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HOSPITAL FORUM Services likely to improve, says St. Luke's official

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When it comes to health care, people don't pay all that much attention to things like governance and definitional agreements and closing documents.

What they do care about is what kind of care they're going to get and how much that care is going to cost. At least that's what was on the minds of people at Thursday evening's town hall meeting at the Herrert Center.

"We have committed to caring for people regardless of ability to pay," said Ed Dahlberg, president and chief executive officer of the Boise-based nonprofit St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

It was the first of two town hall meetings to discuss the plan to sell the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, whose parent corporation is the Boise-based nonprofit St. Luke's Health System. On May 23, voters will have the final say.

On hand to answer questions Thursday was a panel that included officials from St. Luke's, Twin Falls County Commissioner Tom Mikesell, Magic Valley Regional Hospital Board Chairman Jeff Harris, and some doctors and other local people who have been involved in the hospital discussion since the beginning.

St. Luke's wants the county-

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— Ed Dahlberg, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center president and CEO.

owned Magic Valley Regional to become part of a regional health care network that also includes St. Luke's facilities in Boise, Meridian and the Wood River Valley as well as its Mountain States Tumor Institute. County commissioners have already signed a definitive agreement to transfer ownership of Magic Valley Regional to St. Luke's.

Several people in the audience wanted to know if services would be expanded. Myrna Polihronakis has a 25-year-old "low-functioning" daughter with very special needs. Her health is so delicate she had eight major surgeries before her 18th birthday. Today, her daughter has spent half her life in a facility in Boise because her health care needs couldn't be met here. Polihronakis said.

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Math star



Colin Reed poses Thursday at O'Leary Junior High School. Reed had a fourth-place finish at the state math competition and will represent Idaho in the national math competition.

Twin Falls student on Idaho's national math competition team

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — He's got a college scholarship, plans for a career in engineering and an invitation to represent Idaho in a national math competition — and he's only in the eighth grade.

Colin Reed, 13, will be one of four students on a team that will represent Idaho in the National MathCounts Championship in Arlington, Va., next week.

Reed will join three other students from Pocatello, Coeur d'Alene and Boise to represent the state, after surviving a series of statewide math competitions that nar-

rowed down the participants to the top-four "mathletes."

It's always been one of my best subjects," Reed said. "It's one of those things that if you're successful in it, it can be fun."

And Reed has certainly succeeded at math. As an eighth-grader, he is taking advanced ninth-grade math. He will most likely be taking college-level math during his junior or senior year of high school. And he has already received a college scholarship to one of three universities in Idaho.

"If you're really good at math, you can go

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Unintended pregnancies among poor on the rise

By Marc Kaufman
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — ... Poor women are getting pregnant unintentionally at considerably higher rates now than in the mid-1990s, and they are giving birth to many more unplanned children and having more abortions.

In contrast, the rate of unplanned pregnancies and resulting abortions for more affluent women declined substantially during the same eight-year period, according to a new study by researchers at the Guttmacher Institute who analyzed federal data.

As a result, the study found, women living in poverty are almost four times more likely to become pregnant unintentionally than women of greater means.

Clearly, something is changing, and it doesn't bode well in terms of unplanned pregnancies and abortions for poor women in particular," said Heather Bonstarr, one of the authors of the Guttmacher report.

Guttmacher is a nonprofit group based in New York and Washington that does research, policy analysis and public education on sexual and reproductive health issues.

Based on nationwide data collected by the National Center for Health Statistics and other sources, the researchers found that from 1994 through 2001, the rate of unplanned pregnancy increased by almost 30 percent for women below the federal poverty line. For women in families comfortably above poverty (now \$16,000 annually for a family of three), the rate of unplanned pregnancies fell by 20 percent during the same time.

Asked what was driving the trends, the authors noted that some state and federal reproductive health programs have been cut and made more restrictive in recent years, and the decline in contraceptive use could be a result of those changes. Both have increasing effects on abstinence rather than contraception, and some have argued that switch is also leading to reduced contraceptive use and more unintended

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Second town hall meeting coming up

On May 23, citizens of Twin Falls County will vote on whether the county should sell Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, whose parent corporation is the Boise-based nonprofit St. Luke's Health System. The Times-News, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce and the Buhl Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the second town hall meeting to discuss the issue at 6:30 p.m. May 17 at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl.

Other sources of information

St. Luke's Regional Medical Center has a campaign office inside the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce building at 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through May 23. The office also will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 20. Web site: <http://www.vote4stlukes.org> • Community Line: 736-2952

KEMPTHORNE NOMINATION

Interior post tied to energy demands

Public lands, waters produce 30 percent of the nation's domestic energy supply

By John Holtrijn
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Senators focused on energy production from public lands Thursday as \$3-a-gallon gasoline provided the backdrop to Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's Senate confirmation hearing to be interior secretary.

Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., reminded Kempthorne his duties would be "not the secretary of energy" but to serve as "upward-in-chief of our nation's land and resources."

"There's been criticism in the last several years of the Department of Interior, in particular, that there has been too much emphasis on commercial

U.S. Senate committee OK's Smith's 9th Circuit nomination.

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exploitation of resources, and not enough stewardship of the land and resources," Bingaman said.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee plans to vote on the nomination within a few weeks. Testifying Thursday before the panel, Kempthorne said it would be "a great responsibility" to manage public lands and waters that produce 30 percent of the nation's domestic



Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who President Bush picked to replace outgoing Interior Secretary Gale Norton, speaks on his cell phone in the colonnade of the White House in Washington in March.

"This is an issue of economic security as well as national security. I pledge to work with

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Shoshone Falls still putting on a show

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE FALLS — The river and visitors continue to pour into the "Niagara of the West."

"We still have great flows," said Dennis Bowyer, director of the Twin Falls Department of Parks and Recreation.

Roughly 10,000 visitors took in Shoshone Falls last weekend and that number isn't expected to decrease much this Saturday and Sunday, Bowyer said. Therefore, the department will continue to offer a busing service to keep the wait short to get down to the falls.

After visitors waited up to 40 minutes to see the falls two weekends ago, Bowyer coordinated a bus service. The buses pick visitors up at the Dierkes Lake parking lot and shuttle them down to the Shoshone Falls viewing platform nearly a mile away. The service worked well last weekend, Bowyer said.

The Snake River will run at around 16,600 cubic feet per second, putting flows at Shoshone Falls at about 15,700 cfs because of power plant diversions, said Mike Beus, with the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley. The agency monitors

If you go

What: Shoshone Falls
When: Depending on weather conditions, gates are open from 6 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.
Bus service: To speed things up, a bus service will be offered from 9 a.m. to 6 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.

river and reservoir levels.

The Bureau of Reclamation plans to increase its releases from American Falls Reservoir this weekend, but Beus also expects higher demand for irrigation water as well. All in all, he said, the falls should hold at about the same level as last weekend.

"I expect to see it will be pretty steady," Beus said.

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COMING TOMORROW

The new high school's designer

As lead designer and planner for the Twin Falls School District's \$49.7 million in projects, Scott Straubhar has a lot on his mind. Find out exactly what in Saturday's Times-News.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

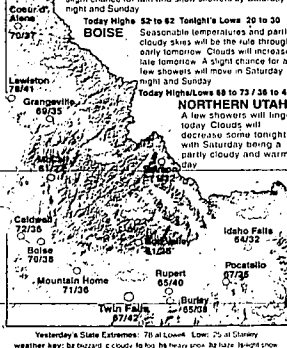
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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for May 5, 13, 20, 27.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, and Twin Falls with their respective forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles with their respective forecasts.

Barometric Pressure

Table showing barometric pressure for today and tomorrow.

Moonrise and Moonset

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for today and tomorrow.

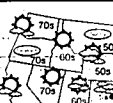
U.V. INDEX

Table showing UV index for today and tomorrow.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities from various countries with their respective forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Happy each day would be cheerful and prove that you know the worth of each day employing it to the best advantage. A slight chance for a few showers will move in Saturday night and Sunday."

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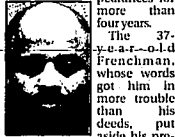
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NATION

Moussaoui speaks soberly at sentencing

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — An unrepentant yet very different Zacarias Moussaoui showed up to speak when he was sentenced Thursday to life in prison.



For a few minutes on the witness stand, he put aside the venom, the stilled abusive epithets and even the clownish wisecracks that have characterized his often-turbulent and sometimes shocking court appearances for more than two years.

The 37-year-old Frenchman, whose words put him in more trouble than his deeds, put aside his prepared remarks and spoke soberly and quietly to a crowd of 9/11 victims in the courtroom. He acknowledged earlier than he realized their pain and tried to explain the anger that he and other al-Qaida terrorists felt toward Americans.

Moments earlier, these three relatives stood in court, faced Moussaoui and described loved ones lost when al-Qaida hijackers crashed four jetliners into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11, 2001.

Rosemary Dillard, whose lost husband, Eddie, at the Pentagon told Moussaoui: "You wrecked my life, you wrecked my career. You took the most important person in my life from me. I live alone. I think of that man every day."

Moussaoui sat in his chair staring at Dillard and the other family witnesses. Abraham Scott and Lisa Dolan, betraying no emotion as they spoke. Then he took the stand for no more than five minutes.

"She said I destroyed her life and she lost her husband," Moussaoui said of Dillard. "Maybe one day she can think about how many people the CIA has destroyed. ... You have an amount of hypocrisy which is beyond any belief. Your humanity is a very selective humanity. Only you suffer only you feel."

Prosecutor Rob Spencer objected Moussaoui was giving a political speech. Brinkema agreed and told him to discuss the sentence.

"You have branded me as a terrorist or criminal," Moussaoui continued. "You should look about yourself first. I fight for my belief." Then he wrapped up. "You don't want to hear the truth."

He called the trial "a wasted opportunity for this country to understand ... why people like me, like (hijacker) Mohamed Atta and the rest have so much hatred for you."

"As long as you don't want to hear, you will feel America," he said. "If you don't want to hear, you will feel pain."

"God curse America and save Osama bin Laden. You will never get him."

"Twice in this trial Moussaoui himself passed up opportunities to deliver this message. Once he took the stand to recant four-year-long claim that he had nothing to do with 9/11 and assert he was to hijack a fifth jetliner that day and fly into the White House.

His own defense attorneys, the prosecutors and even the judges have since questioned the truth of part-or-all of that testimony.

Anti-war protesters heckle Rumsfeld during speech

ATLANTA (AP) — Protesters repeatedly interrupted Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld during a speech Thursday and one man, a former CIA analyst, accused him of lying about Iraq prewar intelligence in an unusually vociferous display of anti-war sentiment.

"Why did you lie to get us into a war that caused these kind of casualties and was not necessary?" asked Jay McGovern, the former analyst, during a question-and-answer session.

"I did not lie," shot back Rumsfeld, who waved off security guards ready to remove McGovern from the hall at the Southern Center for International Studies.

With Iraq war support remaining low, it is not unusual for top Bush administration officials to encounter protests and hostile questions. But the outburst Rumsfeld confronted on Thursday seemed beyond the usual.

These protesters were escorted away by security as each interrupted Rumsfeld's speech by jumping up and shouting anti-war messages. Throughout the speech, a fourth protester stood in the middle of the room with his back to Rumsfeld in silent protest. Officials reported no arrests.

Rumsfeld also faced tough questions from a woman identifying herself as Patricia Roberts of Lithonia, Ga., who said she is 22 years old. Her father, Jamal Addison, was killed in Iraq. Roberts said she is now raising her young grandson and asked whether the government could provide any help.

Rumsfeld referred her to a Web site listing aid organizations. President Bush seldom faces such challenges. Demonstrators usually are kept far from him when he delivers public remarks.

Rumsfeld has been interrupted by anti-war demonstrators in congressional hearing rooms as he has delivered testimony to lawmakers in recent months and at some speeches around the country.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has had direct confrontations overseas. These include demonstrators who called her a murderer and war criminal in Australia in March.



Anti-war protester Gloria Tatum, left, is restrained by an unidentified woman after she disrupted a speech by Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld on Thursday in Atlanta.



and throngs of anti-war protesters who dogged her every move in northern England in April.

Demonstrators were kept far away from Rice during a visit last week to Greece, where riot police confronted a violent street mob that smashed shop windows in protest of U.S. policies and Rice's role in the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

More than half of Americans say the war in Iraq is not worth the cost financially or in loss of life, recent public polling has found. Just over one-third of those surveyed say they approve of Bush's handling of the war. Public sentiment about the war has been at those low levels since fall.

Just over one-third of the public says Rumsfeld is doing an excellent or pretty good job, according to a poll in March, while six in 10 said fair or poor.

In the run-up to the March 2003 invasion of Iraq, the Bush administration repeatedly spoke of evidence that Saddam Hussein had acquired weapons of mass destruction. No such armaments have been found. Officials also spoke about connections between Saddam and

al-Qaida that critics say remain unproven.

In recent weeks, at least a half dozen retired generals have called for Rumsfeld's resignation, saying he has ignored advice offered by military officers and made strategic errors in the Iraq war, including committing too few troops. But he has received strong backing by Bush, who repeatedly has indicated he will keep Rumsfeld at the Pentagon.

When security guards tried removing McGovern, the analyst, during his persistent questions of Rumsfeld, the defense secretary told them to let him stay. The two continued to spar.

"You're getting plenty of play," Rumsfeld told McGovern, who is an outspoken critic of the war in Iraq.

Responding to another protester who also accused Rumsfeld of lying, the secretary said such accusations are "so wrong, so unfair and so destructive."

At one point, Rumsfeld was praised by an audience member who said he had followed Rumsfeld's career and wondered what in his upbringing had shaped his positive outlook on life.

"I guess one thing I'd say is that my mom was a school teacher and my dad read history voraciously. And I guess I adopted some of those patterns of reading history," Rumsfeld replied.

Senate risks veto with \$109B spending bill

By James Kuhnhenn
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The Senate defied a rare presidential veto threat Thursday and passed a \$109 billion emergency spending bill for Iraq and hurricane-ravaged states that's also loaded with money for farmers, fishermen and shipbuilders.

Twenty-one Republicans voted against the bill, including Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., to protest the additional spending. President Bush wants the special-interest provisions removed from the bill so it matches his \$94.5-billion request.

The 77-21 vote was an exercise in legislative wrinks and nudges, as many senators who voted for the extra spending have pledged to sustain Bush's veto. Senators and members of the House of Representatives now will head into difficult negotiations to reconcile the Senate bill with a version the House

passed, which provided only \$92 billion.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., declared the Senate bill "dead on arrival." White House spokesman Scott McClellan reiterated Bush's veto threat. House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said the House would defeat any bill that "spends \$1 more than what the president asked for, Period."

The Senate bill includes more than \$70 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and nearly \$30 billion for hurricane relief in Gulf Coast states. It also includes \$2.6 for pandemic flu prevention and nearly \$2 billion to enhance border security.

But the measure also contains billions of dollars for farmers in drought-stricken areas and to help the agriculture industry deal with the rising costs of fuel. Lawmakers also inserted spending provisions, called earmarks, for special projects from California to New England.

Relatives of Russia plane crash identify victims. See page D-8

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NATION/WORLD

U.S. Senate committee approves Smith's 9th Circuit nomination

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee has approved President George W. Bush's nomination of an Idaho judge for a seat on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, but that may be as close as 6th District Judge Randy Smith gets.

Smith was passed out of committee Thursday on a 10-8 partyline vote but Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., has vowed to block his nomination because she believes the seat should go to a judge from her state.

"I have no objection to Judge Randy Smith personally. However, I have significant reservations about the nomination of an Idahoan to the much-needed California seat on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals," she told the committee, meeting in Washington, D.C.

Bush nominated Smith to replace Judge Stephen Trott, who moved to Idaho from California after his appointment to the court in 1996. Trott took senior status in December 2004, meaning he will take a much lightened caseload. Since then, Idaho has not had an active judge on the court.

Traditionally, judgeships remain in the same state.

"If Judge Smith were confirmed, California would retain only 13 of the 9th Circuit's judgeships. Despite having more than two-thirds of the 9th Circuit's cases, California would have less than half of its judges," Feinstein said. The 9th Circuit has 28 judges.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, has said the seat does belong to Idaho since Trott was based in Boise for the 17 years he was on the court. Both Craig and Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, have promised to fight for a timely vote on the Senate floor.

"I have known Randy for a long time, and have always been impressed with his thoughtfulness, fairness and integrity," Craig said in a statement.

Crapo said Smith had the qualifications and experience needed for the job.

"Many issues that face Idahoans are decided on the 9th Circuit and I'm pleased to see an Idahoan with Randy's capabilities fill this seat," Crapo said in a statement. "I look forward

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to a full and prompt debate and vote on his nomination on the Senate floor."
— Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

compared Smith's nomination to that of Virginia resident Claude Allen, whom Bush nominated in 2003 to fill a Maryland vacancy on the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Allen's nomination, however, never made it out of committee and expired at the end of the 108th Congress.

"I remind Senators that we recognized the validity of the objection of the Senators from Maryland when the President tried to shift a Maryland Fourth Circuit seat to Virginia," Leahy said during the committee meeting.

"We should do so again in this case in which the President is trying to take a California judgeship and turn it into an Idaho seat."

Iran has produced its own nuclear power-control rods, state-run radio reports

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran is producing fuel rods for nuclear reactors, state radio reported Thursday in the government's latest attempt to boost a nuclear program that world powers are trying to curb.

Power-control rods, or fuel rods, contain low-enriched uranium and are inserted into a nuclear reactor's core to make the reactor run.

"After sanctions from the U.S., experts from Iran's atomic energy organization have produced better quality rods than the foreign samples," the radio reported.

It said these Iranian-produced rods were already in use in a 5-megawatt reactor built by the United States — before Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution — at the nuclear research center in Tehran.

Enriched uranium can be used in the production of nuclear energy or weapons. Iran, a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, insists its nuclear program is aimed only at producing electricity.

But the United States, France and Britain are pressing for a U.N. Security Council resolution that would demand Iran abandon uranium enrichment or face the threat of unspecified further measures.

Wade Boese, a research director at the Arms Control Association, said that mastering the production of fuel rods was not a major technical development.

Factory Purchase

Rep. Kennedy confirms car accident near Capitol

By ANDREW MIGA
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Rep. Patrick Kennedy crashed his car near the Capitol early Thursday, and a police official said he appeared intoxicated.

Kennedy said he had no alcohol before the accident.

Kennedy, D-R.I., addressed the issue after a spate of news reports.

"I was involved in a traffic accident last night at First and C Street SE near the U.S. Capitol," Kennedy said in a written statement released by his office. "I consumed no alcohol prior to the incident. I will fully cooperate with the Capitol Police in whatever investigation they choose to undertake."

Kennedy appeared to be intoxicated when he crashed his car into a barrier on Capitol Hill early Thursday morning, said Louis P. Cannon, president of the Washington chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Cannon, who was not there, said the officers involved in the accident were instructed by an official "above the rank of patrolman" to take Kennedy home.

No sobriety tests were conducted at the scene.

A letter written by a Capitol Police officer to Roll Call, a Capitol Hill newspaper, said Kennedy appeared to be struggling when he left the vehicle after the crash about 3 a.m.

Kennedy said he was late for a vote, said Officer Greg Baird, who is acting chairman of the Capitol Hill chapter of the FOP police union. The last vote of the night had occurred almost six hours earlier.

Kennedy, the son of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and his staff declined to discuss any further details of the accident. The congressman told part in House votes Thursday.

Capitol Police did not immediately return phone calls for comment. They issued a one-line statement saying they were investigating a traffic violation that occurred early in the morning at that location.

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Report: Contractors in Katrina bilked taxpayers

By Larry Margasak
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — While removing enough debris to cover Britain, contractors working on hurricane recovery have over-billed the government in a \$63 billion operation that only will get more expensive, according to a House report Thursday.

Mileage claims were overstated to get extra fees, debris was moved improperly to inflate prices and companies sent bills twice for removing the same loads, Democrats on the GOP-controlled House Government Reform Committee found.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., who compiled the report for the hearing on Katrina contracting, also complained about

layers of subcontractors that drove up costs.

A major cut and pay smaller amounts to the subcontractors, down to the company with the truck hauling debris to the dump.

"It seems you get more than half," Waxman told Randall Perkins, president of AshBritt Inc. in Pompano Beach, Fla., after Perkins said his company received \$23 a cubic yard in a debris removal contract but paid a subcontractor \$10 to haul the material.

"We outsource to companies like you and they go out and subcontract," Waxman said. "It's a higher overhead."

Perkins said some cleanup contractors did hire many sub-

contractors, but he only hired a few. He said the prices he charged were determined particularly by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rules he had to follow.

In a story last October, The Associated Press reported of instances in which the Katrina debris cleanup involved five layers of subcontractors. Some haulers reported they were being paid just \$6 a cubic yard. Many of those interviewed at the time said they believed the prime contractors were being paid \$26 to \$28 a yard.

The corps refused to provide the cost figures specified in the master contracts and last month denied the AP's request for those figures, made under the Freedom of Information Act.

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Government airs ads to ease bird flu worries

By Libby Quaid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Hoping to prevent a scare over deadly bird flu, the government is distributing television and radio commercials assuring people that chicken is safe to eat.

"Mmm, the chicken looks great. But what about bird flu?" a man asks in one of the ads.

"His wife says she read that bird flu is unlikely to reach people's dinner plates. And even if it did, we have the power to ensure our chicken is safe," she says.

"You do have the power to make sure your food is safe," the ads say.

The government is testing wild birds as they arrive this month in Alaska and then fly south along migratory pathways.

Chicken and turkey companies have been testing nearly every flock for the virus.

"The virus is not efficiently spreading from person to person," Johannes said.

An announcer lists four steps for food safety: Clean hands and cooking surfaces. Separate raw and cooked foods. Cook poultry to at least 165 degrees. Chill leftovers promptly.

The Agriculture Department on Thursday began sending out a series of commercials, interview excerpts, video footage and photos to television and radio stations with the goal of easing people's minds and clearing up misconceptions about bird flu. The ads are public service announcements; stations are not being paid to run them.

Initially, those messages may run up against heavy promotion by ABC of its made-for-television movie, "Fatal Contact: Bird Flu in America." The promo feature how ill-prepared the country is to deal with the problem.

Authorities don't know how people will react to the deadly virus arrivals in the United States.

When bird flu was discovered in France and Italy, consumer demand for chicken plummeted there. It stayed steady when the virus appeared in Britain.

Americans generally are considered to be confident in their food supply, and they eat more chicken than any country in the world. The average person ate 85.4 pounds of chicken last year, a total that should rise to 87.7 pounds in 2016, according to USDA projections.

While bird flu has spread from Asia through Europe and Africa, it hasn't yet reached the United States.

But it's important for you to know that it's safe to eat poultry, even if bird flu is detected here sometime in the future, says Richard Raymond, the department's undersecretary for food safety.

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EDITORIAL

Casey, Marley represent best direction for schools

Idaho's next Superintendent of Instruction will come to the office in 2007 with a fresh slate — a new governor, new faces in the Legislature, and a stronger economy for public schools.

ence, vision and collaboration will be necessities for that leader. Of all five candidates in the superintendent race, we see those traits strongest in Republican Steve Casey of Coeur d'Alene and Democrat Bert Marley of McCall.

Casey brings strong ideas

Casey, a lifetime educator and principal of Coeur d'Alene High, is lesser known than Luna and Smylie on a statewide scale. But his positive energy and sound ideas for education give him the edge in the Republican race.

Nampa school board member, and a participant in the creation of Idaho's standard tests. We like, Luna's ideas giving incentives for consolidation of districts. His career ladder plan makes a sound pitch for teachers to opt-in to merit pay programs. He recognizes with NCLB and his knowledge of the law would help bring needed reform.

About these races

Steve Casey of Coeur d'Alene, Tom Luna of Nampa, and Steve Smylie of Boise are vying for the Republican primary for Superintendent of Instruction. Jana Jones of Boise and Bert Marley of McCall are running for the Democratic superintendent primary. The Democrat incumbent Marilyn Howard.

Casey achieved No Child Left Behind and its mandates knowing more positive than negative has emerged from the federal bill. He embraces redesign of high school graduation curriculum and has pushed those needs in his own school system. He will fight for education dollars, but he knows the one-cent tax initiative is a problematic way to do it. Casey is open to measures that pay high-demand teachers in math, science, special ed, or other fields. He favors merit pay proposals that use a collaborative method. As a State Board member he would also fight to preserve the local control and tax support for community colleges in Idaho.

While Luna has improved ties with teachers and administrators, he still faces an uphill task changing the system and department toward heavy accountability. We think he puts too much stock in the State Board's growing authority, and his consent for switching local property tax levels to the sales tax is too risky. Smylie brings a long career, from the classroom, and served four terms in the Idaho House.

Marley a seasoned leader

In the Democratic primary, both candidates sport long resumes in administration and the classroom. Jana Jones, most recently the chief deputy for Howard, has 14 years experience in the Department of Education, with many of those years existing to special education needs in Idaho districts. Her opponent is Sen. Bert Marley of McCall, who served two terms in the Senate and two terms in the House, while working 23 years as a school teacher.

He likewise wants to repair workings with the State Board, but Smylie resists pay differentials for high-need teachers. Jones has strong support for local community college tax districts, and stands firmly behind the flawed one-percent initiative. We disagree on all of those issues.

Board, Marley would favor preserving local tax authority for Idaho community colleges. He's open to certain incentives that attract high-demand teachers, although not on a differing pay schedule. Although he opposed the idea that went to high school redesign, he favors more rigorous standards. And he's open to a merit pay system that works with the incentives for schools, not individuals. Jones carries sound understanding of the state department, and she has similar views to Marley on school-wide merit pay, high school redesign and NCLB reform. But the clincher is Marley's proven skills working with legislators in the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee. His ties to the teachers' union may worry some. But in the past, he has helped the union move forward in the state's push for accountability measures and making them work. His leadership gives him the edge for this primary.

A taste of immigration at Sunrise Cafe

The American proletariat celebrated Monday by taking to the streets to demand lower wages. That's effectively what immigrants across America were doing Monday, at least according to the economists who believe that allowing more immigration would depress the wages of unskilled workers in America. If that's true, then the immigrants already working in low-paid jobs here will suffer if there's a surge of new arrivals.

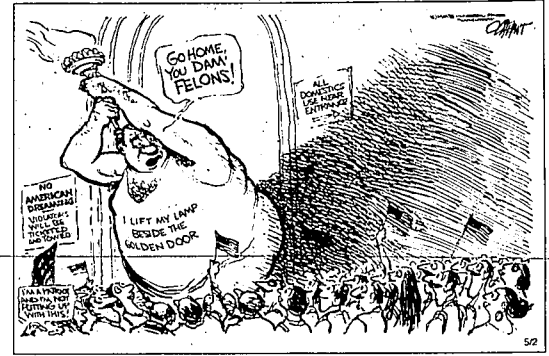


Yet immigrants on Monday skipped work, boycotted stores and attended rallies to support free immigration. Some are illegal immigrants who want Congress to legalize their status, but many of the protesters already have green cards. Why do they welcome new competitors for their jobs?

The clearest answers I've found come from the international union of coffee baristas, based at the Sunrise Cafe, the deli near my office where I get tuna sandwiches. It's staffed by immigrants from five continents: Latin America and South America. They offered a couple of explanations: one economic, one moral.

They wonder, to begin with, if new immigrants are really much of an economic threat, and they're not alone in their skepticism. Although some economists believe that immigrants have depressed wages for low-skilled workers by 10 percent, many others estimate the decline is only half that much. And others believe there's virtually no harm done, because businesses expand to create jobs.

To the extent that anyone's hurt by immigrants, the burden falls not so much on the people complaining the loud-



est — American-born workers — but on the immigrants who are already here.

The new immigrants have a harder time competing for jobs against English-speaking natives than among fellow immigrants.

Patricia Cortes of MIT calculates that a 10 percent increase in immigration would reduce the wages of low-skilled natives by less than 1 percent, while causing an 8 percent reduction in the pay of the low-skilled immigrants already here.

Some of the immigrants at the Sunrise Cafe suspect that their wages might be affected, but they're still committed to the pro-immigration cause. Although they went to work on Monday, they vowed not to do any shopping, and now planned to go to a rally or march after work.

They told me they didn't see themselves as activists marching for Latino civil rights or political power. They said they supported free immigration not to help themselves — they were already citizens or had green cards — but simply to give others the same chance

they'd had.

"People need to support their families," said one of the cashiers, Carmen Salcedo, who arrived three years ago from Panama. "Here you can earn four times as much as you could earn in my country."

In between grilling sandwiches, Jorge Alvarez said he couldn't blame anyone for leaving El Salvador, as he had 19 years earlier. "There are not enough good jobs there," he said. "If people want to work hard, it's not fair to deny them the opportunity to come here."

The reasoning at the deli makes more sense than what I've been hearing from some intellectuals who want to restrict immigration in the name of social justice. Although more immigration may be a net benefit to the American economy, they've argued, it's not fair because it hurts low-income Americans and exacerbates the gap between rich and poor.

But even if you accept the debatable economic premise that low-income workers are significantly harmed, the argument fails on moral grounds. It flunks the famous "veil of igno-

rance" test of John Rawls, the quintessential liberal philosopher who stressed protections for the least fortunate members of society. Social rules are fair, he wrote, in "A Theory of Justice," if you would endorse them without knowing what your position in society would be.

Suppose you were setting immigration policy from behind that veil of ignorance. Which of these would you choose?

(1) Restricting immigration to protect some of the lower-paid workers in America from a decline in wages that would be no more than 8 percent, if it occurred at all.

(2) Expanding immigration to benefit most Americans while also giving some non-Americans living in dire poverty the chance to quadruple their income.

You don't need to slog through "A Theory of Justice" to figure out this one. You can get the answer at the Sunrise Cafe — and an excellent sandwich, too.

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U.S. workers are not meeting the demand

There are in excess of 7 million workers that are not employed in the United States. More than 10 percent of those workers are currently employed for more than 27 months.

Is illegal immigration a problem? Yes. Are immigrants taking the jobs of Americans? Yes. Are they taking the jobs that Americans will not take? Yes.

We have a demand for workers that are not being met. Why keep paying them to stay home?

If \$5.15 per hour is not enough to survive, the government should subsidize their income based on hours worked.

Stopping checks to those who will not carry their weight is not a fair policy.

Maybe they will eventually find themselves off all government programs. Maybe they will be a liability to our health care. Maybe they will become a productive member of society.

Maybe we, as Americans, should be entrenched in an immigration battle because our people will take the jobs currently occupied by immigrants.

How can we blame someone that wants to work, wants to improve their life from trying to do so? That drive is what we are looking for in potential employees.

Our welfare system enables Americans to wait for a check while some illegal immigrants wait for the next job. Who is the problem? CHAD ROBERTS Twin Falls

Urie's background in business would be asset

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He has served on many county committees, and he has been mayor of Hansen for 14 years.

We need a good commissioner for the county who will make decisions for the good of the people. JOYCEE HENSE

Mercury must remain in public's conscious

Since Semptra departed, things have not been quiet in letters to the editor. Too quiet, actually.

I hope the silence doesn't suggest that people have lost interest in the energy issues that were front and center during the grassroots effort to send Semptra packing.

Our county has been one of the most significant energy issues that infused the Semptra debate, and thousands of Magic Valley residents stood firm to not accept new mercury pollution into Idaho. While these efforts were the main reason Semptra left the Magic Valley, the question of preventing mercury pollution from coal-fired power plants in Idaho has not yet been decided.

The decision rests with the Department of Environmental Quality Board of Directors and the governor as they decide whether to enroll Idaho into the federal mercury cap and trade program or to opt out of it.

That decision will be made in the next six months. Our State Board will opt out of the federal mercury cap and trade program will be automatically enrolled in the program.

While states that opt out of the federal cap and trade program may opt in at a later date, states that opt in — or opt out — may not opt in or out in the future. These federal requirements make it clear that avoiding additional mercury pollution in Idaho from coal-fired power plants is totally dependent upon our state opting out of the federal mercury cap and

trade program.

Here's what you can do. If you're concerned about mercury pollution should write or email the DEQ Board (deba.cline@deq.idaho.gov) and soon-to-be-governor Jim Butch (jim.butch@idaho.gov) and request that Idaho opt out of the federal mercury cap and trade program. They need to hear from you before June. Do not let us let mercury pollution creep into Idaho through the back door. PETER REMMEN Tigerman

Twin Falls growth requires event center

I want to add my voice to those supporting the Pioneer Events Center.

For years, I have attended and worked at the county fair. Our county's events center is always well used. Now is the time for us to invest in the future of our county.

We are experiencing growth with new hotels, new shopping, new homes being built all over the county. These are welcome additions to a great place. But it is time to do more.

We will now vote to associate with St. Luke's of Boise in a regional health care merger and build a new Pioneer Events Center. Both are "defining moments" for Twin Falls City and County. Growth takes investment — our time and services as well as our tax money.

We need to support these worthy projects because they mean quality growth.

Our State Board of Directors will serve the county residents for many generations to come and will attract new opportunities to enter and see new things and, most importantly, to enhance our County Fair.

All good reasons to vote yes on the Pioneer Events Center. MICHAEL MCRIBDE Twin Falls

System must grow tougher on immigration

You should vote and know where every candidate stands

on immigration. Illegal immigration is what happens when the government ceases to be the business of the people and becomes the business of business.

In most cases, illegal immigrants are good human beings and are a big contributor to business profits, but in many cases, illegal immigrants are exploited and don't share the profits of their labor and threaten the U.S. citizens' employment standard as well.

Without the religion, rhetoric, Mexican flags, gerrymandering, Spanish names or Comrade Gutierrez,

A 90-day amnesty period will give for illegal immigrants to register with the U.S. government and to receive a functional legal identification card and temporary work permit.

The most important consideration in issuing any work permit will be how it affects the U.S. citizen who our politicians and the media seem to have forgotten.

After a 90-day grace period, the law would fine any employer who hires an illegal immigrant for the first offense and 90 days in jail for a second offense. Border security will become much easier.

Major U.S. employers would be required to sponsor their employees on work permits and abuses of in-kind payments, lack of health care, tax evasion, substandard housing, family social costs, repatriation costs, etc. would become the responsibility of the employer and taxpayer and dumped on the Idaho state and local governments or denied to the guest workers.

Citizenship amnesty is absolutely not an option for illegal immigration!

If you use amnesty, you could annex Mexico and within a short period, you would be flooded with millions of additional illegal immigrants from Central America, etc.

Farm or Magic Valley native, farm owner and taxpayer and have worked in two foreign countries under exactly these conditions. MAX D. HATHFIELD Dallas, Texas

Time and time again, the captors become the captives

The invasion of Iraq has turned into "The Invasion of Red Chief."

The famous short story by O. Henry, published in 1910, begins, "It looked like a good thing but wait till I tell you." The tale is about a couple of guys who have a hold, illicit scheme they assume will be easy, but it ends up backfiring. The idea, one confesses afterward, must have struck them "during a moment of temporary mental aberration."

Bill and Sam are fugitives, hiding in a small town in Alabama who kidnap a prominent citizen's child and ask for a ransom of \$1,500. But once he is held in a nearby cave, the freckle-faced, red-haired boy turns out to be such a terror as he happily plays a violent Indian named Red Chief — attacking Bill and Sam with rocks, kicks, rocks, bites, a knife, a slingshot and a hot boiled potato — that he breaks the kidnappers' spirit. The tormentors become the tormented, dragging the reluctant Red Chief back to his affluent father who refuses to take the problem child until Bill and Sam cough up \$250.

The story has spawned many movies using the same name, and inspired others, including the "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" in which Macaulay Culkin fights off a couple of hapless robbers, and "Ruthless People," in which



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an obnoxious rich wife played by Bette Midler is kidnapped by a sweet couple who have been swindled by her philandering husband. He wants Bette dead, so he refuses to pay her ransom, and Bette and her kidnappers team up against the scoundrel.

The ABC pilot "Let's Rob Mick Jagger" sounds like the same dynamic: a loser junior and pals plotting a heist on the pampered rock star's penthouse, but you know that the devilish Sir Mick will not turn out to be the sap.

Now see this classic plotline in the Middle East. The inept captors have become the captives. The country the administration precipitously grabbed and overconfidently took over has ended up trapping, draining, flummoxing and alarming the administration.

Sen. Joseph Biden and Leslie H. Gelb wrote an Op-Ed in *The New York Times* on Monday promoting the idea of "decentralizing" Iraq into three "ethno-religious" groups even though critics argue that this could

make it more likely that the Sunni section would become a haven for al-Qaida and the Shiite sector an Iranian satellite. Another respected retired lieutenant general, William Odom, has joined the toll-and-trouble chorus with a piece in *Foreign Policy* magazine headlined "Cut and Run? You Bet." He writes that withdrawing from "the big sand" will encourage the terrorists, but argues that "to our continued occupation of Iraq also encourages the killers — precisely because our invasion made Iraq safe for them."

He says: "Invading Iraq was not in the interests of the United States. It was in the interests of Iran and al-Qaida. For Iran, it avenged a grudge against Saddam for his invasion of the country in 1980. For al-Qaida, it made it easier to kill Americans." He concludes that "the war has paralyzed the United States in the world diplomatically and strategically."

The U.S. may be paralyzed, but its leader is peddling. The commander in chief, who could learn something about wily and resilient ways to adapt a war plan from Red Chief, spent a couple of hours Tuesday afternoon hiking and savoring the beautiful spring weather. When you're on the hook, play hooky.

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And in an interview in the new *Vanity Fair*, Todd Pundum asks Dick Cheney whether in his "darkest night" he has even "a little doubt" about the administration's course. "No," Vice says. "I think what we've done has been what needed to be done."

But even if they and their 33 percent unshakable base are still in denial, there's a growing consensus that their plot was hatched, as O. Henry put it, "during a moment of temporary mental aberration" and that we're the Middle East hostages now, to war and oil.

The Sunday graduation ceremony for nearly a thousand new Iraqi soldiers at a base near Baghdad turned into an ugly melee when dozens of Sunnis declared they would fight only in their home areas, another reflection of growing internecine bitterness.

The Washington Post reported last week that American troops in Hawija are growing more distrustful of their Iraqi counterparts, fearing that many soldiers they are training are cooperating with the enemy.

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The letters and publicity that has been in the news regarding Janet Basmussen and her alleged animal cruelty appall us.

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Janet's cattery is deluxe. She is up every morning at 5 a.m., seven days a week taking care of the cats. She even buys meat, cooks it for special diets for them. She treats these ani-

mals better than some people treat their children. Janet has been accused of animal cruelty to her cats. This is absolutely not true.

The Gestapo-like henchmen that came into her home with nooses and nets and captured the cats. Frightening them to death and snatched the mother cats away from their nursing babies, then had them put down. That is where the animal cruelty is. While this was happening, they managed to wreck some antiques, break furniture and broke glass in her kitchen.

Janet has been breeding and raising cats for quite sometime. This was her livelihood, now this has all been taken from her through no fault of her own. What a tragedy!

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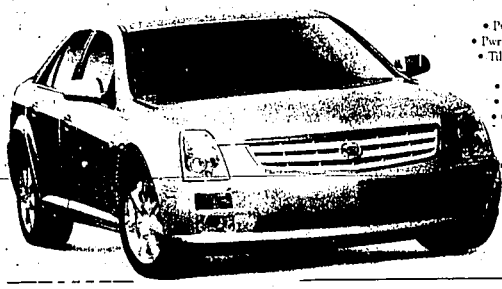
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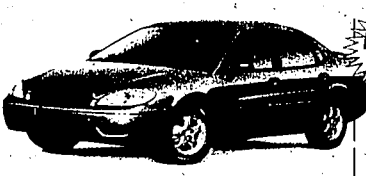


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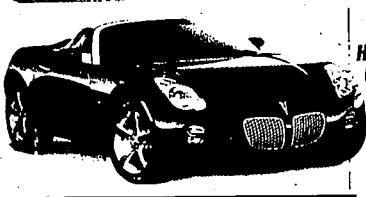


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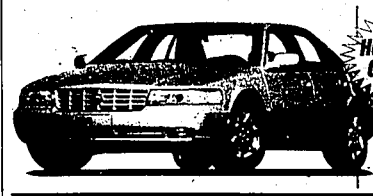


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May 5, 2006

SPORTS

Wildcats take invite

Filer relay teams dominate

By Nathaniel Garbrandt
Times-News writer

GOODING — The Annual Dairy-men's Invitational track meet Thursday afternoon at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind — one more afternoon to compete without the pressure of qualifying, one last opportunity to get into district form, one more meet for the Filer boys relay teams to tatchet up the intimidation factor before districts next week.

A 10-second margin of victory in the 4x100-meter relay ought to do the trick for the events-defending state champions, who clocked a 3:38.03.

"The recipe for success? Nothing mysterious."

"We're all fast," said Wildcats junior Casey Dabney. "We're going to try to take state in the 4x200, the 4x400 and even the 4x100. We feel good. We broke our school record in the 4x200 at the Milnic meet last Friday."

Dabney was a busy guy Thursday, running the second leg of the Wildcats' first place 4x100 relay, as well as taking first in the 400 and 200 meters to help his team towards a first place finish with 42 total points.

Lead up by dominant performances in the distance races, Gooding finished a close second with 78 points, Wendell took third with 70, while Glens Ferry rounded out the four-team meet with 33.

With such a small field, several of the competitions amounted to mental exercises for the more elite athletes present, competing against themselves with nobody to push them.

"It was alright," said Gooding's Tyler Pickens after the 3,200-meter race, which he won by over half a minute in a time of 10:44.8. "It was sort of hard to push myself, there wasn't anyone with me. But the other guys try too, so that was good. I was trying to get in the 10:30s. I haven't run that fast this year, but last year at state, I was down in the teens."

Among other big performers was Glens Ferry's Glenn Hance, who won the 110- and 300-meter hurdles as well as the long jump.

The Wildcats also took the girls team competition, amassing 94 total points, while Gooding finished in second with 80. Wendell totaled 41 for second, while Glens Ferry finished in fourth with 28.



Filer's Allison Ko leads the 100-meter hurdles race Thursday afternoon at the Dairyman's Track and Field Invitational in Gooding.

A pair of first place medals went to Wildcats senior Allison Ko, who took the triple jump with a distance of 31-feet-3 inches and the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 17.5 seconds.

"It was ok," said Ko. "It was perfect over the first six hurdles, so I'm kind of mad. I hit the two right before I started four stepping, so then I had to four-step the last one. It would have been good. I'll get it though. I just need to practice."

Ko also put in a solid race in the 300-meter hurdles, but the event went to Gooding sophomore Nicj Abranowski, who came from behind to take the win in a time of 47.8

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Bamburg leads the way at Jerome

By Brad Guire
Times-News writer

JEROME — Jennifer Bamburg has played softball for more years than she can remember. Though it may have started in a youth league, the Jerome senior catcher mostly learned from big sister Stephanie, also a Jerome varsity standout in the early part of the decade.

"My mom would take us out, and (Stephanie) would pitch, and I would catch for her," Bamburg said. "I was really young, and she was fast, so that's where I learned my catching."

It also got her a jump-start on facing varsity pitching, and playing catcher certainly helps a player know the strike zone inside and out.

"She would teach me how to hit," Bamburg said. "So a lot of times I was out there while she was pitching and that's where I learned how to bat."

For the regular season, Bamburg hit .636 and compiled seven doubles, three triples, 10 home runs and 37 RBIs. It's a performance similar to last year's, which carried her a spot in the Times-News all-area softball team (.636 with 10 home runs and 50 RBIs in 2005).

"She doesn't overwork. She just lets it happen," Jerome head coach Adam Reynolds said. "She doesn't chase any bad pitches."

"I would say it's just hand-eye coordination and getting the bat to the ball," she said. "It could also lead to a promising collegiate career. Bamburg is interested in playing for the College of Southern Idaho, and schools like Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.) and Albion College of Idaho are reportedly interested."

Ultimately, she wants to attend the University of Oregon, where she can play for the Ducks while studying psychology.

Stephanie had the misfortune of an ACL tear her senior year and didn't play past the high school level, which will make Jennifer the first to do so if she makes a team.

Reynolds said the transition should be an easy one.

"She's one of the best hitters I've ever seen," he said. "But for now, there's the district tournament to worry about and a shot at state."

"I hope we make state this year," Bamburg said. "We have a really good team, and I'm really proud of them."

If they do, make no mistake that Bamburg will lead the way.

"She's come a long ways about being a leader this year. Earlier in the season, she was afraid to say anything, when she started saying stuff and pulling the team together we started playing better," Reynolds said. "If she says something, people better listen."

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Article of the Week
Jennifer Bamburg

Relaxed CSI heads south

CSI, WNCC battle to host region tourney

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Apparently, the city of the situation hadn't sunk in yet.

Only two days removed from what will be the single-most important series of their 2006 baseball season, Boomer Walker's College of Southern Idaho and Western Nevada Community College are duking it out for their final home practice before taking off at 8 a.m. Thursday morning to bus southwest to Carson City, Nev., and Western Nevada Community College.

What everyone knows is awaiting the Golden Eagles is weekend of staggering implications. After all, these are the last four games of the season and the 36-14 Golden Eagles need at least three wins over the Scenic West Athletic Conference-leading Wildcats to clinch the right to host next week's Region 10 Tournament. This weekend also marks the second time in as many weeks that CSI will go up against another ranked team, as the Golden Eagles are tied in the latest national poll and the 33-15 Wildcats are 20th.

Eagle eyes

Today — No. 14 CSI (36-14, 25-9 SWAC) at No. 20 Western Nevada Community College (33-15, 27-8 SWAC), DH, John L. Harvey Field, Carson City, Nev., 2 p.m., MST.

On the horizon — The Golden Eagles and Wildcats meet tomorrow at 1 p.m., MDT for the final two regular-season games of the season. The region 10 Tournament begins next Wednesday.

On the radio — All games will be broadcast on 1270 AM KTRF. **Last time they met** — The Golden Eagles scored a two-game Friday sweep in Twin Falls before some lackluster Saturday play forced them to accept a split on the weekend.

CSI season leaders

Batting — Average: Ken Fuglerud .405; Jeff Vickers .327; Jordan Fuglerud .38; J. Vickers, Grant Kveder 27; RBI — J. Vickers 27; Runs: Daley, Mike Griffin 26; 2B: Fuglerud 19; J. Vickers 13; 3B: Fuglerud 3; Kyle Reaser, Kveder, Brad Moody, Alex Hancock 2; HR: J. Vickers, Moody, Griffin, Nik Guneson 2; Reaser, Daley, Hancock, Sean Pitts 1; SB — Fuglerud 15; Reaser 8; SLG — Fuglerud .558; J. Vickers .462; OBP — Fuglerud .479; Grant Vickers .429.

Pitching — Record: Todd Privett 8-2, 1.07 ERA (11 starts); Adam Urberg 7-3, 1.02 ERA (10 starts); SV — Jordan Latham 5; James Wallace 3; ERA — Tim Meeler 0.42 (2.1 IP); T. Privett 1.02 (61.2 IP); SO — T. Privett 87; Urberg 65. Opponent's average — T. Privett, Wallace .174; Nick Carr .193, CG — Urberg, Carr 3; Zak Privett 2.

With all that in mind, should Walker's team have been wound tighter than suspension-bridge support wire during Wednesday's practice? Well, not so much. "We've got our work cut out for us, but I don't think it's any different than any other week-in-the-fact that we're going in to the weekend expecting to win four games," Walker said. "You never go in thinking, 'Well, why don't we go and get two this time.' But to say I don't think about it is a lie. I think about it a lot. I'd really like to be back here in Twin Falls. With the crowd we had here last week and the weather, I think it would just be a great baseball environment."

While a four-game sweep would give the Eagles home-field advantage during the Region 10 Tournament and put their square-on their goal of a 40-win season, CSI seems to have the weekend in perspective. After all, it's still a wood bat, cowhide ball and leather glove. If CSI's done anything this season, they've shown that they're very good with each of those tools.

"I don't think there should be a lot of pressure," CSI starting pitcher Adam Urberg said. "We're going to go out and play and if we host we host. If we don't we don't. Second place is still good. Hopefully we can get it." Please see CSI, Page B2

Lawyer Ron sold Thursday

By Will Graves
Associated Press Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Lawyer Ron was sold Thursday but will race in the Kentucky Derby and thereafter in the blue and white silks of his late owner.

The executor of the late owner's estate said the horse sold for considerably more than the last Derby contender to be bought in the days before the race. War Emblem sold for \$900,000 less than four weeks before winning the 2002 Derby.

Ron Bamberger, the executor and the horse's namesake, said a partial interest in Lawyer Ron was sold to Our Legal Team LLC and Stonewall Stallions LLC based in Versailles. Both entities are owned by Audrey Haisfield.

Jim Hines Jr., the former owner, died nearly three months ago in Owensboro in what was ruled an accidental drowning.

Lawyer Ron, one of the favorites for the first leg of the Triple Crown, is the first Derby entry to come out of Hines Farm, which has about 70 horses in western Kentucky.

"It was a simple aspect of taking chips off the table," Bamberger said. "I did not do what Jim Hines would have done. Jim Hines would never, ever have sold one small percentage of this horse."

Lawyer Ron will continue to be trained by Bob Hollins and ridden by John McKea. When the colt retires, he will go to stud at Stonewall. "It's unbelievable," said Bert Welker, general manager at Stonewall. "We've been in nego-



Exercise rider Brad Moody takes Kentucky Derby hopeful Lawyer Ron, the track for a workout at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., on Wednesday.

itation with them. We didn't know if we'd be able to close before the Derby."

Laine Nunn, the oldest of Hines' six children, said while the family has grown attached to the horse since Hines' death, it was better to put the future of the horse in more experienced hands. The family eventually plans to dissolve Hines Farm. "It's sad in a way, but the reality is the best thing for us and the best thing for the horse is to have the horse professionals take over," Nunn said.

SPORTS

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IBAHIO FALLS — Highland shot a team total of 290 to beat Twin Falls by one stroke in a Region Four-five-six golf match on Thursday at the Pinecrest Golf Course.

Brandon Smith from Highland had the low score of 71 to capture the boys medal. Tyler Jones from Twin Falls and Brent Boyer from Highland tied for second with 72.

On the girls side, a team score of 343 won for the Twin Falls girls followed by Idaho Falls with 374. The Bruins placed four girls in the top five. The Bruins handi Fischer scored a 67 for the girls low score. Sadie Veat followed in second with 66. Hannah McNeely of Twin Falls tied for third with Ale Beck of Idaho Falls with a 67 and Abby McNeely of Twin Falls came in fourth with 68.

Results
IBAHIO FALLS
Twin Falls 290
Idaho Falls 374
IBAHIO FALLS
Twin Falls 343
Idaho Falls 374

Tennis
Wood River 7, Minico 5
RPHRHC — The host Minico Spartans lost in close tennis match to Wood River as the Wolverines won the Great Basin Conference West match 7-5 on Thursday.

On the girls side, Ad Herrera of Minico won her singles match by forfeit. Hadley DeBree and Ashley Pratt of Wood River won the other two girls singles matches. The Minico girls doubles teams were shut out by Wood River as they Stina and Kim Gardner and Alex Mallica and Tanya Greenwood notched wins for the Wolverines.

In mixed doubles, Wood River won both matches as the teams of Whitney DeBree and Cori Rutkowski and Lauren Lutz and Dixon Moscar claimed victories.

Minico (3-11-2) travels to Community School today.

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Twin Falls 290
Idaho Falls 374

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all four and host. That would be pretty nice with the fins packed in home. I'd be pretty cool."

Softball

Twin Falls 16, Minico 3, six innings

RPHRHC — Twin Falls moved to 17-5 for the season as the Bruins defeated Minico 16-3 in six innings in nonconference play on Thursday.

After the Bruins scored four first-inning runs, Minico came back in the bottom of the first and scored a pair of runs.

"Minico put together four of their five hits in the first inning score two runs," said Trent Falls coach Ken Johnson. "After that, Katelyn (Field) pretty much kept them off balance. Her changeup was her money play."

Field recorded four strikeouts and walked only one. She also helped her cause at the plate going 2-for-3. Junior first baseman Alicia Simon was 4-for-5 with a double and three RBIs and sophomore right fielder Sami Sponcher was 2-for-3 including a double for the Bruins.

Region Four-Five-Six.

No. 1 Minico plays No. 1 Jerome in the Class 4A District IV tournament at Jerome on Monday at 11 a.m.

No. 2 Twin Falls begins Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six tournament play against No. 3 Skyline in Pocatello on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Wood River 6, Burley 5, eight innings

HAILY — Leave it to Jamie Stone to come up big at the plate. With Vanessa Valente on base, Stone mailed a triple to score the winning run on error for the Wood River Wolverines' 6-5 Great Basin Conference West win over Burley in Haily on Thursday.

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Up to that point, it was a stalemate with each team scoring a few runs here and there.

Wood River pitcher Samantha Engle picked up 13 strikeouts and walked only three for the win. Burley pitcher Kandace Dalton recorded five strikeouts and walked two.

"Engle was on again," Martin said. "Kandace was throwing strikes, but not a lot of strikeouts. But the guys were behind her," he said of a Burley defense that only committed one error to Wood River's win.

The Wolverines are 10-7 (3-3) with the win and face Burley again on Monday in Jerome.

The Bobcats and Wolverines are tied for second seed in the district tournament.

Wood River 6, Burley 5, eight innings

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Idaho Falls 374

Track

Shoshone girls take Northside meet by point

CAREY — On a day of big finishes for the Shoshone girls track team, the most important finish may have been Kelli Astle's sixth-place run in the 400 meters. Astle, who swept through

the 3000-, 1600-, and 800-meter runs to continue her dominance of the distances, ran an extra race in Thursday's Magic Valley Northside Conference meet and picked up one team point in the sixth-place finish in the 400.

Impressive! Maybe not. But important! Surely as the Indians edged rival Richfield 115-114 by that one point, Shoshone's Katie Strunk finished first in the 100, 200, and high jump, and ran the anchor relay team. Strong finishes by Teresa Russell and Kori Biagiani were also important for the Indians.

On the boys side, the Camas County Mulsers and sprinter Ben McLain ran away with the team title, while Billy Joseph Huxhold and Jackson Bark had strong finishes. Mulsers thrower Ed Jewett swept the throws, while the Carey Panthers finished second in the team points race, despite lacking a first-place finish on the day.

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Late Wednesday Track

Raft River dominates conference meet

FILER — The Raft River Trojans continued their string of dominance over the area's Class 1A opposition as both the Trojans boys and girls finished first in team scoring during Wednesday's Magic Valley Conference track meet held at Filer High School.

The Trojan boys finished with 190.5 points, besting second-place Lighthouse Christian's 99 team points. Paden Baker swept the sprints and won the long jump to lead the Trojans, while the Lions reeled on their strong relay teams, to pile up the points.

The Trojan girls finished with 121 team points while Hagerman took second at 93. Raft River's Brittany Hansen finished first in the triple jump, the 400-meter dash, and the 200-meter dash to lead her team, while Pirates thrower Rebecca Hernandez won the discus and finished second in the shot put.

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Third base umpire Phil Cuzzi, left, signals Seattle Mariners left fielder Raul Ibanez out on Chicago White Sox third baseman Jose Crede (24) comes up with the fly ball hit Ibanez in the eighth inning of Thursday's game in Chicago. The Cubs beat the Mariners, 4-1.

Sox drop M's

CHICAGO (AP) — Jose Contreras won his 13th straight decision dating to last season and Jim Thome hit a three-run homer in the first inning to lead the Chicago White Sox past the Seattle Mariners 4-1 Thursday.

Contreras (5-4) pitched effectively into the eighth, becoming the American League's first five game winner. The first-place White Sox swept the two-game series and won their 10th consecutive home game, tying franchise record. They have won 19 of 23 overall. Seattle has lost three straight.

Royals 1, Twins 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Backup catcher Paul Bako's second-inning RBI single kept Kansas City from tying a dubious record achieved by the Royals and a 3-game road losing streak with a victory over Minnesota.

National League Brewers 7, Giants 4

MILWAUKEE — The San Francisco Giants are heading to Philadelphia for a series of fly balls still chasing the Babe.

Mets 6, Pirates 0

NEW YORK — Tom Glavine baffled the young Pittsburgh Pirates with a variety of off-speed pitches since Xavier Nady hit a three-run homer, leading New York.

Marlins 11, Nationals 3

WASHINGTON — A day after Major League Baseball picked a buyer for the Nationals and hours after the ceremonial groundbreaking for a new ballpark, Washington lost for the 10th time in 12 games.

Red Sox 7, Blue Jays 4

BOSTON — Matt Clement held Toronto to two hits over six innings and Kevin Youkilis had a two-run homer as Boston roughed up Josh Towers again and beat the Blue Jays.

Phillies 6, Braves 3

PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard drove in three runs with a solo homer and two sacrifice hits, helping Philadelphia win its fifth straight.

Astros 4, Cardinals 3

HOUSTON — Lance Berkman hit a two-run homer and Willy Turrentino had a go-ahead single to lead Houston over St. Louis' first complete game since Chris Carpenter.

Reds 7, Rockies 1

DENVER — Adam Dunn and Jason LaRue homered, and Aaron Harang pitched for the fifth straight time in Cincinnati's victory over Colorado.

Track

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seconds. "She's my best competitor," said Abramowski. "So it's nice to have somebody that I have to compete with. She's a good runner, there for a while — it was really struggling with it, but these last two days in practice I changed a few things and switched my feet in the blocks and it helped immensely."

Other girls highlights included winning heaves in the shot put and discus from Brianna Evans and first place finishes for Wendell freshman Jan Lancaster in the 100 meters and long jump.

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orado and Eastern Utah the last two weekends. I think we're a little more hands-tested late and maybe that'll go to our advantage."

CSI's pitching staff will have to contain WNCCL leadoff hitter Ryan Bonbrant. The slightly-built Bonbrant is the Wildcats' instigator and carries a team-high 312 hitting average into the weekend. Freshman first baseman Tim Miller is a bona fide dangerous RBI-machine. He's clubbed in three homers and 29 RBIs on the season. CSI should again rely on his advantage in the pitching department, but the Golden Eagles batters will need to come up with a lot more production than the three runs they put on the board in the two games they lost to the Wildcats.

"This weekend, I think everybody's going to come out

strong," Urnberg said. "Pitching, everybody's going to go out and pitch, and I think we'll be like it's going to be another good weekend."

Of course, under that veil of calm, these are still young men who love to play baseball. With their final exams over and the rest of the CSI student population ready for summer vacation, the Golden Eagles are 100-percent focused on baseball. Just how it's meant to be.

"I think we're pretty pumped up," Urnberg said. "I know I am. I can't wait. I just want to be Friday so I can go out and play."

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The way everyone in their mightiest racing thought could get further just brought in a straight man. Johnny Carson had Ed McMahon. Penn has Teller. For what remains of Derby week, trainer Bob Baller's sidekick will be none other than Bode Miller.



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Sixteen months ago, before the two ever met, Baller was so taken with Miller's pedal-to-the-metal skiing that he named his newborn son Bode. Along the backstretch of Derby week, someone asked the silver-haired comic whether he was having second thoughts, given Miller's spectacular flop at the Winter Olympics. "It was just telling Bode about that," Baller chuckled. "Friends of mine have been saying, 'Is it too late to change your son's name to Apollo?'"

Probably so. Besides, the kid already has "daredevil" written all over him, whether he ever puts a pair of skis down a mountain or not. Even as his dad was talking, 16-month-old Bode was standing on a low cinderblock wall nearby, laughing and diving into the arms of one of his father's friends. Miller didn't rate his name-sake's form. But then, he isn't planning to give the kid lessons. "Looks like he's got it under control," Miller said.

The hookup of a three-time, Deby-winning trainer and former World Cup champion-Olympic medalist is interesting on several levels. It's a mutual-admiration society moment of two men who think sacred cows are something you toss on a barbecue grill. Both are avid, but rank amateurs in each other's sport.

Baller has seen what his game looks like from the pinnacle and is desperate to get back there.

"The difference is that Baller gets another chance to climb the mountain Saturday, when he saddles a trio of well-regarded colts — Bob and John, Sinker Minister and Mint Determined, all 12-1 in the morning line. "I'll probably bet all three," Miller said. "I bet his horse last year. He was 50-1, and he told me not to put more than \$2 on it. "This year," he deadpanned, "he seems a bit more excited."

Avs, Ducks meet

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — If the wacky Western Conference, with all the favored teams at home in the first round of the playoffs, the Colorado Avalanche and Anaheim Mighty Ducks find themselves matched in a series with no clear favorite. "You look at it, when the top-seeded teams got beat in the first round, it creates excitement and opportunity," Anaheim coach Lindy Yurkiewicz said Thursday.

"Everybody is, 'Wow, Detroit lost,' and 'Wow, Dallas just won.' Now there are opportunities for other teams to go forward and all the teams that are left are trying to seize that." With Detroit, Dallas, Nashville and Calgary eliminated, Anaheim faces Colorado in the best-of-seven conference semifinals beginning Friday night in Anaheim. Even though they've seeded sixth, the Ducks get the home-ice advantage since the Avalanche is No. 7. The other West semifinal pits No. 5 San Jose against No. 11 Edmonton in a series that begins Sunday in San Jose. Anaheim defeated Calgary 3-

tears racing has seen. During that span, he won two thirds of the Triple Crown races: the Derby and Preakness with Silver Charm in 1997 and Best Quarter in 1998; the Preakness and Belmont Stakes with Point Given in 2001; and the Derby and Preakness a third time with War Emblem in 2002.

Two months later, Ahmed bin Salman, the Saudi prince who deposited Point Given and War Emblem on Baller's doorstep and was his principal client, died of a heart attack at age 43. What followed could best be described as the last years. Baller finishing 14th in the Derby in 2003 and then was forced to scratch Wimbledon, one of the pre-race favorites, on the eve of the 2004 Derby. Last year, Sort it Out finished 17th in the 20-horse field.

"When the prince died, I was like an expansion team," Baller said. "I had to start all over. They sold all those grand horses. That showed me up a little bit. "What got Baller going again, in part, was the birth of Bode. "I think our son came at the right time," his wife, Jill, said. "It wasn't so much that they were down times as I think he missed the joyous times. Bode gave him something to focus on that way."

Three months later, on the backstretch at Churchill Downs during Derby week, he reintroduced the Ballers and little Bode to the full-sized version. "They turned out to be kindred spirits."

"I think you have somebody who loves what they do and is not afraid to let people know that, you're going to have the odd issues. That's the way it is," Miller said. "It's very similar to me in that respect. I don't think they too bent out of shape."

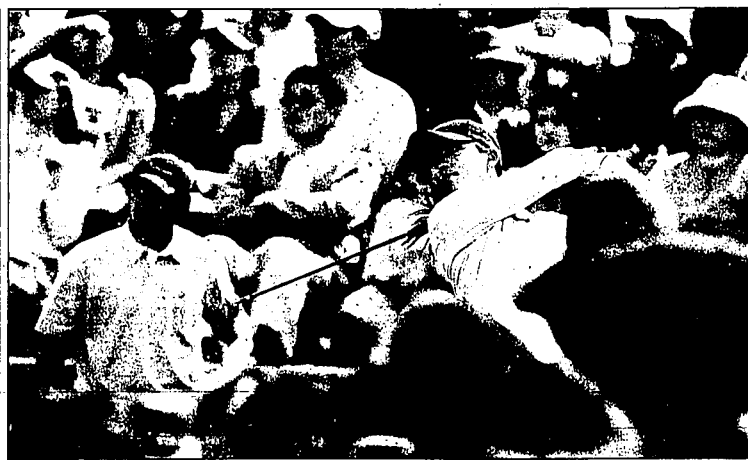
Not as long as there is a laugh track running in the background. And Thursday, as the chuckles rippled through a crowd outside Baller's stall, someone asked him where his finds fresh material. "I've had three years to work on it," Baller said.

A moment later, he added, "But there's never been a day when I told my wife, 'I don't want to go to the barn today.' It's a 7-to-8 o'clock job, like being a football coach. You've got to devote your life to it. I'm just lucky I got into something I like."

"There's a lesson in there somewhere for Baller's new sidekick, the same one being trumpeted in a commercial about the star Dwyane Wade: Get knocked down seven times, and if it matters enough, you'll get up eight. Apparently, the night man has been paying attention."

"You can tell when you hang around him," Miller said. "That he loves it."

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Michelle Wie watches her tee shot on the sixth hole during the first round of the US\$600,000 SK Telecom Open at Sky 72 Golf Club in Incheon, west of Seoul, South Korea on Thursday.

Wie contends in South Korea

INCHEON, South Korea (AP) — Playing in a country that regards her as one of its own, Michelle Wie is in position to make the cut in a men's tournament for the first time.

She showed a good touch on the greens Thursday in shooting a 2-under-par 70 that left her five strokes off the lead in the first round of the SK Telecom Open. "I felt like I played good and had," Wie said. "I felt like I made some putts where I had to and there are a couple of more days to go, so it will get better."

The 16-year-old star from Hawaii had four birdies and two bogeys in her eighth attempt at making it to the weekend in a men's tournament. Adam Le

Vescente of Australia led after a 65 in the Asian tour event. "Wie, whose parents were born in South Korea, finished third in March at the Kraft Nabisco Championship, the first LPGA major."

"If she makes the cut after Friday on the 16th it will be a really big deal and on the par-5 10th," Wie said. "So it was just kind of bad luck on the chips, but I felt like I putted very well coming back."

Wie had the first of her two bogeys when her tee shot on the par-17th nestled beside a rake, which had to be removed. Her approach shot sent the ball rolling down a hill and into a water hazard. Her penalty drop was placed on the slope and she chipped within 2 feet to salvage bogey.

at No. 10 and made three more birdies, including two after the turn on Nos. 1 and 2. She said she could have had a better score but her approach shots failed her.

"I just got really bad lies, like on the 16th I had a really bad lie and on the par-5 10th," Wie said. "So it was just kind of bad luck on the chips, but I felt like I putted very well coming back." Wie had the first of her two bogeys when her tee shot on the par-17th nestled beside a rake, which had to be removed. Her approach shot sent the ball rolling down a hill and into a water hazard. Her penalty drop was placed on the slope and she chipped within 2 feet to salvage bogey.

Wie hit into a bunker on the par-5 sixth hole, then watched her 15-foot putt roll to the lip of the cup before it ran out of steam, drawing sighs from the gallery.

This is Wie's first visit as a pro to South Korea. She played as an amateur in South Korea in 2003 in the LPGA CJ Nine Bridges tournament, finishing last in the 69-player field. Her background has won her many fans in this country. They often call her by her Korean name — Wie Sung-mi.

Before the tournament, Wie said she was puzzled by her popularity in these parts. "Maybe because I hit the ball far?" she said. "Or maybe because I am tall? I don't know."

Wachovia Championship starts without Woods

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — It was the kind of day Tiger Woods would have enjoyed. A round of golf on a traditional, tree-lined course that firmed up as the day went on, with conditions similar to a major championship.

Local players, including former U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk and rookie Bill Haas, shared the lead after the first round Thursday of the Wachovia Championship. All finishing with 4-under 68, Woods wasn't there, having already decided to skip the tournament for the first time in three years to be with his father, Earl, who died of cancer on Wednesday.

"It's obviously mentally very strong, and I think he got that from his dad," Justin Rose said. "I'll cope, but it's not easy." Rose should know. His father, Ken, died from cancer in 2002 at age 57, and he had been a very big part of his son's development. Ken Rose occasionally caddied for Justin during the early stages of his career.

"Obviously, I was as close to my dad as he is to his, so I know exactly how hard it'll be for him right now," Rose said. "The difference was, obviously, how it comes with being the No. 1 player in the world."

Rose had a 70 and is tied for eighth at Quail Hollow, a favorite course of the players since the event's inception three years ago. The main draw is the course, which opened in 1981 and has featured improvements over the years from Arnold Palmer and famed designer Tom Fazio.

"Sure, there are the Mercedes-Benz courtesy cars and other perks such as lunch served on the range, but the layout draws the most eyes." "It gives you a U.S. Open kind of feel, with the greens firm and fast, and you really have to pay attention," said Billy Andrade, among three players tied for fifth after a 69. "This is the kind of setup I like, the kind of setup I usually play well on."

South Africans Trevor Hurrell and Rory Sabbatini also finished with 68s, while Masters



Phil Mickelson hits from a sand trap on the 17th hole during the first round of the Wachovia Championship at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., Thursday.

champion Phil Mickelson, defending champ Vijay Singh and Ernie Els all had 71s. Singh defeated Furyk and Sergio Garcia in a playoff last year. Els is making his first appearance at Quail Hollow.

Stanford, Bäder share 1-stroke lead at 7-under

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — Angela Stanford and Beth Bäder each shot 7-under 65 Thursday and shared a one-stroke lead over Grace Park after the first round of the Franklin American Mortgage Championship. Stanford tied her career-low round and could have had the lead to herself if not for a lone bogey with eight birdies. Bäder carded five birdies and an eagle as both took advantage of perfect scoring conditions with soft greens at the Vanderbilt Legends Club. Park, overcoming a back li-

jury that kept her winless in 2005, nearly made it a three-way tie atop the leaderboard. She missed a 3-foot par putt for her only bogey and finished with a 66.

Karrie Webb, Laura Diaz, Lorena Ochoa and Cristie Kerr all took advantage of the morning tee times and shot 67s. Only Young Kim, Patricia Meunier-Laboue and Minea Blomqvist shot as low as 67 from the afternoon groups in a rare rain-free day this event.

Sheri Turner led a group of five at 68. Defending champion Stacy Hammansworth shot a 70. Stanford, whose lone victory came in 2003 at the ShopRite LPGA Classic, missed the cut here last year in a bad combination of playing with a new caddy in the pairing run. She had been playing well enough this year, missing only two cuts and tying for 11th at the Fields Open in February.

Only one bad shot kept her from missing the cut at the Kraft Nabisco Championship in March.

But Stanford had been working on her swing to straighten out her ball flight. The changes really clicked Thursday with her lowest round since 2004 as she hit her irons and wedges very well, leaving her with birdie putts between 3 and 8 feet with the longest a 10-footer on the par-4 No. 13.

"I think I'm feeling more comfortable and confident in what I'm doing," Stanford said. "That allows me to just swing at it. When you're first learning something, you don't always buy into it. I'm starting to buy it more solid."

Her only problem was the bogey on the par-4, 499-yard No. 9, hitting a 6-iron from 153 yards out onto the back of the green before hitting a poor chip and putt.

Heat finish Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal dominated, Dwyane Wade played well despite a bruised left hip and the Miami Heat never trailed in elimination of the feisty Chicago Bulls 113-96 on Thursday night.

The second-seeded Heat won the best-of-seven series 4-2 and will meet the third-seeded New Jersey Nets in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

O'Neal had 30 points and 20 rebounds while staying out of foul trouble as Miami won its first playoff series against the Bulls and its first postseason game in Chicago. O'Neal was 13-of-24 from the field.

Wade scored 23 points, and although he spent more time on the bench than usual, he was 7-of-12 from the field, including 2-of-3 on 3-pointers.

Wade injured his hip late in the first half of Game 5 on Tuesday when he landed awkwardly after having his layup blocked by Michael Sweetney. He was injected with a painkiller at halftime, returned midway thru the second quarter and scored 15 of his game-high 28 points to lead the Heat to a 92-78 victory.

James Posey scored 18 points for the Heat on Thursday, while Udonis Haslem added 17 points and 14 rebounds.

Chicago's Kirk Hinrich and Ben Gordon scored 23 and 21 points, respectively, after shooting a combined 6-for-29 in Game 5. Andres Nocioni

added 20 points. After shooting just under 35 percent in Game 5, the Bulls missed 11 of their first 12 shots Thursday and finished 31-of-75 (41 percent). They were 10-for-30 on 3-pointers.

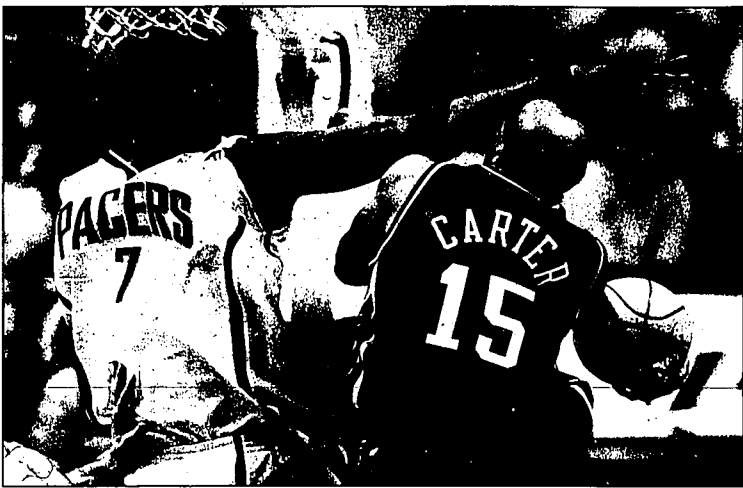
The Heat finished 38-of-77 from the field, including 11-of-25 on 3s.

Trailing 64-48 early in the third quarter, the Bulls scored seven straight points, capped by Nocioni's transition basket that brought the crowd to its feet. But after a timeout, O'Neal went 1-of-2 from the line and jammed in a miss by Wade to make it 67-55.

The Bulls pulled within 97-88 on Gordon's three-point play with 4:51 left, but Haslem converted a three-point play after a miss by Posey at the shot-clock buzzer, and then hit a jumper. A steal and layup by Posey made it a 16-point game. O'Neal punctuated things with a dunk that made it 106-88 with 3:05 left.

The Heat went 6-of-9 in post-season games in Chicago and had lost three previous playoff series against the Bulls. Nothing about this series was easy.

Haslem tossed his mouthpiece toward an official in Game 3 and served a one-game suspension. Posey knocked down Hinrich in Game 3 and was suspended for Game 4. O'Neal couldn't avoid foul trouble in the first five games and got fined \$25,000 after criticizing the officiating in Game 3. And teammates Gary Payton and Wade exchanged words near the end of the first half of Game 4.



New Jersey Nets guard Vince Carter, right, gets around the block of Indiana Pacers forward Jermaine O'Neal as he shoots during the third quarter of NBA playoff basketball action in Indianapolis on Thursday. The Nets defeated the Pacers, 96-90, to win the series.

McClaren hired to succeed Ericksson

LONDON (AP) — Steve McClaren was hired as the next coach of England's national soccer coach team on Thursday and shrugged off suggestions that he was far from the first choice.

While The Football Association's chief executive offered Luiz Felipe Scolari the job a week ago, McClaren declared himself the proudest man in England as he started preparing to take over from Sven-Goran Eriksson on Aug. 1.

"The FA had to pick the best man for the job and I believe they have," he told reporters after signing a four-year contract which takes him through the 2008 European Championship and the 2010 World Cup.

McClaren only became the favorite in the recent days following three months of speculation that the FA had been choosing more prominent candidates, a group that was thought to include Scolari, Australia and PSV Eindhoven coach Guus Hittink and former Chicago Celtic manager Martin O'Neill.

"I always felt I was in the process, and that's how it turned out," McClaren said. "I've been very comfortable with the process and very comfortable, as you can imagine, with the outcome."

FA chief executive Brian Barwick told skeptical reporters that McClaren had been his No. 1 choice all along and had been the unanimous selection of the three-man search panel and the FA board.

Barwick said he met three times with Scolari.

"There were potential devel-

opments," he said. "He then declared he had no interest in the job. We never offered him the job. My first choice was always Steve Scolari. That might be difficult for people to get their heads around."

McClaren, currently Middlesbrough manager, has been Ericksson's assistant for five years. England's first game after he takes over is an exhibition against European champion Greece on Aug. 16.

"This is the biggest honor that any coach can have, and is obviously the highlight of my career," he said. "It's a massive challenge and one that I welcome."

Ericksson, a Swede who is the first foreigner to coach England, announced this year he would leave after the World Cup, two years before the end of his contract.

"I'm obviously very pleased for Steve, but also for me. England, land team," Erickson said. "I have worked closely with Steve ever since I came to England and know how good a coach he is. He is well-liked and well-respected by the players and staff. I have no doubt that he has all the credentials to be very successful in the job and wish him all the best."

McClaren, who also served as Alex Ferguson's assistant at Manchester United for two years, guided Middlesbrough to Wembley Wednesday's UEFA Cup final against Sevilla. It's the first European final for the club.

"I have hugely enjoyed my time at Middlesbrough and am very grateful to the club," McClaren said. "However, this was an opportunity I couldn't refuse."

Browns trade Dilfer

SANITA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers acquired a "proven" backup quarterback for Alex Smith, getting Trent Dilfer from the Cleveland Browns on Thursday in a trade for quarterback Ken Dorsey and an undisclosed 2007 draft pick.

Dilfer, who won a Super Bowl with Baltimore in 2001, will give the 49ers depth behind Smith, who struggled as a rookie last season after being the No. 1 overall pick in the 2005 draft.

"Trent was a player we had interest in last season," 49ers coach Mike Nolan said in a statement. "We were looking for a veteran quarterback with experience that could help mentor Alex Smith. Trent fits the bill on both counts and we are excited to have him with the 49ers."

Dilfer signed a four-year deal with the Browns last year after

stints with the Baltimore Ravens and Seattle Seahawks. He went 4-7 as a Browns starter before losing the job to rookie Charlie Frye. Dilfer completed 59.8 percent of his passes last season for 2,321 yards, with 11 touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

"Trent Dilfer played an important role in the making over of our football team last year," Browns general manager Phil Savage said in a statement. "At this point, to add Ken Dorsey and to give Trent the opportunity to go back home to California is a win-win for all parties."

Dilfer, who played in college at Fresno State, has started 107 career games, throwing for 106 touchdowns and 117 interceptions. He made the Pro Bowl with Tampa Bay in 1997 after passing for 2,555 yards and 21 touchdowns.

Nets eliminate Pacers

Johnson's 40 points not enough

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The New Jersey Nets overcame Anthony Johnson's 40-point effort to beat the Indiana Pacers 96-90 on Thursday night and advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Richard Jefferson scored 30 points and Vince Carter added 24 for the Nets, who won the best-of-seven series 4-2. Jason Kidd approached a triple-double with eight points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds.

Jermaine O'Neal scored 21 points for the Pacers, who

played without Peja Stojakovic for the fourth time in the series because of a sore right knee. The team's second-leading scorer in the regular season, Stojakovic played in Indiana's only two wins in the series.

The Nets will play the winner of the Chicago-Miami series in the second round.

Every time it looked like New Jersey might pull away, Johnson, a former Net, had an answer. He scored the first 12 points of the fourth quarter for Indiana, then Austin Croshere dunked and O'Neal followed with a basket to cut New Jersey's lead to 87-85 with 3:25 left.

Nenad Krstic scored and drew O'Neal's fifth foul with 2:30 left. Krstic converted the three-point play to bump New Jersey's lead to 90-85.

O'Neal scored again to cut

the deficit to 90-87, but Carter blew by him for a layup with 1:07 left, knowing O'Neal wouldn't risk a sixth foul, to give the Nets a 92-87 lead.

Johnson hit a 3-pointer with 57 seconds left to make it 92-90, and after a miss by Carter, Indiana had a chance to tie the Johnson missed in close and O'Neal got the rebound, but Jefferson blocked his putback.

New Jersey worked time off the clock and the Pacers fouled Krstic with 14 seconds left. He made both free throws for a 94-90 lead. Johnson then missed a 3-pointer and Jefferson made two free throws.

New Jersey outbounded the Pacers 44-30.

The Pacers shot 61 percent in the first quarter to take a 26-21 lead. Johnson scored 12 points in the period while drawing

fouls from both Carter and Kidd on baskets.

Carter shot 1-for-6 in the first quarter but fueled a second-quarter comeback. He scored the last eight points of the half as New Jersey tied the score 41-41.

Kidd missed all five of his field goal attempts in the first half, several of them badly, while struggling to guard Johnson. Jefferson picked up the slack by scoring 14 points.

Kidd made two 3-pointers early in the third quarter to give New Jersey a 49-45 lead, then Carter and Jefferson combined for 17 points in a 19-11 run that gave the Nets a 68-56 lead.

Danny Granger hit two 3-pointers late in the quarter to help the Pacers cut New Jersey's lead to 73-69 heading into the final quarter.

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Gold (May)	\$674.2 ▲ 8.3

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Workshop to focus on marketing

TWIN FALLS — An all-day workshop at the College of Southern Idaho will help participants explore and discover the marketing strategies that will work for their business. The workshop, sponsored by the Idaho Small Business Development Center, will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 6 in Room C33 of the Evergreen building. Cost is \$15 cost per person, which includes lunch and all materials. For information or to register, contact Sherry Rust at 732-0455 or at srust@csi.edu.

Personal income report was too high

WASHINGTON — The Commerce Department said Thursday it made a mistake in calculating Americans' personal income in March. Income went up, though not as much as the government had said.

Personal income, which includes government payments as well as wages, rose by 0.5 percent in March from the previous month, the department's Bureau of Economic Analysis now says. On Monday, the government put the increase at 0.8 percent.

The mistake involved the treatment of payments related to a new Medicare prescription drug plan. The payments had the effect of boosting overall income for March and should not have been included in the March report.

Micron says SEC signs off on Lexar vote

BOISE — Micron Technology Inc., a computer chip maker that plans to buy Lexar Media Inc., said Tuesday the Securities and Exchange Commission has signed off on the proposed transaction next month.

The vote is slated for June 2. The SEC has signed off on the prospectus for the transaction that will be sent to Lexar shareholders.

Micron, the No. 4 maker of computer memory chips, is based in Boise, while Lexar, which makes flash memory devices, is in Fremont, Calif.

Funds granted for avian flu vaccines

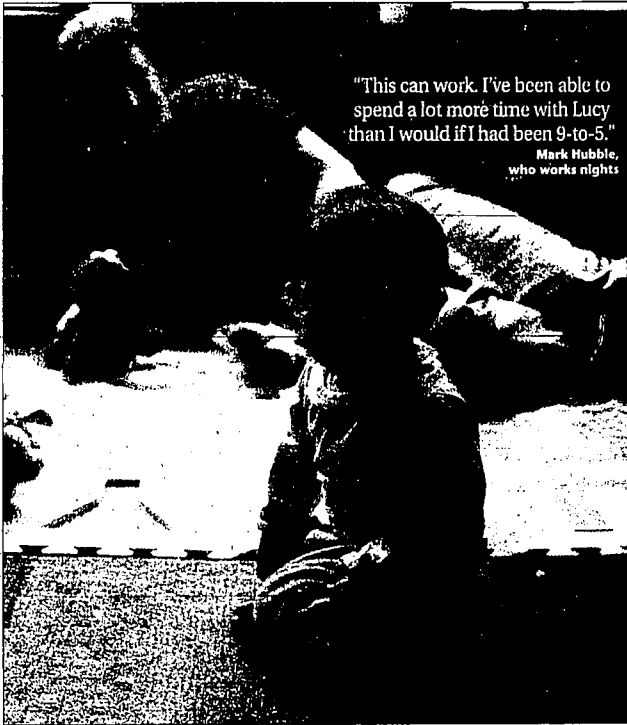
WASHINGTON — The federal government on Thursday awarded more than \$1 billion to five drug manufacturers to develop technology for speedier mass production of vaccines in the event of a pandemic.

The funding comes from the \$3.6 billion that Congress approved last year. The federal government says its goal is to be able to distribute a vaccine to every American within six months of a pandemic. Currently, flu vaccines are produced in specialized chicken eggs, but that technique does not allow mass vaccinations.

"We have the opportunity to be the first generation that prepares for pandemic," said Mike Zavattini, secretary for the Department of Health and Human Services.

— compiled from wire and staff reports

Heading to the dark side



Mark Hubble, 43, and Lucy Hubble, 11 months, share some quality time on a Saturday at their apartment in Brooklyn, New York. Lucy will turn one May 9.

The benefits of those night, overnight and weekend shifts

By Sheila Norman-Culp
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The young and ambitious used to be told "Go west, young man." Now it could be "go weekend."

Odd shifts — weekends, nights and overnights — are no longer limited to police, firefighters, medical workers and a handful of other jobs. As the U.S. economy becomes increasingly connected to the global one, and as workers seek new ways to cope with the demands of education, child care and career advancement, a whole new generation is taking a look at the dark side.

"Best thing about it is grocery shopping on Tuesday instead of Saturday," joked Margy Schilling, a nurse at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson, N.J., who has worked odd shifts for more than 20 years.

Unusual working hours can offer serious benefits, especially for hard-working twenty-somethings and for parents.

"Young people want to sleep until 2 p.m. anyway," said Schilling, a mother of three.

"When the kids were in school, they went to school and I went to bed. When they got out, I was getting up. I didn't miss much of their lives."

Nearly 22 million Americans — about 10 percent of those with jobs — work nights and weekends, according to 2004 figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Men worked alternative shifts more than women, and blacks were more like-

ly to work odd hours than whites, Hispanics or Asians. People with part-time jobs worked more nights or weekends than those with full-time jobs.

Some occupations require more alternative shifts than others. Half of those working full-time in the security field (police, firefighters, guards) worked nights, overnights and weekends, along with 40 percent of the food industry and 38 percent of tourism-related jobs, according to the labor bureau.

"If you work at a hotel, you know that hospitality is a 24-7 job. You are going to have to work some work nights and weekends," said Kendra Walker, spokeswoman for the Hilton family of hotels, which employs about 50,000 workers in more than 2,300 U.S. hotels.

"Most people on the night shift have requested it for one reason or another," she added, citing students who need to take daytime classes, people working several jobs or parents with child care issues.

Employees also may opt for night or weekend shifts because they want to work at a certain hotel where no day jobs are open, she said.

And working unusual hours can allow "new employees to bring their skills up to speed as they gain some seniority."

Night shift experience is essential to advance in some job categories, such as front desk employees and security experts, she said.

Other industries that rely heavily on alternative shifts include transportation, shipping, mining, utilities, health care

and journalism. And don't forget creative deadline types: Video game programmers, graphic artists and advertising whiz-kids are famous for pulling more overnights than the college crowd.

Even traditional employers like law firms and banks may have graveyard shifts for support workers.

Mark Hubble, 43, works a 12.5-hour overnight shift, three days a week in Manhattan editing documents for Davis, Polk & Wardwell, an international law firm.

The father of a 1-year-old girl, Hubble is... among many new parents seeking more quality time with their kids.

"This can work," he said. "I've been able to spend a lot more time with Lucy than I would if I had been 9-to-5."

And the arrangement saves money. He hasn't had to pay yet for child care, even though his wife, Marnie, works part-time.

Delta flight attendant Lesley Larson has worked odd shifts for 18 years, but really began to appreciate the option when her daughter was born four years ago.

"I try to limit the time my daughter has to spend at a baby sitter," she explained.

"I mostly work around my husband's somewhat normal schedule.

Other young parents plan on checking out the night shift as soon as they can muster the chaos of their day. Gina Caroddo, a freelance writer in Brooklyn with a 3-month-old son, often used to work late into the night on any meeting deadlines.

"I would love to work nights," she said. "A happy parent will be a better parent, and if that means working, then you should do it."

Security a concern for Web banking

By Bob Kirkpatrick
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Caveat emptor — let the buyer beware — is a long-standing principle applied to commerce that means without a warranty, the buyer takes a risk. This principle not only applies to a physical transaction, but also to Internet transactions on unsecured Web sites.

"That was the message delivered Thursday to more than 40 Twin Falls business professionals at the Business on the Internet luncheon at the White House on Blue Lakes Boulevard, sponsored by Zions Bank. "Internet technology is a balancing act between good and bad users," said Lee Carter, president of Internet banking for Zions Bank. "It's a two-way street. People using the Internet need to take responsibility to make sure they never respond to an e-mail from a bank or any business that asks for personal or financial information, such as a bank account number, Social Security number, a PIN number from a debit card, a home phone number or home address."

He said the bank should already have that information.

Carter said Internet users also should use a personal firewall, update their virus protection software and remember to change their passwords often to protect themselves from identity theft.

Carter said he takes Internet security very seriously, especially when it comes to online banking.

"Bad things can happen online," Carter said. "But people can minimize the risks if they utilize secure Web sites."

He said most illegal activities come from offline perpetrators. "Ninety percent of all fraud and identity theft cases are not related to online banking," Carter said. "It is easier to get someone's personal information from utility bills in their mailboxes."

Carter advises Internet users who receive suspicious e-mail requests for financial information or believe their account security has been breached, to contact their Internet banking representative immediately.

Times-News writer Bob Kirkpatrick can be reached at 735-3376 or by e-mail at bkirkpatrick@magicalvalley.com.

Security tips

- Use secure sites when shopping or banking online
- Never respond to an e-mail asking for personal login information
- Never give out your Social Security number
- Use a personal firewall
- Use the most current operating system
- Use up-to-date virus protection software
- Change your password often

Source: Lee Carter, president of Internet banking for Zions Bank

Child labor declining worldwide for first time

By Peter Muello
Associated Press writer

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil —

Taina Moraes cut siala to make rope, a tough job for a 7-year-old. But U.N.-backed programs helped her family plant crops and buy goats — and in doing so got Taina out of the factory and into school.

"In the beginning I didn't know how to read. But my teacher kept pushing me, and now reading is my life," Taina, now 15, said from Valente, 800 miles northeast of Rio.

Taina is being touted as a success story by the International Labor Organization, which announced Thursday that the number of children at work worldwide is declining for the first time.

The number of laborers

under age 12 fell by 11 percent between 2000 and 2004, from 246 million to 218 million, the Geneva-based ILO said.

"The end of child labor is within our reach," the group's director-general, Juan Somavia, said in a report. "We can end its worst forms in a decade."

The most dramatic decline has been in Latin America and the Caribbean, where the number of working children has fallen by two-thirds in four years, the ILO said. Just 5 percent of youths in the region are in the work force.

The number of working Brazilian children ages 5-9 fell by 61 percent between 1992 and 2004, and the larger number of working children 10-17 fell by 36 percent.

Globally, the biggest prob-

lem stems from the agricultural industry, in which seven out of 10 child laborers work, the ILO said.

Child labor also has fallen in Asia and the Pacific, but the region still has some 122 million workers between the ages of 5 and 14, the most of any region. And the ILO said the number in Asia could rise again because of December 2004 tsunami and the October 2005 earthquake in Pakistan.

Sub-Saharan Africa, where poverty, high population growth and the AIDS epidemic have hampered efforts to curb child labor, has the highest proportion of working children in the world, with nearly 50 million — one in every four children, the ILO said.



Marcela da Silva, 9, juggles times between cars at a traffic light to receive tips from drivers in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Thursday. The International Labor Organization announced Thursday that the number of children at work around the world is declining for the first time.

MONEY

Microsoft unveils ad system to rival Google, Yahoo

By Elise Ackerman Knight Rider News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — For more than five years, Google has been hailed as king of Internet search and ruler of the universe of keyword advertising...

The new software could be crucial to Microsoft's efforts to expand into new markets and compete with the world's No. 1 software company.

Yahoo in 2003, and its contract with Microsoft comes to an end in next month.

All search queries and is widely perceived to return more relevant results. The Mountain View, Calif., company ranked in \$6.1 billion in Internet ad sales in 2005, nearly half of the \$12.5 billion in total spending.

Bolivia gas takeover sets familiar scene

By Steven Mufson The Washington Post

A new government in Bolivia, anxious to win public support, charges the big foreign oil companies with fraud and accuses them of taking the oil fields.

ties that follow the same path as that of every other country with many foreign companies and economists. The signal it sends is that no foreign investment is safe here.

in-Ho-De-Janero-Brasil, this week, is not only a political statement there is no economic viability of investing any additional money in Bolivia.

Total has low exposure in this country," said Patricia Maria, a spokeswoman for Total SA in Paris. She noted that Total's net production in Bolivia amounts to less than 1 percent of the group's output.

Helped out by Easter, April retail sales sizzle

By Angela Moore Knight Rider News Service

NEW YORK — U.S. consumers filled up Easter baskets and shopped for spring clothing in April, helping the nation's largest retailers to report better than expected sales on Thursday.

consumers will be able to keep up the momentum in the months ahead as big-box retailers ripple through the economy.

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CATLE

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SOYBEANS

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Closed, Change. Includes markets like Soybeans and other legumes.

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Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Closed, Change. Includes markets like Wheat, Soybeans, and other agricultural products.

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Web sites specialize in music swapping

By Richard J. Dalton Jr., Newbury

Years after the crackdown on online music sharing, the practice is gaining enthusiasts once again. In this time, many of the lawyers are saying that it's legal. A handful of recently launched Web sites are connecting people who want to trade physical copies of their CDs and DVDs — even books, video games and more.

The services are legal, because the trading sites require users to send originals, not copies — a practice essentially no different from a second-hand bookstore, most lawyers interviewed said. "Since the first of the year, three trading sites — ZunaFish, SwitchDisks and LaLa — have launched in the fall, two others already debuted: Peerflix and BarterBe." "More than a million people visited Peerflix last month up from just 100,000 in February, according to ComScore Networks, which tracks online visits.

Participants on the trading sites list items they're willing to part with and obtain licenses from other members for as little as a \$1 transaction fee — or, in some cases, for free. The sites have no monthly subscription, but they require users to pay shipping costs. The services make money in a variety of ways: transaction fees, advertising, commissions, the sale of new items, premium memberships and the sale of credits that members can use to obtain items.

which drew millions of people in the last year, started with Napster, which allowed people to keep their digital songs while sending copies to others. That led to a crackdown by the music industry and a shutdown of Napster in 2001.

Legitimate online music stores then popped up, including iTunes and Amazon, but those are versions of Napster, which they generally grant non-transferable rights to the music, said Nicholas Reville, co-founder of Dawnhill Barter, a nonprofit group based in Worcester, Mass., that supports music sharing.

Trading physical CDs is a new alternative to online music stores because holders of CDs have full ownership rights, a privilege "the content companies are not trying to gradually strip away," Reville said. "The trading sites tout themselves as alternatives to eBay or DVD mall friends, but they're not like Myspace. We're looking for the best alternative to have a social experience on the site."

Although executives of the sharing sites say they would immediately terminate the accounts of users who send and receive copyrighted music, Reville said he knows if someone has retained copies of the songs on their computer hard drives or iPods, they're supporting their original work. "I have no control over it."

When people began copying LPs and tapes using audiotape recorders, he said, some stores began renting music to customers, who could copy it.

Peerflix, SwitchDisks and LaLa are just some of the many trading sites that have emerged in the past few years. Each site has its own unique features and user base. Some focus on specific genres or types of media, while others are more general. The sites often have strict rules and guidelines to ensure that users are trading legal items and that the trading process is secure.

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YOUR WEEKEND



Sounds familiar

- What: Comic Impressionist Rich Little will do two shows a night in Jackpot.
- Where: Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
- When: Today and Saturday, 8 and 10 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, are available by calling (800) 821-1103.

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

'God's first'

- What: The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Robert Bolt's drama "A Man for All Seasons."
- Where: 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 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets also are available by calling 735-6788.

Cinco at CSI

- What: Students of the College of Southern Idaho's Latinos Unidos club will sponsor a Cinco De Mayo Fiesta.
- Where: Fine Arts Center and Student Union Building, CSI campus, Twin Falls.
- When: Today, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Folkloric dancers and mariachi music by Mariachi Michoacan will be presented at the CSI Fine Arts Center. An authentic Mexican dinner will be held at the CSI Student Union Building. Children will be invited to help break pinatas and there will be a jalapeno-eating contest. Afterward, Alicia Garcia, a Boise State University professor, will give a presentation on the significance of Cinco de Mayo.
- How much: Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students, and \$3 for children ages 5 to 10. Children age 4 and under and the first 150 CSI students are free. The price includes dinner and a drink. Tickets are available in the CSI multicultural or student activities offices and at the door.



Ribbeting stuff

- What: Company of Fools will present Robert and Willie Reag's comedy "A Year with Frog and Toad"
- Where: Liberty Theater, Hilly.
- 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.

Remembering when

- When: Gooding County will celebrate Founders Day with a variety of activities.
- Where: Various sites around Gooding.
- When: Saturday. An arts and crafts show is planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Building, 906 Main St., followed by a parade starting at 11 a.m. in the parking lot of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind and ending at the railroad tracks.
- Following the parade, there will be a car and military vehicle show.
- How much: Most activities are free.

Unidentified man rescues boy from river

By Renee Wells
For the Times-News

BURLEY — A tragedy was averted when an unidentified man jumped into the Snake River on Wednesday afternoon and pulled a 12-year-old boy from the water near Lex Kanuu Park.

The boy had gone into the river about 50 feet on some kind of raft, said Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens. "He must have got scared, because he apparently jumped off the raft and tried to get back to shore," Hignens said. Because of the cold temper-

ature of the water and the strong current, the boy was floundering and calling for help. "A man jumped into the river and helped the boy get back to shore before emergency responders arrived." Another person had a boat and was trying to get it into

the water to help, but the pair made it back to shore without help, Hignens said. "We didn't get the man's name, but I'm certain he was a very important factor in the youngster getting out of the river alive," Hignens said. "People need to realize that the water is running very high

and swift right now, even though it doesn't look that way. The river is also still extremely cold and a person's judgment and ability to swim can quickly be gone." Officers said the boy, who also was not identified, was not harmed.

Big trouble in little Fairfield



Sheriff's officers from several counties sweep each room in their first high-risk entry drill at Fairfield K-12. Gooding County School Resource Officer Ron Geer, right, leads the squad into the next room.

Hostage drill prepares officers for future

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

FAIRFIELD — Beneath their desks, ninth-graders clutch the nearest body. Above them black-armored men stampeed, shouting commands and stabbing the air with their guns. It was the second of two SWAT lockdown drills on Wednesday at Fairfield K-12. The first began with a flash-bomb to distract the hostage-takers with noise and light. The second time, the squad caught them off-balance by entering through opposite doors while the male suspect pointed his gun only at the hallway door.

Between drills, the female suspect — played by a ninth-grader — paces around a classroom full of students, throwing glances at the door as if at any moment it would come unlatched. "I'm

scared. I don't want to get, like, thrown on the ground by the sheriff," she jokes nervously.

The 17 students rattle, swing open beneath their desks and begin clutching. All but the suspects who, disoriented, swing around in confusion. Into the classroom the sheriff's men splay with the sunlight, shoulders curved around black guns, barking "Sheriff! — o.s. Show me your hands!"

"How many shooters?" one asks without taking his eyes off the boy at the end of his rifle.

One, by one, the unit uncradles the students, who come limply to their feet as they are counted off like cattle and rushed into the hall.



Gooding County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Jerry Piarco sweeps the gymnasium at Fairfield K-12 in a mock drill to clear the school of attackers.

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Cinco de Mayo fiestas abound in Magic Valley

Today

- Jerome High School, 104 Tiger Drive N., 1:45 to 3 p.m. in the auditorium. Students will sing and dance. Visitors should check in at front office.
- St. Edward's Catholic Church, 152 Seventh Ave. E., authentic Mexican dinner, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults 13 and up; \$5 for children 6 to 12; free for children 5 and under. Proceeds benefit La Posada Ministry and Sister Rose Mary.
- College of Southern Idaho, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Folkloric dancers and mariachi music by Mariachi Michoacan will be presented at the Fine Arts Center. An authentic Mexican dinner will be served at the Student Union Building. Children will be invited to help break pinatas and there will be a jalapeno-eating contest. Afterward, Alicia Garcia, a Boise State University professor, will give a presentation on Cinco de Mayo. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for students, and \$3 for children ages 5 to 10. Children age 4 and under and the first 150 CSI students are free.

What Is Cinco de Mayo?

The holiday marks a "David vs. Goliath" victory of the Mexican Army over the better-equipped French at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. The French eventually defeated the Mexican Army, but the battle came to symbolize Mexican unity and patriotism.

Cinco de Mayo often is wrongly equated with Mexican Independence. That holiday is Sept. 16.

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on a much larger scale than in Mexico.

Source: <http://latinoassnet.ucsl.edu/cinco>

May 14

• A combined Mother's Day/Cinco de Mayo celebration will be from 12:30 to 8 p.m. in City Park in Twin Falls. It will include live music, dancing, food booths.

Jerome man dies on U.S. 93

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

JEROME — Less than an hour before sunset Wednesday a Jerome man driving a silver Grand Marquis drifted across the center line of U.S. Highway 93 and collided with a milk truck, reported the Idaho State Police.

Loren Town, 82, died at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center from injuries caused by the accident. A second driver suffered no major injuries.

According to police, Town was headed south at mile

marker 65 when witnesses say he failed to react as he drifted into oncoming traffic. Town's car collided with the front corner of a Glanbia milk truck driven by Richard Thiemann, 55, of Gooding.

Town's vehicle "spun around and stopped on the right shoulder close to the point of impact," said Idaho State Trooper Jesse Avery.

Thiemann's truck traveled 200 feet before it came to rest in a burrow pit. The truck then caught on fire and all but the trailer burned, reported the police.

"The whole cab of the truck

burned," said Avery. "What you had left was the frame and engine and the exhaust stack."

Town was still conscious when he was removed from his car. He, like Thiemann, appeared to have been wearing a seat belt.

Thiemann was escorted from the crash by Glanbia employees, said Avery, with no major complications. Three separate agencies were called in to conduct traffic.

Avery, who is investigating the accident, reported that alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the 7:50 p.m. crash.

Gooding to celebrate Founders Day

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Out with the old and in with the new?

Not for Dean and Judge Gooding, who are planning on celebrating the centennial of the historic Gooding Hotel Bed and Breakfast on Main Street with an open house Saturday.

"The new section of the hotel is 100 years old," said Judge. "The original section was built some 125 years ago."

Both the hotel and town are steeped in history and the city's founder, Frank Gooding,

was Dean's great-uncle and original owner of the building, she said.

In a history compiled by the decedent nephew, the hotel was "situated by the tracks for the purpose of providing sleeping rooms to those who had just gotten off the train."

Investors and residents kept coming by train to the city after Gooding sold the hotel to William and Nina Kelly in 1906.

"After several failed businesses, they had success with Kelly's Hotel — as it was then

Saturday highlights

10 a.m. — 2 p.m. — Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind centennial history display in the Round Building

11 a.m. — Founders Day Parade will travel north through town along Main Street. Following the parade — Gooding County Historical Society bake sale with arts and craft show, Accelerated Learning Center, 906 Main Street

4 p.m. — 4 p.m. Centennial open house at the historic Gooding Hotel Bed and Breakfast

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Loren 'Bud' Town



JEROME — Loren "Bud" Town, 82, died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, as the result of an auto accident. Bud was born March 15, 1924, in Cashmere, Wash., to Hilton and Helen Town. After finishing school, he joined the United States Navy. He attended Refrigeration Trade School in Yakima, Wash., and in 1944, he married Dorothy McLaughlin in Cashmere and five children, Vernon, Glenn, Colleen, David and Floyd were born to their union. Bud and Dorothy made their home in Rockford, Ill., where he was an owner in Miller Engineering. In 1972, Bud and Dorothy moved to Idaho, ID, where he and his son, David, started Town Refrigeration. Following Dorothy's death in 1979, Bud married and married Carol Cuhler in June 1980. They continued to reside in Idaho after Bud's retirement—in 1986—in

1992, a dream of living on a golf course came true when they moved to Jerome. They spent nineteen winters in Hemet, CA, where Bud made many good friends. Bud's love of golf was legendary, and he also enjoyed hunting and fishing. Even though his children lived from

coast to coast, he made sure that he kept in touch with each of them weekly.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Dorothy; three brothers, Bill, Ray, Vern; and one granddaughter, Emily. He is survived by his children, Vernon (Jackie) Town, Glenn (Nancy) Town, Colleen (Kurt) Freidenauer, David (Debbie) Town and Floyd (Holly) Town; eight grandchildren, Jason, Angie, Lindsey, David, Terry, Ben, Brian and Alison; four stepchildren, Kari, Nyal, Lucy and Leah Pedersen; and one stepgrandson, Christopher.

A celebration of Bud's life will take place at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at Park's Magic Funeral Home 2551 Kimberly Road in Irwin Falls.

The family suggests that remembrances be made to your favorite charity in Bud's memory.

Ada 'Jane' McGee



BUHL — Ada "Jane" McGee, 76, of Buhl, died Wednesday morning, May 3, 2006, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. Ada Jane McGee was born on April 3, 1930, to Charles and Blanche Butler at Washington, D.C. She later moved to California and married Robert McGee in 1954. She had three children, Phyllis Marie Scherer, Charles Scherer of Spring Creek, Nev., Patricia Dianne Radtke (L.R. Radtke) of Kelzer, Ore., and Robert Michael McGee, Jr. of Fortuna, Calif. She later separated from her husband in the 1960s. She moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in the early '80s and later moved to Buhl, Wash., before finally settling in Buhl, Idaho, in 1993. She worked part time for the city department, library, police department and a private office before her health would no longer allow.

Jane was preceded in death by both of her parents and her beloved great-granddaughter, Vanessa Renee McManus. She is survived by all of her children and their spouses, her grandsons, Jonathan Terrence McManus (2 of Fillen), Kristo-

pher Robert Radtke (13 of Kelzer, Ore.); her granddaughter, Jennifer Lynne Patterson (24 of Shoshone, Idaho) and her spouse, David E. Patterson Jr. (26 of Shoshone, Idaho); as well as her great-grandchildren, Brock David Patterson (3 of Shoshone); Madison Renee McManus (2 of Fillen) and Bryce Terrence Patterson (7 months of Shoshone).

Jane was a very generous and loved person who made many friends and will be missed by all.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 6, 2006, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1631 Poplar St. in Buhl, Idaho, with Father Boniface Lautz celebrating. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Service and cremation will be under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Wilda Mae Fischer



KIMBERLY — Wilda Mae Fischer, 77, of Kimberly, passed away Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Wilda was born Dec. 16, 1928, in Aurora, Neb., the daughter of Homer and Mary Matthews. She moved with her family to Twin Falls between the ages of 7 and 8. She continued her education in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School with the class of 1947. She worked for Fidelity Bank in Twin Falls, Crocker Bank in Walnut Creek, Calif., and returned to finish out her banking career at Twin Falls Bank in Twin Falls.

Wilda was a volunteer and member of the East End Providers, Kimberly Pioneer Club and the Kimberly Nazarene Church. She loved to travel and work outside in her flowers and garden. She was a loving grandma to all children. She was a wonderful friend, sister and mother to everyone who knew her and will be missed by all. Her faith in the Lord was evident in everything she did, and we take comfort in the fact that she is home with her savior.



The funeral will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 8, 2006, at the Kimberly Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Mike Seaward officiating. Burial will follow the services at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." The family suggests memorials be given to the East End Providers or the Kimberly Church of the Nazarene. We love you and will miss you!

Robert Lee Clayton



JEROME — Robert Lee Clayton, 91, of Jerome and formerly of Buhl, passed away May 2, 2006, with his granddaughters at his side. Lee was born Oct. 6, 1914, in Kingston, Ark., to Jacob and Clara Clayton. He married Estelle Elizabeth Ellison on March 30, 1932, in Fayetteville, Ark. Lee and Estelle moved to Castleford, Idaho, in 1934. They had two children, a girl, Barbara (Clayton) Childress, and a son, Robert Gene Clayton. In 1937, they moved to Buhl, where he built his own business, Clayton and Son Trucking. In 1995, they decided to Jerome to be near their son.

After his son's death in 2005, he resided at St. Benedict's Long Term Nursing Home where he made many new friends and received exceptional loving care. Lee enjoyed fishing with

his grandkids, making clocks and making jewelry from stones he would find in Arizona, Idaho and many other places that he and his family visited. Lee is survived by one grand-

son, Terry (Kym) Clayton of Medford, Ore.; five granddaughters, Melody (John) Cameron of Twin Falls, Idaho, Diane (Marvin) Olson of Caldwell, Idaho, Denise (Mike) Koch of Gooding, Idaho, Diana (Aaron) Bennett of Dayton, Wash., and Debbie (Ivo) Grippo of Arizona; sister-in-law, Betty Wilkins of Irwin Falls, Idaho; 13 great-grandchildren; and 23 great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Estelle; Clayton; daughter, Barbara (Clayton) Childress; son, Robert Gene Clayton; and grandson Robert Gene Clayton.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 6, 2006, at the Buhl First Christian Church (Broadway and Poplar). Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

DEATH NOTICES

Della Harmon

RICHFIELD — Della Harmon, 56, of Richfield, died Monday, May 1, 2006, of injuries sustained in an auto accident near Jerome.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, May 8, 2006, at the Jerome LDS Stake Center on North Tiger Drive, with Bishop Charlie Tree conducting. Friends may call to sign the register book from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 2006, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Ashley Hill

JEROME — Ashley Hill, 13, of Jerome, died Monday, May 1, 2006, of injuries sustained in an auto accident near Jerome.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, May 8, 2006, at the Jerome LDS Stake Center on North Tiger Drive, with Bishop Charlie Tree conducting. Friends may call to sign the register book from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 2006, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Thelma Esther Thompson

PRINEVILLE, Ore. — Thelma Estelle (Lattimer) Thompson, 93, of Prineville, Ore., and formerly of the Magic Valley area, died Sunday, April 30, 2006, at her home.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Prineville. Viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at the Prineville Funeral Home, with Bishop Curtis Workman conducting. Memorial arrangements may be made in her honor to Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice, 1201 NE Elm St., Prineville, OR 97754.

Diane Kay Owsley

HAGERMAN — Diane Kay Owsley, 43, of Hagerman, died Thursday, May 4, 2006, at her residence. Arrangements pending and will be announced by Demany Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Geraldine Searle

BURLEY — Geraldine Fay Larson Searle, 85, of Burley, died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Margaret J. Weaver

MERIDIAN — Margaret J. Weaver, 95, of Meridian and formerly of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at Beehive Homes in Meridian. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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Mary Leona Rogers

JEROME — On May 2, 2006, Mary Leona Rogers passed away to her Heavenly Father at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center after a short illness.

Leona was born on March 8, 1927, the third of seven children (Russell, Vera, Leona, Dick, Shirley, Bill and Jerry) to Wilbur and Lageta Vee Berkenmeier in Russell, Kan. They moved to the Eden-Hazelton area, where a certain young man riding a horse, The soon got married and that union lasted for over 63 years when Claude passed away only a few weeks ago.

Leona loved to cook and make others happy. She loved to fish, and when she did, she usually put to shame the "expert fishermen" with her. She was a voracious reader and was very well-versed in the scriptures. She was the catalyst by which she will remember "the duck" to bring people to Christ. In her



younger days, she helped teach the teenagers who found that she believed in forgiveness, not condemnation. She was known as "ducky" or "the duck" because of short little legs. There are people pushing 60 years old who still remember "the duck" for the influence she had on

their spiritual lives. Above all things, she and Claude built a home where others could feel safe. She would give to anyone who she saw in need, and if her kids were hurt, no matter how many hundreds of miles it may have been, she was there. She was a lifelong member of the

Church of Christ.

She and Claude were married on Nov 11, 1942, and they kept those vows until death parted them for a short while. They are now reunited in Paradise. They had three children, James (Gayle) Rogers, Brenda (Tom) Olson and Greg (Peggy) Rogers. She was predeceased by her husband, Claude; her parents; one son, James Rogers; three brothers, Russell, Dick and Bill; and two sisters, Vera and Shirley. Her sole surviving brother is Jerry Berkenmeier from Longview, Wash.

Her memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 8, 2006, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," with her son, Greg, presiding.

The family suggests memorials be given to the American Cancer Society, in care of Hazel Wilder, 359 Orchard Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

SERVICES

Ethel Horn of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Hove-lobertson Funeral Chapel; visitation from 9 to 10 a.m. today at the mortuary.

Loretta Martha Goodwin of Ontario, Ont., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Lienkaemper Funeral Chapel in Ontario, Ont.)

Pfc. Jacob Hamilton Allcott of Caldwell, funeral at 1:30 p.m. today at the Caldwell-Slake Center, 3015 S. Kimball Ave. in Caldwell; family and friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. today at the church (D'kanan Funeral Chapel in Caldwell).

Corrine Swower of Twin Falls, memorial service Saturday; call (208) 421-0175 for details.

Floyd Donald Schwab of Eden, family memorial service at 9 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; memorial service for friends and family at 1 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion facility, 447 Seastrom St. (off South Eastland).

Jacquelin "Jackie" Eldora Ferrenburg of Anchorage, Alaska, and formerly of Wendell, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Finger-man Christian Center, 2750 S. 900 E.

Oma B. Tibbett Eddy of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E.; friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

Patrick Dean Lindsey of Bellevue, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Bellevue Community Church (Wood River Chapel of Hailey).

Lyle A. Merritt of Vancouver, Wash., and formerly of Jerome, graveside service at noon Saturday at the Jerome Cemetery on West Avenue I (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Gladys Tripple Compton of Buhl, graveside service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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

Louise B. Johnson of Twin Falls, celebration to honor her life and her birthday at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Heritage Retirement Center in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Richard Marvin Hawkins of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, gathering for friends and family at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Relyea Funeral Chapel, 318

N. Latah in Boise.

Ruby Bohrn of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary.

Dorothy Maye Perkins of Puyallup, Wash., and formerly

of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Cemetery; viewing from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Norma Jean Bradshaw Thomas of Kimberly, memorial service at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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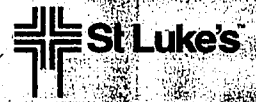
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Drill

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When Ron Geer, Gooding County school superintendent, called, he suggested bringing the squad's tactical training drill to the school. Principal J.T. Stroder was all for it.

"So were the parents of the ninth-grade class. The ninth-graders, however, were jubilant. When Stroder asked who in the class wanted to play, he had gotten everybody raised a hand, he said.

"We're going to develop some policies for emergency

situations," said Stroder. "We practice fire drills once a month, but not other kinds of emergencies."

The team's membership draws from four county sheriff's offices: Lincoln, Jerome, Gooding and Carma. In a real emergency, it would take the full team no less than one hour to converge and be prepared to act at the scene.

The members who live closer may arrive much sooner, and ultimately it falls to them whether to wait for the team and come up with a plan or go on their own.

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Idaho collected \$112 million more in revenue in April than expected, and the state's general fund has about \$137 million more than projected for the current fiscal year.

The preliminary numbers released by the Idaho Tax Commission show total revenue in April was 462.7 million.

Of the \$112 million above expectations, \$92 million came from individual income tax, and another \$12 million from corporate income tax.

Mike Ferguson, chief econo-

mist in the governor's office, said that some of the extra revenue came from a significant increase in capital gains related to real estate transactions, as well as equity market gains.

He also said the Tax Commission was seeing large payments from retirees with no withholdings.

He added that the increase in retirement-related filing payments has to do with new arrivals to Idaho.

"To some degree that's driven by real estate," he told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "So far, the state has collected

just over \$2 billion for the fiscal year that ends June 30.

Mike Journe, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's spokesman, said the state had collected only \$25 million more than expected through March, and that April's high numbers could be simply unusual and should not be counted on to continue.

That's why the governor wants to be cautious about this," he said. "You don't want unrealistic expectations that this will continue."

If there is extra money, some lawmakers are already consid-

ering how it might be used.

Rep. Frank Henderson, R-Post Falls, sits on the state's budgeting committee.

"I think it's an opportunity for some conservative thinking," he said. "We should be thinking about how to use it to the financial benefit of the source of the revenue — the public."

He suggested any extra money be used for property tax relief.

A petition drive to get an initiative on the November ballot to limit property tax increases to 1 percent recently failed.

Gooding

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called," the report noted. "As the railroad brought more and more investors and residents to this south central Idaho town, the Kellys took the opportunity to increase the size of the building with the addition of the brick portion, nearly tripling its square footage.

"When the town was originally founded in 1908 the place was renamed the Gooding Hotel.

Gooding wasn't incorporated until 1910, said City Clerk Carmen Kersen, and no city centennial events have been planned just yet.

"With two new councilmen the centennial hasn't been discussed recently," said Kersen. After the expansion of the hotel, not much is known of its history. It was purchased by Elsa (Douger) Freeman in the 1980s, who saved the building from being razed.

Freeman spent the next decade renovating the historic hotel and ran it as both a bed and breakfast and youth hostel.

Once again the hotel belongs to the Gooding family, who continue to renovate and improve the building.

"We have added a wedding chapel indoors and host tea parties and other functions," Gooding said. "My husband and I are always doing something — the hotel is a continual work in progress."

The parade is invited to the event for tidbits of history and birthday cake, hours of the bed and breakfast will also be open. Along with the hotel given houses, the Gooding County Historical Society has slated Saturday for its annual Founders Day celebration.

The day will be celebrated with an 11 a.m. parade along Main Street. "The parade is honoring all military and we are hoping to have about 70 regional World War II vehicles showing," said Sharon Cheney, president of the Gooding County Historical Society. The parade will also include vintage automobiles.

Following the parade the society will be holding a bake sale at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center located at 906 Main Street.

The money will be used for a new building for the society, Cheney said. "There will also be an arts and crafts show so there will be lots for people to come and do."

"Hair Koch lives in Buhi. She can be reached by e-mail at hairk@buhimail.com or by calling 316-2607.

Decision could hurt town buying options

BOISE (AP) — Officials with the Association of Idaho Cities are concerned that wording in a recent Idaho Supreme Court decision could limit the flexibility of some government agencies in purchasing equipment.

In April, the court rejected Boise's plan to go into debt to build a parking garage at its airport. But in the wording of the ruling, the court said long-term debt must be decided by voters except when there is an "immediate or emergency" need.

The association's attorney, Jerry Mason, is asking the court for permission to argue that the wording be changed "to minimize or eliminate the adverse consequences that the ... decision will have on everyday municipal affairs."

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NATION

Lawmakers: U.S. must help sick nuclear workers

By Nancy Zuckerbrod
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — House lawmakers who represent sick nuclear weapons workers said Thursday that the government should step up its efforts to compensate them.

"These nuclear weapons workers served America well, and honor demands that we be well served in return," said Rep. Mark Udall, D-Colo.

"You sense the urgency from all the claimants," Rep. Tom Udall, D-N.M., said of the workers and their families. Many of the workers, or their surviving spouses, are elderly.

Both Udalls, who are cousins, joined Rep. Zach Wamp, R-

Tenn., and Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., in testifying before a House Judiciary subcommittee on the compensation program.

Wamp, whose district includes facilities in Oak Ridge, Tenn., said he has received complaints about the length of time it takes for claims to be processed. He also said some claimants have had trouble getting information from the agencies involved.

"Our nation's nuclear workers and their families deserve fair and timely compensation for work-related illnesses," Wamp said.

The hearing was the second in a series examining the compensation program, which was created by Congress in 2000.

Workers exposed to cancer-causing radiation or benzylidene and silica — which cause lung diseases — get a lump sum payment of \$150,000 plus medical benefits.

The Labor Department estimates it has paid out more than \$1 billion in straight compensation, not including medical payments, under the program. Most of the workers are at Energy Department facilities in Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Washington.

Wamp defended Oak Ridge Associated Universities, the government contractor helping to administer the program. Critics say the Tennessee-based

company has failed to police conflicts of interest among its staff.

For example, some contractor employees who are writing reports about the nuclear facilities were responsible for monitoring radiation there over the years. Some also served as expert witnesses for the government during the period in which the government fought compensation claims.

Bush celebrates Cinco de Mayo early

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush pushed for immigration legislation on the eve of the Mexican holiday Cinco de Mayo.



President Bush laughs with Latin entertainer Grechla Beltran as he asks her to sing one more song as they take part in a Cinco de Mayo celebration, Thursday in the East Room at the White House in Washington.

U.S. may have noticed this celebration is not on the Cinco de Mayo, Bush said about the holiday which celebrates Mexican troops' defeat of a French army on May 5, 1852. "It's on the Contru de Mayo, it's such an important holiday we thought we would start early."

While Latina singer Graciela Beltran got the loudest applause, the guests attending the East Room event cheered Bush's words about immigration — a contentious issue that has triggered large street demonstrations and produced divisions in both political parties.

"Our nation does not have to choose between being a compassionate society and a lawful society," he said. "A lawful society is one that enforces its laws and enforces its border."

Bush generally favors plans to give millions of illegal immigrants a chance at U.S. citizenship without leaving the country, but he has tempered his support because of opposition from conservative House Republicans. He sup-

ports strengthening U.S. borders, but also wants a guest worker program to let immigrants work for American businesses.

"I think we need to create a secure and legal channel for people to come to this country to work," he said. "I'll reduce the number of people trying to sneak across our border. It'll treat people humanely. It'll get rid of the coyotes and the document forgers."

Bush also reassured his belief that immigrants should learn English. When "Nuestro Himno," a Spanish version of the national anthem, debuted recently, Bush said people who want to be U.S. citizens ought to learn to learn to sing the national anthem in English.

"Becoming an American is a great privilege and it carries responsibilities with it," he said. "Those who come here to start new lives in our country have a responsibility to understand what America is about and a responsibility to learn the English language so they can better understand our national character and participate fully in American life."

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Bill to formally recognize Native Hawaiians criticized

HONOLULU (AP) — Supporters of legislation to grant Native Hawaiians their own government say a federal report criticizing the measure as discriminatory was biased and ignored the island's colonial history.

A draft report pending before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights concludes that the bill would "discriminate on the basis of race or national origin, and further subdivide the American people into discrete subgroups accorded varying degree of privilege."

The report also said the bill would support programs administered by the state Office of Hawaiian Affairs that could be found unconstitutional.

In a statement, Sen. Daniel Akaka, the bill's sponsor, said commissioners didn't see the view of island historians and

failed to take into account other legislation Congress has passed to help Hawaiians. The commission is a federal advisory board on civil rights issues.

The Akaka bill would recognize Native Hawaiians under federal law in the same way it recognizes American Indians and Alaska Natives. It has been written for six years, in part because of lawmakers' concerns it may lead to attempts by Hawaii to secede from the union.

Charles Keolu Howell Maxwell, a former chairman and long-time member of a state group set up to work with the federal commission, said the report was filled with misinformation. He said adoption of the Akaka bill would be in line with more than 150 laws passed by Congress, including the 1920 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, a homesteading program.



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Expert: Lay's holdings showed confidence

HOUSTON (AP) — The fraud and conspiracy trial of Enron Corp. founder Kenneth Lay and former Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling is winding down, with one more week of testimony on the horizon.

The defense teams aim to rest their case Monday or Tuesday, followed by what prosecutors said would be up to 10 rebuttal witnesses. Then jurors are to begin deliberations May 17 after hearing a dozen hours of closing arguments.

Jurors who haven't missed a day in the marathon trial that began when the panel was chosen Jan. 30 uttered a collective "Awwww" in sarcastic disappointment when U.S. District Judge Sim Lake told them scheduling problems prevented other witnesses from testifying Thursday afternoon.

"I am confident that we will conclude next Thursday," he told the panel regarding the testimony phase, and then released jurors early.

Former Enron Chief Accounting Officer Richard Causey, who was bound for trial alongside Lay and Skilling until he broke ranks and pleaded guilty to securities fraud three days after Christmas, will testify for either the government or the defense, lawyers on both sides said Thursday.

The government wasn't expected to call Causey to testify, but his plea on the eve of trial, prosecutors didn't have years to meet repeatedly with



Enron founder Kenneth Lay is escorted by Houston police officers to the courthouse for day 52 of his fraud and conspiracy trial Thursday in Houston.

him to find out what he knew about goings-on at Enron like they did with the eight ex-Enron executives who testified against Lay and Skilling as part of plea deals.

But Causey was on the defense witness list, and remained a possible witness for Lay and Skilling until the defense confirmed Thursday he was off its radar as well.

Causey is slated to be sentenced in August.

Lake denied Thursday a request from Lay's legal team to delay starting the ex-chair-

man's bank fraud bench trial until May 22 — the week after deliberations in the conspiracy case are expected to begin.

Lake was unsympathetic to the Lay team's request for more time to prepare, noting that they have known for months that the non-jury bank fraud case would be tried quickly after jurors in the conspiracy case began deliberations.

"These are not complicated charges," the judge said.

Lay's bank fraud case involves his personal banking. Prosecutors in that case allege

he obtained \$75 million in loans from three banks and then reneged on an agreement with the lenders that he would use the money to carry or buy margin stock.

The banking case was originally part of the conspiracy indictment, but Lake in 2004 answered Lay's request to be tried entirely separately from Skilling by severing only the banking charges from the conspiracy case. The banking case's Enron connection is that the \$75 million in loans were collateralized by Lay's company stock. Those

lenders issued the margin calls he said prompted him to tap the company for cash and repay the energy giant with Enron shares.

In testimony Thursday, an economics expert testified that Lay's nearly exclusive reliance on Enron in his stock portfolio reflected his confidence in the company he founded.

He had an extreme lack of diversity," said Christopher Barry, chairman of the finance department at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, describing Lay's portfolio that by early 2001 was 90 percent Enron.

Prosecutor Robb Adkins suggested that Barry's information came only from documents provided by Lay's defense team and that the professor also should have consulted Enron's "former employee victims" who relied on Lay's guidance and information. At an employee meeting in late October 2001, Lay insisted the company was strong.

Two months later, it filed for bankruptcy protection.

Barry criticized the "employee-victims" characterization.

"I have talked with former Enron employees, at least one, but not specifics about employee meetings," he said under cross-examination.

Skilling faces 28 counts of fraud, conspiracy, insider trading and lying to auditors, while Lay faces six counts of fraud and conspiracy.

New study confirms autism in U.S. is widespread

Los Angeles Times

The first national survey of autism incidence confirms the widely held belief that the debilitating disorder has become widespread, affecting an estimated 300,000 U.S. schoolchildren — about one in every 175.

The new estimates contrast sharply with estimates of one in 2,000 children that were commonly used only two decades ago, and there has been controversy about whether the higher prevalence reflects a

slightly increased rate of the disorder, better detection or even over-diagnosis by doctors.

Autism and its related developmental disorders "are an urgent public health issue that affect the lives of many, many families," Dr. Jose Cordero of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday in releasing the new figures. "The cost is in the billions of dollars."

The new results are not surprising, said Dr. Melissa Nishiwala, an autism specialist at the New York University

School of Medicine.

"These numbers, are not so different from the one in 156 that has been in use for a long time," she said, adding that they are also comparable to those produced in a recent large British study.

The new study, reported Thursday in the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, does not address either the causes of autism or trends in incidence.

Instead, it is "simply a snapshot of the world at a given

point of time, 2003 and 2004," said Cordero, who is director of CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities.

Autism is a severe developmental disorder in which children seem isolated from the world around them. There is a broad spectrum of symptoms, marked by poor language skills and an inability to handle social relations. No cure exists, but many problems can be alleviated with intensive behavioral therapy.

Some autism advocacy groups have argued that the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine, and the use of mercury as a preservative in a variety of childhood vaccines are responsible for the growing number of cases. But most studies have failed to confirm such a link and the cause of the increase remains a mystery.

Boys were four times as likely as girls to have the disorder, according to the CDC report. The overall numbers included both black and white children.

Research pilot Bruce A. Peterson dies at 72

By Dennis McLeelan Los Angeles Times



This NASA photo shows Bruce A. Peterson, a test pilot who flew the wingless 'lifting body' vehicles that led to the development of the space shuttle.

Bruce A. Peterson, the survivor of a spectacular crash of a wingless research aircraft on a dry beach in 1967, got wings being introduced to the real "Six Million Dollar Man."

The former NASA research pilot and engineer who died Monday at 72 of natural causes at his home in Laguna Niguel, Calif., helped inspire the 1974-78 television series starring Lee Majors as an astronaut and test pilot who is critically injured in a similar crash.

Film footage of Peterson's crash was seen in the opening credits of the series. But unlike Majors' Steve Austin character, who gained superhuman powers after parts of his body were replaced with advanced "lifting body" technology, Peterson underwent conventional surgery after narrowly escaping death.

He was an experienced research pilot for the NASA Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base at the time of his crash in the M2-F2, a wingless "lifting body" aircraft that sped the development of the space shuttle.

Peterson remembered little about the accident.

"About what I've seen on the TV screens every week is what I remember," he told The Associated Press in 1975. "That partial footage was taken by the cockpit cameras. I blacked out about the same time the cameras stopped working."

"I was landing, fighting a crosswind which had sprung up, when I saw a (rescue) kick-

ing up a cloud of dust as it "bounced, tumbled and rolled" across the dry lakebed before it came to rest on its back.

Peterson suffered a fractured skull, broken teeth and a broken hand and had his forehead literally scraped off.

He was in and out of hospitals for a year and a half undergoing plastic surgery for his face, and he lost his sight in one eye due to a secondary infection while he was hospitalized.

Peterson didn't know how much his medical bills, which were paid for by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, amounted to, but he asked in 1975: "I don't think it cost any \$5 million to put me back together."

Peterson was born May 23, 1933, in Washburn, N.D., and grew up in Banning, Calif. After attending the University of California, Los Angeles, from 1950 to 1953, he enlisted as a naval

aviation cadet and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 1954.

Peterson, who earned a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, joined NASA in 1960 as an engineer. He was transferred to the flight operations branch two years later.

After his crash, Peterson continued to fly for NASA until 1971, having logged more than 6,000 flight hours in nearly 70 types of aircraft during his career.

He then worked as a research project engineer and later was responsible for safety and quality assurance. After retiring in 1981, he worked for Northrop's B-2 Advanced Technology Bomber Division until 1994.

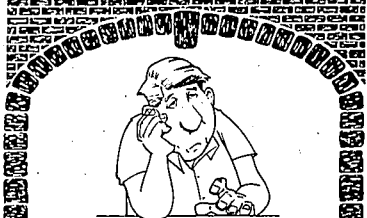
He is survived by his children, David Peterson and Patricia Smith; his brother, Robert; and 10 grandchildren.

"The next thing I vaguely remember is being trapped in the vehicle upside down."

The M2-F2 had been dropped from a B-52 bomber at an altitude of 44,000 feet. But at 7,000 feet, according to an account of the flight, the wingless craft began rolling violently from side to side. Although Peterson damped the motion, the plane had drifted from its approach path.

As a rescue helicopter moved out of his flight path, Peterson fired the landing rockets and lowered the landing gear.

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How to fry up a wild bloodsucker

If you've been out in the wilds, it's the season to take a tick check when you get home.

A kayaking buddy of mine, Sean Huddleston, carried his kayak 50 yards through willows and weeds, and before he got back in his boat—to surf the Idaho Connection Wave—he picked ticks from his swim trunks.

If Sean hadn't spotted them, he could have been throwing kayak tricks with a boat load of ticks. Sean was desensitized by the cold water too, and the ticks could have crawled into his armpits without a notice.



ACCIDENTAL STORIES
Bill Studebaker

When I was a kid, it was fun to bring home a few ticks. Mom would examine my sister Penny, my brother Dennis, and me, for the little burgundy bug. I got out the ticks in a slick porcelain cup.

When I wasn't the patient, I watched the ticks attempt to climb the cups sideways. They always slowly slipped back to the bottom of the cup.

When the tick checking was finished, we'd fry them. It was a special treat. They were blood suckers, and possibly one of them was a Rocky Mountain tick fever carrier.

It is always a risk to go where ticks prowl. However, there are precautions. You can wear light-colored clothing, tie your pant cuffs off, wear a long-sleeved shirt, don a cap. Beware, so much clothing could cause heatstroke.

Death by heatstroke aside, I've always been curious about bloodsucking insects—not to mention the ticks in a cool sink up on sleeping cattle and feast on bovine blood.

Have you ever killed a mosquito, slapped a tick, or rubbed out a no-see-um? These flesh-eating, blood suckers crash parties, ruin sleep, pester patients, and bite people.

It's said that everything in nature has a place. Well, the best place for a tick is popping across the top of a wood-fired kitchen stove.

It's like a horsefly after it's taken a chunk of skin from the calf of your leg: the best place for it is between a slab of firewood and a rock.

We protect ourselves from small and large creatures. We shoot attacking bears and mash gnawing gnats.

I can't say the ticks suck. That'd be natural. But I won't. I say, "Pick 'em off, put them on the stove, and watch them fry."

You just forgive this perversity. While I was growing up, I didn't have television or DVDs to entertain me. Had I the choice between watching Clint Eastwood shoot up a town or Bruce Willis destroy a city filled with aliens, ticks wouldn't have stood a chance.

I don't care who you are. Killing aliens and saving the world would be more fun than thinning the tick population.

Then again, I may have been saving the world. One tick mom didn't find burrowed into my sister's scalp gave her Rocky Mountain tick fever. Maybe we'd cooked a hundred cavers before that one got away.

One thing I do to keep tick trafficking to a trifle is stay clear of hanging limbs. I don't brush up against plants. I walk in the open and sit on rocks in the hot sun.

Still I get the occasional tick, and my dog Bubba is a one-trick check her every time we come home from the hills. And with a pair of tweezers and a left-handed twist, I get the little crab-like creatures loose. But I don't have a wood stove anymore, and I haven't been into ticks for a while, but when I am, I'll collect them in, say, a jar of Vaseline. They're south to a friend's farm where they can run free. They have their place.

Bill Studebaker is an outdoors columnist and writer who lives in Twin Falls.

The 'Ultra' experience in flight

High-flying adventure offers great views

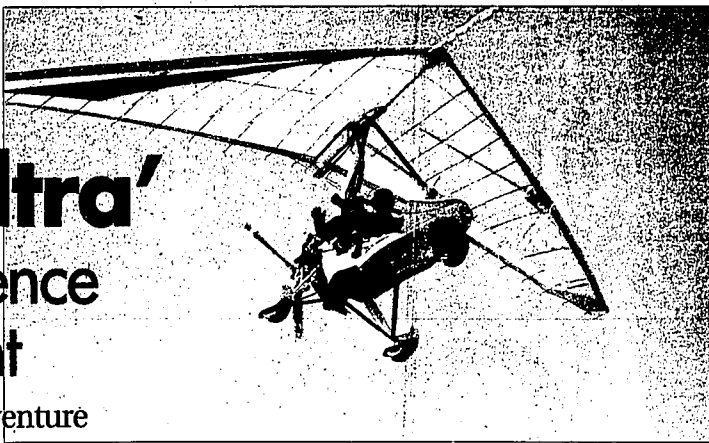


Photo by JACQUE BOUTTEK/PhotoBank

Marjorie Bernier and instructor Tom Shanahan wave from beneath a blue Magic Valley sky during an ultralight voyage.

By Sandra Bosteder
Times-News correspondent

Seatbelt fastened. Helmet secured. Contact prop. Taxi down the runway. Steer with foot pedals to stay on the yellow line. Build up speed ... more speed ... more speed ... more speed ... lift off.

Climb at 1,200 feet per minute. Keep climbing to 10,000 feet. The air is colder, thinner. The view is boundless. For first timers it's like a roller coaster ride. The thrill comes from knowing there is nothing between you the earth and sky but a motorcycle attached to a kite.

Wanna take off?

For ultra light flying instruction, call Tom Shanahan at 734-2487.

A 65 horsepower engine sings harmony with a 9-blade, carbon fiber, high-performance propeller. The wings stretch 32 feet and flap against the supporting air current like bed sheets on a clothesline. A sudden downdraft causes slight turbulence. The captain gently pats the leg of his uneasy backseat rider. "Don't worry," he reassures through a helmet microphone. "It's just a speed bump in a trailer park."

He adds, "When the wind isn't blowing it's as smooth as glass; like sailing a boat on a lake when there's not even a ripple. The steering mechanism (control bar) is very similar to a hang glider. To fly left, the pilot pulls with the left hand. To fly right, the bar is pulled with the right hand."

The captain is Tom Shanahan from Twin Falls. His demeanor is calm. His confidence — rock solid. Shanahan is a certified flight instructor who has been flying for 15 years. He flew hang gliders for six years but said he "got tired of packing the gear, folding the kite, transporting it to the top of a mountain and doing it over and over." He became infatuated with ultra light aircraft (that take off and land without any folding or packing) and purchased an Aerostar Cobra "ultralight" of ultra lights," according to Shanahan.

One feature of this Cadillac that pacifies his passenger's anxiety is a



Sandra Bosteder and Tom Shanahan lift off from Buhl Airport.

built-in ballistic parachute that, if deployed, opens and inflates in less than one second; gliding the aircraft and occupants safely back to earth. In all his years of flying, Shanahan has never pulled the emergency handle. Enthusiastically he stated, "You have better odds of winning the lottery three times than of having to use the

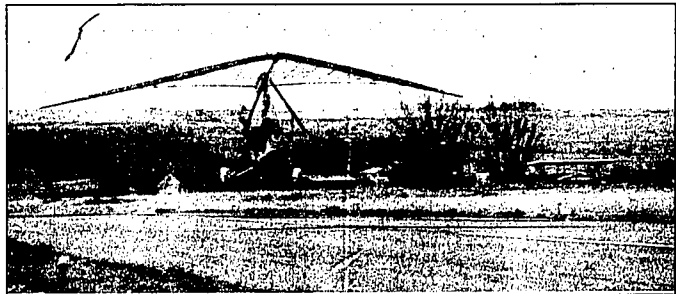
booster rocket." On Thursday, April 20, Shanahan's anxious passenger was Marjorie Bernier, a secretary turned adventure seeker. A colleague at work, John Peterson, who is pursuing his own ultra light license, introduced her to the idea of flying. "I've been wanting to try this for a long time," Bernier told her

instructor. "I've just been too chicken."

To calm her fears the pilot promised, "We'll go up and if you get too nervous, we'll come right back down." After 20 minutes of going up, flying circles and patterns, and watching farmers move irrigation pipe the pair descended, landing gently on the runway. A wide smile showed Bernier's trepidation had been replaced with fascination.

"I wanna buy one," she exclaimed. Shanahan illuminated the specific attributes of his aircraft. "It can go 240 miles on one 14 gallon tank of gas," he explained. "It costs pennies on the dollar compared to other aircraft and you can find new and used ones on the Internet for a very reasonable price."

The aesthetics of flying an ultra light, however, are more motivating than great gas mileage. Canyon ridge gliding boasts a spectacular view of Shoshone Falls. Wildlife can be observed in their natural habitat without disturbance. Every view is from an eagle's perspective. "Flying," states the captain "is nothing short of phenomenal."



Instructor Tom Shanahan coasts into a smooth landing at Buhl airport.

GETTING OUT THERE

Novices prepare to take on nature in adventure racing

By Doug Alden
Associated Press writer

MOAB, Utah — Adventure racers proudly tell of feet too blistered for walking, of pushing themselves well beyond exhaustion. And their tales have a common theme: It is soooooo worth it!

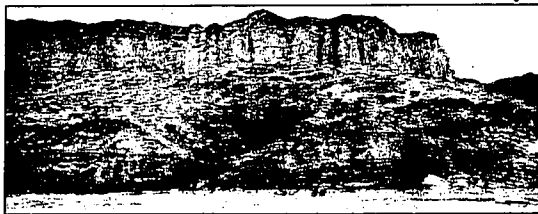
Adventure racing, basically translating a triathlon into wilderness and whitewater extremes, seems to be inspiring more people than it's scaring away.

"It's getting through something almost nobody else has done and coping out on the other end — limping, mind you, but coming out at the other end," said Jodie Levitt, a 45-year-old neurosurgeon attending a weekend certification camp for his summer's Primal Quest.

Primal Quest, or PQ as members call it, is for the most advanced adventure racers, who need to be certified in skills such as rock climbing and kayaking before venturing out into the



Adventure racing participants are instructed on kayak rowing techniques before heading into the Colorado River on March 11 near Moab, Utah.



Adventure racing participants paddle through rapids under red rock cliffs on their kayak trip down the Colorado River on March 11, northeast of Moab, Utah.

woods for hundreds of miles over several days. "But scaled-down adventure races, which give novices a taste of competing for an afternoon instead of more than a

week, have been growing in popularity. And weekend clinics are available to people who are interested but not quite sure about the whole thing.

The United States Adventure Racing Association in Austin, Texas, has gone from sanctioning about 30 events six years ago to 350 last year. And many

of the races are "sprints" — shorter, tamer versions designed for novices who know their limits.

"We're seeing a real change," USARA founder Troy Farrar said. "We kind of did our sport backwards. We started out with these multi-day monsters."

Adventure racing is a broad

classification. Races are usually for teams. The disciplines include biking, hiking and some times orienteering, and some sort of water element — usually paddling. Checkpoints can be scattered over a remote area or downtown in a city.

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OUTDOORS

Send items for publishing in 'Summer Fun' guide

Do you have a summer season calendar event that needs to find its audience? *The Times-News Summer Fun* guide will be published the last week of May. The Outdoors section welcomes all items for outdoor and seasonal recreation.

Send your calendar event or announcement to Outdoors Editor David A. Cooper, at dcooper@magicvalley.com with the appropriate time, date, cost and relevant information for readers. Call 735-3246 for more information.

Audubon society hosts program on birding

TWIN FALLS — Prairie Falls Audubon Society, the local chapter of the National Audubon Society, is hosting a program, "Birding in Madagascar," at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the University of Idaho, School of Ornithology professor, at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The program will be in the College of Science Building, Room 201. Trost will show slides and discuss his recent expedition to Madagascar. Trost's enthusiasm for birding and natural history

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is very apparent during his presentations and, combined with a slide show of his remarkable photographs, makes for a very enjoyable program. Don't miss this latest installment of Trost's globe-trotting adventures.

The program is free and the public is welcome. For more information, call Karl Ruprecht at 736-8648.

Horsemen round up on Tuesday in Jerome

The High Desert Back Country Horsemen's monthly general membership meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Library.

The public is always welcome. For more information, call 324-4754.

Wildflower walks slated for Castle Rocks park

ALMO — Four wildflower walks are scheduled next week at Castle Rocks State Park, 748 E. 2800 S.

Park manager Wallace Keck will lead two-hour walks begin-

ning at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. May 13 and 14 at mid on the ranch house.

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

Admission is free, but pre-registration is required as groups will be limited to 12 people each.

Castle Rocks State Park is located 50 miles south of Burley in Cassia County. The 1,240-acre park exhibits dramatic granitic spires, mountain scenery, Almo Creek and historic ranch structures.

The walks are sponsored by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

For more information or to register, call Juanita Jones at 824-5519, ext. 106.

Parks & Rec offers outdoors classes

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is offering three classes next week:

- A pontoon boat ride from Centennial Park to Pillar Falls will offer participants a scenic

evening complete with an Idaho sunset. The trip will begin at 6 p.m. May 12. Cost is \$15 per person.

A five-mile canoe trip from Banbury Hot Springs to Sligars' Resort visits Box Canyon and Blue Heat Springs where they meet the river. The paddling adventure takes about five hours and is all downstream. Participants should bring a lunch. A cooler with ice and beverages is provided. The trip will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 13. Cost is \$35.

Idaho Guide Service will present a two-day course over river running and how to use different boats. "River Running with Rafts, Canoes and Inflatable Kayaks" will be held from 10 p.m. May 12 and 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. May 13. Participants will learn to run the equipment and take a beginner/intermediate trip with five Class 2 to 3 rapids. Cost is \$50.

To register for a class or for more information, call Twin Falls Parks and Recreation at 735-2265. Registration deadline is 24 hours before any class starts.

— compiled from staff reports

New program details mule deer management

JEROME — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is hosting an open house to discuss mule deer management in the Magic Valley on Wednesday May 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Magic Valley Regional Office at 319 South 417 East, Highway 93 Business Park, Jerome.

The meeting is designed to inform sportsmen about local mule deer management issues and how decisions are made when planning big game seasons. Other issues that will be discussed include trophy management, antlerless harvest, the Mule Deer Initiative, and what individuals can do to help improve deer populations.

"We get questions all the time on how we set seasons," said Randy Smith, Idaho Fish and Game Region 1 Wildlife Manager in the Magic Valley Region. "The meeting's goal is to inform how and why we do things. We are hoping to maintain an open dialogue with the area's hunters to improve our ability to work together to benefit mule deer populations."

For more information, call 324-4359.

Fish and Game notes

Wolf meeting comes to Halley on May 17

HAILEY — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is hosting an Idaho Wolf Management and Ecology public meeting Wednesday May 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Campus Auditorium, 1050 Fox Acres Road in Halley.

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 presentation is given by Steve Nadeau, Idaho Fish and Game Wolf Program Coordinator and Michael Lucid, Idaho Fish and Game Wolf Specialist for South

Idaho. The meeting will discuss current wolf management rules and the role IDFG is playing in wolf management.

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

For more information on the meeting, call 324-4359.

New rule means Yellowstone anglers go barbless

LIVINGSTON, Mont. (AP) — Anglers in Yellowstone National Park must use barbless hooks when fishing starting this month. The rule is intended to reduce injury to native species like the Yellowstone cutthroat and arctic grayling.

The rule takes effect May 27 after years of fish sampling by Yellowstone biologists and a yearlong public comment period. More than 30 percent of the comment respondents supported the change, said

Todd Keel, the park's supervisory fisheries biologist.

Biologically, there aren't any studies proving that barbless hooks affect fish mortality rates, but that's not the reason behind the change.

"From a mortality standpoint, we can't justify the change," Keel said. "But from an aesthetic and visitors point of view, barbless hooks do help."

People come from all over the world to fish in a protected

ecosystem like Yellowstone, and deformed-looking fish caused by overfishing can negatively affect that experience, he said.

"And we just don't like to see injured fish," Keel said. "Barbless hooks, of course, will help that. There's less handling time and they are easier to remove. All we're asking is to bend or crimp your barb."

Penalties for breaking the new rule can include fines and loss of fishing rods.

Rick Halloran, who works in Dan Bailey's Fly Shop in Livingston, said it's easy to go barbless with a barbed hook.

He suggested using an unserrated set of pliers to clamp down on the hook while holding the pliers perpendicular to the barb.

"Make sure you crimp your barb first, before you tie your fly," said Dean Reimer of Hatch Flies By Shop in Livingston. "Because if you break the hook, then there goes all your work."

Best lure for fishing? Just depends on the day

By Roy Sasser
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — I enjoyed one of those rare bass fishing days recently when I caught five fish on a variety of lures. Even when the fish are biting, it's often a puzzle to figure out exactly what lure they want and how to best present it.

Sometimes the fish seem to like a lure moving fast. Other times, the slower you move it, the more bites you get. On my good fishing day I caught seven all-bass on topwater plugs, though the fish didn't seem particularly excited about my personal favorite topwater offering, a Rebel Pop-R-tigger.

The Pop-R is small enough that it doesn't intimidate many fish. Instead, the key to the Pop-R's success is a white bubble that hangs off the rear hook. Even when the lure sits still, that bubble is undulating beneath the surface. Fish can't seem to resist it.

A friend of mine pulled out a Thy Torpedo that outfished the Pop-R three to one. The Heddon Thy Torpedo is a great topwater lure, but I generally use it when bass are aggressively chasing shad on top.

The Torpedo has a small aft spinner that creates surface turbulence and spatters across the water, making a sound like shad feeding. On this particular trip, fish didn't like the Torpedo moving fast. Most strikes came with the lure sitting still.

We also caught one on jerkbaits, thin minnow lures, such as the Smithwick Rogue, the Strike King Wild Shiner, the Bomber Long A and the Cagley Bang-O-Lure. Jerkbaits have a small plastic lip that causes them to dive when retrieved.

You cast them out, reel them in through them so they strike a foot or two under the surface, then stop the retrieve and allow the lure to float to the surface.

Good jerkbaits have a side-to-side wobble that looks like a swimming bait and attracts hungry fish. They usually bite the lure as it floats back to the surface, but sometimes hit it moving.

Jerkbaits are particularly good on cloudy or windy days during

the spawn. Bittering bass will bite them for territorial reasons when the lures come too close to a spawning bed.

Spinners work well on my good fishing day, despite the fact that the fish were not biting them aggressively. Bass will sometimes slam a spinnerbait, and there's no question about the bite. Subtle strikes occur when the fish pushes a spinnerbait from the side or chases it down behind.

What you feel then is a sensation of something not being quite right. The spinner blade misses a pulse or two as a bass closes its mouth over the lure. It doesn't catch anything to set the hook. That's my theory and that's what I do anytime the requirements don't fit.

As fishing legend Lefty Kreigh points out, bass strikes can be subtle because of the fish's feeding method. Like long, slim, thread fish, which rely on speed to chase down prey, the bass feeds from ambush.

Bass have huge mouths and shockingly small eyes. Their body shape allows them to turn quickly. When they open their mouths, they suck in a huge amount of water. They only have to get close enough to suck in the water and whatever bait fish they're trying to eat.

By the same token, the fish can suck a lure into its cavernous mouth, realize something is wrong and blow it back out in less than a second. What the fisherman often feels is the bass hitting the lure, but particularly true when fishing finesse lures, such as plastic worms.

Fishmaker Glenn Lau shot the first great underwater video of bass striking lures by his highly acclaimed video Bigmouth.

Although filmed in the 1970s, Bigmouth is a classic. Lau's film documented fish sucking in lures and spitting them out without the angler even realizing that he'd gotten a bite.

That happens to anglers every day. Despite improved rods and lures that magnify the sensitive connection between angler and lure, it would be fascinating to know what percentage of bites are never detected.

Adventure

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It's like an extreme triathlon for teams of two to five, who compete together rather than in a relay. Events can last 10 days or a few hours, depending on the teams. The most rigorous, such as Primal Quest, require competitors to have certification in the different disciplines to reduce risks.

Adventure retreats, such as the one Levitt attended recently in Moab, provide racers a chance to meet and be certified during a long weekend.

Workshops and retreats are held throughout the country, as are the actual races. It doesn't take mountaineering wilderness to make an adventure race. The USARA summer schedule has races from Florida to Alaska in all sorts of environments, and for a variety of reasons.

And for those who really don't want to venture too far outdoors, Houston is hosting an urban race through the city in July.

Adventure racing caught on in the United States with the Eco-Challenge, created by "Survivor" producer Mark Goodson. The physical hardships and squabbling among the teammates made for great TV, and many current racers got the bug to try it.

"It takes a different breed of person to be an adventure racer. Most people would rather sit back on the couch and watch a reality show," said Dean Baumgartner, a 41-year-old engineer from Geneva, Ill.

Primal Quest begins June 25 in Utah, though the starting point and 500-mile course for the 30 teams won't be announced until closer to the race. Organizers don't want participants to get a head start on navigating the wilderness.

Experts don't recommend major endeavors such as PQ for even the heartiest newcomers. Asprint, with maybe a few miles of trail running, 7 to 10 miles of mountain biking and a 30-minute paddle is a good introduction.

Shorter races also often include a mystery event, such as climbing a cargo net or lumps sort of team challenge.

After that, participants can expect to do anything from something like Primal Quest.

Levitt was among a group of racers at a weekend retreat put on by Gravity Play Sports Marketing, a Durango, Colo., company that offers certification and introductory clinics. Participants were instructed in kayaking, orienteering, atropes, climbing up and down the red rocks of Moab in a blowing snowstorm.

Adventure racing is a major concern not only for time and money. As equipment technology improves, making boots, mountain bikes and head-



Adventure racing participants pack up after their kayak trip down the Colorado River northeast of Moab, Utah. Adventure retreats provide racers a chance to practice and be certified during a long weekend.

lamp sort of a tad lighter, racers build up quite a collection.

"I feel like I'm a mini-sporting goods store," said Michael Bell, a 35-year-old insurance broker from Fallbrook, Calif. "I own nine backpacks, NINE."

For complete novices who aren't sure how much they're ready to invest in adventure racing, there are training and introductory camps.

John and Gretchen Gorham traveled from Sun Valley, Idaho, where they run a sandwich shop to a recent camp in Moab. The breathtaking trail runs of southeastern Utah are ideal for mountain biking and hiking, and the Colorado River is a prime kayaking site.

Gretchen Gorham, a 40-year-old mother of three, was wary of the idea when her husband suggested it. But the camp would at least be a weekend getaway, so she agreed.

Instead of balmy spring weather, the Gorhams biked through blowing snow over some very rugged terrain, getting lessons in both biking and another adventure racing staple: The weather can be a bonus challenge. They decided adventure racing maybe isn't so scary after all.

"You don't have to be the 'uber-athlete' to do these. That's been really refreshing," Gretchen Gorham said. "It's a little intimidating to

see yourself doing it without some strong stones. We just thought this would be a starting point to see if it's something that we might be interested in doing and kind of see if we were even physically capable."

Racers emphasize it doesn't take a fitness nut to successfully take up the sport. Start with something you can handle, they suggest, then gradually take on more.

"I think the most important thing is that you don't have to be a great athlete. You have to be somebody who has real desire. Keep going no matter what," Levitt said. "I'm not a great athlete. I just push and push and push."

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OUTDOORS

Taking it to the Limit

Launching off 70-foot waterfalls takes both nerves and skill

By Mark Morical
The (Bend) Bulletin

BEND, Ore. — When Eli Pyke first started kayaking, he would have nightmares of being pulled from his boat and then tumbling over a waterfall.

Seven years later, the Bend resident is dropping off 70-foot waterfalls and running the notoriously rough Deschutes River stretch of Benham Falls, Dillon Falls and Lava Island Falls practically in his sleep.

But he always manages to stay in his kayak.

"A lot of it is conquering fear and pushing my limits," Pyke says.

But Pyke cautions that, for beginning kayakers, the motto should be more about knowing your limits rather than pushing them.

Too many times, Pyke says, he has witnessed beginners attempt to run a stretch of river that is beyond their skill level — and they never want to kayak again.

"A lot of people scare themselves," Pyke says. "They try river, take a bad swim, bump their knees up and say, 'Oh my gosh, I could die doing this, I don't want to do anymore.' The river is a very uncontrollable thing. It's not like falling on a ski hill. You've got to take it slow and be safe."

On the Net

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http://www.ragefilms.com/

Pyke says that the focus required to kayak whitewater and run waterfalls can be too much for some. It takes a long time to learn that focus, and to develop the skills and instincts needed in Class IV or V rapids.

"Most people don't have a whole lot of patience with intense concentration," Pyke says. "People can't get started kayaking in a year or two before paddling waterfalls."

"I started out and I kept going up and all of a sudden a 20-foot waterfall wasn't that big. It's weird because I look up at a 20-foot waterfall and there's no way I'm jumping off that."

Recently, Pyke ran the 70-foot Weisenburger Falls — a falls on Multnomah Creek which becomes Multnomah Falls — and the 50-foot Lower Bridal Veil Falls in the Columbia River Gorge.



Kayaker Eli Pyke files off Dillon Falls along the Deschutes River near Bend, Ore. Feb. 6, 2006. Pyke is taking his kayaking beyond running waterfalls. The video editor and cameraman for Bend-based Rage Films has begun training for a form of competitive kayaking called "extreme racing." In this discipline, competitors kayak a Class V (extremely difficult) section of whitewater as fast as they can.

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They run the course one at a time, and the kayaker with the fastest time wins. The stretches of river used in the races range from a quarter-mile to two miles, and usually take anywhere from three to 10 minutes to complete.

Pyke will try his first extreme race in Canyon Creek, Wash., on May 5, and he also plans to compete in the Teva Mountain Games in Vail, Colo., on June 3.

Pyke, 24, has been training for extreme racing on the Deschutes River on

a series of rapids near the Riverhouse Resort in Bend.

When Pyke started kayaking seven years ago, he progressed quickly, his experience as a linebacker at Slayers High School helping him.

"I can take the falls," he says.

When attempting a waterfall, Pyke will first scout the location and watch the water run off the lip. He follows that water to see where it lands because that's where he anticipates he will land.

"You can judge what's underneath by how the water comes up," Pyke explains. "I won't go where the water is splattering, because there's a rock there."

On big drops, Pyke says he tries to stay relaxed when falling off the lip of the rock and land in a vertical position. As he is falling, he might put in a stab-

lizing stroke with his paddle to ensure he does not land sideways.

On drops of less than 20 feet, kayakers employ a move called a "boof," in which they take a stroke to push away from the falls and pull their knees toward their chests as they fall so the kayak lands flat.

Whatever move he's doing or waterfall he's dropping, Pyke finds a special place when he's in his kayak on a raging river.

"The only thing I'm focused on is the water and the movement in it," Pyke explains. "And I forget about work, I forget about pain and love, and all that stuff that has to do with everyday life. It takes me to a place that is something like heaven. I feel like I'm in rhythm with the river — and I need to be in that place, otherwise I won't be successful going off a waterfall."

Computer chips in fish could help unravel trout mysteries

By Sam Cook
Knight Ridder News Service

FRENCH RIVER, Minn. — Ever so carefully, Molly Negus made a small slit in the belly of the Kamloops rainbow trout, into the black capsule a little larger than an almond.

With any luck — and the cooperation of any angler who catches the fish — the returned capsule will help unravel a mystery.

"Kamloops seem to disappear in the summer, and we don't know where they go," said Negus, a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fisheries research biologist at French River.

The computer chip capsule will record data about the water temperature and the pH at which the Kamloops rainbow swims for up to two years.

Negus is implanting these capsules, called archival tags, in 50 Kamloops rainbows and 25 wild steelhead rainbow trout this spring. The four-year, \$70,000 study will help compare the needs of the two strains of rainbow trout.

The tags will record the fish's movements at intervals of 14 seconds up to half an hour. The capsules weigh just 2 grams in the water and should pose no problems for the fish carrying them, Negus said. Each tag costs \$275. A pair of yellow external tags near the fish's dorsal fin offer a \$50 reward for the angler who returns the fish.

Negus does what the whole fish so she can extract the tag herself. "The tags could be injured if they're handled wrong," she said.

On April 11, Negus performed her implantation surgery on five rainbow trout — two Kamloops rainbows and three steelhead.

She has previously implanted capsules in more than 20 other rainbows.

Negus' operating table is a V-shaped metal tray lined with soft foam. Her operating room was a narrow aisle between a fish runway and a row of incu-

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bating Kamloops rainbow eggs in the French River fisheries station workstation. Before starting, Negus used a magnet to activate each archival tag.

Matt Ward, a DNR fisheries specialist assisting Negus, anesthetized a male steelhead in a sedative and then the procedure until the fish was calm. He then placed the fish belly-up in the tray, where it lay perfectly still. Negus inserted two tubes in the fish's jaw, allowing water to pass through its gills so it could continue to breathe.

Negus worked efficiently. At 31 seconds into the procedure, she had made a half-inch slit along the side of the fish's belly. At 55 seconds, she had inserted the capsule. A first slash, using dissolvable suture, was completed by 1:40, a second and final slash by 2:14.

The fish was then righted, and its adipose fin clipped at 2:35. (A healed adipose fin clip tells anglers they may harvest a steelhead; an unclipped steelhead's must be returned to the water.)

Then the two yellow "spaghetti" tags offering the angler's reward were inserted along the dorsal fin. At 2:48, the patient was released into a tank of river water to recover.

With more than 25 surgeries so far, Negus hasn't lost a customer. All are swimming again in Lake Superior. Negus releases the fish many miles from French River in hopes the fish

won't show up on an angler's line this spring. She doesn't want the fish recovered for at least a year, until plenty of data has been stored on the tags.

Similar studies have been done in Lake Huron and other parts of Lake Superior with lake trout, chinook salmon, whitefish, lamprey and sturgeon.

Walter Bergstedt, a research fisheries biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey at Millersburg, Mich., began using archival tags on Lake Huron lake trout in 1997. The tags were useful in determining which strains of stocked lake trout preferred colder water, which relates to their vulnerability to sea lamprey, Bergstedt said.

Rather than spending most of their time near the bottom, lake trout in Bergstedt's study were often traveling up and down in the water column.

"That's something the average sportsman would be interested in," he said. "You might want to be trolling midwater for lake trout during the day."

Another archival-tag study showed that chinook salmon in Lake Huron wintered at depths from 400 to 600 feet, Bergstedt said. "But they would make daily excursions up to near the surface," he said.

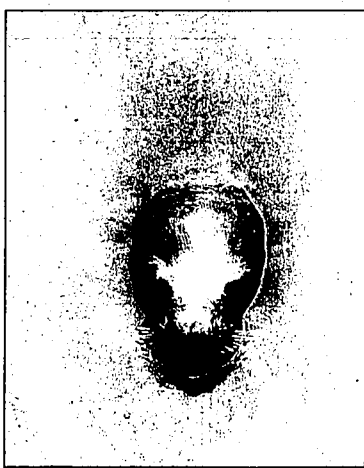
Negus is implanting the tags in first-year spawners, which have the best odds of returning to spawn again next year. The steelhead she tags in the lake from the Knife River, the Kamloops rainbows from the French.

If anglers don't catch the returning fish, they might be recovered alive in DNR traps on either the French or Knife rivers.

DNR fisheries supervisor, thinks Negus' study will help explain rainbow trout behavior.

"One of the big questions is, why do anglers in the lake routinely catch unclipped (wild) steelhead but hardly ever catch Kamloops," Schreiner said. "When they go in the summer months? We want guys to catch these things, but we can't direct people to where they are. This should help."

WAITING FOR TREATS?



A sea lion waits under the Bay Fresh Seafood dock Wednesday as salmon are unloaded at the Moss Landing Harbor in Moss Landing, Calif.

State will fight water spills

KALISPELL (AP) — Montana will pursue a lawsuit against the federal government if it tries to use spill water from Libby Dam to help the endangered Kootenai River white sturgeon, a state representative on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council says.

In a biological opinion earlier this year, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service suggested several changes to operations at the dam to improve spawning conditions — including periodically spilling 100,000 cubic feet per second of water in addition to the dam's powerhouse capacity of 25,000 cfs.

But the opinion did not re-

quire the excess flows, angering some conservation groups, and conceded the increase in river depth and velocity may not ultimately improve spawning conditions for the estimated 500 remaining wild sturgeon downstream.

Kalispell attorney Bruce Messner, who represents Montana on the four-state power council, called the spill option "unacceptable" and told Lincoln County commissioners at a recent meeting that Montana would fight any such operations in court.

That decision, he said, was made by Gov. Brian Schweitzer and his top natural resource advisers.

Shooting range has exploding targets

CAVENDISH, Idaho (AP) — Because shooting at paper targets can get boring, there is Boomershoot, where the targets blow up.

The weekend-long event is held each spring in a remote Idaho farm field and is considered a "Magic Kingdom" for serious long-distance shooters, said organizer Joe Huffman, who spends most of his time in Seattle working as a software programmer.

Participants pay \$100 for a slot on the firing line, from which they plink at hundreds of high-explosive targets, some not much bigger than a brick and barely visible to the naked eye from 2,100 feet. Even from that distance, the targets can produce a chest-thumping shock wave.

For some shooters, the event is all about marksmanship. Others say they're driven by politics — the combination of gun and explosives is the ultimate expression of their constitutional rights as well as a gentle show of force for anybody watching in the federal government.

Huffman falls into both categories — but mainly the latter. "The Second Amendment is about providing a deterrent to tyranny," he said. "I'm using this as a vehicle to further gun rights. I want to give people a reason to fire guns and have fun with them."

All philosophy aside, there also is the prospect of being able to blow stuff up.

"Everything's better with a boom," said Lee Ann Fralley of Spokane.

Before stepping foot on the shooting field, morning shooters were required to memorize and recite a short list of safety regulations, mainly having to do with the use of the gun. Huffman pointed in a safe direction at all times.

Wearing an orange vest, Huffman walked the firing line, keeping a close watch on the participants. He was thankful for a heavy dose of rain the night before. "People shooting tracers can catch the grass on fire," he explained.

Huffman, who grew up on a farm in the area, started the shoot in 1999. Every year, he and several helpers build 600 targets by hand, filling the cardboard containers with the same ammonium nitrate explosive farmers use to blast stumps from fields. Although Huffman has a federal permit to manufacture high explosives, he said the state has no prohibition against the activity, "as long as you're not hurting anybody." He said, "It's a little bit unique to Idaho. It's not going to happen in New York City."

Along with the small boxes of explosives, Huffman also places several steel plow blades as targets. They emit loud jingles when hit. Huffman instructed the shooters to take it easy on the metal. "Keep the armor-pleating and 50-caliber off them," he said, minutes before shooting began Sunday. "I want to be able to use them next year."

Huffman had on his final safety command. Concealed weapons are allowed, he said, holding his jacket to show a handgun tucked beneath the waistband of his slacks. "But no going prone with a pistol on your hip."

The Olympics might begin with a torch light but Boomershoot began with a massive fireball, when a pile of fuel-filled milk jugs are shot from 50 yards away. The blast of heat wilted clusters of nearby daffodils. Swallows darting above the field flew elsewhere. The sun turned the color of dark amber from the cloud of black smoke.

The first target cheered, then began firing. Pop-pop-pop-THWUMP! — a direct hit on one of the explosive targets 380 yards away. The shot of the morning prompted more cheering. The pattern would be repeated hundreds of times by the end of the afternoon.

Peter Biddle was one of the 60 or so paying shooters. He lives in Seattle and, like several other participants, works for a large software company. Gun enthusiasts aren't common at the company — "We keep a low profile," Biddle said.

Sunday was Biddle's first time at Boomershoot. He learned to shoot growing up in a rural setting, but only recently returned to the sport. He likes the technical challenge of the event, but chaos following Hurricane Katrina was a wake-up call that citizens can't always rely on government.

"I'm not a gun nut, but I'm actually a pretty hardcore liberal," Biddle said.

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By Johnny Hart



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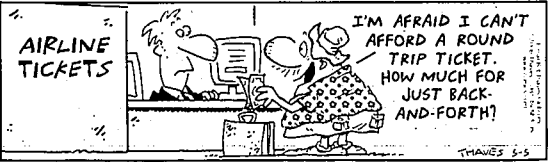
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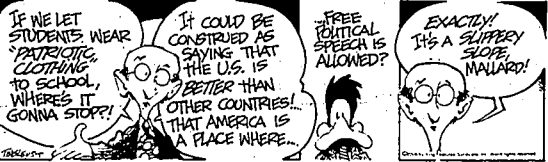
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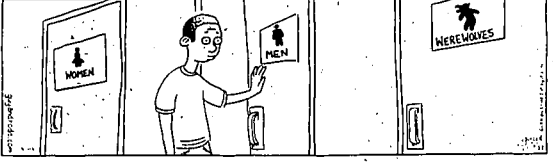
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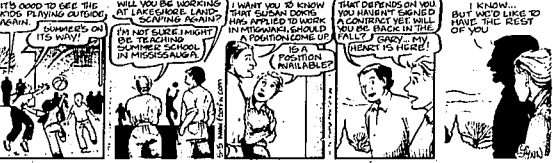
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For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Luann

By Greg Evans



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By Stephan Pastis



Rose Is Rose

By Pat Brady



Preen your feathers, Aries

IF MAY 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Fresh ambitions and a passionate alliance with an important someone could be in the stars for you this year. Side-step new projects or commitments in August when you could tie yourself to something that will eventually drag you down. From September through the end of the year, work hard to make your dreams a reality because you will have the determination to follow through on your most-cherished desires. In early 2007 you may have a chance to become famous; extend your sphere of influence or experiment with a new lifestyle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Preen your feathers. Some compliments need to be taken with a grain of salt, but it still feels good to hear an encouraging word. Earn the affection of a significant other by being true blue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Anything is possible. An abundance of optimism may smooth the way for important changes. Accept a much-needed boost from a friend that might help upgrade your position at the job.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't put the bank on a buddy. Empty promises could be moved things inside but. It is a good

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time to lay out major plans for the future, but wise to remember that history often repeats itself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Laughter and loyalty can't be bought. Look for a helping hand with business or someone to massage your feelings. Small economies may bring more pleasure than lavish expenditures.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Saturn stations itself in the sky today and will start moving forward again through your sign. Its cosmic tests can't hold you back if you take advantage of key opportunities that pop into view now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be lavish with praise but unyielding with the purse strings. Tightly bonds of affection this weekend by being thrifty and putting family first. Make plans for important home improvements.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Extravagant gestures are in the air. You may promise more than you can deliver in a moment of enthusiasm, or could be moved to give your last penny to the

needy at homeless shelter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Shake your booty. Life is good and you may as well enjoy it. When dealing with others, however, be aware of the tendency to overextend your self financially or to be overly effusive.

MAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): So, how was it? Your great vision can become a reality if you hook up with the right people. But too much of a good thing can signal hypocrisy, so make sure that skeptical null facts are proven.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your life could be described as a rags-to-riches story. Or it is riches to rags? Don't go overboard and squander your gains. Truth will always be disclosed, so do your best to stick to it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Life is a paradox. Everything is out in the open whether you like it or not. Make a clean breast of things because otherwise, someone might dig the dirt and spread it around anyway.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): My ball. A sudden inspiration can be just the kick in the pants you needed to get an idea or project onto the playing field. Team members will be charitable. If you fumble or lose your grip,

COMICS

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansoni & Chip



Garfield

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Classic Peanuts

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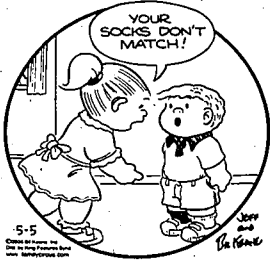
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Boyfriend's web of stories gets tangled in the truth



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: After being single for several years, I met the man of my dreams. "Chet" was everything I was searching for. We have become very close, and I'd trust him with my life. For nearly a year our relationship has been bliss. Chet seems to be completely devoted to me.

He told me when we first met that his wife had died seven years ago from diabetes. He seemed upset at the memory of her loss, and I never pressed him for more details. He wears a lock of her hair braided to his, and I never really thought much about it.

Well, Chet took me "home" for the Easter holiday. Some things were casually said in passing, and his story began to unravel. After I got home I accessed public records and found in place of a death certificate, a judgment for divorce in 2001. I couldn't believe that Chet would lie to me. I felt such a deep connection to him.

When I confronted him about it, he told me that to him she is dead. He says he never looks back, only forward, and that he didn't want to discuss it further. When I brought up the trust issue, he said he had never cheated on me or been with another woman — completely ignoring the fact he'd lied.

I could understand his wearing his deceased wife's hair — but his divorced wife? Now he says it isn't her hair; it's hair he bought and he likes the way it curls. Then why did he tell me it was his wife's hair? I want

more than anything to get past this because we really are good together. Please help me.

DEAR ABBY: Your confusion is understandable, but for your own sake you must open your eyes and see clearly. The man you would trust with your life is someone who dwells in his own reality; he bends the truth for his own convenience. Your relationship may feel warm and cozy, but you can't believe a word the man says — and my advice to you is to double-check everything he has told you.

Your boyfriend appears to be a compulsive liar, and if you are wise, you will end the relationship before you get sucked in any further. You fell in love with the person he portrayed himself to be, but it's not who he really is at all.

DEAR ABBY: Our 24-year-old son was killed recently in an auto accident. We had long dreaded that his life might end like this. He had a history of many traffic tickets and a terrible driving record. He had totaled three vehicles in the last three years. The wreck that killed him was his fourth accident in three years.

We have discovered that our son's grandmother took out a large life insurance policy on him after the first accident. Thinking that his own grandmother would "bet" on his death has made our grief even harder to bear. At first, when we confronted her, she said she had taken out the policy to ensure his proper burial because we have no money. (My wife was diagnosed with cancer 3 1/2 years ago, and the treatment left us destitute.)

The policy is many times the cost of our son's funeral. When the funeral director asked my wife and me in the presence of other relatives (including his grandmother), if there was a life insurance policy to defray the expenses, I turned and looked at her. She didn't utter a word! I borrowed the money from my wife's brother.

We don't want a penny of this "blood money" for ourselves or our son's burial. But acting our son's grandmother is being very hostile to us. We feel she saw our son's bad-driving record and thought she had a chance to profit from his death. Are we wrong?

BROKENHEARTED PARENTS IN TEXAS: Dear Brokenhearted: You have my sympathy not only for the loss of your son, but also the loss of your illusion about his grandmother. People who feel guilty often act hostile. Unless there is something you failed to mention in your letter, it appears you have assessed the grandmother's motives correctly.

Don't scratch this Raash - electrified catfish of Africa

Raash is another name for the electric catfish — an electrified African catfish that grows up to 3 feet in length. The name means "thunder," although its effects are far more like lightning.

This day in history: It's Liberation Day in Denmark. On May 5, 1945, the country became free of the Nazis who occupied them. The time of occupation was notable in that thousands of ordinary Danes heroically conspired together to smuggle Jews safely out of the country before they could be sent to concentration camps. Nearly all were safely relocated into Sweden using fishing boats, freighters, and anything else that would float.

The Greek Parthenon was wrecked by much more than time or weather. In 1687, the



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never had any formal education. Oxford University once offered him an honorary doctorate in Civil Law. He turned it down, saying, "No man should accept a degree he cannot read."

Home archeologists claim that the soup ladle was the first single-use kitchen utensil invented.

J.R.R. Tolkien was a procrastinator. It's safe to say it took him 14 years to write The Lord of the Rings. Granted, the epic ran about a thousand pages, and included complex histories and cultures that he made up out of thin air. But still, he averaged fewer than 100 words per day.

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After four years, cat reunited with owner

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Sneakers the cat is being reunited with his owner, hundreds of miles away from where he disappeared in 1996.

The long-haired black cat was given to Sacramento's Animal Care Services last week, where an employee scanned

him for a microchip, a routine procedure.

The number on the chip was used to track down Allison Marchant of Seattle, who said she placed newspaper ads and went door-to-door with fliers in a futile search for her lost cat a decade ago.

"It was very surreal," said MacLellan about first hearing the news. "I was completely surprised. I mean, completely."

MacLellan's daughter was 4 years old when her cat disappeared, and officials said she is looking forward to being reunited with her childhood pet.

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Video shows insurgent leader struggling with gun



This Thursday image from video, released by the U.S. military command Thursday, purportedly shows Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. The full video was discovered during one of several raids against al-Qaida in Iraq safe houses in the Baghdad area last month.

By Nelson Hernandez
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgent leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi is seen puzzling over how to fire a machine gun and trotting around in tennis shoes in a video that the U.S. military released Thursday to mock his prowess as a field commander. The footage, from outtakes of an al-Zarqawi video that was made public on April 25, shows the leader of the al-Qaida in Iraq insurgent group apparently unable to clear a jam of his M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, a machine gun used by U.S. troops. Another man touches the gun's hot barrel after it has been fired, and recoils in pain.

"He's wearing his black uniform and his New Balance tennis shoes as he moves to this white pickup," said Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, a U.S. military spokesman. "And his close as-

sociates' around him ... do things like grab the hot barrel of the machine gun and burn themselves, it makes you wonder."

Lynch aired the clips during a news conference in which he described efforts to destroy al-Zarqawi's group. He said five raids in the last month had killed 31 suspected foreign insurgents fighting in Iraq, and that 161 al-Qaida leaders had been killed or captured since January 2005.

Lynch said the latest raids had netted "lots of stuff" including printouts of Google Earth satellite images of certain areas — such as the prison at Abu Ghraib — and the uncensored version of the al-Zarqawi video.

The briefing also focused on the larger issue of what U.S. strategists believe is al-Zarqawi's long-term goal: to overthrow the new Iraqi government by touching off a war between Sunnis and Sunni Arabs,

and establish an Islamic theocracy.

"He is clearly trying to drive a wedge between the sectarian populations in Iraq," Lynch said of al-Zarqawi, a Sunni Arab born in Jordan. "He knows that democracy equals failure — he knows that the government is about to form."

In order to accomplish this, Lynch said, al-Zarqawi was funneling his resources — men, money and weapons — into Baghdad, in an effort to kill as many Sunnis as possible. But U.S. forces are tracking him down, Lynch said.

U.S. commanders blame al-Zarqawi for many high-profile attacks in Iraq, including the bombing of a Shiite shrine in Samarra on Feb. 22 that provoked a bloody wave of sectarian killing.

The hunt for al-Zarqawi sparked panic in Ramadi, the capital of Iraq's western Anbar province, where residents be-

lieved that he filmed the video in order to bolster support for Iraq's insurgent movement and threaten its foes.

The rumor, based on background details in two scenes of the video, caused hundreds of people to flee east toward Baghdad, fearing that U.S. and Iraqi troops would level the city in order to kill or capture al-Zarqawi.

"About 170 families left Ramadi in the first four hours of the work day" after the video appeared, said Muhammad Rifat, the manager of the main bus station in the city. "It was like a tornado or a storm warning, and people are trying to avoid it and leave before it happens."

He said that he would leave, too, because he feared residents of Ramadi would face the same fate as those of Fallujah, a former headquarters for al-Zarqawi that was cordoned off and targeted during a massive U.S. offensive in 2004.

Cheney sharply criticizes Russia ahead of summit

VILNIUS, Lithuania (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney on Thursday accused Russia of chucking down on religious and political rights and using its energy reserves as "tools of intimidation and blackmail." It was a hard slap at Vladimir Putin as the United States seeks Russia's cooperation in punishing Iran.

Cheney's criticism — some of the administration's toughest language about Russia — came just two months before President Bush joins Putin in St. Petersburg for a summit of major industrial powers. Cheney warned that Russia's backsliding could harm Moscow's relations with the United States and Europe.

"Russia has a choice to make. And there is no question that a return to democratic reform in Russia will generate future success for its people and greater respect among fellow nations," the vice president said in remarks to Eastern European leaders who govern in Moscow's enormous shadow.

Russian officials reacted angrily. "Cheney's speech looks like a provocation and interference in Russia's internal affairs in terms of its content, form and place," former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency. Deputy Foreign Minister Grigory Karasin expressed annoyance that Russia had not been invited to the conference of former Soviet republics and allies.

A Russian lawmaker, ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, dismissed Cheney's comments as "absolutely false accusations." He said Cheney had ex-

pressed the opinion of "only part of the U.S. political elite" but not that of Bush.

The White House said Cheney's criticism was a reiteration of long-standing concerns expressed by Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Early this year the administration angered Russia with criticism that the Kremlin had used its energy resources as a political weapon by sharply raising natural gas prices to Western-leaning Ukraine amid a sharp dispute that led to a halt of gas exports to other European nations. An agreement eventually ended the impasse, but it raised questions of Russia's dependability as a supplier.

Washington has since tried to avoid provoking Russia, during sensitive negotiations over the international response to Iran's disputed nuclear program. Russia stands as the main obstacle to tough penalties or other measures to deter Iran from pursuing nuclear technology. The West says it is part of a drive to build a bomb.

Russia is a permanent, veto-holding member of the U.N. Security Council and has said it is opposed to tough punishment for Iran, a major trade and investment partner. Russia recently rebuffed U.S. requests to provide reports on events surrounding nuclear cooperation and arms deals with Tehran.

The new government already has met the key rebel demand to rewrite the constitution, which in 2001 and 2003 by committing to restore democracy have created a "historic moment."

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Prachanda essentially told Washington, which earlier criticized a 12-point agreement forged between the rebels and the political parties, not to meddle.

Pentagon surfing thousands of jihadist Web sites

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Pentagon research team monitors more than 5,000 jihadist Web sites, focusing daily on the 25 to 100 most hostile and aggressive defense officials say.

The team includes 25 linguists, who cover multiple dialects of the Arabic language and provide reports on events sparking anger on extremist Web sites, Dan Devlin, a Pentagon public diplomacy specialist, said Thursday. The re-

searchers, for instance, focused in November on the backlash caused by the Danish cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad.

Devlin testified to Congress as part of a briefing on how terrorists use the Internet. Extremist propaganda is most often used to recruit jihadist fighters and supporters between the ages of 7 and 25, the officials said. But "we've seen products that are aimed

at ages even lower than 7," testified Pentagon contractor Ron Roughhead. His company was not identified, for security reasons.

According to the briefing, al-Qaida has advertised online to fill jobs for Internet specialists, and his media group has distributed computer games and recruitment videos that use everything from poetry to humor to false information to gather support. The media

group has assembled montages of American politicians taking aim at the Arab world.

"This crusade — crusade — is going to take awhile," President Bush says in one video, edited to make him repeat the word "crusade" six times in a row.

The officials said they are hoping to give a version of the briefing eventually to all U.S. soldiers in Iraq and the broader region.

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Maoist rebels agree to peace talks with Nepal's government

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Maoist rebels agreed Thursday to peace talks with Nepal's government, saying the protests that forced King Gyanendra to restore democracy have created a "historic moment."

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A new day in Israel, or more strife ahead?

Olmert sworn into office; hopes to set national borders

By Ken Ellingwood
Los Angeles Times

JERUSALEM — Ehud Olmert was sworn in Thursday as Israel's prime minister, leading a coalition he hopes can carry out his main campaign pledge: to set permanent national borders by withdrawing Jewish settlers from parts of the West Bank.

Olmert, a career politician named interim prime minister in January after Ariel Sharon fell victim to a massive stroke, has assembled a coalition representing four parties and 67 seats, a majority in the 120-member Israeli parliament, or Knesset. But some analysts were already labeling the alliance too spindly, and political support too soft to easily implement Olmert's plan to pull back from much of the West Bank.

"I doubt very much if he will be able to implement a big plan," said Efraim Inbar, director of the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies at Bar-Ilan University near Tel Aviv. "He may well go for a small plan."

In a speech to lawmakers before the Knesset approved the new government, Olmert made clear that he intends to push for further withdrawals from mostly Palestinian areas in the West Bank to ensure Israel's long-term viability. Such a move, which is likely more than a year away, would almost surely generate fierce opposition among settlers who view as a biblical birthright the notion of a "greater Israel" that includes the West Bank.

"I personally continue to advocate the idea of the entire land of Israel as a heart's desire," Olmert said. "I believe with all my heart in the people of Israel's central historic right to the entire land of Israel. However, dreams and recognition of this right do not constitute a political program."

"Even if the Jewish eye cries, and even if our hearts are broken, we must preserve the essence," he added. "We must preserve a stable and solid Jewish majority in our state."

The new government is led by Olmert's Kadima party, founded by Sharon last fall to harness Israeli centrist following. Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and a small area of the West Bank. During March elections seen as a referendum on additional withdrawals, voters gave majority support to parties that favor territorial concessions.

But Kadima won by a smaller-than-expected margin, forcing Olmert to reach out to other parties to achieve a majority coalition. Kadima, with 29 seats, has brought in the left-leaning Labor Party, the small, centrist Pensioners Party and a religious party known as Shas. Olmert's program — whose



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert speaks during an official ceremony after the swearing in of the new government at the president's residence in Jerusalem on Thursday.

Israel's new government

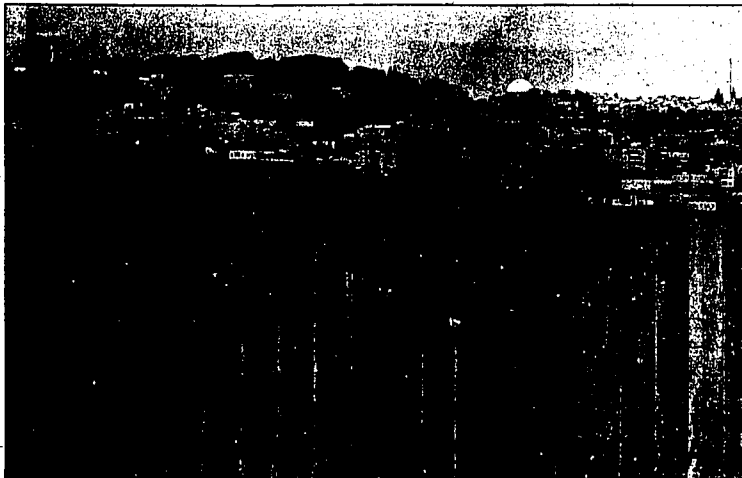
WHAT HAPPENED — Israel's new government passed a parliamentary vote of confidence and took office.

WHAT'S NEW — Government guidelines call for setting Israel's final borders with the Palestinians, mandating a withdrawal from much of the West Bank and relocating of tens of thousands of Jewish settlers. A senior government official showed The Associated Press a map representing the first concrete plan to split Jerusalem between Israel and the Palestinians.

WHAT IT MEANS — Israel will move unilaterally to disengage with the Palestinians on its own terms if peace talks fail. With the violent Islamic Hamas in control of the Palestinian government, peace talks are unlikely.

WHAT THE PALESTINIANS SAY — Palestinians reject unilateral Israeli moves and demand that borders be agreed in negotiations. Palestinians demand a total Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and east Jerusalem.

— The Associated Press



A section of Israel's separation barrier dividing the West Bank village of Sawarrah from Jerusalem is seen in March. Israel's new government is drawing up plans to divide Jerusalem by giving up Arab neighborhoods, an architect of the program said. Under the plan, Jerusalem's Old City, its holy shrines and adjacent neighborhoods, would become a "special region with special understandings," but remain under Israeli sovereignty.

Israel details plans to split Jerusalem

By Ramit Plushnick-mast
Associated Press writer

JERUSALEM — Israel's new government is drawing up a blueprint for dividing the holy city of Jerusalem — a once inconceivable notion — giving the Palestinians nearly all the Arab neighborhoods while holding onto Jewish areas and disputed holy shrines.

Oritel Scheller, an architect of the plan, described it in interviews this week with The Associated Press, giving the clearest picture yet of how Israel plans to separate from the Palestinians, abandoning most of the West Bank.

"We will not divide Jerusalem, we will share it," he said.

Most of Jerusalem's Arab neighborhoods would go to the Palestinians, he said. "Those same neighborhoods will, in my assessment, be central to the makeup of the Palestinian capital — al-Quds," Scheller said, calling Jerusalem by its Arabic name.

Israel would keep Jerusalem's Old City with its shrines sacred to Jews, Muslims and Christians alike — an unacceptance plan to Palestinians, particularly if carried out unilaterally.

Still, with Prime Minister Ehud Olmert determined to draw Israel's final borders by 2010, likely without waiting for Palestinian agreement, a division of Jerusalem looks realistic for the first time.

The plan reflects a sea change in the thinking of most Israelis, who once considered sacrosanct the idea of abandoning any part of the holy city.

Since Israel captured east Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East War, Israelis had been in broad agreement that the city could never again be divided. But after five years of interfaith bloodshed, Israeli voters swept Olmert's Kadima Party into office in March 2006 elections on a platform to separate from the Palestinians for the good of the Jewish state.

A plan to divide Jerusalem was first brought up in 2000 peace talks but failed to materialize. Scheller — a Kadima lawmaker — is reviving that plan with his blueprint. But he cautioned that the ideas are still in the planning stages, require international backing and that there's no clear timetable for carrying them out.

Under the plan, which would be executed unilaterally if efforts to resume peace talks fail, Jerusalem's Old City, its holy shrines and the adjacent neighborhoods would become a "special region with special understandings," but remain under Israeli sovereignty, said Scheller.

The Old City and the adjacent "holy basin," which includes the predominantly Arab neighborhoods of Silwan and Sheikh Jarrah, would fall on the Israeli side of the separation barrier Israel is building in the West Bank, another Israeli official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because plans are not final.

The plan also calls for moving the barrier westward. That means much of East Jerusalem would no longer be cut off from the West Bank and most Arab neighborhoods of Jerusalem could become part of a

future Palestinian state on the eastern side of the barrier, the official said.

The United States has long held the position that "borders and Jerusalem and all final status issues ... ultimately have to be decided in negotiations between the parties," U.S. Embassy spokesman Stewart Little said.

But Washington is not likely to oppose unilateral Israeli pullouts from the West Bank.

Olmert's plan involves dismantling dozens of Jewish settlements in the West Bank with tens of thousands of people and moving them to larger settlement blocs in the territory that Israel hopes to hold onto under a final peace deal.

Israel has said it will give the Hamas-led Palestinian government time to agree to international demands to recognize Israel, accept past peace deals and renounce violence. More than a month into its rule, Hamas has rejected the demands, Israel has cut off all ties with what it has labeled an enemy entity, and it appears increasingly likely the Jewish state will draw its borders on its own.

"The continuation of the scattered settlements throughout the West Bank creates an inseparable mix of populations that will threaten the existence of the state of Israel as a Jewish state," Olmert told parliament as he presented his government Thursday.

If necessary, he said, "we will also act without the Palestinian Authority's agreement to reach an understanding that will first and foremost be based on the correct definition of Israel's borders."

Eight new frog species discovered

By Michael Casey
Associated Press writer

BANGKOK, Thailand — You want to find a new frog species? Head to the Southeast Asian nation of Laos.

Scientists working with the New York-based World Conservation Society, or WCS, say they have discovered eight new species of frogs in the past two years. One species features a male half the size of the female, another has a row of spines running down its belly.

The new frogs were reported earlier this year in *Copeia*, the journal of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, and in other peer-reviewed scientific journals since 2004.

"Nobody has really paid much attention to Laos in terms of amphibian and reptile research," Bryan Stuart, whose team made the discoveries, told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

"So the amphibian fauna of Laos is much more poorly understood compared with neighboring countries. Almost every one of my field trips has yielded species unknown to science," he said.

The frogs are the latest new species to come out of the tiny, landlocked Asian country. Many are found in Laos' rain forests, largely unexplored by outsiders because of the geographic remoteness and the country's history of political turmoil.

Last year, scientists reported discovering a rat-like rodent known locally as *kha-nyou*. The mammal, with the face of a rat and the body of a skunk squirrel, previously was thought to



Photo courtesy of the World Conservation Society

In this undated photo released by the World Conservation Society, a new species of frog named *Rana Compositrix B* is seen in the jungles of Laos. Scientists working in conjunction with the New York-based World Conservation Society say they have discovered eight new species of frogs in the past two years.

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have died out 11 million years ago, researchers writing in *Science* said in March.

Stuart, who works for Chicago's Field Museum and whose team also found a new species of salamander in Laos in 2004, said he is captivated by the new discoveries. But he's also worried since many of the frogs depend on forests that are constantly under threat across the region.

"These frogs are not living in rice paddies or near villages. They are living in intact forests," he said.

"When forests are cleared, we're losing this piece of biodi-

versity that we may never have known existed," he said. "I can't think of any tropical region where there isn't a threat to intact forest. Certainly, there is forest destruction in Laos."

Another threat — at least to the black and gold salamander Stuart's team discovered — is collectors.

Earlier this year, the salamander turned up in the pet trade in Japan, where it is commanding a high commercial price. There also have been reports of its sale in Germany and Britain, the WCS said.

"The collectors are getting in before we understand the ecology of the salamander," said Michael Hedemark, co-director of the WCS Lao Program. "Our concern is that the population will be driven to extinction before we understand it better."

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Relatives of Russian plane crash victims begin identifying bodies

SOCHI, Russia (AP) — Searchers combed the waters off a Russian resort city Thursday, looking for bodies and a flight recorder from an Armenian passenger jet that slammed into the Black Sea in bad weather and disintegrated, killing all 113 people on board.

Agnostic relatives and friends gathered at a central hotel and a city morgue, where many started asking about grotesquely disfigured faces and bodies appearing in corners' photographs.

The photos are posted on a nearly 6-foot-high wooden board in the courtyard. Forensic authorities emerged from the building periodically asking if anyone had recognized a person in the photographs.

Fifty-three bodies had been

recovered so far, of which just 28 were identified, Transport Minister Igor Levitin said. The plane was traveling to Sochi from the Armenian capital, Yerevan, and most of the passengers were Armenian.

President Vladimir Putin told chief prosecutor Vladimir Ustinov in televised comments to work fast to determine the cause of the crash, but acknowledged it would be difficult without flight recorders.

Levitin told reporters that searchers had located a large part of the plane's fuselage that was emitting a radio signal believed to be from a flight recorder, and Russian news agencies later quoted an emergency officer as saying signals from a second "black box" were detected nearby.

But Levitin said the debris

lay in some 2,230 feet of water, and that Russian authorities did not have the equipment to raise the wreckage.

"We will turn to other countries that have the experience in raising objects from the depths," he said.

The Airbus A-320 plunged into the sea in the pre-dawn hours Wednesday in heavy rain and poor visibility as it approached the airport in Adler, about 12 miles south of Sochi, a city wedged between the sea and soaring, snowcapped mountains. Searchers found wreckage spread over a wide area about 3.5 miles offshore.

Federal prosecutors dismissed the possibility of terrorism, and other officials pointed to the rough weather or pilot error as the likely cause.



A student holds a candle during a mourning ceremony for her two schoolmates killed in a plane crash in Adler near the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi, Thursday.

Miners might be free by weekend

BEACONSFIELD, Australia (AP) — They ate yogurt for breakfast Thursday and requested chicken for dinner. They slept five hours in the cold, the most yet. To keep busy, they clean each other's scratches — all filmed round the clock.

Trapped nearly 3,000 feet underground, two Australian gold miners have been stuck for more than a week after an accident killed one in a steel cage they were working in under tons of hard rock.

By Thursday night, rescuers who have been sending them supplies including an air mattress and iPods through a narrow tube were ready to start drilling a tunnel big enough to get them out, they said. Brent Webb, 37, and Todd Russell, 34,

would probably be free by the weekend.

"All I can say is, they are incredible guys. They've got good spirits. We have a joke about some things, but we know the reality and they know the reality and they are happy to wait for the progress," said Matthew Eastham, a paramedic at the scene.

The men have been entombed in the century-old Beaconfield Gold Mine in Tasmania since April 25. Fellow miner Larry Knight, 44, was killed in the quake.

Min manager Matthew Gill told The Associated Press that teams had finished boring a narrow pilot hole to the men through 52 feet of hard rock and would use the hole to guide the drilling of a 3-foot-wide escape tunnel.

He said drilling would probably start Thursday night and it was "unlikely" that the men would be freed before the weekend because of the need for careful progress.

The tunnel will be drilled to just below the men, with the final crust of rock likely to be broken with hand equipment like jackhammers.

Breaking through to the cavity where the men are trapped will be the most delicate part of the rescue, the miners' union leader, Bill Shorten, told the Australian Associated Press news agency.

"As it gets closer the dirt, the dust, the shaking of the rock, the vibration — this will be very, very perturbing for these two trapped miners," he said.

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Vatican lashes out at China for defying pope

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican lashed out Thursday at Beijing, announcing the excommunication of two bishops who were ordained by China's state-controlled church without Pope Benedict XVI's consent.

Benedict's first major political clash since his election as pope last year was announced Thursday, when he said he had ordered the excommunication of two bishops who performed the ordinations in separate ceremonies since Sunday, according to a provision of church law cited by Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

Benedict learned about the defiant ordinations "with great

sadness," said Navarro-Valls. "It is a great wound to the unity of the church."

The Vatican said that according to its information, bishops and priests have been subjected — by institutions outside the church — to strong pressures and threats, in order for them to take part in the ordinations that, because they were not approved by the Vatican, are illegitimate and against their conscience.

Navarro-Valls said some prelates refused, while some others "could not do anything else but submit, with great inner suffering."

"We are therefore faced with a grave violation of religious freedom," he said, adding that the Vatican "had thought and had hoped that such deplorable episodes belonged to the past."

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The Magic Valley Ducktails will hold their 2nd meeting Thursday May 11th, from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Idaho Fish and Game Regional Office, 1 mile North of the Flying J truck stop on Highway 93.

All boys, girls and young adults are welcome, parents are also encouraged to attend.

The Ducktails are a youth fly fishing group dedicated to the promotion of the sport and all its aspects.

We will have casting, fly tying and knot tying clinics, stream walks, raffles and conservation projects.

At this month's meeting, Tucker Brauer will demonstrate a few of his favorite patterns, for those who don't have fly tying equipment we will have flies and materials so you can try your hand at the art of fly tying.

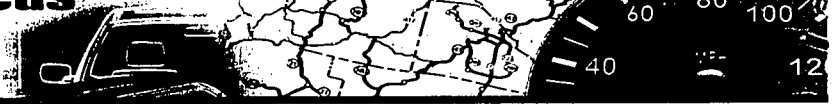
This month's raffle includes a fly fishing outfit generously donated by Rocky Adams of Twin Falls.

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2006 NISSAN ARMADA SUV

Ruggedly uptown

RoadWorthy!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

In its position as the flagship in Nissan's family of SUVs, the full-size Armada SUV blazes a trail rather than merely following the logic and cue of the other players in the crowded full-size SUV segment. Bigger, better and more sophisticated, the large Nissan SUV is built on a vehicle platform shared with the Titan pickup truck. The Armada features a rugged, fully boxed high-strength steel frame with an independent rear suspension optimized for improved interior roominess, comfort and handling.

Manufactured at the automaker's Canton, Miss., assembly complex, the Armada is available in SE, SE Off-road and LE models and receives power from a 5.6L V8 mated to a five-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission with tow/haul mode. Motorists may choose between two- or four-wheel drive configurations. Four-wheel drive models feature an advanced full-time design with a two-speed transfer case with 4-Lo and Auto 4x4 technology. Skid plates for the lower radiator, transfer case and fuel tank are also standard on 4WD models.

On the road, the Armada is smooth, quiet, nimble and responsive. Driving this SUV at speed is not unlike a modern luxury car—plenty of power, full of capabilities. A fully boxed ladder-type body-on-frame construction serves as the base for the suspension hardware. Despite its size, the Armada is easy to drive and maneuver.

Control components for the Nissan SUV include a double wishbone front suspension and independent rear double wishbone suspension to deliver a stable on-center ride and feel. Front and rear stabilizer bars help keep it all



The 2006 Nissan Armada—smooth, quiet, nimble and responsive

2006 Nissan Armada by the Numbers

WHEELBASE: 123.2; overall length: 206.9; width: 78.8; height: 77.8—measurements in inches.

ENGINE: 5.6L V8—305 hp at 4,900 rpm and 385 lbs-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm.

TRANSMISSION: five-speed automatic with over-drive and tow/haul mode.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY: 13 city/19 hwy., (2WD); 13 city/18 hwy., (4WD).

CARGO CAPACITY: 97.1 cu. ft.

TOWING CAPACITY: 9,100 lbs.

connected at speed. An air-locked rear suspension is also available.

Inside the cabin versatility, capability and utility join together to give driver and occupants an above

Price: The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2006 Nissan Armada starts from \$34,700 for the SE 2WD up to \$42,800 for the LE 4WD. Destination charges add \$705.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT: Dual front airbags, vehicle dynamic control, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, brake assist, electronic brake force distribution, tire pressure monitoring system, automatic headlamps, pipe-style steel side-impact door guard beams, garage door opener, power adjustable pedals, remote keyless entry, roof mounted curtain airbags for all rows of seating, full-sized spare tire, rear parking sensors, traction control, vehicle security system and im-

mobilizer. SE 4WD adds fog lights and front tow hooks. SE Off-road adds front side-impact air bags and skid plates for fuel tank, oil pan radiator and transmission. Optional safety equipment includes navigation system.

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average traveling experience. Room and comfort are the watchwords, as driver and the passengers in all three rows of seating enjoy hospitable surroundings. Seats in the second

and third rows fold flat with the cargo floor for added hauling capabilities. The front passenger seat also folds flat for maximum flexibility and versatility in carrying both passengers

and cargo. A full-length overhead console mimics commercial aircraft and features separate lighting and ventilation for each passenger.

Up to 14 cupholders are placed throughout the cabin, each capable of holding a large 64 oz bottle.

The center console is cavernous with plenty of storage and a large armrest. The Armada features three 12-volt power outlets on the center console and instrument panel for portable electrical appliances. The rear access to the cargo area features window access separate from the full hatch door for easy retrieval of small items. The standard exterior running board facilitates entry and exit.

Temperature rising?

Q. Since the weather has cooled I've noticed my temperature gauge takes much longer to reach the normal range than usual. During the summer months, after a cold start, the gauge would swing up to the 1-3 point within four or five miles. Now, it takes 10 miles or more before reaching the same point—0 if at all. Should I be concerned with this?

—Alvaro Gonzalez, Riverside

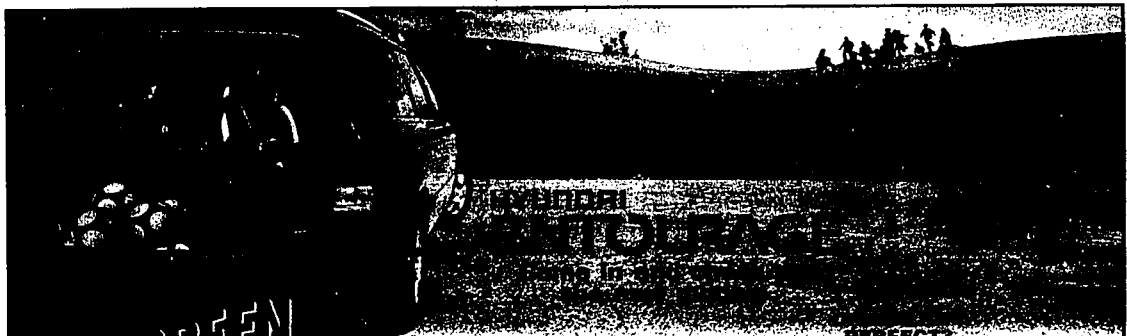


UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Bergthold

A. Alvaro, it sounds like your engine's thermostat has become stuck in the open position, which is not a good thing, for several reasons. Under normal conditions, the thermostat should block coolant flow to the radiator until it reaches the specified temperature, usually around 195 degrees. This brings the engine up to operating temperature quickly, reducing emissions, improving fuel economy and minimizing sludge buildup. After a thermostat opens, it continually varies in position, stabilizing engine temperature.

I'd strongly recommend renewing the thermostat, as an engine simply doesn't run right unless it's at the optimum temperature. You'll also find, as the weather becomes colder, that the heater-defroster will function much better, owing to the faster rise in coolant temperature.

What does it take to change a thermostat? On most vehicles it's a fairly easy and inexpensive procedure. Thermostats are typically located within a rounded metal housing, where the upper radiator hose connects to the engine. If you should elect to change the part yourself, be sure to clean the gasket surfaces carefully, install the thermostat with the sensing bulb pointing toward the engine, carefully torque the housing fasteners, and follow the manufacturer's procedures (if applicable) to bleed the cooling system of air.



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EDUCATION St. Edward's Catholic School has the following openings for the 2006-2007 school year: Fourth Grade teacher and all day Kindergarten teacher. Applicants must be certified with the Idaho State Department of Education. Please call 208-734-3872 for more information.

FOOD SERVICE - Kitchen Help Twin Falls Care Center is looking for dependable help in the kitchen. This is a part-time position doing dish washing, and tray/dish. This position is in the day and in the evening. If you are interested please call 734-4264 and ask for Jennifer or fill out an application at 674 Eastland Drive. EOE.

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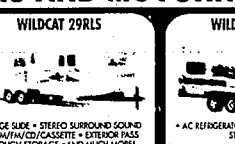


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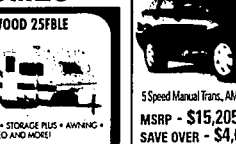
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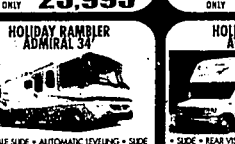
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HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
 SF, 20, 5'1", light brown eyes, employed, sociable, easygoing, likes horror films, most music, hanging with friends. Looking for a cool, fun guy to hang with. Wendell **2936019**

HELLO BIG BOY
 SWF, very young 57, going back to college, likes dancing, dogs, cats, horses. Seeking SM, 50-70, for dating and more. Hollister **2958251 @ Joye5949**

SWEET, PETITE CHRISTIAN
 SWF, 67, employed part-time, seeks caring, honest SWM, under 57, 58-68, who enjoys the outdoors, mountains, reading, music, the simple life. Twin Falls **2911920**

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 SWF, 66, Libra, part-time school cafeteria worker, N/S, loves country drives and walks, movies, dining out. Seeking WM, 60-70, Twin Falls **2946212**

WAITING 4
THE PERFECT GUY
 Fun SWF, long blonde hair, big green eyes, loves the outdoors, camping, fishing. Looking to meet a SWM, 28-38, who's sexy and fun, to share good times, possible LTR. Hollister **29763014 @ bacardi0529**

WHY WAIT?
 SWF, enjoys fishing, camping, walks, dancing, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking WM, 21-50, to share interest with and get to know. Kimberly **2985784**

NEED A NICE GUY!
 Romantic, fun SWF, enjoys family life, movies, dancing, horseback riding, gardening, cooking and fishing. Seeking a tall SWM, N/S, 40-60, who wants to share a good friend and possible LTR. Twin Falls **2888961**

NEEDS SOME SUGAR
 SWF, 48, loves walks, picnics, hot tubing, cuddling on the couch, seeking SWHM, 38-54, Hollister **2844241 @ SemiSulte**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE!
 SW PF, 60, 4'10", medical profession, HWTP, I enjoy yard work, walks, relaxing at home, animals, etc. Seeking a SWM, 55-67, to share special times together, friendship and more. Hollister **2919351**

HI
 SWF, 21, very easygoing, Cancer, N/S, enjoys shopping and meeting new people. Seeking WM, 19-27, for friendship, hopefully leading to more. Hollister **2916305**

I WANT TO LIVE, LAUGH...
 and love again, WF, 34, mother of two boys, loves the outdoors, long conversations, cuddling and more. Looking for an understanding, honest, good man, 34-45. Finley **2893542 @ Kaster**

NOT AFRAID TO GET MY...
 hands dirty, SWF, 19, 5', dishwasher-blond/hazel, Aquarius, N/S, enjoys dancing, Mexican food, and movies. Seeking WM, 19-30, N/S, to chat with. Burley **2918228**

LOOKING FOR A GREAT GUY
 Spontaneous SWF, 19, competitive tennis player, enjoy having a good time, living life to the fullest. Seeking down to earth SWM, 18-23, for LTR. Appleton **2905428 @ victrolaf1**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE
 Sociable, honest SWM, 21, 5'9", brown/brown, likes camping, fishing—outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends, more. Looking for an honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. Burley **2943856**

PRETTY OPEN
 Kind-hearted WM, 29, 5'7", 180 lbs, brown/brown, likes camping, fishing—outdoors, working out, hanging out with friends, more. Looking for an honest, outgoing WF, 18-36. Burley **2943856**

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 SWM, 58, 5'6", 160lbs, clean cut, N/S, easygoing, hardworking, likes movies, dancing, Country music, outdoors, camping. Seeking fun SWF, 48-58, slender, for friendship maybe more. **2651957**

NO GAMES PLEASE
 SWM, 28, N/S, honest, kind, likes children, movies, mexican food, ISO caring, sweet, sincere, fun-loving SF, 18-25, for dating and more. Hollister **2952248 @ sreat**

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
 SWF, 28, with various interests, ISO SF, 22-35, to share casual dates, good times and just get to know. Possible LTR. Appleton **2851341**

CALL ME
 WM, 5'9", 175lbs, brown/hazel, likes country music, good movies and cuddling on the couch. Seeking WF, 30-49, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. Wendell **2895900**

ANY NICE GIRLS OUT THERE?
 SWM, 27, N/S, hard-working, likes the outdoors. Seeking a nice woman, who's not afraid to get a little dirty and just have fun. Hollister **2957383 @ philip8301**

ROOM IN MY HEART
 SWM, 39, 5'10", 250lbs, great SOH, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, outdoor sports, gardening. Seeking SF, nice, 30-45, slender to medium build, with similar interests for LTR. Paul **2892445**

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STILL LOOKING
 SWM, 22, Italian, majoring in culinary arts, likes paint ball, rock climbing, movies, jump out of planes. Seeking SF, 18-23, for friendship and more. Hollister **2940662 @ daveidursino11c**

STILL SEARCHING...
 SWM, 38, 6'3", very mature and caring, enjoys outdoors, dining, sports, and more. Seeking SF, race open, 36-46, for friendship, and dating. Twin Falls **2913296**

MAKE IT HAPPEN
 SWM, 28, looking to meet a single female, 18-30. Someone who would like to have a good time if this sounds like you, contact me. Hollister **2913536**

A GOOD GUY STILL EXISTS
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 SBM, 18, Scorpio, N/S, works at a cheese factory, loves roller-coasters, motorcycles, camping and fishing. Seeking nice, caring, loving SF, 18-25, N/S. Burley **2930844**

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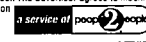
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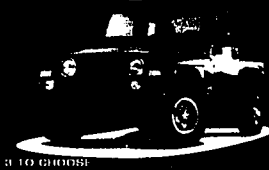
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