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Return of the HERONS



Idaho's highest concentration of herons nest in Hagerman area.
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Feds gearing up to restrict motors in Sawtooths

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What you know: In 2004, the Forest Service announced its intention to restrict motorized vehicle use to trails in the Sawtooth National Forest, once an official roads and trails system has been established.
The latest: On Thursday, the Forest Service released a map of proposed road and trail designations. Public comment will be accepted through May 22.
What's next: Forest Service officials hope to have the final plan in place by May 2007.

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you want to be sure a favorite trail in the Sawtooth National Forest gets recognized for motorized use, you better get your comments in soon.
For more than a year, Forest Service officials have been developing an official travel plan for the Mindoka, Ketchum and Fairfield ranger districts. The plan does not include winter use or travel in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Once the plan is in place, the agency will prohibit cross-country motorized vehicle use that currently is allowed on portions of the forest, particularly in the South Hills area.

"We all know what's out on the ground is different than what's on our maps," said Ruth Monahan, forest supervisor. "We have a lot of user-created roads and trails."
In 2004, the agency began work on the travel plan — falling in line with a federal government policy to limit

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Hikers make their way up a trail in Waiilatoom Hill near the Magic Mountain ski resort in July 2005. The five-mile nature hike was a College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program event.
Times-News photo

1 house, 150 cats



ABOVE: One of the 150-plus cats that was inside a home on Washington Street South in Twin Falls waits Thursday on an Idaho Humane Society bus before being transferred. The house contained more than 150 cats that were in various stages of health. The animals were removed after a warrant was served on the residents. BELOW: Twin Falls County Sheriff's Detective Art Rebollozo removes cats.

Cat boardinghouse under investigation

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — She was expecting a healthy, beautiful kitten like the one in the photograph.
The kitten that arrived from Rocky Mountain Cat Resort in Twin Falls was in such horrible condition that when Shauna Johnson of Grand Blanc, Mich., had it examined the veterinarian suggested she put it down.
Johnson already owned two cats she considered family. She decided to keep the new arrival alive, even as the bills snowballed. On first screening, the cat was found to have numerous infirm-

ities, including fever, tapeworms, blood in its feces, a urinary tract infection, ear mites, an upper respiratory tract infection, herpes, an infection in both eyes and diarrhea.

Complaints like Johnson's about Rocky Mountain Cat Resort prompted the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office on Thursday morning to inspect Janet Rasmussen's cat boardinghouse and store.

Rasmussen, who declined to comment at the scene and did not answer her phone, spent all day Thursday mopped to her business as an host of vets

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26 languages are spoken in Twin Falls schools.
But teachers only use one.
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Architects asking teachers what new high school needs

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Let's say you were going to build a new \$37.6 million high school. What would you ask for?

Those are the questions that architects are asking teachers during a two-day questioning period, which seems more like a job interview than a facility planning process.

Designers from Hummel Architects began the question Thursday morning at Twin Falls High School — with a designer on one side of the table and a representative of each academic department on the other.

So what did they ask for? Anything a classroom could have, of course.

"Yeah, they do that, but that's why we will come back and re-view it three or four times," said Scott Straubhar, of Hummel Architects. "And that's really what happens with most schools we work with."

After gathering comments and suggestions from teachers, the designers will compile the information and discuss it with

administrators and the school board.

He said each department representative would meet with the designers during the process, which could last as long as three months. The process — known as "program- ming" — is supposed to match the needs of faculty and staff with the space that will be available and budgetary limits.

When the process is completed, designers will present the information to the school board in the form of a 200-page document. If it is approved, designers will begin translating the information into floor plans.

Straubhar said teachers didn't ask for outlandish items, but teachers in general usually ask for more than the district can afford. Although many classrooms can be outfitted at a reasonable price, areas like gyms and common areas can become extremely costly.

"Ultimately it comes down to balancing their needs with the budget," Straubhar said. "It's just a constant process of give and take."

Man surprises friends, family, institutions by leaving them \$3.5 million

The Associated Press

HAYDEN LAKE — John Harrison wore frayed clothing, used a rubber band to keep his bifocals from falling apart, and saved old pie tins and egg cartons.

He also left \$3.5 million to family, friends and institutions after he died.

The former golf course superintendent and longtime Hayden Lake city councilman died in April 2005 at age 98.

"A lot of people knew Johnny," Nancy Morris, his former caregiver and longtime friend, told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "But they didn't know the man." When packing away his belongings, she found bundles of new clothes he had never worn.

How much he left became known after red tape and taxes on his estate were sorted. In his will, he included relatives, a few close friends, and various organizations throughout northern Idaho.

"He was just a miser with himself," said Curt L. Wilcox, vice president and financial consultant with D.A. Davidson in Coeur d'Alene. "Nothing ever

went to waste. He saved Styrofoam meat containers, old pie tins and egg cartons. He came from the Depression, and he wouldn't ask like he had any money."

The day I told him his investments had gone over \$3 million, he told me, "That's too much money for one person."

Harrison left \$735,000 to the North Idaho College's nursing program. Individuals named in the will, who wanted to remain anonymous, received from \$70,000 to \$175,000.

Harrison's wife, Sadie, was in the early stages of Alzheimer's when her husband died. Sadie Harrison died within a year of her husband, just a few days short of what would have been their 60th wedding anniversary, Morris said.

John Harrison kept track of the financial world, even after moving to an assisted living complex.

"When it came to investing, he was all business," said Wilcox. "He knew exactly what he wanted and when he got the information, he'd put on his hat, shake my hand and go. He really knew his stuff."

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Hot on the Web Juggling to the Beatles

Estimate: 20 million views in 40 days



The 4-minute video of Comedian Chris Bliss juggling to songs from The Beatles' "Abbey Road" album has become an Internet sensation.

By Amanda Lee Myers
Associated Press writer

PHOENIX — It's just a man, three tennis balls, and John, Paul, George and Ringo singing "Carry That Weight."

Yet the 4 1/2-minute video of Chris Bliss juggling to the last three songs from The Beatles' "Abbey Road" album has become an Internet sensation.

Nothing about the video is shocking, scandalous or outrageous. Bliss doesn't wear gaudy costumes, and he doesn't toss knives, axes or chain saws.

"It really kind of works in its absolute, utter simplicity, its kind of stripped down Zen-like quality," said Robert Thompson, a Syracuse University professor and a leading authority on American pop culture.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

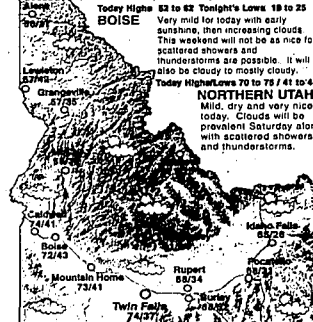
Today: Morning sunshine with increasing afternoon clouds. Highs in the lower to middle 70s. Tonight: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and cool. Lows in the upper 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mid and mostly sunny early, then turning mostly cloudy by the evening. Highs in the upper 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Today will be mostly dry but scattered rain and snow showers will become possible by late night.



Boise Today Highs 63 to 65 Tonight's Lows 19 to 25. Very mild today with sunny sunshine, then increasing clouds.

NORTHERN UTAH Mid, dry and very nice today. Clouds will be prevalent Saturday along with scattered showers and thunderstorms.

Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: "One of the most important ways to manifest integrity is to be loyal to those who are not present, to doing so, we build the trust that others are present."

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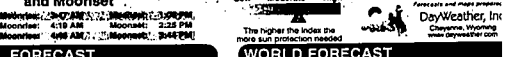
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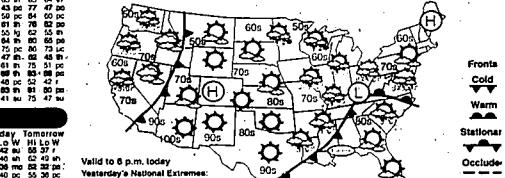
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Sawtooths

Continued from A1 motorized vehicle use to designated trails. Off-road vehicle user groups, like the Magic Valley Trail Machine Association, have worked closely with Montana and other Forest Service officials to ensure that the trails they ride on now will still be open for motorcycles, four-wheelers and other motorized vehicles when the travel plan becomes final in 2007.

"Whenever there is a revision to a travel plan, the user group that always gets limited is the motorized group," said Jamey Wills, president of the organization.

"The state has experienced a surge in the use of motorized off-road vehicles," Wills said. And, most of those vehicles are used in Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management grounds. The Magic Valley Trail Machine Association has about 300 members.

Juggler

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"We came here to check out the welfare of the animals," said Nancy Howell, public information officer for the sheriff's office. "If they are not well, we'll keep them until they are well."

"This is the beginning of an investigation," she said, that was spawned by "numerous complaints from the public." Johnson said her cat was flown to her on Nov. 13. She "let it alone until they are well."

Brazil follows Iran's nuclear path, but without the fuss

RESENDE, Brazil (AP) — As Iran faces international pressure over developing the raw material for nuclear weapons, Brazil is quietly preparing to open its own uranium enrichment center, capable of producing exactly the same fuel.

Brazil — like Iran — has signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Breach of the Treaty, but unlike Iran, Brazil has not joined the military use of nuclear energy.

Also like Iran, Brazil has cloaked key aspects of its nuclear technology in secrecy while insisting the program is for peaceful purposes, claims nuclear weapons experts have debunked.

To comment on the proposed plan

Visit any of the Sawtooth National Forest offices to view maps of the trails and maps the agency is considering recognizing in its final plan. Send comments to the Sawtooth National Forest, 2647 Kimberly Road E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

est maps of roads and trails the Forest Service plans to recognize. For the most part, he is satisfied with what he sees. But, the federal agency won't make its final maps available until later this summer.

"Our main concern was to lose trails that were already open," Wills said.

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Major earthquake hits distant Russian Far Eastern region

By Mike Eckel Associated Press writer MOSCOW — A 7.7-magnitude earthquake hit a distant, sparsely populated region of Russia's Far East on Friday, and there were reports in at least one coastal village of damaged buildings — including a school and a hospital.

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NATION

Bush, Hu reach no agreements

By Mark Silva
Chicago Tribune



President Bush and Chinese President Hu Jintao hold a news conference Thursday in the Oval Office of the White House.

WASHINGTON — With a 21-gun salute and an array of military honor guards, President Bush welcomed President Hu Jintao of China to the White House for a hour-long meeting with a ceremonial lunch, but they had little tangible to show for a meeting marred by protest on the South Lawn.

The chief executives of the world's greatest economic power and the world's fastest-growing economy had much to discuss in private — the undervaluing of the Chinese currency that intensifies a trade imbalance between the two nations, the buildup of the Chinese military, denial of human rights in China and a mutual concern about the nuclear ambitions of North Korea and Iran.

The fact that the two leaders had scant progress to cite after their meeting is emblematic of the strain that permeates U.S.-China relations, and it is likely to spur new interest among members of Congress already pursuing trade sanctions against China, according to American experts on U.S.-Chinese relations.

The White House had signaled before Thursday's meeting that no significant agreements would emerge. And the pomp that the Chinese

president had sought as part of a grand White House reception was undermined by a Chinese-American protester shouting an objection to religious persecution in China from a news camera platform.

Among the biggest irritants between the two nations is a U.S. trade deficit with China that has exceeded \$200 billion. Central to that deficit is China's insistence on pegging its currency to the American dollar, which allows the yuan to trade 20 to 40 percent below its actual value.

Allowing the yuan to float, experts say, could help alleviate a trade deficit in which U.S. im-

ports from China are six times greater than U.S. exports there.

"The issue that overrides, and in a sense frames, the whole economic relationship is the trade imbalance," said C. Fred Bergsten, director of the Institute for International Economics.

"The failure of China to permit its currency to move, as most other countries in the world are doing, leads to a major protectionist trade reaction here in the United States," Bergsten, co-author of "China: The Balance Sheet," added. "Congress is saying, 'Well, if they continue to insist on an unfair trade competitive

advantage by blocking rise in the value of the currency, the only thing we can do, more in sorrow than in anger, is to hit them with trade restrictions."

The one point Bush and Hu agreed on publicly was the importance of improving the relationship between the U.S. and China, a nation of 1.3 billion whose economy is growing 10 percent a year.

The United States and China are two nations divided by a vast ocean, yet connected through a global economy that has created opportunity for both our people," Bush said in his welcoming remarks.

Behind the scenes, according to one senior administration official, Bush pressed Hu on the issue of intellectual property in China's insistence on controlling the relative world value of its currency.

"We don't agree on everything," Bush said while taking questions with Hu in the Oval Office from a small group of reporters. "But we're able to discuss our disagreements in a spirit of friendship and cooperation."

Hu, citing broad agreement on "common strategic interests," said, "As for the differences or even frictions between the two countries ... we both believe that they may be properly resolved through consultations on an equal footing."

Residents struggle to dig their way out of spring blizzard

LEAD, S.D. (AP) — Residents in the northwestern Plains on Thursday started to dig out from this week's spring blizzard, which dumped up to 5 feet of snow, cut power and threatened to flood low-lying areas.

The heaviest snow was reported in the city of Lead in western South Dakota, near the Wyoming line, where the weather service reported 59.4 inches.

Crews struggling with the weight and volume of snow also had to find a place to put it after scooping it up, said Pat Milos, Lead's city administrator.

"There's nowhere to put it when there is this much of it,"

Milos said.

About 10 miles to the north in Spearfish, part of the roof at a Wal-Mart store collapsed Thursday afternoon, apparently under heavy snow. There were no reports of injuries.

Colder overnight temperatures, with lows in the high 20s to low 30s, could help lessen the flood threat by slowing the snow melt, said Col. Dan Mosteller, South Dakota Highway Patrol superintendent.

"It will give the snow a chance to soak in a little bit rather than running off," he said.

In southwestern North Dakota, the town of Bowman recorded about 18 inches of snow, the weather service said.

The potent storm in some areas knocked down trees and power poles. Wind gusting to 84 mph overturned a mobile home in the Nebraska Panhandle, and gusts to 71 mph were reported in eastern Montana, officials said.

The South Dakota Rural Electric Association reported that more than 1,000 power poles were downed, with trees knocked onto lines and many lines snapped.

More than 4,000 customers remained without power Thursday in the Dakotas.

State officials fully reopened Interstate 90 Thursday morning after clearing about 95 miles of the highway from Gillette, Wyo.,

to Spearfish, S.D. The road had been closed since early Wednesday.

Four deaths were blamed on the storm, including a utility worker who was electrocuted while working in near whiteout conditions Tuesday night in northwestern North Dakota, authorities said.

Rescuers were concerned about possible losses during calving and lambing season, said Kristi Turman, director of the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management.

"They're getting dug out and getting into their fields and checking their cattle," Turman said. "We don't have an exact number on losses."

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NATION

U.S. cracks down on illegal workers, managers

By Tom Bruze
Newspaper

WASHINGTON — Amid congressional wrangling over immigration legislation, Department of Homeland Security chief Michael Chertoff announced Thursday the arrests of more than 1,100 illegal workers and the filing of criminal charges against managers of the nation's biggest pallet company as he highlighted a crackdown on businesses.

With raids in 26 states and criminal charges against seven current and former managers, the action against IFCO Systems North America Inc., based in Houston, Texas, represents the "largest single work-site enforcement operation against a company," Chertoff said in a Washington news briefing.

It was the second week in a row that Chertoff has announced charges against "bad actors" among employers who knowingly and systematically hire undocumented workers.

"The fact of the matter is we are looking at organizations that promote the harboring and hiring of illegal, undocumented workers," he said in

unveiling what he called a "new" strategy Thursday. "We're looking at them the same way we look at other criminal organizations."

Yet he acknowledged the strategy has been in the works for a year or so, resulting in last week's cases against a Baltimore sushi restaurant and an Ohio employment service, as well as last year's \$11 million settlement with Wal-Mart.

"We're now starting to see the fruits of seeds that were harvested when we started talking about this strategy a year or so ago," Chertoff said.

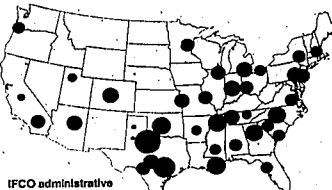
His announcement also comes at a time when Congress is struggling with two different bills aiming to reform immigration — one focuses on tightening enforcement, the other containing a guest worker program with a path to citizenship.

Chertoff's strategy stresses stricter enforcement, but it is unclear how that will affect the legislation in Congress, said Angela Kelly of the pro-immigrant National Immigration Forum.

A crackdown on businesses is just one small part of the

Cracking companies who hire illegals

The government arrested more than 1,100 people who worked for IFCO Systems, which has been under investigation for violating U.S. immigration laws.



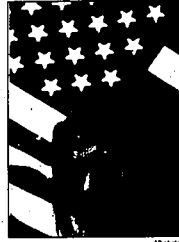
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SOURCE: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

strategy Chertoff outlined Thursday. It focuses mainly on finding and deporting aliens who overstay visas or stay when ordered to leave, and quicker removal of criminal aliens after they serve time.

On the business front, Chertoff said he has requested funds in 2007 to add 200 spe-

cial agents to the current 325 for employer enforcement. And he said he wanted to make it easier for companies to comply with immigration checks. He promoted a system in which employers could easily check the legitimacy of an applicant's Social Security card. Most business groups ap-



Inelda Lopez talks Thursday, April 20 about her husband being deported to Mexico after an immigration raid at IFCO Systems in San Antonio, Texas.

peared generally to support Chertoff's approach. Firms that use illegal workers and don't do background checks have an unfair advantage, especially in bidding for public contracts, said Michael Evans, vice president at a Manhattan security firm, U.S. Protection Agency. "They're

paying a lot lower and they can make their services for a lot lower," Evans said. But John Robertson, owner of Sexy Salad in Hauppauge, N.Y., said a widespread crackdown could crush many in the restaurant industry, especially independent establishments.

"There's not many in the restaurant industry out there who could survive paying a porter \$10, \$11, \$12 an hour," he said, adding that he employs only documented workers.

Chertoff said he'll target only the worst offenders, like IFCO.

On Wednesday, agents arrested 1,187 IFCO workers as illegal workers and seven managers who were charged with conspiring to transport and harbor aliens for commercial advantage and private financial gain, a crime with a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 fine for each alien.

In a statement, IFCO said, "We are cooperating fully with representatives from ICE and hope to have this matter resolved as soon as possible."

Katko Morris contributed to this story.

Test pilot and designer Scott Crossfield killed in plane crash

By Daniel Ye
Associated Press writer

RANGER, Ga. — Scott Crossfield, the hottest test pilot and aircraft designer who in 1953 became the first man to fly at twice the speed of sound, was killed in the crash of his small plane, authorities said Thursday. He was 84.

Crossfield's body was found in the wreckage Thursday in the mountains about 50 miles northwest of Atlanta, a day after the single-engine plane he was piloting dropped off radar screens on a flight from Alabama to Virginia. There were thunderstorms in the area at the time.

The cause of the crash was under investigation. Crossfield was believed to be the only person aboard.

During the 1950s, Crossfield

embodied what came to be called "the right stuff," dueling the better-known Chuck Yeager for supremacy among America's Cold War test pilots. Yeager broke the sound barrier in 1947; only weeks after Crossfield reached Mach 2, or twice the speed of sound, Yeager outdid him.

Yeager, reached at his home in California, said he was "sure sorry to hear" about Crossfield's death, but he wondered whether the pilot's penchant for taking risks might have been his undoing.

Crossfield was flying "in very bad weather," Yeager noted. "During their days as test pilots, he said Crossfield 'being a civilian, he had a lot more freedom than we did, as military guys... Sometimes he exceeded his capability and got in trouble.'"

Asked for an example, the 83-

year-old Yeager said: "Flying in weather that he should have never been in."

The Cessna 210A in which Crossfield died was a puny flying machine compared with the rocket-powered aircraft he flew as a test pilot. During his heyday, he climbed into some of the most powerful, most dangerous and most complex pieces of machinery of his time, took them to their performance limits or beyond — or "pushed the envelope," as test pilots put it — and usually brought them back to Earth in one piece.



Crossfield

"He's really one of the major figures," said Peter Jakab, aerospace chairman at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. "He was not only the great cutting-edge research pilot... but after that, he continued to be a great adviser and participant in all aspects of aerospace."

Crossfield, who lived in Herndon, Va., and flew regularly into his 80s, was a member of a group of civilian pilots assembled by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the forerunner of NASA, in the early 1950s. Yeager did his test flying as an Air Force pilot.

Crossfield flew Mach 2 on Nov. 20, 1953, when he hit 1,300 mph in NASA's Douglas D-558-II Skyrocket. The plane reached an altitude of 72,000 feet. After leaving NACA, he had a major role in the development

of the X-15 rocket plane and piloted it on several of its early test flights in the early 1960s.

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin hailed him as "a true pioneer whose daring X-15 flights helped pave the way for the space shuttle."

"We keep talking about test pilots, but there is no such thing as a 'test pilot,'" Crossfield said in a 1988 interview with Aviation Week & Space Technology. "They are all just people who incidentally do light tests... We should direct ourselves of this idea of special people (being) heroes. If you please, because really they do not exist."

In "The Right Stuff," Tom Wolfe's history of the dawn of the space age, Wolfe portrayed Crossfield, Yeager and other members of the brotherhood of test pilots as possessors of "the

right stuff," which the author defined as "the ability to go up in a hurtling piece of machinery and put his hide on the line and then have the moxie, the reflexes, the experience, the gutsiness, to pull it back in the last yawning moment — and then to go up again the next day, and the next day, and every next day."

The first group of seven NASA astronauts was selected in 1959. Bob Jacobs, a NASA spokesman, said Thursday that Crossfield never applied, though he did some engineering work on the Apollo space program. Many test pilots sneered at the Mercury program and did not consider it real flying; they regarded astronauts as little more than "Spam in a can" because their capsules were controlled from the ground.

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Expect higher oil prices, IMF says

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Higher energy prices probably will be around while the head of the International Monetary Fund says.

That's for the world economy has cooled well with the rising cost of energy but surging prices elsewhere a serious risk down the road, Rodrigo Rato suggested Thursday.

"It is likely that higher prices are going to last, and we are all going to have to adjust to that," he said.

In the United States, oil prices closed at a record high of \$72.17 a barrel on Wednesday and slipped to \$71.95 on Thursday.

Skyrocketing energy prices will figure prominently on the agenda of the world's seven largest economic powers when they gather on Friday. Discussions on worldwide economic matters will carry over into the weekly meetings of the IMF and the World Bank.

The United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada make up the Group of Seven most industrialized countries in the world.

Rato said reducing obstacles to investment to boost energy supplies, reinventing conservation programs and improving oil market statistics are a few things that could be done to help improve the situation.

"These measures would take some time to have their full effect, but taking them would help calm the oil market," Rato said.

Treasury Secretary John Snow, in talks with Chinese officials, touched on an issue expected to surface during the finance officials' meeting — prodding China to revamp its currency policy.

Snow met with Zhou Xiaochuan, the head of China's central bank, and Ma Kai, head of the National Development and Reform Commission, and discussed the importance of greater currency flexibility in China, a Treasury official said.

President Bush voiced hope

for more progress in this area to Chinese President Hu Jintao, who visited the White House on Thursday.

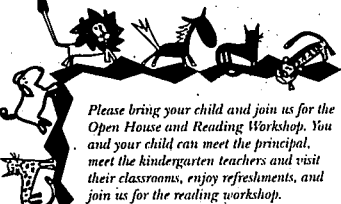
World Bank president Paul Wolfowitz, looking ahead to this weekend's meetings, stressed the importance of efforts to thwart corruption, which can be an obstacle to effective development. "There is a lot the international community can do," he said.

He was briefly interrupted by hecklers who chanted "corporate corruption who can we thank? The IMF and the World Bank."

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Prosecutors question Moussaoui's confession

Jury will begin deciding suspect's fate on Monday

By Michael J. Sniffen
Associated Press writer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Prosecutors acknowledged on Thursday the government has no evidence to support — and actually doubts — part of Zacarias Moussaoui's dramatic courtroom confession that he was involved in the Sept. 11 attacks. His claim that shoe bomber Richard Reid was to be on his team.

Thanks to legal maneuvering outside court, the potentially damaging confession reached the jury in an undramatic way. It was part of a stipulation agreed to by the government and read to the jury in the monotone voice of defense lawyer Alan Yamamoto.

The disclosure came shortly before the defense rested its case for sparing the life of the 37-year-old Frenchman. Testimony in the trial concluded after prosecutors presented their only rebuttal witness, psychiatrist Raymond Patterson, who examined Moussaoui. Patterson disagreed with defense experts who testified the terrorist conspirator is a paranoid schizophrenic.

On Monday, jurors who must choose execution or life in prison for Moussaoui will hear closing arguments and begin deliberations.

The windup of testimony in the 15-month roller coaster trial covered several issues.

Seven more people who lost relatives in the attacks testified on Moussaoui's behalf about how they have devoted their lives to reconciliation rather than vengeance. The defense

called 13 victim relatives over two days to try to blunt the impact of nearly four dozen victims and relatives whose heart-rending testimony for the prosecution had some jurors wiping their eyes.

The defense read another government-approved stipulation acknowledging that six al-Qaida operatives who directed the Sept. 11 plot, including mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and planner Ramzi Binladin, are in U.S. custody and have not families have criticized the government for charging only Moussaoui, whom they consider marginal, and not major players such as Shaikh Mohammed.

The concession about Reid went directly to the argument between prosecutors and defense lawyers over Moussaoui's credibility since he testified March 27. He stunned the courtroom that day by recounting his four-year-old claim of having nothing to do with Sept. 11. Instead he said he was to have hijacked a fifth jetliner, with said, that day, previously, Moussaoui claimed his planned attack on the White House was part of a later plot.

Since Moussaoui testified, the co-appeared defense team — with whom he does not cooperate — has portrayed him as a delusional schizophrenic who lied either to achieve martyrdom through execution or to enhance his role in history.

Prosecutors have tried to shore up Moussaoui's reputation. They argue he is not insane but a committed Islamic fundamentalist jihadist who finally confessed his role and determination to kill Americans.

Defense lawyers tried to bring Reid to court from federal prison, where he is serving life for attempting to detonate a shoe bomb on a trans-Atlantic flight in late 2001.

That bid was thwarted in motions still sealed from the public. But defense lawyers were able to obtain the government's agreement on the statement about Reid.

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EDITORIAL

Alternative art gallery worked fine for CSI

As long as there is art, there will be certain eyes that find it offensive. Of course, when you put certain unclothed bodies to canvas, the hue and cry is bound to grow a little louder.

But officials at the College of Southern Idaho made a tacitful attempt to preserve students' artistic works, at least for a week, by moving a number of nude paintings off campus to another gallery setting.

CSI opened a traditional showing in the Herrett Center, while an alternative called "Odious Addendum" — featuring nude works opened at the Lamphouse Theatre in Old Towne Twin Falls.

I feel student art that is more adult in nature should be displayed," said Jerry Beck, the college's president. "We just had to find the right place to do it."

Regardless of how you feel about the images, the additional forum made practical sense. Beck and the administration proved they didn't

have Van Gogh's ear for public feedback. The Lamphouse is a fitting setting for those pieces with more provocative tastes.

And to add their own level of support, some

Our view: The College of Southern Idaho made a wise decision in how it showcased student art.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

bers chose to add their own nude paintings or sculptures to the alternative show.

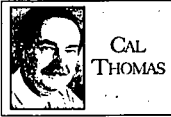
The move didn't please everyone. Some students protested the move of certain pieces of art to town. There also a fair point to be made that art students pay student fees so they can learn, create and exhibit their skills and art on their own campus.

But an Idaho community college town isn't quite the same as the campus at Berkeley.

Beck wisely asked students to consider a way to please artists and their community. The result was a compromise that amounted to clear administration support, according to one faculty member.

Like any compelling painting, CSI's policy won't please everyone. But it did provide the right touch to a sensitive issue.

While going through boxes during a move some years ago, I found Esso gasoline receipts from the '60s (Esso subsequently became Exxon in the United States). I showed them to my children and they were stunned. The price for a fill-up then was \$3. Today, the price of gasoline has shot past \$3 a gallon and some petroleum analysts predict prices equaling Europe's of \$4 or more per gallon by summer 2007. That would mean a cost of \$80 to fill a 20-gallon tank.



No study or special commission is needed to understand the root cause of growing energy costs. We've known it for years. Demand fiascos cost. While there have been numerous efforts to curb demand or seek alternative energy sources since the 1973 Arab oil boycott, which began the escalation of prices, none has taken hold because the price always fell back to acceptable levels. From solar power, to windmills, to hydro, there has been nothing seems to have caught on sufficiently to force us to change our oil consuming ways.

Here's something that will amaze you: In 1961, President John F. Kennedy announced a goal of putting an American on the moon by the end of the decade. That goal was achieved eight years later. What drove America was the "space race" with the Soviet Union. Communism was oil and we could not afford to allow the Soviets to get to the moon before we did. There were military concerns about the Soviets' not do with a base on the moon, but pride and prestige were also important factors.

It is going to take an enemy to break our oil addiction. The

How to get serious about energy



perfect energy is the oil-producing states with a track record for handling terrorism and whose brand of religion produces young fanatics determined to destroy the West. If we can get to the moon, we can get to the oil. In just eight years, we can become independent of the mullahs, ayatollahs, sheiks, imams and whackos like the president of Iran and assorted other world criminals who hate us and want to destroy us. This will call for strong leadership from President Bush and future presidents, regardless of party.

Various congressional investigations and reporting have revealed that the United States is subsidizing its own destruction because some of the biggest oil-producing states unwrite terrorism.

One of my excellent books on the subject is "Modern Jihad: Tracing the Dollars Behind the Terror Networks" by economist Louisa Napoleoni. Napoleoni follows the money earned from the sale of oil and shows how it ends up funding terrorism and terrorist centers.

Recipients of some of the money include mosques and Islamic schools in America, at least some of which are now, or can be expected to teach, incite, train and equip jihadis to again do unto us what they did to 9/11, and what they carry out regularly in Israel and Iraq.

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Twin Falls is still a fond memory for Texan

Well, here it is another spring day in Texas, yet my mind wanders to Twin Falls.

You see, I lived in Twin Falls for four years, 1970-1974. I learned to play baseball and basketball there, tried jumping basketball in front of my house at 525 Quincy St. like Evel Knievel would jump the Snake River Canyon.

I had many happy moments in Twin Falls. The smell of the air at the ball park, the drive-in and, of course, shopping at Penny Wise Store.

We were one of the few Mexican families that lived in town, and we were the only people of color at a white elementary, but

that was a positive because we got a good education and opportunity to go beyond our limitations. We were not always welcomed, but in general, we were happy. I looked forward to the county fair and the corn eating at the Green Plant again.

"Those four years in Twin Falls were some of my happiest years. Even though I was very young, I still to this day have very fond memories of your fine city. We had to leave Twin Falls when I was 10 because of the murder of my father, Solomon Ruiz. I love Texas, but I know deep down in my soul if we had stayed in Twin Falls things would be drastically different. One day soon, my wife and I plan to visit so I can show her where I learned that potential

“L”ook there, friend

Sancho Panza, where they or more monstrous giants rise up, all of whom I mean to engage in battle and slay, and with whose spoils we shall begin to make our fortunes.

— from "Don Quixote" by Miguel de Cervantes

To my eye, they are lovely. Graceful, delicate, white against green grass and a blue sky. Last summer my children and I stopped specially to visit a group of them, wheels turning in the breeze.

But to those who dislike them, the modern wind turbine is one ugly sight. It is an aesthetic blemish, a source of noise pollution, a murderer of birds and bats. As for the stilling wind industry, it is "an environmental plunderer, with its hirelings and parasites using a few truths and the politics of wishful thinking to frame a house of lies." Far from being clean and green, "corporate wind is yet another extraction industry relying on false promises," a "poster child for irresponsible development."

Such attacks — those come from www.stillwind.org, the Web site of Maryland anti-wind activist Jon Boone — are not aptly applied. Similar language turns up on www.windwatch.org, on

ANNE APPELBAUM

www.windstop.org, and on a dozen other anti-wind sites, most started by local groups opposed to a particular project. Their recent, rapid proliferation is not accident. After languishing for years on the off-ferge, wind energy has suddenly become mainstream. High oil prices, natural gas shortages, better technology, fear of global warming, state renewable-energy mandates and, yes, tax breaks have finally made wind farms commercially viable as well as clean.

Traditional utility companies want to build them — and thus the traditional environmental movement (which supports wind energy) has produced a handful of untraditional splinter groups that are trying to stop them.

They may succeed. Already, activists and real estate developers have stalled projects across Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New York. In Western Maryland, a proposal to build wind turbines alongside a coal mine, on a heavily logged mountain top next to a transmission line, has just been nixed by state officials who

called it too environmentally damaging. Along the coast of Nantucket, Mass. — the only sufficiently shallow spot on the New England coast — a coalition of wind groups and summer homeowners, puts them the Kennedy family, also seems set to block Cape Wind, a planned offshore wind farm. The well-funded lobbying last month won them the attention of Rep. Don Young, Al-Raska, who, though normally an advocate of a states' right to his own resources, has made an exception for Massachusetts and helped pass an amendment designed to kill the project altogether.

The groups do have some arguments, ranging from the aesthetic — if you are bothered by the sight of wind turbines on a mountain top, which I am not (or, anyway, not when compared with the sight of a strip mine) — to the economic. They argue that to not build wind will not soon replace coal and gas, that wind isn't always as effective as supporters claim, and that some people are going to make a lot of money out of it (through some people make a lot of money out of coal, and indeed Nantucket summer homes as well).

But they also reflect a deeper American malady: The problem plaguing new energy develop-

ments is no longer NIMBYism, the "Not-In-My-Back-Yard" movement. The problem now, as one wind-power executive puts it, is BANANAMISM: "Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anything." The anti-wind brigade, fierce though it is, pales beside the opposition to liquid natural gas terminals, which would be built entirely beside the mass movement that will oppose a new nuclear power plant. Indeed, the founders of Cape Wind say they ambushed on the project in part because public antipathy prevents most other utility investments in New England.

Still, energy projects don't even have to be viable to spark opposition. Already, there are activists gearing up to fight the massive Blackfoot hydroelectric project that fields of switch grass or corn stalks needed to produce ethanol will replace forests and bucolic country landscapes.

Isn't the nonexistent "hydrogen economy" will doubtless be under attack as well. There's a lot of earnest, even bipartisan talk nowadays about the need for clean, emissions-free energy. But are we really ready, politically, to build any new energy sources at all?

Anne Appelbaum is a columnist for The Washington Post.

LETTERS

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"To all the good people of Twin Falls, I bid a good day."
PETE RUZ
Midland, Texas

Trigger-happy president creates nation of fear

After three years of a horrible war which accomplishes nothing, we pray for peace.

What has happened to diplomacy? Is the secretary of state incapable or should a peace ambassador be appointed? We cannot afford another war in the Middle East or elsewhere. How is Iran different from Pakistan, India, North Korea, or the United States?

A fire Bush can hardly wait to

get his hand on the trigger, and I am frightened of the consequences. He must be held accountable for the present war and for his attitude which will prevent the U.S. from coming to terms with Iran. Such a war will be the end of our nation as we know it.

BARBARA DARGATZ
Halley

Drug companies pull the bait-and-switch

As a pharmacist, I am sick to see how the government has mismanaged benefits for our seniors. Instead of taking on the pharmaceutical companies for the high cost of prescriptions, it has opened up the government checkbook to the drug companies in the name of

Medicaid Part D.

What was originally to cost \$200 billion is now estimated at more than \$400 billion, with taxpayers paying for the cost of drug companies plus handling, processing, etc., to the insurance companies. The old bait and switch was pulled by the insurance companies as they had all meds covered when they signed up but could change the formulary until Dec. 31.

Soon, many seniors will reach the "donut hole," where they are still paying premiums but have no coverage. And just out, the new year 2007, you guessed it — higher co-pay, higher premiums, more restrictions.

Former Sen. Billy Tauzin from Louisiana, who pushed the Part D through, is now out of politics

and has a seven-figure job as chief executive officer of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association. No conflict of interest there!

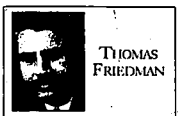
The average pharmacy net profit is 2 percent, and the average drug company's net is 17 percent. It doesn't take a genius to tell you where the high cost of prescriptions comes from. This is net profit — after the TV ads, lobbying costs, etc.

Let's force costs like that alone will be more than \$200 million. The only recourse we have is at the ballot box and our elected officials. The best way you talk with the folks who take any money from the drug companies.

KENT JENSEN, RPH
Twin Falls

There'd be no trust in a fight with Iran

If these are our only choices, which would you rather have a nuclear-armed Iran or an attack on Iran's nuclear sites that is carried out and sold to the world by the Bush national security team, with Don Rumsfeld at the Pentagon's helm?



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

While I know the right thing is to keep all our options open, I have zero confidence in this administration's ability to manage a complex military strike against Iran, let alone the military and diplomatic aftermaths.

As someone who believed — and still believe — in the importance of getting the right level of incompetence that the Bush team has displayed in Iraq, and its refusal to acknowledge any mistakes or remove those who made them, make it impossible to support this administration in any offensive military action against Iran.

I look at the Bush national security officials much the way I look at drunken drivers. I just want to take away their foreign policy driver's licenses for the next few years. Sorry, boys and girls, you have to stay home now — or take a taxi. Dial 1-800-NATO-CHARGE-A-RIDE. You will not be driving alone, not with my car.

If ours were a parliamentary democracy, the entire Bush team would be out of office by now, and deservedly so. In Iraq, the president was supposed to lead, manage, and hold subordinates accountable, and he did not. Condoleezza Rice was supposed to coordinate, and she did not. Donald Rumsfeld was supposed to listen, and he did not.

But ours is not a parliamentary system, and while some may feel as if this administration over, it isn't. So what to do? We can't just take a foreign policy timeout.

At a minimum, a change must be made at the Pentagon. Rumsfeld paints himself as a concerned secretary, ready to give our generals in Iraq whatever troops they ask for, but they just haven't asked. This is hogwash, but even if the generals didn't ask, the relevant question, Mr. Rumsfeld, is: What did you ask them?

What did you ask them when you saw the looting, when you saw Saddam's ammo dumps unguarded, when you saw that no one had control of the Iraq-Syria border and in security that militias were sprouting every-



where? What did you ask the generals? You didn't ask and you didn't tell, because you never wanted to send more troops. You actually thought we could just smash Saddam's regime and leave. Insane.

So if our choice is another Rummy-led operation on Iran or Iran's going nuclear and our deterring it through classic means, I prefer deterrence. A negotiable diplomatic note to Iran's mullahs will suffice. "Gentlemen, should you ever use a nuclear device, or dispense one to terrorists, we will destroy every one of your nuclear sites with tactical nuclear weapons. If there is any part of this sentence you do not understand, please contact me. Thank you."

Do I wish there was a third way? Yes. But the only meaningful third way would be to challenge Iran to face-to-face negotiations about all the issues that divide us: Iraq, sanctions, nukes. Such diplomacy, though, would require two things.

First, the Bush team would have to make up its mind on something that has divided it for five years: Does it want a change of regime in Iran, or a change of behavior? If it will settle only for regime change, then diplomacy has no chance.

The Iranians will never negotiate, and our allies will be wary of working with us. Second, if the Bush team is ready to live with a change in Iran's behavior, diplomacy has a chance — but only if it has allies and a credible threat of force to make the Iranians negotiate seriously. The only way Iran will strike a grand bargain with the U.S. is if it thinks America has the support at home and abroad for a military option (or really severe sanctions).

The main reason Rumsfeld should leave now is because we can't have a credible diplomatic or military option vis-à-vis Iran when so many people feel, as I do, that in a choice between another Rumsfeld-led confrontation or just letting Iran

get nukes and living with it, we should opt for the latter.

It may be that leaning to live with a nuclear Iran is the wisest thing under any circumstances. But it would be nice to have a choice.

It would be nice to have the option of a diplomatic deal to end Iran's nuclear program — but that's the only way with a credible threat of force. Yet we

will not have the support at home or abroad for that threat as long as Rumsfeld leads the Pentagon. No one in their right mind would follow this man into another confrontation — and that is a real strategic liability.

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for The New York Times.

LETTER

Dog dumping didn't go with Easter eggs.

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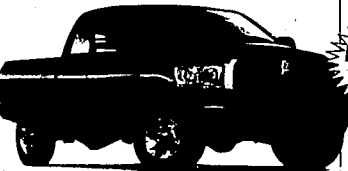
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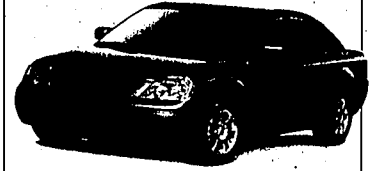
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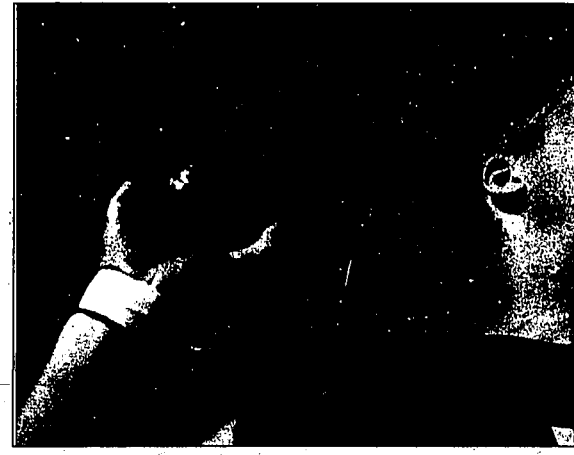
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Coming Saturday
The NASCAR page looks at this weekend in auto racing.

SPORTS



ABOVE: Wendall junior Joe Lage competes in the seventh flight of the shot put event Thursday afternoon at the Buhl Rotary Track Invitational.

Blauer breaks high jump record at Buhl Rotary invite
By Brad Gulre
Times-News writer

BUHL—We have liftoff. Well, it may have seemed that way when Diana Blauer broke the girls high jump record at the Buhl Rotary Invitational Track Meet in Buhl on Thursday.

The jump of 5-feet 6-inches shouldn't surprise many, as she tied the meet record last year (5-2 set by Buhl's Amanda Mann in 2001 and tied by Wendell's Jaynie Goodbody in 2004) and tied the Burley High School record at 5-feet 8-inches.

"After I got my mark on, it worked out well," Blauer said. "If you mark is off it's hard to get your full potential."

According to one of her coaches, she has plenty of that.

"Really, the sky is the limit," Burley track coach Josh Aston said. "Being a sophomore, she's got the potential to get up there and challenge these state records. Right now, she'll be able to write her ticket to college the way she's jumping."

Declo's Jerrika Zollinger came second at 5-0.

Overall, Spring Creek dominated in boys and girls events. The boys put up 105 points with Jerome coming in at No. 2 with 98. The only medalist the visitors had was in the 400-meter dash.

The Spring Creek girls netted 141 points with three medalists to go to the schools. Burley was the runner-up with 87.

However, for the boys, the high jump record is safe for another year.

Buhl's Spencer took top honors with a jump of 6-2,



BELOW: Wood River Junior Elisha Baker wins the second heat of the 400-meter dash Thursday at the Buhl Rotary Track Invitational.

than two-tenths of a second.

It's one second of my personal record this season. It's about what I've been running. In the girls long-distance events, Burley's Stephanie Johnson nearly swept, winning the 800- and 1,600-meter runs. She fell behind teammate Natalie Mabey in the 3,200 by less

Spencer Mendenhall



Declo golfer is on a roll

By Nathaniel Garrabrant
Times-News writer

DECLO—It looked like Spencer Mendenhall's shot had gone in, that the ball had dropped.

But distelhell demanded a closer look and seemed unfortunately confirmed when two balls were seen hiding on the far side of the Rupert Country Club No. 13 green.

"We thought that (one) was mine," said Mendenhall, "that it had just rolled over."

From his father, who'd been following the tournament in a car with Spencer's grandfather, walked up the green and pointed into the cup.

"It was amazing, just awesome to have a hole-in-one in a tournament," said Mendenhall, who used a 7-iron on the par 3 but it was a fortunate second-ace, having hit his first at the age of 14 with the Burling Golf Course on No. 17.

Mendenhall's intent on to win the tournament by a stroke over teammate Jordan Liljenquist, carding a 76. It was the Declo senior's second medalist finish in a row and his third of the season, coming just a week after carding a one-over-par 73 at the 93 Golf Ranch in Jerome.

"It's like golf and that's the key," said Declo head coach Lynn Payne. "He holds all year round. He was wanting me to go and buy a season pass at Clear Lakes with him. He just likes to golf."

Even so, it had been an up and down year for Mendenhall, who after winning his season opening tournament at Blue Lakes Country Club found himself struggling for several weeks until turning things around in Jerome.

"My swing was struggling," said Mendenhall. "I got some help from my dad and coaches and it just started to come around. And now I'm just starting to get greens in regulation and my short game improved and everything just started clicking."

"What happened," said Payne, "is that he was playing very well last year and going into this year, he had the goal that he was never going to hit in the 40s for nine holes. He put a lot of pressure on himself. Then he started hitting in the 40s and got down on his hands and knees. He's worked himself out of it and we're just hoping that he keeps on the same trend that he's been on."

After taking fourth in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference last season, the Homers' No. 1 looks to try.

"I just want to finish out the year strong," said Mendenhall, "and hopefully do good in state"

Kobe's back; LeBron is in NBA playoffs

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK—Welcome to the postseason, LeBron. And welcome back, Kobe. Sure, the Pistons and Spurs made for a great NBA Finals last year, and they would surely do it again if both get back, as expected, this time.

But for the playoffs to really be special, they need the league's superstars to have their time in the spotlight. And that's no mistake: LeBron James and Kobe Bryant are the biggest the NBA has to offer right now.

Both were sitting at home this time last year, and a coach or golf course is no place to cement an NBA legacy. That can only be done in a packed arena in May and June.

"That's a road you have to follow if you want to be considered among the great ones because it demonstrates that you're either making the players around you better or management is putting better players around you in order to showcase your talent longer into the playoffs," commissioner David Stern said last week.

"The campaign last year about the finals was, 'When legends are born' and I think you could have said that for the playoffs. You clearly — in order to write yourself large in NBA history—you've got to be in the playoffs."

James thought he was headed there last year before a late season collapse left the Cleveland Cavaliers at home. Now in his third year, he's ready to make up for lost time.

"I don't put timelines on anything James said following a press conference Thursday. "It's unfortunate I didn't make it the last two years, but I'm here now."

Not surprisingly, James and Bryant get the prime TV slots this weekend. The Cavaliers open their first postseason since 1998 on Saturday afternoon against the Washington Wizards, and the Lakers get the Sunday 3:30 p.m. EDT spot for both their opener at Phoenix and Game 4 back at Staples Center next weekend.



CSI baseball looks to overtake SWAC lead at CEU

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Bring out the brooms.

With late April upon the College of Southern Idaho baseball team, the Golden Eagles have set their sights not on spring cleaning, but on securing a four-game road sweep over the College of Eastern Utah this weekend in Price, Utah, and reclaiming the top spot in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. With SWAC-leading Dixie State College idle this week with a bye, the Golden Eagles will look to climb back to the top of the conference but the pressure squarely on the Rebels' shoulders when the two teams meet next weekend in Twin Falls.

Before a 30-12 CSI squad focuses on the important showdown at The Sky, the Golden Eagles must contend with a 16-22 CEU team that took one SWAC game from them in their earlier series in Twin Falls. A repeat of that weekend's 3-1 performance against CEU would put CSI in first, but a 4-0 sweep would be better. That urgency,

combined with the fact that a rested CSI club is coming off its own bye-week, should equate to the Golden Eagles of Twin Falls coming out with all guns blazing.

Those metaphorical guns are best represented by CSI's exceptional pitching staff, which thanks to the full return to active duty of sophomore ace Troy Grundy, is back to full strength for the first time in over a month; Grundy, who has been hampered by a string of illnesses that fatigued his arm, is carrying a 4-3 record and 4.50 ERA heading into the weekend. After a strong 3-0 start, Grundy compiled a 1-3 record through late-February and early-March before CSI head coach Boomer Walker removed him from the rotation and rested his ace for what has now been nearly a month.

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SPORTS

Jerome baseball sweeps Kimberly

JEROME — Down by one in the bottom of the seventh, three straight doubles by Mike Cummings, Justin Praeger and James Green put two on the board for Jerome and the Tigers to take a 11-10 Game 1 win over Kimberly in Jerome on Thursday.

"We got some clutch hits this year," Tigers head coach Tom Holbrovski said.

The game went back and forth with the Bulldogs coming in 12 times and the Tigers with nine. However the game was marred by errors by both sides.

"It was ugly all the way around," Jerome manager Tom Holbrovski said.

In Game 2, it was more of a contest as Jerome won 14-3 in five innings.

Jerome put up eight runs in the bottom of the fourth, with six of their nine hits coming in the top half.

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Local sports

Softball

Burley 3, Jerome 2

JEROME — Burley picked up a road Great Basin Conference West playoff game, beating the host Tigers 3-2 on Thursday.

"We played a good six innings," said Jerome coach Adam Reynolds. "But we need to play a whole game. We let them stick around. Burley wanted it more, and they just outplayed us."

Jerome got a solid pitching effort from losing pitcher senior McKenzie Mangum. Mangum recorded 10 strikeouts and issued three walks and allowed only four batters hits.

Kandace Dalton had four strikeouts for Burley and only walked one Tiger.

Jerome outpitch Burley, 8-4, but the Jerome defense made more errors compared to only two for Burley.

Junior Chelsea Craig was 3-for-4 including a home run for Jerome in 4-5-2-3. Jay Thurston was 1-for-3 for Burley.

Jerome hosts Bonneville on Saturday and Burley travels to Minico next Thursday.

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Track
Valley girls, Twin Falls JV dominates Monte Andrus

TWIN FALLS — Zandra Nelson and the Valley Vikings girls ruled Thursday's Monte Andrus Invitational at Twin Falls High School in record fashion.

Nelson broke the meet record in the 400-meter dash, posting a time of 1 minute, 68 seconds, while the Vikings edged out the Twin Falls junior varsity for the team points.

"The Vikings were bolstered by strong performances by Britney in the 800s, Lindsey Wood in the jumps, and Olivia Burns in pole vault. Burns tied the meet record of 9 feet, 6 inches in the vault.

On the boys side, the Twin Falls JV squeaked past the powerful Raft River Trojans to take the team points title by four at points. But Raft River's Baker dominated the sprints and the long jump, while the traditionally strong Trojans pole vaulters placed two in the meet's top three.

Glenn Hance of Glenns Ferry set a new meet record in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 4:10 seconds.

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Stanley cup chase is wide open

NEWYORK (AP) — You won't find any true bracketbusters in this year's Stanley Cup playoffs.

There are 16 teams in the hunt for the silver chalice, and from top to bottom every club can make a case that it can skate off with North America's oldest sports trophy.

They've clinched the top spot in the Eastern Conference on Tuesday, the final night of the regular season, which gave the Senators the right to play the weakest playoff team. Except this year that happens to be the Tampa Bay Lightning. Yes, the guys who won the title the last time it was on the line two years ago before the lockout.

But the new NHL playoffs are possible and parity is king thanks to the \$39 million salary cap. Only eight teams were more than 11 points out of a playoff spot.

"It's been one of those years," said Lightning forward Brad Richards, the MVP of the 2004 playoffs. "We feel now that finally we got in, we can start over here hopefully and try to do something."

They aren't alone.

The New Jersey Devils finished the season on a league-record closing run of 11 straight victories that put them one point ahead of the New York Rangers and a tie with the Philadelphia Flyers atop the Atlantic Division. The Devils won the tiebreaker and earned the No. 3 seed.

They think this is the best year as ever in the NHL for a number of teams to win the Cup. San Jose Sharks coach Ron Wilson said, "The most important reason is because the rules aren't going to change in the postseason. It will be the same hockey called by the same rules."

The Sharks also fought much of the season just to qualify for the playoffs. The early addition of scoring clusters in Boston from Boston after the Sharks started slowly made all the difference. He turned linemate Jonathan Cheechoo into the top goal-scorer of the league by assisting on 30 of his 55 tallies.

San Jose is fifth in the Western Conference and will face the No. 4 Nashville Predators in the first-of-seven series that opens on Friday.

Also starting that night in the West is the series between No. 1 Detroit and No. 8 Edmonton, along with No. 3 Calgary hosting the No. 6 Anaheim. The remaining Western series: No. 7 Colorado at No. 2 Dallas, beginning Saturday.

In the East, the Lightning and Senators will start Friday. The other three series: The New York Rangers at New Jersey, No. 7 Montreal at No. 2 Carolina; and No. 5 Philadelphia visiting No. 4 Buffalo get under way on Saturday.

The Predators are a story in themselves as they set to make the second straight playoff appearance in their seventh NHL season.

Paul Kariya has been everything Nashville hoped he'd be when the club inked him last week of the season. Kariya, who was traded to Anaheim to the Cup finals in 2003, scored 85 points — tops on the Predators.

Offense won't be the focal point for Nashville's playoff run. Kariya still is still dealing with the news that they will be without leading goalie Tomáš Vokun, who is sidelined by a blood-clotting problem. That leaves Chris Mason with the pressure to succeed.

Goalending is always key in the playoffs but more so this year with many clubs relying on young and inexperienced players. They see what it's like to see a dollar net under forward Patrick Elias said, "I think we all are aware that there is no one team that can just run away with it and that everybody has a chance."

A big reason why Tampa Bay is eighth and not the NHL's top team in this first post-lockout season is the Lightning are trying to advance with the inconsistent goalie tandem of Ben Burke and John Grahame instead of Nikolai Khabibulin, who bolted the champs for Chicago last summer.

Yes, they'll get no sympathy from the Senators. Ottawa hasn't played its first regular season game since he got hurt during the Olympics. But rookie Ryan Emery has been terrific in his absence by winning 23 games and posting a 2.02 goals-against average.

Whether he can live with the postseason spotlight on him remains to be seen. Hasek hopes to come back soon but his recovery has been slow.



Ottawa Senators head coach Bryan Murray, center, goes over on a plan as team players, from left, Dany Heatley, Martin Havlat and Daniel Alfredsson look on during a team practice at the Scotiabank Place in Ottawa, Canada on Thursday.

WEST		EAST	
1	Detroit	1	Ottawa
2	Edmonton	2	Tampa Bay
3	Nashville	3	Buffalo
4	San Jose	4	Philadelphia
5	Calgary	5	New Jersey
6	Anaheim	6	NY Rangers
7	Dallas	7	Carolina
8	Colorado	8	Montreal

Hit the ice

Detroit and Ottawa are the top seeds as the NHL playoffs begin with 16 teams looking to bring home the Stanley Cup.

Best of seven series (2-2-1-1-1 order)

So it's hardly out of the realm of possibility that the playoff-tested Lightning could pull off a seeding upset in the first round.

And up and down the Eastern Conference there is much the same.

"Both conferences really every team going in thinks they have a shot," Philadelphia captain Derian Hatcher said. "Whoever ends up in the Stanley Cup final, it really wouldn't surprise me."

The Carolina Hurricanes are putting their trust in Martin Gerber, who has a total of two NHL playoff games under his belt from his days as a backup with the Anaheim Mighty Ducks. Henrik Lundqvist has been the top goalie in Sweden and an Olympic gold medalist, but as an NHLer he is an absolute novice.

The New York Rangers rookie missed seven straight games because of a hip injury and his teammates suffered without him, dropping the final four.

He made it back Tuesday against Ottawa but his presence wasn't enough to stop the skid. One win wouldn't clinch the Atlantic Division for the Rangers, instead they fell to sixth in the East but are in the playoffs for the first time since 1997.

The Devils can score any team. They enter

as the hottest team in the league with the one goalie that clearly stands out above the rest. Martin Brodeur has already won three Stanley Cups.

"We know that the key to win championships ... you've got to have good goaltending, and to play solid defense, which we've been playing the last few weeks," Elias said.

Buffalo features young goalie Ryan Miller and Philadelphia sports Olympic silver medalist Anders Nilittymaki, who will be Robert Esche's backup at least at the start.

Out West, the Calgary Flames will look to repeat as conference champions. They are in the playoffs for the second straight season after a seven-year absence.

Just as in 2004, the Flames have their sights set on the Detroit Red Wings, who came an NHL-best 124 points. Calgary shocked Detroit two years ago by ousting the Wings in the second round. With Mikka Kiprisoff in goal with a full run of playoff experience behind him, the Flames could make another run.

That is if they can oust Anaheim in the first round.

"Whoever is the team that gets things going the quickest and playing together and plays the right way, is going to have success," Ducks captain Scott Niedermayer said. "I don't think it really matters what you did in the regular season."

sees more success, Red Wings in 6.

No. 2 DALLAS (52-23-6) vs. No. 7 COLORADO (43-30-6).
2005-06 series record: Dallas 3-1.
Playoff History: Colorado 2-1. Last meeting: Colorado 4-1 in 2004 first round.
DALLAS: Paced by rejuvenated defenseman Mike Modano (70 points) and Jason Amott (32 goals), along with stellar goaltending from Marty Turco, the Stars pose the biggest threat to Detroit in the West.

COLORADO: Jose Theodore gets another chance in the playoffs to show he can play as his old backup in 2002 when he was the NHL MVP and the league's top goalie while with Montreal.

No. 3 CALGARY (46-25-4) vs. No. 6 ANAHEIM (43-27-7).
2005-06 series record: Tie 2-2.
Playoff History: First meeting.
CALGARY: No longer the upstarts that made surprising trip to 2004 finals. The Flames won the Northwest Division with 103 points, third most in the West.

ANAHEIM: Jean-Sebastien Giguere will also be looking to repeat an unexpected run to the finals.
OUTLOOK: Calgary in 6.

No. 4 NASHVILLE (49-26-5) vs. No. 5 SAN JOSE (47-27-7). **2005-06 series record:** Tie 2-2, with San Jose winning twice in overtime.
Playoff History: First meeting.

NASHVILLE: Paul Kariya goes the Predators an identity while also making them a threat. **SAN JOSE:** The dynamic duo of scoring champion Joe Thornton (125 points) and Jonathan Cheechoo (56 goals) will look to feast on Mason.

OUTLOOK: Predators have some experience, just not enough to knock off the Sharks. San Jose in 6.



Detroit Red Wings center Steve Yzerman carries the puck through the neutral zone against the Nashville Predators in this Jan. 9 photo.

Yzerman looks for one more banner

DETROIT (AP) — Steve Yzerman has stood for hundreds of national anthems during his two decades in Detroit, giving the Red Wings' captain plenty of time to gaze around Joe Louis Arena.

As Yzerman faces the U.S. and Canadian flags, he carries the five retired jerseys hanging in the rafters, including Gordie Howe's, and 10 Stanley Cup banners from 1936-02.

Yzerman acknowledged that he notices the red-and-white symbols of greatness. Just don't hold your breath waiting for him to wax nostalgically.

"I don't think a whole lot about it," he said, typically downplaying anything remotely associated with him or his career.

Yzerman's No. 19 is a lock to be the sixth honored jersey in Hockeytown — perhaps soon if he decides to hang up his skates this summer. But first, one of the game's greats has a shot at helping the franchise put a fourth championship banner during his storied career.

Detroit, the NHL's top-seeded team, opens the Stanley Cup playoffs Friday night at home against the Edmonton Oilers.

"I'm pretty excited about it," Yzerman said. "We've had a very good season. I think we've given ourselves a lot of hope. I'm anxious to get into it. We missed an entire season last year, first and second round exits the years before."

Yzerman led the Red Wings to a title in 2002, their third in six years, and despite his gritty efforts, they were knocked out early in the two postseasons prior to the lockout that wiped out the NHL last season.

The 40-year-old Yzerman decided to come back for at least his 22nd season — all with the Red Wings.

"I was a fan, so I was glad he didn't end his career during the playoffs two years ago, when he was helped off the ice after a puck broke bone near his eye. But early this season, it didn't look like Yzerman could still contribute at a high level."

A groin injury took him out of the lineup in eight of the first 10 games, and led to him missing nine more games in midseason. A banged-up knee also gave him problems at times.

Yzerman said he briefly considered retiring in late November and early December.

"It was a struggle for a little while and it was something to consider," he said. "But, I'm glad I kind of stuck with it."

Yzerman's decision to keep playing and after some wrote him off, he said.

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"When I just got here, I was in my 35-year-old huddles. I was in Toronto couldn't believe I was his teammate," said Kirk Maltby, in his 10th season with the Red Wings. "But I quickly found out that he's just an easygoing, approachable guy whether you're young kid trying to make it or a veteran star."

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NHL Playoff Capsules

EASTERN CONFERENCE

No. 1 OTTAWA (52-23-6) vs. No. 8 TAMPA BAY (43-33-4).
2005-06 series record: Ottawa 4-0.
Playoff History: First meeting.
OTTAWA: Clinched top spot in East with 51 victory in New York over Rangers on final night of regular season.
TAMPA BAY: The defending champs topped the Presidents' Trophy it won two years ago en route to the Stanley Cup final for a razor-thin margin over Atlanta that barely got them in the tournament this time.
OUTLOOK: Even with untested Emery in goal, he's already dealt with the pressure of replacing Hasek. The rest should be easy. Senators in 5.

West goalie.

NEW YORK: For the Rangers to have a chance to win the series, Jaroslav Jagr will need to shake defensive shadow that Jim Pandolfo will cast on him.
OUTLOOK: New Jersey keeps winning, ouths rival Rangers for first time, Devils in 6.

No. 2 CAROLINA (52-22-6) vs. No. 7 MONTREAL (42-31-3).
2005-06 series record: Carolina 4-0.
Playoff History: Montreal 5-1. Last meeting: Carolina 4-2 in 2002 second round.
CAROLINA: Hurricanes, under U.S. Olympic coach Ron Lunyette are back in playoffs for first time since stunning run to Stanley Cup finals in 2002.
MONTREAL: Canadiens goalie Cristobal Huet has even fewer NHL postseason appearances than Emery. He is yet to make his debut.
OUTLOOK: Hurricanes get second wild against choice opponent, Carolina in 5.

No. 4 BUFFALO (52-24-5) vs. No. 5 PHILADELPHIA (45-26-6).
2005-06 series record: Buffalo 3-1.
Playoff History: Philadelphia 5-2. Last meeting: Buffalo 4-2 in 2001 first round.
BUFFALO: The Sabres finished on a five-game winning streak after a late slump. They closed with a solid shutout win at Carolina to knock the Hurricanes down to second place in the East.
PHILADELPHIA: Robert Esche was tabbed as the goaltending starter by coach Ken Hitchcock, despite Esche's prediction a few weeks earlier that Anders Nilittymaki would be in the net during the postseason.
OUTLOOK: Esche shows why he was on U.S. Olympic team by outdueling Miller, who was kept home. Flyers in 7.

No. 3 NEW JERSEY (44-27-5) vs. No. 8 NEW YORK RANGERS (44-28-4).
2005-06 series record: Tie 4-4, with overtime loss for each team.
Playoff History: Rangers 3-0. Last meeting: Rangers 4-1 in 1997 East finals.
NEW JERSEY: The only intradivisional matchup in the first round. Martin Brodeur has played 144 postseason games, by the most of any

WESTERN CONFERENCE

No. 1 DETROIT (58-15-5) vs. No. 8 EDMONTON (41-23-9).
2005-06 series record: Edmonton 2-1-1.
Playoff History: Edmonton 2-1. Last meeting: Edmonton 4-1 in 1998 West finals.
DETROIT: Posted 124 points to claim NHL's best record for third time in four seasons but Red Wings haven't advanced past second round since winning the Cup in 2002.
EDMONTON: Back in playoffs after sitting out two of the previous three seasons. Oilers haven't reached second round since 1998.
OUTLOOK: Yzerman left his last playoff appearance with a serious eye injury. This time he

Blues retain first pick

NEW YORK (AP) — The St. Louis Blues won the NHL draft lottery Thursday, getting the first overall pick for the first time in their history.

Columbus will pick sixth, followed by the New York Islanders, Phoenix, Minnesota, Florida, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Toronto and Vancouver.

The Blues, who finished the regular season with the fewest points (57), had the greatest chance — 25 percent — of winning the lottery.

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Two-time defending champion V.J. Singh tees off on the ninth hole during the first round of the Houston Open PGA golf tournament on Thursday in Humble, Texas. Singh shot a 3-under-par 69.

Singh three shots off lead in Houston

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — Stuart Appley thinks he has 10, maybe 15 years left on the PGA Tour. He's determined to make the most of them.

The 34-year-old Appley shot a 6-under 66 on the Tournament Course at Redstone Golf Club on Thursday to take the first-round lead in the Shell Houston Open.

"I'm trying to play well all the time," Appley said. "I think that's an addictive thing you want to get into and you keep going and keep playing until it gets out of time."

The Australian teed off early and took advantage of calm conditions on the new course.

The event's third venue in four years. The Rees Jones-designed layout opened in August 2005 and most of the players are getting their first look at it this week.

Appley said the course would yield low scores if the wind stayed down — and it did throughout his round.

Conditions were quite easy," Appley said. "There was definitely a 6-under score to be had out there by somebody and I was fortunate."

Jerry Smith and D.A. Points also benefited from early tees and shot 67s.

Australia's Aaron Baddeley, coming off his first PGA Tour

win last week at Hilltop Head, was two strokes back after a 68.

Baddeley said the confidence he gained from the victory has carried over to this week.

Follow Aussie Stephen Lennay, Brent Geilberger and Charles Worrey also shot 68s.

Two-time defending champion Vijay Singh was part of a group three shots back after 69s. Singh birdied all four par-5s, but bogeyed the 18th after hitting his tee shot into the fairway bunker.

Singh is the only one of golf's Big Five playing this week. Woods, Mickelson, Retief Goosen and Ernie Els are skipping the event.

Kerr shares lead on LPGA Tour

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. (AP) — Annika Sorenstam put herself in a familiar position at Eagle's Landing Country Club — one shot off the lead after the opening round.

The rest of the field can only hope she doesn't do a repeat over the next three days.

Maria Hjorth and Cristie Kerr shot 7-under 65s on Thursday to share the lead at the Florida's Natural Charity Championship, but Sorenstam was right in the thick of things with a 66 and was eager to duplicate last year's performance at the course south of Atlanta.

Sorenstam won the 2005 event in a 10-stroke runaway, positioning herself one shot off the lead after Day 1, taking control with a second-round 64 and essentially wrapping up the tournament on Saturday.

This time, she started out a bit erratic with three bogeys on her scorecard. But she nearly holed out a 4-wood from the fairway at the par-5 sixth hole, the ball stopping just inches short of the flagstick for a tap-in eagle.

"I told my caddy, 'A few more rolls and it would have been a 2,'" said Sorenstam, who also won this event in 2001. "I have never had a double eagle. That would have made my day for sure."

Not that she was complaining. Sorenstam took her score into the 60s with birdies on five of the last six holes and is right where she needs to be to go after her second win of the year.

"I'm happy with my day," she said. "I made a lot of birdies and I made an eagle. I did make a few mistakes."

Sorenstam's caddy, Candice Hannemann and Franca Patricia Meunier-Lehouc were also one shot off the lead after shooting 66.



Cristie Kerr hits from the sand on the 18th green during the first round of the LPGA Florida's Natural Charity Championship golf tournament on Thursday in Stockbridge, Ga. Kerr shot a 7-under par 65.

Karrle Webb played for the first time since her comeback victory in the Kraft Nabisco Championship three weeks ago — the seventh major title of her career, but her first victory of any kind since 2004.

The Aussie is off to another good start, opening with a 67 that left her two strokes off the lead and could have been better if not for a three-putt and a short birdie chance that missed.

"I played really well," Webb said. "I think 5 under is probably the worst I could have shot."

The course was ripe for the taking on a warm, sunny day with a light breeze to ripple the flags. Heavy rain on Wednesday softened up the greens, but the golfers were still getting favorable rolls on the fairways.

"Scoring-wise, the course is setting up perfectly," Sorenstam said.

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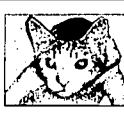
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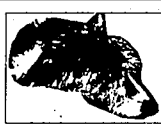
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Stocks of local interest

	close	change
Albertsons	\$25.36	▲ .06
Con Agri	\$21.71	▲ .20
Dell Inc.	\$28.24	▼ .37
Idacorp	\$33.50	▼ .13
Micron	\$16.80	▲ .30
SuperValu	\$29.34	▲ .42

Commodities

	close	change
Oil, by barrel (April, light sweet crude)	\$71.95	▼ .22
Live cattle	\$82.17	▼ .65
Gold (April)	\$619.80	▼ 12.80

MediaNews makes McClatchy an offer

LOS ANGELES — MediaNews Group Inc. has offered to buy three Knight Ridder Inc. newspapers in California and one in Minnesota for as much as \$1 billion, according to a published report Thursday.

Completing a deal with McClatchy Co., which is in the process of buying all of Knight Ridder, would give MediaNews a controlling interest in California's San Jose Mercury News, the Contra Costa Times and the Monterey County Herald, as well as the St. Paul Pioneer Press in Minnesota.

Idacorp declares stock dividend

BOISE — Directors of Idacorp Inc. on Thursday declared a common stock dividend of 30 cents per share, payable May 30, to holders of record at the close of business on May 5.

Google 1Q profit soars 60 percent

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc.'s first-quarter profit rose 60 percent, soaring past analyst estimates as the company's internet-leading search engine solidified its position as the Web's most popular advertising vehicle. The Mountain View, Calif.-based company said Thursday that it earned \$592.3 million, or \$1.95 per share, during the first three months of the year. That compared with net income of \$362 million, or \$1.29 per share, at the same time last year.

Workshop held on starting a business

TWIN FALLS — A one-evening workshop for individuals who want to start their own business will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. May 17 in Room C95 of the Evergreen building at the College of Southern Idaho. The session will be repeated at the same time on May 21.

Bryan Matsuko will help participants who have an idea for a business plan successfully get their idea off the ground.

The fee is \$30. Spouses or business partners can sign up for \$10. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. For information, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455, or srust@csidi.edu.

Attorney offering patent workshop

TWIN FALLS — Boise patent attorney Ken L. Pederson will conduct a one-evening workshop on patents from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday in Room 248 of the Student Union Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The workshop provides information on an individual's rights to manufacture and market their respective inventions.

Cost is \$29 per person, which must be paid in advance.

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— compiled from staff and wire reports

Computer shipments rise faster than expected

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Computer shipments rose at a faster-than-expected 13 percent worldwide in the first quarter, and the No. 1 PC maker, Dell Inc., lost ground to rivals, two technology research firms reported Wednesday.

Framingham-based IDC put growth in the January-March period at 12.9 percent compared with last year's first quarter, with \$3.2 million PCs shipped, according to a preliminary estimate.

Stamford, Conn.-based Gartner Inc. pegged growth at a slightly faster 13.1 percent, with 57.14 million units shipped.

The firms use slightly different measurement methods.

Worldwide growth continued to outpace gains in the United States, where IDC reported a 5.3 percent increase and Gartner estimated 7.4 percent.

The first quarter's worldwide growth rate beat IDC's March forecast of 11.8 percent, and the U.S. results fell short of IDC's 6.7 percent forecast.

Portable computers continued to post stronger growth than desktop models, with especially strong gains in developing countries.

"Emerging markets and consumer demand in the mature regions were the major growth engines on a world-

wide basis," said Charles Smulders, a Gartner vice president.

The quarter also was marked by turmoil in the U.S. market, IDC said.

Gartner said Round Rock, Texas-based Dell saw its share of industry computer shipments decline to 16.5 percent in the first quarter from 16.9 percent a year ago.

Dell shipped 10.2 percent more PCs than it did in last year's first quarter — a growth rate Gartner said was Dell's slowest since the third quarter of 2001.

DC put Dell's market share at 18.1 percent, down from 18.6 percent a year ago. IDC's report said Dell "may have focused on profitability at the expense of volumes, especially in

the United States."

IDC and Gartner both put Palo Alto, Calif.-based Hewlett-Packard Co.'s growth at about 22 percent.

Gartner estimated HP's market share at 14.9 percent, and IDC put it at 16.4 percent.

China's Lenovo Group Ltd., which acquired IBM's PC business during last year's second quarter, ranked third with a post-merger 6 percent share, according to Gartner. IDC put Lenovo's share at 6.4 percent.

IDC's Loren Loverde said Dell's slowing growth "may set the stage for more aggressive pricing in coming quarters. While this would help drive volumes, it would not help profitability."

ENRON TRIAL

Skilling wraps up testimony; Lay to testify next week

By Kristen Hays
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — Former Enron Corp. Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling ended lengthy testimony in his federal fraud trial Thursday by denying a new government accusation — that he may have cheated on his taxes.

Skilling calmly stated he didn't recall backdating a \$10,000 gift check to an ex-girlfriend to avoid paying taxes on it in 1998, and he told jurors that he has heard nothing from the Internal Revenue Service despite repeated reviews of his tax returns.

"I paid my taxes," he testified — more than \$66 million from 1997 through 2004.

Several other witnesses were scheduled to testify before Skilling's co-defendant, Enron founder Kenneth Lay, takes the witness stand Monday or Tuesday.

Skilling, 52, has repeatedly denied during 7 1/2 days of testimony that he lied to investors about Enron's financial strength or approved accounting tricks to meet earnings targets and impress Wall Street in the years before the company spiraled into bankruptcy proceedings in December 2001.

The former-CEO acknowledged his anger at the government for pegging him as a liar and a crook, and often struggled to keep his temper in check when grilled about his truthfulness by prosecutor Sean Berkowitz.

"You can never say everything you want to say," an admittedly exhausted Skilling said outside of court. "I feel I had a fair opportunity to explain a lot of the questions."

Lay, 64, praised his co-defendant's efforts.

"He did great," Lay said. When asked if he was prepared for his turn, he replied, "Oh, yeah. Ready."

Skilling is charged with 28 criminal counts of fraud, conspiracy, insider trading and lying to auditors from 1999 through 2001. Lay faces six counts of fraud and conspiracy from the period after Skilling abruptly resigned from Enron in mid-August 2001 until the company filed for bankruptcy protection four months later.

Prosecutors allege Skilling and Lay repeatedly lied to investors and employees about Enron's health when they knew their optimism hid weak business ventures and accounting tricks obscured debt and inflated profits.

The two defendants say no fraud occurred at Enron, and bad publicity and vanishing market confidence sank the company.

For more than two months, Skilling's lawyers have assailed most government witnesses for lacking hard evidence in accusing the ex-CEO of fraud. But Skilling's testimony has been equally devoid of notes, e-mails or other tangible proof to corroborate his assertions that the witnesses lied or misconstrued situations to be illegal.

Brian Wice, a Houston defense attorney who has observed much of the trial, said the government threw no knockout punches at Skilling in its examination of him, and whether Skilling is convicted on all or some criminal counts depends on whom the jurors believe.



Former Enron CEO Jeff Skilling, left, and his attorney Daniel Petrocelli leave the federal courthouse Thursday in Houston. Skilling and Enron founder Ken Lay are facing fraud and conspiracy charges.

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"This is a case that turns on credibility."

Wice said.

Berkowitz brought up the tax allegation on Thursday during his second pass at cross-examination Skilling. The issue stemmed from another the federal prosecutor first raised on Tuesday regarding Skilling's investment in an ex-girlfriend's online photo-sharing company, which did business with Enron.

Neither issue is related to charges against Skilling, but the prosecutor used them to challenge the ex-CEO's honesty.

Skilling told jurors Tuesday he invested \$50,000 in the company and didn't inform Lay or Enron's board in writing. He also told the Securities and Exchange Commission several years ago that the photo company had a \$3,000 contract with Enron.

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J.C. Penney Co. to open 50 new stores every year

By David Koenig
Associated Press writer

PLANO, Texas — J.C. Penney Co. executives said Wednesday that "the department-store chain will boost earnings and open 50 new stores per year, its most aggressive expansion in more than two decades."

Chief Financial Officer Robert B. Cavanaugh said earnings per share would rise

about 16 percent per year through 2009, and sales at stores open at least a year will rise by low single digits.

Cavanaugh said the earnings growth would be driven partly by the burst of new stores and higher online sales. He made the comments during a meeting with analysts at the company's Plano headquarters.

Penney closed dozens of

stores and delayed renovations at others early in this decade while it conserved cash and concentrated on a turnaround. With its profits and stock price surging, the company is thinking about expansion again.

After opening 14 stores in 2004 and 18 last year, Penney plans to add 27 stores this year and double that pace between 2007 and 2009. Up to 90 percent of the new stores will be

outside of shopping malls, said Michael Dastugue, a Penney's real estate vice president.

The company plans at least four new stores apiece in Houston, Dallas, Denver, Phoenix, Minneapolis and Chicago.

Dastugue said Penney would also renovate 250 of its 1,000-plus stores in the next four years. The new stores will help push Penney's capital spend-

ing from \$535 million last year to \$800 million this year and about \$1 billion in future years, officials said.

Penney is also trying to attract younger shoppers with a newer, more hip image. For example, the company announced it will open upscale Sephora cosmetics stores inside its own department stores beginning this fall.

Blogger pressed to give up source

By Howard Mintz
Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A state appeals court in San Jose on Thursday appeared openly hostile to Apple Computer's attempts to pry information from bloggers that would reveal who may have leaked confidential information on a new computer product.

In a lively two-hour session, a panel of six District Court of Appeal justices repeatedly interrupted Apple lead attorney George Riley, questioning whether the company had valid reasons to sacrifice privacy and First Amendment rights in its quest to find out the source of the leak.

Two years ago, Apple triggered a closely watched legal battle over the scope of journalistic privileges in the emerging world of online media by going to court to unearth the identities of individuals who leaked alleged trade secrets on a new product called "Asteroid."

But two of the three justices to hear Apple's claims on Thursday suggested the company had not even shown that serious trade secrets had been revealed. "Asteroid" is a digital music device designed to work with Apple's GarageBand music software.

"You don't really claim this is some sort of new technology, do you?" Presiding Justice Conrad Rushing, a veteran in Silicon Valley trade secrets fights, said to Apple's lawyer at one point. "This is plugging a guitar into a computer."

The case focuses on a Web site called PowerPage.org, which is run by blogger Jason O'Grady, who has specialized in issues related to Apple. The Cupertino, Calif.-based company went to court after PowerPage published confidential Apple documents on the Asteroid product, including an exact drawing of the yet-to-be-released device.

Apple's bid to reveal the identity of PowerPage's source for the inside information has provoked a First Amendment backlash. Civil liberties groups, media organizations — including the San Jose Mercury News — and bloggers have argued that Apple's position is an attack on a journalist's long-held right to protect confidential sources.

MONEY

Stocks mixed as GM and Merck help lift Dow

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed mixed Thursday after earnings reports from General Motors Corp. and Merck & Co. Inc. pushed the Dow Jones industrial average up to a six-year high while the Nasdaq composite edged along with blue-chip...

Oil futures retreated from record highs. A barrel of light crude hit a record high of \$72.49 in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange before falling to \$71.95, down 22 cents from Wednesday's record closing price.

The advances masked underperformance in the market. Declining issues led advances by roughly 8 to 7 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The day's earnings were, for the most part, strong. The market was relieved about the earnings coming out and mildly surprised about GM, said Quincy Krosby, chief investment strategist at the Hartford Financial Services Group Inc., a Connecticut-based insurance company.

China investment surge renews bubble fears

Analysts expect the impact of policy-tightening measures soon

By Chris Oliver Knight/Red News Service HONG KONG — Chinese economic data Thursday renews fears the economy is growing faster than previously thought, sparking concern authorities will have to raise monetary policy to avoid an overheating.

News released on the National Bureau of Statistics Web site showed fixed-asset investment rose 27.7 percent in the first quarter of 2006, well above Beijing's target of 20 percent investment growth for the year.

Within the investment data, government-sponsored infrastructure investment projects are in full swing. "So said, 'But the real story is the sharp rise in investment in the real-estate sector. The rise of property prices in second-tier cities has now evolved into a national event.'

down, and bankruptcies increase, the banking system could be vulnerable to nonperforming loans," said Jing Ulrich, J.P. Morgan's head of China equity.

New bank lending in the first quarter totaled 1.26 trillion yuan (\$197 billion), up 70 percent from a year earlier and accounting for more than half of the government's target for the entire year.

There are no prominent problems that call for our attention, such as rapid growth of investment in fixed assets and of bank credit. We need to control the availability of credit.

Report: Wolfowitz looks outside U.S. for World Bank picks

By Paul Blustein The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — World Bank President Paul D. Wolfowitz, who has drawn criticism for depending on a small group of U.S. allies, has selected New Zealand and a Salvadoran to be managing directors, the topmost staff rank at the bank, according to a senior bank official.

The World Bank, getting under way this week, has a number of appointments as by far the most important move to date by Wolfowitz to fill vacancies at senior levels. Since he took the bank's helm in June, 2007, some of the top officials have left, some because of dissatisfaction with the new leadership and some because of normal retirement.

some of that dissension. Wheelan, a former official of the New York City Police Department, was also being served as acting managing director since the post was vacated last year by Hongkong Kong of China, who became the most powerful staffer under Wolfowitz's predecessor, James D. Wolfensohn.

main proponent organizers in the past. "There's the antiwar protest here in New York and of course the great immigrant rights marches in the past month. These are manifestations of progressive groups working on these issues that we connected, so we just didn't feel the need to emphasize this one particular event this year."

New York Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks like AIG, Amgen, and others with their prices and changes.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes columns for Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

INDEXES

Table showing various market indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones, and others with their values and percentage changes.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing NASDAQ national market data, including various stock prices and changes.

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Table listing stocks of local interest with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, and VTD.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 stock active on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Markets and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Manual funds are 1,115 large funds in bold type, closed or more active.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing American Stock Exchange data, including various stock prices and changes.

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Table of commodity futures including Wheat, Soybeans, Corn, and other grains with prices and changes.

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Sprint Nextel agrees to buy UbiquiTel for \$1 billion

Under the agreement, Sprint Nextel would also assume \$300 million in debt. Shares of Sprint Nextel fell 30 cents, or 1.2 percent, to close at \$23.35 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The deal is subject to the approval of regulators and UbiquiTel shareholders. UbiquiTel is the former Sprint affiliate. UbiquiTel filed suit against the company after it acquired Nextel Communications Inc. last summer for \$2.5 billion, claiming the deal violated Sprint's promise not to compete with its affiliates in their markets.

As part of the agreement, both companies will seek an immediate stay of UbiquiTel's pending suit in Delaware. The stay would allow Sprint to immediately clear if there would be any job losses.

Apart from its direct subscribers, UbiquiTel provides service to 151,000 wholesale subscribers under other brand names, like Qwest and Virgin Mobile.

Sprint Nextel, based in Reston, Va., will acquire UbiquiTel's shares for \$10.35 each in cash in the deal, which is expected to close by June. The shares rose 10 cents to \$10.29 in midday trading Thursday on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

MONEY TIP

Convertible bonds might not be as they sound

Convertible bonds, which pay less interest than typical corporate bonds, are often changed for a company's stock, are a niche that supposedly gives the investor the benefits of an upsizing in the stock market.

For a company with a shaky credit rating, from just below investment grade to junk, convertibles are a much better way to get more money at a discount and sell shares at a premium.

Their coupon rates are sometimes half as much as an equivalent bond that isn't convertible. For that you get the right to exchange your bond for a set number of the company's shares. But that comes at a premium too. The price you'll pay for the stock can be anywhere from 20 percent to 300 percent over market value.

Sound like a stock in the market? If the boom is in the

basement and then soars, you'll do well. If not, you still reap the coupon and par value.

Overall, the convertible funds that Morningstar tracks are up an average of 5.6 percent for the year.

Though convertibles have more like bonds when the share price is far below the conversion price, most investors purchase convertibles as they would stocks.

Thomas Soviero, who took over Fidelity's Convertible Securities fund last June, looks at convertibles as "company stock with a coupon attached." His fund is up 8.4 percent so far this year.

"The idea of a convert is you're buying an equity but waiting to see when you get paid," he says.

Stan Richelson, a financial planner with Seaside Investment Management Co., specializes in bond portfolios.

From his standpoint, he remarks that from 20 percent to 300 percent over market value.

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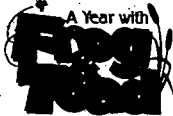
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Large table of mutual fund data including fund names, share classes, and performance metrics.

AROUND THE VALLEY



Swamp tales

- What: Company of Frogs will present Robert and Willie Beale's musical "A Year with Frog and Toad."
- Where: Liberty Theater, Hailey.
- When: Today and Saturday, 7 p.m., and Sunday, 3 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and senior citizens and \$10 for children, can be reserved by phoning 578-9122 or at the box office beginning an hour before curtain time.

Jump and Jive

- What: Jive, the Twin Falls High School choral concert group, will present "Jive Nights 2006," its annual spring concert.
- Where: Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls.
- When: Today, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 1 and 7:30 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$5, are available at the door.



Country-fried blues

- What: 38 Special will perform in factop.
- Where: Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
- When: Today and Saturday, 8 and 10 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$30, \$45 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Boogie for a cause

- What: Feed the Need, a benefit concert, will be held in Filer.
- Where: Merchant Building No. 1, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.
- When: Today. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the concert from 7 to 10 p.m.
- How much: Cost of admission is a \$5 donation or 10 canned food items. All proceeds will benefit local families.

Cowboy up

- What: Cowboy Rudy will headline the entertainment at Rupert's Birthday Bash.
- Where: Historic Wilson Theater.
- When: Saturday, 7 p.m.
- How much: Tickets are \$5 each and are available at Rupert City Hall, The Book Store and the information booth in the park on Rupert Square.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	115%	110%
Henry's Fork/Teton	124%	120%
Big Lost	121%	142%
Little Lost	124%	119%
Salmon	129%	126%
Big Wood	127%	142%
Little Wood	170%	147%
Salmon Falls	154%	137%
Pahley Basin	174%	154%

*As of April 20

**Comparison of basin's snowpack, based on 1971-2005 winter snowpack data.

"... it can be hard for them when they are always told to speak English, or when their peers tease them because they speak a different language."

— Paula Carroll
ELL instructor at Lincoln Elementary

Language learning



Lincoln Elementary School English language learning students Aurelia Hernandez, right, Ibadet Heteml and Javier Orlas listen Thursday afternoon during class.

Students and teachers work to overcome language barriers in the classroom

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — How do Twin Falls educators teach students who speak 26 languages? They simply teach it in one — English.

The Twin Falls School District is a veritable melting pot of language. Along with a large Hispanic population, the district also has more than 170 Bosnian and Serbian students. And then there are the minorities — literally.

The district has 15 students who speak Vietnamese, almost 40 who converse in Turkish, 11 in Laotian, and almost 20 students who speak Farsi — the most widely spoken Persian language.

But that doesn't mean the school district can teach in all 26 languages. Actually, schools are encouraged to teach only in English.

"Probably 70 percent of the students are not speaking English at home," said Jennifer Shipp, who teaches English language learning (ELL) at Oregon Trail Elementary. "So instruction is done almost fully in English, so really what they are getting at school is an immersion into the language."

Languages in Twin Falls Schools

Language/ Number of students in ELL	Language/ Number of students in ELL
Albanian: 4	Micronesian: 2
Bosnian/Serbian: 171	Native American: 1
Bulgarian: 2	Filipino: 3
Chinese: 12	Portuguese: 2
Chukchi: 1	Romanian: 4
Dutch: 1	Russian: 30
French: 1	Spanish: 523
Farsi: 19	Thai: 2
German: 1	Turkish: 37
Japanese: 1	Vietnamese: 15
Iranian: 1	
Korean: 1	
Laotian: 11	

Source: Twin Falls School District

She added that some students will become too uncomfortable speaking their native language if they know the teacher can speak it.

But Shipp said the greatest challenge is working with parents who cannot speak English.

"I do speak very limited Spanish, but I've had a higher need in terms of the needs of my students, and mostly because of the parents," she said.

"Communicating with parents has been a problem, and Oregon Trail only has about two or three translators."

Twin Falls, Jerome and Murtaugh are among districts in the Magic Valley that are seeing more students who cannot speak English. And they are struggling to meet state and federal requirements regardless of the language.

Most schools in Idaho that did not meet Adequate Yearly

Progress (AYP) reports — a method of monitoring local schools' progress toward federal No Child Left Behind Act requirements — have higher numbers of ELL students compared with schools that did meet AYP requirements.

Schools can be penalized for not meeting AYP standards two years in a row. While students who enroll in elementary schools with little English proficiency generally succeed in learning the language before graduation, students with similar language barriers who enroll in high school are less likely to gain proficiency.

"The only advantage we may have," said Ben Allen, Twin Falls High School principal, "is that we have German, French and Spanish teachers that students can go to if they really need to."

Twin Falls High School also works closely with the College of Southern Idaho to help students.

But educators such as Paula Carroll, an ELL instructor at Lincoln Elementary, fear that some of the younger students will forget their native language.

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Airport in Hailey will close next week

By Bob Kirkpatrick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — The Friedman Memorial Airport in Hailey will be closed April 24 to May 10 to make runway safety improvements. The \$3 million project has been in the planning stages for nearly 2 years.

"We will be shifting the runway 600 feet to the south, installing new runway lighting and creating a 1,000-foot safety area at the north end of the field," Airport Manager Rick Baird said. "We are also putting in drainage along the entire length of the runway."

Baird said the project is all part of the implementation of the 2004 master plan to improve the airport. He said they chose to shut down services during this time because the air traffic is typically slower in the spring.

"We have been telling our pilots and passengers for close to a year this was going to happen," Baird said. "So we please see AIRPORT, Page C2

Buhl board to revisit graduation honors policy

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The road to the top ten of the graduating class may be an easier academic drive for some students than others, say Buhl High School's principal and counselor. And those arriving on the scene through easier coursework may be less prepared for college than their status indicates.

Prompted by students migrating towards "A" classes instead of the more arduous college-prep courses, the Buhl School Board will be developing a policy outlining minimum requirements needed to earn the coveted graduation recognition.

"We want our academic top ten to be the most prepared to enter college," said high school principal Gary Moon during Tuesday evening's meeting.

He noted that currently some students are avoiding advanced placement classes in biology, physics, calculus and three or more years of foreign language.

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A GROWING CONCERN

Prevention is key in protection from Internet predators

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

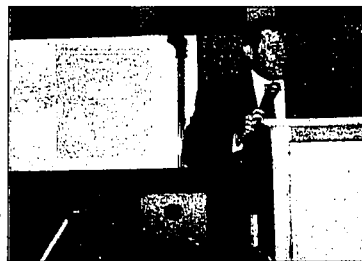
Protect yourself

National statistics say that one in five children is solicited online. Wasden said students should never post personal information online, such as:

- First and last name
- Address
- Phone number
- School information
- Sports and activities
- Personal photos

Children are up to.

"Adults have a lot of life experiences about what is safe and what isn't," he said. "Kids don't have that but they do know how to navigate their computers. This program is a way that moms and dads can sit down with their kids and discuss what is appropriate and a chance for the family to agree upon ground rules for computer and Internet use."



Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden met with Wendell Middle School students to present ways parents and children can protect themselves from the growing threat of Internet predators.

More than 350 students filled the gymnasium and learned about the dangers lurking online.

One such student, eighth-grader Brook Pomrenke, 13, described an unsettling situation that took place recently while she was online.

"Someone that I didn't know had added me to his contact list," she said. "They started asking me questions and I didn't even know who I was."

Pomrenke blocked the contact from her instant messaging list and understands the dangers of online predators.

"Whoever it was added a bunch of my friends, too," she said. "It wasn't inappropriate questions, but it could happen."

And it is happening, even in the little northside community, said Calvin Campbell, Wendell city attorney and Gooding County prosecuting attorney.

"We have prosecuted two cases that I am sure of," Campbell said. "Soliciting minors is a felony status crime, so also means the person will have to register as a sex offender."

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at blair_20@hotmail.com or by calling 316-2607.

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ing the last year of her life, she lived a home away from home at Stony Creek Living Center near Irvin Falls, where she flourished under the loving care of Charles and Elaine Hansen and their staff, and she cherished the friendship of the women there who became "like sisters" to her.

FILER — John Alfred (Al) Theener, age 95, of Filer, passed away Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

loved to farm, especially irrigating, until Parkinson's disease forced him to retire.

eral nieces and nephews He was preceded in death by his parents: grandson, Cory R. Theener, and brother, Ernest H. Theener.

CENTRALIA, Wash. — Lola G. Cutler, 86, formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, went home to be with her Lord at her daughter's home in Centralia, Wash., after a lingering illness on April 17, 2006.

Lola G. Cutler Martin and Melvin Homan of Valentine, Neb., six grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

child care in her home for many years. She also enjoyed writing poetry and was asked many times to compose poems for special activities at church.

DEATH NOTICES

Lyle UBA — Lyle Lot Udy, 78, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Elba, died Thursday, April 20, 2006, at the Mill Creek Health Center.

Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at SunBridge Care & Rehab in Twin Falls.

and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Glady's Tripple Compton BUIH — Glady's Tripple Compton, 79, of Buhl, died

Kimberly "Bob" NAIL — Robert "Bob" Nail, 88 of Kimberly, died Thursday, April 20, 2006, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise.

will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Irvin Falls.

SERVICES

Wanda M. Duncombe of Hagerman, celebration of life at 10 a.m. today at the Hagerman Methodist Church (Demaray's Gooding Church).

Funeral Home in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

university Ave. in Blackfoot (Hawker Funeral Home).

Languages

Continued from C1 "I have a couple (students) who have a hard time communicating with their parents who don't speak English," Carroll said.

They speak a different language. Nevertheless, she said the young students learn quickly and even learn other languages in the process.

ners," Carroll said. "One who speaks Spanish, and one who speaks Bosnian, and they're great friends who always talk to each other. It's amazing because they actually speak a mix of the two languages. Really, these are 'gifted children.'"

Buhl

Continued from C1 "Some of our upper-level students are taking those classes, but not getting as good a grade as other students," said Moon.

Meeting

Reduction in fuel force is the topic of a special meeting the Buhl School Board will hold at 6:30 p.m., May 3 at the district office at 920 Main St. in Buhl.

is drafting a policy to be voted on by members in the near future.

In other district news, clerk Lynn Busmann said that nobody has filed a declaration of candidacy for the board position up for vote in May.

Moon and high school counselor Angela Hoops drafted requirements they believe would adequately prepare students for college and give honors where they are due.

Airport

really weren't expecting any significant traffic during this 17-day closure.

"I would like enough time to warn students that they need to crank down on some of this," she said.

World War II vet finally gets tattoo

NAMPA — A London bombing raid in 1943 during World War II thwarted Charles "Click" Keim's attempt to get a 101st Airborne tattoo on his arm.

traffic to Twin Falls, but that has usually been as a result of bad weather conditions."

Suite said there shouldn't be too many inconvenienced passengers this time of year, now that traffic has "died down" because college and high school students have returned from spring break, and that SkyWest has not yet entered into their summer season.

Friedman Memorial Airport

- Will be closed from April 24 to May 10 to make runway safety improvements
• This is phase 2 of a \$3 million project
• Air traffic will be rerouted to Boise — not Twin Falls or Gooding during the closure
• Airport will be closed again September 19-21 to complete phase 2 of the project

Times-News writer Bob Kirkpatrick can be reached at 735-3266 or by e-mail at bkirkpatrick@magicvalley.com.

World War II vet finally gets tattoo

the former paratrooper, now 83, had no such problems earlier this week when he traveled to Nampa parlor in Nampa and received a multicolored tattoo of a parachute with wings and a screaming eagle.

cluding the London bombing that ended the first tattoo plan. He owns a tanning salon in Nampa and leases space to a tattoo artist, Michael Munster.

Charles Keim had his family along instead of war buddies. "He's always been a little daretdevil, and this is another thing he can chuck up," said his daughter, Mary Jo Zabala of Meridian.

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Drugs fuel increase in court cases

By Rebecca Boone Associated Press writer

BOISE — The state's legal caseload kept growing last year, when appeals filed with the Idaho Supreme Court numbered more than 1,000 for the first time — an increase of 6.6 percent over 2004, according to the high court's recently released annual report. District courts also logged record highs last year, with 20,683 cases filed, up nearly 30 percent from 1995. Part of the increase can be blamed on the state's ever-increasing drug problem, officials said. "The number of drug cases filed is here we have seen the most significant increase, and judges would attribute that to meth production, use and addiction," said Pat Tobias, administrative director of the courts. "The increase in criminal cases is fueled by methamphetamine." Last year more than 4,700 felony drug cases were filed, up from nearly 1,500 in 1995. In 2005, more than 1,000 cases were filed more than 6 percent higher than in 2004, according to the report.

Juvenile cases also increased for the second year in a row, with nearly 13,000 cases filed last year, a 1.3 percent increase over 2004. That's because the methamphetamine epidemic is affecting the state's youth, Tobias said, with magistrate judges seeing more teens struggling with meth addiction and abuse than in previous years. "The increases prompted Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder to ask lawmakers earlier this year to add more judges and increase salaries for those on the bench. They were the first such requests from a chief justice in eight years," Tobias said, and lawmakers took note, approving the addition of six new judges. The Legislature also increased judges' salaries and provided continued support for the state's alternative court programs, such as drug and mental health programs and family courts. "Just a few years ago we didn't really have any family court services, and we served almost 75,000 people last year. That

really is astounding," Tobias said. "The legislature recognized the additional caseloads by not only adding the new judgeships but by fully funding the senior judges, and we're very appreciative of that." Not all criminal and civil case categories saw an increase last year, however. Small claims dropped slightly, as did petitions for domestic protection orders, also called restraining orders, according to the report. Tobias said that may show that intervention programs offered at the community level are working. She said that would be difficult to determine without measuring the trend over a longer period.

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Pledges top \$1 million for governor's mansion.

BOISE (AP) — More than \$1 million has been pledged to renovate the Idaho governor's mansion, most of it coming from Idaho companies and the state's wealthiest citizens. "I'm very encouraged," said Intermountain Gas Co. President Bill Glynn, one of the people heading the private effort to raise money. "Each week we get some more." Billionaire Tim Blissett, a developer and timber baron, has made the biggest pledge. Last week he announced he would match the first \$500,000 raised. Billionaire potato magnate J.H. Simplot donated the hilltop estate valued at about \$2.1 million, to Idaho in December 2004 to be used as an official residence.

chairs the committee that oversees the new house. "I was glad to see we're up at that level." The renovation would expand the house to 12,000 square feet, and includes a grand entry, a dining area for 150 guests, and four or five bedrooms. Glynn said that he would like to have all \$3 million pledged by the end of the summer. "I hope it's like painting," he said. "The hardest work is in the preparation." Even though it is planned as the governor's mansion, two of three candidates to be Idaho's next governor say they wouldn't live in it. Jerry Bradi, the lone Democratic candidate, calls the house on a prominent Boise overlook "fit for a medieval king." Dan Adomson, a Chubbok businessman and Republican candidate, would turn it into a bed and breakfast, with the proceeds benefiting Idaho education.

U.S. Rep. C.L. "Butch" Ott, R-Idaho, hasn't said where he'd live if elected, though he's expanding his home in Star.

Caldwell officials plan to appeal crime lab denial

CALDWELL (AP) — Canyon County entertainment officials say they will appeal a decision by the Caldwell Planning and Zoning Commission to deny a permit for a new "crime lab." Commissioners voted 3-1 last month to deny a special permit for a new crime lab in downtown Caldwell. "I want a metal building and a metal roof and I think some of the concerns were when you come over the (10th Avenue) overpass you see this metal building and its pretty drab," Commissioner Jack Terberry told the Idaho Press-Tribune. Terberry voted against the permit. "City leaders are trying to revitalize the downtown area and be concerned about the appearance of buildings," Terberry said criticism over the building's appearance is the county's new work release center might have been a factor in the commission's denial of the permit for the crime lab. The commission approved the crime lab building in 2004, but county officials increased

the building's size by 2,200 square feet, requiring they apply for a new permit. County Sheriff's Capt. Gary John said he hoped the Caldwell City Council would allow the building. County officials plan to appeal the planning commission's decision to the City Council on May 1. "I think they'll look at it in a more objective manner," said John, who is in charge of the crime lab. "I think they understand the need for it." The county's crime lab currently is spread out in rooms in the courthouse and a nearby trailer. Work done at the lab includes drug testing, crime scene investigation, and processing of fingerprints and other evidence. "We're just totally out of room here," John said. "If we don't keep up with [forensic] we'll be in trouble with cases and not investigating to the extent that we should be."

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Schwarzenegger to make appeal to Bush for levee funds

By Samantha Young
Associated Press writer

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. — A day before President Bush arrives in California, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Thursday said he will complain to the president that his request for federal help to repair the state's levees has so far failed to yield results.

Schwarzenegger's direct pitch to the president comes after two members of Bush's cabinet declined to embrace emergency funding for the state after they

tailed the levees by air.

"Right now we are one big storm or an earthquake away from a major disaster just like Katrina," Schwarzenegger said after participating in a state disaster exercise at the Office of Emergency Services operation center in suburban Sacramento.

"Everyone seems to understand that but the federal government. Schwarzenegger will meet Bush on Friday in San Jose, where they will make a joint appearance at Cisco Systems. On Saturday, Bush is scheduled to tour a fuel-cell technology plant

in West Sacramento but without the governor.

On Feb. 24, Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency for California's levees, designating 24 "critical erosion" sites in Colusa, Sacramento, Solano, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. He asked for a federal emergency declaration two days later, but the Bush administration has so far failed to respond to that request.

The Department of Water Resources on Thursday added five more levee sites to the governor's list.

"I'm shocked at the federal government's lack of action and understanding on this issue," Schwarzenegger said in prepared remarks at the emergency preparedness event.

A federal disaster designation would ease the way for state and federal water officials to repair the levees.

While he was in Washington for a meeting of the National Governors Association in February, Schwarzenegger also asked Bush aides to set aside \$56 million for levee repairs.

The White House did not re-

turn a call seeking comment Thursday. White House and Schwarzenegger administration officials last week said they did not expect Bush to bring an answer to the governor's request for levee funding.

In a visit this week, Acting Interior Secretary Lynn Scarlett raised the ire of the governor's office and some lawmakers in comments reported by the San Jose Mercury News. The newspaper reported that she said California did not need emergency funding for its levees.

She sought to clarify her com-

ments in a follow-up statement.

"I affirmed that California's levee system includes antiquated structures that pose significant risks to California communities — both in the near-term and long-term," Scarlett said in the written statement issued earlier this week. "While current weather patterns are improving the situation, risks from these levees remain significant."

Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, questioned why Bush is "stiffing" a GOP governor who is running for re-election.

Seven years later, Columbine massacre victims remembered

By Robert Weller
Associated Press writer

LITTLETON, Colo. — Far from a nuisance, the calls that Dawn Anna gets every year on the anniversary of the Columbine massacre bring back warm memories.

"When you call you are remembering Lauren," Anna told a reporter.

Anna's daughter, Lauren Townsend, 16, was among the 12 students and one teacher killed seven years ago Thursday, when teen gunman Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold attacked the school in the bloodiest such assault in the nation's history. She was valedictorian of her class.



Julia Bernzott visits a memorial for the victims in the Columbine High School shooting on its seventh anniversary in Littleton, Colo., on Thursday. Her uncle teacher Dave Sanders and 12 students were killed in the shooting at the school.

Anna said.

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to make the material public, a court ruled that state law left the decision up to the sheriff.

Mink has said he would announce a decision sometime after Thursday's anniversary.

"This year has been tougher than the last couple for me personally. You just never get it. Some years it is easier and some years it is little harder," said Kechter.

"It is going OK. With time some of the grief is alleviated. You are never over it," said Fleming.

For Brian Robbrough, a personal advocate for public disclosure of all the investigative records of the shooting, it was a day like any other.

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Diocese settles claims with more insurance companies

By John K. Willey
Associated Press writer

SPOKANE, Wash. — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Spokane has reached settlements totaling \$4.25 million with two of its insurance carriers in a dispute over coverage of sex-abuse claims, Bishop William Skylstad announced Thursday.

It is the second time in less than a month that companies that issued policies to the diocese have agreed to settle, rather than go to trial. With a proposed \$5.25 million settlement offer from the diocese's main insurer, more than \$9.5 million is available for paying victims of sexual abuse by clergy, Skylstad said.

The offers must be approved by federal bankruptcy and district court judges.

"Today's announcement is a major step toward bringing healing and reconciliation we so desperately need within the

Catholic community in the Spokane diocese, healing and reconciliation for the victims of sexual abuse and also for the entire Catholic community," Skylstad said, reading from a prepared statement.

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Drowsiness, inattention play big role in car accidents, study finds

By Justin Hyde
Detroit Free Press

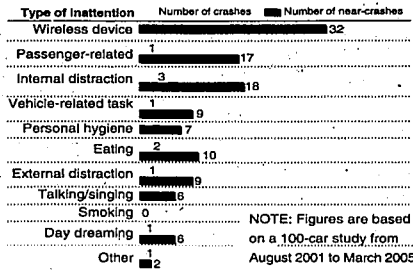
WASHINGTON — A groundbreaking federal study that tracked drivers in 100 vehicles wired with cameras and sensors found that inattention and drowsiness play far greater roles in accidents than previously believed. The yearlong study released Thursday showed that distraction and sleepiness contributed to eight of every 10 crashes. The study by researchers with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute also found that sleepy drivers are up to six times more likely to cause crashes than wide-awake motorists, and those drivers are likely undercounted as the cause of accidents. The study used cameras and sensors installed in 100 cars to track 241 hours of driving, compiling roughly a year of travel. Those cameras caught 82 crashes, 761 near crashes, and 8,295 "critical incidents," such as sudden swerving or braking.

Charlie Klauer, project manager for the study, said the drivers typically forgot they were on camera after a few hours in the vehicles. One driver had a perfect record, while another had four crashes and 56 close calls. And then there were drivers who used their time behind the wheel to change shirts, floss their teeth or put in contact lenses. "To the everyday driver, we'd like to say that anytime you're engaging in something else while driving, that really does increase your crash risk, by two to three times," Klauer said. The researchers said 78 percent of accidents and 65 percent of all near-crashes involve driver inattention within three seconds of an accident or near miss. Early data from the same study suggested driver distraction was a factor in just 25 percent of all crashes. Researchers said drowsiness contributed to up to 24 percent of the crashes in the study. Previous studies of drowsiness had pegged it as a cause of roughly 5 percent of crashes, but those studies were based on po-

lice reports and eyewitnesses. "The prevalence of drowsiness during daylight hours was much higher than I think anyone thought it was," said Transportation Institute Director Tom Dingus. Klauer said there was no way to determine what made drivers sleepy, but that researchers suspected alcohol or drugs in at least some cases where a driver failed to become more alert after a near miss or other incident. Cell phones were one culprit in distracting drivers, but by no means the worst. While cell phones were the most common distraction and were implicated in many crashes, talking or listening on one did not increase the likelihood of a crash by a significant amount. That didn't hold true for dialing a cell phone, which was estimated to increase the rate of a crash or near miss 2.8 times more than normal driving. Klauer said the difference was simply that dialing or answering the phone took the drivers' eyes away from the road.

Distracted driving

Nearly eight of 10 collisions or near-crashes involve a lack of attention while driving.



SOURCE: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Radio payola investigation stepped up

By Hope Yen
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission is stepping up its investigation into alleged payola practices at four of the nation's largest radio corporations after attempts to reach a settlement stalled.

The FCC confirmed Thursday that it had requested documents this week from Clear Channel Communications Inc., CBS Radio Inc., Entercom Communications Corp. and Citadel Broadcasting Corp.

The agency wants to learn more about accusations that radio programmers received gifts, cash and other items in exchange for playing certain songs without publicly disclosing the deals.

"It's important for us to conduct a formal inquiry so we know the full scope of what occurred," FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein said Thursday. "There certainly isn't any dispute as to the severity of the potential violations, but there is some dispute as to the scope."

"We need to investigate and uncover more in order to get to the bottom of what happened and see how widespread these practices are," he said.

The FCC requests, known formally as "letters of inquiry," are the next step in investigations that could result in sanctions ranging from financial penalties to the revocation of stations' licenses.

The four companies have been negotiating with the FCC for weeks. FCC Chairman Kevin Martin revealed last month the probe was underway. But talks stalled last month over how much the broadcasters should pay.

"The commission takes seriously any alleged violations," said FCC spokesman David Fiske. "Chairman Martin directed the enforcement bureau to conduct an active and ongoing investigation a number of months ago."

Radio executives have said that company policies prohibit accepting gifts for airplay and that internal probes have not revealed widespread wrongdoing. Federal regulations require that radio listeners be informed anytime there is an exchange of items of value for airplay of specific songs.

But Adelstein said he believes the potential violations may be widespread. "Naturally, people involved want to downplay what happened," he said in a phone interview. "At first blush, it appears these practices are pervasive in the industry. We will certainly welcome the industry's response to evidence we receive."

New York Attorney General Elliot Spitzer launched an investigation in 2004 into alleged wrongdoing by music and radio companies. Earlier this year, Spitzer sued Entercom Communications Corp., accusing its executives of running scams to trade cash for airplay of songs.

Entercom has denied the allegations. The Los Angeles Times first reported the FCC development in Thursday's editions.

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'A Day Without a Mexican' enjoys revival amid immigration debate

By Erin Toelra
Associated Press writer

As activists urge work and school boycotts May 1 in what's being called 'A Day Without Immigrants,' a film with a similar title and the same message — America needs immigrants — is enjoying a revival.

The 2004 independent film 'A Day Without a Mexican' made less than \$5 million in theaters, but rentals are up and a new ad campaign is in the works. Some promoters are even sporting T-shirts with the film's logo, a silhouette of a man in a sombrero carrying a duffel bag.

"There's been a lot of talk about the film — it has served as an organizing tool, a kind of reference," said Yareli Arizmendi, who co-wrote the script and whose husband, Sergio Arau, directed the film. Arizmendi first noticed renewed interest in the film when she went to protests in downtown Los Angeles in March. Not only were people wearing the film's T-shirt, others carried banners with the logo and some chanted variations on a key film line: "How do you make the invisible visible?"

In the last month, rentals of the movie are up 17 percent compared to the month before, said Leigh Savidge, CEO of

Xenon Pictures, the distributor. "It was the right film pegged to the zeitgeist right now," he said, adding that Xenon is planning new billboard ads and radio spots, and will give away T-shirts at upcoming rallies. "An HBO film titled 'Walkout' also was prophetic. The feature dramatizes when thousands of Latino students in Los Angeles boycotted classes over poor quality schools. It debuted March 18, a week before hundreds of thousands, including

many students, marched in Los Angeles. "A Day Without a Mexican" is a mockumentary showing what happens when mysterious fog surrounds California and all the Latinos — one-third of all residents — disappear. Arizmendi plays a television news reporter who is the only surviving Latino. The comedy plays on stereotypes of California's immigrants, who are mostly Mexican, as farm laborers and gardeners. Without them, carts of oranges

go unsold beside freeway on-ramps and leaf blowers spin in circles with no one to work them. The governor disappears, garbage goes uncollected and public safety is endangered as police departments are decimated. The filmmakers' point: The state needs immigrants as much as the immigrants need the state. Many immigration activists are now saying just that as they plan for May 1. Though there is

disagreement over the strategy, many are urging immigrants to boycott work, school and shopping that day to show how important they are to the nation. "One of the arguments is that immigrants take away from the U.S. economy. Then, if they're not here — if they don't work or buy anything — essentially the economy will go up, right?" said Oscar Byanko Sanchez-Quinto, a spokesman for the March 25 Coalition in Los Angeles. "This

will be a good marker. Let's show our economic power. I think the film made perfect sense from that point of view," he said. Though nearly everyone involved in the immigration movement seems to have seen the movie, not everybody loved it, or even acknowledges it. Reviews were mixed, with many saying its clever premise fell short. Nearly 2,700 movies gave it a rating on Yahoo! Movies gave it an average grade of C. What? You

Engineers show 'new generation' radiation detector

By Melanie Dabovich
Associated Press writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico nuclear engineers ran a series of demonstrations Thursday on a prototype radioactive detection system they say could make U.S. ports more secure.

The inventors, Larry Majors and Louis Guillebaud of Technology Management Consulting Services Inc. and Global Transshipment Monitoring Co., did several drive-throughs with mock shipments on a flatbed truck in front of an audience that included Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., U.S. Attorney William R. N.M., and federal officials.

The \$1.5 million Mobile Point of Need Detector System can scan shipment containers sitting on U.S. soil quickly and with few failures, they said.

The 40,000-pound, 23-foot-by-23-foot device can be moved from ship to ship and port to port on wheels and gives a computer readout of any radioactivity detected in containers in about two seconds.

"By being mobile, you can scan a container right as it gets off a ship, then scan it again before it gets on another ship," Majors said.

The inventors said the detector can measure and discern between naturally occurring radioactive isotopes, industrial isotopes and threatening isotopes — the neutron-gamma type of radiation that might indicate a weapon.

"(The system) can help the U.S. ensure that 100 percent of cargo and shipping containers are quickly scanned and are safe," said Guillebaud, referring to the tens of thousands of containers arriving in the country daily.

Thursday's first demonstration shipment contained cathode filaments, which contain thorium. The readout detected thorium's low-level radioactivity.

"This is the next generation of detection technology to take the place of less-effective technology we've been using," said Bingaman, who sits on the Senate Finance Committee that has jurisdiction over international trade and ports of entry.

"Current technology" has more false alarms than is more personnel to use," he said. "The federal government has been concerned for years about nuclear materials falling into the wrong hands — whether terrorists or governments hostile to the United States. However, the emphasis grew after the Sept. 11 attacks and fears that al-Qaida could obtain a nuclear device or nuclear materials to spread radiation in an urban area."

This is an answer to what all of us have identified as our biggest nightmare — someone putting a nuclear device in a shipping container... that detonates on U.S. soil," Wilson said.



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Sandstorms raise questions about China's ability to host Olympics

By Ching-Ching Lin
Los Angeles Times

BEIJING — Desert winds have dumped 300,000 tons of sand and dust on the Chinese capital this week, turning gray rooftops yellow and forcing residents to wear dust masks. But officials said Thursday they were confident nature would not disrupt plans to host environmentally "green" Olympic Games in 2008.

The Olympics will be in Au-

gust, the sandstorms usually hit Beijing in the months of March, April and May," said Liu Tuo, deputy director of the Chinese State Forestry Administration's sandstorm-control agency, at a news briefing. "Even if there are sandstorms in 2008, we have reason to be confident that the situation will not be as severe as it is now, because we are making efforts to improve the situation, and they should be paying off."

"Though Olympic athletes and

spectators from around the world may expect to be lucky enough to miss the storms, even Chinese officials know it would be a long time before Beijing residents can truly be free from the annual plague.

"Given the millions of square kilometers of desert in China, they will continue to be a source of sandstorms in the future and we cannot cherish unrealistic expectations this problem will vanish overnight," said Yang

Wei, chief engineer of China's Desertification Control Center.

Nearly one-fifth of China's landmass is desert. Soil erosion due to overgrazing, farming and deforestation have exacerbated the desertification, especially in the country's arid northwest.

Situated at the foot of an encroaching Gobi Desert, Beijing has been struck by 10 sandstorms since February, the worst record in five years. The storms have come despite efforts to cre-

ate greenbelts to shield the city from the dry tempests.

Beijing's pollution is made worse by its ever-growing traffic congestion and ubiquitous construction sites, the product of a furious real-estate boom.

The capital recorded only 56 "blue sky" days with relatively clean and clear air so far this year, 16 less than the same time last year. That makes it tough for the city to meet its own goal of seeing 230 clean-air days a year

to be truly considered home of a green Olympics.

The sandstorms this year have been so bad that even China's premier has taken notice.

"Comrades, we cannot just sit in meetings behind closed doors. The sandy weather in Beijing has already raged outside for more than 10 days," the official New China News Agency quoted Premier Wen Jiabao as saying during a national conference on the environment early this week.

Nepalese dissidents defy government

Security forces fire on protesters, killing at least 3

By Matthew Rosenberg
Associated Press writer

KATMANDU, Nepal — Tens of thousands of Nepalis defied a curfew to protest Thursday in the largest show of discontent with King Gyanendra since demonstrations against his royal dictatorship began more than two weeks ago. Security forces responded by fatally shooting three protesters.

The nearly two dozen demonstrations, which brought as many as 100,000 people into the streets around the capital Katmandu, ranged from the festive pro-democracy rallies to angry riots of young men who lit bonfires and hurled bricks at police. Some demanded the death of the king, whose power has not appears increasingly unable to control the country.

By midday, soldiers were patrolling in armored vehicles, and at least one police post had been attacked, its windows smashed by bricks.

Gyanendra came under more diplomatic pressure on Thursday to cede the power he seized 14 months ago from an interim government.

Despite a curfew imposed to limit protests, alliances of seven opposition parties that has organized 15 days of protests and a general strike managed to draw as many as 100,000 people into the streets, according to estimates by police, organizers and witnesses.

While there have been bloodier days since the protests began, much of Nepal's life — political and economic — is centered in Katmandu, and Thursday's demonstrations dwarfed all earlier ones in the capital.

Early in the day, residents in the city center — where a heavy police presence kept most protesters at bay — whistled and banged plates on their rooftops. Cell phone text messages encouraged Katmandu's 1.5 million residents to rally at the city's edge.

Many of those protests turned violent as demonstrators parried with officers throughout the day, often tossing back tear gas, and shouting to cheer from supporters watching from rooftops.

The worst violence came on the city's western edge, where police trying to keep more than 10,000 protesters from reaching the ring road opened fire with tear gas, rubber bullets and finally live ammunition.

Witnesses said the shooting in Kankali began when a senior police officer drew his pistol and shot a protester in the head, an act followed by gunfire from police soldiers.

The senior officers "aimed straight for the (protesters)," said Anku Shrestha, a 28-year-old throwing bottles at police in Kankali. Other witnesses confirmed his account, and protesters showed reporters fresh bullet casings.

Doctors at Kankali's Model Hospital said three people were killed in Kankali, and that police took the bodies away. More than 40 people were in critical condition, most with head injuries. Thursday's shootings brought the death toll to 13 since the demonstrations began.

Hundreds more were reportedly injured around the city, including 13 police officers whose clearly exhausted colleagues were, by the end of the day, being forced against demonstrators by senior officers swatting them with rattan poles.

The office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights in Nepal condemned the conduct of security forces, saying it was "without justification and inexcusable."

Elsewhere, security forces fired on violent demonstrators in the country's southwest, wounding at least 26 in the town of Gulahya, the Defense Ministry said.



An opposition party supporter demonstrates against King Gyanendra in Katmandu, Nepal, Thursday. Nepalese police opened fire Thursday on tens of thousands of pro-democracy protesters who defied a curfew to march toward the capital, killing at least three and wounding dozens more, witnesses and hospital officials said.

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Iraqi prime minister candidate will step aside

By Lella Fadel
Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Interim Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari announced Thursday that he was returning his nomination to the United Iraqi Alliance, a Shiite coalition, so that it could reconsider whether to keep him or nominate a new candidate for prime minister.

With Jaafari's move could help end the delay over the formation of an Iraqi government. The Bush administration had pressured him to give up his nomination as prime minister. Al-Jaafari, a Shiite, also faced strong opposition from Kurdish and Sunni parties, who blamed him for weak leadership and for failing to quell religious and ethnic violence.

Iraq has been without a government for more than four months since its national elections. Violence has intensified, and hopes that U.S. forces could start to withdraw have faded.

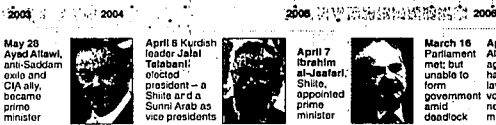
The United Iraqi Alliance, which won the largest bloc of seats in parliament, nominated al-Jaafari in February to contin-

Breakthrough in forming new government

In a move to jump-start the formation of a new government in Iraq, Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari agreed not to seek a second term.

Some key events in Iraq's political process:

July 13, 2003 U.S.-named coalition took Baghdad	March 8 Iraqi interim government signed interim constitution	June 28 Formal power transfer to interim government	Jan. 30, 2005 275-seat National Assembly was formed	Oct. 15 Voters approved constitution; Sunnis Arabes opposed, with a promise that next parliament would consider amendments	Dec. 15 Parliament elected, with Shiite majority — not enough to govern	Feb. 10, 2006 Election certified amid talks of forming coalition government	Feb. 12 Al-Jaafari narrowly approved to head next government; Kurdish, Sunni Arabs opposed
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his tenure as prime minister in the new government. The popular radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr strongly supported him.

By returning his nomination to the alliance, al-Jaafari gave it the go-ahead to choose a new candidate for the top government job.

Members of the alliance al-

ready have floated the names of two members of the prime minister's Dawa party as possible replacements. The alliance will meet on Saturday to decide on its candidate.

A parliamentary session meant to push forward the formation of a government was delayed for a second time Thursday. It was rescheduled

for Saturday, after the United Iraqi Alliance's meeting.

"If we give ourselves this amount of time, we might succeed, and I am sure that we will succeed to form a government of national unity, which the people have been waiting for, for so long," said Adnan Pachachi, the speaker of the parliament.

President Jalal Talabani said that Saturday's session would solve the political crisis and that all the top positions would be decided upon.

Al-Jaafari appeared on state-run television late Thursday night and gave a speech that sounded like a farewell. It was peppered with praise for the Iraqi people and for members of his party who had died under former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

"Day after day I see the alliance is facing challenges," he said. "I cannot be an obstacle or appear like an obstacle."

Outside the towering blast walls and checkpoints that protect Iraqi and American officials, ordinary Iraqis have been forced to deal with more violent deaths each day.

"We did what we should do. We voted and we've been patient and we've been killed every day in the streets, and what are they doing?" asked Abbas al-Zaydi, 32, a Shiite street vendor roasting kabobs in West Baghdad. "They are delaying."

On Thursday, a relatively peaceful day, authorities found

the bodies of two people who had been handcuffed, tortured and killed. At least six other people also were killed.

"We depend on ourselves now," said Mohammed Makdi, 35, a Sunni. He carries a weapon in his ethnically mixed neighborhood, which he calls a battlefield. "I defend myself now. I don't need a government to defend me."

Sunni Arab and Kurdish politicians welcomed Jaafari's announcement but said they were frustrated that it had taken so long and would cause a further delay.

"The postponement is a bad sign," said Alan Makdi, a parliamentary member from the Sunni Iraqi Accordance Front.

Some Iraqis said they were filled with doubts because the government they elected was unable to decide who should lead them.

"We are drowning, and we need someone to give us a helping hand," Mohammed Makdi said at his Baghdad nud shop.

"I voted, and I regret it, and I will never do it again, even if my father is the candidate."

Criminals behead ex-police commander and second man

By Hector Tobar
and Carlos Martinez
Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — The drug war in the southern Mexican states of Guerrero and Michoacan took a gruesome turn Thursday with the discovery of the decapitated head of a police commander who had resigned his post just days earlier in the face of death threats.

"So that you learn to respect," read a message scrawled on a red sheet attached to a Guerrero state government building in Acapulco, where passers-by in the dark morning hours discovered the heads of former Police Commander Mario Nunez Magana, 35, of the Municipal Preventive Police, and another man who was not immediately identified.

Acapulco officials would not confirm news reports that identified the second victim as a police officer.

More than 140 people, including many police officers and commanders, have been killed in the western states of Guerrero and Michoacan this year as the so-called Sinaloa and Gulf cartels struggle for control of methamphetamine production, street drug sales, cocaine shipping points and other elements of a lucrative trade in illicit drugs.

The decapitated heads were discovered at about 3 a.m. in a plaza fronted by a church and the state Finance and Administration headquarters, the same location where Commander Nunez led a police unit during a January battle with gunmen believed to be from both of the rival cartels.

Four suspected "narco" were shot and killed in the January incident, which began with drug bands fighting each other with automatic weapons and hand grenades.

Nunez led the rapid-response police unit that arrived at the scene and exchanged fire with the gunmen.

Two other suspected cartel operators were seriously wounded in the gunfire, along with two passers-by. Nunez had been receiving death threats ever since, officials said.

After two months of hesitation, Nunez resigned his post over the weekend, said Jorge Valdez Reynosa, a spokesman for the Municipal Preventive Police.

"He wasn't happy," Valdez said. "He said he was getting threats."

On Wednesday afternoon, armed men kidnapped Nunez as he and his father traveled in a pickup truck near his home.

The kidnappers told his father not to get involved, that the problem wasn't with him," Valdez said.

After the discovery of the heads, which were inside separate plastic trash bags, police found the victims' bodies at about 8 a.m., a few hundred yards away in the parking lot of an Acapulco school.

Both bodies showed signs of being beheaded.

The incident came hours after Guerrero Gov. Zedillo Pardo announced a \$12 million project to give a fireport to police, who say they often are outgunned by the cartels. The state will purchase more than 1,400 new rifles, 274 patrol vehicles, body armor, and communications equipment.

Jolie and Pitt keep a low profile at Namibian resort

By Shashank Bengali
Knight Ridder News Service

LANGSTRAND, Namibia — The retirees and German tourists who populate this quiet, seashell-strewn beach in southern Africa have lately seen — or at least heard about — an attractive new couple in the neighborhood.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have rented out a 14-room lodge in this enclave of sturdy vacation homes on Namibia's cool Atlantic coast, where Jolie is expected to give birth to their first child in the coming weeks.

Since they arrived by chartered plane earlier this month, Pitt, Jolie and her two children have tried to keep a low profile. With a passel of security guards to keep curious locals and a handful of determined paparazzi at bay, the family has hopped around Namibia at three Capetown jets, sampling the country's best safari parks and wildlife sanctuaries.

Earlier this week, Pitt and Jolie were seen entering an upscale jewelry store in Swakopmund, a breezy resort town to the north, prompting speculation that they will be married in Namibia, perhaps even this weekend.

media, or it could have a deeper significance: The region's dominant tribe, the Himba, believes a woman should give birth before marriage to demonstrate her fertility.

Namibia would be an unusual choice for a Hollywood wedding, to say the least. Its coastline is a vast desert fringed by beach, with a few well-ordered, German-speaking towns — remnants of the country's colonial past — scattered along a flat, two-lane highway.

But with its colossal sand dunes and rainbow-hued sunsets, Namibia offers a taste of Africa's natural beauty without the travel hassles that are common in much of the rest of the continent. The roads are good, the climate is dry, and the resort towns — with their Teutonic restaurants and architecture — are pleasant, if a bit dull.

The 30-year-old Jolie — an Oscar-winning actress whose still better known for her looks — reportedly fell in love with Namibia after she spent several weeks here in 2002 for the filming of "Beyond Borders," a romance set against the backdrop of an African war.

She has returned to the continent a few times, often in her role as a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. Last year, she spent months in Ethiopia, where she also has an adopted 4-year-old son, Maddox, from Cambodia.

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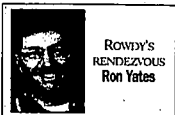
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Outdoor honeymoon secrets

I became married once; once was enough. Surrounded by friends and under blue Idaho sky (the original cathedral), my bride and I hitched-up along the Perrine Coulee in Frontier Park.

We hosted a reception luncheon nearby where our friends plotted how to "deconstruct" my former bachelor house, four fabulous first home, before we returned. We drove to Boise's Idanha Hotel for the first stop of our week-long honeymoon.



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Ron Yates

Will Rogers and I have two things in common. Will was a great writer. I, too, will be a great writer. Will was a guest in the Idanha Hotel. A brass plaque was tacked to the door of our room announcing to the world that Will Rogers had been a guest here in this very room. That plaque will include my name someday on that you should waver.

A scenic loop drive of Idaho was our plan. We left Idaho's capital city enroute to Stanley, North of Boise, we turned onto the Grimes Creek Road and drove to meet with a land sales agent. Vacation home sites were selling and we had made an appointment to shop.

"No trespassing" and "Be aware of Dog" signs greeted us at the entrance of the agent's lane. To her credit, a friendly albeit faded and somewhat sagging sign, "Welcome to so-and-so acres" beckoned us from a rise of ground just beyond. Ozymorion signage or not we packaged our apprehension and drove on the land.

The late morning sun warmed me as I exited the car and a barking, tail-wagging dog approached. I petted my way past the dog, knocked on the door and stood back. I knew, somehow, our "appointment" had been forgotten and that the house was vacant. A faded chopping block (formerly vacant seconds earlier) was behind me. I turned to look and went to my left. A bobcat had appeared, and upon said block, began to groom its fur. A large, well-fed bobcat eight feet away! I forgot to wave. I pointed instead. I didn't expect to happen rapidly. Suddenly a dog barked. No, a cruise missile with feet, its tail straight out, running down a hill, at me!

The vicious mutt feigned friendship for an instant before savagely biting my calf. He tore my wedding jeans! Which by the way, I can still fit into.

I leaped onto the now vacant chopping block and yelled, "No!"

The dog retreated. I picked up a large piece of granite and walked to the car. I picked up another rock and placed both on the car's roof. I was ready for the dog now. I opened the car door, examined my leg and then, seconds later, I turned to watch the dog. The dog had disappeared.

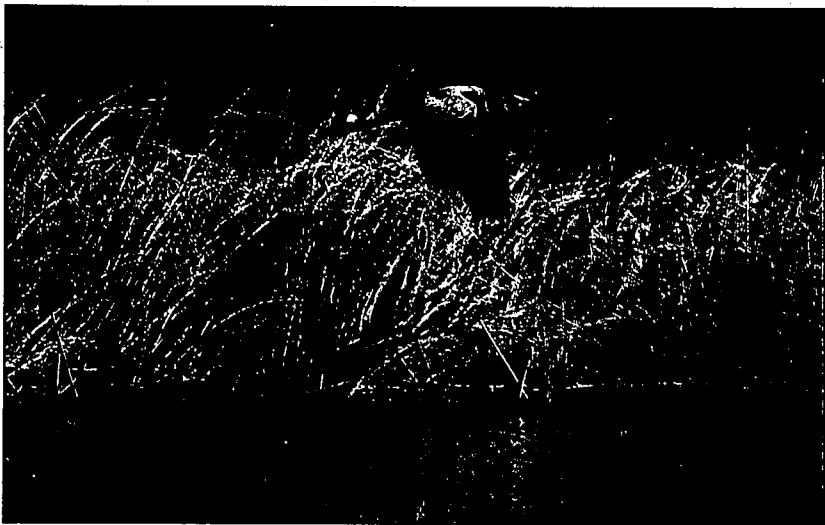
Now folks; life is measured in inches and seconds. It's true. I sensed my time to perform a nearly act was right. The bobcat began to yell, make noise. Not a yell or a shriek — no, this was quite different. The fear my bride was feeling became a force, a tremor, more accurately described; she was in shock.

I looked for the dog knowing I was approaching, and my bride, who, wishing to warn me, could not.

I saw no dog, nor imminent danger. I looked into the car. My bride was recoiling in fear and pressing herself into the seat-back. The bobcat was on her lap. The large bobcat. Sitting there as if waiting for a drive into town to begin.

Our marriage has survived and surpassed all expectations to date. Because, as a man, have instinctually always known what to do, what not to do, what to say, what not to say. And so, looking directly into that large bobcat eyes I backed up and said: "Here kitty, kitty, kitty."

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A heron soars a few feet over the Snake River near Hagerman. Hundreds of herons arrived several weeks ago to mate and raise young on an island in the river. Note the tucked neck and extended legs that make this turkey-size bird more aerodynamic.

Wings on Water

Hérons descend on warm Snake River environs

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — Several weeks ago, I got a tip that the birds were landing in Hagerman.

The special migratory birds that nest for just a few months here in trees, grasses and rock ledges had bedded down before taking to the wind for warmer climates.

Canada geese, ducks, pelicans, ospreys — and the feathered friends that tremble the binoculars of bird watchers: herons.

A recent Idaho immigrant, I was anxious to see this much talked-about species. I called around and found Steve Meckler, owner of 1,000 Springs Tours, who offered to take me and Times-News photographer Megan Thompson — also an Idaho newcomer — upstream for a morning of bird watching.

"So, what's so special about herons?" I asked Meckler before we shoved off on his 10-passenger tour boat on a morning about two weeks ago.

"Well, lots of things," he said. "They go to South America for the winter and come back here to the same spot every year to have babies. And this year, there are hundreds of 'em."

The Hagerman area is home to the state's highest concentration of herons.

We climbed aboard, Thompson claiming a spot at the bow. Meckler fired up the engine, and we were off, chugging upstream.



Water trickles over the Snake River canyon rim near Hagerman. Birds, especially mud swallows and owls, nest in the cliff's crevices.

It wasn't long before we spotted our first bird: an osprey perched about 30 feet above the Snake on a bank-side pole. Meckler brought us in close, but the bird hardly glanced our way. Instead, it focused on the water, searching for any sign of fish that he could dive bomb.

"This is the only fish around here that hunts underwater," Meckler said. When an osprey spots a fish, Meckler explained, it swoops in, plunges into the water and emerges — hopefully fish in beak — all in one



White pelicans bask in morning sunlight in the Snake River near Hagerman.

graceful maneuver. But this bird would have to wait a little longer for breakfast, so we chugged further upstream.

As we approached a narrow island, Meckler said we were getting close to heron country, and we stopped talking. Our vessel rounded a short bend to the southeast, and there they were: dozens of herons nesting atop the highest branches of dogwood trees clustered on the island.

One glance, and I knew why they are special. Strangely looking, more like dinosaurs than birds, turkey-size creatures with long necks, legs and beaks; gray, shaggy feathers; stumpy tails. Most of the birds crouched in picnic basket-size nests.

There were no babies yet — not even eggs, Meckler said. Those come later. These birds are here to mate.

Last year, Meckler said, he watched the babies grow up. Heron young stay in the nest until they are nearly full-size. Then, they depart to lead mostly solitary lives. Herons do group together, in colonies called rookeries, to mate and nest. And they usually migrate together, too, in groups from five to 30.

As we idled about 50 feet from the island, one bird leaped from a nest. Like a 747 taking off, it lumbered into the air, feet dangling, neck tucked into an "S" curve. After it picked up momentum, it extended its long legs to serve as a rudder. It was anything but graceful.

But herons are not altogether awkward creatures. When the bird hunts, it stands — usually on one leg — in grasses along the bank in a patient, stately position.

Want to see the herons?

The heron rookery is about 5 miles south of Hagerman on an island in the Snake River. Contact Thousand Springs Boat Tours for information about guided tours at 837-9006, or visit www.1000springs.com for tour schedules.

Many of the birds on the island assumed such a stance in the tall reeds along the bank.

We sat without words for several minutes, only the sound of the engine and the camera's shutter breaking the silence.

Herons were long believed to be strictly fish hunters, but a recent Idaho study revealed that mice are a staple of the heron diet. Today, though, we did not see any of the birds' feast. So once again, we chugged further upstream. There were more birds to see.

Behind an elbow in the river near the heron rookery, Meckler pointed out nearly two dozen pure-white pelicans. Later, we saw scores of mud swallows fluttering in the rock ledges that flank the river. An eagle soared overhead. A hawk. And, standing like sentinels atop the 50-foot cliffs, dozens of lone herons.

About an hour — and several hundred birds later — we returned to dock. I'd seen my herons, and then some.

We thanked Meckler and promised to return later this year when the nests are filled with hungry herons. Might as well know Idaho intimately.

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Herons build nests in the highest branches of trees on an island in the Snake River. The birds are.

OUTDOORS

Rules govern hunting - even on private land

Question: "I heard some guys talking about how they released some pen-reared chukar season closed?"

Answer: The hunting season most certainly is closed! It's possible these fellows may have violated a couple of fish and game laws.

The only legal way to hunt pen-reared game birds last weekend was on a licensed shooting preserve. The shooting preserve season ended on Sunday, April 16. Hunters released on shooting preserves are banded to distinguish them from wild birds.

Anyone releasing pen-reared game birds and hunting them in areas not licensed as a shooting preserve are subject to citations for unauthorized re-



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lease of game birds and for hunting or killing game birds during closed season.

Anyone wishing to release pen-reared game birds on their private property must first obtain a release permit. This permit is required to ensure released bird species are compatible with wild birds and they do not carry diseases dangerous to wild birds.

All pen-reared birds released on private property are subject to the regular upland game bird hunting seasons and bag limits

for those species. When the season for wild birds is closed, the season for released pen-reared birds is closed.

Dog trainers can obtain permits from the department to use pen-reared game birds for training during closed season. This activity is usually focused during August prior to the opening of hunting season.

In the Magic Valley region, all dog training permits are terminated from April 15 through July 31. This gives wild birds that are nesting and brood rearing a break from disruptions due to dog training.

During the break in use of pen-reared game birds, dog trainers are prohibited from protected species such as pigeons. I have also encouraged dog trainers wishing to train on game birds to go to licensed

shooting preserves. They can still exercise and hunt their dogs on residual game birds that have been released; they just can't kill any game birds.

The fellows you overheard talking about shooting pen-reared birds last weekend could only have been legal if they were hunting on a licensed shooting preserve. If they released, and hunted them on their own, they were in violation and would surely have been cited if caught by a conservation officer.

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F&G seeks input on Fish Management Plan

The Times-News

Fish and Game's statewide Fisheries Management Plan is up for public review. The plan is intended to help craft the plan that will chart fish management in Idaho from 2007 through 2012.

The plan will outline various long-term strategies and objectives for programs such as wild trout, hatchery trout, and warm water fish.

The new plan will be the driving force for fish management in Idaho for the next six years. Fish and Game regional fisheries managers will encourage anglers to review the current plan and provide us with their comments. This scoping period is a chance for citizens to bring their

ideas forward regarding how the public's fisheries should be managed.

Open house meetings to present the new plan and take public comment will be announced locally by regional Fish and Game offices.

Copies of the current plan will be available for review at each of the upcoming open houses, and fisheries staff will be available to discuss new ideas. Anglers can also see the current plan and provide online comments via the department's Web site <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Comments can be submitted to Fish and Game at the following address: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Attn: Scott Grander, PO Box 25, Boise 83707.

WOLF ENCOUNTER

Skier runs into pack of wolves on lonely stretch of trail

By Tim Mowry
Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — As he skied up the Tanana River from Nenana to Fairbanks, Alan Kendall couldn't get over how fortunate he was to have the whole river to himself as the sun came up.

It was about 6:30 a.m. Saturday and Kendall had been on the river since 6 a.m.

"The sun was a nice, red ball and I was skiing right into it," Kendall said. "I was just thinking it was a beautiful morning."

The temperature was about 15 degrees and rising. The glide was fast. The trail was wide and firm. A skate skier couldn't ask for any conditions.

Kendall, 57, was clipping along at a good pace when he rounded a bend in the river. He started without even realizing he was being followed by a pack of about a dozen dogs.

As he continued to ski around the bend, the number of "dogs" increased from three to five to six to seven.

"I thought, 'Gosh how many of them are there,'" he said.

That's also about the time Kendall realized they weren't dogs, but wolves. There were 10 of them and they were trotting downriver toward Kendall about 150 yards away, sniffling his presence.

They were strung out, oblivious the snow and playing with each other, he said. Three were gray or silver, two were black

and the remaining five were different shades of brown.

The first thing that struck Kendall was how big the wolves were. The paw prints in the snow were larger than his outdoor shoes, he said.

"They were huge," said Kendall, a middle school teacher. "They were tall and lanky."

The wolves didn't notice Kendall for about 30 seconds after he saw them.

"During that 30 seconds, I looked for an escape route," he said in an e-mail. "I couldn't go left or right to either riverbank; the snow was too crusty/deep and the banks were too far away."

The thought of turning around occurred to Kendall but "I didn't dare turn my back to them," he said.

Not that Kendall is a wimp. He flew Cobra helicopters in the U.S. Army during Vietnam and is a hard-core athlete who enjoys hiking, hiking and skiing more than most people half his age. He tries to ski from Nenana to Fairbanks a couple of times each spring, taking advantage of the ice-friendly conditions on the river. Last weekend's trip up the Tanana was his second in two weeks.

When the wolves finally spotted him, they stopped in their tracks. By then, they were about 50 yards away, Kendall said.

He stared at each other for a few minutes, he said. "I felt like a pork chop. They looked at me like I was a pork chop."

It was the same kind of feeling Kendall used to get when

the enemy was shooting at him in the jungle, he said.

"I always read that wolves won't bother humans and that there's never been a substantiated case of North American wolves killing a human," he wrote. "However, I guarantee when you're in the middle of a vast expanse of wind-swept, ice-covered river, 30K from the nearest human, facing a pack of large wild beasts, and the only weapon you have is your wits — I guarantee the substantiation of stories becomes meaningless in your mind."

"I thought, 'Wolves can take down an adult moose. I'm smaller than a moose. If I turn and ski back down the river, I'm going to look like a fleeing pork chop.'"

The wolves, on the other hand, didn't show any inclination they were going to flee. They stood there eyeing Kendall, whose only weapon was his ski poles, which he said "felt like toothpicks."

"When you're out there by yourself, all of sudden you start thinking about survival," Kendall said. "You think, 'God, what does this group of animals want?'"

Contemplating his choices, Kendall thought the only thing he thought he could do.

"I charged toward them, skiing as fast as I could, yelling at the top of my lungs," Kendall said. "After two or three pole strokes, I'd just yell."

Immediately, five of the wolves took off — two to his left and three to his right. They bounded across the snow in

long, graceful powerful strides that made Kendall realize how fast they were. The five fleeing wolves disappeared into the woods on each side of the river. "They were feeding. Five wolves turned and loped up the trail, staying about 50 yards in front of Kendall."

"They were clearly not afraid, but wary," he said.

Over the next 20 minutes the five wolves peeled off one by one and circled around behind Kendall.

"To get my scent, I assume, since the wind was coming down the river," he said.

As he pulled away from the wolves, two remained behind him before going off into the woods. Even then, Kendall didn't relax.

"I didn't know what they were up to," he said. "I wondered. Is this their tactic or are they just curious?"

His adrenaline pumping, Kendall kept skiing. He passed a bloody paw print on the trail a short distance upriver. It appeared the wolves had killed a snowshoe hare and devoured all but a couple pieces of fur.

"Concerned the pack might regroup and follow him, Kendall continued skiing hard for the next hour or so, not looking over his shoulder. He didn't see the wolves again during the remaining four hours of his ski into Fairbanks.

"After that, they weren't following me I thought. All right, that was interesting."

"I'm glad it happened and I'm glad it's behind me," he said.

Biologists release more lynx in Colorado as effort progresses

SOUTH FORK, Colo. (AP) — Volunteers opened the metal animal crate in a campground here. A lynx, its footsteps sounding on the snow-covered earth, and vanished into the snowy Weninuche wilderness, its fur a perfect match for the winter-deadened landscape.

Researchers released four Canada lynx early this month, another step in a reintroduction program started in 1993. Biologists hope the lynx, being reintroduced, will repopulate a species considered endangered in Colorado and threatened in 47 other states.

trapped them in Canada, she said, and most starved to death.

The trip stressed the lynx, she said, and researchers freed the written consent earlier in the winter, when prey populations had not yet peaked. The original release site was located near a highway, Schenk added, and many lynx died because cars hit them.

Learning from mistakes has made the reintroduction program a more successful one, Schenk said. For instance, they now fatten up the lynx for three months in a holding area near Del Norte, Colo.

Colorado Division of Wildlife plans to complete the release of 218 Canada lynx to the San Juan Mountains by the end of this month. While the reintroduction program has been classified as successful yet, researchers said there's definite progress.

Lynx, brown and gray wild cats similar to bobcats, number about 20 and 44 pounds, and have tufted ears. Their broad paws — a trademark feature — act as natural snowshoes and help them move through the winter landscape. Trappers describe the cats as shy, elusive animals who enjoy living in dark timber.

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repopulation growth, researchers can see improvement. For example, agency knows at least 105 kittens were born in the last three years and that natural reproduction is beginning to offset natural and accidental deaths.

If the lynx continue breeding, releases will not be necessary as long as the population grows longer, said Schenk. The division planned to release a total of 14 cats this month, and will continue with releases through 2008. Then it will assess whether more cats are needed to bolster the population.

But the rarity of lynx sightings in Colorado is not a consequence of their relative nature. In 1973, the division reports, someone killed the last known lynx in Colorado.

Researchers have not identified why the cat became extinct with the region, said Lynx Schenk, lead field researcher for the reintroduction project. She and others suspect that many were killed when ranchers tried to control coyotes through poison, and that new development shrank their habitat.

Many people worried the reintroduction program would fail because no one knew why the lynx disappeared, said Schenk. The agency started the program anyway, and believes it may answer some of the lynx's mysteries.

Fears about the program were not unfounded, she added. It nearly failed in the beginning because researchers did not know enough about lynx and released them at inappropriate times. The cats were let go shortly after trappers

located the dens and counted their kittens.

"The agency also fitted five Colorado-born lynx with collars and horns to learn this spring if the cats are breeding, an indication the lynx can sustain without further releases.

"The lynx are now released at a campground in hour outside South Fork, where snowy mountain cliffs stretch high. Cates are opened one by one, allowing each cat the chance to disappear into the forest silently before the next follows.

"They lived up to their billing," said Mark Sorenson, 65, a resident of North Lake, Neb., who drove down specifically to see what he called a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. He regretted only their quick disappearance into the trees.

100-year-old fishing lure still grabs honors

By Lynn Henning
The Detroit News

DEARBORN, Mich. — An ultimate compliment to a 100-year-old Detroit-area business was given this week by Field & Stream Magazine.

The centerpiece of its cover story on "The 50 Top Fishing Lures of All Time" is displayed in full color — red and white, naturally.

It is the venerable, reliable, irresistible, lure born by Lou Eppinger, inventor of the lure before a two-month Canadian fishing trip. Darveles are still in the family — grand-niece Karen Eppinger owns the company — and are still being manufactured at a plant here, to the tune of 2 million a year.

Eppinger's 100th anniversary is being swung, although the formal gala is scheduled for September, after the Canadian fishing season has ended. It will feature an outdoor parade that has been a staple for nearly every angler who ever fished for North America's cutwater herringweights, northern pike and lake trout, principally.

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produced by Darveles.

The lure took off, not only because of its design and fish-catching magic, but also because of Eppinger's daredevil marketing strategy.

"I spent \$25,000 in the 1920s to do national advertising," Karen Eppinger said. "That was a lot of money back then. But he took a flyer, and that made for quite a takeoff. Instead of being a locally known lure, the advertising got us out there nationally."

The lure originally was called The Osprey before it picked up its catchier moniker in 1918. The new name was inspired by allied pilots from World War I who had picked up the nickname "Dare Devils" for their dippy-doodling dog-fight techniques.

The lure's new name, however, caught flak from various fundamentalists who were not pleased with the name "devil" being used as a product title. Eppinger got around that — to his satisfaction, anyway — by crafting the blended "Darvele" appellation.

The trademark devil's head is stamped on each Eppinger lure and helps guard — to the extent possible — against confusion with other, similar spoons.

Research has uncovered 300 different red-and-white spoons that are veritable knock-offs of the original Darveles. Differences, however, tend to be revealed fairly quickly.

"What keeps us on the map is the action," Karen Eppinger said. "Our lure has more action than the imitations. The metals we use are far superior: brass, copper and nickel, instead of steel. We use Mustad hooks, which is the oldest manufacturer of fish-hooks in

the world.

"Plus, the paint." Ah, yes.

John Cleveland, Eppinger's director of marketing, says: "The biggest reason for our durability is the quality of paint we use."

Darveles lures receive between five and seven coats of paint, which is hand-applied. The quality of material used and the process by which it is baked into the metal explains why a Darveles paint job lasts for as long as the lure is fished.

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over-spray streaks that may have accrued during the paint process. Brass is sealed and polished.

"Clear lacquer is applied by a pad-painter in the Darvele factory on a spoon — a rare form of automation that replaced a technique once done exclusively by hand-stamping. Custom-made dies stamping this particular material a Canadian Maple Leaf flag imprint has been pressed into these spoons of lures — are at this stage stamped.

"Hooks and rings are attached by hand to each lure.

"The lures are heat-sealed with a bubble-packing machine and boxed for a 2:30 p.m. pickup by UPS.

"There's not a lot of new technology," Cleveland says. "Everything's done in the classic way — by hand, by people who have worked a long time at their jobs."

Markets, however, have gone global.

Eppinger's biggest business is in Russia, where the company's Moscow-based distributor has been "ordering tons" for Russian pike, salmon and big-fish waters.

Internet access is behind some of the boom — Germany, Denmark and South American have joined Italy and Japan, big Eppinger customers — as has been the development of electronically transferred funds.

Along with all the orders comes a typical week's stream of job resumes.

Eppinger laughs. "They all begin with, 'I love to fish and hunt. Please, please, please get me a club 'em, but once you're in this business, there's no time to fish.'"

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OUTDOORS

Top 3 'Montana' campgrounds are actually in Wyoming

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Where you can find Montana's best camping in Wyoming.

The May cover story of Sunset, a California-based magazine about life in the West, detailed some of the top campgrounds in the West, including six Montana locations. But a map accompanying the article shows five of those six "Montana" sites are actually in Wyoming — three of them in Yellowstone National Park.

Dale Conour, Sunset's deputy editor, said the listing was a mistake and that the Menlo Park, Calif.-based magazine was sending letters to subscribers notifying them of the error. He also said a story planned for the July issue would correctly report Yellowstone's location.

"It'll be clear from that story that we do, in fact, know where the grand park of Yellowstone is located," Conour said. "I'm hoping that will quiet the mob."

About 90 percent of the park is in Wyoming; the park's northern tier is in Montana, with a western slice falling in Idaho.

"Montana, Idaho and Wyoming — we all claim the park," Beisy Baumgart, Montana travel director, said while laughing at the magazine's gaffe. And with good reason — a 2001 study found about 40 percent of Montana's out-of-state tourists could be attracted to Yellowstone. Although most of the park lies in Wyoming, three

of the park's entrances — including Gardiner, the only year-round entrance for automobiles — are in Montana.

"It's the reason that people are coming and vacationing in Montana," Baumgart said.

Diane Shober, director of Wyoming Travel and Tourism, said Montana and Wyoming work together to promote the park to overseas tourists and in bigger, more expensive media markets.

"None of us can individually afford to be in those markets and get the exposure we do together," Shober said.

This isn't the first time that Wyoming landmarks have appeared to promote some other state. Gene Bryan, executive director of the Cody County Chamber of Commerce, said Colorado once used an image of the Tetons on a travel brochure, and that South Dakota used images of Devil's Tower to attract tourists.

"We've always kind of had fun with the states jockeying back and forth with good humor," Bryan said.

"It's been kind of a fun rivalry," he said.

And, Shober said, simply attracting more tourists to Yellowstone can benefit Wyoming businesses in Cody, Moran and Jackson, all of which are near Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park.

"It has its advantages in many instances," Shober said.



This undated image provided by the Center for Whale Research shows a whale-watching boat passing a pod of orca in Puget Sound, Wash. Now orcas — which can grow 32 feet long, as big as a bus — are prime examples of what researchers call "charismatic megafauna," big critters with a passionate human following.

Are we loving them to death?

Once feared, killer whales are now subject of perhaps too much affection

By Peggy Andersen
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — Fifty years ago, fishermen were still shooting at Northwest killer whales they felt were eating too many salmon.

Now, thousands of visitors pay an average of \$75 a trip to see the orcas in their summer habitat around the San Juan Islands.

"No doubt the perception of these whales has changed from something to be feared and destroyed to something to be hugged," said orca expert Ken Blacomb of the Center for Whale Research.

In the San Juan Islands, "And now along comes too much hugging."

The turnaround began when killer whale Mamu was caught accidentally in a fishing net in 1965. He became a Seattle waterfront sensation until his death a year later, helping create a demand for orcas in the booming new marine-aquarium trade.

Dozens were caught and shipped, but just two survive — Lolita at the Miami Seaquarium and Corky at Sea World in San Diego.

As it turned out, "the capture program was part of the education process," Blacomb said.

Northwest captures were stopped though the resident population — which now numbers 87 — is still struggling to recover to pre-capture levels, believed to have been about 120.

"I'd settle for 101," said Blacomb, who has been studying them for 30 years.

Now orcas — which can grow 32 feet long, as big as a bus — are prime examples of what researchers call "charismatic megafauna," big critters with a passionate human following.

They comprise complete in a thriving whale-watching industry. Eighty boats — seating anywhere from six to 212 — ply the waters between British Columbia and Washington state. As many as half a million visitors a year take the tours or watch orcas from recreational craft.

But are we loving them to death? Resident orcas that chase salmon on both sides of the border have been declared endangered by U.S. and Canadian authorities. Along with general vessel traffic, pollution and declining salmon runs, researchers are concerned about the tour boats.

But countries have federal monitors on our power to make them flourish," said Shane Aggergaard of Vancouver-based Island Adventure.

Cruises, president of the Whale Watch Operators Association Northwest.

But with as many as 100 boats on the water at times, the attention can be a problem.

Anyone who's been in a crowded bar at night trying to talk to the person next to you should understand what that's like," said Mark Pakenham in Victoria, British Columbia, who has worked with Canada's federally funded monitoring program.

At a recent U.S.-Canada symposium on how to help the population, University of Washington researcher David Bain reported declines in foraging of over 30 percent when boats were present. The impact was greater when boats were closer. Federal law requires vessels

to cut their engines at 400 feet and to stay at least 100 yards away to avoid harassing the whales or hindering their ability to find prey through echolocation.

"I think it would help if we enforced the rules we've got," Bain said.

Last summer, a whale bumped a whale-watching boat skippered by Brett Soberg of Victoria-based Eagle Wing Eco Tours. The boat was not moving, and Soberg quickly alerted authorities.

The violation likely would not have been noticed without Soberg's coming forward, said Karl Koski at the Whale Museum in the San Juan Islands, the hub of Washington state orca activity. Koski is director of Soundwatch, the U.S. monitoring effort.

That first U.S. whale-watching violation is still under investigation by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The whales were playing and changing direction, said Blacomb, who witnessed the encounter. "You couldn't have predicted it. You couldn't blame the operator."

But that doesn't mean there should be no consequences for the skipper, he said.

The duck whale was K-25, Blacomb said. "He's the one who showed up with a divot out of his back," though apparently not a lasting damage, Blacomb said.

Soberg had been chided earlier by the Canadians for repeatedly parking in the path of the whales. It's a common violation, as vessels jockey for the best vantage point. "Last year we recorded about 800 incidents in the summer ... and about 550 were for parking in the path of whales," Pakenham said.

Talks on changes in whale-watching guidelines the government and the industry's — are ongoing.

On the Net
National Marine Fisheries Service, www.nmfs.noaa.gov
Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans, www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca
Whale Watch Operators Association Northwest, http://www.nwhalewatchers.org
Orca Network, http://www.orcanetwork.org

Blacomb suggests the industry vessels travel as a group. "To people on shore and on other boats, it looks like a free-for-all out there," he said.

Canada prosecuted two whale-watch boat operators, both for operating their vessels while surrounded by orcas, in August 2002. Both were fined \$6,500.

Last year, the federal government declared Washington state's three salmon-eating resident pods — dubbed J, K and L — an endangered species, which calls for habitat protection. Many Northwest salmon runs also are protected.

Exactly how to make things right is still under discussion.

West wind
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NFL great fined for forest filming

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A federal magistrate fined former NFL great Larry Conka \$5 Wednesday for conducting commercial work in a national forest without obtaining a special use permit.

Magistrate John Roberts also ordered Conka to pay \$3,887 in restitution for filming on U.S. Forest Service land without obtaining permits.

Conka is host of "NAPA's North to Alaska," a cable television show that appears weekly on the Outdoor Life Network and features fishing, hunting, history and customs from around the state.

Conka reached an agreement in January to plead guilty to two counts of filming on national forest land without proper permits, once on Mitkof Island and once near Cordova.

The first incident resulted from a miscommunication between a crew in the field and the Zenk Productions office, Conka said after sentencing.

The check was supposed to be sent in," he said. "We thought it had. By the time the accountant caught it, it was too late."

The production company itself reported the second

incident in September after realizing it might have filmed on Forest Service land.

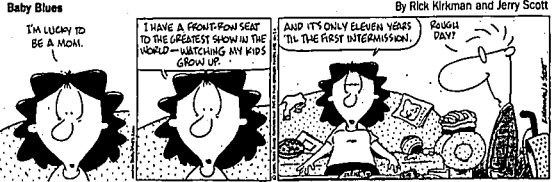
Conka said the matter could have been handled administratively but that the Forest Service seemed bent on prosecuting.

Conka started as a fullback at Syracuse University and was a first-round draft choice of the Miami Dolphins in 1968. He appeared with the Dolphins in late Super Bowls and played on the Dolphin team that was undefeated in 1972.

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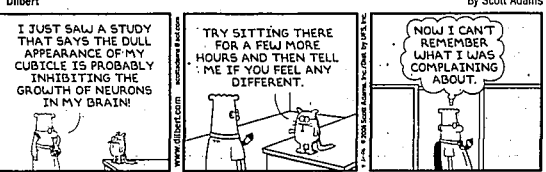
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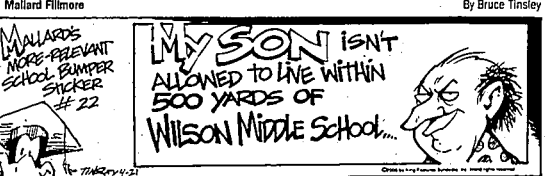
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The writing is on the wall, Gemini

IF APRIL 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, your popularity soars and love might be on your mind in the year to come. Because your charisma levels are accentuated between now and October you might meet Mr. or Ms. Right or find a higher level of success in career or business. People look at you through rose-colored glasses — so do your most to land the new job or make a proposal during these prosperous months. Next December and January, your stars are again on the rise with the added benefit of ample opportunities to improve your direction of life in a significant way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Know who your real friends are. Expect a twist of fate that shows you who shares your hopes and dreams. Clear out the leftover Easter candy and work toward having a healthier lifestyle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): In spring a young person's fancy turns to romance. It is a good weekend to follow through on the latest conquest. Concentrate on completing important projects so you can play free of worries.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Read the writing on the wall. Appreciative gratitude may spread your name all over town. Get

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Jeraldine Saunders

out and mingle with others in public and take to enjoy social events with that special someone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You could be mesmerized by someone special, or able to wiggle your way into someone's good graces by appearing friendly and attractive. Friendly attitudes will encourage others to grant favors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Try a romantic fantasy on for size. Embrace the good things in life, but be sure that everything on your business calendar has been attended to before you disappear for a relaxing weekend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Escape the demands of the harsh, cruel world by flying away on amorous adventures with that special someone. Prepare for glamorous escapades this weekend by tidying up details.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): True compatibility is based on friendship. Once the intoxicating allure of chemical attraction wears off lasting relationships need to have something to talk

about. Find things in common.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Ignore petty economics. Make fanciful plans for falling around with a significant you-know-who. Sometimes it is best to spend your hard-earned dollars on things that delight the spirit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Play spin doctor. Put an attractive appearance on those special things that matter to you most. Remember that growth you are doing in the game of life is only a matter of perspective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stay on top of things. Don't allow a nagging feeling that something has been overlooked spoil peace and tranquility. Plan the weekend ahead with luxury and comfort in mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): April showers bring May flowers. Go ahead and invest in some seeds for future growth. You can feed the piggy bank or buy something significant to please your esthetic sense.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get a case of spring fever. Your bubbly fervor is contagious and can open the lines of communication with a close friend or partner. Go out on the town tonight and have a ball.

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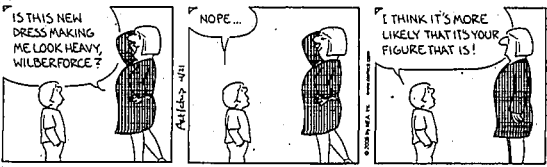
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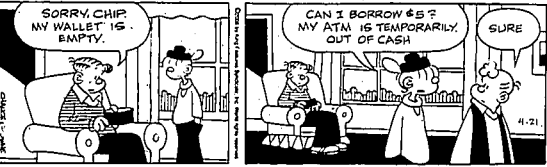
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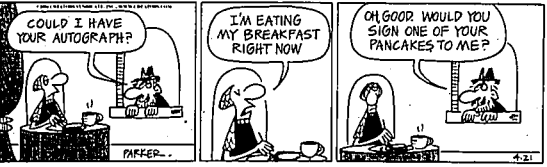
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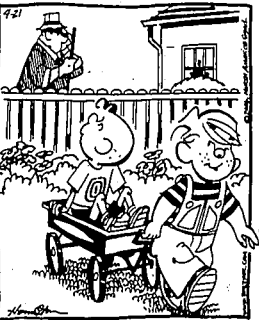
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Baby deserves top priority in woman's plan for future



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 21 and have been going out with an older man (17 years older) I'll call "Sherman" for about a year. He and I are having a baby together in three months.

I don't know if I want to be with Sherman anymore. He keeps telling me that if I want to be with someone more my age — which I do — I should break off before things get worse. He says he'd rather be heartbroken now than have me tell him later that I have found someone else.

My friends tell me that if I don't want to be with Sherman, I should just tell him and go on my way. What do you think I should do? Should I try to work things out with him, or tell him that it's over, and move on with my life?

—CONFUSED IN MAINE
DEAR CONFUSED: Your friends' advice would be good — if you weren't expecting a baby with Sherman. However, because there is a child involved who will need support, and preferably the love and care of both parents, you must consider what is best for your baby. Because nowhere in your letter did you indicate that Sherman has said he wants to marry you or provide for his child's support, your next move should be to talk to an attorney about a legal arrangement for the benefit of the baby.

DEAR ABBY: My mother loves to knit, and she's superb at

ing spent hours creating a one-of-a-kind item only to have it left somewhere. Heather is not the offended party — Grandma's. A step in the right direction would be a handwritten letter from Heather to her grandmother apologizing for her carelessness.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Ron," and I are at odds over parenting our 7-year-old son, "Brett." My husband is very domestic. He cooks like a world-class chef and does more housework than any man I know.

I have read Dr. James Dobson's books on family. He clearly states that a father should be the main role model for the son, to prevent the son from being homosexual. I'm concerned that Brett will learn feminine ways from my husband and turn out to be gay.

How can I encourage the man I need to teach Brett the more manly things in life?

—WORRIED MOM
DEAR WORRIED MOM: From my perspective, you don't need to change a thing. With all due respect to Dr. Dobson, your husband is already a manly role model to your son. He is teaching the boy important survival skills that will be invaluable when he is older. With luck, your son will turn out to be every bit the man — and father — that your husband is.

—LOST IN OREGON
DEAR LOST: Explain to your daughter that, as hurt as she may feel about the scarf, it's a drop in the bucket compared to how her grandmother felt hav-

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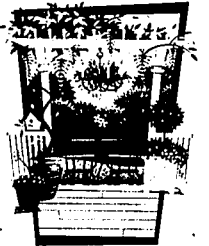
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WORLD

Militant to head new Palestinian security force

By Ibrahim Barzak
Associated Press writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The Hamas government on Thursday named a Palestinian whose group has attacked Israel and was blamed for bombing a U.S. convoy to head a new security force made up of Islamic militants.

The move is a direct challenge to the authority of President Mahmoud Abbas, and was quickly denounced by Israel and the United States.

Hamas Interior Minister Said Siyam issued a decree appointing Jamal Abu Samhadana, the head of the Higher Executive Committee, as director general of his ministry.

Samhadana, a former security officer who was dismissed for refusing to report for duty during the uprising against Israel, was given the rank of colonel.

His group is responsible for many of the homemade rockets launched at Israel in recent weeks. It also is suspected by some of involvement in the attack on U.S. Embassy convoys in Gaza that killed three Marine security guards in October 2003.

Interior Ministry spokesman Khaled Abu Hilal said Siyam would form a new security branch — answerable only to him — to bring law and order to the Palestinian streets. "This force is going to include the elite of our sons from the freedom fighters and the holy warriors and the best men we have," he said. "It's going to include members of all the resistance branches."

Abbas' office had no immediate response.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack criticized the move. He said it showed "the true nature and the true tactics of this particular Hamas-led government," and the U.S. would still hold the Palestinian Authority responsible for stopping terror attacks.

Israeli Foreign Ministry official Gideon Meir echoed that. "If someone needed proof about the connection between the Hamas rule and Palestinian terror, this appointment is the ultimate proof," he told The Associated Press.

Abu Hilal said officials have been negotiating for the new force, but they could not say how it would be structured or

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— Gideon Meir
Israel Foreign Ministry official

how big it would be. He also did not know whether the new force would be paid by the Interior Ministry or serve as volunteers, paid by their militant groups.

After Hamas' Jan. 25 election victory over Abbas' Fatah Party, the Islamic group's leaders said they planned to incorporate some of their militants into the security forces. But the announcement of a new force made up of militants appeared to be an effort to counter Abbas' moves to take control of all other security branches.

Soon after the Hamas-led Cabinet was sworn in late last month, Abbas appointed a longtime ally, Hashid Abu Sbiha, to head the three security services that were supposed to fall under Hamas command. Abbas also controls

several other security services. Samhadana is high on Israel's wanted list and has been the target of at least one assassination attempt.

It was unclear whether Samhadana or Abu Sbiha would retain ultimate control of the security forces, though any dispute would be resolved

in the National Security Council, headed by Abbas. Abbas directly controls the presidential security unit, the border police and the various intelligence services.

The preventive security, which is in charge of criminal intelligence, the civil defense, and the police fall under the Interior Ministry.

Speaking at a mosque in Gaza City, Siyam pledged a major crackdown on crime throughout the Palestinian areas.

"We are going to beat with an iron fist all the people and the groups who are acting ille-

gally," Siyam said. He said he was referring to crime, not armed resistance against Israel, Israel, the U.S. and European Union have cut off

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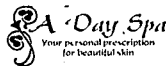
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WORLD

'Covote' smugglers do business in the open in Mexican cities

By Julie Watson
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — Sliding up to migrants who arrive at the Tijuana airport and cruising the streets in border towns, "covotes" in gold chains and dark sunglasses openly find customers across the U.S. border. Mexico's president offered to crack down on smuggling at a recent summit with President Bush. But close to 100 smuggling gangs are still operating, government officials say, in plain sight of Mexican law enforcement.

"While drug smugglers are invisible for the most part, people-smugglers are visible working right in front of authorities," said Tijuana border expert Victor Clark, who has studied the illegal trade for decades.

Smuggling people into the United States from around the world has become a \$10 billion-a-year industry, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials. Global crime networks use Mexican smugglers to sneak in Cubans, Brazilians, Iraqis, Africans and Chinese, according to Interpol, the international police network.

Border copiers say the price for Mexican migrants has quadrupled from \$300 to more than \$1,200 since 1994, when the U.S. last tightened the rules. The price is higher for migrants from Central and South America — Brazilians said they pay \$10,000 to \$15,000 for a package that includes airfare to Mexico City and crossing the border into the U.S.

President Vicente Fox's administration has been caught between promoting itself as the migrants' protector and bowing to U.S. pressure to crack down on gangs sneaking migrants across the border.

Although smugglers have been blamed for abandoning some migrants to their deaths in the desert heat, the Mexican government has been hesitant to move against them, knowing the death toll would climb if people crossed on their own.

Clark said.

"Migrant traffickers have become a necessary evil," he said. Corruption also taints Mexico's efforts to stop human trafficking, Clark, who heads the Tijuana-based Binational Center for Human Rights, said for his group interviewed 50 detained smugglers and found 30 of them were simply migrants who were handed over to authorities after the real smugglers paid off police.

Human trafficking is not a priority for Mexican politicians more concerned with kidnappings, drug trafficking and border crossings, border experts say. Officials from the federal government entities, including the presidency, did not respond to repeated requests for comment for this story.

Since taking office in December 2000, Fox has sought the passage of a migration accord as the centerpiece of his administration. Fox also expressed enthusiasm for such a measure until his attention turned to border security after Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

At the summit last month in Cancun, Fox once again told Bush he would do more to prosecute smugglers, hoping to encourage Washington to legalize millions of migrants. Fox noted that his government already had strengthened enforcement at Mexico's southern border to stem the flow of U.S.-bound Central Americans.

But he made clear that Mexico would not be stopped from heading to the border, where their right to travel within Mexico is constitutional, guaranteed. "We can't interfere upon the right of people to move freely within our territory," Fox said.

Critics say Mexico is using the agreement as an excuse to turn a blind eye. In one example, they point to Las Chapas, a smugglers' haven near the new Mexico border that Mexico tried to wipe off the map last September by bulldozing a third of its houses. Six months later, the smugglers were back and doing better than ever, working daily, untouched by police.

Over the past decade, the country has set up federal anti-smuggling units to investigate traffickers. The penalty for smuggling was raised from four

years in prison to 12. In 2004, the Fox administration broke up one of the biggest migrant-trafficking rings ever uncovered in Mexico, arresting 42 current and former government employees in 12 states who allegedly smuggled Cubans, Uruguayans, Brazilians, Asians and Central Americans, first into Mexico, and then into the United States.

In August, Mexico began exchanging intelligence information with officials in San Diego and Yuma, Ariz. In April, they expanded the program, known as OASIS, to El Paso, Texas. Under the initiative, Mexican and U.S. agents share information on traffickers' movements and provide each other evidence to prosecute them in

court. Fox says the program already has helped put 120 traffickers in prison. "They are trying," said Armando Peschard-Sverdrup, of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. "But I still think Mexico's judicial system lacks the integrity to see indictments all the way through to a prosecution."



An unidentified man who acts as a guide or "pollero" for immigrants crossing the Rio Grande from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, to Laredo, Texas, walks along the river's edge waiting for clients in this October 2001 photo.

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2006 MAZDASPEED6 SEDAN

The ultimate zoom-zoom

RoadWorthy!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
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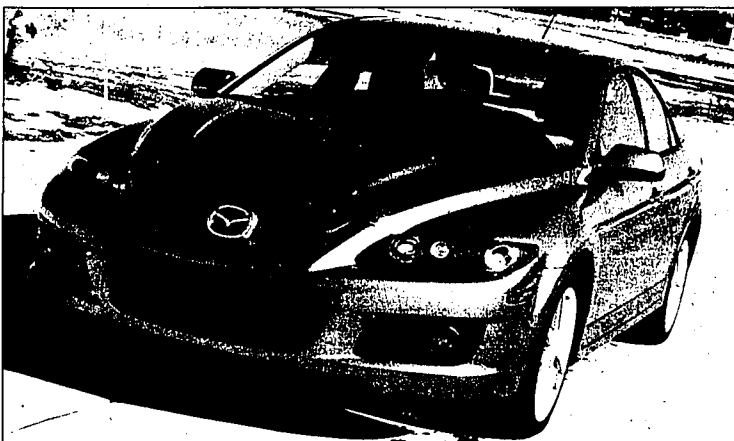
Billed by the automaker as the fastest accelerating, best handling and most advanced sports sedan it has ever built, Mazda unveils the MAZDASPEED6 sedan. Exterior visual cues for the new sports sedan include a new grille and headlights, with a dark gray tint for the headlight buckets to achieve a more aggressive look and feel, fog lights moved into the lower bumper area and front fenders aggressively flared to clear the larger wheels and send a powerful message.

The hood is bulged in order to clear the intercooler mounted on the top of the engine, and cleverly integrates a functional hood scoop to feed cold outside air to the engine. Extended side skirts, a re-profiled rear bumper with built-in diffuser and slots for the twin tailpipes, and a lip spoiler complete the aerodynamic enhancements to the body.

Available in Sport and Grand Touring models, the MAZDASPEED6 is equipped with a unique 2.3L direct-injection turbo-charged four-cylinder engine joined to a six-speed manual transmission and high-tech Active Torque-Split All-Wheel Drive system. The new MAZDASPEED6 has all the performance and passion of a specialist rally replica, but with the refinement of a luxury sedan.

By introducing direct injection to a gasoline turbo application, Mazda circumvented the usual drawback of turbocharging - poor low- and mid-range torque - while meeting strict exhaust emission regulations. The close-ratio, slick-shifting six-speed manual transmission is fitted and readily encourages the MAZDASPEED6 driver to explore the sedan's performance. The extremely small transmission employs triple cone synchronizers - which minimize shift effort - for first, second and third gears, with a double cone synchromizer for fourth gear, allowing for smooth up and downshifts. Brass synchronizers were chosen on select gears to minimize shift balking and maximize feel.

On the road, this sweet package of four-door goodness is planted and connected - al-



The 2006 MAZDASPEED6 - performance and passion of a rally car

2006 MAZDASPEED6 by the Numbers

WHEELBASE: 105.3; overall length: 188.8; width: 70.1; height: 58.3 - measurements in inches.
ENGINE: 2.3L turbo-charged four-cylinder - 274 hp at 5,500 rpm and 280 lb-ft of torque at 3,000 rpm.
TRANSMISSION: six-speed Sport manual.
EPA FUEL ECONOMY: 19 city/25 hwy.
CARGO CAPACITY: 12.5 cu. ft.

Price The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2006 MAZDASPEED6 sedan starts at \$27,995 for the Sport and \$29,925 for the Grand Touring. Destination charges add \$560.

SAFETY FEATURES: Dual front airbags, front and rear head curtain airbags, dual front seat mounted side-impact airbags, alarm system, limited slip differential, dynamic stability control, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, engine immobilizer, remote keyless entry, automatic headlamp control, traction control

and fog lights. Grand Touring adds remote control engine start. Optional safety equipment includes navigation system.
WARRANTY: Basic: 4-year/50,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper. Corrosion: 5-year/unlimited. Roadside assistance: 4-year/50,000 mile, 24-hour.

tor hardware was tweaked and enhanced for the MAZDASPEED6 sedan. Riding lower than the standard Mazda6, the suspension features a 25-percent higher spring rate for the front coil springs and an increase in the diameter of the stabilizer bar from 23 mm to 24 mm to

sharpen turn-in and minimize understeer. In the rear, the spring rate has been increased by 37-percent, with the stabilizer bar diameter increasing from 21 mm to 23 mm combined with the reinforcement of the rear cross member. As benefits a top-of-the-line model, the

MAZDASPEED6 offers a host of creature comforts that the "rally replicas" can only hope for such as comfortable and supportive black cloth sport seats with optional leather trim, a six-speaker AM/FM/CD sound system with an optional BOSE audio system featuring a six-disc CD changer, and available xenon high intensity discharge (HID) headlights, moonroof and DVD-based navigation system. Steering wheel mounted controls include audio and cruise controls. The center armrest also doubles as a two-tier storage bin. Heated leather front seats are inviting and supportive. Map pockets in the front doors were designed to support a popcan or a bottle. Rear seat accommodations easily coddle two adults - with a fold-down armrest and built-in dual cupholders. Rear windows go all the way down.

Wiring nightmare?

Q. I own a '97 Ford Explorer Sport. Brilliant thieves in my neighborhood stole my after-market stereo head unit. They bypassed the Ford passive alarm by cutting a hole in the hood above the battery then prying off the battery cable. Then they jimmied the driver's-side lock to gain access, tore out the head unit (pretty neatly) along with some still-attached parts. The original equipment premium stereo has been re-installed. However, several possibly related problems have arisen. The warning chime does not sound if the key is left in the ignition, or if the lights are left switched on. The driver's-side rocker switch will lock/unlock the vehicle, but not arm the alarm system. The other switches will activate the alarm system, as does the keyless entry control. Opening the driver side door seems to activate the dome light intermittently. All these functions worked prior to the theft.

-Richard Matuszczyk
San Jose



UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Bergholdt

A. This is an unpleasant example of what can happen to a modern vehicle when electrical or mechanical parts become damaged during a theft attempt or collision. It sounds like there was some damage done in the driver's side door, possibly to a section of wiring or to one of several switches. Also, a good number of body features (interior lamps, warning chimes, door locks, power windows, vehicle alarm, to name a few) are controlled by the GEM (Generic Electronic Module). This box, located in the instrument panel just behind the radio, replaces a dozen or more individual controllers. It's possible the module or some of the wires connecting to it were damaged during the hasty removal of the radio.

What should you do next? I'd contact your insurance company, and ask that the diagnosis/repair of the electrical faults be subcontracted to a Ford dealer. Why the dealer? Their diagnostic techs can communicate with the GEM module, using an NGS scan tool, retrieving fault codes and performing the necessary diagnostic procedures.



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

At 10:00 o'clock AM on June 22, 2006, in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 Third Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, First American Title Company, Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful currency, all the interest of the decedent at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Twin Falls County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: Lot 2 of the 1st Addition to Block 3 of Twin Falls Plats and Confined in Book 3 of Plats, Page 28.

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Said sale will be made without covenant of warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Linda Jean Simmons as Grantor, to First American Title Company, Inc., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of H. Charles Carter and First American Title Company, Inc., dated October 21, 2001, and recorded October 24, 2001, as Instrument No. 2001-019410, all records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee's (GR) are named to comply with SocLun 45-1506(4)(a) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, the owners of the property.

The Deed of Trust is a single document and the Deed of Trust for this sale is to be made in full.

(1) Make a monthly installment of \$26.37, plus a \$5.00 monthly escrow fee, totaling \$31.37 due for the 24th day of December, 2005, and a like sum of \$331.37 for the 24th day of each of the twenty months thereafter.

(2) Comply with Paragraph A.4 of said Deed of Trust, to pay at least ten days before delinquency and First American Title Company, Inc. as Trustee, Real property taxes are delinquent for 2004 and 2005, with penalty and interest accruing thereon to the date of sale.

The principal balance is \$18,632.62, together with interest thereon at 8.00% per annum in the amount of \$159.27, as of February 31, 2006, and all other obligations and encumbrances now due together with any late charges, advances to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure action, including attorneys' fees and costs to cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

First American Title Company, Inc. as Trustee

By Darlene Doh-Nielsen, Trust Officer

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Request for Proposals For Engineering Services

The City of Kimberly is requesting proposals from qualified consultants to provide a preliminary engineering, engineering design, and construction management services for a water system improvements project.

The City of Kimberly intends to apply for State and Federal assistance to fund the project.

Proposals must include:

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A complete request for proposals may be obtained from the Office of the Kimberly City Clerk.

Proposals are due in the office of the Kimberly City Clerk by 12:00 p.m. (noon), May 12th, 2006.

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City of Kimberly
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Drivers Wanted
Handling agriculture
equipment and upper
mounting bulk trailers.
Most hauls under
500 mile radius.
Class A CDL required,
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DRIVER
EXCELLENT JOB
OPPORTUNITY!
Wanted, local delivery
driver and yard
help. CDL, benefits
available. Send re-
sume to our main
office in Idaho Falls
at 208-523-1723.

200 Employment
DRIVER
Full-time self-motivated
person, able to work
under little supervi-
sion, for propane deli-
very. Must have
experience in NV
area. Competitive
wages, benefits in-
clude: Vacation, sick
pay, insurance, paid
holidays. 401k.
Apply at Valley Co-Op,
1433 S. Lincoln Ave.,
Twin Falls, ID, 83338.
Call Today
208-735-3267.

200 Employment
ELECTRICIAN
Journeyman Electrician
needed for
Ricebush. High-
school graduate.
Highland residential
& commercial con-
struction in the
Valley. Full-time,
year round
employment. Bene-
fits include vaca-
tion, bonus & insur-
ance. Pkds in employ-
ment. Home work-
ing. Fax resume to
Howard Ray at
208-788-3273 or
call 208-788-3238
for more info.

200 Employment
Encore Nationwide, a
temporary staffing
company, is seeking
individuals for
Cosmetics
Demonstration in
Twin Falls, PT,
weekends, 10am-
4:30pm.
Email resume to
registrar@encore
nationwide.com

200 Employment
Farm laborer, gravity
irrigation system.
Call 208-539-9477

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Farm labor farm needs Irriga-
tor and farm hand,
with experience in
pipe and equipment.
Year round employ-
ment. 326-5608 or
731-8484.

200 Employment
FOOD SERVICE
SunBridge
Do you have
experience in the
kitchen
and love to cook?
Are you available
6:30 a.m. - 9:00
p.m., or 4:30 - 9:00
p.m.
If any of these
schedules works for
you, and you are
able to work some
holidays and week-
ends, stop by and
pick up an applica-
tion. Wages are
based on experience.

200 Employment
FOOD SERVICE
SunBridge Care
Center is hiring
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Twin Falls, Idaho
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FOOD SERVICE
Filer School District
is taking applica-
tions for District
Time Food Service
Assistant, 5/hrs a
day at Filer High
School. 2005-2006
school year. The salary is
according to the
salary schedule.
Closing date is
open until filled.
Contact
Sandra Roberts,
Filer School District
Call 208-326-5981

200 Employment
FOOD SERVICE
Filer School District
is hiring for the
following
positions:
Dance Team
Advisor
The required method
of selection is a
formal application
(involvable at the
Filer School District)
and three letters of
reference. Candidates
must be open until
filled. To apply
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Early morning Home
Delivery Route available
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Approximating 2 1/2
hours a day. Must
have economical ve-
hicle. Call for
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a week. Call
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REFRIGERATION MAINTENANCE
Clear Springs Foods, Inc. is accepting applications for
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worker for their processing facilities. The
position will be offered a very competitive
wage and benefit package that includes:
• Family Medical and Dental Insurance
• Paid Personal Leave, Vacation and Holidays
• 401(k) Retirement Plan / Life Insurance
• Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Applicants must apply in person between the
hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm at the
Processing Operations office located 7-miles
north of Buhl on Clear Lakes Drive.
Clear Springs Foods, Inc. - Processing Operations
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District Manager
for the Burley area.
The successful candidate must be able
to work weekends, be dependable,
have a good driving record and have
excellent time management skills. An
outgoing personality is a plus. This
only full-time management position
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tions, and providing excellent customer
service. Compensation and interest in
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Suite 24
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more information

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Looking for a Motor-
cycle/Accesories
parts person, ex-
perience helpful,
but will train. Cour-
teous 40 hours
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DOE. Benefits avail-
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Community Support
Specialists.
To work with individu-
als with developmen-
tal disabilities. Back-
ground check re-
quired. Must be 18
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valid drivers license
and insurance.
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GENERAL
Full-time Director of Rehabilitation
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•Want to move up into Management?
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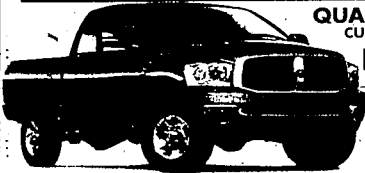
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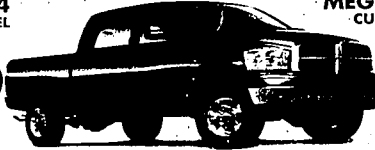


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