on the box of pancake mix and, to my dismay, found it was very outdated. As a reference librarian at an academic institution, I have the ability to search through many research databases.

I did just that, and found an article the next day that mentioned a 19-year-old male dying after eating pancakes made with outdated mix. Apparently, the mold that forms in the pancake mix can be toxic!

When we told our friends about my son's close call, we were surprised at the number of people who mentioned that they should check their own pancake mix since they don't

use it often, or they had purchased it some time ago. With so many people shopping at warehouse-type stores and buying large sizes of pancake mix, I hope your readers will take the time to check the expiration date on their boxes.

—SUE IN WYANDSKILL, N.Y.

DEAR SUE: Thank you for the warning. I certainly was not aware that pancake mix could turn moldy and cause an allergic reaction in someone with an allergy to mold—but it's logical. I wonder if the same holds true for cake mix, brownie mix and cookie mix. If so, then a warning should be placed on the box for people like me.

We hear so often about discarding prescription and over-the-counter medications after their expiration dates, but I don't recall warnings about packaged items in the pantry. Heads up, folks!

DEAR ABBY: My mother has been a prescription drug addict for about 20 years. The problem I'm having is my 2-year-old son loves his "memaw" and wants to go

over to her house on a regular basis.

When Mother is off the pills, she's a great parent and a fantastic and loving grandmother. When she's on the pills, she becomes a different person, and I don't want to subject my son to the things I witnessed as a child. She becomes very abusive when she's not sober. She also does things like slur her words and pass out.

Rehab doesn't work for her. She has been at least 20 times.

My son does not understand her actions. He thinks I am being mean when I tell him we can't go over there.

I have threatened my mother that she won't see her grandson if this behavior continues.

She doesn't seem to care. In recent months she has been on methadone, trying to kick the habit, but has substituted meads and pass out.

—"MEAN MOMMY" IN N. CAROLINA

DEAR "MEAN MOMMY": Unless your mother is buying her methadone on the illicit market, she is on a program and under supervision—which is a good thing. If you see evidence that she is a danger to your child, then it is your duty to cut off the contact. However, my addiction experts advise that you do not "threaten" unless you are prepared to follow through. (And you may need counseling yourself in order to stick by your word.)

# Why no fossilized shark bones?



RANDOM KINDES OF JACKINESS  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

If sharks go back to the Cretaceous period more than 100 million years ago, why haven't scientists never find any fossilized shark 'bones'? That's easy. Sharks don't have bones—their bodies are completely supported by cartilage instead. Cartilage doesn't fossilize. However, scientists have found many ancient shark teeth.

This day in history: Although April 14, 1865, was Good Friday, it was not a good Friday for Abraham Lincoln or the country. While watching "Our American Cowboy," a British farce making fun of American hicks, Lincoln was shot and killed by John Wilkes Booth.

In the Catholic Church, St. Hubert is the patron saint of math teachers.

The United States didn't always have an imperial presidency. For his inauguration, Thomas Jefferson walked from the Conrad & McMann boarding house

where he was rooming to the unfinished Capitol building to be sworn in. He then walked back to his boarding house for dinner.

Gangster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel recalled his nickname. Using it in his presence was not a good idea. Bugsy might get mad. You didn't want to see Bugsy mad.

People in Venice didn't really invent venetian blinds. British inventor Edward Bean called them that in 1769 as a marketing ploy at a time when Italian furnishings were considered very sophisticated.

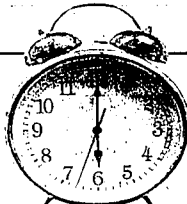
The body of Rhode Island founder Roger Williams —

bones and all — was eaten by an apple tree. When the state historical society tried to dig him up, they discovered that a roan had entered his coffin at his head and apparently liked what it found. The roan traveled down Williams' spine, branched off into his arms and legs, and even curved up for his feet and toes.

Double Bubble, toil and trouble: In 1916, Frank Fleer invented bubble gum and gave it the catchy name of "Blubber-Blubber." However, it never quite reached the shelves because of one tiny glitch: The stuff was so gummy that only scouring and turpentine could remove it from skin. It was another 22 years before the sticky problem was (mostly) worked out.

Of the 39 species of deer, the largest is the moose.

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NATION

Antiquities dealer had received suspended sentence for looting

By Jason Felch and Ralph Frammolino Los Angeles Times

In its unveiling of the Gospel of Judas last week, the National Geographic Society credited Swiss antiquities dealer Frieda Nussberger Tcheacos with "rescuing" the ancient manuscript...

But National Geographic made no mention of a suspended sentence Nussberger received in Italy four years ago for possession of looted antiquities...

In the past, she was at the center of the looting in Italy, said Paolo Ferri, the Italian state prosecutor who has led an investigation of the illicit trade for 10 years.

National Geographic purchased exclusive publication rights for the Gospel of Judas contents for \$1 million from a foundation run by Tcheacos Swiss attorney, Mario Jean Roberty...

Through Tcheacos' past has no direct bearing on the legitimacy of the Judas Gospel, the fact that she and her attorney stand to benefit from the financial relationship with National Geographic has raised sharp questions from leaders in the archaeological community...

"So far as you're an ethical person, you have to cringe at it all," he said.

Yale chose not to buy the document from Tcheacos in 2000 because of legal concerns about its origins, he said.

A top official of National Geographic said Wednesday the organization was told that Tcheacos had legal troubles in Italy, but went ahead with the publication of the Gospel of Judas after finding no record of a conviction and wondering if he could answer other questions...

"We decided that on balance, yes, this is something we should do, and we felt comfortable about doing it," said Terry Garcia, executive vice president for mission programs at National Geographic.

"The Gospel of Judas is part of an ancient manuscript that dates to about A.D. 200, according to an account that gives a dramatically different view of the disciple the Bible says betrayed Jesus. It portrays Judas as Jesus' favorite disciple and states that he was asked Judas to hand him over to the Romans for crucifixion and liberation from his earthly body."

"I think I was chosen by Judas to rehabilitate him," she said in the film. "I think the circum-

stance of this manuscript coming to me was predestined." Tcheacos bought the gospel and other texts contained in the manuscript for about \$200,000 after it had sat moldering for years in a Long Island state deposit box.

Her initial attempt to sell it to Yale fell through because of concerns about the legal status of the document, said Attridge, the Divinity School dean.

After declining whether to purchase the gospel, Attridge said, Yale found itself faced with a dilemma: Should the university buy an object that may have been illegally brought into the United States in order to preserve it? Or should it risk losing the piece for ethical reasons?

"This is kind of like a hostage situation where you have some artifact that is in effect being held for ransom. What do you do? Do you buy it, and try to save the piece...?"

After Yale declined her offer, Tcheacos tentatively sold it to a Cleveland-area manuscript dealer who stuck in his freezer and sold off fragments.

A year later, she was arrested by Italian authorities in Cyprus on unrelated charges of trafficking in forged art, in an agreement with the Italian prosecutor, she received a suspended sentence of 18 months and gave a lengthy statement about her knowledge of the antiquities trade. Tcheacos statement has

played an important role in the ongoing criminal trial of Marlon True, the I. Paul Getty Museum's former antiquities curator who is accused of trafficking in looted art. Tcheacos' willingness to talk has led some dealers to call her the Judas of the antiquities trade.

Records also show that Tcheacos sold the Getty fragments of two of the objects Italian authorities are requesting be returned. The Getty returned a third, a drinking cup known as the Onesimos kylix after its Greek painter, to Yale in 1999 after determining it had been looted from Cerveteri, a well-known Etruscan necropolis north of Rome.

True's co-defendant, Robert Hecht Jr., describes Tcheacos as an aggressive competitor who "darlingly went to Cerveteri and paid cash on the spot." The

statement is contained in Hecht's journal, now a key piece of evidence in the Italian investigation.

In a short interview Wednesday, Tcheacos said she was never convicted in the Italian case, which she called an "equivalent situation," and she retired from the antiquities trade in recent years because of changing attitudes about its propriety.

"I am a dealer who is doing all of the right things," Tcheacos said.

She is also being sued in an English court to recover \$3 million from the sale of an Egyptian statue that is part of a bitter financial dispute between a London dealer and the estate of his late partner. Lawyers for the estate allege that the London dealer, now in bankruptcy, failed to tell court overseers about the sale that he

ran through Tcheacos' Basel, Switzerland-based company, Gallerie Nefer.

Meanwhile, Roberty was negotiating with National Geographic for publication of the Judas Gospel, having agreed to its return with Egyptian authorities. In 2005, after a year of investigations and research by scholars, he and National Geographic signed

their agreement. Roberty defended National Geographic's depletion of Tcheacos as a savior of an important archaeological relic, saying "perhaps a few expressions may be overdone, but it is correct."

"There is no contradiction between even a very successful ancient art dealer and a protector of cultural heritage," he said.

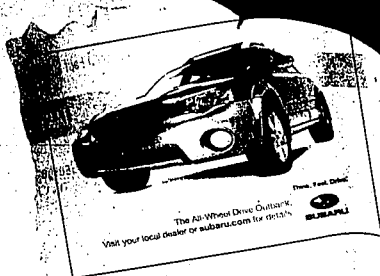
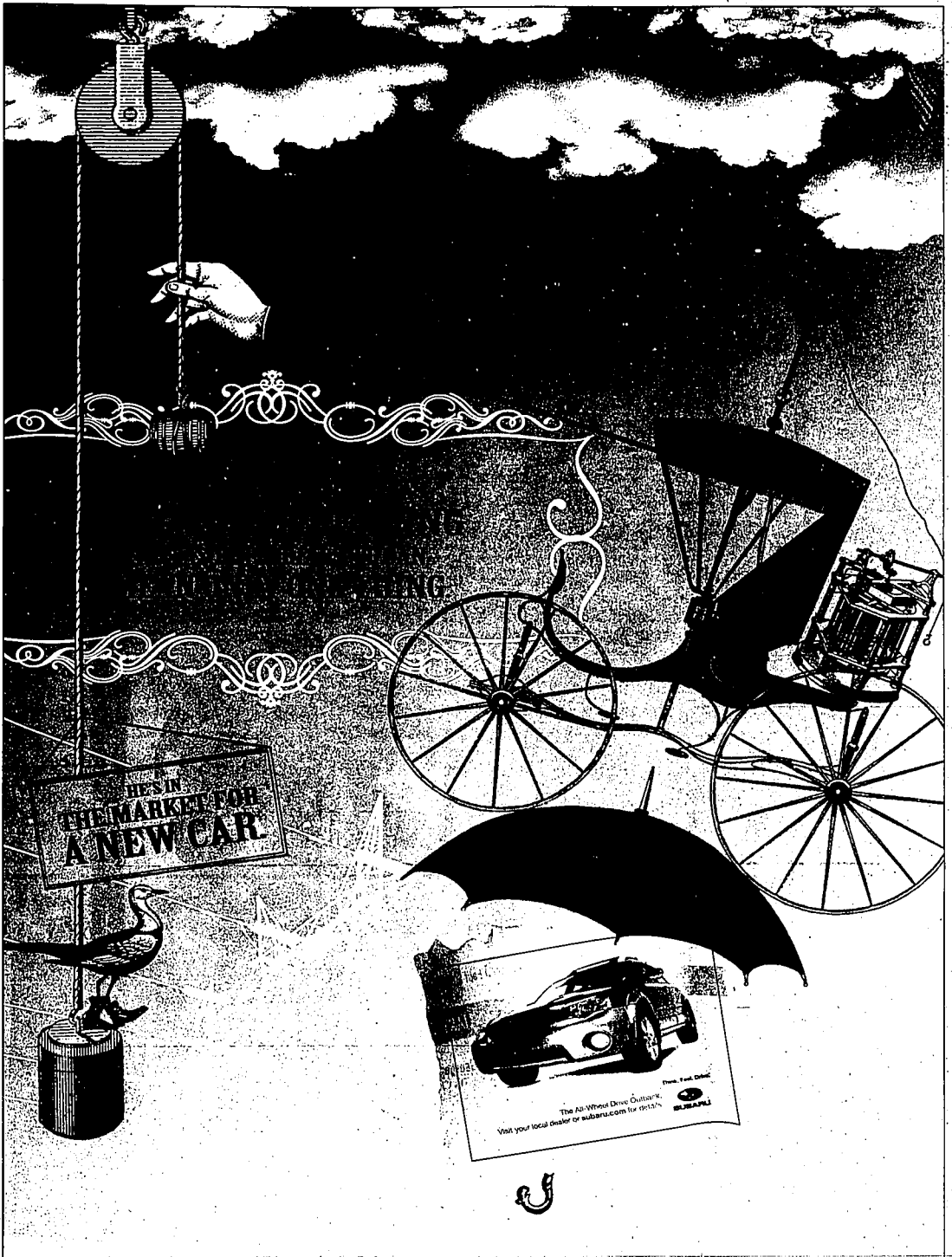
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