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Bye  
JodyDeputy city  
clerk retiring  
after 33 yearsBy Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's a bitter-sweet day for city employees. They're saying goodbye to one of their favorite people.

Jody Hall, deputy city clerk and secretary to City Manager Tom Courtney, is retiring after almost 34 years working in the city's main hub. And although her fellow employees are supportive of her decision to embark on a new adventure, it won't be easy for them to bid her farewell.

"We are very, very happy for her, but it is still going to be like losing a member of our family," said Renee Carraway, the city's planning and zoning administrator who has worked with Hall for 21 years. "It's going to be difficult to say goodbye to her."

When it comes to the day-to-day business of running a city, Hall is one of those people who can answer just about any question and deal with just about any problem.

"Jody is like a rock," Carraway said. "She has kept everything flowing smoothly for years. She will be sorely missed."

After living in Twin Falls County her entire life, Hall is

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## Retirement party

Jody Hall, secretary to City Manager Tom Courtney, is retiring after almost 34 years with the city. The community is invited to a retirement party for Hall from 1:30 to 3 p.m. today in City Council Chambers at 305 Third Ave. E.

Deer with  
triplets  
poachedBy Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Law enforcement made a grisly discovery Thursday morning.

A poacher left the remains of two mule deer in black garbage bags at the gravel pit south of Twin Falls. The hides, bones and internal organs of an illegally killed doe, who was pregnant with triplets, was found along with those of a yearling buck. Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials say the person responsible faces up to \$3,200 in fines and a year in jail.

"We're guessing the deer were probably killed on Monday or Tuesday in the Indian Springs area," said Kellen Hatch, spokesman for the department.

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Eight arrested for  
drug crimes after  
three-month  
investigationBy Renee Wells  
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Black Suburbans with men in Army fatigues converged on a home along State Avenue Wednesday, attracting the attention of neighbors from up to three blocks away.

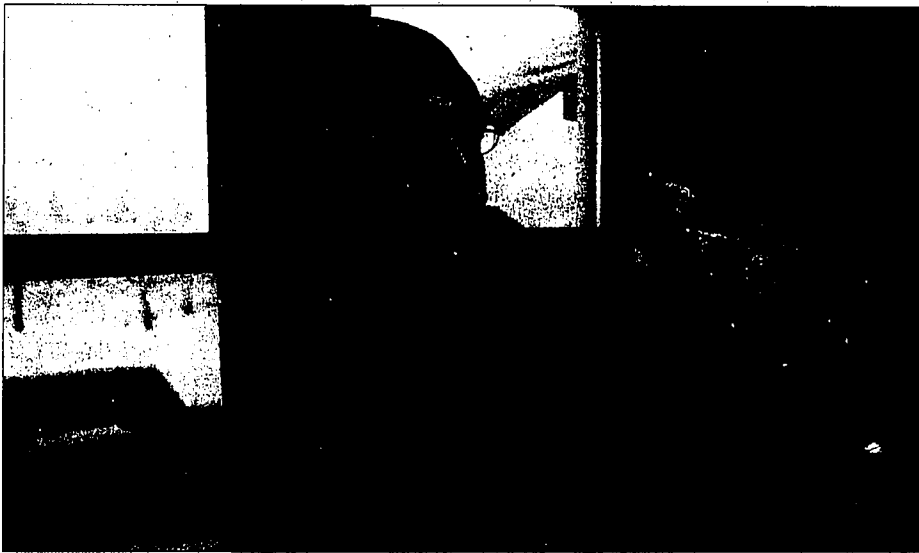
That scenario happened repeatedly as officers from the Idaho State Police, Cassia County and Mindoka County sheriff departments, Rupert Police Department and Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents made arrests at a number of homes in Mint-Cassia.

"Police, open up!" the Idaho State Police Critical Response Team members yelled at the back door first, then at the front door. They were looking for suspected drug dealers targeted by state drug detectives for more three months as part of a sting that brought

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## The Meth Mistake: Chapter 1

## REBELLION



T.J. Harbaugh, then 26, and his wife, Heather (Blaxham) Harbaugh, 23, reflect during a dry spent restoring their Jerome house in January. The two met in a methamphetamine recovery class in 2004, married three months later and purchased the house last fall.

## Drug creates a junkie, a coldhearted criminal

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

Today was a good day. Scraping old paint off the kitchen windowsills proved an easier job than they expected.

Heather and T.J. Harbaugh, young newlyweds, spent this Saturday in early January updating the old two-level farmhouse they'd recently bought on the west end of Jerome. The renovation dragged on. It was just the two of them, and most of the work was tedious, like today's paint project.

Still, they scraped old paint, chiseled bathroom tiles and sanded floors with giddy enthusiasm. This is the home where they'll escape their dark pasts, begin their lives together, raise their family and grow old.

Heather, 23, stepped back to look at her progress.

"This wood is gonna be gorgeous, baby," she muttered.

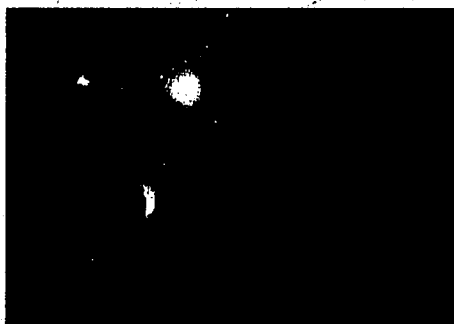
T.J., 26, glanced down from the ladder where he was removing paint from a ceiling crossbeam, squinting to protect his eyes from the smoke of a cigarette that fluttered between his lips.

"Yup, looks good."

Heather drew her metal scraping tool across the windowsill and watched the brittle paint crumble to the floor. So satisfying.

Since buying the property a few months earlier, T.J. and Heather had hauled out hundreds of pounds of trash

It wasn't long ago that Heather lived in places like the house she's now fixing up. Places where she was raped and beaten. Where she longed to die.



T.J. Harbaugh spends late nights refurbishing his home in Jerome. The Harbaughs moved into the first floor of their home this month. After spiraling into the pit of meth abuse and crime, they're building a new life together — a clean one — with the support of church and family.

left by previous residents, including pots of rotting food still on the stove. Garbage had covered every floor.

The Harbaughs suspected they were cleaning up after methamphetamine addicts. The scent of burned rubber radiated from the walls, the trash. Then they found burned spoons and glass pipes likely used to cook and smoke the drug.

T.J. and Heather know the signs. They know meth — intimately. Both are recovering addicts.

It wasn't long ago that Heather lived in places like the house they're now fixing up. Places where she was raped and beaten. Places where dealers like T.J. made thousands. Places in Twin Falls and Jerome. Where teenagers shot dope. Where stolen goods were traded for drugs. Where Heather longed to die. Those are places T.J. and Heather are trying to forget.

The two ruined their lives, their families, their friends. But somehow, each found a way out.

Heather lit her own cigarette and scraped a little harder. More tiny white paint flecks fell from the windowsill like snow. With each bit scratched away, Heather moved further from that life. Yes, all the bad paint would be gone soon, and then she could finally begin the life she was meant to have.

A few weeks later, they painted the kitchen. They installed new cabinets and flooring. New everything.

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## Reporting the story



Times-News writer Matt Christensen met with recovering methamphetamine addicts T.J. and Heather (Blaxham) Harbaugh once a week, on average, from early October to late March, interviewing them and observing their efforts to build a new life. He also read court and medical records and interviewed family members, friends and a counselor.



Staff reporter Abbey Smith covered the project in Jerome for the past several months. She has reported on the meth epidemic during her time in the area, and has covered the project in detail and from the ground up.

## Three chapters

We present the story of the Harbaughs' journey through meth addiction and recovery in three parts:

Today: Two Magic Valley teenagers spiraling into the pit. Suburban: The kingdom dealer and the desperate addict. Tomorrow: All to meth.

Sunday: Two recovering addicts find hope in faith and each other.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Warm above average temperatures and sunny to mostly sunny skies. Highs lower 70s. Tonight: A pleasant night with partly cloudy skies and light winds. Lows in the lower 40s. Tomorrow: A low degree warmer with a chance of isolated late day thunderstorms. Highs upper 70s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Warmer than normal and mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Tonight: Cool and breezy. Lows in the upper 30s. Tomorrow: Continued warm with a chance of isolated late day thunderstorms. Highs near 70.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather table with columns for City, Hi, Lo, Prev. Lists cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac table with columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moonrise and Moonset, U.V. INDEX, Pollen Count.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Days will be mild for the next few days and there will also be a chance of scattered weekend showers and thunderstorms. A rain jacket could come in handy this weekend but it will not be needed all of the time.

Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for various regions: Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.

REGIONAL FORECAST

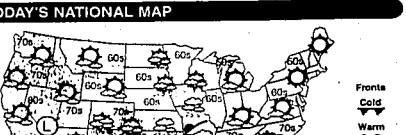
Regional forecast table with columns: Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

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National forecast table with columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, etc.

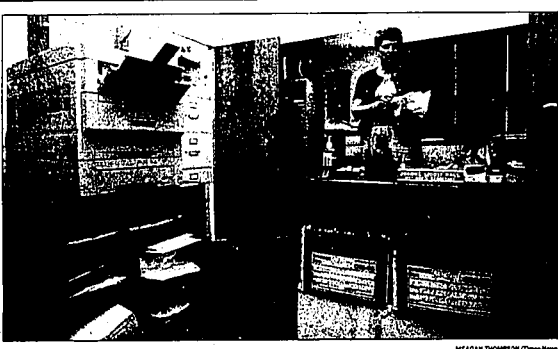
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GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY: "A man must fill his life with meaning, meaning is not automatically given to life. It is hard work to fill one's life with meaning."

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Retiring

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When an opening came up that November for a deputy city clerk and executive secretary, Hall got the call. There have been some memorable times over the years, some memorable than others, like the time City Hall had a streaker.

"I heard this running down the steps to my office," she remembered. "He was backing out the door." Hall has also taken her share of calls from angry citizens over the years. She manages to calm them down before putting them through to Courtney.

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Drugs

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Milder than normal flu season ending, CDC says

By Mike Stobbe Associated Press writer. ATLANTA — This year's flu season draws to a close as one of the mildest in recent years, partly because the vaccine was a good match for this winter's most common virus.

Poaching

Continued from A1. Hatch believes the poacher targeted the doe animals to another location where they were butchered for their meat.

To report poaching

If you have information about the poaching... Call the Magic Valley Regional Fish and Game office at 324-4359 or the Citizens Against Poaching hotline at 1-800-632-5999.

The Times-News NEW Information Line 735-3350. Lottery and Weather Information are just a phone call away! Includes Lottery Information Press 2 and Weather Information Press 3.

Continued from A1. Officers seized two guns believed to be stolen in Cassia County. The case targeted several unrelated methamphetamine dealing organizations in the Magic Valley, combining undercover buys and surveillance to produce the arrests, according to law enforcement authorities.

Tuition and fees increase wrong

An April 22 article on increased tuition and fees had incorrect information. The Idaho State Board of Education approved a 7.3 percent increase for Boise State University. Idaho State University received a 4.8 percent increase, and Lewis and Clark State College increased a 4.9 percent increase. The Times-News regrets the error.

# Congress tries to soothe gas price rage

By H. Josef Hebert  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — House Republicans on Thursday refused to support billions of dollars in new taxes on oil companies as lawmakers in both parties looked for ways to soothe election-year rage over high gasoline prices.

Senate Republicans proposed a \$100 fuel-cost rebate for millions of taxpayers. Democrats talked of a two-month suspension of the 18.4-cent per gallon federal gasoline tax.

Despite the jockeying for political advantage, economists and energy experts generally agreed that the government has

few, if any, immediate powers to drive pump prices down from their \$3-plus perch.

"Unfortunately there's nothing, really, that can be done that's going to affect energy prices or gasoline prices in the very short run," Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told a congressional hearing.

Nonetheless, lawmakers scrambled to put together legislation they hoped would show their sympathy for motorists and their willingness to stand up to big oil companies.

The GOP-run House, in a largely partisan vote, passed 232 to instruct its tax bill negotiators to support a Senate proposal that would have required

oil companies to pay about \$5 billion more in taxes. Only four Republicans voted for the proposal; nine Democrats were against it.

Senators have voted to require oil companies to pay more taxes on their inventories, rescind favorable tax treatment for exploration in difficult areas and remove tax credits for taxes paid overseas.

Despite the House vote, the other proposals "will not be enacted," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the lead Senate negotiator.

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada said the tax breaks are "unnecessary and unwarranted" when oil compa-

nies are reaping billions of dollars in profits. The industry says the change would amount to a windfall profits tax.

Lawmakers' election-year anxiety deepens each time a major oil company announces huge first-quarter profits. Exxon Mobil Corp. said Thursday it made more than \$8 billion during from January through March — the fifth largest quarterly profit ever for a public company.

While Exxon Mobil executives are popping champagne and celebrating their record profits, American families are popping antacids under the strain of soaring gas prices, said Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J.

# Exxon's record profit stirs ire in Washington

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Exxon Mobil Corp. posted the fifth highest quarterly profit for any public company in history on Thursday, and with oil prices above \$70 a barrel it could go down as the company's weakest quarter for the year.

Exxon Mobil's first-quarter profit was lower than its record fourth-quarter, when the world's largest oil company reported the highest profits ever for any publicly traded company. And the earnings, which rose 7 percent to more than \$8 billion, still fell short of analysts' estimates.

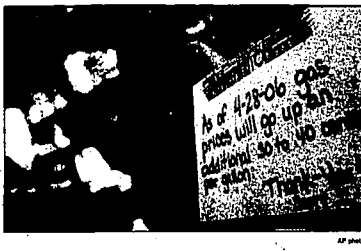
But in what is sure to spur the growing furor over oil prices and energy industry earnings, Exxon Mobil's massive profits may only increase in 2006 as it benefits from rising crude-oil prices and production, analysts say.

"This is only the beginning," said Fadel Ghihi, analyst for Oppenheimer & Co. "Let me tell you, it gets better after that. Oil prices will add huge amounts to earnings, at least a billion dollars."

The earnings report comes amid consumer outcry in the U.S. about soaring gasoline prices, which average \$2.91 a gallon nationwide, or 68 cents higher than a year ago.

It also lands as Washington lawmakers are looking to appease consumers with various proposals to make big oil companies pay more taxes. Lawmakers, with some other relief. But everyone acknowledges that little can be done in the short term to bring down prices.

"If we had a silver bullet, we would be proposing it to Washington right now," said Ken



Manager Amber Hughes posted this sign warning customers of an impending price hike at an Exxon gas station in Marysville, Calif., Thursday. Exxon Mobil Corp. posted the fifth highest quarterly profit for any public company in history Thursday, and with oil prices above \$70 a barrel, it could go down as the company's weakest quarter for the year.

Cohen, the company's vice president of public affairs. He said Exxon Mobil was investing a growing portion of its profits in new oil and gas production, and that the company is sympathetic to the added energy-price burden on consumers.

Still, he said consumers and members of Congress need to "take a deep breath and a deep breath" because market forces will eventually bring supply and demand back into balance. He said Congress could help matters longer term by removing barriers to domestic drilling.

The increasing public scrutiny of Exxon arrives less than a month after the news that the company handed its former chairman and chief executive officer, Lee Raymond, a \$400 million retirement package, when all pension payoffs and

stock options are included, that sparked headlines across the country and calls in Washington to justify the huge compensation.

In January, Exxon posted the highest quarterly profits of any public company in history: \$19.71 billion for the fourth quarter of 2005 and \$36.13 billion for the full year.

Howard Silverblatt, a senior index analyst for Standard & Poor's, said the latest profit figure still places Exxon fifth historically among quarterly earnings. Exxon also holds the first, second and fourth spots; Royal Dutch Shell PLC has the third spot.

In the first quarter, net income rose to \$8.4 billion, or \$1.37 per share, from \$7.85 billion, or \$1.22 per share, a year ago. Roughly three-quarters of that profit came from the com-

pany's upstream division, which produces oil and natural gas.

Analysts polled by Thomson Financial were looking for a higher profit of \$1.47 per share for the best quarter ever.

Analysis and company executives identified two major contributors to coming up a dime short: higher taxes on oil and gas produced abroad and reduced income from its refining business, which spent heavily on maintenance in the aftermath of last year's hurricanes.

The company's net income from its refining, or downstream, operations was \$1.27 billion, compared with \$1.45 billion a year earlier.

Exxon was not alone in reporting robust first-quarter profits. On Wednesday, ConocoPhillips, the nation's third-largest oil and gas producer, said profit rose 13 percent as stronger exploration and production results yielded the best first-quarter earnings since Phillips Petroleum Co. and Conoco Inc. combined in 2002.

Both companies benefited from higher crude oil prices, which are hovering above \$70 a barrel on concerns about supply disruptions, strong global demand for crude, limited spare production capacity and geopolitical uncertainty.

Despite the outcry in Washington about energy industry profits, the sector does not have the strongest profit margin of 18.1 percent, according to S&P estimates, versus 10.4 percent for oil companies.



Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tenn., second from right, is joined by fellow Republicans during a Capitol Hill news conference Thursday to discuss a gas price relief plan. From left are Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., and Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa.

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# Police officer is wounded, traveler is killed in Cleveland airport shooting

CLEVELAND (AP) — A man who argued with workers at an airport ticket counter grabbed a police officer's gun and shot a patrolman before he was killed by another officer Thursday, authorities said.

The patrolman was shot twice in the chest but was in stable condition, authorities said. Another officer was treated for a bite to his neck by the suspect, McGraw said.

The man was identified by the Cuyahoga County Coroner's office as Kenneth Callaway, 38, of Willowick in suburban Cleveland.

The shootings at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport followed a disturbance earlier Thursday morning involving the same man in an airport parking garage, city Safety Director Martin Flask said.

Callaway then tried unsuccessfully to buy a ticket at the Delta Air Lines counter. After arguing with a Delta employee,

he went to the adjacent United Airlines ticket counter and bought a ticket to Chicago, Flask said.

The United workers called police about the man, who then got into a confrontation with two officers, authorities said.

Authorities would not give any details on the argument at the ticket counter or the incident in the parking garage.

Flask said the man had a criminal record that included prison stays for burglary and drugs.

The shooting, shortly after 10 a.m., was in an area before security check points. The airport remained open and no flights were delayed. Airport officials led passengers arriving for flights around the crime scene to ticket counters.

The patrolman, Steve Walker, 52, was alert and talking to a doctor Thursday afternoon, said Dr. Charles Yowler, a trauma physician at MetroHealth Med-

ical Center. A Cleveland police officer for 18 years, including 10 at the airport, Walker had cracked ribs, a damaged lung and a bullet lodged in his back, the doctor said.

Bernice Walker said her husband, 42, has two sons, a devoted father of two daughters.

Walker was not wearing a bulletproof vest. Police Chief Michael McGrath would not say whether that violated police rules.

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Open House/Reading Workshop: May 4, 3:30

Lincoln: 733-1321  
Registration: 9:00 - 5:00 daily  
Open House/Reading Workshop: May 3, 4:00

Morningside: 733-6507  
Registration: 9:00 - 4:00 daily  
Open House/Reading Workshop: May 4, 3:30

Oregon Trail: 733-8480  
Registration: 9:00 - 4:00 daily  
Open House/Reading Workshop: May 4, 3:30

Perrine: 733-4288  
Registration: 8:30 - 11:30 and 12:30 - 3:00 daily  
Open House/Reading Workshop: May 3, 3:00

Sawtooth: 733-8456  
Registration: 9:00 - 3:00 daily  
Open House/Reading Workshop: May 3, 9:00

NATION

# FEMA's future weighs on lawmaker's minds

By Johanna Neuman  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Congress and the White House are headed toward a collision over one of the big questions left unresolved in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina — whether to keep up the nation's key disaster response agency within the Department of Homeland Security or to create a politically

independent agency to handle national emergencies.

Thursday, just weeks before the 2006 hurricane season officially begins June 1, a Senate committee called for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be dismantled and reconstituted as a new, stronger agency within Homeland Security.

Many House members, at the same time, are pushing to re-

store FEMA to its pre-2003 status as an independent agency, this time with Cabinet rank and additional funding muscle.

With President Bush making his 11th visit to the Gulf Coast since the storm hit, the White House urged a strengthening — but no reshuffling — of current operations.

"Now is not the time to really look at moving organizational boxes," said Frances J.

Townsend, the president's domestic security adviser, who traveled Thursday with Bush to Louisiana and Mississippi.

There is one significant point of agreement: FEMA botched the federal response to Katrina, which killed more than 1,300 people along the Gulf Coast and left hundreds of thousands homeless. So far, the federal tab for relief and reconstruction has reached \$100 billion.

"FEMA is discredited, demoralized and dysfunctional," said Sen. Susan Collins, I-Maine, whose Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee issued its recommendations Thursday. "It is beyond repair. Just tweaking the organizational chart will not solve the problem."

Collins, the panel's chairwoman, and the ranking Democrat, Sen. Joe Lieberman of

Connecticut, are proposing that FEMA's functions be absorbed into a new agency, the National Preparedness and Response Authority, which would remain under the secretary of Homeland Security but have broad jurisdiction and direct access to the president during crises.

"This will be a dramatically different agency from FEMA," Collins said.

# Sago Mine blast survivor describes ordeal for miners' families

By Wicki Smith  
Associated Press writer



Sago Mine survivor Randal McCloy Jr., is shown in Morgantown, W.Va., in this March 30 photo. McCloy wrote a letter to his co-workers' families offering the most detailed account yet of what happened in the mine after the Jan. 2 explosion.

BUCKHANNON, W.Va. — Randal McCloy Jr. couldn't save all 12 friends trapped with him inside the Sago Mine, and he can't explain to their families why he was the only one to survive.

But he had one gift for them, a more painful and precious: a more detailed account yet of what happened after the Jan. 2 explosion.

There was reason to shudder in the memories in his letter to the families: tunnels filled with sputtering smoke and fumes, miners banging desperately on locked doors in hopes someone would hear.

There was reason to take comfort: Friends sharing what system they had, praying to each other, peacefully facing the inevitable. And there was reason to grieve: Each miner had an attack, but at least four of them didn't.

The typed, 2.5-page letter was sent to the families Wednesday and obtained by the Associated Press. Reading it is especially emotional for the family of Jerry Groves, with whom McCloy shared his oxygen after Groves' air pack failed, says another miner, Wanda, called

lapsed while reading it.

"I would like to thank Mr. McCloy for sharing his oxygen with our brother," Groves' sobbing sister Beckie Rogers said as the family gathered in their mother's Weston living room.

"If they'd both had one that would work, they might have lasted a little longer," said Wanda Groves, who was re-

leased from the hospital Thursday.

McCloy spokeswoman Aly Gordonin Gregg, who delivered the letter, said neither she nor McCloy will discuss the letter further. McCloy wrote that he hoped his words "will offer some solace to the miners' families and friends who have endured what no one should ever

have to endure."

The blast killed one miner and spread carbon monoxide that slowly asphyxiated 11 other men 260 feet below ground. Only McCloy survived the 41 hours it took for rescue teams to find them. He was released from a rehabilitation hospital last month.

McCloy didn't remember the explosion itself. "I do remember that the mine filled quickly with fumes and thick smoke, and that breathing conditions were nearly unbearable," he wrote.

The air packs the miners had counted on — referred to in the letter as "rescuers" — are intended to give each miner about an hour's worth of oxygen while they escape or find a pocket of clean air.

"There were not enough rescuers to go around," McCloy wrote.

Three other men besides Groves were forced to ask their colleagues to share, suggesting many of the men had no more than 30 minutes of clean air.

After the blast, McCloy said, the miners initially returned to their shuttle car in hopes of escaping along the track, but had to abandon the effort.

They then retreated, hung a curtain to keep out the poisonous gases, and tried to signal their location by beating on the

mine bolts and plates.

"We found a sledgehammer, and for a long time, we took turns pounding away," McCloy wrote. "We had to take off the rescuers in order to hammer as hard as we could. This effort caused us to breathe much harder. We never heard a responsive blast or shot from the surface."

Martin "Junior" Toler, 51, and Tom Anderson, 39, made another last-ditch attempt, for a while but were quickly turned back by heavy smoke and fumes, McCloy said.

"We were worried and afraid, but we began to accept our fate," he wrote. "Junior Toler led us all in the Sinners Prayer."

After someone suggested that they write to loved ones, McCloy

wrote a letter to his wife and children and put it in a fellow miner's lunch box.

McCloy said the air behind the curtain grew worse. He lay as low as possible and tried to take shallow breaths, but became light-headed.

"Some drifted off into what appeared to be a deep sleep, and one person sitting near me collapsed and fell off his bucket, not moving. It was clear that there was nothing I could do to help him," McCloy wrote. "The last person I remember speaking to was Jackie Weaver, who reassured me that if it was our time to go, then God's will would be fulfilled."

He said he has no idea much time went by before he passed out.

# California lawmakers to take part in 'Great American Boycott'

By Steven Hamon  
Night Rider News Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Sacramento State lawmakers are planning to walk out of job Monday — just as millions of others around the country are expected to — in support of immigrants' rights. The Democratic-controlled senate, on a party-line vote, approved a resolution supporting the May 1 "Great American Boycott," which supporters say will serve as a warning to Congress to avoid punitive immigration reform.

Organizers believe the boycott, in which large numbers of students also are expected to participate, will show just how vital immigrants are to America's major cities and the nation's economy. Republicans voted unanimously against the resolution, saying it encourages lawlessness.

"The Legislature should not be encouraging students to leave school," said Southern California Sen. Dave Cox. "And, it is irresponsible to recommend to people they leave their jobs, especially when many can lose those jobs, whether they obtained them illegally or not."

Earlier this week, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, an immigrant from Austria, implored people to avoid the boycott. "There are only downsides," he said. "It's bad for workers because some of them will get fired. It's bad for people who work for us because they will not have the workers scheduled to do the job. And it's bad for children if they don't go to school. The way you show that you can become a great contribution to this country and state is by going to school and being responsible."

The resolution to support the boycott isn't supported by all Democrats. Assembly speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, called on immigrants to stay on the job unless they get their employers' permission, and for children to stay in school. He refused to take up the Senate resolution, and allowed his chambers' own resolution, which would have called on Congress to support immigrants' rights, to die.

Still, Nunez plans on flying to Los Angeles to join the march, after he checks in at the Assembly Monday morning. Members

are supposed to be at the Capitol on session days, which are Mondays and Thursdays.

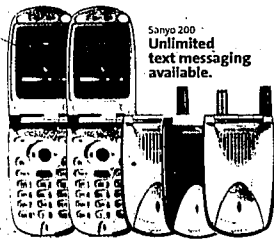
Dick Ackerman, the Senate Republican minority leader from Austin, said lawmakers should set an example by showing up to work.

"They should be prepared to do the state's work," he said. "A boycott is not taking care of the state's work."

Sen. Tom Torlakson, D-Antioch, voted in favor of the resolution, but called on parents to urge their children to stay in school.

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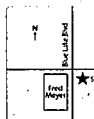
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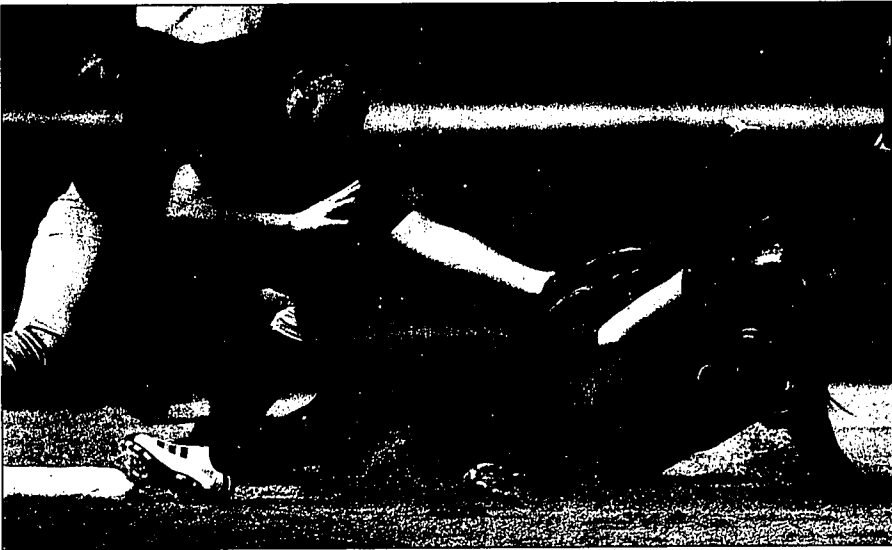
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Peterson pitches no-hitter

Showdown at the Skip

CSI, Dixie State battle for SWAC baseball supremacy



AMLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Kimberly closer to SCIC No. 1 seed

By Brad Gulre Times-News writer KIMBERLY — Kimberly can now claim its own Peterson that can pitch a no-hitter. Bulldogs hurler Whitney Peterson threw five complete innings against Declo, yielding zero hits in Thursday's Game 1 10-0 run-rule win in Kimberly...

does give up some hits, they're ground balls, and she let's the girls play defense. Of the five girls who hit off Peterson, three grounded out and two hit fly-outs. In fact, only Alissa Zollinger made it to base on error in the top of the fifth, but was stranded as Kelsie Peterson struck out to finish the Declo offense. "Basically, our girls can't hit the ball," Declo head coach Pat Manning said. "We made a few mistakes on defense which cost us. For the most part, we just don't have any offense right now. The girls are just in a slump and need to pull out of it."

It was just one example of solid hitting and smart baserunning for Kimberly. At the plate, catcher Megan Stradley went 2-for-3 with two doubles, and around the bases, Butler made it home four times. Kassie Newberry navigated the bases efficiently when she sped her way out of a rundown between second and third. After some back-and-forth between Kendra Koyle and Zollinger, Newberry stole third. "(She) had to be fast to outrun Koyle," Butler said. "They're taking advantage of those extra bases." In the nightcap, the Bulldogs also won the nonconference Game 2 over Declo 8-1. Stradley, Hutchinson and Corinne Cameron all went 3-for-4, while Peterson recorded six strikeouts and gave up only three hits. Kimberly improves to 4-1 in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference play with the Game 1 conference win (16-2-1 overall). The four-game winning streak puts confidence into the Bulldogs.

"We're at our peak right now, so it's perfect going into districts," Peterson said. "We're a really good team, and people need to be intimidated by us. We're not going to let up." "We're going to win districts," Turcotte said. They must defeat Filer on Tuesday to tie up the top seed with Buhi, which handed Kimberly its only SCIC loss on March 30.

Game 1 Kimberly 10, Declo 0 (7 innings) 000-0-0-7 20-20-11-21 Jovine Manning and Melissa Galtie, Whitney Peterson and Megan Stradley, K. Peterson, Kendra Koyle, Alissa Zollinger, Kaysa Buchanan, Kari Kimbrey, Kelsie Peterson (pitch 3 RBIs)

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SWAC baseball and a monkey on a ladder

Picture a monkey on a ladder. Got it yet? Are you seeing it — the monkey on the ladder? Envision him — yes, it's a 'he monkey' — in a diaper, if that helps. Now drop a spotlight right over that monkey's head. Everything is dark, save for the monkey, the ladder, and two baseball players standing at the base of the ladder. One player wears the College of Southern Idaho gold and black; the other, the signature red and blue of Dixie State College. The monkey isn't one of those cute Los Angeles Angles of Anaheim — or wherever they're claiming this week — rally monkeys. In fact, he's more of an ape, one of those 600-pound silverbacks that split time between picking bugs off his haem of she-apes and ripping small animals and birds and nature film crows asunder. He's the Scenic West Athletic Conference baseball monkey — er, he prefers apes —

and he's on his ladder, eyeing two backs held ready to jump on after this weekend's pivotal four-game series between the Golden Eagles and Rebels at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls. Yes, these four games are that big. Gorilla big — King Kong on stilts big. It's playoff baseball in April — the No. 16 Golden Eagles against the No. 14 Rebels in what could be the last four times these teams meet as SWAC rivals. Oh yeah, they'll also determine who has the SWAC lead heading into the last week of the season, as the Golden Eagles, the Rebels, and third-

place Western Nevada Community College also jockey to lead the upcoming Region 18 Tournament. So the great ape waits on his ladder — waits for Saturday afternoon to see just where to land. If he finds that gold and black is to his liking, it will mean that CSI could finish what it started earlier this season when it took three of four games in St. George, Utah. It will mean an uphill battle for Boomer Walker's team as it heads to Carson City, Nev. to take on WNCNC next week. It will likely mean hitting the road for tournament time. On the other hand, if the ape makes red and blue his target, it will mean that a traditionally powerful Dixie State program will end its final regular season before moving up to the NCAA Division II ranks with a losing record against the Golden Eagles. For a team that's 29-9, that would be no less than unacceptable.

Or, come Saturday evening, the Golden Eagles and Rebels will clinch lists and jaws. Chantion Heston-style, look up the ladder, and say, "Keep your hands off me you (fang) dirty ape!" More than likely, the ape will listen to the team that swings the bigger bat. After all, we're talking about a pair of teams with exceptional pitching staffs. We're talking about the SWAC's two best-hitting teams, each of which fea-

tured a pair of pitchers who were named to the All-American team. We're talking about a pair of teams with exceptional pitching staffs. We're talking about the SWAC's two best-hitting teams, each of which fea-

T.F. tennis players MacMillan and Little making noise



other and nullify individual weaknesses. "He's got a strong backhand and I played backhand last year and my backhand isn't very strong," said Little. "We have some strong sides to our game that work well together. Chris' backhand is amazing and my forehand is definitely my better part of the game." As the past couple of matches have indicated, it was a pretty educated decision. "But MacMillan isn't gloating, saying, '(It's) nothing, really. Our big thing comes up this weekend.'" That big thing is the Capital Invitational tennis tournament in Boise, which VanEngelen considers a pretty reliable preview of the state tournament.

By Nathaniel Garbrandt Times-News writer TWIN FALLS — Brent Little and Chris MacMillan have been playing tennis together for only two months. After this past week, that may be a little difficult to keep in mind. Last Wednesday, the Twin Falls No. 1 boys doubles team raised more than a few eyebrows with a three-set home victory over The Community School's Christian Calmcross and Wes Flannigan, the defending Class 3A state champions, 4-6, 6-1, 6-0. Then on Saturday, the Bruin seniors traveled to Idaho Falls and followed up the performance with a thrilling debreaker win over the Tigers' Devon Sicler and Jordan Leask, last year's 5A third-place finishers, 6-2, 4-6, 6-6(8-6). "We've been playing really well together," said MacMillan. "It's been a lot of fun."

Winning — a lot — probably contributes a little to the enjoyment factor. "They come early. They stay late. They work hard. They take it seriously,"

said Twin Falls head tennis coach Debbie VanEngelen. "They're leaders. The other kids look up to them. And they're just good kids. They're very coachable." The idea of teaming up was Little's, recognizing that different aspects of their games could complement each

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer TWIN FALLS — Here's the one, most simple truth about what the College of Southern Idaho baseball team accomplishes — or fails to — this weekend: Everything they've done to this point will pale in comparison. This is what the Golden Eagles have done: they've earned a share of the No. 16 ranking in the latest NJCAA Division I baseball poll, recording a 34-11 record and a half-game Scenic West Athletic Conference lead over the visiting Dixie State College Rebels of St. George, Utah. They've compiled a 23-7 SWAC record with stellar pitching, steadily-emerging clutch hitting, and ever-improving defense. This is what the Rebels have done: earned a share of the nation's No. 14 ranking and generally battered other teams to a 29-9 record and 23-8 SWAC mark. In the conference pitcher's club, they have a likely candidate for SWAC player of the year. They're the second-best hitting team in the conference behind CSI with a .281 team batting average and amongst their accurate pitching staff with solid, if not spectacular, defense. Today and Saturday, the two teams will meet for a four-game series at Skip Walker field on the west side of Twin Falls. Hanging in the balance is the lead in the conference standings, as well as the lead in the race to host the fast-approaching Region 18 Tournament. "We always look forward to playing the best teams we can, and Dixie's one of the best teams not only in our part of the region, but the whole country," CSI head coach Boomer Walker said. "It's exciting to play those guys and we know it's not going to be easy." It will be a formidable challenge to come out of this week still in the SWAC lead, but the Golden Eagles have a few things going for them heading into today's 1 p.m. first pitch. One, they finally broke in to the nation's Top 20 poll. "That was one of our goals for the year," Walker said. "It's the first of hopefully many goals to come for us. It's exciting. It doesn't mean we've accomplished anything, but you know our coaches and fans are coming with a bunch of other schools that will probably have good seasons. That's good, it is. The guys are probably a lot more excited about it than I am, but it is a good accomplishment." "I think it gives us a lot of momentum, actually," sophomore shortstop Jordan Dadeley added. "They're 14, we're 16, we've beaten them in the past, and it makes us want to come out and show that we're the better team." Second, CSI pitching staff as well as its all season last week at the College of Eastern Idaho. After coming back a few weeks, the CSI pitching staff was solid, and the Golden Eagles batters crushed the ball, raising the CSI team batting average from .280 to .288 over

Please see SHOWDOWN, Page B2 Eagle eyes This week: No. 14 Dixie State College (29-9, 23-8 SWAC) at No. 16 CSI (34-12, 23-7 SWAC), DH, 1 p.m., Skip Walker Field. On the horizon: The Golden Eagles wrap up their regular-season schedule in Carson City, Nev. against Western Nevada Community College next Friday and Saturday. On the radio: All games will be broadcast on 1270 AM KFTI. Last time they met: The Golden Eagles took three of four SWAC road games in St. George, Utah, to beat the Rebels. The CSI pitcher yielded only 12 runs over four contests. CSI season leaders Batting Average — Ken Engdahl, .397; Jeff Vickers, .340; Russ — Fugherud, .341; Grant Koyler, .27; RB — J. Vickers, 27; Jordan Daley, 25; FB — Fugherud, 18; J. Vickers, 15; RB — Fugherud, Nevada; Mike Rasmussen, Nady, Hancock, 2; J. Vickers, Sean Pitts, 1; HR — J. Vickers, Nady, Mike Griffin, Nik Gurnison, 2; Daley, Hancock, Pitts, 1. SLG — Fugherud, .643; J. Vickers, .493; OBP — Fugherud, .369; Vickers, .359; Hancock, .358. Fielding Percentage — Vickers, .983. Record — 23-7; ERA — 1.15. ERA (10 starts): Adam Umberg, 0.3; O'Brien, 0.3; Vickers, 0.3; Hancock, 0.3; Zep, Pitts, 2; SV — Gurnison, 1; Uthman, 4; James Wallace, 2; ERA — Tim Meador, 0.00 (17.6 IP); Umberg, 0.00 (16.0 IP); Vickers, 0.00 (15.0 IP); Hancock, 0.00 (14.0 IP); Daley, 0.00 (13.0 IP); Pitch: 175.

SPORTS

Kaczor, Gabbidon honored at banquet

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Apparently, this College of Southern Idaho thing means quite a bit to me, otherwise, I, Steve Gabbidon, wouldn't have to stop to collect myself during his acceptance speech...

He's the only sponsor I've had that has 50-60 percent of his sales call me and say, 'I've just bought something from John. We've never had a call like that before. It feels good to be part of CSI.' ... The night also marked the announcement that women's assistant basketball coach Jessica Messa would not return to coach next year...

Dowd gets PGA try

REUNION, Fla. (AP) — Laura Diaz has been on top of the leaderboard, but she was somewhat off the radar. Dakota Dowd, a 13-year-old player, is playing the event to fulfill her dream...

Showdown

Continued from B1 four games. "That was the most impressive thing that we came out and had a lot of intensity, a lot of emotion, and were just excited to be playing," Walker said. "Sometimes that can elevate your play, just by being there to be there. And I expect we were going to have the same thing this weekend and the weekend after that heading into the tournament."

said. "The kids love her and she's done such a great job teaching them, especially our pitchers." The CSI baseball team presented a plaque to head coach Gene Ritchie with a bat autographed by the team in appreciation of his efforts during the Golden Eagles' career...

"This team was special for me," a choked-up Peery said. "It was my first team. ... We talk a lot about doing everything with effort and passion, and those guys did that to the very end." Peery also poked fun at CSI sophomore shooting guard Steve Neely, who came decked out in a stylish black suit and gold shirt and tie.

Wendell sweeps Buhl JV

WIENDEL — The Wendell Trojans picked up a couple of needed wins heading into district play, defeating the Buhl Indians junior varsity squad 9-0 and 10-5.

Glenns Ferry 8, Filer 2

GLENN'S FERRY — Glenn's Ferry junior pitcher Bachel Anestegui recorded 12 strikeouts and allowed only three Filer hits as the pilots defeated the Wildcats 8-2 on Thursday in nonconference play.

Bamburg bashes homer in win

The Times-News

HAMILLY — Senior catcher Jennifer Bamburg had a perfect game Friday at the plate going 3-for-3 including a home run and totaled four RBIs to lead the Jerome Tigers to a 9-0 Great Basin Conference West win over the host Wood River Wolverines Thursday afternoon.

"I really had a good third inning," said Glenn's Ferry coach Kelli McElroy. "And we needed some filler runs in the fourth. Bachel pitched a good game." Glenn's Ferry scored six runs in the third inning giving them a 3-0 lead over the Wolverines. The Pilots added a pair of runs in the fifth. Filer scored a single run in the fifth and seventh innings.

Baseball

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won the 200- and 400-meter races. Nate Pryor won the discus with a heave of 131 feet, 10.5 inches, and the Wildcats took first, second and third in the shot put with DJ Estrada taking the event with a toss of 41 feet, 6 inches.

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# Jermaine O'Neal's double-double nips New Jersey Nets

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Milwaukee's Jermaine O'Neal's \$15,000 fine was worth it.

The NBA fined O'Neal on Thursday for publicly criticizing officials after Indiana's Game 2 loss at New Jersey. O'Neal, who he tied a career play-off high with 37 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, and the Pacers beat the Nets 107-95 to take a 2-1 lead in their Eastern Conference first-round series.

O'Neal has complained throughout the series that New Jersey players have been flopping and getting calls that limited his effectiveness and kept him out of the game. On Thursday, O'Neal's primary defenders were in foul trouble for much of the game. Nenad Krstic fouled out and Clifford Robinson and Jason Collins both

finished with five fouls. O'Neal wouldn't talk about the impact of his comments, but teammate Anthony Johnson said O'Neal played with a chip on his shoulder.

"He wanted to go out and show the NBA people and everybody they (the Nets) couldn't stop him without hanging all over him," he said. "Tonight, he was basically unstoppable."

O'Neal dominated with an array of dunks, mid-range jumpers and fadeaways, finally resembling the All-Star the Pacers have grown accustomed to seeing. He averaged 13.5 points and five rebounds in the first two games of the series, but shot 12-of-15 from the field and 13-of-14 from the line in Game 3.

Robinson said the game was officiated differently. "That's not my style to blame the officiating, but the game

was obviously called a different way than it was in New Jersey," he said. "Now it's up to us to make the adjustments."

Collins wondered if the Nets should turn to lobbying.

## Bulls 109, Heat 90

CHICAGO — Instead of looking like the old Shaq, he looked like an old Shaq. Shaquille O'Neal had one of his worst playoff games, and the Chicago Bulls took advantage, beating the Miami Heat 109-90 on Thursday night in a game that got heated in the end.

The Bulls pulled within 2-1 in this first-round series and host Game 4 on Sunday.

O'Neal finished with eight points and four rebounds. He had one basket through the first three quarters and scored six meaningless points in the fourth, narrowly missing his career playoff low. O'Neal had seven points against Houston

on April 19, 2004.

After averaging 24.5 points and 11.5 rebounds in the first two games, O'Neal picked up his third foul just over three minutes into the second quarter and spent the rest of the half on the bench.

Miami's James Posey was ejected with 3:15 left after knocking down Kirk Hinrich on a fast break. Six seconds later, Antoine Walker fouled out and got called for a technical foul. So did Udonis Haslem, who served a one-game suspension for throwing his mouthpiece toward an official in the series opener.

The Bulls hit 3-of-4 free throws during the commotion, but the game was already out of reach.

Chicago's Ben Gordon scored 24 points after being held to 13 in Game 2 on Monday, and Kirk Hinrich finished with 22 points and 11 assists.



New Jersey Nets guard Vince Carter, right, and Nenad Krstic watch from the bench late in the fourth quarter of an NBA first-round playoff basketball game against the Indiana Pacers in Indianapolis, Thursday. Indiana defeated New Jersey, 107-95.

## Senators bottle Lightning

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — So much for the idea the Ottawa Senators might be vulnerable in the first round of the NHL playoffs because of rookie goaltender Ray Emery.

Emery stopped 30 shots and Martin Havlat scored for the fourth straight game Thursday night, leading the Eastern Conference's top seed to a 5-2 victory that pushed the defending Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning to the brink of elimination.

The Senators lead the best-of-seven series 3-1 and can close it out by winning Game 5 in Ottawa on Saturday night.

"We've put ourselves in a good spot, but it's not said and done. We've still got to finish it off," Emery said. "We realize at home is our best opportunity to do that. We've just got to refocus for that game."

To stay alive, the Lightning have to win three straight games after an opponent they have only beaten three times in 24 meetings over the past five seasons.

Dany Heatley had a goal and two assists for Ottawa, while Jason Spezza, Chris Phillips and Chris Neil each scored a goal. Heatley, who assisted on Heatley's goal, has eight points in the series after missing 58 regular season games with a dislocated shoulder.

Martin St. Louis and Brad Richards scored in the opening period for Tampa Bay, which sputtered after a strong start. Goalie John Grahame allowed four goals in 17 shots after giving up five in 20 shots in a lopsided loss in Game 3 on Tuesday night.

"I'm getting tired of the 25 percent rule," said Lightning coach John Tortorella, who plans to start backup Sean Burke in Game 5. "It's deflating."

Despite being dominated during the 8-4 loss in Game 3, Tortorella said after the game he felt his team had gotten to Emery with three third-period goals and called the rookie Ottawa's "weak spot."

"That certainly wasn't the case Thursday night. The Lightning's first goal glanced off St. Louis just as the Tampa Bay star was pushed into Emery in front of the net. The rookie stopped 19 shots during the last two periods, giving his teammates a chance to take control of the game.

"I don't really read that stuff, but I'm sure he's probably trying to get in my head," Emery said.

The Senators struck first when Spezza took a pass from Heatley and deked Tampa Bay's Dimitry Afanadorov to get a clear shot at Grahame from the slot. The goal gave the Ottawa center points in all four games of the series, but hardly slowed down the Lightning.

St. Louis' fourth goal of the series tied it 5 minutes later, and Richards' second put Tampa Bay ahead 2-1 with 2:45 remaining in the opening period and gave a sellout crowd of 20,682 hopes of evening the series.

That chance evaporated in the second period.

Phillips tied it early in the period, and the Senators scored twice in 40 seconds for a 4-2 lead with 2:10 left. Havlat flicked a pass through the crease for an assist on Heatley's power-play goal that snapped the tie, then gave Ottawa some breathing room with the last goal against Grahame.

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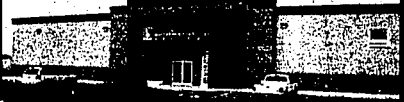
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## YOUR WEEKEND



### Buckaroo you

- What: The Bar-J Wranglers will sing at the final Mini-Cassia Community Concerts event of the season.
- Where: King Fine Arts Center, Burley.
- When: Today, 7:30 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$20, are available at the door. Season memberships are \$40 for adults; \$20 for students, and \$10 for families. For information, call Paul Lyons at 678-9799, Susan Tuff at 678-1798 or Jan Manning at 678-7447.

### Strike up the band

- What: The Magic Valley Symphony will perform its spring concert in Twin Falls.
- Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.
- When: Today, 8 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$7 for general admission, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for students, are available at CSI Bookstore, Everybody's Business and the Magic Valley Arts Council office in Twin Falls.

### The write stuff

- What: Kim Barnes, Idaho's writer-in-residence, will read from her works in Twin Falls. It's the third installment of the Magic Valley Arts Council's Brown Bag Lecture Series.
- Where: Community Room, Twin Falls Public Library.
- When: Today, noon.
- How much: It's free.

### Profile in courage

- What: The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Robert Bolt's drama, "A Man for All Seasons."
- Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center Theater, Twin Falls.
- When: Today and Saturday, 8 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$6 for general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens, are available at the CSI Bookstore from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and in the CSI Fine Arts Box Office from 1-4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Tickets are also available by phoning 732-6788.

### A touch of medieval

- What: The College of Southern Idaho Interclub Renaissance Faire will be held on campus in Twin Falls.
- Where: Student Union Building and on the campus commons.
- When: Today, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- How much: It's free.

### Warts and all

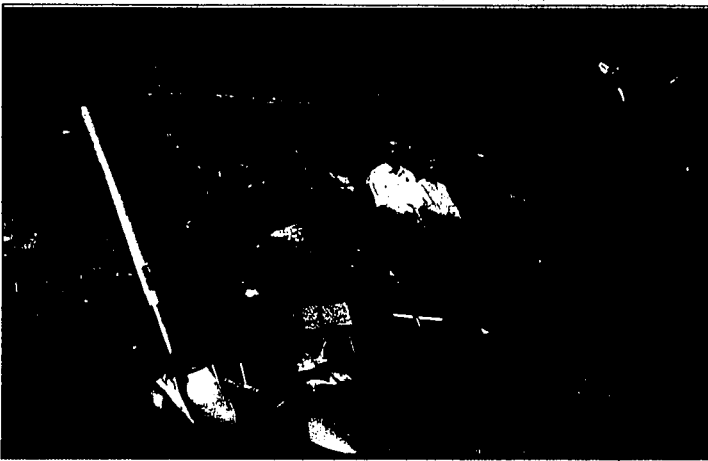
- What: Company of Fools will present Robert and Willie Reale's comedy "A Year with Frog and Toad."
- Where: Liberty Theater, Haulty.
- When: Today and Saturday, 7 p.m., and Sunday, 3 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and senior citizens and \$10 for children, can be reserved by phoning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

## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Salmon	127%	116%
Big Wood	159%	131%
Little Wood	178%	134%
Big Lost	153%	134%
Little Lost	117%	106%
Henry's Fork/Idaho	123%	114%
Upper Snake Basin	108%	89%
Oakley	170%	134%
Salmon Falls	148%	120%

As of April 27  
A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average.

## BREAKING GROUND



Jill Cozler, at left, listens as Dr. Betty Suggden speaks Thursday during the Jerome School District groundbreaking ceremonies for the future site of two new schools. Voters finally approved a bond that is making the construction possible. Those attending the event witnessed what Jerome School District Superintendent Jim Cobble called "the future of Jerome."

# Buses to lessen wait at falls

## Park hopes to help traffic flow to falls

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE FALLS — The wait is over.

Or, at least, the wait to get into Shoshone Falls park should be a little shorter this weekend.

"We are offering a bus service Saturday and Sunday," said Dennis Bowyer, director of the Twin Falls Department of Parks and Recreation.

More than 4,000 vehicles poured into the park last Saturday and Sunday — each packed with visitors eager to see the "Niagara of the West" at its highest level since 1939. Limited parking, coupled with the narrow, two-lane road leading down to the viewing platform, forced some visitors to wait up to 40 minutes to catch a glimpse of Shoshone Falls. The bus service should ease that wait, Bowyer said.

Once the parking lot at the falls fills, vehicles will be routed to the Dierkes Lake lot, roughly a mile away. Buses will shuttle visitors back and forth, making trips every 15 minutes, Bowyer said. The parks department will offer the bus service free of charge.



Over 4,000 vehicles took the trek to see the Snake River flow over Shoshone Falls last weekend. The park is providing bus service this weekend to ease the wait.

### If you go ...

- What: Shoshone Falls
- When: Depending on weather conditions, gates are open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- How much: Admission is \$3 per vehicle; the city charges the fee from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- What's new: To speed things up, a bus service will be offered from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, for no additional fee. Vehicles will be routed to the Dierkes Lake parking lot where buses will pick visitors up and take them to the falls every 15 minutes.

This year's wet winter provided plenty of water to the Snake River. Roughly 15,000 cubic feet per second of

water was flowing over Shoshone Falls Thursday afternoon — down from 18,000 cubic feet last weekend.

With a warm spell settling into the valley, the Bureau of Reclamation is steeing higher demands for irrigation, said Tim Miller, a hydrologist with the agency. During the last week, irrigation diversions have increased by 1,000 cfs, he said.

Still, "we shouldn't see much of a difference in the falls this weekend," Miller said.

Times-News reporter Michelle Dunlop can be reached at 735-3237 or by e-mail at mdunlop@magicvalley.com.

# 20 years later, a deserter found in Heyburn

Idaho man may serve six months in military jail

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Twenty years after he allegedly committed a crime, he had no idea why two U.S. Marshals were suddenly appearing at his home.

At first, on Wednesday morning, agents first had to take Scott Bickell, 38, alias Terry Scott Dazis, back to an earlier time before he would recall that he was wanted for deserting the U.S. Marine Corps in 1986.

Bickell said, "Thank God it's over," said Kevin Platts, U.S. Marshals Chief Deputy of Idaho. "I thought you guys gave up on looking for me."

They had not. In 1986, Bickell failed to report to advanced training after completing boot camp. Since then, he has been a fugitive on the run.

Marshals found Bickell alone at his Heyburn home after the U.S. Marine Corps deserter tracing unit in San Diego, CA honed in on Heyburn as a possibility. "He said 'I was young and stupid,'" said Platts.

"We were able to locate him through family and associates," said Platts. "We developed some information that he could possibly be living in Idaho."

Bickell changed only his last name, leaving his first and middle name intact. He was also matched by his birthday. "We put two and two together," said Platts.

Bickell was taken and booked into the Mini-Cassia Detention Center, pending extradition procedures and transport by military authorities. "He's still under the control of the military," said Platts. "They'll try him in a military court."

Platts noted that sentencing for deserters usually lasts a year; six months in military prison followed by six months of hard labor.

Bickell could not be reached for comment.

Cassidy Friedman covers crime and courts. He can be reached at 735-3241 or by e-mail at cfriedman@magicvalley.com.

# What a difference a year makes

## Bill's Place in Twin Falls changes man's life

By Candace Baltz-Smylie  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — One year ago Marshall Hofmann was a jailed, drug-addicted dropout. He didn't have the necessary skills to live on his own, to find a job or clean his clothes. He had lost everything in his life — both possessions and relationships — before he found Bill's Place in Twin Falls.

Hofmann said he might still be that way today if it wasn't for Bill's Place, a transitional home for young men who need help becoming independent adults.

### Building skills

Bill's Place, Building Independent Life Long Skills, is a transitional home for up to eight men ages 18-21 in need of temporary assistance in becoming responsible, independent adults. Residents must complete a lengthy application process, be gainfully employed and participate in community service activities. Residents learn organizational skills, time and money management, social development, goal setting and problem solving.

## TASTE OF HOME



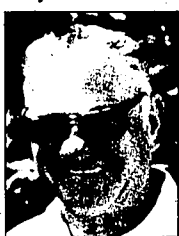
Sumie Renshaw, with Taste of Home Cooking School, demonstrates cooking techniques to hundreds of audience members Thursday night at Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls.

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Lyle E. Sisson



Lyle married Alice Richardson (deceased) and they had two sons, James Edward and Lyle Eugene. Lyle also had two stepchildren, Rex Roark and Eva Marie Larkins.

Marie (John) Ferlaak of Rio Rancho, N.M., daughter-in-law; Bonnie (Jerry) Torres of Kamas, Utah; grandson, Jacob Sisson of Buhl, Idaho; granddaughters, Jamie Sisson of Buhl, Idaho, and Annie (Josh) Docker of Boise, N.D.; one great-granddaughter, Bethany Sisson of Buhl, Idaho; brothers, Dale (Marty) Sisson of Boise, Idaho, Dean Sisson of Twin Falls, Idaho and Warren (Audrey) Sisson of Buhl; and one sister, Leah (Lar) Meiers of Buhl, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Dr. Lynn Burton Kerr



Dr. Lynn Burton Kerr, 70, passed away Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at his home in Twin Falls due to extended illness. Lynn was born Dec. 14, 1935, in Tremonton, Utah, to William Edson and Dorothy Burton Kerr, the fourth of six children. He graduated from Bear River High School and Seminary. He was active in football, wrestling, chorus, orchestra and FFA, earning his State Farmer VFAA degree. Lynn valiantly served a full-time mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Great Britain. Shortly after returning home from his mission, he married Arba Jean Thompson on Sept. 12, 1959, in the Logan Utah LDS Temple.

which he wholeheartedly enjoyed. He was currently teaching the prices quantum in the Twin Falls 10th Ward. Lynn is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Arba Jean; his children, Ron (Wendy) Kerr of Twin Falls, Idaho; (Quinn) Boyce of Woodland, Utah; Burton (Juanita) Kerr of Puyallup, Wash.; Russell (Jenny) Kerr of Dubois, Idaho; and 10 grandchildren. The siblings are Carolyn (Reed) Jensen of Tremonton, Utah; Sharon (Mitt) Campbell of Providence, Utah; Kathryn (Ray) Lish of Tremonton, Utah; and Lisa (Patsy) Vole of Woodland, Utah. He was preceded in death by his premature son, Robert T., in 1953; his five-year-old brother, Robert; and his parents, William Edward and Dorothy Kerr.

Betty A. Mier



world. Betty was an avid bowler throughout the 1950s and 1960s and in the 1970s, she took up golf and this became her new passion, at which she excelled, even recording a "hole in one." Betty enjoyed reading,

The funeral will be held Monday, May 1, 2006, at 11 a.m. at the LDS Stake Center, 667 Harrison Street in Twin Falls, with Bishop Charles Barnes conducting. There will be a viewing Sunday, April 30, at White Mortuary from 3 to 6 p.m., and again from 10 to 11:45 a.m. the day of the service at the LDS Stake Center. The family expresses thanks to Dr. Brian Fortin, Dr. Bruce Hader, Dr. Robert Stephenson and the staff at St. Luke's Cancer Center for quality care and genuine concern. Memorial contributions may be given to the Boy Scouts of America or your favorite charity in Lynn's name. Donations may be mailed to White Mortuary, P.O. Box 945, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or given to the mortuary staff the day of the service.

James Anthony Hall

paternal grandparents, Judy Hall of Boise and Ernest Hall (Michelle) of Twin Falls. He was also blessed with his aunts, Renae Hall of Boise, Destiny Hall, Tristan Hall and Jessica Hansen; and his Uncle Leo Hall, all of Twin Falls. James was also blessed with his maternal, great-grandparents, Howard and Lurela De Witt Wendell and Estel Moss of Boise, paternal great-grandparents, Paul and Sandy Hall of Buhl, Idaho, and many great-aunts, uncles and extended family. His Aunt Marissa Moss preceded him in death in 1987, and his Great-Grandpa Arbert

in 2000. Also preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Elwyn and Elizabeth Robinson; and paternal Great-Grandmother Darlene Hall. All of our lives less for not knowing this little angel and he will live forever in our hearts. There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, April 29, at 11 a.m. at the Twin Falls falls. The family wishes to thank the nurses on the maternity ward at M.V.H.M.C., especially Tina, our delivery nurse, and Dr. Cole Johnson for all of the love and compassion showed to us during our difficult time.

SERVICES

V. Lenore Arnold of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel 2466. Adeline Avelar, friends may call from 8:30 to 10 a.m. today at the mortuary. Melody Lynne Fox of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Twin Falls, LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 265 S. 100 W.; family and friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Jaquelin "Jackie" Eldora Ferrenburg of Anchorage, Alaska, and formerly of Wendell, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Christian Center, 2750 S. 900 E. Clayton D. Shields of Virginia City, Mont., and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Virginia City Elks Lodge (K&L Mortuaries of Sheridan, Mont.). Elvira Henrietta Nielsen Melline of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Unity LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 275 S. 250 E. In Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the church. Thurston R. Smith of Oakley, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 301 N. Center. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary. Kelly (Kee) Ensminger of Arba, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Olinger Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver, Colo. Lelle E. Poppleton of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Roper Auditorium on the Twin Falls High School campus; reception following at Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. In Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel). Kathryn (Kaye) M. Russell of Donnelly and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 3 p.m. Saturday at Holmes Mortuary on Gold Fork Road in Donnelly; celebration of life from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at The Vigilantes in Donnelly. Penny Lou Hepworth of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Twin Falls LDS 11th Ward Chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N.; friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary and from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Norma L. Andrews FILED - Norma L. Andrews, 76, of Files, died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Patricia Ann Neale FILED - Patricia Ann Neale, 71, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, April 27, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Douglas Lee Linam SEATTLE - Douglas Lee Linam, 50, of Plymouth, Wash., and formerly of Buhl, died Sunday, April 23, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Seattle, Wash., with his loving family by his side, after a courageous battle with lung cancer. A memorial service was held April 3 at the VA Hospital chapel in Seattle. Cremation was under the direction of Columbia Mortuary in Seattle.

Thorah M. Gough JEROME - Thorah M. Gough, 95, of Jerome, died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, in Jerome. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

John Jacob Fleming BOISE - John Jacob Fleming passed away at home on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, just a month shy of his 87th birthday. John was born on May 27, 1919, in Stuart, Iowa, to Joseph and Hattie LaHman Fleming, (renamed Alice) Thompson in Arba in Elk Grove, Calif., and two children were born of this union. The family moved to Hagerman, Idaho, in 1962. Wright and Joy Williams, and five great-grandchildren. He

really mattered, though, were his family and farming. He was a good man with a kind heart, and many will remember him for his random acts of kindness. John is survived by his daughter, Pat Hahnhorst of Boise and son, David (Debbie) Fleming of Salt Lake City, Utah; his grandchildren, Angela Layne, Nicole Perry, Adrienne Wright and Joy Williams; and five great-grandchildren. He

John Jacob Fleming

was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Thompson Fleming (1917-76); wife, Lydia Weichen (1917-94); three siblings, Pete, Clifton, Joe, Leonard, Paul, Mary and Leona. John will be laid to rest beside his late wife in the Hillcrest Cemetery. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2006, at 1 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell Funeral Home in Boise.

Charles C. Kimball

HAZELTON - Charles C. Kimball born Dec. 12, 1926, and died quietly April 25, 2006, at home with his loving wife, Charlene. Charles and Charlene had cattle sheep, a few horses and a family at his side. Born in Twin Falls to Spencer Clawson and Helen Wright and had three children. Charles was the oldest of four born to this union. Charles served in the United States Army from March 2, 1946, to March 2, 1949, and during that time he did not live in and around Hazelton, Idaho. He met the love of his life, Roma Lee, while in the military, and home on leave from the army. They were married in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Oct. 30, 1946. To this union, there were three children born, Charlene McDonald (Jack), Charles Lee Kimball (Kathleen) and Michael Kimball (Carol). At the beginning of their marriage, Charles did what he could to support his family; sorted spuds, worked in the bean house, worked with a construction crew that drove from Twin Falls every day to Mountain Home to help build the Mountain Home Air Force Base. Then Guden, the local butcher, helped Charles and Roma get started with their own farm. Over the years, they raised beans, grain, hay, potatoes, peas and corn. Charles also had cattle, sheep, a few horses and, at one time, pigs. He raised and showed Appaloosa horses, was a riding club leader and a 4-H horse club leader. He was a great father and a fair and honest man. He did not take advantage of anyone. He'd teach his neighbors beans before his own if the need was there. After his children graduated from high school and left home, he set his time and energy into his first love - sheep. He helped develop the Polypay breed of sheep and was honored by the Idaho Wool Growers Association in November 1989 for his "longtime support and commitment to the sheep

and winter range. He is survived by his wife, Roma Lee; brother, Everett (Betty) Kimball of Pendleton, Ore.; a half-brother, Charles Paxton of LaGrande, Ore.; and a half-sister, Darlene Thompson of California; his three siblings and their spouses; 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Arlene. Donations may be made to a favorite charity. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 29, 2006, at the Hazelton LDS Church with Bishop Mark Okelberry conducting. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. Burial will follow at the Hazelton Cemetery. Services under the direction of White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park, in Twin Falls.

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# OUT WITH THE BALLOT BOX

Oregon's vote-by-mail is attracting attention of other states

By Brad Cain  
Associated Press writer

MEMPHIS, Ore. — Oregonians have been voting by mail in statewide elections since 1998. In some seasonal rite of nature, ballots show up at voters' homes. Folks have 18 days to look their choices among the envelopes and mail it back.

At that time again. On Friday, election officials will begin sending out 2 million mail ballots to 2.5 million of registered voters in Oregon's May 16 primary.

Oregon is the only state in the nation that has abolished the voting booth, but other states are moving in that direction.

In neighboring Washington state, voters are allowed to become "permanent absentees" and sign up to receive ballots by mail. Nearly 80 percent of that state's voters are expected to cast a ballot in that state's elections, officials there say.



Harry Hopkins reads ballots for mailing in Portland, Ore., Thursday. Oregon voters will vote by mail in the May 16 primary election.

### On the Net

- Center for the Study of the American Electorate: <http://spa.american.edu/csae/>
- Vote by Mail Project: <http://www.votebymailproject.org/>

mail-only ballots, naysayers said it could invite election fraud. So far, Oregon elections have been squeaky clean, state officials say.

Those assurances don't ease the fears of critics like Curtis Gans, director of the Center for the Study of the American Electorate in Washington, D.C.

Gans believes it's all but inevitable that as vote-by-mail becomes more common, so will instances of people being coerced to vote a certain way by family members or others.

It essentially eliminates the secret ballot," Gans said. "This process offers all kinds of potential for efficiency and fraud, with someone telling their spouse, 'This is how we're going to fill out our ballots.'"

But Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed said he's seen no evidence that voting by mail has led to coercion or fraud in his state.

Right now, 35 out of Washington state's 39 counties have vote

by mail, and Reed said he thinks the state might reach 100 percent mail balloting by the 2008 election.

"People are so much on the run today," the secretary of state said. "They work all day, rush home to feed the family, then rush off to Boy Scout meetings. With vote by mail, they can cast their ballot on their own time, and at their leisure."

The Vote By Mail Project, a nonpartisan advocacy group that promotes the system across the country, says Oregon's low-tech system of voting by mail eliminates potential problems

that can come with high-tech voting equipment.

"There's a lot of concern about the dependability of touch-screen voting, for example," said Adam Smith, spokesman for the project.

"Vote by mail may be low tech, but it works."

But for people like Salem resident Kim Howe, the best thing about voting by mail is not having to rush through making a ballot at a polling place.

"It's just a more comfortable way to cast your vote," said Howe, who works as a management consultant.

# Operation Falcon nets 74 fugitives in Idaho

The Times-News

BOISE — The U.S. Marshals Service apprehended 74 fugitives in Idaho this week during Operation Falcon II, part of a nationwide sweep targeting more than 10,000 violent and drug-related fugitives across the nation. Ada County led with 27 fugitives arrested and Canyon County with nine in custody. No arrests were made in the Magic Valley.

Also in Ada County, police seized an indoor marijuana growing operation and apprehended a fugitive that was wanted for failure to register as a sex offender.

"Like the original Falcon, this operation was an enormous success," said Patrick E. McDonald, United States Marshal for the District of Idaho. "The outstanding cooperation between agencies was the main factor in the success of the project."

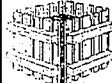
In the District of Idaho, seven arrests were for violent sexual offenses (including rape and lewd/felicitious acts with a minor) and five were wanted on charges for failure to register as sex offenders. According to the Marshals Service, 20 persons in Idaho were wanted for assault, 10 for burglary/larceny, and 24 for narcotic violations.

Nationwide, more than 1,100 sex offenders were apprehended during Falcon II, reported the Marshals Service.

## SOUTHERN IDAHO SOLID WASTE 2006 COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

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## Executive to pay \$50,000 for killing trees at Lake Tahoe

STAFFLINE, Nev. (AP) — A California business executive has agreed to pay a \$50,000 fine for poisoning trees to enhance a view from his Lake Tahoe home.

John Fitzhenry apologized Wednesday to officials with the Nevada Regional Planning agency.

"This has been the most foolish thing I've ever done," he said.

Agency staff discovered last summer that Fitzhenry poisoned three, 40-foot Jeffrey pines with his \$2.4 million property in Dollar Point on Tahoe's north shore.

Inspectors noticed the trees were falling while responding to the Silicon Valley executive's request for approval to cut them down.

Officials said Fitzhenry, vice president of human resources for San Jose, Calif.-based computer chip maker Alterra Corp., drilled holes in the base of the trees and applied a herbicide.

In February, agency staff proposed a \$17,000 fine. But environmentalists and agency governors called that amount paltry, saying it would do little to deter wealthy Tahoe homeowners from similar actions to boost the value of their property.

At Wednesday's meeting, Fitzhenry's lawyer Drew Briner said his client hoped the fine would go toward future protection and restoration of Lake Tahoe.

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# Deputy accused of a sex crime

SANDPOINT (AP) — A northern Idaho sheriff's deputy has been accused of having sex with an underage girl and State Police are investigating, according to a sheriff and a lawyer for a group that insures government agencies.

Boundary County Sheriff Greg Sprung and David Sasser, general counsel for the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, in Idaho, said the

probe involves a Bonner County deputy who lives in neighboring Boundary County.

"I just know that it (the incident) took place, my understanding is, in Boundary County," Sprung said.

The deputy formerly worked for the Boundary and Kootenai sheriff's offices, he and Sasser said.

"My understanding is that there is a criminal investigation

to determine whether or not a Bonner County deputy had sex with a minor 17-year-old girl," Sasser said, adding that in the event of a lawsuit the insurance program would "be the ones who hire the lawyers" to represent the county.

The age of consent in Idaho is 18.

The head of the State Police Investigations unit, Capt. Clark Rollins, would not comment

and said only that a report will be issued when the probe is completed. Boundary County Prosecutor Jack Douglas and Bonner County Sheriff Elaine Savage and Undersheriff Charlie Dennis did not return calls to the newspaper.

Sexual misconduct by law enforcement officer and prison and jail guards is "always on the front burner" at state and national meetings, Sasser said.

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# Camas Prairie town to celebrate centennial

REUBENS (AP) — The town of Reubens has existed for more years than it has people at this point, but the remaining 70 residents who call the town home plan on celebrating its centennial properly.

"All the other towns folded up and Reubens was born," Bill Thomson, the town's mayor for 42 years, told the Lewiston Tribune.

Reubens came into existence in April 1906 when a railroad was laid across the Camas Prairie, bypassing towns that already existed to make a new town where a stand of yellow pines had been.

The location was the first stop for trains coming from Lewiston, and the only turnaround between Sweetwater and Grangeville.

The First Presbyterian

Church formed in the new town that fall, but the church building wasn't completed until January 1908. The town and church are combining to celebrate their 100th anniversary Sunday, planning festivities that include a catered lunch and a program on the town's history.

That history includes a population of 1,700 people at one time, with 17 sawmills located within four miles of town.

"The boom didn't last long," said Thomson, 78.

Thomson became mayor in 1953, but was limited to voting only in the case of a tie. He cast one vote in 42 years.

The town burned in 1955, destroying the small building that housed city hall. Another fire in the 1970s destroyed the grocery store, leaving the grain elevator as the only remaining business

in town.

The 1955 fire didn't destroy the town's records because the building was so small the town clerk kept the records at home.

However, when the longtime clerk, Wallace Scott, died in 1971, his family cleaned out his house and took the city records to the dump without realizing their historical significance.

"Nobody thought about it," Thomson said.

But in a town the size of Reubens, records are easy to keep track of. When one local woman had a baby several years ago, Thomson went to the population sign on the edge of town and replaced the "90" with an "81."

"She noticed on her way home with that baby and called, laughing," Thomson said.

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Idaho Lt. Gov. Jim Risch meets with four of the five Idaho tribes to discuss fuel taxes Wednesday, in Coeur d'Alene. Chief Allan, chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, is at rear.

# Idaho, tribes spar over fate of disputed gas tax revenue

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Idaho's acting governor warned Indian leaders that failing to negotiate a settlement over \$3.5 million in annual tribal gas tax revenues makes it more likely that the tribes will lose all of their fuel funds in the future.

Meeting with representatives of the state's Native American tribes earlier this week, Lt. Gov. Jim Risch said that Idaho lawmakers would likely pass legislation to seize the money if a deal between the state and tribes wasn't made.

He said the legislation would withstand legal challenges in light of a U.S. Supreme Court decision in Kansas that upheld Idaho's position that the state has the right to the taxes.

"I'm disappointed coming here, to say the least," said Risch after tribal members balked at making an agreement. "My involvement here is premature. The legislators will say, 'I understand the governor took a day out of his schedule and got nowhere.'"

Murphy of the Shoshone-Bannocks said a settlement might be possible, but that the tribes wanted to meet individually first before

deciding what to do despite the pressure being put on them at the meeting.

"I feel like my arm's been twisted," she said in mock pain, according to The Spokesman-Review.

Some of Idaho's tribes at one time paid the gas tax to the state for reservation gas sold to nontribal members. The state tax commission tried to get access to tax money on sales to tribal members as well.

But the Idaho Supreme Court ruled that the state can't tax tribal gas sales on the reservation. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals also ruled against the state.

But the more recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in Kansas upheld Idaho's position that the state has a right to the taxes.

In the most recent Idaho Legislative session, lawmakers used that U.S. Supreme Court decision to try and get the gas tax revenues from the tribes with House Bill 661, designed to seize nearly all the \$3.5 million in annual tribal gas tax revenues. But the bill was defeated on a tie vote in committee.

In 2005, Idaho raised about \$217 million in gas taxes,

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# Utah man dies in Nevada accident

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — Speed and a blown tire contributed to an accident on a rural highway that left one man dead and another injured, the Nevada Highway Patrol said.

Jayson Charles Knight, 34, of Richfield, Utah, died in the midday crash Wednesday on State Route 228, about 20 miles southwest of Elko, the patrol said.

Officers said Derek Stowe, 17, of Salina, Utah, was driving at a high rate of speed when

the tread on the rear of a Chevrolet pickup truck separated.

Officers said the truck went out of control, overturning several times before coming to rest down an embankment.

Neither occupant was wearing a seat belt and both were ejected, the patrol said.

Knight was pronounced dead at the scene.

Stowe was taken to an Elko hospital with serious, undisclosed injuries, the agency

WORLD

Shiite cleric leader endorses dismantling militias in Iraq

By Robert H. Reed Associated Press writer

BAHGHDAD, Iraq — The incoming prime minister won the backing Thursday of Iraq's top Shiite cleric for his plan to dismantle militias, which the U.S. believes is the key to calming sectarian strife and halting the country's slide toward civil war. That violence flared across a wide area of Iraq on Thursday, as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld departed after two days of talks with Prime Minister-designate Nouri al-Maliki and other Iraqi officials.

In Baghdad, gunmen assassinated the sister of the Sunni vice president a day after he endorsed the use of force to quell Sunni-led insurgents. Elsewhere, three Iranian and one Romanian soldiers were killed in a bombing in southern Iraq. Insurgents launched attacks northeast of the capital, and a U.S. jet fired missiles at insurgent positions in Ramadi.

The endorsement of al-Maliki, a former Sunni cleric, was in Najaf with Grand Ayatollah Ali

al-Sistani. The ayatollah told al-Maliki, a Shiite top lieutenant, that security should be his top priority. "The weapons must be exclusively in the hands of government forces, and these forces must be built on a proper national basis so that their loyalty is to the country alone, not to political or other sides," a statement from al-Sistani's office said.

Al-Maliki plans to integrate militias, many of them linked to Shiite parties, into the army and police. To ensure their loyalty to the government, he wants to appoint defense and interior ministers without connections to militias.

Former militiamen who have joined government forces, especially those run by the Shiite-led Interior Ministry, have been widely accused by Sunni Arabs of operating as death squads targeting Sunni civilians. Accused by previous Iraqi governments to abolish militias have failed, and their numbers have grown. In part because U.S. and Iraqi forces have been unable to guarantee public safety. The leader of one major mili-

ta, radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, refrained Thursday from endorsing calls to disband his Mahdi Army. After a separate meeting with al-Maliki, the cleric was asked if he would give up his militia.

He replied: "All groups inside or outside the government work for the people's interest and service."

Al-Maliki has until late May to present his Cabinet to parliament, the final step in building a national unity government. The United States believes a government of Sunnis, Shites and Kurds will help calm sectarian passions and tamp down the Sunni-led insurgency so the 130,000 American troops can begin to go home.

Sectarian tensions rose dramatically after the Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite shrine in Samarra, triggering reprisal attacks against Sunni mosques and clerics. Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, the second-ranking U.S. general in Iraq, told U.S. reporters Wednesday that militias pose an urgent threat to the country's stability and were "an issue we've got to get fixed." In a briefing Thursday he would-

er, U.S. spokesman Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch told reporters that "we are not seeing widespread militia operations across Iraq" and that "ethno-sectarian" attacks had dropped by half in Baghdad over the last week.

Lynch also said U.S. forces had found no "widespread movement" of Shites and Sunnis away from religiously mixed areas, despite reports to the contrary by Iraqi officials.

"So we do not see us moving toward a civil war in Iraq," Lynch said. "In fact we see us moving away from it."

But there was little sign Thursday that the violence was nearing an end.

In Baghdad, gunmen firing from a speeding car assassinated Maysoon al-Hashimi, sister of Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi, as she left her home in a southwestern neighborhood, police said. Her bodyguard was also slain. No group claimed responsibility for the attack.

On Wednesday, however, Vice President al-Hashimi, a Sunni, joined Shiite and Kurdish leaders in calling for the use of force if necessary to crush the Sunni-led insurgency.



An armed Iraqi man keeps guard as others carry the coffin of Maysoon Ahmed Bakr al-Hashimi, 60, the sister of Iraqi Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi, Thursday in Baghdad. al-Hashimi was shot dead when her body guard Saad Ali in a drive-by shooting, a day after her brother called for the Sunni-dominated insurgency to be crushed by force.

Guantanamo detainee admits to fighting against U.S.

By Carol Rosenberg Knight Ridder News Service

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVY BASE, Cuba — A U.S.-trained Saudi engineer accused in an al-Qaida bomb plot told a military tribunal Thursday he willingly waged war against the United States and would spend life at this offshore prison "as a matter of honor."

Abdullah bin Muhammad al-Nadwi, 31, made the admission at his military commission, looking like an Arabian Rip Van Winkle. He sported a jet-black bushy beard, with straggly hair

spilling over his shoulders as he entered the chamber in a tan uniform. His trousers rolled to his calves.

"I'm going to make it easy for you guys," Sharbi said in unadorned, plain English. "I fought against the United States. I took up arms."

The 2000 electrical-engineering graduate of Embury Middle Academy in University in Prescott, Ariz., is accused of being part of an al-Qaida plot to build car-bomb detonators in Pakistan and ship them to Afghanistan in March 2002. He was soft-spoken, even

differential as he explained to the presiding officer, Navy Capt. Daniel O'Toole, that he would not accept an American attorney — uniformed or otherwise.

"In me, it's the same circus — differently clothed," he said. A former prison-camp commander, Army Maj. Gen. Jay Hood, met with Sharbi on several occasions to urge him to accept a uniformed Pentagon lawyer for the first U.S. war-crimes tribunal since World War II.

The military also arranged an unusual, hour-long phone call between the captive and his

U.S.-educated father, Abdullah, in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, simply to get the young man to agree to plead.

"To be honest, I did not come here to defend myself," Sharbi told O'Toole, never raising his voice and looking the presiding officer in the eyes.

"I came here to tell you that I did what I did and I'm willing to pay the price. Even if I spend hundreds of years in jail, it's going to be a medal of honor to me."

Sharbi came to the chambers five miles from the U.S. prison camps here as the tenth de-

tainee to face a military commission ordered created by President Bush in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks — carried out in part by young, English-speaking Saudis who attended U.S. flight schools.

This week's sessions are part of the pretrial hearings stage for 10 separate war-crimes trials, starting in September — if the U.S. Supreme Court upholds their constitutionality in June.

So far charged, separately, as al-Qaida conspirators: two Saudis, two Yemenis and one man each from Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Canada and

Sudan. Convictions carry life in prison.

There is no evidence linking any of them directly to the Sept. 11 attacks.

Sharbi's charge sheet alleges he was training at an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan the summer before, where he allegedly met Osama bin Laden. Pakistan security forces allegedly captured him in Faisalabad in March 2002 at a safe house, where he was allegedly tasked by al-Qaida lieutenant Abu Zubaydah to build remote-controlled detonators to attack U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

London lawyers try to decipher 'Da Vinci Code' judgment

By Derek Kravitz Associated Press writer

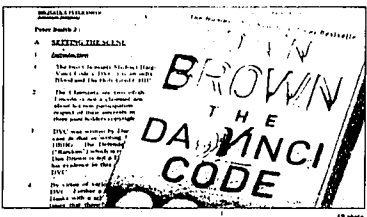
LONDON (AP) — Parts of London's legal community ground to a virtual halt Thursday with lawyers turning into solving code-breakers as they tried to decipher a hidden message inserted into "The Da Vinci Code" trial judgment.

With the revelation that Judge Peter Smith inserted a secret code of his own into the April 7 judgment that cleared "The Da Vinci Code" author Dan Brown in his copyright infringement case, lawyers have been hustling to solve the puzzle.

"The chat in the legal community is that not one billable hour has been done today," lawyer Mark Stephens said Thursday, speaking on his cell phone from the back of a black cab. "Life in London has ground to a halt because everyone — barristers, solicitors, partners, managing partners, legal secretaries — is working on deciphering the code."

The mystery began when lawyers pondering the judgment realized that Italics had been placed in strange spots throughout the 71-page document.

"The first is found in the first



A copy of the Da Vinci Code novel is set alongside a page from Judge Peter Smith's judgment in the Da Vinci Code trial in London, Thursday. The British judge who presided over the Da Vinci Code trial has put a code of his own into his judgment and said he would "probably" confirm it to the person who breaks it.

paragraph of the 360-paragraph document. The letter "z" in the word "claimants" is italicized. In the next paragraph, "claimant" is spelled with an italicized "m" and so on.

The letters spell out "Smithy code" in the first seven paragraphs, offering a play on the judge's name.

The cipher is a mixture of the italicized font code found in the "The Holy Blood and the Holy

Grail" — whose authors Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh unsuccessfully sued Brown's publisher, Random House Inc., for copyright infringement — and the code which the characters in

Brown's book unravel.

Smith offers a reference to his code in paragraph 52. "The key to solving the conundrum posed by this judgment is in reading BHGG and DVC correctly."

Since the code was discovered earlier this week, lawyers, cryptographers and "The Da Vinci Code" fans have worked furiously to decipher the mystery message.

"It's so short," U.S. cryptographer Elonka Dunin of St. Charles, Mo., said of Smith's code. "It's only a tiny snippet. If it were a few pages of code, I'd already be cracked."

Dunin said this type of code has no word dividers and is normally 75 to 100 characters. Smith's code offers roughly 30 cryptic letters.

The New York Times reported that Smith sent an e-mail to a reporter at the newspaper that offered a hint. It said the code referred to his entry in this year's edition of Britain's "Who's Who."

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# Rice: U.N. credibility at stake over Iran

By Paul Ames  
Associated Press writer

SOFIA, Bulgaria — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Thursday the credibility of the U.N. Security Council was at stake as it decides how to deal with Iran's likely rejection of a deadline to bring its nuclear program in line with international treaties.

"In order to be credible, the Security Council, of course, has to act," Rice told reporters at a NATO foreign ministers' meeting.

The U.N. has given Iran until Friday to halt its uranium enrichment activities.

She said it was "pretty clear" that Iran would not meet the requirements set by the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, regarding the enrichment of uranium — a process that can produce fuel for generators or fissile material for nuclear weapons.

"The Security Council is the primary and most important institution for the maintenance of peace and stability and security and it cannot have its word and its will simply ignored," Rice said.

The United States, France and Britain say if Iran does not meet Friday's deadline, they will seek to make the demand compulsory, a process that could lead to sanctions. That is opposed by Russia and China, the other two veto-wielding Security Council members.

In apparent message to China and Russia, Rice asked, "Is the Security Council going to be credible in making clear to Iran that it cannot be cost-free to simply flout the will of the international community?"

Rice said she was hoping for support for her view at talks here with her counterparts from the NATO allies and other European Union nations. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov is due to join the NATO talks Friday.

French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy said the world had to show "unity and firmness" toward Iran. He added that Iran should be offered cooperation with its civil nuclear energy program if it complies with international demands to ensure it cannot be used to develop weapons.

Rice did not directly address a suggestion from German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier that the United States could hold direct discussions with Iran on the nuclear standoff if Tehran agrees to talks on the violence in Iraq.

"If there are talks with Iran anyway on the situation in Iraq, then nobody would understand if the current central issue in world politics would not come up," Steinmeier told reporters.

The United States, which has no diplomatic relations with Iran, said in March that it was ready to talk to Tehran about calming the unrest in Iraq. Iran and U.S. officials have insisted the talks will deal only with Iraq, and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad last week questioned even the need for those discussions.



NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, left, shares a word with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice after a group photo at a NATO foreign ministers meeting at the National Palace of Culture in Sofia, Thursday.

# Iran lobbies nuclear agency ahead of report to Security Council

By George Jahn  
Associated Press writer

VIENNA, Austria — A top Iranian official handed information on his country's nuclear program to the International Atomic Energy Agency Thursday in a last-minute move to temper the critical tone of a report to the U.N. Security Council.

The chief of the U.N. nuclear watchdog, Mohamed ElBaradei, will issue a report Friday on Iran's nuclear program that diplomats said is expected to conclude that Tehran has failed to meet a deadline for complying with council requests to suspend uranium enrichment.

That would set the stage for a confrontation at the Security Council on what to do in response to Iran's defiance, with the five permanent veto-wielding members sharply divided over the possibility of sanctions. Quick action by the council to impose economic or political sanctions seems remote as Russia and China oppose such moves.

The United States, France and Britain, however, say if Tehran does not meet the deadline, they will make the enrichment demand and other conditions compulsory and they want punitive measures to

stay on the table. Iran remained defiant, with its U.N. ambassador, Javad Zarif, saying Tehran will refuse to comply with any Security Council resolution aimed at halting its nuclear enrichment program because it is legal and peaceful and poses no threat to international peace and security.

U.S. Ambassador John Bolton already has said he plans to introduce a resolution requiring Tehran to comply with the council's demand to stop its enrichment program. The resolution would not call for sanctions now, but it would be introduced under Chapter VII of the U.N. Charter, which allows for sanctions and is militarily enforceable.

Asked how Iran would respond to such a resolution, Zarif replied, "Well if the Security Council decides to take decisions that are not within its competence, then Iran does not feel obliged to obey."

Iran's deputy nuclear chief, Mohammad Sa'edi, met with Olli Heinonen, the IAEA's deputy director general in charge of Iran's nuclear file Thursday but diplomats said the meeting was unlikely to blunt the report's main finding — that Tehran has ignored council requests to suspend enrichment.

# Egyptian jurists condemn government interference

The Washington Post

CAIRO — The show of force was impressive: Thousands of black-clad, helmeted police officers surrounded the state building on Abdel Khaleq Tharwat Street downtown Thursday.

On the building's balcony stood several bespectacled judges, many of them gray-haired, cellphones trilling in their hands. The place was the judges' club, a palace gathering place for Egyptian jurists that is outfitted with giant chandeliers and gilt framed mirrors. This week, it was the scene of sit-ins against the 25-year rule of President Hosni Mubarak.

Abdel Khaleq Tharwat Street is the latest battleground in Egypt's government's campaign against pro-democracy dissidents.

The targets this time are judges who are battling to free the bench from what they say is Mubarak's control. For the judges, Exhibit A of government interference and harassment is the case of two magistrates who are being prosecuted for denouncing fraud in elections last year.

The magistrates appeared at a hearing Thursday in which they faced charges of insulting the judiciary for saying that two judges handed by the government to monitor the elections failed to stop or even denounce vote rigging. The magistrates, Hesham Bastawisi and Mahmoud Mekky, had set up an independent committee to observe the elections and take complaints.

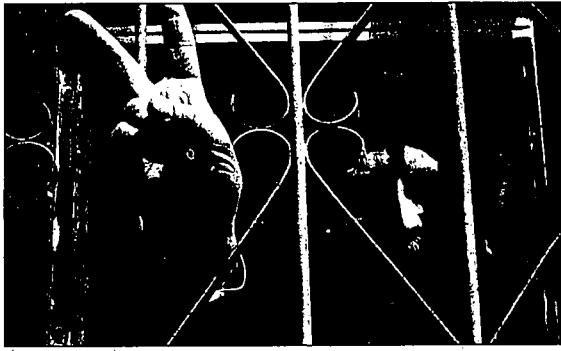
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Belarusian opposition leader Alexander Milinkevich shows a victory sign from a window of a courthouse in Minsk, Thursday. A court sentenced Milinkevich on Thursday to 15 days in jail for taking part in an unsanctioned march.

# Belarus arrests opposition politician

By Erika Nlodowski  
The Baltimore Sun

MOSCOW — The opposition politician who last month led protests against the re-election victory of President Aleksandr G. Lukashenko of Belarus was ordered jailed Thursday a day after denouncing the president at a rally in the Belarusian capital.

A court in Minsk ordered that Alexander Milinkevich serve 15 days in prison for participating in what it deemed an unsanctioned rally during which he called for Lukashenko's impeachment and vowed to "depose this regime" through peaceful protests. During a court appearance Thursday, Milinkevich said he had done no wrong and said his conviction was motivated by politics.

"This is a political action, a political sentence," he told the court during an hour-long hearing, according to news reports. "Leaders of leading political parties are behind bars."

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice called Milinkevich's detention "reprehensible." The European Union called for his immediate release.

With Milinkevich's jailing, the two leading opposition candidates who challenged Lukashenko in the March 19

election are in government custody. Aleksandr Kozulin, former rector of Belarusian State University, was arrested last month during a march in Minsk demanding the release of activists detained for setting up tents on a central square in protest of the election results.

Kozulin, who has remained in custody, could face up to six years in prison on a charge of "hoologianism."

Lukashenko has increasingly cracked down on the opposition since becoming Belarus president in 1994. Last month, according to the official tally by the Central Election Commission, Lukashenko won a third term with 83 percent of the vote, while Milinkevich came in second with 6 percent.

But the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said the election was undemocratic, and marred by widespread harassment of the opposition, including the candidates, their supporters and the media. The White House said the campaign had been conducted in a "climate of fear" and expressed support for opposition's call for a new vote, while the E.U. extended a ban on visas for Belarusian officials to include Lukashenko and several dozen others.

On Wednesday, to mark the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster in neighboring Ukraine, Milinkevich and his supporters initially tried to gather in a central square in Minsk, though they had been denied permission to assemble there.

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WORLD

# U.N. management battle heats up

By Nick Wadhams  
Associated Press writer

**UNITED NATIONS** — Rich and poor nations battled Thursday over the fate of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's proposals to overhaul the United Nations, sharply divided by how much new authority to give him.

Topping over the debate was an implicit threat that some rich nations — which contribute the vast majority of the U.N. budget — might refuse to pay their dues this year if they do not get the reforms they seek. Such a move would throw the U.N. into a grave financial crisis.

The confrontation in the U.N. General Assembly's main budget and committee underscored the bitter divide between wealthy and impoverished nations over the fate of Annan's demand for a management overhaul that would streamline U.N. operations, cut jobs and give him more budget authority.

Annan unveiled the ideas in March, six months after world leaders agreed at a summit that the U.N. system, created in the aftermath of World War II, was in urgent need of reform.

In a morning meeting Thursday, a bloc of developing nations led by South Africa demanded action on a draft resolution that would essentially re-

ject or put off some of Annan's key proposals. The United States, the European Union, Japan and other leading contributors were opposed.

Despite 20 years of tradition that says such decisions are made by consensus and without a vote, South Africa's bloc, known as the Group of 77 and China, was all but forcing an up-or-down decision on the issue. They would almost certainly win such a vote because of their large numbers.

"We cannot accept some of the proposals from the secretary-general's report," said Pakistani Ambassador Munir Akram, a member of the Group of 77. "So far, there doesn't seem

to be any possibility of agreement on those major issues so therefore it has to be decided by action."

Poor nations fear that Annan's proposals are an attempt by richer nations to wrest control of the U.N. finances away from them — their key power in the 191-member General Assembly, where each nation gets one vote. They say that the proposals go against the U.N. charter.

Rich nations, meanwhile, back Annan's demand that member states give him more authority for some budget decisions, and leave other choices to a small but representative group of nations.



Lilia Ortiz, 23, sits in a shelter for migrants in Nogales, Mexico, after walking for two days in the Arizona desert, Tuesday. Ortiz was caught by the Border Patrol when she stayed behind to help a woman give birth in the desert.

## Female migrants face hard journey on the way to U.S.

By Julie Watson  
Associated Press writer

**NOGALES, Mexico** — Sweated in dirt in the hot night, the newborn trembled as a stranger struggled to snip her umbilical cord with nail clippers. A smuggler and other migrants had huddled when the 10-year-old mother screamed with labor pains.

But Lilia Ortiz couldn't just leave them in the harsh Arizona desert. Ortiz, 23, had walked two days straight to get this far. But she knew what it was like to struggle as a mother on her own.

The two women are part of a new wave of migrants. A decade ago, illegal migration was dominated by men. Now more women are making the journey, risking rape and even death to support their families.

The increase in women migrants comes as beefed-up border security has nipped illegal migrants through one of the world's most forbidding deserts, and as smugglers adopt increasingly violent tactics.

Some cross with their children. Others leave them behind with relatives. Pregnant women, like Maria Perez, the 16-year-old who gave birth this week, walk for days through the desert in the hope that their children will have a better life as U.S. citizens.

Rape has become so prevalent that many women take birth control pills or shots before setting out to ensure they won't get pregnant. Some consider rape "the price you pay for crossing the border," said Teresa Rodriguez, regional director of the U.N. Development Fund for Women.

If caught by the U.S. border patrol, women are often deported to Mexico's violent border towns in the middle of the

night, despite a 1996 agreement between the two countries that promised women and children would only be returned in daylight hours, according to directors of migrant shelters along the 2,000-mile border.

Worldwide, nearly half of the estimated 180 million migrants are women, according to a report released in February by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

A study released last week by U.S. and Mexican migration experts, partly funded by the Mexican government, found that nearly half of all Mexican migrants living in the United States are women.

The female migrants are getting younger. Of migrants under 18 deported to Mexico, females accounted for only 2 percent in 1994, when the U.S. started cracking down at the border. Since 2002, they have made up nearly a third each year, said Blanca Villaseor, who recently published a book on Mexico's female migrants.

"It's very significant because it shows the country's losing its potential — its youth, its reproductive force," said Villaseor, who runs a youth shelter in Mexicali on the California border.

Waiting with a smuggler for darkness in the popular jumping-off point of Sasabe, across the Arizona border, Gisela Anzures fiddled with a purple scrunchie on her wrist Tuesday and said she had heard the horror stories.

"It's very dangerous. The gangs show up and put you down in a horrible way," said Anzures, a 20-year-old divorced accountant who left her 5-year-old son with her parents in Cuernavaca. "It's not a great pleasure to do this, but I'm fed up with the long hours and low pay in Mexico."



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YOUR RECREATION IN IDAHO AND BEYOND

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## A new era for wide open spaces

I moved to Idaho when daily sightings of rabbits and coyotes were normal events. As I rode my mountain bike through hundreds of acres of sagebrush and over lava rock, deer and an occasional antelope would bust from concealment and hurriedly bound away. Children rode bikes, played with dogs, and camped in their own back yards.

Twelve years later, sagebrush and lava rock have been replaced by luxury homes and asphalt. Deer, coyotes, and antelope have migrated elsewhere. So, too, it appears have the children.



NATURAL REMEDIES  
Sandy Bosteder

Recently, when spring burst forth in song from the yellow breasted Meadowlark, I jumped on my bike and started pedaling. I rode over seemingly endless stretches of pavement, passed very large houses with very large yards where no children played ball or capture the flag. No tents were set up. No laughter rang from front or back porches. Among most of the very large driveways were ATVs, SUVs, RVs, and Humvees. I smiled. A memory from a recent experience floated to the front of my mind.

Last fall my family left home to enjoy peace and quiet on a rocky Mountain high camping experience. We were lucky to find a tent spot in a new RV subdivision. Swarms of ATVs buzzed the campground. Music blared from various SUVs; each driver proved the prowess of their four-wheel-drive by churning up the mountainside. My son set up the tent and tried to ignite a bonfire. I suggested we use the propane stove to cook dinner. Despair filled his eyes. It's not terribly thrilling with my cooking. "We're having s'mores," I said. Relief flooded his face. "Well," my son sighed, "That shouldn't be hard."

Soon the smell of frying burgers awakened my children's taste buds. The wispers certainly had an appetite. My daughter scooped herself in the tent. My son ate while running in circles to keep them at bay. I showed my superior camping skills by sitting, eating, and sleeping. The amount of stings suffered didn't quite meet the standards for hospitalization.

It was time to sleep. In burrito fashion we huddled in. "I'm freezing," groaned my son. "Me too," his sister agreed. "Let's just go to sleep," I yawned, the thought of cold cereal for breakfast swimming in my head. "This has been fun Mom," my daughter said. She stretched closer to me, wedging underneath my rib cage.

"Th-th-thanks Mmmom," I heard my son's teeth chatter. "Can we go home now?" I tried sounding disappointed. "It's almost dark," I mildly protested. My son saw the opening. "I can get the tent down if you can't," he wrote, the sleeping bags and the cooler. It took 15 minutes to stuff our gear into the car and head out. I took a moment to savor breakfast and a blissful break from the barrage of motorized vehicle noise.

As dawn's pavement's end and felt my tires sink into good old dirt. My mind jolted back to the present. I breathed sweet sagebrush and felt the sun's warmth seep into my skin. I was glad to be pedaling. It felt good to breathe hard and challenge my body. I pondered what it would be like to sit on asphalt. I wondered where the Meadowlarks will sing.

Every year the mountains get more crowded with my wife escaping big homes with big empty yards, trying to find peace and rest. I considered, what if? What if humanity stopped paying over nature, built smaller homes, and enjoyed their big backyard instead of escaping it? I suppose if that happened, it would no longer be a solitary rider.

Sandra Bosteder is an outdoor writer and columnist who lives in Jerome.

# Gone



Bullfrogs are usually about 8 to 9 inches long from head to foot.

Photo: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

# Gigging

## Idaho fishing license allows you to catch elusive bullfrogs

By Bill Studebaker  
Times-News correspondent

### Get a jump on bullfrog fishing

Check the Idaho Fish and Game regulations at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. Good areas are the lakes in and around the Idaho Fish and Game hatchery and the National Fish Hatchery near Hagerman. Go east from Bliss, through Hagerman approximately 3 miles, watch for the state fish hatchery signs and turn left. Coming from Twin Falls on Highway 30, cross the Snake river and follow the signs to the state hatchery. If you want to go to the National Hatchery, continue on through the state hatchery and turn right. The signs will take you to additional lakes and ponds.



A bullfrog peeps beneath the cattails along the Snake River in Hagerman.

If you go fishing, you have to have a fishing license. If you go cravishing, you have to have a fishing license. If you go bullfrogging, you have to have a fishing license, not a frogging license. "Any person 14 years of age or older must have a valid license or permit to fish for fish, bullfrogs or crayfish," so says the Idaho Fish and Game regulations.

Herpetologists, students of creepy things like toads and turtles, contend that there are 37 species of amphibians and reptiles in Idaho. And only two have been imported: the roughskin newt and the bullfrog.

The bullfrog, according to the Idaho Fish and Game, was brought to Idaho in the late 1800s. Speculation has it that bullfrogs were introduced as a game species. There were people who wanted an amphibian to eat. Now bullfrogs are here, mooing over the meadows and mudbanks of Idaho.

Idaho bullfrogs vary in size, but seldom reach 18 inches from head to foot, as they can according to Ashley K. of the Twin Groves Virtual Wetlands Preserve Team. Bullfrogs from the Magic Valley are more likely to be 8 or 9 inches from head to foot.

Now, as good luck will have it — my dad asked me to go frogging with him, or as he put it, gigging.

"Let's go gig some bullfrogs," he said. "At the time, we lived in Coeur d'Alene, near Fernan Lake. The lake was leaping with frogs, big ones!"

In the evenings, I could hear their low mooring, a sound that's a cross between the croak of a western toad and the lonesome moo of a Holstein. I'd listen and count the moos. Based on moos and an occasional faseto bark, the alarm call, I'd get an idea of how many bulls were belching their evening song.

One evening I counted 33 bullfrogs. If there are 33, there are 66. You know frog couples. If there are couples, there are kids. And if they prescribe to the rule of self-replacement, there's 132. But it could be ... *ad infinitum*. The thought was mind boggling. Like Mac and the boys in *Carny Row*, I was stupefied by the sheer possibility of thousands of bullfrogs the size of pie plates.

I had to make a gig with which to gig if I were going gigging. I found an old pitch fork. It was a four-prong fork used for moving loose hay.

I cut off the lines, heated the outer ones, and bent them in, parallel with the inner ones.

Tines aren't anything. I had to add barbs to prevent the flopping frog from slipping off my gig. I cut. I welded. I ground. I filed. I made a gig that was so artificial a bullfrog would die just for the joy of looking at it.

It was time to go hunting. I did. My brother Dennis, and I loaded our aluminum fishing boat with coolers, beverages, and of course, gigs. We drove to the Fernan Lake dock, unloaded, squat in the small boat, and motored to the headwaters where there were reeds, lily pads, toppled trees, and other environs that make up a bullfrog's paradise.

It was early evening when we shut the motor off and took to the oars. Slowly, nearly silent, we slid along.

"This is it," Dad said. "They'll hang onto limbs and raise their noses above the water when you see their eyes, gig'em."

I wasn't used to wading in silence, and I spoke too often.

"Where are they? Do you see one?" Then we'd hear the water ripple all around: frogs going up, frogs going down.

"Shut up," my brother said. "When it was as even as evening gets, we used an oar to pole us along."

"There," I said, "there!"

"Yes, there were two frogs sprayed out in the reeds. They were watching us. They had on their poker faces, taunting us to make the first move."

I grabbed my gig and thrust it forward. They melted into the water, and I missed my soup-bowl-sized bull by a frog's hair.

That's how it went, taunting looks from frogs and frog-hair misses. It was a sorry affair. No frogs to hoist up for the camera. No legs to jump from the frying pan. No amphibian meat to eat.

away. I'd gigged it, and that would show those bullfrogs I meant business.

All of this could have been diverted if I'd known about fishing for frogs.

The other day I was visiting with Dave Parrish, Magic Valley Regional Supervisor for the Idaho Fish and Game, and he told me that a good way to catch bull frogs is with a fishing pole, hook, and a bit of red or orange yarn.

Just think, I could have bought a hook and fishing pole at Wal-Mart and borrowed a piece of yarn from my mother and been set in 25 minutes.

Giggers would cut down the abundance of bull frogs, as Parrish said, "They're everywhere."

If you don't fish for frogs, expand the parameters of your license and make the jump. The big ones' wading with legs fit for a king or queen.

## Hells Canyon: Pick your favorite mode of exploration

By Pete Zimowsky  
Knight Ridder News Service

BOISE — Lime green. Rich green. Bright green. Spring green.

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camping and taking day hikes, on a jet-boat cruise, or on a scenic drive into the canyon.

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OUTDOORS

# Mountain quail find a new home

For The Times-News

GLENN'S FERRY — Mountain quail are getting a second chance with the help of a graduate student from Idaho State University and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

In mid-April, 52 of the native game birds were released on private land in King Hill Creek north of Glenn's Ferry. Thirty of them were fitted with radio collars that will allow graduate student Ron Troy to monitor their movements over the summer.

"It is an exciting project," said Randy Stuhl, Idaho Fish and Game Regional Wildlife Manager for the Magic Valley Region.

"What we are hoping for is this study will give us an idea on what happened to them and what we can do to ensure their future."

Mountain quail, the only native quail in Idaho, could once be found in many parts of the state. In 1984, populations began to decline and the department closed the hunting season. Because of their low population in the state, the mountain quail released in the King Hill drainage were captured in California and Oregon where populations are more stable.

"What I'm hoping to learn will include them are using at different times of year and what preys on them," Troy said. "Hopefully we can learn something from them in order to help them."

## F&G hosts meeting on wolf management

HAILEY — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is hosting an Idaho Wolf Management and Ecology public meeting Wednesday, May 17, from 7-9 p.m. at the Communi-



Idaho State University graduate student Ron Troy prepares one of the mountain quail for a radio collar.

ty Campus Auditorium, 1050 Fox Acres Road in Hailey.

Under an agreement by U.S. Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Idaho has primary responsibility for managing wolves within the state. This agreement was effective Jan. 5, 2006.

The presentations, given by Steve Naughton, Idaho Fish and Game Wolf Program Coordinator and Michael Lucid, Idaho Fish and Game Wolf Specialist for Southwest Idaho, will discuss current wolf management rules and the role IDFG is playing in wolf management.

Following the presentation, Naughton and Lucid will open the meeting to questions.

For more information on the

meeting, call 324-4359.

## Annual fur sale to be in Pocatello on Saturday

Do you have a little tax refund money burning a hole in your pocket? Maybe the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's annual fur sale has what you are looking for.

This year, the event will be on Saturday at Fish and Game's Southeast Regional Office located at 1345 Barton Road in Pocatello. The auction will start at 10 a.m. Items will be available for inspection at 8 a.m.

Items include carcasses, skulls and hides of bobcats, mountain lions, black bears, and otters. Elk, deer and moose

## Fish and Game notes

andlers will also be available, some of which will include skull plates or bases. This year's list even includes a rattlesnake. No firearms will be sold.

The auction items are acquired statewide through seizures of poached animals, are found and brought to Fish and Game offices, or are recovered as road kill. Some of the seized or recovered items make their way to non-profit organizations, such as universities or high schools for educational use, but those that don't are sent to the annual public auction.

Remember, anyone planning to transport items purchased at the auction to another state should know the destination state's laws for bringing in carcasses, hides, antlers or other animal parts.

For information about the fur sale, contact the Pocatello Fish and Game office at 208-232-4703.

## Avoid the rush: Buy licenses before holiday

To avoid the last minute rush, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game reminds anglers to buy a new fishing license before the Memorial Day weekend.

And for hunters, the application period for fall controlled hunt is fast approaching. The application period for deer, elk, antelope and black bear controlled hunts starts on May 1 and runs through June 5. The period was extended this year to avoid conflicts with the Memorial Day weekend.

A program that would reward hunters who apply early has been cancelled.

# It's wildflower weekend at Castle Rocks park

ALMO — Celebrate spring during one of the four scheduled two-hour wildflower walks on Saturday and Sunday May 13-14, guided by park manager Wallace Keck.

"Castle Rocks comes alive with nearly 60 species in bloom at once," said Park Manager Wallace Keck. "This leisurely walk will be short in distance, but occasionally off the beaten path."

There is no fee, but pre-registration is required as groups will be limited to 12 persons each. Walks begin at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. each day from the ranch house.

For inquiries or to register please contact Janita Jones at 208-232-5610 ext. 106. Castle Rocks State Park is located 50 miles south of Burley in Cassia County. The 1,240 acre park exhibits historic dramatic granite spires, mountain scenery, Alma Creek, and historic ranch structures. This event is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

## Outdoors in brief

The Moon National Monument and Preserve on Highway 202/6/93, 18 miles west of Arco, is now free of snow and open to automobile traffic. Along the loop drive, the Caves Area and several trails remain closed and inaccessible due to snow and ice. Spring storms may temporarily close the road and gravel roads have not yet dried sufficiently for easy travel.

Visitors are advised to call for current conditions (208) 527-3257.

The park's visitor center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a charge of \$8 per vehicle or visitors can opt to purchase a Golden Eagle Passport or National Park Pass. These passes, respectively, provide entrance into all federal recreational areas or all national parks. The campground is open on a limited basis with pit toilets in the campground and water available from a spigot in the visitor center parking lot. There is a fee of \$6 per night for campsites.

— compiled from staff reports

## Craters of the Moon loop is now open

The seven-mile loop drive in the developed area of Craters of the Moon National Monument is now open.

## Parasite probable cause of starfish kill

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Hundreds of starfish have been found dead on British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, and a scientist says a nonnative parasite is likely to blame and may threaten marine diversity.

Purple sea stars began washing up last week in Trail Bay at Sechart, north of Vancouver, and scientists from the Canadian Department of Fisheries and

Oceans have been unable to determine why they died, agency spokeswoman Michelle Imbert said.

Bruce Leighton, a marine parasite expert at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, noted that the die-off coincided with the peak of the starfish reproductive cycle, when the creatures are most vulnerable to *Ochreophypha stellatum*, a protozoan that feeds on sea stars' spines.

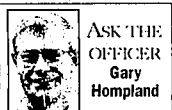
# Remember the exceptions to the rules

Question: "I'm struggling with the fishing regulations for a section of stream. I'm thinking about fishing, I can't find the stream listed in the brochure. What's the fishing season for trout in Deep Creek west of Bluff?"

Answer: In order to understand the fishing brochure you must first understand the general philosophy of how its organized and then look for the exceptions to the rule.

The fishing brochure lists general fishing rules near the beginning of the brochure. The general fishing rules apply to most areas in Idaho. This section of the brochure is broken into lakes and reservoirs, rivers and streams, and irrigation ditches and canals.

Under "General Seasons" in the brochure Idaho's lakes and reservoirs and irrigation ditches



ASK THE OFFICER  
Gary Hompland

and canals are open for fishing year around. Rivers and streams are open from Memorial Day weekend through the end of November.

Areas that deviate from the general seasons are organized by Fish and Game administrative region and listed alphabetically in the brochure. Additionally, you can go to the back of the brochure and use the index which lists all the exceptions to general fishing rules statewide. A word to the wise would be to search the entire re-

gional list for exceptions because some waters are referred to by many names. There are also a few rules that change depending on where along the stream you're fishing.

Deep Creek is a good example. If you search through the stream exceptions for the Magic Valley you will not find Deep Creek. However, if you look at a general exception listing for Twin Falls County, you will note all streams in Twin Falls County north of the Highline Canal and between Marquette Lake and Salmon Falls Creek are open to fishing year around.

A quick look at a map of the Magic Valley shows that portion of Deep Creek, north of the Highline Canal is within the Twin Falls county area listed as open for fishing year around. I suggest you begin by looking

for your fishing area in the special rules section. If after a thorough review of the special rules areas you are unable to locate the water you are interested in, then general seasons would apply. If you're still unsure you can always contact a regional office for assistance.

I urge all anglers and hunters to read the Fish and Game brochures from cover to cover. Understanding the general philosophy of how the brochures are organized greatly improves your ability to locate and understand specific rules.

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# Canyon

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gravel road goes 16 miles from U.S. 95 near White Bluff over the mountains into the canyon.

Be prepared for an incredible adventure.

Shouldering a loaded backpack, Austin Orgahl carefully stepped around the bend in the trail in Hells Canyon.

On one side of the trail was a dropoff hundreds of feet down into the swirling Snake River, raring high at spring flows.

Before him was nature's artwork in the form of Oregon's gray/brown rimbrock and the silty white snow-covered Idaho mountains.

Along the trail were fresh green slopes dotted with bunch grass waving in the wind.

"The scenery was just awesome," Orgahl said on his trek earlier this month. "I think the canyon is great. It was a blast from the get-go."

He is a transfer student at Albion College from New

Oreans. He's originally from Nigeria.

It was his first glimpse of the rugged western canyon that descends 4,000 feet from mountain peaks to the Snake River.

Hells Canyon leaves visitors in awe, speechless as they soak up the views.

It was the same for Greg Springs of Anaerotes, Wash., and his son, Peter Springs of Saticum, Ore. They were fishing the canyon for the first time.

"As you round each bend on the trail you get another view," Gregg said.

The Snake River in Hells Canyon is the line between Idaho and Oregon. It is a dry place where temperatures can reach 105 degrees in the summer.

But in spring, when snow covers a lot of Idaho, Hells Canyon is one of the first places to go for camping, backpacking and hiking.

## If you go...

You can get more information about Hells Canyon and Pittsburgh Landing by calling:

The Hells Canyon National Recreation Office in Clarkston, Wash., (509) 758-0616; or the office in Riggins, Idaho, (208) 628-3916.

## Hells Canyon tips

- Hike Hells Canyon in the spring or fall. It's OK through May, but then it really gets hot.
- Do frequent tick checks. Backpacker Paul Sweltik of Deary, Idaho, took 18 ticks off his dogs after a trip a few weeks ago.
- Rattlers are common in Hells Canyon. Be aware on and off the trail.
- Watch it.
- Don't sit or walk through canyons. You'll never forget the experience.
- Take rain gear. It's spring and sudden storms can come up in the canyon.
- Keep your eyes on the trail. There are steep dropoffs.
- Take plenty of water or have a filter to get it out of streams.
- Temperatures are usually in the high 60s or low 70s during the day and in the 40s at night at this time of the year.
- On the way to Hells Canyon, stop at the Sagebrush BBQ in New Meadows. The barbecued beef is a must. Stop at the Snake River and a Bitch Creek Auto will put you in the right mood for the canyon.

## Hiking and backpacking

One of the most popular trails in

Hells Canyon is the Snake River National Recreation Trail, which goes south out of Pittsburgh Landing along the Snake River.

- Day hiking: You can do a day hike on the trail and go out and back for as many miles as you can handle. It's 6 miles to the U.S. Forest Service's Historic Kirkwood Ranch.
- Backpacking: You can backpack to Kirkwood Ranch and further on. It's 8 miles to Suicide Point, an impressive overlook, 15 miles to Sheep Creek Ranch, 21 miles to Bernard Creek Cabin, 28 miles to Granite Creek, or 30 miles to Butler Bar, the end of a developed trail.

Jet boats and rafting If you don't like hiking or backpacking and want to see Hells Canyon, try a raft or jet-boat trip. Outfitters are licensed for both kinds of boat trips on the Snake River in the canyon.

Check out [www.idfg.org](http://www.idfg.org) and "click on 'river running'" and then "find an outfitter."

## Canyon camping

• Lower Pittsburgh Landing Campground: The campground has 28 units with a parking space, tent pads, picnic table and shade grill. Take your own water. Reservations available. Fee: \$6.

• Upper Pittsburgh Landing Campground: This area is adjacent to the trailhead for the Snake River National Recreation Trail. There are six walk-in tent camping sites available near the river and trailhead. Also, there are picnic tables and restrooms. Take your own water. Make sure you have shade. No fee.



Tyra, a pit bull terrier, retrieves a log tossed by her owner Aleisha Mader into the waters off Seahurst Park in Burien, Wash., on Tuesday.

# Feds say no new protection needed for salamanders

GHANT'S PASS, Ore. (AP) — Two rare salamanders that live in rocky patches within old growth forests along the Klamath River don't need Endangered Species Act protection because existing state and federal protections are adequate to maintain their habitat, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Tuesday.

But environmentalists who sought listings for the Siskiyou Mountains salamander and Scott Bar salamander said they would challenge the decision in court. They said moves are under way to remove the protections cited by Fish and Wildlife, and the agency itself is embarking on a study to see just how much harm logging does

to the salamanders' habitat. The Fish and Wildlife field office in Yreka, Calif., concluded that threats to salamander habitat from logging had dramatically declined, and that salamanders have even been found in clear-cut forests.

The service said the Siskiyou Mountain salamander is listed as threatened by the state of California, and a Northwest Forest Plan provision that protects habitat for certain rare species on national forests in Northern California, Oregon and Washington, was reinstated earlier this year. Both salamanders are covered by the provision.

The two salamanders live under the surface in patches of

loose rock where old growth forest keeps the air and ground cool and moist.

They were once considered the same species, but were recognized by scientists as separate in recent years. Siskiyou and Mountain salamanders are found in some 200 sites along the Klamath River in Northern California and the upper reaches of the Applegate River in Oregon.

The Scotts Bar salamander is known to inhabit only 27 sites around Scotts Bar on the Klamath River.

The Center for Biological Diversity petitioned in 2004 for Endangered Species Act protection for the two salamanders. The petition cited logging, glob-

al warming and inadequate federal protection. The center sued to get the Fish and Wildlife Service to make a preliminary finding on listing them as threatened or endangered.

Herpetologist Noah Greenwald said from Portland that the California Department of Fish and Game is considering eliminating the threatened species listing for the Siskiyou salamander, and a timber company is planning to log some timber tracts in the watershed. Greenwald said the listing for the Scotts Bar salamander sits on the Klamath National Forest. Moreover, he said, the Forest Service has embarked on a process to eliminate the Survey and Manage provisions of the Northwest Forest Plan.

# Dogs on the trail

## It's easier with outdoor etiquette and equipment

By Brett Prettyman  
The Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY — Janet and David Fericks had not considered taking dogs along on their overnight backpacking trips until Clanci, a female Irish setter with an uncanny ability to leap fences, also showed an aptitude for carrying a load.

In an effort to prevent their beloved Irish setter from jumping over the backyard fence, they bought a dog backpack and loaded it with 20 pounds. The extra weight did not stop the dog from clearing the 6-foot-high fence, leaving the couple to their revelation. "Clanci never missed another trip we took. It was her life," Janet Fericks says. "She was a great escape artist at home, but she was a totally different dog in the wilderness. She, like us, just loved being away from it all. I have no doubts that dogs feel the same sense of wonder and enjoyment of being in those wild places. In fact, they have made our appreciation of the wilderness better."

Clanci has since passed away, but the Ferickses are now joined on their outdoor adventures by Sadie, a Lab and English setter mix, and Lucky, a young Afghan and Irish setter mix. Both dogs carry backpacks on the trail.

One of the greatest debates among outdoors enthusiasts centers on dogs and whether they belong in the backcountry, along the rivers, in the lakes or in the parks.

Still, even as the debate rages, there are more outdoor products and gear than ever available for dogs.

Most dog owners understand that not everybody adores canines, particularly those dogs that might lick, bite or steal lunches from other recreationists. Nothing can ruin an outdoors experience quicker than tripping through dog feces — also known as "land mines" — or having to deal with an aggressive mutt. And remember that Big and Little Cottonwood canyons are closed to dogs because they are watersheds.

"We have run into some pretty grouchy dogs and seen some fights," Campbell says. "It is easily preventable."

Start socializing dogs when they are young, he says. Dog parks and obedience classes are a good place to expose new dogs to your pet. If they learn how to accept new dogs at an early age, they will be more likely to accept other dogs on the trail.

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Baca sports her hiking gear on the trail in City Creek Canyon hiking trail on April 7 in Salt Lake City. One of the greatest debates among outdoors enthusiasts centers on dogs and whether they belong in the backcountry, along the rivers, in the lakes or in the parks. Still, even as the debate rages, there are more outdoor products and gear than ever available for dogs.

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Fericks says. "We try hard to make our dogs ignore other dogs and people on the trail, and then likers come up saying, 'Oh, look how cute, and then they stop to pet them. That makes it hard because it sends mixed messages to the dogs.'"

Part of what makes dogs on the trail so "cute" is the wide range of gear available for them.

Debbie Cook, a veterinarian technician in the intensive care unit at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada, saw what people were spending on equipment for their dogs and started an online retail business. <http://www.pawsontrail.com>, about a year ago. Cook and her husband carry everything from life jackets to goggles to first-aid kits — all for dogs.

Although she thought tents and toys would be top-selling items, Cook says car safety

vests, which sell for about \$20, are the most popular.

Dog fashion is also growing in popularity, but you don't always have to buy canine-specific gear.

"We bought a woman's small-sized down vest from Ralph Lauren for Sadie because it was on sale. It hardly weighs anything at all and we sewed a little pocket on front. Before we go to bed, we fill a water bottle with warm water and it helps keep her warm through the night," Fericks says. "I also bought myself one, so we are kind of twins."

Outdoors specialty stores are also paying more attention to dog owners. REI carries a variety of items ranging from dog backpacks to tents to emergency treats for the trail.

"Personally, I think these taste better than Powerbars," one REI employee remarked seriously about the doggie energy treats.

# Water dangers rise with high runoff

For The Times-News

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation would like to remind recreationists that rivers and lakes statewide continue to experience high water flows and cold temperatures. Adventure seekers need to be mindful of dangerous conditions that may exist.

A wester than normal winter, combined with this spring's relatively cool weather and late season snowfall, have delayed snow melt. Now that warm weather has arrived, the accelerated snowmelt is delivering much higher river runoff than in previous years.

"High water seems to present more recreation opportunities but added accessibility does not mean that conditions are safe," said Steve Frost, IDPR Recreation Resource Bureau Chief. River flows and water levels throughout the state are predicted to be the highest in years, and many reservoirs are expected to fill completely and have excess water spilling through dams, flood channels, as designed.

City/County Waterway Programs are taking precautions, in some cases closing boat ramps and river access to protect the public.

"Dangerous conditions exist throughout the state with rapid water flow and unstable banks," said Frost. "Recreationist boaters should scout prospective waters carefully, ensure that all equipment is in peak operating condition and most importantly, wear life-jackets."

"Water temperatures are likely to be colder at a given location than what recreationists have experienced in the past," says Dale Flowers, IDPR Boating Law Enforcement Coordinator. "People need to be cautious of water temperatures and potential water hazards when recreating in and around mountain streams and reservoirs. Strong currents can sweep vessels, throw people overboard, shift weight creating

unsafe balance and cause equipment to fail.

Some additional safety tips are:

### Know the water

- Cold water can cause hypothermia contributing to fatigue. When combined with swift water, even the strongest swimmers are easily overwhelmed.
- Cold water can stimulate the "gasp reflex," causing an involuntary inhalation of air or water.
- The "gag reflex," another result of cold-water immersion, prevents air or water from passing in to the lungs causing asphyxiation.

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### Know your limits

- Swimming in open water is more difficult than in a swimming pool — people tire more quickly and can get into trouble.
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### Prepare for the worst

- If you choose to go to the river alone, tell someone where you are going and when you'll be back, and check in with him or her when you're home safe and sound.
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Contact your local Waterways Program for regional conditions and closures. For more information about boating safely in Idaho or the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Boating Program, visit [www.parksandrec.idaho.gov](http://www.parksandrec.idaho.gov)

# Two boys nipped by coyote in Seattle suburb

BELLEVUE, Wash. (AP) —

Two small boys were nipped by a coyote in this suburb east of Seattle, and state wildlife officers were sent to try to catch and euthanize the animal.

Jacob Town, 4, nor Tristan Clancy, 6 months, were released following treatment for minor puncture wounds and scratches at a hospital and were started on a series of rabies shots as a precaution.

Residents were advised to secure garbage, keep pet food and pets indoors or in a secure compound and avoid feeding stray cats, which often are prey for coyotes, among other protective measures.

The older child was nipped in the bottom Tuesday evening while playing in the front yard of his home while his mother was doing yard work nearby, and the toddler was bitten on the ear and snatched about an hour later while playing with his mother and brother at Eastgate Elementary School.

Cassandra Tross said she didn't see the first attack and learned what had happened only after her son said he'd been scratched by a coyote. The attack arose down the street when an adult neighbor reported being nipped by a coyote.

Tuesday Bee said she was about four feet from her little boy and had just turned her back to get a bottle of water from her stroller.

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# Man's best fowl?

## Goose takes a honkering to elderly cancer patient

FERMAN LAKE, Idaho (AP) — A northern Idaho man diagnosed with terminal cancer says a usually cantankerous goose that befriended him on his walks has helped him live past doctors' predictions.

"I'm 73," Bill Lytle, a two-time state legislator, told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "And I'm not ready to die."

After retiring as project manager for the Bunker Hill Mining company, Lytle and his wife of 52 years, Myrna, moved to Coeur d'Alene where Bill became one of the founding members of a walking club called the Lake City Striders.

Then last fall his skin turned yellow overnight and doctors diagnosed pancreatic cancer, giving Lytle only months to live. But Lytle continued his walks, having to cut them down to two miles at a nearby lake, where he met the goose who has inspired him to keep going even when he wasn't feeling well.

"I have to keep walking or I won't make my next December," Lytle said.

The goose, called Mr. Waddles, is a feral domestic goose, a bird registered with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game said, offering no explanation for the relationship that has developed between the goose and Lytle.



Bill Lytle and a goose that befriended him last winter commune Wednesday.

Myrna has thought about that as well.

"I wonder, why would that one goose attach himself to Bill?" she said. "I think he knows he's sick. I think animals can sense that." The goose, about 30 pounds with a red beak and red

feet, approaches Lytle when he calls and rubs its head against his arms. But it snaps at anyone else who gets too close, including Myrna, their daughter, and Bill's hospice aide.

"Sometimes he walks around me, sometimes he walks beside

me," Lytle said of the near-daily meetings. He said he "rub his neck, and the top of his head and down to his back. Every time I came down, he just kept coming out. I think it's pretty nice, that he'd always come to me."

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OUTDOORS

# WILDLIFE EDUCATION

## Utah center aims to dispel mistaken beliefs

By Ray Grass  
Deseret Morning News

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah — A commonly held belief is that the marshes around the Great Salt Lake are of little value, hardly more than a mosquito breeding ground and a source of foul smells.

"Oh, there are mosquitoes, and the aroma isn't always pleasing, but the wetlands around the lake are so much more. People need to understand and appreciate just how important this area is," explained Al Trout, manager of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

It would like nothing more than to dispel the myth. He knows it won't be easy. Misconceptions repeated tend to become fact over time.

But now, he said with a smile and a knowing nod of the head, he has the very tool he needs to begin the process: The Bear River Wildlife Education Center. It is the product of more than 10 years of research, work and creative planning by Trout and his staff: the last two years being dedicated to the actual building and finished product.

The official grand opening of the center took place April 21. The reduction of mistaken beliefs has already begun.

Even without the formal opening, people have heard about and are visiting the wildlife education facility. Even schools around the state have started to line up for classes.

"We planned to start working with the (Box Elder School) district first and then expand to other districts," said Kathi Stopher, environmental education specialist at the refuge. "But we've already had requests all the way from preschools to high schools and everything in between to visit the center."

Which, of course, is what the center is all about: learning. To educate the public, one visitor at a time.

Construction on the 29,000-square-foot center began in June 2004. The planning, said Trout, goes back more than a decade.

The building is unique in both purpose and design. For starters, the architect gave the structure a birdlike appearance. The roof has a slight slope similar to that of a bird's wing. Because it sits on saturated soils, the building is designed to float. The base is made of eight-foot deep hollow concrete shells that will "float the building like a boat" in high-water years. This raised platform also gives visitors an elevated view of the marshes around the center.

At the back of the building is a U-shaped observation deck with an overhanging parabola, which enhances the sounds of the marshes.

The building itself holds administrative offices, a small museum, classrooms, a teaching lab, one large auditorium that seats 196 and a smaller seating area for visitors



An exhibit at the new Bear River Education Center in Brigham City, Utah, is shown last month. The center is the product of more than 10 years of research, work and creative planning by Al Trout, manager of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

to view a video on wetlands education. There is also a health lab, a bookstore and, at the very heart of the center, an exhibit hall with interactive displays, educational presentations and a wetlands diorama.

"Trout refers to the center as being almost entirely 'home grown.'"

"The staff worked on the design functions of the building and what we wanted the visitor's experience to be. The staff came up with the themes and the topics of what it was we wanted people to learn when they visited," he explained.

"We decided on every single subject and what message to convey, then came up with the words. All said and done, our staff did the vast majority of work. It was their ideas and creativity that made this center."

The objective, said Betsy Bencke, outdoor recreation planner at the refuge, was to try and connect with visitors at every level. "We knew we'd get some visitors who would be totally unfamiliar with birds and wildlife and wetlands. And we knew we'd get visitors who were very familiar with the area. We wanted to connect with people from all backgrounds to explain what is so special about this area. We

adaptations, the structure of feathers, feeding habits, egg development, beak design, feet patterns and bone structure. There are also stations along a walkway that are activated to deliver the sounds of various bird species.

The lower level is dedicated to wetlands education and includes a display on the food chain and a diorama of a wetland scene.

"The classrooms will take visitors beyond the casual views of birds and wetlands, said Stopher, and give actual hands-on experiences." This will include formal visits to the center by students. There will also be evening lectures designed for adults and families.

"Students can come to think of subjects like biology as boring," said Trout, "because often in biology classes the kids are given a chart and simply told to memorize names and numbers. We want them to come here and learn that biology can be a turn-on. We want to interface and supercharge the educational system so we can have more children understand natural resources and the wild critters that live here. And we want to teach them that these critters are worth something to society, worth something to their personality and that they can add something to their quality of life."

The concepts used in the outdoor classrooms will be an extension of those presented in the exhibit hall.

One objective, said Stopher, is to get every fourth-grade student within the state to visit the center at some point.

"The goal is going to be to re-connect kids with their natural environment, to get them excited about being out on the marshes," she said.

Part of the educational process will revolve around linking the Bear River with the Great Salt Lake and to explain how the joining of the two created a very productive habitat, which is why the area is so important to birds.

"When people leave here, they will know why this area is so important to birds, why birds come here, how birds feed and reproduce, and why wetlands are a very valuable asset to the American public and how they can get involved in the protection and development of wildlife and wetlands," said Trout.

"The Great Salt Lake is primarily a refueling stop for migrating birds. Bencke called it a "giant grocery store" for wildlife. Millions of birds on their north-south migration flights stop at this desert oasis to replenish their body reserves so they can continue their rigorous journey."

As for visitors, the first stop once inside the building past the volunteer-run information desk, is the exhibit hall. The upper level is dedicated to birds. Exhibits explain flight

# Company focuses on revolutionizing artificial bait industry

By Susan Cocking  
Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — For years, fishing lure manufacturers have been incorporating flavors and scents into soft baits to enhance their attractiveness to fish. Few put chemical attractants into hard baits like plugs and divers, figuring their shape, color, noise and action in the water would be sufficient to draw the attention of a bass or snook.

Charles Stone, an avid freshwater and saltwater angler who operates a Fort Lauderdale dental lab, hopes to revolutionize the artificial bait industry with his new line of Wicked Strike hard baits. His company's motto is: "Scents make sense."

"Scents is the strongest sense fish use to hunt for food," Stone said. "This brings your bait to life."

Stone's patented baits have a hollow reservoir in the body where the angler squirts a liquid fish attractant such as Bang or Luner Sauce to saturate a wick that protrudes from the rear of a lure like a tail. A rubber baffle with a cap holds the wick in place.

"It leaves a scent trail as you pull it through the water," Stone explained. "It's like having a live bait on your hook whenever you want it. One application

lasts hours." Freshwater models include poppers; shad and minnows in a variety of colors, which sell for \$10 on the company website, www.wickedstrike.com. For saltwater, Stone makes a mullet and squid for \$1 more apiece.

Wicked Strike lures were a hit at last year's ICATS show. Bass and redfish tournament anglers have begun using them.

Casting the popper and a minnow on a recent late afternoon in the L-67C canal near Everglades Holiday Park, you could see an oily sheen on the surface while retrieving. The wick protruding from the lure's body grew bushier as it got wet. Stone and two companions caught and released about a half-dozen bass to two pounds in a couple hours of fishing before dark.

It was hard to say whether the baits and their scent trail were attracting the bass, or if the fish were simply in a mood to bite as the sun went down. But watching their ferocious, topwater strikes was thrilling as always.

Stone said "The industry spends millions to get baits to wobble and flash, but they haven't made them smell properly. These are most effective in saltwater because that's where fish really use scent."

# Feds fear arsenic could harm California off-roaders

RANDSBURG, Calif. (AP) — Federal officials are concerned high levels of arsenic left after a century of gold and silver mining in the Southern California desert may pose a health risk to residents and off-roaders.

The Bureau of Land Management is considering closing dirt roads where off-road motorcycles and dune buggies kick up potentially hazardous dust. Long-term exposure to arsenic, a naturally occurring element often left when metals are extracted from ore, can cause cancer.

The government says recent soil samples showed extremely high arsenic concentrations near the desert towns of Red Mountain, Johannesburg and Randburg, home to about 500 people and an increasingly popular off-road recreation spot.

The remote Mojave Desert towns are about 100 miles northeast of Los Angeles in the counties of Kern and San Bernardino.

The Environmental Protection Agency has asked the bureau to contain or clean up the arsenic from processed ore left at mine tailings. The waste piles can be seen throughout the area.

Bureau officials said the extent of the problem isn't clear, but assessing the potential

health risk is a high priority.

Nancy Dean, the BLM's division chief of engineering and environmental services, in Washington, D.C., visited the Kelly Mine near Red Mountain last week. Arsenic was found there in tailings samples gathered in December.

The silver mine has been abandoned since the 1940s, said John Key, the agency's California hazardous materials program leader. The bureau estimates the site could contain about 100 tons of arsenic.

Even higher arsenic concentrations were found in samples taken from Fiddler Gulch, just outside the Yellow Aster Mine in Randburg. That mining operation has released more than 1,500 tons of arsenic into the environment, according to BLM estimates.

The Yellow Aster gold mine began operations in the 1930s, but dipping operations and extraction processes stopped in 2003 and 2004.

The Bureau of Land Management now plans air quality tests, agency spokeswoman Jan Bedrosian said.

Reguldas may include fencing off contaminated areas, containing polluted runoff water and closing certain dirt roads and trails now used by off-roaders, Bedrosian said.

## A DAY ON THE STREAM



Corbin Billingsgate, 3, enjoys fishing Wednesday at Meadowlark Park in Enid, Okla.

## Utah police shoot deer caught in fence

NORTH SALT LAKE, Utah (AP) — Passers-by who saw a deer stuck between two fence posts say they called police, who threatened them with arrest and then shot the deer.

The deer darted across Center Street in North Salt Lake and got in between these two fence

posts. Jared Auger and two other men stopped to help.

Auger said one of the men called police, hoping it would be tranquilized and freed.

"Isn't shooting it a last resort? He just wouldn't talk, he was like 'Get out of here.' And I said, 'Are you kidding me?'" Auger said.

North Salt Lake police said they had been advised by Division of Wildlife Resources to shoot the deer and that they needed Auger and the others gone before they did so. When they wouldn't comply, they were threatened with jail. The deer was shot.

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## Market Watch

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Nasdaq composite	+11.32
Standard & Poor's 500	+4.31
Russell 2000	-3.83
Peor's 500	1,309.72
	2,344.05
	761.40

## Stocks of local interest

close change	
Albertsons	\$25.28 ▲ .04
Con Agri	\$22.63 ▲ .28
Dell Inc.	\$62.22 ▼ .40
Idacorp	\$33.07 ▼ .27
Micron	\$16.80 ▲ .33
SuperValu	\$28.89 ▲ .22

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## Commodities

close change	
Oil, by barrel	\$70.97 ▼ .96
(June, light sweet crude)	
Live cattle	\$78.82 ▼ 1.27
Gold (May)	\$633.3 ▲ 5.70

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# RV builder will set up camp in Burley

By Renee Wells  
For The Times-News

BURLEY — An Indiana-based manufacturing company is bringing as many as 250 jobs to Burley.

Dutchmen Manufacturing, a division of Thor Industries, announced Thursday that it will open a recreational vehicle manufacturing plant at the former Herbaldt Potato Processing plant three miles west of Burley on U.S. Highway 30.

The plant will employ 100 workers initially, and will grow its manufacturing staff to 200 employees over the next two years, according to information released Thursday morning.

by Idaho Department Commerce and Labor.

"Consumer demand for our product continues to grow," said Richard Flores, president, of Dutchmen.

"The Burley facility will help us expand the sales of our products to the western United States and Canada. Although there were several places in the western United States that fit our geographic needs, we felt that the community of Burley was a great choice for Dutchmen."

Mayor Jon Anderson praised the cooperative effort of several local and state entities in getting the Indiana company to expand to Burley.

"It's something that the city of Burley and the council has been working on for a long time, but we certainly didn't do it ourselves," Anderson said. "Everyone worked together. We appreciate the efforts of the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor and the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission."

Economic Development Director Bob Shepard went further in praising the efforts of others.

"This was a team effort from ICL, Cassia County, Burley, the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, the Mini-Cassia Chamber and several individuals who provided

a lot of time and effort," Shepard said in a statement.

Shepard also heralded the \$150,000 grant assistance provided through Business Plus III and \$1,550,000 in state money provided by the grant through the Department of Commerce and Labor.

"This is an unprecedented amount for which our community is truly grateful," said Shepard.

In addition to Dutchmen coming to town, two major suppliers for the manufacturing company are looking at bringing their businesses to town. Shepard said the corporate ethics of Dutchmen has been inspiring to him.

"When they learned they could take off \$900,000 from property taxes over 15 years, they said no," Shepard said. "They told us they wanted to be responsible, community members and did not feel it was right to take that money away from the schools and the community."

Shepard said administrators have pledged to hire all workers, including the plant manager, from the local labor force. He said the College of Southern Idaho plans to provide a training course to help.

Dutchmen will buy the Herbaldt property outright. Financial details of the sale were not made public.

# Lumber deal



A shopper checks a piece of lumber in a Laval, Quebec, Canada, hardware store Wednesday. Canada and the United States have hammered out a tentative agreement to end their long-standing lumber trade dispute, the Bush administration announced Thursday.

## Administration announces tentative deal to settle lumber dispute with Canada

By Martin Crutsinger  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration announced Thursday that it had reached a tentative agreement to settle a bitter three-decade-long battle with Canada over softwood lumber.

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But some Canadians expressed unhappiness with a provision that would allow the United States to keep around \$1 billion in penalty duties already collected on softwood lumber despite numerous adverse rulings by the World Trade Organization and other hearing panels along the U.S. levies.

"It's outrageous. It's a sellout. It's a crime that the Americans would keep a billion dollars of money that seven decisions have now said they shouldn't have," said Jack Layton, the leader of the opposition New Democratic Party, referring to the deal negotiated by the Conservative government of Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Bush administration officials said the fate of the proposed deal would depend on whether it won industry support in the United States and Canada.

"Given the nature of the agreement and ongoing litigation, it will ultimately be up to our respective industries to decide if they

want to embrace a solid market-based agreement," said Neena Moorjani, a spokeswoman for U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman.

Moorjani said the administration believed the deal would bring stability to the North American lumber market. She said the alternative was "many more years of litigation, uncertainty and market uncertainty."

Softwood lumber, which includes pine and other varieties, is heavily used in the construction of new homes.

The agreement was reached late Tuesday night but was not announced publicly until Thursday to give administration officials time to brief U.S. industry representatives. Moorjani said that despite some reservations, American lumber producers have "indicated a willingness to accept it."

The U.S. side did not immediately release details of the tentative agreement but Canadian provincial politicians and Canadian media reports said the deal involved capping Canada's share of the U.S. lumber market at 34 percent. According to the reports, the United States agreed to return 78 percent of the \$4.3 billion in penalty tariffs that had been imposed on imports of softwood lumber from Canada.

According to the reports, Canada would impose an export tax starting when North American lumber prices fall below \$360 per 1,000 board feet of softwood lumber. The levy could go as high as 15 percent when the price goes below \$310 per 1,000 board feet. This Canadian tax would serve to drive up the cost of lumber exported to the United States, reducing competitive pressures on U.S. producers while driving up the cost of lumber for American consumers.

Former talent agents sue for stock shares

HOLLYWOOD — Two TV agency sued the William Morris Agency on Wednesday, alleging their former employer shortchanged them to the tune of millions of dollars when a power struggle left them out of a lawsuit.

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## Idaho climbing the high-tech job ladder

By Bob Kirkpatrick  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The average annual salary of a high-tech industrial worker in Idaho is \$66,500. That is more than double the average salary of a employee in the state's private business sector, according to a report recently released by the American Electronics Association.

Con Pantlos, newly appointed chairman of the board of directors for Idaho Tech Center, said several factors play into the wage differential, which is the second largest in the nation next to California.

"Supply and demand for high technology results in higher wages given to employees in the industry," Pantlos said. "It's becoming a big part of our lives here. We use it every day, but we don't always acknowledge that we do."

Pantlos said high-tech is utilized across the board in the

## State's high-tech industrial workers earn about twice as much as others

High-tech jobs In Idaho

- Idaho has 35,000 high-tech workers, ranking 35th in the nation.
- 1,000 jobs added between 2003 and 2004.
- High-tech workers earned an average of \$60,500 per year.
- High-tech workers earn twice as much as the average private sector worker.
- High-tech exports in Idaho comprises 69 percent of the state's total export revenue.
- High-tech industry revenue in 2005 was \$2.3 billion.

Source: American Electronics Association

## Gas prices expected to dent auto sales

By Sarah A. Webster  
and Michael Ellis  
Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT — High gasoline prices and fear of them seem to be taking a bite out of new car and truck sales in April.

General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., and even Chrysler Group, the only Detroit automaker performing well this year, are expected to post sales declines Tuesday when they are scheduled to report results.

Through March, sales were down 5.2 percent at GM and 2.8 percent at Ford, but they were up 3.9 percent at Chrysler.

For April, sales of new cars and trucks are expected to be down another 6 percent to 7 percent at GM and 5 percent to 6 percent at Ford, according to several auto analysts who track the market.

At Chrysler Group, the

## Students talk trade at economic summit

By Bob Kirkpatrick  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — More than 250 students from Buhl, Twin Falls, and Valley High schools took part in the Idaho Council on Economic Education Summit Thursday at the College of Southern Idaho.

The event was designed to teach students about international trade and economic hardships faced by Second and Third World countries.

"The summit is part of our economic and family consumer science curriculum," said Helen Culler, an economics teacher at Buhl High School.

"I think this is a very valuable tool. The students here will gain hands-on experience dealing with the macro-economic concepts of supply and demand, and be able to relate it to the world they are living in," Culler said. "This summit is certainly more entertaining than sitting in a classroom listening to a teacher all day."

Culler said the students were divided into five-member groups representing 18 different countries. Each group was given the task of revitalizing the economy and standard of living by forming trade alliances with one another.

"Our goal is to improve edu-

cation, health care and foreign aid," said Katrina Wicker, a sophomore at Twin Falls High School. "Pakistan (the country her group represented) has a 67 percent literacy rate."

All members of the group representing Pakistan said they thought the summit was a good exercise in understanding world economy, and that it gave them an appreciation for the lifestyle they have come to know in America.

"Group members echoed the sentiment Americans are fortunate to live in the U.S. and that citizens (seem to) take



Students from Twin Falls High School representing Pakistan discuss international trade strategies Thursday afternoon at the Idaho Council on Economic Education Summit held in the CSI gymnasium.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

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MONEY

Bernanke suggests Fed may take a break from rate-raising

By Jeannin Aversa Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve is turning off the automatic when it comes to raising interest rates. An order for yet one more rate increase probably will come in May. But after that, the central bank may take a break — perhaps only temporarily — from a rate-raising campaign aimed at preventing inflation from taking off. The Federal Reserve chairman suggested on Thursday. In his most extensive comments on the possible course of monetary policy, Ben Bernanke also said interest rate decisions could become less predictable as Fed policymakers rely more heavily on gauges of economic activity and inflation. Over the past two years, the Fed steadily has raised rates 15 times — all but the last while Alan Greenspan was chairman. The central bank now "may decide to take no action at a number of meetings" in the future while waiting for economic information, Bernanke told Congress' Joint Economic Committee. Of course, a decision to take no action at a particular meeting does not preclude actions at subsequent meetings, he added, keeping his options open. Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, said Bernanke's comments were "very Greenspan-like ... sufficiently tipped in both directions." Bennett said he viewed the remarks as a signal that "we're getting to the point where this almost automatic increase is not going to occur." Bernanke, who succeeded Greenspan on Feb. 1, said the Fed will pay close attention to whether rising energy costs feed into the prices of many goods and services, and the extent to which a slowing housing market will crimp consumer spending — and overall economic activity. "We're much more data-driven," Bernanke said of the Fed. "We need to continually re-evaluate our forecasts and think about the prospects for the economy and make our decisions based on what the information is that's coming into our hands." Yet Street investors, cheered by Bernanke's words, sent stocks up. The Dow Jones industrial gained 28.02 points to close at 13,375.21. To fend off inflation, the Fed under Greenspan began raising rates in June 2004. Bernanke, in his first meeting March 27-28, ordered a rate increase. All told, rates have risen 15 times — each time by one-quarter of percentage point — over the past two years. Many economists predict a quarter-point boost, to 5 percent, for the Fed's next meeting, on May 10. That was something Bernanke also signaled. "Our assessment currently is that the risks to inflation are perhaps the more significant at the moment, and we need to add another 25 basis points," he said. That may increase, though, could be the last one for some time, economists said. "There's always the possibility that there's sufficient uncertainty that we may choose to pause simply to gain more information, to learn better what the true risks are and how the economy's actually evolving," Bernanke told lawmakers. "Economists said Bernanke was laying the groundwork for a pause in the Fed's credit-tightening campaign; opinions vary on when this would happen. Given Bernanke's remarks, many analysts said the odds are now rising that the Fed will take a break at its June 28-29 meeting and leave rates alone. "One more rate hike in May then they will pause in June to see how the economy shows out," predicted Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economics. Others believe rates probably will rise more before the Fed moves to the sidelines. Brian Bethune, economist at Global Insight, said a rate increase at the June meeting is likely in light of the economy's strong growth. "Either way, Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., said it was good to know that "we're not on an irreversible treadmill here." That economist Richard Yarmore of Argus Research thought a pause would be a mistake. "Bernanke may be going to wait to see the whites of the eyes of inflation before acting? I think that is going to be a problem," he said. In a mostly positive assessment, Zandi said the economy rebounded nicely from an end-of-year lull.

Cars

Continued from E1 That would be bad news for Detroit automakers, which make a lot of their money on big, powerful vehicles. According to a study released Wednesday, 62 percent of new-vehicle shoppers are the least strongly considering the purchase of a vehicle they normally would not have considered, and half of those, or 30 percent, say they already have changed their mind about what vehicle they are going to buy. That's according to preliminary data from the April 2006 AutoVIEWS, a monthly automotive study from Harris Interactive and Kelley Blue Book Marketing Research. The study has tracked the effects of gas

prices for two years. But data from the Power Information Network, a subsidiary of J.D. Power and Associates, reveal that consumers aren't changing their behavior that much. PIN collects sales data from more than 14,000 automakers of major brands in North America, and it reported Monday that U.S. consumers still are buying about the same proportion of the models now equipped with eight-, six-, or four-cylinder engines as in the summer of 2005. GM's new full-size vehicles, meanwhile, such as the Chevrolet Tahoe and Cadillac Escalade, continue to sell well, despite higher gas prices, analysts said. "But Ford, Chrysler and

other" automakers' "light-truck sales are weak, supported only by record levels of incentive spending," John Murphy, an auto analyst with Merrill Lynch, wrote in a note to investors Wednesday. George Fowler, general manager of Superior Pontiac-Geick-GMC in Dearborn, Mich., complained that April sales were slower than he expected. He blamed Murphy's auto analysis on the negative news about the U.S. auto industry. "If you're positive about things, and you're not worried about things, you're going to go out and spend money, and you fuel the economy," he said. "Everybody gets scared, and they quit spending."

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By Adam Geller, Associated Press writer. NEW YORK — Stocks closed mostly higher Thursday as Wall Street brushed aside concerns about a Chinese interest rate hike...

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**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

UNCLE THE RACE CAR DRIVER, HAD A DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS.

HOW DID THAT HELP HIS DRIVING?

HE DID GREAT PARALLELOGRAMS IN THE GRAYS WHEN HE WON.

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

I HAVE A BIG MATH TEST TOMORROW.

REALLY BIG HUGE! THE BIGGEST TEST EVER!

IT COVERS EVERYTHING THE LEARNERS THIS SO I HOPE YOU'VE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION!

**Baldo** By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

MY FRIEND SAID THIS MORNING SOME OF THE NEWS WERE LIES. I FEEL THAT NEWS MAY FLAT!

PLEASE GO TO BED.

JUST AS YOU WANTED TO GO.

I WANT TO GO NOW THIS EVENING.

**Brevity** By Guy & Rodd

PLAGIARIST.

WILL WORK FOR FOOD.

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

DOGBERT'S BARGE CITY IS THE AFFORDABLE WAY TO LIVE BY THE OCEAN.

YOUR BROCHURE SAYS YOU WILL RULE WITH AN IRON PAW AND THROW DISSIDENTS TO THE SHARKS.

WELL, I'M IN BUT THIS ONE IS GETTING ALL DISSIDENT ON YOU.

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

SO YOUR ONLY OPTION WAS TO GET THROUGH THE GROUND.

ON MY OTHER SIDE I MADE A DECISION.

YES, IT WOULD YOUR DECISION BE TO GO TO THE GROUND? YOUR DUTY.

NOBODY COULD HAVE SAID WORDS OF YOUR THAT'S A FACT, BRO.

WHY DID YOU SAY THAT?

CHUCK, PLEASE!

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Testa

And now children, before we start this Arbor Day tree-planting.

We designate this tree with the berries will provide fresh fruit for you and shade here at Elderpark!

At last it is completed by all who visit here so that they in turn will plant trees for their posterity.

Quarter says there'll be fruit on that tree before he finishes!

Dust!!

I was reminded of the woods on the forest school here!

**For Batter of Worse** By Lynn Johnston

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CAR, DONN?

THE SWEET HORN AND THE SOUNDING HORN AND THE SOUNDING HORN TRADE!

WELL, DON'T BE HERE, WE SHOULD'N'T BE MESSIN' WITH BERRY. YOU SHOULD'N'T BE LETTIN' HIM! YOU SHOULD'N'T EVEN BE NEAR THAT PSYCHO!

AM, ONE GUY'S HELPING, THE OTHER'S HELPING. WONDER WHICH IS THE PSYCHO?

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

M-D.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO GET UP WITH THE CHICKENS, YOU'VE GOT TO STOP STAYING UP TILL THE COWS COME HOME.

**Luann** By Greg Evans

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, BOAD?

WHAT'S MY PROBLEM?!

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**Mallard Fillmore** By Bruce Tinsley

WELL, THERE YOU GO... THE ICE AGE IS ENDING BECAUSE DAG HAD TO GO AND DISCOVER FIRE, AND MESS WITH THE OZONE LAYER...

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

I'M IN LOVE WITH THE U.P.S. GIRL.

THE CHICK THAT DELIVERS OUR PACKAGES TO US?

YES.

TRY TO MEET HER.

I'M TRYING.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

WHAT ARE YOU WRITING, EARL?

I DECIDED I SHOULD WRITE DOWN SOME OF THE WISDOM I HAVE ACCUMULATED OVER THE YEARS.

YOU KNOW, SO IT WON'T BE LOST WHEN I'M GONE!

GOOD IDEA.

HOW DO YOU GOAL DUCT TAPE?

**Rose Is Rose** By Pat Brady

ROSE IS ROSE.

ROSE IS ROSE.

ROSE IS ROSE.

ROSE IS ROSE.

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

I RIPPED YOUR SHIRT OFF YOU, JEFFEY!

THANKS.

YOU MIGHT CONSIDER BACKING OFF THE BOYS' SPRAY ABLE!

OH, NOW!

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley

Earl and Evelyn's SECRET TO A LONG MARRIAGE...

USE!

GOOD ONE!

STILL!

COMMUNICATION

**Strange Brew** By John Deering

GROCERY Planet

Remember, I don't think it would end this way.

# Mum's the word, Virgo

**IF APRIL 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** The upcoming 12 months can be productive if you avoid misunderstandings and strive to give your best foot forward. June is a time when you may feel compelled to break away from a relationship or make a sudden change in career. Outside pressures may cause turmoil and you could trigger something that causes a negative impact on your reputation by giving in to whims. The best time to make beneficial major changes is during November when you will have divine assistance to pursue anything that is right for you and can avoid harmful repercussions.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Work hard, play hard. A sterling work ethic can earn you the key to executive bathroom. Avoid being taken in by come-hither glances or getting entangled in a surefire investment.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Your eyes may be bigger than your stomach. Where love is concerned, please to play deep for the night. For the minute you find the stethoscope. Keep your money in your piggy bank.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Friendliness can backfire. A passionate partner may put you on a pedestal only to keep other people from getting too close. Concentrate on work and accomplishment instead of fun and romance.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Exercise. Flex your muscles in a sport or your extra energy to make a dent in the work piled on your desk. Avoid starting new projects or making investments under these stars.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Breaking up is hard to do. Even worse, it can have repercussions. Don't act on impulse as you may stir up further problems. Stay clear of new romantic entanglements or financial obligations.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Mum's the word. Oozing too much friendliness can let an important cat out the proverbial bag. Stick with trusted, reliable companions this for the night. Do not pursue a hot new prospect.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** The grass might look greener on the other side of the fence. Spats are possible if you let possessiveness pierce the peace. Luckily, close friends may distract you from a dangerous fixation.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Hold your horses. This isn't Las Vegas — and what happens here isn't likely to stay here. Be discreet and avoid entanglements that could threaten your peaceful home and family.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Tiptoe through the tulips. Don't let a sudden whim or obsession cause a disturbance in your pursuit of a Garden of Eden.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Hit back, but not on annoyances. If asked to work late, remain at the office until the cows come home. Have a relaxing night out some other time when the stars are more congenial.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Remember how Romeo and Juliet ended up. This is not a good weekend to bring a fascinating new hookup home to meet the family. Exercise will banish tensions with a mate.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't be disturbed by disruptions. Those crusing for a new romance aren't likely to find one with commitment in mind. Remain footloose and fancy free for the best results.

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SOMEONE HERE ORDER SOME ZANY WINKINS?

DON'T YOU DARE

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MELGA! YOUR LOVER BOY IS HERE!

GOOD! I LEAVE THE MILK, BUTTER AND EGGS ON THE TABLE. I'LL PAY YOU NEXT TIME - I'M EXPECTING MY HUSBAND SHORTLY

JUST KIDDING, DEAR!

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# Internet may offer lifeline to firefighter drowning in drink

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a full-time firefighter, married with two small children, living in a small city. My problem is I have a drinking problem that I hide well from friends and family. Lately, however, it has gotten worse, and I would like to get help.

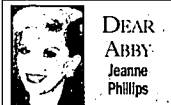
I know of several AA groups that meet in my area, but because this is a small community, I'm afraid that someone will notice me at one of the meetings, and my problem will be exposed — and I could possibly lose my job.

Is there any professional help I might be able to get online?

— NELLIE HELLER, VIRGINIA

**DEAR NEEDS HELP:** Where there's a will, there's a way. You can participate in AA meetings via the Internet by going to www.aa-intergrouping.net. An Internet chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous where you can join in on audio or e-mail meetings. Another site is www.aaonline.net. You can also Google "Alcoholics Anonymous online" and find a variety of resources. Plenty of help is available if you just reach out for it. Good luck!

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 12-year-old girl in seventh grade. My parents are divorced, and my



**DEAR ABBY:**  
Jeanne Phillips

father has shared custody and make joint decisions about me. My mother has given me the permission to shave my legs, but my father says I am not old enough because that is what my stepmother tells him to say.

My stepmother reads your column, and if you agree that I am old enough to shave my legs, she will tell my father that I should be able to, and then my parents will be in agreement.

— HARRY AND SELF-CONSCIOUS IN OHIO

**DEAR HARRY:** I am glad to help. The time a girl should begin to shave her legs is when she becomes conscious of the fact that she needs to. It's not a matter of "age."

It is when she's old enough to do it carefully and not injure herself. And it is about average. I hope your stepmother sees this and relents.

**DEAR ABBY:** My 16-year-old

son agreed to download music onto his cousin's iPod in his absence.

Unfortunately, our dog got hold of the iPod and chewed the leather case. It was in and damaged the screen.

Who should be responsible for the replacement of the iPod (\$450 plus \$40 for the leather case)? I think the responsibility lies with both parties and the cost should be split in half.

Please share your thoughts ASAP! Because this concerns family it could create real animosity if it is not handled properly.

**MUSICAL DILEMMA**  
**DEAR MUSICAL DILEMMA:** I do not agree with you, the person who should pay to replace the damaged iPod is the person whose carelessness resulted in the dog destroying it. Look at it this way: Often the most expensive lesson is the most effective — and this one is a doozy!

**DEAR ABBY:** I am being married next year, and our "best man" is female. Can you tell us what we should call her?

— KARLA IN AKRON, OHIO

**DEAR KARLA:** Congratulations on your forthcoming wedding. Your friends official title will be "grooms attendant."

# Naked cats belong to the Sphinx breed

The breed known as the Sphinx Cat is entirely hairless. This day in history: The struggling Glenn Miller and his Orchestra were very pleased that they'd been booked as the house band in the world's largest hotel — the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City with 2,200 rooms. On April 26, 1940, they recorded a song that immortalized the hotel's phone number, Pennsylvania 6-5000, a number you can still call to reach the hotel (PE 6-5000, in the 212 area code).

An easy fix for heart disease? Cutting red meat in a United States processed foods would save, by conservative estimates, 30,000 premature deaths a year, British researchers discovered. Taller women were more likely to value their career than shorter women, and less likely to value the option of having children.

Ask amateur golfers how far they think they drive a ball and



**RANXO KINGS OF FACETNESS**  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

the average response will be about 230 yards. Actually measure their drives, though, and the average will turn out to be more like 132 yards.

If you want to make ethanol, forget corn. Using sugar cane is six times more efficient.

According to a study by Australian researchers, a child from a family having 500 books will score 24.4 percent higher on achievement tests than from an otherwise identical family having only one book. Books that helped most were "Shakespeare and similarly highbrow books."

However, the researchers claimed that books of poetry actually hurt achievement by

encouraging a "Hohemian" lifestyle. What effect poetry by Shakespeare would have, they didn't say.

Cocoa butter becomes liquid at slightly below your body temperature (89.6 degrees). This is why it causes chocolate to melt when you hold it. The sugary shell of candies like M&M's may have a higher melting temperature, safely containing the liquid chocolate inside.

You think Elvis or the Beatles spawned the fad of hysterically swooning fans? Not hardly. Frank Sinatra had his fair share in the 1950s and a century earlier, Hungarian pianist Franz Liszt left a trail of fainting females throughout Europe.

Kids are known candy-lovers, but they eat only 35 percent of the candy manufactured each year. Adults gobble up the rest.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at [facemonger@mingo-barrett.com](mailto:facemonger@mingo-barrett.com).

# Car thief ends up stealing pig as well

**WHEELING, W.Va.** — Call it a case of piggybacking.

Wheeling police found a missing potbellied pig Wednesday in a car that had been reported stolen in Ohio.

The car's owner, who wasn't identified, had told the Belmont County (Ohio) Sheriff's Department that the pig was in the vehicle when it was stolen Tuesday afternoon from a restaurant parking lot in St. Clairsville, Ohio, according to a Wheeling Police Department report.

The officers followed the car after they saw a manager to it at an intersection. They stopped the car after it allegedly swerved several times and hit curbs.

**Odds & ends**

William N. Ward, 50, was charged with receiving stolen property, driving under the influence and driving on a license revoked for a prior DUI.

Police contacted animal control officers to take the pig.

Stephen Martinez, 43, of Coral Springs, was treated at a hospital for injuries similar to a dog bite, said Palm Beach County Sheriff Lt. Rolando Silva.

"It's serious, but certainly not life-threatening," he said.

Martinez was under murky water at The Links golf course Tuesday when a group of golfers heard him yell for help, said course manager Dan Inger.

The alligator apparently bit Martinez's air tank and tried to pull him under the water. Martinez grabbed a utility knife strapped to his wetsuit and tried to stab the animal. That's when it bit his arm, Inger said.

— compiled from wire reports

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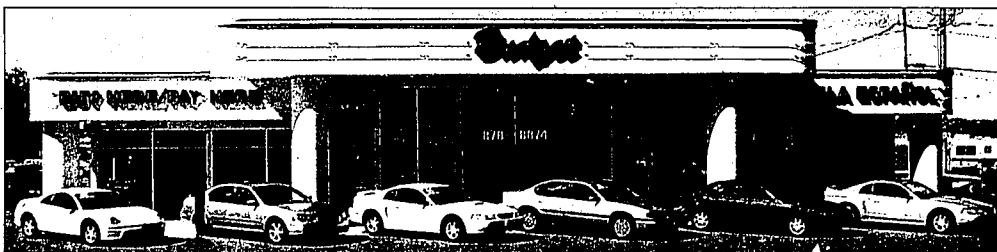
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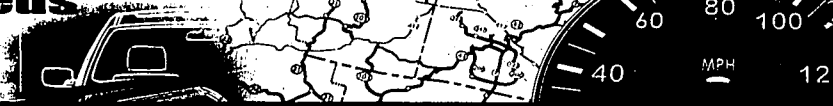
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2006 HONDA CIVIC Si COUPE

## Plenty of smiles per mile

**RoadWorthy!**  
By Ken Chester, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corporation

It is possible to go faster, but not possible to have more fun per mile than in the all-new Honda Civic Si coupe. As the most driving fun a person can have for less than \$25,000, the Si is based on the recently introduced all-new eighth-generation Civic platform. The Si amplifies its defining character with a long list of Honda technology, and engineering innovations, resulting in a vehicle that is pure Honda, exclusively Civic and outside the boundaries of traditional small car thinking.

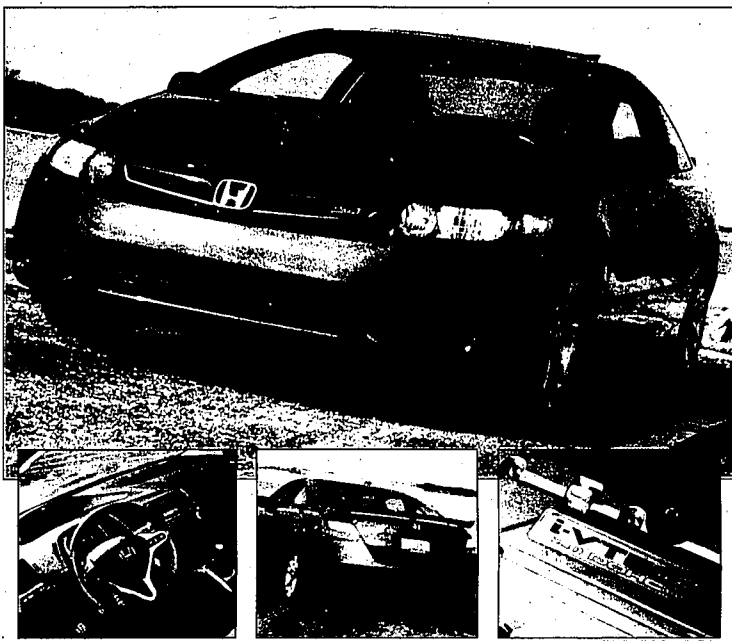
Lines of the exterior of the new Honda Civic Si coupe follow a futuristic and high-tech "Advanced Personal Compact" design that incorporates a sweeping roofline and ultra-sleek windshield angle that highlights the vehicle's one-motion profile, low and wide stance, and exceptionally aerodynamic shape.

Starting with the sporty demeanor of the regular Civic coupe, the Si backs up the sleek look with more power, sharper handling and a bigger dose of high-tech than ever seen in a Civic.

Power for the new Si is generated by Honda's legendary K20 2.0L four-cylinder engine. For 2006, the automaker's i-VTEC system was added, the compression ratio was increased and a unique crankshaft balancer was added for smoother revving to an impressive 6,000 rpm redline. The result is engine output that approaches 100 hp per liter of displacement.

The i-VTEC system uses two different cam profiles, one for low rpm and one for high, keeping power output up across the rev range. Variable valve timing control gives the Si a bigger boost in both power and economy. Engine output is managed by a close-ratio six-speed manual gearbox with power transferred to the street through a helical-type limited slip differential. It transmits torque to the wheel with the most traction for confident acceleration through the corners.

On the road, the Si coupe



The 2006 Honda Civic Si - futuristic and high-tech

**WHEELBASE:**  
104.3; overall length: 174.8; width: 68.9; height: 53.5 - measurements in inches.

**ENGINE:**  
2.0L four-cylinder - 197 hp at 7,800 rpm and 139 lbs-ft of torque at 6,100 rpm.

**TRANSMISSION:**  
six-speed close-ratio manual.

**EPA FUEL ECONOMY:**  
23 city/32 hwy.

**CARGO CAPACITY:**  
11.5 cu. ft.

is impressively responsive at speed - corners flat with hardly any body roll - and handles excellently. Tight, solid, complete and balanced, this Civic Si is by far the best handling generation Honda ever created.

The foundation for the 2006 Civic is an all-new version of Honda's Global

### 2006 Honda Civic Si by the Numbers

**Price** - The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. (MSRP) for the 2006 Honda Civic Si coupe starts from \$19,990 with destination charges adding \$550.

**SAFETY FEATURES:**  
Dual front airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, front head curtain airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, electronic brake distribution, daytime running lights, side-impact door beams, engine immobilizer, remote key-

less entry, power door locks with auto-lock feature and limited slip differential. Available safety features include navigation system.

**WARRANTY:**  
Basic: 3-year/36,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper. Powertrain: 5-year/60,000 mile. Corrosion: 5-year/unlimited.

entry, power door locks with auto-lock feature and limited slip differential. Available safety features include navigation system.

ment boasts a 36 percent improvement in torsional rigidity.

The Si's control hardware is a four-wheel independent system that was completely redesigned for 2006. Reengineered to provide agile handling and refined ride comfort, the sporty Honda coupe employs a compact

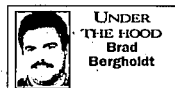
Control-Link McPherson Strut suspension up front, while a reactive-link double wishbone suspension at the rear helps to provide a smooth ride, excellent handling, and good cargo space.

Inside the cabin, Honda stylists and engineers prioritized sophistication to create a high-quality, advanced and sporty interior with the latest technology, expanded storage and ground-breaking ergonomics. A two-tier instrument panel positions priority gauges like the speedometer up high in the driver's field of vision. The increased body width allows for deep-holstered front cloth seats, and a spacious multifunctional center console accommodates up to 25 compact discs and performs armrest duties for both front occupants.

## Cough and sputter?

Q. I hope you can help me with a stumbling problem that has developed in my '92 Accord. The car runs perfectly when cold, but once it warms up, it develops a roughness, perhaps a misfire at around 1,600 to 1,800 RPMs. My son has changed the spark plugs, spark plug wires, and the distributor cap and rotor. I've also run several containers of fuel injector cleaner through the gas tank, but nothing has helped. Do you have any ideas, or should I bite the bullet and seek professional help?

-Pete Farnham  
Chico



UNDER THE HOOD  
Brad Bergholt

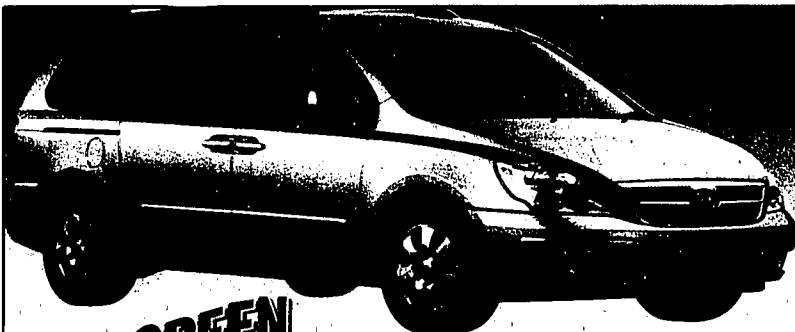
A. Pete, this would be a long shot, if it weren't for your excellent description of the Accord's symptoms. The fact that the engine runs well when cold, and you've replaced some potentially troublesome ignition parts tends to rule out just about everything except the EGR (Exhaust Gas Recirculation) system.

After many years of service, it's not uncommon for an engine to develop carbon buildup in the EGR passages, which restricts exhaust flow.

When carbon buildup occurs within the EGR manifold's passages, some cylinders might receive more than their intended share of exhaust gases, leading to the stumbling-misfire symptom you mentioned.

What can be done to clean the passages? This involves removal of four small brass plugs (one for each cylinder), which are pressed into the EGR manifold, and digging-vacuuming out the carbon, with an assortment of slender instruments. While it sounds simple, removal and replacement of the plugs involves drilling, thread tapping and the use of a slide hammer, making this an advanced skill level repair.

To positively identify the EGR system as the cause of the engine stumble, you can temporarily remove and block the EGR valve's vacuum hose, and take the Accord for a road test. If the fault disappears, we're on the right track - if not, the fault lies elsewhere.



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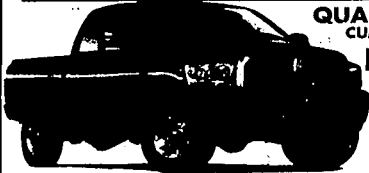
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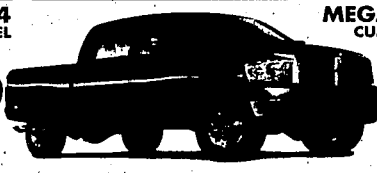


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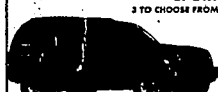
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