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Immigration bill revived

By Suzanne Gamboa
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Senate leaders reached a deal Thursday on reviving a broad immigration bill that could provide millions of illegal immigrants a chance to become American citizens and said they'll try to pass it before

Memorial Day. The agreement brokered by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., breaks a political stalemate that has lingered for weeks while immigrants and their supporters held rallies, boycotts and protests to push for action.

"We congratulate the Senate on reaching agreement and we look forward to passage of a bill prior to Memorial Day," said Dana Perino, deputy White House press secretary.

Key to the agreement is who will be negotiating a compromise with the House, which last December passed an enforcement

only bill that would subject the estimated 11 million to 12 million illegal immigrants in the United States to felony charges as well as deportation.

Frist said the Senate will send 14 Republicans and 12 Democrats to negotiate with the House.

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Voters to decide whether to sell county hospital

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Hospital officials and many employees want it. Most Magic Valley directors want it. Now, supporters of selling the county hospital to create a new regional hospital network are hoping voters want it, too.

On May 23, voters will decide 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. St. Luke's wants the Magic Valley Regional to become part of a regional health care network that also would include St. Luke's, Meridian and the Wood River Valley as well as its Mountain States

Tumor Institute. County commissioners have signed a definitive agreement to transfer ownership of Magic Valley Regional to St. Luke's, and now voters will have the final say.

"This is probably one of the most important decisions to arrive on our doorstep," said Dr. Robert Lobb at a recent town meeting.

Lobb said he and most other doctors support the plan because of their long history with St. Luke's.

"We developed this relationship that we know and trust," Lobb said.

If voters say yes to the sale, St. Luke's would break ground this summer on a \$120 million hospital on the southeast corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive.

Lobb said Magic Valley Regional had to build a new hospital on its own, it would be 10 or 15 years before there would be enough money in the coffers to build a new facility.

"Ten or 15 years in medicine is an eon," Lobb said. Supporters of a regional health care system say signing on with St. Luke's will attract more doctors, improve existing services and add more specialty services.

"Health care in our county will improve with our partnership with St. Luke's," said Gary Babbal, a local businesswoman and member of the St. Luke's Magic Valley

About local health care

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. More than 50 percent of voters must approve the sale, which would become effective July 1.

Here's the question voters will see on the ballot: Shall Twin Falls County sell Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, a county-owned hospital, to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Ltd., whose parent corporation is St. Luke's Health System Ltd., and lease the hospital real estate to the purchaser until a new hospital is constructed and opened by the purchaser in Twin Falls County, and dissolve the county hospital board?

For more 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
• Town Meeting: The Times-News, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and the Bull Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a town hall meeting to answer questions about the hospital proposal at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Eighth Street Center in Bull.

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A long way from home

Twin Falls native pays homage to birthplace with new jazz album

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jazz artist Deirdre Rodman left Idaho for New York in search of her musical voice.

"Turns out, it was in Idaho the whole time. Rodman, a Twin Falls native and current New York City resident, released a jazz CD this week titled "Twin Falls."

The album chronicles Rodman's childhood in southern Idaho and the relationship she never had with her folk singer mother who gave Rodman up for adoption at birth. "I ended up here in New York for the music," Rodman said in a telephone interview. "But, I had a lot. I found out, to say about growing up in Idaho." Rodman has received rave reviews from rock legend Elvis Costello, with whom she recently toured. Magic Valley jazz guru Brent Jensen and jazz critics from The Washington Post and the New York edition of Time Out magazine. "I think she's one of the most original jazz voices out there. Her music has elements of folk music, the avant-garde, hop and traditional jazz," Jensen said. "Twin Falls" is Rodman's third album released, or the Sunnyside label. It was cut live in a New Jersey studio in just four hours.

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GOING FOR HIS OWN RECORD



Twin Falls High School freshman Jon Bittseff bounces a baseball off a bat outside his home in Twin Falls. Bittseff said his high score for the evening was 27 bounces in a row. Today's Magic Valley weather calls for sunny skies with a high of 76 degrees.

Want to know more?

Look for a review of "Twin Falls" on Thursday in TNT.

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Lawmakers wonder if Big Brother is watching

Bush: Civil liberties are fiercely protected

By Katherine Shrader
and Donna Cassata
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers demanded answers from the Bush administration Thursday about a spy agency secretly collecting records of millions of ordinary Americans' phone calls to build a database of all calls within the country.

Facing mounting criticism, President Bush sought to assure Americans that their civil liberties were "fiercely protected."

"The government does not listen to domestic phone calls without court approval," said Bush, without confirming the program of the National Security Agency. "We're not mining or trolling through the personal lives of millions of innocent Americans."

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Hunter kills first documented grizzly-polar hybrid

The Associated Press

TORONTO — A DNA test has confirmed what zoologists, big-game hunters and aboriginal trackers in the far northern reaches of Canada have dreamed of for years: the first documented case of a grizzly-polar bear roaming in the wilds.

Roger Kuptana, an Inuit tracker from the Northwest Territories, suspected the American hunter he was guiding had shot a hybrid bear last month after noticing its white fur was spotted brown and it had the long claws and slightly humped back of a grizzly.

Territorial officials seized the creature and a DNA test from Wildlife Genetics International, a lab in British Columbia, has confirmed that the hybrid was born of a polar mother and grizzly father.

"It's something we've all known was theoretically possible," Kuptana said.

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In this undated photo provided by the Canadian Wildlife Service, hunter Jim Martell is seen with a hybrid bear he shot while on a hunting expedition on Banks Island, Northwest Territory. Genetic tests showed the bear had a polar bear mother and a grizzly father.

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Power failure causes sewage to discharge into creek

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Stay out of Rock Creek today. That's the city's advice after a Thursday morning lift station

power failure caused a limited discharge of sewage into the creek. According to a city news release, backup power to operate the lift station was provided by generators and Idaho Power

crews made the appropriate repairs. The sewer lift station is now fully operational and crews are continuing cleanup efforts. Water is being retained to prevent any further runoff into the creek.

The city is also advising people to avoid the bike path in the area of the lift station, which is located in the Rock Creek Canyon just south of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Warm and sunny. Highs, upper 70s.
Tonight: Quiet weather conditions continue. Lows, 40s.
Tomorrow: A sunny, warm start to the weekend. Highs near 80.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and other areas.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Scattered clouds to mostly sunny skies. Highs, 70s.
Tonight: A few clouds. Lows, 40s.
Tomorrow: Mild temperatures and mostly sunny skies. Highs, 70s.

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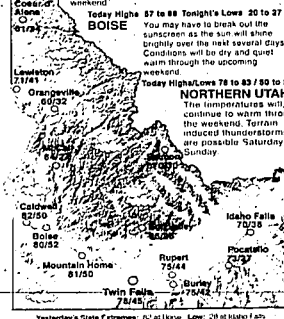
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Table with 2 columns: Moonrise, Moonset. Lists times for today and tomorrow.

U.V. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: U.V. Index, Location. Shows index levels for different areas.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with multiple columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists weather for various international cities.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

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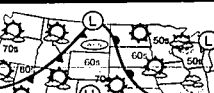
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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WORLD FORECAST (continued)

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The disclosure, reported in USA Today, could complicate Bush's bid to win confirmation of former NSA director Michael Hayden as CIA director.

Immigration

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With seven of the Republicans and five Democrats coming from the Judiciary Committee. The remaining seven Republicans will be chosen by Frist among remaining seven Democrats chosen by Reid.

Music

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Six of the 17 tracks are completely improvised, and 13 are Rodman originals. The album pairs pianist Rodman with Steve Swallow, a 65-year-old electric bass journeyman who's played with Herbie Hancock, Stan Getz and Dizzy Gillespie.

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"Everything that NSA does is lawful and very carefully done," Hayden said while making rounds at the Capitol to address his confirmation. The appropriate members of the Congress — the House and Senate — are briefed on all NSA activities.

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The top-ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee said he was shocked by the reported activities. "It's not one party's government. It's America's government. Those entrusted with great power have a duty to answer to Americans what they are doing," said Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont.

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Mail information

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The companies said Thursday they were protecting customers' privacy but also had an obligation to assist law enforcement and government agencies in the most stringent conditions the company said in a state-

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The Justice Department told the court late last month it would seek to dismiss the case under the state secrets privilege but said that effort "should not be construed as a confirmation of the alleged surveillance activities."

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Bear

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possible because their habitats overlap a little bit and their breeding seasons overlap a little bit," said Jan Stirling, a polar bear biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Service in Edmonton.

"It's the first time it's known to have happened in the wild," he said. The biologist person to analyze something was different about the bear — shot and killed on the southern end of Baffin Island in the Beaufort Sea — was Kuptana, the guide.

"These guides know their animals and they recognized that there were a number of things that didn't look quite right for a

Bear

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polar bear," Stirling said. The bear's eyes were ringed with black, its face was slightly indented, had a mild hump to its back and long claws.

Stirling said polar bears and grizzlies have been successfully paired in zoos and that their offspring are fertile but there has been no documented case in the wilds.

Kuptana, a guide from Sachs Harbour in the Northwest Territories, was tracking with Idaho big-game hunter Jim Martell, who had paid \$50,000 for a license to hunt polar bears.

"The DNA results were good news for the 65-year-old hunter,

Immigration (continued)

Reid had been taking some criticism for refusing to move forward on the bill after complaining that Republicans were trying to undermine his efforts and insisting that Democrats be allowed to have a say in who serves on the conference committee.

Republicans, too, have had opposition from conservatives to the compromise proposal.

These critics consider its path to citizenship provision for illegal immigrants and hundreds of thousands of future guest workers to be tantamount to "amnesty."

"We've also had to contend with fallout from opposition to the House bill that triggered nationwide protests that drew hundreds of thousands in Los Angeles, Chicago and Dallas and hundreds more in other cities and small communities.

Presidential and midterm politics have been a subject to the immigration debate.

Frist and Arizona Sen. John McCain, one of the architects of the legalization proposal, are prominent in speculation for

the 2008 GOP presidential nomination.

The compromise bill the Senate will consider builds on legislation approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee 12-6, with four Republicans voting with Democrats to approve the measure.

The measure absorbed a bill drafted by McCain and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., that called for allowing illegal immigrants to work toward legal permanent residents.

President Bush had helped accelerate progress on the bill at a meeting with a bipartisan group of senators last month and stating clearer support for allowing illegal immigrants a path to citizenship.

"Business and labor, Democrats and Republicans, religious leaders and the American people strongly support our plan to strengthen borders, provide a path to earned citizenship for those undocumented workers who are here and put in place a realistic guest-worker-program-for-the-future," Kennedy said.

or twice a year to see family and reconnect with her roots. "You know, I think I'll always be a half-city, half-country kind of girl."

After earning music degrees from Brigham Young University and the University of North Texas, Rodman made her living gigging on cruise ships.

"Since landing in the Big Apple, she's toured with rock legends Costello and Debbie Harry appearing on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and "Live with Regis and Kelly," and co-founded the Alphabet Lounge Big Band and lounge-pop group the Lascivious Biddies.

Even with these successes, Rodman's ode to Idaho ranks high among her accomplishments, she said. "I wouldn't change a thing about it."

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who was facing a possible \$1,000 fine and up to a year in jail for shooting a grizzly. The Northwest Territories Environment and Natural Resources Department now intends to return the bear to Martell.

"It will be quite a trophy," Martell told the National Post last week, before the DNA results were in. He returned to Yellowknife for another hunt, this time for a grizzly bear. He told the newspaper he has dubbed his creature "polargrizzly."

Stirling said others in his office have been telling him just what to call the hybrid: a "piz-

NATION

Craig bill would allow U.S. firms to drill for oil in Cuban waters

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Attempting to use gas price frustration to crack a Cold War-era ban on U.S. trade with Cuba, Idaho Sen. Larry Craig wants to allow American companies to sign deals with the "Caribbean island nation to explore and develop oil deposits in its waters."



Craig

"It's time America began to understand that our... prohibition on trade with Cuba has accomplished just about zero and that policy needs to be changed," Craig said in a telephone interview before introducing legislation Thursday to permit U.S. oil drilling deals with Cuba. "China, as we speak, has a drilling rig off the coast of Cuba."

U.S. companies are prohibited from doing business with Cuba under the 45-year-old embargo imposed after Fidel Castro's came into power and the U.S. cut off all diplomatic relations with the country. But since the discovery of oil deposits off its northern coast two years ago, Cuba has signed drilling deals with companies from Canada, China, India and Norway. In February, Cuban officials told U.S. oil executives at a meeting in Mexico they want to double their drilling capacity and explore for more oil offshore.

Because of rising gas prices and America's steadily increasing demand for oil, Craig said he sees no reason why U.S. companies should not be allowed to join the international exploration of the Cuban oil fields.

"We have the deep-water drilling expertise and Cuba needs the cash," said the Idaho Republican, who two years ago visited Cuban government officials on an agricultural trade mission. "These other countries are less environmentally capable of doing it right and we would be able to protect the Florida shoreline."

Craig's bipartisan bill — which is co-sponsored in the Senate by Republicans Mike Crapo of Idaho, John Thune of South Dakota, Pete Domenici of New Mexico, Craig Thomas of Wyoming, Pat Roberts of Kansas and Democrat Byron Dorgan of North Dakota — counters legislation introduced April 28 by Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla.

Nelson's bill would block oil drilling in the waters between the island and Florida by refusing to renew a 1977 international agreement that allows Cuba to perform commercial activities near the Florida Keys. The 1977 Maritime Boundary Agreement provides control of the 90 miles of sea separating the U.S. and Cuba must be renewed every two years and was

last authorized in 2004. Nelson fears offshore drilling could cause an environmental catastrophe, devastating Florida's economy.

"At risk are the Florida Keys and the state's tourism economy, not to mention the \$3 billion that Congress is investing to restore the Everglades," Nelson said in a statement upon introducing his Cuban oil drilling ban.

White Nelson's bill would deny U.S. visas to executives of foreign oil companies that conduct drilling operations off the Cuban coast, Craig's bill would allow U.S. oil executives to travel to Cuba for the purposes of business, let them engage in any transactions with Cuba as necessary and would not require them to be licensed by the U.S. government for doing business with Cuba.

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Senate approves \$70 billion tax-cut bill, clearing it for Bush's signature

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate gave final approval Thursday to a \$70 billion election-year package of tax cuts that will extend lower rates for investors and also save billions for families with above-average incomes.

The Senate passed the measure by a 54-44 vote, clearing it for President Bush's signature. The legislation provides a two-year extension of the reduced 15 percent tax rate for capital gains and dividends, currently set to expire at the end of 2008.

It also will extend for one year recent changes to the alternative minimum tax — originally aimed at making sure the wealthy pay at least some taxes — to prevent it from hitting more upper middle-income families.

It is tax common for taxpayers, especially those with families in high-tax states, to pay the AMT on incomes of \$100,000 and more.

The bill also will extend for two years provisions sought by small businesses to let them write off up to \$100,000 in investments in equipment and other expenses.

The debate followed partisan lines, with Republicans eagerly crediting the tax cuts, first enacted in 2003, with a surging economy, millions of new jobs and booming tax revenues. Democrats overwhelmingly opposed the bill, saying its tax cuts on capital gains and dividends will flow mostly to wealthy.

Just three Republicans — Olympia J. Snowe of Maine, Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island and George Voinovich of Ohio — voted against the bill. Democrats Ben Nelson of Nebraska, Bill Nelson of Florida and Mark Pryor of Arkansas voted in favor.

Republican Gordon Smith of Oregon originally registered a "nay" vote but changed to "yes" just before the tally was announced.

Republicans said to fail to extend the tax cuts would amount to a tax increase on investors, big and small, as well as on families facing the alternative minimum tax. They've dubbed the bill the "Tax Increase Prevention Act."

"Are we going to increase taxes on well over 100 million people... or are we going to keep taxes low?" said Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

Appearing with Frist and other GOP senators, Treasury Secretary John Snow said, "This is a defining day. A vote today will tell the American people who supports lower taxes and who doesn't."

Democrats countered that Republicans were favoring the wealthy and even oil companies while letting languish Senate-passed tax breaks on college tuition and state and local sales taxes, as well as a research and development tax credit for businesses. Each expired in December.

They blasted GOP negotiators for dropping a Senate-passed provision that would have closed an inventory accounting practice known as "last in, first out" that is used by oil companies and other businesses to help lower their tax burden.

The Bush administration and the Republican leadership

are far more interested in helping their wealthiest friends than hardworking middle-class Americans," said Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "The GOP made its choice, and they chose millionaire investors and oil companies over middle class families."

Passage of the bill is the first step of a two-track strategy for advancing the GOP's election-year tax cut agenda. Finance Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said again Thursday that another bill containing widely backed tax cuts favored by Democrats would advance soon as part of a follow-up bill.

The first measure focused on investor tax breaks and alternative minimum tax relief and it can advance under special rules blocking Senate Democrats from filibustering it to death. A senior Senate GOP budget aide said the later bill would contain perhaps \$23 billion in tax breaks backed by Republicans and Democrats.

Those include preserving tax deductions for state and local sales taxes, a tuition tax deduction, a tax break for teachers who buy their own school supplies, and the R & D tax credit for businesses.

The measure will also end a tax break U.S. companies such as Boeing use to reap large benefits on "grandfathered" export contracts. The World Trade Organization has termed them an illegal subsidy and has threatened to retaliate.

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If we omitted you the first time and you are a medical professional who wants to be in the May 20th printing of the Southern Idaho Health Guide, call Leticia at the Times-News, 735-3236 by 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 12.

NATION

Priest convicted in slaying of nun 26 years ago

The Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — A priest was convicted Thursday of murder in the slaying of a nun who was found strangled 26 years ago in a hospital chapel, her forehead "anointed" with a smudge of blood, her wounds forming an upside-down cross on her chest.

The Rev. Gerald Robinson, 60, was immediately sentenced to the mandatory term of 15 years to life in prison after a trial in which forensic experts matched the victim's wounds to a distinctive sword-shaped letter opener found in the priest's room.

The jury took six hours to reach a verdict. Robinson's prints and hair gazed when it was read. The Roman Catholic priest showed no reaction.

Robinson, who had worked closely with Sister Margaret Ann

Pahl as the hospital chaplain and presided at her funeral Mass, was a suspect early on but was not charged until two years ago. Prosecutors took a closer look at the slaying after he was anonymously accused of molestation. Those allegations have not been substantiated.

Prosecutors suggested that Robinson's relationship with the nun was strained and had finally reached a breaking point. According to testimony, Pahl was a first taskmaster as the caretaker of the chapel and was upset over Good Friday worship services being shortened.

Pahl, 71, was killed while preparing the Mercy Hospital chapel for Easter services on April 5, 1980. She was choked and then stabbed 31 times, the blade plunging repeatedly through an altar cloth that was left over her body in what prosecutors said looked like a ritual slaying.

Prosecutor Dean Mandros said Robinson inflicted the stab wounds in the shape of an upside-down cross, anointed Pahl with her own blood in a macabre version of the last rites and stripped off her underwear "to degrade her, to mock her to humiliate her."

Defense attorney John Thebes said he and his client were shocked by the verdict and will appeal.

Bishop Leonard Blair of the Toledo Diocese issued a statement noting that Robinson is a retired priest barred from any public ministry. "Let us hope that the conclusion of the trial will bring some measure of healing for all those affected by the case as well as for our local church," Blair said.

The case hinged largely on the letter opener, which had a diamond-shaped cross-section and a dime-sized medallion with an image of the U.S. Capitol. Forensic experts said the

blade was used to inflict the wounds, the medallion appeared to be the source of a faint stain on the altar cloth.

Also, witnesses said they saw Robinson outside the chapel about the time of the killing; the priest told police he was in his room showering.

The defense noted that DNA evidence failed to link Robinson to the crime. The nun's underwear and fingernails had traces of DNA that were probably from a man but not from Robinson, Thebes said. The priest's attorney also said witnesses gave conflicting accounts of Robinson's whereabouts around the time of the slaying.

Robinson was a popular priest in this blue-collar city of about 300,000, where a quarter of the residents are Catholic. He was especially well-liked in Polish neighborhoods because he delivered some sermons and heard confessions in Polish.



Sister Marjorie Rudemiller speaks about the verdict in the trial of the Rev. Gerald Robinson, in Toledo, Ohio Thursday afternoon.

Hospital

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Board, a group of local people that has been involved in the proposal from the beginning.

The regional system would be operated by a "system board" that would include five board members from the Treasure Valley, four from Twin Falls County, one from the Wood River Valley and the system chief executive officer.

New regional health care system

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- St. Luke's Health Systems would become the parent corporation of the local hospital which would be called St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, as well as St. Luke's hospitals in Boise, Meridian and Ketchum and St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute.
- The local hospital would be governed by the St. Luke's Magic Valley Board of Directors, a local board that would include Robert Alexander, Tom Ashenbrenner, Gary Babbitt, Shawn Bar-pier, Bill Block, Dr. Eric Cassidy, Cindy Collins, Lisa Donnelly, Curtis Eaton, C. Leonard "Rocky" Fisher, Coha Gault, Jeff Harris, Alan Horner, Brent Jussel, Dr. Don Katz, Kitty Martin, Vesta Maughan, Dr. Alark McKim, Dr. Russ Newcomb, Judy Pollow, Terry Schultz, Dr. Robert Ward and Dr. Mark Wright. The local board would oversee quality of care and develop and monitor the strategic and tactical directions of the hospital.
- The regional system would be governed by a "system board" that would include five board members from the Treasure Valley, four from Twin Falls County, one from the Wood River Valley and the system chief executive

However, hospitals in the system would retain their own "hospital boards" that would oversee quality of care and development of the strategic and tactical directions of their hospitals.

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NATION

Grand jury indicts Kentucky governor on conspiracy, misconduct charges

By Joe Bleck
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A grand jury indicted Gov. Ernie Fletcher on misdemeanor charges Thursday, accusing him of illegally rewarding political supporters with state jobs since taking office two years ago.



Fletcher

Fletcher was charged with conspiracy, official misconduct and violating a prohibition against political discrimination a 110 n. Speaker of the House Troy Boyda said the Republican governor would release a statement later Thursday.

For nearly a year, the special grand jury has been investigating whether the Fletcher administration broke state law by basing personnel decisions on political considerations.

Thirteen other current and former administration officials and associates were previously indicted on misdemeanor counts, and the grand jury handed up another 14 sealed indictments Thursday. Last summer, Fletcher pardoned

everyone in his administration other than himself who could be charged. In the case, although it remains unclear whether a blanket pardon issued before charges are filed is valid.

Fletcher's indictment alleges that he conspired with other administration officials on a hiring scheme dubbed the "Governor's Personnel Initiative."

Administration officials, according to the indictment, crafted an elaborate system of screening job candidates and ran background checks on prospects' political affiliations and donations.

Fletcher has repeatedly denied any political patronage scheme and said his administration's internal review uncovered

no violations of state law. The indictment said those details form part of the conspiracy. The grand jury also charged Fletcher with discriminating against a former state transportation employee, Mike Duncan.

Duncan sued Transportation Secretary Bill Nightbert and the agency Wednesday, alleging that he was fired last year because he was a Democrat who gave money to the campaign of Ben Chandler, Fletcher's Democratic opponent in the 2003 gubernatorial election. Nightbert has denied that the firing was politically motivated.

Democratic House Speaker Jody Richards called the indictment a "sad day in the history of our commonwealth."

Paris Hilton unveils her own video game

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paris Hilton unveiled her new video game on Thursday, but inexplicably called it by the wrong name as she greeted throngs of fans and photographers. Wearing a green, mindless and red platform pumps,

Hilton made a brief appearance at the Electronic Entertainment Expo to promote "Paris Hilton's Jewel Jam."

Coming, and you can download the game," she said. After Hilton arrived, men in business suits jockeyed for space with reporters and computer geeks as she sat at a table posing for photographers while signing autographs.



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT JARBIDGE FIELD OFFICE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites you to participate in the preparation of the Jarbidge Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The RMP will provide broad multiple-use guidance for managing 1,366,000 acres of public lands managed by BLM in portions of Twin Falls, Owyhee, and Elmore Counties, Idaho, and Elko County, Nevada, for the next 15 to 20 years.

The following open house community meetings are being held to share information about the planning process and to obtain public input on resource and management issues to be considered in the RMP/EIS. The BLM also encourages the public to provide written comments during the extended public scoping period, which runs through June 15, 2006. People who have previously submitted scoping comments may also provide additional comments during this second scoping opportunity if they wish.

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To be most helpful, written comments should be submitted by June 15, 2006 via:
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Lierman the most qualified for Jerome County issues

When Sempra Generation announced in April 2005 that it wanted to build a 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant north-east of Jerome, it guaranteed that the 2006 Republican primary for two Jerome County Commission seats would be contentious.

with the credentials to help the commissioners make informed decisions on the issue. Lierman, in her 14th year on the commission and the body's chairman, is arguably the most knowledgeable person about the controversies that face Jerome County dairies, growth and economic development.

We haven't always agreed with actions she's taken on the commission, but with the power plant still on the back burner, this isn't a good time to replace her experience.

About these races

Republican Veronica Lierman faces challenger Diana Oberauer in the District 1 primary for Jerome County commission. In District 3 GOP primary, challenger Stacie Williams faces incumbent Joe Davidson.

The Times-News offers its endorsement as a service to readers. We welcome opposing viewpoints.

a bright future in politics, if she chooses to run again for public office. She's incisive, dedicated and experienced in the public service. In another race, she'd make an excellent county commissioner.

Although Oberauer performed capably enough on Sempra, we don't agree with his full-speed ahead views on growth in Jerome County, including more dairies.

If the reaction to Sempra demonstrated anything, it's that quality of life is now the single most important thing on Jerome County residents' minds.

I got two letters from Jerome County residents — College of Southern Idaho nursing instructor Diana Oberauer and businessman Stuart Williams — into the race, challenging incumbent Veronica Lierman and Joe Davidson, respectively. Oberauer and Williams make a strong case for change. More transparency is needed. In one way the commissioners go about the public's business, they argue, and there should be limits on the growth of confined animal feeding operations and fair and consistent regulation of dairies.

Both insist that the county should say no if another company restricts the plant proposal, instead focusing on cleaner sources of electricity generation such as wind and solar power.

For their part, Lierman and Davidson point out that the Jerome County commissioners imposed their own six-month moratorium on the power plant before the state instituted its six-month moratorium and that they hired an outside expert — Coeur d'Alene attorney Jerry Manson —

Political arrogance waking up voters

Indiana politics was rocked last week by a story that circulated outside the borders of the Hoosier state. In the May 2 Republican primary, state Senate President Pro Tempore Robert Garton of Columbus, a 36-year veteran and one of the most powerful legislators in the nation, was soundly beaten by Greg Walker, a young accountant making his first bid for any office. The local press had criticized Garton for championing a measure that awarded lifetime health insurance benefits to members of the Legislature — and public resentment of that perk proved Walker to an upset victory.



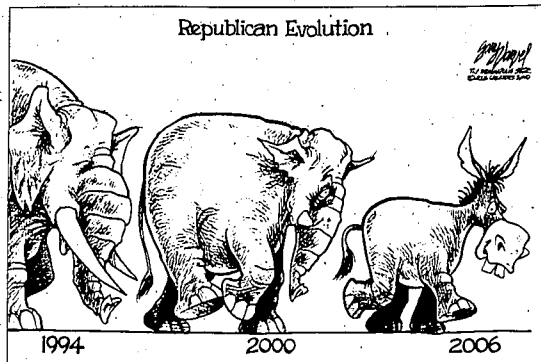
DAVID BRODER

What happened in Indiana is a signal of the voter restlessness that imperils incumbents of both parties this year — but especially the Republicans who control Congress.

It also is a symptom of a call for more accountability and leadership at all levels of government. In a time of war and wrenching economic change, the voters are beginning to demand more candor and more responsibility.

That is also the theme sounded by one of the current generation's best political reporters, Joe Klein, in his new book, "Politics Last." The subtitle of the book is "How American Democracy Was Trivialized by People Who Think You're Stupid."

That makes it sound like an attack on political consultants — the pollsters and media advisers who have come to dominate campaign strategy in the decades since Joe Manning wrote "The Selling of the Presi-



dent" about the Nixon campaign of 1968.

Klein, who now writes for Time magazine, sees some of them, notably Bob Shrum, the Democratic speechwriter, who has been involved in almost every losing presidential campaign in the modern era. He delivers glancing blows to others in that fraternity of well-paid advisers, but Shrum is his favorite target. Any Democratic hopeful who hires Shrum for 2008 is on notice that he can expect nothing but grief from Joe Klein.

But in fact, Klein admits the skills of many others and says at the end of his screed that "there is a place for prudent consultancy in American politics," noting that Ronald Reagan "could never have been Reagan without a stage manager like Michael Deaver." His real beef is not with the consultants but with presidential candidates who lack the convictions, the ideas and the backbone to run their races as themselves. His plea is for authenticity, and on that

score, I think he reads the voters exactly right.

Klein draws a devastating portrait of the last two Democratic nominees, Al Gore and John Kerry, faulting both of them for trimming their public positions to suit what they — and their consultants — thought were the prevailing winds.

At times, Klein sounds like a frustrated campaign manager himself, suggesting how he would have advised these candidates to handle critical moments in their pursuit of the presidency. But his fundamental point is right — the voters can sniff hypocrisy and spot what is synthetic about a candidate. They also can accept disagreement with a politician's policy views if they believe he is genuine in his convictions.

That sense of course, one of Reagan's great strengths, and it worked for President Bush's advantage for a long time — even though he took the next step and refused to ask for any sacrifice except by his

families whose sons and daughters were the casualties.

The presumption of authenticity — the assumption that what he says, he actually believes — is John McCain's greatest strength going into the 2008 presidential race. That presumption will be tested this weekend when McCain speaks at Jerry Falwell's Liberty University and I will be surprised if he falls the exam.

My guess is that, rather than pandering to the fundamentalist's social agenda, McCain will challenge the Liberty student to bring his moral energy and religious conviction to bear on the struggle for political reform, immigrant rights and environmental improvement — the causes with which he is most identified.

As much as anyone in public life, McCain has built his reputation on authenticity. No consultant would ever suggest he abandon it.

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Election letter deadline

Idaho voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, May 23, and the Times-News wants to hear from readers on election issues. The deadline for all election letters is Thursday, May 18. All election letters should be 300 words or less and can be edited by the editor for length or content. All letters must be received and verified by noon on May 18. You can send your letters to the Times-News:
• by e-mail at letters@mgjonline.com
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LETTERS

Urie handles concerns in professional manner

I have known George Urie for almost 18 years. During the majority of that time, he has been very active in the management and running of the city of Hansen as the mayor. If you are mayor of a town the size of Hayden, you have to wear many hats, including planning and zoning, fire department, street maintenance and sometimes just going out cutting down trees or hauling garbage. No matter what the task, George has always handled it in a professional manner and with the utmost dedication. He's always had a talent for choosing the right path for the city and being able to get things done. As I heard him say one day, "My personal opinion can't enter into decision making. Things have to be done for the greater good of the community." This is why I think George Urie would make a great county commissioner in District 3, and I wholeheartedly give him my endorsement.
STAN BIRD
Kimberly

'Dead room' whimsy may not be credible

I am writing in regard to the coverage of the Rocky Moun-

tain cut scandal. The first article about it me that some woman who stated that she worked for a short time at the catering claims that there was a "dead room" with decaying dead cats and some not quite dead should even be mentioned when I think there may be a credibility question. The first article about the seizing and closing down of the catery never mentioned such a room. I am sure if they had found such a room, it would have definitely been mentioned.

I happen to know that when the sheriff's officers and I Human Society personnel went in to confiscate all the animals, they went through every room overturning furniture, mattresses, file cabinets and confiscating all files and other items whether they pertained to the business or not. Not one nook or cranny was left unturned. So it surprises me that there was no mention of this disgusting room with such a thorough and ambitious search. It's had enough playing upon people's emotions and painting this woman as some uncaring, mentally sadistic person, let alone mentioning possible facts that have not been substantiated.
SAUNDRA JOHNSON
Twin Falls

Kramer leans too heavily in favor of dairies

Everywhere you look in Twin Falls County, you see signs of prosperity. Infrastructure is improving, construction is up and unemployment is down.

What we don't need are more dairy cows and the associated problems of odor, flies and manure spread. Yet one candidate for Twin Falls County commissioner, "Mr. Terry Kramer," has stated there is a "dead room" with milk cows in our county.

He acknowledged there was not much room in the irrigated areas below the Highline Canal but there was plenty of good dairy locations above the Highline Canal, thus ignoring the fact the two "meat" dairies by Ellettsville are still causing problems above the Highline Canal.

He further favors changing the existing confinement feeding operation ordinance allowing small dairies to exist in is in favor of the proposed dairy perched above Hansen and near one of our most beautiful and frequently used recreation areas.

I would remind the readers that six years ago the Legislature passed an agriculture odor act.

The industry has stonewalled the setting of standards, and today, there is no enforcement of agriculture odors in the state of Idaho. More cows mean more odors.

Do we really need a commissioner that is so biased toward one section of our economy? Especially one that has no many problems and may slow other sections of the economy.
JIM DEKLEINHANS
Ellettsville

Editor's note: Jim DeKlein has a retired professional (engineer)

Urie can analyze all sides of issues

We have known George Urie, both professionally and personally, for many years in dealing with George, we always find him to be very ana-

lytical. He does not, and in our opinion will not, make a decision without giving any consideration much thought and consultation.

It will make himself very cognizant of the facts of an issue by researching the information available; in other words, by doing his homework, by doing his research.

With his experience gained from running his own business, serving the city of Hansen in several ways and by having served on the South East Regional Corridor Study for Transportation Plan as well as the Twin Falls Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee, he will apply his knowledge to all issues he faces.

George is definitely not a "yes" man; he will not make a decision just to satisfy an individual group of people or a committee.

In calling a "spade and spade," he will spread the word to make sure we need to do things right. We need to make quality decisions, most likely based on the majority opinion of his constituents, here again based on facts gained from research.

Again, in our opinion, George will serve both the rural and urban residents of Twin Falls County.

Please vote for George Urie for county commissioner, Twin Falls District 3, on May 23.

KIRK CLAIBORN
BEV CLAIBORN
Kimberly

Bluebird box vandals should be reported

I urge to the person or persons who are using the Mountain Bluebird nesting boxes along the Shoshone Basin Road for targets.

My wife and I maintain a Mountain Bluebird nesting box trail that begins in the Shoshone Basin and extends into the South Hills. Last year, more than 200 baby bluebirds fledged from eggs laid in these boxes. (Tree swallows and wrens nested in them, too). The number of bluebirds in the area has increased dramatically since the trail was established. Until last year, the only dam-

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age to any nesting boxes was by cattle knocking down boxes when using the posts to run on.

Last summer, a nesting box along the Shoshone Basin Road was hit by a shotgun blast fired from about 10 feet away. Not a pretty sight. Fortunately, no bluebirds were in the box when it was destroyed, although a brood of four raised bluebird fledged and there was a nest in the box. (Bluebirds often raise two or more broods in a nesting season.)

When we made our first inspection this year, we were appalled to discover that virtually every nesting box along the Shoshone Basin Road had been shot multiple times by rifles and/or shotguns.

Every nesting box that had been shot up had a new Mountain Bluebird nest in it. Presumably, the nests were built after the shooting!

One fact in that case is doing this is not only a waste of money, it is cruel and something else to a receiver in a different context. It can even be that one person can use the same words with different intent in a different context. Context makes all the difference. Words alone can't carry the meaning.

Context makes it possible for a limited number of words to convey an unlimited number of ideas. The price for this versatility is a loss of certainty. No matter how sure we are that we understand, we might be wrong.

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Internal meaning can mean something else

Religious fundamentalism takes a fanciful flight from reality that is fatal to honest faith when, in the name of "literal meaning," it uses language. Language is more than words, less than certain, and it doesn't serve well when used.

A comprehensive dictionary of English will contain definitions for upward of 200,000 words. That is more words than we need. I have read that a vocabulary of only 2,500 words is sufficient for reading, and 1,000 words can suffice for conversation.

From my own experience, I know that a Spanish vocabulary of 500 words enables me

to discuss virtually any topic with a Mexican, if we get the context right.

Context can supplement or even supplant a dictionary in explaining the meaning of words.

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City golf course an outstanding facility

Twin Falls has an excellent municipal golf course, thanks to Mike Hamblin and his friendly and helpful staff. After attending a National Association of Facility Managers Employees convention in another city in Idaho, I had the opportunity to play golf at a municipal course. I think Twin Falls Municipal has one of the best maintained golf courses in southern Idaho and want to express my appreciation to Mike and his staff.
TOM BURNIKEL
Twin Falls

America: A glass nation shouldn't throw stones

The question of what to do about 11 million immigrants who are in this country illegally has been clouded by so many distractions. Which flag should they carry during marches? Is it heresy to sing the national anthem in Spanish? Is an immigrants' rights movement a threat to the unfinished civil rights quest of blacks? Behind all this is more than sanctimoniousness. There's a double dose of good old-fashioned hypocrisy.

Take the demand that would-be citizens pass a test on their knowledge of American traditions and laws. Plenty of American-born Ph.D.s could hardly cite entire passages of the U.S. Constitution or sections of a state's civil code.

E.R. SHIPP

And among those screaming about that controversial Spanish version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" are no doubt some who cannot even sing the English version themselves. A recent Harris poll indicated that 61 percent of American adults don't know the words. And I'd be willing to bet that those who hold the anthem in highest regard do not know the history of the song whose melody comes from an old, British beer-drinking song, "To Anacreon in Heaven."

I don't know whether first lady Laura Bush understood this, or knew that the anthem

has been translated into other languages throughout history, when she broke with her husband and said she takes no umbrage with 60 parallel-language anthems. In any event, she was right. Anyone familiar with a routine that Jay Leno has perfected on "The Tonight Show" is painfully aware of how ignorant so many native-born Americans are about history and geography. "Don't know much about geography" — a line from a pop tune — is their anthem. According to a recent survey by the National Geographic Society, they're not alone. Almost 60 percent of young Americans couldn't find Iraq on a map. One-third couldn't locate Louisiana. As for history? Oh, my! Plenty

of critics condemned the May 1 immigration rallies as some sort of un-American May Day activities that only the old Soviet Union and the current Cuba could appreciate. But May Day was chosen as a workers holiday internationally in honor of the labor movement's first American martyrs. It was they (in many cases immigrants) who, demanding an eight-hour work day, declared a general strike on May 1, 1886, in Chicago, triggering a chain of events including riots, mayhem, trials and executions, and, eventually, victories for ordinary working people.

Maybe the greatest advantage of being born here — of being American — is that we can proudly be know-nothings

like members of a political movement of that name in the 1850s.

According to The Reader's Companion to American History, the party grew out of the Order of the Star-Spangled Banner and was — surprise, surprise — anti-immigrant.

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Mother's first sinus care plan.

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Pursue those who invite illegal immigrants

The only way to stop illegal immigrants from coming to this country is to fine everyone who hires or allows one to stay in this country, not visits by visitors or short stays with family alone.

With the fine, one will be made to pay transportation to where they came from. Anything else is a waste of money and time. Use common sense, get tough. This problem could be solved in 30 days.

PS. If someone wishes to hire an illegal, they will pay for housing, health needs, schooling for kids and schooling to learn our ways and speak American.

CARL CORMIER
Jerome

where the band performed. Now the current library staff is asking the band to remove all of its items from the library. No real reason has been given for this request. It has come to my attention that some other civic groups will continue to have room in the library for their use. Is there some particular reason the band is being singled out? Both the city library and the Municipal Band are supported by funds from the city. It would seem that there could continue to be a working relationship between these two groups. Perhaps the current city librarian would at least give the members of the band a reason why they are being asked to vacate the room they have used for 30 years.

AL DEVRIES
Twin Falls

every official position in the ORU and has been the primary grant writer since the unit was set up. When the ORU began, the response vehicle was an old van and the members carried what supplies could be gotten and borrowed. With the grants, Jerry has helped the ORU acquire, we now have a modern ambulance and desert response pickup and each member is well equipped with a full range of lifesaving and rescue supplies.

As an EMT, Terry must make life and death decisions swiftly and accurately. He is able to act but is not thoughtless or reckless. Terry has spent the last 24 years learning, researching and practicing the skills necessary to be a competent and knowledgeable EMT. With this skill, Terry is able to arrive on an emergency scene, rapidly size up the situation and correctly take action in the best interest of the patient.

I believe Terry will respond in the same manner as a county commissioner. Terry has clearly researched the needs and interests of Twin Falls County. He has held positions of responsible leadership and practiced the skills necessary to effectively implement and administer ideas and policies. When a county issue arises, Terry will be able to accurately size up the situation and take action in the best interest of the citizens of Twin Falls

County. I proudly support Terry Kramer as Twin Falls County commissioner.

BRIAN DARROW
Burley
(Editor's note: Brian Darrow is the president of the Castelford Quick Response Unit.)

Young a qualified and dependable coroner

I am writing in support of the election of Paul Young. The office of county coroner is not one that is often in the spotlight but is one of extreme importance in the county. Paul Young has been the Cassia County coroner for 22 years and not only is he very experienced but he is also very compassionate and extremely dependable.

I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Young in his capacity as Cassia County coroner for many years and would urge you to vote to re-select him on May 23.

ALFRED E. BARRUS
Burley

Library should preserve space for city band

Twin Falls has a unique tradition in its Municipal Band. This band has been providing music in the City Park during the summer for more than 100 years. Those of us in the band are proud to be able to provide this type of entertainment to the community. I personally have played in the band for 60 years and there are many who have played 40 or more years. We band members take pride in being able to provide a special reason for people to come to the park in the summer.

The city band and the Twin Falls Public Library have, for 30 years, had a working relationship. The library has allowed the band to use a room for its music library, historical items, memorabilia, etc. This arrangement was facilitated by Arlan Call, life member of the band and former city librarian. The members of the city band appreciated the use of a room and its proximity to the City Park

Kramer's emergency experience can help

Terry Kramer is the best choice for county commissioner.

I have worked with Terry for three years as members of the Castelford Quick Response Unit. The same great qualities that Terry possesses and displays as an emergency medical technician will serve him well as a commissioner.

Terry was a founding member of Castelford's ORU in 1982. He has led by example for the last 24 years. Terry has held

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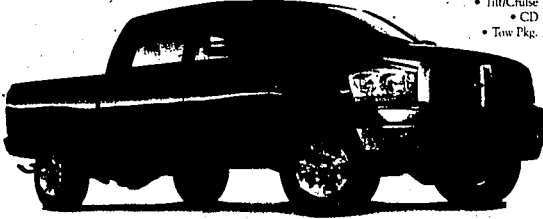
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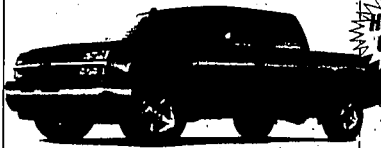
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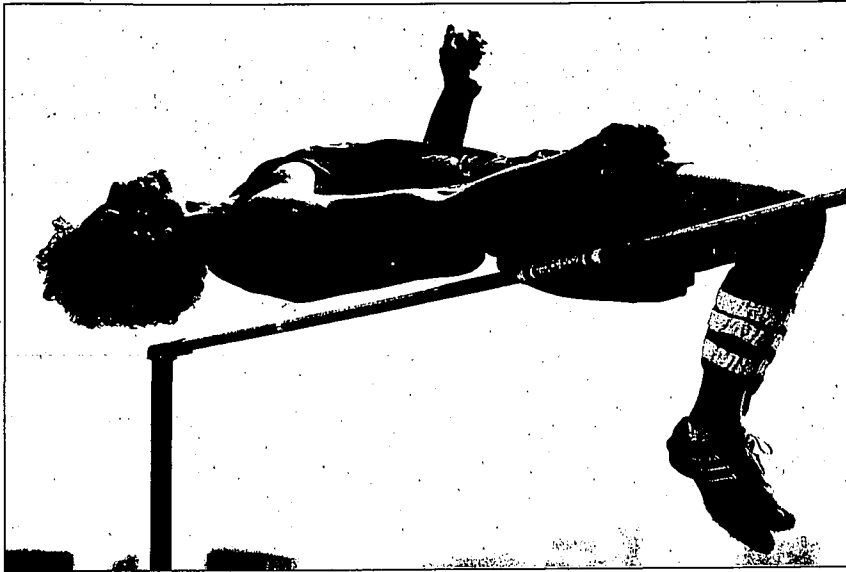
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Bulldogs take districts



Buhl's Judd Spencer clears 6 feet, 4 inches on his second high jump attempt Thursday afternoon during the SCIC track meet at Buhl High School.

By Nathaniel Garrabrant
Times-News writer

BUHL — The Kimberly Bulldogs have been dominating Class 3A track competition all season long. No surprise the district meet wasn't much different.

Behind 117 team points in boys competition and 110 on the girls' side, the Bulldogs cruised to a second day of district titles as Day 2 events concluded Thursday afternoon in Buhl.

"We got lots of second, thirds and fourths," said head coach Marvin Mummm. "All those points added up, by having a lot of people in every event place and score points. We didn't win a lot of events. We won enough of the events, but we got seconds, thirds and fourths."

Even so, the Bulldogs enjoyed six first-place finishes in girls competition, including a pair of wins

from senior Carissa Lentz. In the 100- and 200-meter sprints, clocking times of 13.05 and 27.3 seconds.

"We've been practicing really hard," said Lentz. "In the past years we haven't been doing that good, but this year we really picked it up."

Further showcasing the Bulldogs' depth was a win in the very competitive 100-meter hurdles from sophomore Bailey Keller.

"I think my start was good," said Keller. "I worked on it the other day and I was standing straight up and my coach just told me to push. So it's nice that I'm peaking this time of the year."

The host Indians finished in second on the girls side with 84 total points, getting big performances in the distance events with wins from Jenni Vanhoover in the 1,600 meters an April Jaynes in the 800.

Declan wrapped up the day in third with 66

points, while Gooding followed with 63 followed by Filer with 50.

Sprinter Tyeson Anderson picked up Kimberly's lone first-place finish in boys competition, winning the 100 meters in a time of 11.15 seconds after taking second last year to Filer's Casey Dabney.

Dabney provided the second-place Filer Wildcats with 16 open-event points with wins in the 200 and 400 meters in times of 22.38 and 50.19 seconds, respectively.

But the story of the day for the Wildcats came in the relay events, where the boys teams went three-for-three on the day with dominant wins in the 4x100, 4x200, and 4x400. Blistering times of 43.42 seconds and 1:29.45 in the first two were good for school records, the latter of which bettered the current 3A state meet record of 1:30.44 set by Kim-

berly's Judd Spencer. Please see **BULLDOGS**, Page B2

Killoy, Johnson shine at 4A districts

By Mark Jones
South Idaho Press

RÜPERT — By this point in the track season, individuals want to be performing at their best. And Minico's Kevin Killoy and Burley's Stephanie Johnson are doing just that.

Johnson secured spots in three different events at next week's state tournament, with a stellar performance at this week's District IV track meet at Minico High School.

Johnson placed first in the 3,200- and 1,600-meter runs with times of 12:04.1 and 5:29.0, respectively. Despite finishing second in the 800 to Century's Bethany McInturff, the Burley senior posted a season-best time of 2:23.8.

In the 800, Johnson and McInturff battled back and forth before the Century runner surged ahead just at the finish line.

"What I like to do is if I can go faster, I go faster," Johnson said. "I run it by stretches."

The Jerome Tigers girls team took the meet championship with 135 points after All German, Carissa Lee, Alexis Folkling and company placed well throughout the meet.

The Tigers finished fourth in the boys' standings, thanks in part to solid contributions from Brent Boesinger and first-place pole vaulter Drew Burrahans. The Wood River Wolverines finished seventh in the boys' standings and sixth on the girls' side.

For Killoy, it was business as usual as he dominated the hurdle events, finishing first in both the 110- and 300-meter hurdles. The Minico senior won the events in a time of 15.7 and 39.8 seconds, respectively.

"I was feeling good, the whole race," Killoy said of his performance in the 300.

Though his times are not his best, Killoy will head to state as the No. 1 competitor in the two events. The Minico senior expects there will be added pressure with that high of a ranking.

"Big-time," he said. "There's always pressure when you're No. 1."

Killoy says he is performing as well as he has all season, and credits that to his season-long conditioning.

"I'm not dying as fast," he said. "And am pushing myself."

Killoy and Johnson will be joined by several of their teammates at state on May 19.

Burley's Kyrie Moon finished third in the 110-meter hurdles and second in the 300, while Minico's Jenny Moon and Tristina Rasmussen finished first and second in the 100.

Minico's Nicole Martin was third in the 200. Please see **4A**, Page B2

Ward finishes first in long jump

Twin Falls qualifies for state in field events

By Brad Gulre
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was a leap Super Mario would be jealous of.

Twin Falls senior Brittany Ward jumped her way into a Class 5A state berth by taking first in the long jump at the Region Four-Five-Six track meet at Twin Falls High School on Thursday.

"I had a couple of good jumps that were scratches, so hopefully I can just not have those scratches next week and get those distances," Ward said of the finals. Her distance was 18 feet, 4.5 inches, just shy of her medalist performance in 2005 (18 feet, 6 inches).

"I'm sure she's on cloud nine. She doesn't like getting beat," Twin Falls track and field head coach Marty Grindstaff said.

Ward is also the anchor for the 4x200-meter relay team, which won a state title last year.

Thursday featured finals in most field events, while finals on the track will be held Friday.

The top four individuals from each final automatically qualify for state in Boise. Athletes coming in at No. 5 will have times or distances compared to the No. 3s from the northern Idaho conferences and if those numbers are better, the No. 5s will advance to state as well.

Two Bruins boys also took first in their respective events for a district medal and a shot at a state medal.

Junior Travis Arrington dominated the shot put, throwing 49 feet, 7.5 inches for the medal.



Senior long jumper Brittany Ward, the three-time defending Class 5A state champion, flies through the air Thursday afternoon in her third jump of the first round. Ward led the first round with a jump of 18 feet, 4.5 inches at Day 1 of the Region Four-Five-Six track meet in Twin Falls.

"I was pumped up, ran around some, did some push-ups," he said. While it's best at district, he admitted that he hasn't seen much 5A competition to compare it to.

"I haven't seen anybody that's contending with me, so I don't know," he said. "We'll see who shows up."

Earlier in the day, junior Brandon McNew took the triple jump with a distance of 42 feet, 10.5 inches. It is just one of the four events in which he com-

petes, including the 4x400-meter relay, high jump and long jump. While he won the triple jump medal, he said that the later events didn't go as well as he hoped.

"I was jumping pretty good at the beginning of the day, but my legs are just kinda getting sore," he said. But Grindstaff's confidence remains strong.

"He wins all three for us quite often. He's a great kid. He works hard," he said.

On Friday, the finals of the

track events will be held. For the boys, Twin Falls' Brody Miller is back in action after sitting out last week's home event.

"He's doing well," Grindstaff said. "He pulled a hip flexor. He did some light running on Monday and Tuesday, and he took some starts, but he looks like he's fine."

Grindstaff said that Miller could possibly win all three sprints at state.

Finals for boys pole vault and

Please see **WARD**, Page B2

CSI stays alive

Golden Eagles rebound from Dixie loss to drop CEU

Times-News

CARSON CITY, Nev. — There's something to be said about not turning speed bumps into roadblocks.

The College of Southern Idaho baseball team's dreams of a Region 18 Tournament championship run head-first into a snag Thursday afternoon at John L. Harvey Field in Carson City, Nev. as the Golden Eagles dropped their championship quarterfinal game to the Dixie State Rebels 11-1 in six innings.

With the end of their 2006 season only one leftdown away, the Golden Eagles charged back to a 9-5 victory to eliminate the College of Eastern Utah and earn a Friday morning date with the fourth-seeded Salt Lake Community College Bruins.

Sophomore designated hitter dealt the biggest blow of the day for CSI, crushing a Jake Bankowski bases-loaded offering for a grand slam in the bottom of the fourth to put CSI up 5-0. A Nik Gumeson triple and Jordan Daley RBI-single later, and CSI stretched the lead to 6-0.

A lead that looked comfortable suddenly evaporated as CSI starter Tim Mealer died in the top of the sixth and allowed five runs, capped off by Brandon Bumgarner's three-run homer that inched CEU to within a run. CSI would answer in the bottom of the seventh with a Mike Griffin solo homer, followed by two more insurance runs in the bottom of the eighth.

"It still wasn't a super-great ball game for us, but we won

2006 Region 18 baseball tournament

at John L. Harvey Field, Carson City, Nev. All times MDT
Wednesday's games
No. 4 Salt Lake CC 3, No. 5 Eastern Utah 2, 10 innings
No. 3 CSI 6, No. 6 CC Southern Nevada 0

Thursday's games
Elimination bracket
No. 5 Eastern Utah 5, No. 6 Southern Nevada 5, 12 innings
at Ron McMurff Field, Carson High School
No. 3 CSI 9, No. 5 Eastern Utah 5

Championship bracket
No. 2 Dixie State 11, No. 3 CSI 1, six innings
No. 1 Western Nevada CC 9, No. 4 Utah Tech CC 0

Friday's games
Elimination bracket
No. 3 CSI vs. No. 4 Salt Lake CC, 11 a.m.
CSI/CC winner vs. WNC/CEU loser, 5 p.m.

Championship bracket
No. 1 Western Nevada CC vs. No. 2 Dixie State, 2 p.m.

and that's the important thing," CSI head coach Boomer Walker told 1270 AM KTI. "We just have to keep going tomorrow and see how long we can play."

Fuglerud finished the game 2-for-4 with the home run, 4 RBIs, a run and a stolen base, while Gumeson with 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Sophomore shortstop Jordan Daley went 2-for-5 with 3 RBIs to help Mealer improve to 3-0 on the season and pick up a win in his first start of the season.

"I was going to finish the season, it was going to be with that guy," Walker said. "Because he's given us more (two years) maybe than anyone has."

The 39-18 Golden Eagles will face SLCC at 11 a.m., MDT

Please see **CSI**, Page B2

SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WHAT'S ON T.V. AUTO RACING

F1 practice for Spanish Grand Prix, SPEED, 8 p.m.
Nestel Cup, 8 p.m.
Dodge Charger 500, SPEED, 10 p.m.

LOCAL SCHEDULE COLLEGE

Regional 1st Tournament, CSI vs. Salt Lake CC, 11 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL

Class 5A Tournament, four-Five-Six, 10 a.m.
Championship Game 2, necessary, 5:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA Playoffs, Heat at Nets, ESPN, 8 p.m.
NBA Playoffs, Suns at Clippers, ESPN, 8:30 p.m.

BOXING

Super featherweights, Eder Cheny (19-2-2) vs. Espnzy Menzoni (19-0-0), May 27, 7 p.m.

GOLF

British Masters, second round, TGC, 8 a.m.
Rheem Classic, second round, TGC, 11:30 a.m.

HOCKEY

NHL Playoffs, Sharks at Oilers, OLN, 6 p.m.

BASEBALL

Blue Jays at Athletics (7-11)
Astros at Dodgers (8-10)
Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins (8-9)

Baseball

Region 1st Tournament, CSI vs. Salt Lake CC, 11 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL

Class 5A Tournament, four-Five-Six, 10 a.m.

Track

Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six Meet, Day 2, Highland, Sky-Line, Idaho Falls at Twin Falls, 3 p.m.

Baseball scores: Idaho Falls 10, Twin Falls 6; Boise State 10, Idaho Falls 6.

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Gooding schools set

GOODING officials for all sports and cheerleaders will start at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 16 at Gooding High School.

Any student that plans on participating in sports and cheerleading at the high school or middle school or plays Peewee Football for grades 5-6 during the school year 2006-07 need to attend Peewee Football and middle school students should be at the high school at 6:15 p.m. and high students at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10.

Health-care professionals from the community will be doing the physicals and will be donating the \$10 for the schools as a community project.

For information, contact Tolson Tonne at 934-4831 or 539-1313.

Minico schools hold physicals

RUPERT - Minidoka County Schools will hold physical examinations at Mini-Cassia Occupational Health from 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 16 for boys and Wednesday, May 24 for girls. Physical forms are available at each school and must be completed with student signature and name of family physician prior to arriving at Occupational Health.

The cost is \$10 or an appropriate signed coupon. Boy Scouts physical forms will not be allowed.

All students participating in interscholastic activities and all dance, drill, cheer and/or bowling in the Minidoka County School District are required to have a physical record on file. Questions can be directed to activities director Tim Perrigot at 436-4721, Ext. 202.

Gooding Amateur golf tournament approaches

GOODING - The 2006 Gooding Amateur will be held May 13-14 at the Gooding Golf Course. The 36-hole stroke-play event is a Carter Cup points event. Amateur and club membership players can earn points to qualify for the Carter Cup Team Competition.

The entry fee is \$60 per golfer. Signatures of Twin Falls is the defending champion. For more information, or to enter, call 934-9977.

Fly Like an Eagle

TWIN FALLS - The 2006 Fly Like an Eagle golf tournament will be held Saturday, May 13 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

The event is a five-person hole-in-one tournament and the cost is \$60 per player or \$300 per team. Singles will be paired in groups. Proceeds go toward funding CSI athletic scholarships.

The event will also include various prizes and a lunch catered by Outback Steakhouse.

For more information, contact Bart Rogers at 732-6496, Randy Rogers at 732-6480, or Christi Urz at 732-6466.

Holmgren wants to coach beyond 2006

KIRKLAND, Wash. - Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren wants to remain in the NFL beyond 2006.

Holmgren said after his final practice of a veteran minicamp Thursday, "And I think they want me to. So, we'll see... I think they want me to stay."

Hornets lawyer: team is Louisiana's to lose

NEW ORLEANS - A lawyer for New Orleans Hornets owner George Shinn said the NBA club is Louisiana's to lose.

Holmgren, who turns 58 next month, has four daughters and four granddaughters. Six weeks ago, he talked of spending more time with his wife, Kathy - and with another passion, riding his motorcycles across the desert roads near one of his homes in Arizona.

Jags receiver Smith retires after 13 seasons

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Jimmy Smith cleared his throat, finished his sentence and bowed his head.

Then Smith, one of the most prolific receivers in NFL history, started to cry. But just like he has done so many times before in his career, he regrouped without hesitation.

At a five-time Pro Bowl selection who overcame health problems and a drug addiction during his 13 seasons, Smith abruptly retired Thursday to "move on to the next phase of my life."

Baseball scores: Atlanta Braves 10, Florida Marlins 9; Boston Red Sox 10, New York Yankees 8.

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HOCKEY NHL Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS (Game 7)
Boston Bruins 4, New York Rangers 3
Detroit Red Wings 3, St. Louis Blues 2

CONFERENCE FINALS (Game 8)
Boston Bruins 4, New York Rangers 3; Detroit Red Wings 3, St. Louis Blues 2.

CONFERENCE FINALS (Game 9)
Boston Bruins 4, New York Rangers 3; Detroit Red Wings 3, St. Louis Blues 2.

CONFERENCE FINALS (Game 10)
Boston Bruins 4, New York Rangers 3; Detroit Red Wings 3, St. Louis Blues 2.

CONFERENCE FINALS (Game 11)
Boston Bruins 4, New York Rangers 3; Detroit Red Wings 3, St. Louis Blues 2.

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

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MONEY

Editor: Chris Steinbach, 735-3255

FRIDAY
May 12, 2006

Market Watch

May 11, 2006

Dow Jones Industrials	-141.92
Nasdaq composite	-46.04
Standard & Poor's 500	-16.93
Russell 2000	-16.47

Stocks of local interest

Albertsons	\$25.38	close	\$25.38	change	none
Com Agr	\$22.93	close	\$22.93	change	▲ .16
Dell Inc	\$24.51	close	\$24.51	change	▲ .38
Idacorp	\$33.76	close	\$33.76	change	▲ .93
Micron	\$16.11	close	\$16.11	change	▲ .50
SuperValu	\$29.01	close	\$29.01	change	▲ .03

Commodities

Oil, by barrel	\$73.32	close	\$73.32	change	▲ 1.19
(June, light sweet crude)					
Live cattle	\$76.45	close	\$76.45	change	▲ 1.35
Gold (May)	\$719.80	close	\$719.80	change	▲ 16.40

Stocks mirror hard January fall

By Mark Cotton
MarketWatch

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks ended lower Thursday, logging their biggest one-day decline since January, on concerns that rising commodity prices will translate into higher inflation and will prompt the Federal Reserve into raising interest rates again in June.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average snapped a five-session winning streak to end down 141.92 points at 11,500.73. Of the 30 Dow components, 29 contributed to losses.

The Nasdaq Composite

Index fell 48.04 points to 2,272.70, while the S&P 500 index fell 16.93 points to 1,305.92.

The three indexes put in their worst one-day performance since Jan. 20, 2006.

"The question we're trying to answer is what will the Federal Reserve do at its June meeting," said Hugh Johnson, chairman of Johnson Hillington Advisors. "When you look at gold and oil today, there is still a very strong possibility that they'll raise interest rates in June."

Johnson added that the market is likely to be very volatile until that June meeting, as investors react to each piece of economic data and gauge its importance for the outlook on interest rates.

"We're going to have many starts and many stops as all the economic, financial and inflation numbers come under increasing scrutiny."

On the broader market for equities, declines outpaced advances by around 4 to 1 on both the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq.

In a broad-based pullback, semiconductor, networker, airlines, computer hardware and software stocks posted some of the biggest declines.

Gold stocks were of the few areas of the market showing gains.

Volume was 1.82 billion on the Big Board and 2.5 billion on the Nasdaq.

On Wednesday, stocks closed mixed, after the Federal Reserve lifted key short-term rates and issued a statement that left investors unsure about the outlook for interest rates.

The Fed made clear Wednesday, in the statement accompanying its 16th con-

servative rate increase, that fighting inflation remains a key priority. The statement said that "some further policy firming may yet be needed" to address inflation risks, but also emphasized the extent and timing of any such firming will depend on data.

Some investors had been hoping the central bank would signal a move in rate increases, especially after Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, in congressional testimony in April, said that the temporary hike may be needed to assess the impact of previous rate rises as they feed through into the economy.

Back up and away



Bill Ayer, chairman and chief executive of Alaska Airlines, answers a question during an interview Thursday in Seattle. After a bruising year marred by layoffs, a lump in lost bags and delayed flights, and a spate of cabin pressurization scares, the head of Alaska Airlines exudes confidence the company has "turned the corner."

Alaska Air chief upbeat about future

By Elizabeth Gillespie
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — After a bruising year marred by layoffs, delayed flights, complaints about lost bags, and a spate of cabin pressurization scares, the head of Alaska Air Group Inc. exudes confidence the company has "turned the corner."

Bill Ayer, chairman and chief executive of Alaska Airlines and its parent company, said the airline's on-time arrivals and departures have risen steadily since January in some cases surpassing the company's goals.

Contract baggage handlers who replaced unionized ramp service workers are doing a better job after their employer, Menzies Aviation, spent three months taking a close look at operations at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

"I don't want to tell you that everything's perfect and 100 percent, but we have made huge progress, and that's what we've consistently meeting our system-wide goals for on-time performance and reliability is just a really encouraging sign," Ayer told The Associated Press Thursday in an interview.

Overall, Ayer said ramp service is improving after workers got a slight wage boost and the airline added an extra baggage carousel in Seattle.

"I think where we are today is definitely having turned the corner," Ayer said.

"The staffing is much improved," he added, "but I would tell you that the agent turnover rate is still higher than what we think is ideal, and that continues to provide a challenge to have new people coming in."

Alaska Air Group has benefited handsomely from hedging contracts that have sheltered it from soaring fuel costs. Ayer said last year's hedges saved the company about \$125 million. This year, the company is a 46 percent hedged at just under \$11 a barrel; currently, by comparison, is hovering above \$70 a barrel.

Ayer said a lower percentage of the company's fuel contracts will be hedged in the next two years. Beyond that, the company hasn't decided on a strategy to protect its bottom line from soaring fuel costs.

Alaska Airlines, the nation's ninth-largest carrier, has spent the past few years aggressively cutting costs. Two years ago, the company cut about 200 management jobs then closed its heavy maintenance facility in Oakland, Calif.,

Alaska Air Group CEO Bill Ayer

AGE-BIRTH DATE: 51; July 9, 1954
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in economics, Stanford University; Master's degree in business administration, University of Washington.
CAREER: Chairman, president and CEO of Alaska Airlines, the nation's ninth-largest airline, and its parent company, Alaska Air Group Inc. Joined Alaska Airlines in 1995 as vice president of marketing and planning. Later worked as senior vice president of customer service, marketing and planning, and chief operating officer, Niemed CDE in 2002 and appointed chairman of the board in 2003.
Before Alaska Airlines: Ayer spent 13 years at its sister carrier, Horizon Air, working in marketing and operations. He worked as a regional manager at Piper Aircraft Company from 1978-80, and founded Air Olympia, a small commercial airline in 1980, serving as president until the company went out of business in 1982.
PAY IN 2005: Base salary: \$360,000. Other cash: \$43,740. Declined a \$382,679 performance-based bonus, citing satisfaction other employees had made. Stock awards: \$451,440.
FAMILY: Wife, Pam; daughter, Elizabeth.
Source: Alaska Air Group Inc.

On the Net:

Alaska Air: <http://www.alaskaair.com>

laying off about 750 employees.

Last May, it laid off nearly 500 baggage handlers, outsourcing those jobs. Then pilots took a pay cut.

Ayer, 51, describes those and other cost-cutting measures as difficult moves that were necessary to ensure the company's long-term viability.

"We weren't going to shy away from those tough decisions, because the viability of the business is the most important thing," said Ayer, who joined Alaska Airlines in 1995 after 13 years at sister carrier Horizon Air.

The layoffs dealt a blow to morale at a company that has long been known for customer service. Ayer said he doesn't blame workers for feeling frustrated or disappointed, but thinks the company's struggles have not irreparably harmed its reputation.

He also said he thinks morale is on the mend — especially as employees compare their position to those at other carriers like Delta Air Lines Inc. and Northwest Airlines Corp. that are struggling with much greater woes, such as bankruptcy.

Sall, some labor struggles remain. More than 600 union baggage handlers still employed at Alaska resumed contract talks with the company last week. Ayer said he's optimistic an agreement is within reach. The company also has yet to settle a contract with more than 3,000 clerical, office and passenger-service workers.

Earlier this year, Alaska ordered a fleet-wide review after a series of pressurization problems. The company said no system-wide problems were found.

Ayer said Alaska Air Group Inc., the Seattle-based parent company of Alaska Airlines and Horizon Air, was one of only two major airlines to post a profit in 2005, pointing to adjusted earnings of \$55 million. Factoring in accounting changes and other one-time items, Alaska Air Group had a net loss of \$5.9 million.

Among Alaska's competitors, only Southwest Airlines Co. and AirTran Holdings Inc., a discount carrier based in Orlando, Fla., made it out of 2005 in the black.

Wall Street seems to like what it's seeing. Alaska Air Group's stock has risen nearly 8 percent year-to-date, trading at the high end of a 52-week range of \$26.67 to \$40.54.

Now that the company is beginning to rebound from several years of losses, Ayer said it's looking at several ways to grow: adding flights to crowded routes, "connecting the dots" by adding destinations along popular routes, and adding new destinations.

"Ayer said the company will be looking closely at the Los Angeles market and the possibility of adding new routes to Mexico."

"Growth per se has never been an objective," Ayer said. "What has been an objective is building really a world-class business that then has an opportunity to grow as we see those opportunities through customer demand."

Gossner's cheese output going up

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

HEYBURN — As if tempting Miss Muffet, at Gossner Foods in Heyburn there are plenty of curds and whey.

The plant is up to about 60 percent of full capacity, according to plant manager Dave Thomas, who led Minidoka and Cassia county commissioners on a tour of the plant Monday. The production equates to the company taking in about 600,000 to 650,000 pounds of milk daily.

What Gossner does

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"The Swiss market is a relatively small market," Thomas said. "We're trying not to flood the market with cheese."

Although the cheddar market drives milk prices, it is the cheddar market that drives Swiss prices, Thomas said. Unlike cheddar cheese, the government does not buy and hold Swiss cheese. So what Gossner makes it distributes.

Gossner sends its high protein whey concentrate to Glanbia Foods, where it is turned into powder to be used in high-protein drinks for athletes, Thomas said.

"What we used to just throw away now has a thriving market," Thomas told commissioners.

Thomas and Dave Irish led both county contingencies through the plant, explaining the "Swiss" cheese-making process and demonstrating how the high-tech equipment completes it with a minimum of manpower. The packaging room, the last stage of production, had the largest number of employees.

Although tons of cheese are manufactured daily, not a single block leaves the plant until it has aged for at least 60 days, Thomas said.

"Because we do not actually pasteurize the milk, it must set for a minimum of 60 days before being put on the market," Thomas explained. "It's part of the Swiss process."

Thomas also talked about the ice cream Gossner will be making when it opens its retail store on the corner of its Heyburn plant, the events store and U.S. Hwy. 30.

"It will be the best you've ever had," Thomas said.

The store will also feature some cuts of beef and all the company's cheese and milk-related products.

Renee Wells is a reporter for the South Idaho Press.

Planning workshop rescheduled

TWIN FALLS — A one-evening business planning workshop scheduled for May 17 has been changed to May 31. Individuals who want to start their own business are encouraged to attend the workshop, which will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. in room C95 of the Evergreen building at the College of Southern Idaho. The workshop will be repeated at the same time and place on June 21.

Bryan Matsuka, director of the Idaho Small Business Development Center, will help participants who have an idea for a business plan successfully get their idea off the ground.

The fee is \$30. Spouses or business partners can sign up for an additional \$10. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

For more information, contact Sherry Rust, ISDBC training facilitator, at 732-6455 or at srust@csi.edu.

Builder's pig roast set for Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Builders Association will hold its 2006 Pig Roast at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Barry Rental Inc., 165 Addison Ave. S.V.

Food and beverages are free to spikes and prospective members. Cost for all others is \$10 per person. Buffet prizes are donated by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Cooper Norman and Wells Inc.

Reservations in the building industry are invited. RSVP by calling 736-8991, faxing 734-8183 or e-mailing mvb@magicvalleybuilders.org.

Realtors serving up cards and chili

HELIX — The Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors will host its Second Annual Chili Cook-off and Texas Hold'em Tournament on Saturday in Merchant Building 3 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the poker tournament starts at 6 p.m.

Teams providing chili are from Alliance First Federal, First Horizon, Gtm State Realty, Irvin Realty in Bulli, Irvin Realty in Twin Falls, Lezamin, Miller Brothers and Twin Falls.

Anyone who has not signed up but wants to play in the tournament should call Vicki Surber at 733-6621 or Jennifer Cook at 306-6256.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$40, with an option for a \$15 40-buy during the first hour. A raffle will be awarded to the top three players.

Delta posts loss

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc., the nation's third-largest carrier, reported Thursday a first-quarter loss of \$2.1 billion, plunging the bankrupt airline deeper into red ink.

The Atlanta-based airline has now lost more than \$14 billion since January 2001.

— from staff and wire reports

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Gold retreats from quarter-century high

By Myra P. Seaford Market Watcher
SAN FRANCISCO — Gold futures headed lower in electronic trading Thursday evening, reversing course after closing at a new 27-year high.

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Gold for June delivery fell to a new \$715 an ounce in electronic trading following a rise to an intraday high of \$728 an ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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Gold's surge this year, spurred by interest rate falls, dollar weakness and worries about developments in the Middle East. But the metal has broken out of its traditional role as a hedge against inflation and taken on a momentum of its own as a new asset class, attracting strong demand from a wide range of investors.

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MAGIC VALLEY

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YOUR
WEEKEND



Fiesta in City Park

• **What:** The 15th annual Hispanic Mother's Day celebration will be held in Twin Falls featuring live concerts, a group from Albuquerque, N.M., as musical headliners. The event also will include other bands, dancers and food.

• **Where:** City Park
• **When:** Sunday, 12:30 to 8 p.m.
• **How much:** The entertainment is free.

Music for Mom

• **What:** The Magic Valley Chorale will perform its annual Mother's Day concert.

• **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
• **When:** Sunday, 4 p.m.
• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and seniors, are available at Ariene's Flowers in Jerome; Welch Music, the CSI Bookstore and Everybody's Business, all in Twin Falls, and at the door.



Outrageous hip-hop

• **What:** Tech N9ne will perform in Ketchum.
• **Where:** neoStage Theater.
• **When:** Today, 8 p.m.
• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phone (800) 955-4927, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley.

Mother's Day heritage

• **What:** The sixth annual Lucy Stricker's Mother's Day celebration will be held south of Hansen, with music provided by the Old Time Fiddlers.

• **Where:** Rock Creek and Stricker homesite, 3715 East 3200 North, five miles south of Hansen.
• **When:** Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
• **How much:** A picnic lunch will be available for a donation of \$8 per person and \$6 for senior citizens and children.

—compiled from staff reports

A 'Historic act of bravery' honored

Two Oakley men receive Idaho Medal of honor for rescue

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

OAKLEY — For what their fire chief called a historic act of bravery, two Oakley men will receive the Idaho Medal of Honor today in Meridian for saving a man from a burning house 10 years ago.

An Idaho Falls police officer also will be honored during the ceremony for a 2004 act of bravery.

U.S. Army Captain Troy Greenwell, now living in Laurel, Md., and Joe Stringham,

still in Oakley, are being honored for saving the life of Carl Covington on Nov. 6, 1995, when his home in Oakley was destroyed by fire.

On a cold November day in 1995, the Oakley Fire Department received an alarm that a home west and north of the former Oakley Grade School was on fire. Response from the volunteer department was good. Of the 15 volunteers registered with the department, 14 responded right away to assess the situation. An old frame house was

fully engulfed in flames. Some family members were standing outside, but they were yelling that Covington was still in the home.

As firemen began working to extinguish the flames from around and on top of the home, Greenwell and Stringham donned their self-contained breathing devices and entered the smoke- and fire-filled home.

"They were driven back by the flames."

"For all intents and purposes, we should have drawn back and stayed out, but how do you face the frantic cries of family members?" Greenwell said. "We entered the home again and did a room by room search, failing to find Covington,

and we were running out of oxygen, so we again exited." Greenwell said after donning new breathing devices, the pair made a third try against all caution for safety.

"I should have forbid them from going in again," Oakley Fire Chief Harlo Clark said. "But contrary to every safety measure we practice, they went in a third time."

"They pushed through the house, feeling in the dark, and reached a closed door. When they pushed against what they thought had been a locked room, the door opened slightly."

Feeling behind the door, Greenwell found Covington unconscious on the floor. "He was a big man and it

took both of us to carry him out," Greenwell said. "I didn't know if I'd make it or not." Covington was rushed to the hospital and transferred by Life Flight helicopter to Salt Lake City, where he recovered from smoke inhalation and other fire-related injuries. He could not be found to comment for this story.

"I am still overwhelmed by this and I can only say I am just very humbled by it all," Stringham said when contacted about the award.

Although 10 years have passed since the rescue, Greenwell and Stringham are being honored now with the newly established award, which was opened to living heroes last year.

A LITTLE OFF THE SIDE



A driver plowed into Sabia's salon this week at the corner of Shoshone Street and 2nd Avenue N. The wreck happened late Monday or early Tuesday, said salon owner Jodi Sabia. The salon's three stylists and two nail technicians are working at other salons across town until Sabia's can reopen. About the help offered by other salons citywide, Jodi Sabia said, "It's awesome." Stylists can still be reached by calling the salon's main number.

Mule deer draw crowd, concern

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

JEROME — When it comes to managing wildlife, there are a lot of variables.

And, there's a lot of public opinion on the matter, especially when it comes to mule deer in southern Idaho, as the Idaho Department of Fish and Game found out Wednesday evening. Concerns ranging from the number of permits handed out to the dates of hunting season were voiced at the public meeting. Each unit in the region comes with its own set of challenges, eliciting its own set of suggestions — with the hunters not always being the ones to ask for more permits.

"I think there are a lot of

areas in southern Idaho where there aren't enough deer," said Randy Smith, regional biologist with the department.

The problem is not new and is not isolated to southern Idaho. Fish and Game officials speculate that the state had nearly twice as many mule deer in the 1960s as it does today. Habitat, hunting, disease and predators all play a role in the number of mule deer in a particular region.

And, wildlife lovers as well as sportsmen and state officials are interested in improving the species' numbers, said Dan Hansen with the Mule Deer Foundation. The group is one of many that has pitched in with Fish and Game to restore mule deer

habitat, helping to plant roughly 40,000 bitterbrush this year. Students at area schools tended to the seedlings over the winter and planted the fruits of their labor this spring.

Hansen was one of about 30 people who attended the meeting at Fish and Game headquarters in hopes of giving input on mule deer management.

"The Mule Deer Foundation isn't always right," Hansen said. "And Fish and Game is not always right."

But, all present seemed to agree on the importance of working toward a healthy mule deer population. Fish and Game has put its Mule Deer Initiative on the top of the department's list of priorities,

supplanting even sage grouse management, Smith said. The initiative includes a monitoring program as well as various efforts like the bitterbrush planting to improve the species' habitat.

The department also looks at adjusting hunting seasons in different regions to maintain the greatest level of mule deer for that specific region. Determining those levels can be difficult, Smith said.

"It is a guessing game," Smith said. "It's based on experience, knowledge and long-term data."

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

Road work continues on Idaho highways

SHOShONE — The following is the construction update for south-central Idaho. Motorists are reminded to slow down in highway construction zones.

U.S. 30 Kimberly Road, Red Cap Corner to the junction of Interstate 84 and Idaho 50. Rehabilitation work continues from Red Cap Corner to the junction of Interstate 84 and Idaho 50 (mileposts 0-5), and includes paving of the westbound on- and off-ramps. Crews will work an accelerated schedule from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week to complete the project as quickly as possible.

Flagger and pilot cars will direct motorists through the work zone. Lane closures and delays of up to 30 minutes should be expected. Vehicles are limited to a maximum width of 12 feet throughout the work zone. Access to and from county roads will be limited during the paving. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes. Work is expected to be completed by early June.

U.S. 93 Twin Falls Alternate Route Stage 1: Construction on the U.S. 93 Twin Falls Alternate Route project from Washington Street to Blue Lakes Boulevard is under way.

Crews are paving the new eastbound lanes from Washington Street to Blue-Lakes Boulevard. Traffic impacts should be minimal, except for possible increases in truck traffic.

Work on Washington Street north of Pole Line Road is complete and the street is open to traffic. The portion of Washington Street from Pole Line Road to North College Road is temporarily closed. This closure is necessary to construct the intersection of Washington Street and Pole Line Road. The closure is expected to be in place until mid-June.

Traffic on Pole Line Road from Grandview Drive to Blue Please see ROAD WORK, Page C3

Two city officials run for District 3 commissioner's seat

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Republicans Trip Craig and George Urle say they never would have filed for the District 3 county commission seat had their fellow Republican Bill Brockman not decided to retire.

But when Brockman announced he would not seek another term, Craig, a Twin Falls city councilman, and Urle, the mayor of Hansen, decided to throw their hats in the ring.

Craig, who works for Craig Business Systems, his family's marketing and sales business, said if he wins the commissioner's office in November, the City Council will have to appoint someone to serve out the remaining year on his term. Craig said he wants to continue the good work that's been done by Brockman.

Urle, self-retired from his own auto repair and parts business, has long been active in Hansen city politics. He was first elected to the Hansen City Council in 1972 and is now in his third term as the city's mayor.

The relationship between the county and cities is important to both candidates. They say the quarterly meetings between county and city officials have helped improve communication. And that's important because the county and the cities within it face many of the same problems.

"We're all in the same boat," Craig said.

For instance, Craig would like to see the county help the city bring its arsenic levels up to the 10 parts per billion required by EPA standards. He said the city's arsenic levels are at 12 to 13 ppb and it would cost millions of dollars to bring the level down by two or three parts per billion.

One issue that worries Urle is development between Twin Falls and Hansen, particularly along Kimberly Road. He said he doesn't want Kimberly Road to turn into another Blue Lakes Boulevard.

"We have to make sure it doesn't get bogged down," Urle said.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 3

Two city leaders, two different views

Trip Craig

Political Party: Republican
Age: 41
Years in Twin Falls County: 12
Native
Education: Bachelor of science degree in public administration and political science from Boise State University
Occupation: Works for Craig Business Systems, his family's marketing and sales business
Family: Wife, Suzanne, 4-year-old son, Thomas
Political experience: Twins Falls City councilman since first elected in 2000



Craig

Selling Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to St. Luke's

It's a "once in a lifetime deal," St. Luke's has world-class doctors and a higher quality of care.

County manager or administrator

He's against changing the county's form of government, but says hiring a county administrator might have some merit. However, the county would still have to hire a consultant from time to time. "A county administrator is not going to know any more than commis-

George Urle

Political Party: Republican
Age: 63
Years in Twin Falls County: 60
Education: One year of college
Occupation: Self-retired from his automotive repair and parts business
Family: Wife, Diana, four grown children, seven grandchildren
Political experience: Currently the mayor of Hansen. First elected to Hansen City Council in 1972 and served for 10 years. Served as mayor for 14 years.



Urle

Selling Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to St. Luke's

He doesn't see any negative aspects to the sale, but says the county's health care sustains the county better than the county's health care.

County manager or administrator

He said he's not necessarily against it, but it hasn't been shown it would save money or resources. "You're still going to need consultants."

County-paid health benefits for elected

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Mary Louise Rasmussen



TWIN FALLS — Mary Louise (Hoffman) Rasmussen, age 89, of Lake Stevens, Wash., died of natural causes on Feb. 3, 2006.
She was born Nov. 12, 1916, in Hagerman, Gooding, Idaho, the daughter of Leonard Walton and Louise (McCabe) Hoffman and lived in Glenn's Ferry and Gooding, Idaho. She married Willard "Bill" Harry Rasmussen on March 9, 1936, in Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho. Mary worked for many years as an excellent cake decorator in many bakeries in the Northwest. She and her husband, Bill, the baker, owned Bill and Mary's Bakery in Raymond, Wash., for eight years. Mary was a member of Moose Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed reading, textile painting on ties and handkerchiefs and she wrote many poems. Mary was very creative and enjoyed sewing. She would take old dolls, clean them,

make new clothes and then donate them to the thrift stores. She and her family moved often after she married. They lived in Idaho, Utah, Nevada, California, Oregon and Washington.
She is survived by one son and three daughters, Rogena Lorraine McDonnell, Vernon Harry Rasmussen (Joyce),

Janice Lee (Rasmussen) Shipp (Harris) and Connie Lynn (Rasmussen) Bevington (Clark); son-in-law, Clarence Lyons; three grandsons, Jack Shipp, Bruce Rasmussen and Alan Bevington; great-grandchildren, Ryan and Nicholas Shipp, and Taryn and Michael Bevington; and special friends Ralph, Roxanna, Robert, Rochelle, Robyn and Ryan Wright. Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Willard "Bill" in February 1993; daughter, Louise Marie Rasmussen Lyons; three brothers and two sisters, Contance Cecelia Hoffman Kinkade, Thomas Penora Hoffman, Jack Hoffman, twin, Joe Hoffman, twin, and Gertrude Coralie Hoffman Beam.
A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Paul Mays



TWIN FALLS — Paul Mays, 81, of Twin Falls, passed away May 10, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.
Paul was born April 24, 1925, in Butler, Missouri, to Jim and Maude Hayes Mays. He enlisted in 1943 and served in the Army in World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946. He returned home and spent his life working mostly at painting and in construction. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed golfing, fishing, any outdoor activity and watching sports, including baseball and football, old westerns and war movies on TV. He was a very dedicated and loving father and will be missed by all who knew and

loved him.
Surviving Paul is his son, John (Trudy) Mays of Meridian, ID; daughter, Jody Mays of Spokane, WA; one brother,

Lonnie Mays of Kennewick, WA; two sisters, Wilma Henry of Murtaugh, ID, and Virginia Stoddard of Hi Cities, WA. His parents; brothers, Ernel, Aubry, Jim and Dean; and sisters, Aletha and Frieda, preceded him in death.
Funeral services for Paul will be held Saturday, May 13, 2006 at 11 a.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with Pastor Jim Tubbs officiating. Interment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. Friends may call Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the charity of one's choice.

DEATH NOTICES

Ralph J. Mulliner

TWIN FALLS — Ralph J. Mulliner, 79, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, May 11, 2006 at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

Doyle Vaughn Bridwell

TWIN FALLS — Doyle Vaughn Bridwell, 72, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, May 11, 2006, at his home in Twin Falls.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by

Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Eric David Trumbull

HAILEY — Eric David Trumbull, 40, of Hailey, died Monday, May 8, 2006, at his home in Hailey of complications from an existing medical illness.
The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at the Hailey LDS Church, with Bishop Kim Nilsen officiating. Interment will follow at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Pocatello, ID. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

Glen Staker

HEYBURN — Glen Staker, 75, of Heyburn, died Thursday, May 11, 2006, at Century Side Care and Rehab in Rupert.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Nellie Matranga

TWIN FALLS — Nellie Matranga, 79, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, May 11, 2006, at home.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Ray Osterhout of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the View LDS, 1st and 2nd Ward chapel, 5:05 p.m. in Burley. Friends may call 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Amy Mae Jones of Twin Falls, graveside celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Stanton "Stan" Edward Atkinson of Ketchum, memorial service at 1 p.m. today in the Linelight Room in Sun Valley (Wood River Funeral Chapel of Hailey).

Vivian Parkston Staley Morris of Huhl-Coe, funeral graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Huhl; friends and family may call from 9 a.m. to noon today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Huhl.

Wesley Charles Walton of Rupert, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; family and friends may call

one hour before the service at the mortuary.

Leona Darlene Lechty Barkdull of Burley, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Unity LDS 1st and 2nd Ward chapel, 275 S. 25th E. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Jeri D. Doig of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 269 Main Ave. E. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel)

Diane Kay Owsley of Hagerman, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding; friends and family may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Norbert C. Thieme of Twin Falls, celebration of new life for family and close friends at 2 p.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. Friends and family may call from 9 a.m. to noon Satur-

day at the mortuary.

Nelson Taylor of Declo, funeral at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Mark D. Williams of Salem, Ore., and formerly of the Mendocino area, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends may call from 10 to 11:45 a.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

Chris Allen Dietz of Buhl and Salmon, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

Wyoma Stevenson of Dietrich, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Dietrich LDS Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Idaho begins push to improve teen literacy

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho's middle and high school students are lagging when it comes to literacy, education leaders say, so the state is starting a new initiative designed to improve comprehension, accuracy and other reading skills among teens.

"We tend to think about literacy as just learning to read, but in the older grades you are reading to learn," said Allison Westfall, a series of statewide, standardized tests given every year — demonstrate the problem. Students tend to leave the earlier grades reading well, with more than 87 percent of third graders considered proficient or advanced in 2004. But just under 74 percent of seventh grade students were considered proficient or advanced in reading that year, along with only 77 percent of 10th graders. Similar trends were seen in 2005.

Language scores also showed some decline, with 88 percent of 3rd graders in 2004 considered proficient or advanced, but less than 81 percent of 10th graders in that category.

In 2005, the figure for 3rd graders considered proficient or advanced was about 81 percent, compared to 78 percent of 10th grade students.

The summit is just the first step toward improving literacy, Westfall said.

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will serve them for a lifetime."

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And the definition of literacy is changing, said Kylie Beers, the co-director of the adolescent literacy initiative in the Corner School Development Program at Yale University.

In colonial America, people were considered literate if they could sign their own name. By the Civil War, good penmanship was the mark of a literate person, she said. From then until World War I, recitation of poems and famous texts was the main test of literacy, and from WWI to the late 1980s the focus of literacy changed to being able to analyze texts — what Beers called "the Cliffs Notes period."

Today, conceptual literacy is the standard — meaning that students must be able to think critically about the text they read, and decide whether they agree or disagree with the author.

That's where many students run into trouble, Beers said, with some older students expending so much effort to recognize and remember the words that they have little energy left to truly think about the topic.

Making matters worse, Beers said, some school districts around the nation are eliminating textbooks for some classes because they're considered too hard for students to understand.

"Textbooks in high school prepare you to read textbooks in college," she said. "Too many students never get a chance to read harder texts."

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Hazelton man charged with first-degree murder in Nampa

NAMPA — A Hazelton man has been charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of 32-year-old Matthew Coats in a Nampa hotel room.

Prosecutors contend Jaramillo and Coats had a confrontation before Coats was shot several times in a room at the Desert Inn late Sunday. Hotel staff discovered the body Monday.

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Road Work

Lakes Boulevard has shifted to the westbound lanes. Traffic is reduced from four lanes to two, one in each direction.

This traffic shift allows crews to prepare for paving the east-bound section of the Twin Falls Alternate Route from Washington Street to the end of the project at Blue Lakes Boulevard.

be controlled by temporary traffic signals. Motorists are urged to use caution at the intersections because of increased congestion and altered lane configurations.

Western Construction of Boise is the contractor for the \$18.8 million Stage 1.

project until mid-May. The project includes replacement of the Highline Canal Bridge on Airport Road. Motorists should expect intermittent delays and brief lane closures.

Idaho 77, DeLo to Allion: This resurfacing project begins five miles south of DeLo and continues to Allion (mileposts 18-23). Delays of up to 10 minutes are possible.

Idaho man given Carnegie Hero medal

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Sixteen people, including an Idaho man and a state trooper who reached into a burning vehicle to save two passengers, were honored Thursday with Carnegie Medals for heroism.

call for help. Firefighters arrived soon thereafter and saved both men.

Patrick Mott, 65, of Rathdrum, Idaho, tried to cast Henry Scheller, 74, from drowning in an ice-covered lake on Feb. 27, 2005. Mott also fell through the ice — but not before he had yelled to his wife to

brought to its attention through newspaper clips or his Web site. Recipients, or their survivors, get a bronze medal and \$4,000. Since the fund was established, 8,897 people have received medals.

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Craig

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sioners about hospital issues," he said.

County-paid health benefits for elected officials' families

He said county commissioners should not get benefits that county employees don't get.

Political campaigning policy

He said county employees shouldn't have to resign from their jobs to run for a county office.

Levy to build year-round multipurpose building at the fairgrounds

He said it's up to voters, but he does have concerns. "My concern is once it's built, will it be self-sustaining? Would they go back to voters for more money?"

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They have to be a good neighbor. However, he has no sympathy for someone who builds a home right next to a dairy.

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officials' families

"I thought it was a little unfair. It should be distributed among all employees."

Political campaigning policy

"I don't think it's right. Your most qualified candidates would be from within those departments." He said he understood commissioners had their reasons for wanting such a policy so there would be no disruptions in departments, but "they went too far."

Levy to build year-round multipurpose building at the fairgrounds

He said the idea is good, but he's skeptical the county

can make enough money off it. "Big events centers are having trouble staying open." He said the area doesn't have the population to support it and would rather see a bond issue to upgrade the fairgrounds rather than taking a chance on profits from a multipurpose center.

Idaho 81, bridge replacements: Crews are replacing the 3811 Canal bridges on Idaho 81 (mileposts 23-25) one mile east of DeLo. Vehicles longer than 45 feet will be required to detour around the work areas using Idaho 77 from Idaho 81 to Interstate 84, and I-84 from exits 216 to 228.

The \$1.4 million project is expected to be completed in late May.

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IDAHO

Crowd gathers to watch wolf eat young elk

KETCHUM (AP) — A wolf that killed a young elk near Stanley in central Idaho and started down to try to eat its meat drew a crowd of human spectators — including a longtime wolf advocate and a longtime wolf foe.

Lane Somerville of Stanley saw the chase and kill last Thursday by the Salmon River near the junction of Highways 73 and 21. "He pretty much went right for the neck and got it down on the ground."

"I wish I went right for the neck and got it down on the ground."

Lane Somerville told the Idaho Mountain Express. "It was over very quickly."

Alerted by cell phones, people began arriving along the river bank to watch the wolf eat the yearling elk. Among them was Lynn Stone, leader of the pro-wilderness Boulder-White Clouds Council and a wolf advocate. She said Ron Gillette, president of the Idaho Anti-Wolf Coalition, arrived after her, carrying a .22-caliber rifle. Stone said she took photographs of Gillette as he walked toward the wolf on three occasions during the day, carrying the rifle. The wolf ran off each time.

"The area is open grassland near the river but turns into forests on the sides of the valley."

"I wasn't going out there without a rifle because if a wolf comes after me I'm going to shoot it," Gillette told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "I have the right to protect myself."

Stone said Gillette confronted her after returning from his walk toward the wolf in the morning and then again in the afternoon.

"I'll be yelling at me to get out of my pickup," she said. "Since he has a gun as well as a camera in hand, I'm not anxious to get out and don't."

Gillette said he didn't remember what he said to Stone.

"I probably told her to get out of my way," he said. "We're sick and tired of these wolf lovers elevating a wolf to a godlike status. They're the most cruel and violent predator in North America and now they're going to put up with them killing all our animals. We're tired of it."

The wolf returned a third time in the evening and again on Monday when Gillette approached. Stone said she called Brian Reeves, a conservation officer with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He declined to comment.

"The federal government in January turned over to the state day-to-day management of the wolves reintroduced in central Idaho in 1995 as an 'experimental, nonessential population' under the Endangered Species Act."

Wolves located north of Interstate 90 in the Idaho Panhandle remain classified as an endangered species under the act and are still under the control of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

"The state can ask for the federal government's permission to kill wolves that are causing 'unacceptable impacts' to wild elk, deer and moose."

Gillette said the dead elk was one of about 130 that he had helped feed during the winter.

Gillette said his drive to get a wolf-banning initiative on the November ballot has failed. He said his group gathered about 41,000 signatures in six weeks, but only about 13,000 were certified. Wolf foes needed about 47,000 by last Monday.

Stone said the wolf returned the next morning to finish eating the elk.

"He pretty much ate everything that was left," she said.

Kroc Center in northern Idaho needs \$3.7 million

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Officials with the Salvation Army in northern Idaho say they will hire a consulting firm to help raise an additional \$3.7 million so construction can begin on a planned Kroc Community Center.

"We can't put a shovel in the ground until we have the \$5 million," Maj. John Chammess of the Salvation Army told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "If everything goes according to plan, we'll break ground next spring and be open 14 to 16 months later."

Organizers have pledges of about \$1.7 million so far. The city was one of six in the West selected by the Salvation Army earlier this month for a \$65 million, Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. The two-story design proposed for Coeur d'Alene would be built with some of the \$1.5 billion that Joan Kroc, widow of McDonald's founder Ray Kroc, left to the Salvation Army when she died in 2003. The request is to be used to build 30 community centers across the country.

"I am very optimistic," Chammess said. "I've been that way all along. We're going to raise the money." He said he thought the money could be raised despite other organizations in the area also attempting to get donations. The Coeur d'Alene Library Foundation said it needs an additional \$550,000 to build a new downtown library.

The Krocen County Fair Foundation is also looking to raise millions of dollars in the next few years. A study paid for by the Salvation Army found that there was enough money in the community to raise the \$5 million.

Chammess met with community leaders on Wednesday to discuss the center. The 100,000-square-foot center is expected to employ about 150 full- and part-time workers and to serve nearly 700 people a day.



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Undercover posse members of the Maricopa County Sheriff's department wait for instructions following a news conference by Sheriff Joe Arpaio on Wednesday in Avondale, Ariz. Under a new state law, human smuggling is now a felony crime in Arizona.

First night of posse patrols nets one arrest in Arizona

By Amanda Leo Myers
Associated Press writer

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Following a week of tough talk, a 250-member sheriff's posse charged with finding and arresting illegal immigrants made just one arrest in its inaugural desert search early Thursday morning.

The posse — made up of existing sheriff's deputies and unpaid, trained volunteers — launched night patrols Wednesday night in desert areas and major roadways southwest of Phoenix.

They're looking for illegal immigrants to arrest under a state smuggling law that allows local law enforcement to arrest and charge suspected human and drug smugglers with a state-level felony. Smuggling already was a federal felony.

Since March, the Maricopa County sheriff's office has arrested 147 illegal immigrants and smugglers under the law as interpreted by Maricopa County Attorney Andrew Thomas.

On the Net
Maricopa County Sheriff's Office: www.mcsco.org/
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leg who violates this new law? Sheriff Joe Arpaio said. "I'm not going to turn these people over to federal authorities so they can have a free ride back to Mexico. I'll give them a free ride into the county jail."

But only one man would be arrested. Deputies attempted to pull over a pickup truck around 12:45 a.m. Thursday, but the truck took off in the desert and its 15 to 20 occupants scattered. Only one of them was tracked down, despite night vision equipment, spotlights and a helicopter.

Thomas argues that the smuggling law can be applied to the smuggled immigrants themselves. By paying a smuggler to enter the country, Thomas says an illegal immigrant is committing a conspiracy to smuggle, punishable by up to two years in jail.

The sheriff's office announced last week that it would dedicate an entire posse to arresting illegal immigrants under the law.

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Patrol finds Spokane jail inmate died after being kicked by guard

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A Spokane County jail inmate died shortly after he reportedly was given a "donkey kick" by a guard, something that went unreported for days after the death, Washington State Patrol investigators have found.

The patrol's 300-page report on the death of Benites Salmon Sichiwo, 39, is part of a review by the FBI and county prosecutors to determine whether a crime was committed.

No one in the sheriff's office, which is in charge of the jail, will comment on the case until that review is completed, sheriff's Sgt. B. David Reagan said Wednesday.

Jail reports indicate Benites fought with guards three times after he was hooked into custody Jan. 27 for investigation of rape involving a 12-year-old girl. To subdue him, the guards told investigators, they struck him with their knuckles and fists and jolted him with stun guns.

All eight corrections deputies who were involved in incidents involving Sichiwo are back on the job, officials said.

In Sichiwo's last struggle, on Jan. 29, he was described as combative and undergoing alcohol withdrawal when guards tried to move him to a cell closer to a jail nurse for health monitoring. He died the same day, and the medical examiner ruled that his death was ruled a homicide after an autopsy showed he had a lacerated liver from a blow to the torso.

Sichiwo moved to the United States from the Marianas Islands in Micronesia and may have had difficulty communicating with corrections officers, according to the report.

When a deputy checked on Sichiwo early on the morning of Jan. 29, "he was answering in a different language and was physically shaking," investigators wrote. "Sichiwo was not understanding or listening to their verbal commands and directions."

On Feb. 6, a patrol investigator wrote that he had received a phone call from Deputy Theodore B. Tofrud who said "he needed to talk to me" about something that was not in the jail's administrative reports.

Tofrud said another guard,

Tim B. Christopherson, told him a third deputy, John C. Elam, gave Sichiwo a "donkey kick" in the torso area after the inmate had been told under-nath a bunk. Tofrud said he had not seen the kick.

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Three-year old Ted Shepherd, left, who accompanied his brother and other children from White Pine Intermediate School in Burley, Idaho, helps Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne plant a sugar maple tree by tossing some dirt at the base of the newly planted tree on the southeast lawn of the Idaho Statehouse in downtown Boise on Thursday morning. The tree was planted to replace the sugar maple tree that was planted by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1903 and was recently blown down in a storm.

Governor keeps up with duties while awaiting vote

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Interior secretary Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said Thursday he is continuing to oversee Idaho's executive branch and helping prepare Lt. Gov. Jim Risch to take over the reins of state government upon his expected confirmation by the U.S. Senate, but is unsure when the transition might occur.

"I cannot prestate anything, so I am maintaining this job between two different locations right now," Kempthorne said while joining schoolchildren in planting a small tree in the spot at the state Capitol where a silver maple planted by President Teddy Roosevelt 103 years ago stood before it was toppled in an April 29 windstorm.

Kempthorne's nomination was forwarded to the Senate on Wednesday by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, but has not yet been scheduled for a confirmation vote.

Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., has said she intends to place a procedural hold on Kempthorne's nomination to protest the Bush administration's refusal to share offshore oil and gas royalties with her state. Her office said Thursday that a letter formally asking to hold the nomination would be filed with the Senate sometime this week.

Kempthorne declined to comment on Landrieu's threatened hold, but said he did not expect to return to Washington, D.C., to meet with senators before a confirmation vote, which Senate Republican leaders hopes to schedule before the Memorial Day recess.

"In deference to the Senate, the process is ongoing," he said. "I appreciated the way they conducted the (confirmation) hearing, but now it's in their hands."

Kempthorne, who was elected Idaho governor in 1998, said he believes his legacy in Idaho will be multidimensional, but hopes it will center around his love for the outdoors and his advocacy for children's issues.

A number of initiatives I started that I planted if you will, are going to continue to grow and that will give me enjoyment the rest of my life," he said as he showed dirt around the silver maple sapling. "Just like this tree, if you place the roots right, it will grow."

The new tree replaced a sugar maple planted by Roosevelt in front of the Idaho Statehouse on May 28, 1903, that had been a historical attraction before it fell. Kempthorne said he wanted to replace the Roosevelt sugar maple with a new tree for not only its historical significance, but personal reasons.

"I remember the tree that Teddy Roosevelt planted here because about 30 years ago, that's where I proposed to my wife, Patricia, and asked her if she would marry me," Kempthorne said. "That tree had very special meaning to us."

Raid in Buhl produces rifle stolen from feds

BUHL — A law enforcement raid at a local home apparently produced a rifle stolen from the Bureau of Land Management earlier this month.

Officers with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department searched the home near Buhl in conjunction with the BLM and the Twin Falls Police Department. Officers acquired a search warrant after telling a judge they believed the residence contained both stolen property and drugs, according to a report from the sheriff's department.

Meth, cocaine and drug paraphernalia were found along with the bolt from the rifle, police said. Evidence from the search led police to a local storage unit, where the rifle was found. Five people

were arrested at the house, and are expected to be charged with drug or firearm offenses or other crimes, police said.

The BLM discovered the rifle was missing, along with two all-terrain vehicles, night-vision goggles and other items, after the agency's office was burglarized May 3.

Pair sentenced for kidnap, rape

COEUR D'ALENE — Two men have been sentenced for kidnapping and raping a Lapwai woman last year, federal prosecutors said Thursday.

Arnold Scott, 54, was sentenced to more than 11 years in federal prison for sexual assault, followed by three years of probation. Gerald Bain-

bridge was sentenced to more than eight years for assault with intent to kidnap, followed by three years of probation. Both men pleaded guilty to the crimes, which were handled in U.S. District Court because the federal government has law enforcement responsibility on Indian reservations. Prosecutors said the men,

both from Spokane, Wash., were driving to Idaho when they decided they wanted to kidnap, rape and kill a woman. According to the indictment, Scott borrowed a shovel to hit the woman on the head and bury her. The two also borrowed duct tape under the guise of needing to fix a headlight.

Scott will be required to register as a sex offender after he is released from prison, the U.S. attorney's office said.

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Lawyer: Duncan also wants to spare Shasta from testifying

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Add defendant Joseph Edward Duncan III to the list of people who don't want 9-year-old Shasta Groene to testify if a grand jury on charges that he killed three members of the girl's family.

Public defender John Adams, who is trying to avoid a death penalty for the registered sex offender, said Duncan also wants to spare Shasta the ordeal of testifying against Duncan, her alleged abductor.



Duncan

Adams told The Spokesman-Review newspaper on Wednesday that Duncan "doesn't want Shasta to spend the next 10 to 20 years in courtrooms, watching the trial and appellate trial and being 20 years old and having to come back to court again."

Steve Groene, the girl's father, recently asked Kootenai County judge to drop the death penalty option as a way of getting a plea bargain from Duncan, 43, that would avoid a lengthy trial and appeals process.

Adams said his office is "100 percent behind Steve Groene and his attempts to reach a settlement (in the case) to protect her family."

"We share those concerns and Mr. Duncan shares those concerns," Adams said.

Duncan is charged in state court with killing Shasta's mother, Brenda Groene, 13-year-old brother Slade and the mother's boyfriend, Mark McKenzie, at the family's home in May 2005. Shasta and another brother, Dylan, 9, were ab-

ducted from the home the same night and, according to court documents, sexually abused while in captivity. Shasta was rescued seven weeks later when she was recognized by staff and customers at a Denny's restaurant in Coeur d'Alene, and Duncan was apprehended. Shasta led authorities to Dylan's body at a primitive campsite in Montana.

The U.S. attorney for Idaho has taken jurisdiction of the kidnapping portion of the case and has said the government plans to charge Duncan in federal court with kidnapping the children and killing Dylan after the state case concludes.

The Associated Press reported earlier this week that negotiations were under way between federal prosecutors and Duncan's lawyers regarding the death penalty.

While Steve Groene may want the death penalty off the table, relatives of other victims do not.

Steve McKenzie, brother of Mark McKenzie, said he doesn't care what Duncan is saying now about being his concern for Shasta.

"I would think his concern is B.S.," Steve McKenzie said Wednesday. "If he has any concern, it's for himself. I would doubt he would care about her safety."

Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas said he believes Shasta is strong enough to testify against Duncan in court.

"Nobody wants her to testify," Douglas said. "But my responsibility calls me to call her. My interest is in representing the community."

Shasta Groene recently appeared in an interview with television personality Geraldo Rivera, who called the girl "one of America's bravest" victims.

Endangered ferret's habitat leased for oil, gas projects

By Judith Kohler
Associated Press writer

DENVER — Habitat for one of the rarest mammals in North America was among nearly 15,000 acres of federal land in Colorado leased Thursday for energy development.

The state office of the Bureau of Land Management sold oil and gas leases on about 13,902 acres in northwest Colorado where black-footed ferrets have been released to restore the animal to the state.

The program is one of several federal-state efforts to bring back the weasel-like animal thought to be extinct until a colony was found in western Wyoming in the 1980s.

"They're gambling with the future of the program and the future of ferrets," said Josh Peacock of the Denver-based Center for Native Ecosystems.

Portions of the 34,563 acres that were up for lease near Rangely are home to ferrets overseen by federal and state biologists.

Nine of the 20 parcels in the area were snapped up during the BLM's quarterly auction,

which raised a total of \$6.8 million.

Industry officials have said energy companies need a big inventory of potential drilling spots, so they can determine whether oil and gas are. The Bush administration has pushed for more U.S. energy production to lessen the country's reliance on foreign oil and gas.

Any development of those leases and others, including ones in areas proposed by oil-zeros' groups as federal wilderness, is on hold as the BLM considers protests filed by environmental groups and area residents.

Before the auction, the BLM withdrew 40 acres where the city of Craig wants to build a recreation area. Also yanked were about 4,300 acres in Missoua County, some of which Grand Junction is eyeing for expansion of its airport.

That land could be offered in a later auction.

The quarterly auctions, required by law, have produced more protests as the number of parcels up for bid has increased and the rate of natural gas drilling has shot up.

Douglas said Shasta's willingness to talk to lawyers signals she could also talk in court.

"The fact that she's able to relate to a large audience bodes well for her ability to testify in a courtroom," he said.

Douglas remains adamant that Duncan should face death if convicted of the triple homicide.

Adams said his office will continue to prepare for trial, even as he pushes for a plea agreement.

Some pretrial motions in the case address Shasta's testimony. Douglas filed a motion saying the state believes Shasta is "fully competent," but is leaving it up to the discretion of 1st District Judge Fred Gilber, who is presiding over the case.

The prosecutor also asked that Shasta be allowed to testify some way other than face-to-face with Duncan.

Adams has filed a motion asking for a change of venue and another seeking to reinstate the insanity defense, which was repealed by the Idaho Legislature in 1982.

A hearing on pretrial motions is set for Aug. 22.

Duncan, a native of Tacoma, Wash., is a registered sex offender who spent most of his adult life in prison before his release in 2000.

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WORLD

U.N. food agency says aid to North Korea will resume

By Christopher Bodeen
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING — Millions of needy North Koreans will continue to face a "very difficult situation" under a scaled-back resumption of World Food Program deliveries of food to the hunger-stricken nation, the U.N. agency said Thursday.

North Korea on Wednesday agreed to allow the WFP to resume food shipments to 1.9 million North Koreans — down sharply from the 6.5 million people the agency argued that it serves in the country's Asia regional director Tony Banbury said at a news conference in Beijing.

Those who don't have alternative food sources "are going to face a very difficult situation and so we're concerned about that," he said.

The United States and other donors want to see that food isn't diverted to the North's huge military or to reward regime loyalists.

Andrew Natsios, former chief of the U.S. Agency for International Development, told National Public Radio the agreement "violates most of the international norms that are followed in every country in the world."

"It's a lot less monitoring in the current agreement than there was before and what they had before was grossly inadequate," he said.

The WFP suspended aid in December after the North asked it to switch focus to economic development, claiming its food supplies were adequate. The agency argued that the change was too abrupt and would leave millions hungry.

The new agreement signed with North Korean officials allows the WFP to employ 10 foreign staff members in North Korea and an office in the capital, Pyongyang, Banbury said. In the past, the agency has up to 40 foreigners in the country and five regional offices in addition to the capital.

The geographic scope of the program was reduced from 163 provinces to 30, he said. Grain assistance supplied this year will fall to just 75,000 tons, down from last year's 512,000 tons, he said.

"We would have liked to see a bigger operation, but that was not possible at this time," he said, citing North Korean government objections.

"The scaling back of the program forced the WFP to make some 'very difficult decisions,' and prompted administrators to concentrate assistance mainly on women and children, Banbury said.

Banbury said food distribution would begin by the end of next week, but it could take

much longer to bring the program up to full speed.

The program will supply vitamin-enriched crackers to schoolchildren and high-nutrition porridge to pregnant women, infants and new mothers. Food supplies will also be furnished to needy families in exchange for work on irrigation and other community development projects, he said.

Banbury said North Korea justified the smaller program by saying it did not want to foster a "culture of dependency" after a decade of foreign assistance and that its harvests had improved.

Youngster with birth defect sings for pope

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A 9-year-old Canadian boy who suffers from a birth defect that affected his hearing sang for Pope Benedict XVI on Thursday during an audience with Canadian bishops.

Jeremy Gabriel, born with Treacher Collins syndrome, which often results in hearing problems, said he was "very nervous" at first because his family had been stuck in traffic

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South Korean cloning scientist indicted for fraud

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Disgraced cloning scientist Hwang Woo-suk was indicted on fraud and bio-ethics law violations linked to faked stem cell research, prosecutors said Friday.

Hwang will not immediately be arrested, prosecution official Lee In-kyu said in a nationally televised news conference.

The scientist was hailed as a global stem cell pioneer and treated as a national hero until investigations late last year forced him to admit that he had fabricated key data in two papers published in academic journals.

He made a public apology to the nation but was later fired from his post as a professor at Seoul National University's veterinary department and the government conducted a probe into his finances.

Auditors said in February that it was unclear how Hwang spent \$2.6 million he received in government funds and private donations.

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In trying to understand the geology of a place, for example, I find myself constantly wishing I possessed superpowers that would enable me to actually view the events that formed some of our fantastic western landscapes over the eons.

Likewise, wagon-wheel ruts, arrowheads, and other evidence send me dreaming of earlier people that inhabited and explored areas now visited.

It thus becomes especially satisfying to find a good link between past and present.

One such was my recent viewing of a documentary on one of Idaho's most noteworthy 20th century explorers.

Steve Wurst's fascinating film on Robert Lambert would have been great to watch had I known absolutely nothing about Craters of the Moon or the Sawtooth Mountains. But the fact that I've explored those places numerous times, as many of us have, made the experience that much more gratifying.

Lambert and two companions (one human, one canine) made a trek in 1920 through Craters of the Moon, traversing the Great Rift lengthwise. At times they cut their dog when its paws became too raw from constant contact with the sharp lava rock (it's also said that they went through nearly an entire leather shirt making canine booties).

The explorer lugged a camera on the trip and recorded several natural phenomena. The photographs and his written description of the area and their trek were eventually published by National Geographic, but only after verifying what the publication originally thought as "too unbelievable."

Lambert spent considerable time over a number of years at Craters of the Moon, guiding others through the area and promoting its protection. Later endeavors involved exploring the Sawtooth Mountains and building Redfish Lodge.

The film documents other accomplishments of Lambert, including his role in representing Idaho at the 1915 World's Fair and his fame as an expert pistol shot, which earned him the nickname "Two-Gun Bob." I could spend more time writing about his life, but the highlights alone won't come close to fitting into just one column — you'll have to go see the movie.

In fact, this month there's a couple of chances to see "Among the Craters of the Moon: The Life and Adventures of Robert Lambert." May is Idaho Archeology and Heritage Preservation Month, and the film is just one of many events around the state.

Tours, lectures, slide shows, movies, and more highlight the state's pre-historic Native Americans, the onset of white exploration and settlement, and even the geological processes that formed and continue to shape our landscapes. Nearly 80 events are planned in 30 towns around the state. The Web site <http://www.idahohistory.com/ehp/ehp.html> has a complete schedule.

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Seeking the lost
ARCH

The natural phenomenon frames other eye-catching landscapes.

Natural formation adorns
Owyhee Canyon terrainBy Mike Cotham
Times-News correspondent

While the desert expanse provided a beautiful setting for a drive, we were thankful for the release from our motorized confinement. The final leg of our search would now only be a short hike to the destination hidden somewhere in the canyon below.

I'd heard a few stories and read a little about "The Arch." It's even fairly simple to find on paper, especially since a quad topographic map bears its name. The difficult part, however, is getting there.

My friend Warren Welhing ventured his vehicle for the drive that contained a short loop into Nevada near Jarbidge and then a hunt for the correct combination of two-track roads back through Idaho towards Cougar Creek.

After driving well over three hours and a short scramble into the canyon's depths, the first view of the natural arch made the trip immediately worthwhile.

The Arch's vital statistics are notable enough. The opening is almost 40 feet high and nearly as wide. The gray limestone shelf that water eventually cut a hole through stands a couple hundred feet tall and pushes 20 feet thick in thickness.

But numbers alone don't do the landmark justice. The formation itself is simply im-

If you go:

To find The Arch, an explorer needs good maps and good directions, or even better, someone that knows the area. The Sheep Creek 1:100,000 topographic map is a good place to start and The Arch 1:24,000 topo gives more detail surrounding the landmark itself.

pressive, and the setting in the remote, typically beautiful Owyhee canyon only adds to the feeling.

After soaking up the view and pondering the arch's creation, Warren and I started hiking downstream in the canyon bottom.

After several minutes of fighting through thorny rose thickets, a misty and stagnant water, and the discovery of numerous ticks crawling up our pant legs, we quickly escaped to the canyon's rim.

Blessed with a perfect April afternoon tailor-made for hiking, we followed Cougar Creek north several miles to the point where the Jarbidge Canyon met our drainage. Agreeing that we might pass this way only once, we dropped over the rim and carefully picked our way over steep talus slopes and around other obstacles to the swift Jarbidge River's bank.

On the return trip to the

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Photos by MIKE COTHAM/Times-News

Above: Warren Welhing stands beneath The Arch in Owyhee County's canyonlands.

Below: Underneath the large outcrop in this photo's upper left lies the Arch, while the former streambed circles counterclockwise in the foreground.



with a symphony of meadowlarks, blackbirds, and other songbirds scattered throughout the upper rocks.

Before leaving, however, the area below deserved one last exploration. The arch was again revisited up close and some extra time spent investigating the former streambed.

Cut off once the creek water forged a new path through what seemed impervious rock, the canyon below showed signs of past human activity. Old fence posts and warden wire indicated live-

stock use, which was later verified by reading an account about the area serving as a natural horse corral in the early 1900s.

The canyon also contains evidence of human inhabitants before the white man's arrival.

In this arid land of mostly unremarkable skylines lie an infinite number of treasures. Shaped by a perfect combination of geological process and enriched with a historical touch, the Arch is certainly one of those hidden gems.

Left: The small double-arch formation stands only a few hundred yards from the Arch.



Snowpack should benefit watersports at American Falls Reservoir

By Debbie Bryce
Idaho State Journal

AMERICAN FALLS — Water skiers, windsurfers and fishermen alike will enjoy a longer season on the American Falls Reservoir this season due to strong snowfall and snowpack this winter.

And the Sportsmen Park in Blingham County should see higher water elevation through the summer due to a late start in the irrigation season and early spring precipitation, said Mike Bues, water operation manager for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Burley.

Water from the American Falls dam drains an area of 13,500 square miles and sends water downstream to area irrigators.

Some of American Falls' water is stored in Palsades Reservoir, near Jackson Hole, Wyo., to serve patrons upstream.

"It's much easier to store the water and fill American Falls," Bues said.

Water that can be stored upstream also increases winter flows, he said. Irrigation usually gets started in the first week of April, but the demands for water are late coming this season.

"We've had water in the canals for the past two weeks, but none of them are up to normal operation," Bues said.

More than 435 million acre-feet of water flows through the reservoir in a 30-day period and the dam, part of the Mindoka Project, contributes to watering more than 1 million acres of farmland in Southeast Idaho.

When it's full, the American Falls Reservoir is the largest on the Snake River and in Idaho. The 87-square-mile (56,000-acre) reservoir offers 100 miles of shoreline. Fish species in the reservoir include rainbow, brown, and cutthroat trout, crappie, yellow perch,

white fish, bullhead and channel catfish, and the season is open year-round.

Two dams have been built in American Falls. The first was from 1925-1927 and the second was from 1974-1978, when the original dam deteriorated so badly, it held only two-thirds of its capacity.

The entire city of American Falls was moved to its present location in 1925 before the original dam was built. The old town site was flooded along with portions of the Oregon Trail.

The brick United Methodist Church was taken apart piece by piece, moved and reconstructed at its present site at the corner of Fort Hall Avenue and Polk Street, according to the town's Web site. The American Falls Reservoir also flooded some of the lands of the Fort Hall Reservation.

The Bureau of Reclamation negotiated with Indian Service and later the Bu-

reau of Indian Affairs, to appraise and purchase the reservation land.

The present dam, located downstream from the original, was designed and constructed by Bechtel Corp.

It's owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation. It provides irrigation, flood control, power generation, recreation, and habitat for fish and wildlife.

When the old dam was replaced in 1976, the newly constructed Teton Dam collapsed as its reservoir filled. The American Falls Dam, downstream, received more water at one time than ever before.

To protect it and dams downstream, the outlet works were opened to capacity and the reservoir emptied, according to the Bureau of Reclamation's Web site. Two days later, floodwaters reached the American Falls Dam, but they didn't overflow the spillway.

OUTDOORS

Declo Lions plan annual fishing derby

DECLO — The Declo Lions will hold its annual fishing derby at 11 a.m. this Saturday at the Declo Boat Docks near exit 216 off Interstate 84.

Sigs will be at 10 a.m. and all-fish and game rules apply.

The cost is \$20 per four-man team and winners will be the team with the highest total pounds in all species.

There will also be a Big Fish award.

There will also be food available and a raffle. Tickets for the raffle will be three for \$1 or 20 for \$5.

For more information, call Keith at 654-2548.

Outdoors in brief

State parks host local cleaning project

HAGERMAN — Massacre Rocks and Thousand Springs State Parks will host Take Pride in America, river clean-up events in conjunction with National River Clean-up week, May 13 to May 21.

"We are proud to be hosting two river clean-up events this year," said Kathryn Hampton, IDPR Volunteer Services Coordinator. "Both efforts are also

Take Pride in America projects." The Department of Parks and Recreation is Idaho's representative for Take Pride in America on state lands and organizes events annually.

"Our goal with these events is to create awareness and increase the public's sense of responsibility for public resources," said Robert Meinen, IDPR Director. "It's also a way to invite the public to help maintain and enhance our shared spaces."

IDPR Sponsored Take Pride in America River Clean-Up Dates:

Snake River Clean up

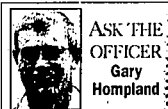
Massacre Rocks State Park Saturday, May 13 — 8 a.m. to noon.

Thousand Springs State Park Saturday, May 20 — 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Volunteers must register to participate, to ensure that there are enough boats available for the event. Those interested can contact Kathryn Hampton at khampton@idpr.state.id.us or (808) 334-4180 ext. 242. Event participation details and meeting locations will be provided at the time of registration.

— compiled from staff reports

Sportsmen need to know the rules



Question: "I am a non-resident and was recently cited for hunting rock chucks in Idaho without a valid hunting license. In my state a hunting license is not required to hunt unprotected species. The officer watched me for a considerable period of time before he approached and requested to see my license. Why didn't he contact me as soon as he observed me, he could have prevented me from violating the law?"

Answer: There are many reasons our conservation officers watch sportsmen and don't rush right over to make contact. In this article I will try to outline a few of those reasons.

I need to first preface this discussion with a point that I always stress to young hunters in my hunter education classes, that is, "It's the hunter's responsibility to know the laws in the area they choose to hunt."

As you have discovered the laws in Idaho are different from your home state. The department spends tens of thousands of dollars annually printing hunting and fishing brochures to help sportsmen learn and understand the rules. You made a decision not to become informed about the rules.

A conservation officer's primary goal is to detect and deter wildlife crime, not to prevent you from violating the law. That goal is accomplished by investigating and prosecuting wildlife crimes in the Idaho court system. Deterrence is accomplished when voluntary compliance with the law occurs in order to avoid being caught and prosecuted for a crime.

Officers must observe sportsmen's activities in order to witness violations and to determine a person's intent. During this time the officer is also assessing the officer safety risk. "Is this a dangerous situation?"

Once the contact is made and a violation detected, officers evaluate the suspect's age, experience, education or mental capacity, how long the law has been in effect, and suspect's intent to violate the law. An objective view and a mental check list is used to try to deter-

mine whether the crime warrants a citation or warning. Officers try to treat every violation based on the merits of the situation.

Juveniles, inexperienced, or handicapped sportsmen are sometimes issued warnings instead of citations in order to educate them on the importance of knowing and following the laws. Officers are encouraged to use discretion to educate young sportsmen about violations without being so harsh on them that they quit hunting or fishing. In egregious cases the attending adult may be cited for aiding in the commission of the crime.

It appears from your letter you are an adult with at least some experience hunting in the west. You chose to hunt without first purchasing a hunting license or learning about the hunting rules in Idaho. My sympathy for you is a "too little, too late," but you should have known the rules.

The hunting rules are printed in brochures and available at fish and game license vendors all across the state. The rules are also available on our website listed below. As I said and I believe the rule is also true for your state, "It's the hunter's responsibility to know the rules for the area they intend to hunt." An ethical sportsman always consults the rules before taking to the field. Lastly, the game warden is not your mother; you are responsible for your own actions.

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Baby animals are usually best left alone

For the Times-News

BEROME — The end of May and first of June is the peak fishing and calving season for Idaho's deer, elk, and antelope. With campers and outdoorsmen heading out to the woods, well-meaning citizens often find baby animals that seem to be abandoned. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is asking people to leave them alone.

"We have people calling us

or bringing baby animals to the office every year," said Randy Smith, Fish and Game Regional Wildlife Manager for the Magic Valley Region.

"Even though their intentions are good, it isn't the best thing for the animals," Smith said. "Mother animals often leave their young as they forage. If they return to find people milling around, they will often leave the area and come back when the people are gone. By then, it is sometimes too late

and their baby is gone.

"If people bring young animals into the office, we only have two options," Smith said. "We can attempt to return them back into the wild — which seldom works because the animal is too young to survive on its own. The second choice is to place them in a zoo. Either way the animal is generally removed from the wild forever."

It is illegal for people to be in possession of wild animals,

People found possessing a wild animal without a permit can be issued a citation, and the animal will be removed from their control. Animals raised in confinement are often destroyed because of the possibility of disease and lack of ability to survive on their own.

Smaller animals, like rabbits and birds, should also be left alone. In nature, mother knows best.

For more information, call 324-4359.

Controlled hunt deadline goes through June 5

The deadline to apply for full controlled-hunts is fast approaching, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game reminds hunters.

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to hunt this fall.

F&G department urges protection of squirrels

Fish and Game also cautions hunters eager to get out and take advantage of the spring weather to shoot the protected ground squirrels. Six rare ground squirrels are found in southern and eastern Idaho: The southern Idaho ground squirrel in Washington, Payette and Gem counties; the northern Idaho ground squirrel in Adams and southwestern Valley counties; Merriam's ground squirrel in the northwest corner of Owyhee County; the Wyoming ground squirrel along the southern edge of Owyhee and Twin Falls counties; the Plateau ground squirrel on the eastern Snake River Plain and up into Lemhi and Custer counties; and the rock squirrel in central Franklin county and just into Bear Lake county. A map showing the general distribution of these six species can be found on page 34 of the upland game regulations.

The season is open all year on Columbian ground squirrels, but to shoot them a person must have a valid hunting license. For more specific information on ground squirrels, contact a regional Fish and Game office.

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Buy licenses early to beat holiday rush

Fish and Game also reminds anglers who may be heading out fishing for the first time this year during the Memorial Day weekend that they need to buy a new fishing license.

F&G Commission may cut some mule deer hunts

For the Times-News

BOISE — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission will consider changes to some mule deer hunts in response to poor winter survival. List some fishing limits and extend some game bird seasons during its quarterly meeting starting May 17 in Coeur d'Alene.

and extending quail season in the Magic Valley and chukar-grey partridge season in the Magic Valley, Southeast, Upper Snake and Salmon regions to Jan. 31. They also recommend that the motor vehicle rule apply through Jan. 31, if the extended seasons in Magic Valley are adopted.

Commissioners also are expected to set seasons and rules for hunting and trapping furbeares.

After lunch, about 1:30 p.m., Jill Green of Levinson is scheduled to be honored as the 2005 Hunter Education State Instructor of the year. Later in the day, about 2 p.m., the commissioner will consider the department's \$74 million budget for 2007.

Commissioners will start May 19 at 8 a.m. with a presentation on predator control efforts in Lake Pend Oreille. They

will consider lifting limits on rainbow and lake trout in Lake Pend Oreille to give struggling anglers a better chance to catch a number. And they will consider changing the Yankee Fork dredge ponds from a year round season to a stream season from June 1 to Oct. 31.

Commissioners will also be asked to approve three land purchases and two land exchanges that would provide mitigation for lost habitat, and improve access and habitat protection. And about 8 a.m., they will get an update on Spring Chinook salmon numbers, and a salmon season recommendation if warranted by those numbers.

About 11 a.m., commissioners are set to consider changes to a few fall mule deer hunts as a result of high winter mortality in some southern Idaho units.

Fish and Game wildlife biologists recommend closing the general antlerless hunts in units 33, 34 and 35 and closing a controlled antlerless hunt in Unit 78. They also recommend reducing the number of permits in controlled hunt 1068 in units 33, 34 and 35; reducing permits in controlled antlerless hunt 1058 in Unit 67; and reducing permits in controlled other-sex hunt 1061 in units 64 and 67.

The meeting is open to the public. Individuals with disabilities may request meeting accommodations by contacting the director's office at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game directly at 208-334-5159 or through the Idaho Relay Service at 1-800-377-2529 (TDD).

TROPHIES



Don Hile of Twin Falls is shown with a 13-pound, 6-ounce, 34-inch walleye caught May 6 at Salmon Falls Reservoir. The fish was caught with a Mr. Twister Lure, and netted by Al Compton of Kimberly.

Park proposes poisoning cutthroat

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (AP) — Officials in Yellowstone National Park want to poison Yellowstone cutthroat trout in a lake and create a tributary and replace them with pure westslope cutthroat trout.

"We need to work proactively to restore westslope cutthroat to Yellowstone," said Tom Koel, the park's top fisheries manager. "Less than 1,000 genetically pure westslope cutthroat trout are known to exist in the park. This species needs our help. These native fish cannot come back on their own."

Last summer, park officials found more than 700 westslope trout in an unmanipulated stream on the western edge of the park. The fish are the only genetically pure population of westslope cutthroat in Yellowstone.

Koel wants to poison the fish in the East Fork of Specimen Creek and High Lake over the next three years, and then stock the creek with westslope. The plan also calls for building a log barrier to prevent other types of fish from reaching the east fork of the creek.

Eventually, Koel said, the lake could be used as a source for further restoration efforts.

"It's trying to replicate what we had before they're gone," Koel said.

Landscapes

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This year is even more significant in that it marks the 100th anniversary of the antiquities Act. That legislation provided the means to formally protect a place such as Craters of the Moon in 1924 after Robert Lieberth and others advocated for its preservation.

The act not only ensured safeguarding of historic and natural resources, but also helped protect countless cultural resources on all public lands. It also served as the basis for other important leg-

islation throughout the 20th century, helping make certain that those links to the past would not be lost.

Those connections to earlier times, often highlighted by the topics available this month, allow the landscape to tell its own tales. So celebrate Idaho's history, and in doing so, help keep those stories alive.

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OUTDOORS

Waterfowl return to restored wetlands

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Part of a northern Idaho ranch being converted back into wetland by The Nature Conservancy with the help of Ducks Unlimited is filling with water from this year's good snowpack and attracting waterfowl.

"This is the first year we've had the runoff to start filling the wetland," Steve Grouke, a spokesman for the conservancy chapter based in Coeur d'Alene, told The Spokesman-Review.

"Last year it was a weed bed with Canada thistle out in the middle of what was supposed to be water. This year Mother Nature is helping take care of that."

The Nature Conservancy attempts to preserve plant and animal species by buying land and negotiating easements. Ducks Unlimited's goal is to have plentiful waterfowl by making sure there is enough habitat for them to survive and reproduce.

The Nature Conservancy bought the 2,300-acre Ball Creek Ranch — now called the Ball Creek Ranch Preserve — for \$1.5 million six years ago. Located about 12 miles northwest of Bonners Ferry, the preserve has about four miles bordering the Kootenai River and includes two tributaries to the river.

About 1,100 acres of the ranch is being leased to the family that had been using it to grow wheat, canola and cattle, while another 600 acres has been set aside for wetland restoration.

"We consulted with Ducks Unlimited and they contracted the heavy equipment in 2002 to come in and create a cross dike that's the southern boundary of the wetland and various sloughs to handle the water," Grouke said.



This undated image provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows a male sage grouse displaying for a female. To see these sage grouse in their spectacular springtime mating rituals, wildlife officials rise in the wee hours to make it to the leks on time.



Bob Larka, regional wildlife management coordinator for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, peers through binoculars at dawn, at a sage grouse breeding ground, April 11, northwest of Laramie, Wyo.

Checking the leks

Biologists, volunteers rise early to check breeding grounds for sage grouse

By Cara Eastwood
Wyoming Tribune-Eagle

LARAMIE, Wyo. — The sky is still inky black when Bob Larka, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's wildlife management coordinator in Laramie, loads up and hits the road.

To see sage grouse in their spectacular springtime mating rituals, Larka and other Game and Fish staff and wildlife biologists rise in the wee hours to make it to the leks on time.

"We've got to be there a half-hour before sunrise," Larka says as he pulls away from the regional office at 4:45 a.m. and guides his truck onto a dark ribbon of Interstate 80.

The lek, or breeding ground, that Larka is heading toward is about an hour northwest of Laramie — 40 minutes on the highway, and 20 minutes on jaw-rattling two-track dirt roads. His main goal is to check to see whether there is activity on the leks in his region.

About a dozen other biologists, volunteers and land agency staff are doing the same thing in this region. Multiplied by the eight Game and Fish regions in Wyoming and it amounts to about 100 people sacrificing sleep to help check on sage grouse this spring.

Statewide, four biologists are conducting scientific counts of the birds. Larka said he and his crew may they are visiting a series of leks three or four times at seven- to 10-day intervals to try to deter-

mine population figures. "Hopefully they will catch the most number of birds on one of the days," he said. "You never know when an eagle might fly over and scatter all of them so you can't see any birds."

The monitoring is a coordinated effort that involves agencies like the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and outside groups like the Audubon Society. It's part of the Wyoming Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Plan that is designed to keep the birds off the Endangered Species List. The plan calls for the creation of eight working groups to develop local management plans and projects to benefit the sage grouse.

So far this year, the data on grouse populations and lek activity looks good, Larka said. In January 2005, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declined to list the sage grouse as endangered because population decline had slowed and plenty of habitat still existed in the state. "The efforts of sage grouse working groups have been credited with preventing the listing of the bird."

Alison Holloran, conservation programs manager for Audubon Wyoming, studied sage grouse for her master's thesis at the University of Wyoming and continues to perform surveys for the Game and Fish.

"I look at it every year as a rite of passage for the spring," she said. "It's a time when you can see here all winter long, and just to see them back out on the leks is really nice."

After leaving the highway, Larka crosses onto dirt roads on a section of Game and Fish property that borders a private ranch that contains several sage grouse leks.

He drives through multiple gates, across cattle guards, up and down hills and through wide meadows of gnawed sagebrush. At a spot near a wide, flat area, Larka stops the truck and steps outside.

"Oh yeah, they're here," he says softly. Although the birds aren't visible yet in the still-early morning, a soft sound like the pouring of milk from a plastic jug — boink, boink, boink, boink — indicates their presence.

The sound comes from the inflating and deflating of the air sacks that the male grouse use to impress the females. Although it's soft, the sound carries for more than a mile.

Larka peers through his binoculars for a rough count. There must be 40 birds out there," he whispers.

Just after 6 a.m., the sun works its way across the horizon and the birds' forms come into focus. With air sacks inflated, the males are the size of large beach balls with long tail feathers that stick out an additional several inches. They strut slowly around the lek, looking like beefed-up bodybuilders.

The female birds are much smaller, with camouflage colors that are more difficult to see. The second drawing is June 1 through July 31, with the drawing being held August 15.

It's time to apply for fall hunts

For the Times-News

JEROME — Sportsmen interested in controlled hunts for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, and fall bear are asked to apply early.

The application period began the first of May and goes until June 5, but because of the possibilities of long lines and computer delays, applying early will alleviate both problems.

People that applied for trophy species permits are excluded from this drawing, unless they are applying for limited or extra controlled hunt big game permits. People who drew an antlered permit in 2005 are not eligible to apply for antlered permits in 2006.

To apply for these big game hunts, sportsmen need only purchase a 2006 hunting license and pay a \$6.25 controlled hunt application fee. Up to four people can apply on a joint application for any of these hunts. Sportsmen can also apply for all four species in the same year.

Any person successful in drawing a controlled hunt permit must purchase it by August 1 at a license vendor or Idaho Fish and Game office. Price of the tag is determined by animal drawn, plus a \$7.75 controlled hunt permit.

All unclaimed permits and all leftovers (does not include unlimited hunts) will be available for a second drawing. The ap-

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The application period will be Aug. 5-15. Winners will be notified by Aug. 25 and any leftover permits will go on sale the same day.

The final way to get the hunt of your dreams is to apply for a Super Hunt or Super Hunt Combo permit. The special drawings began in 2004 to raise money for the Access Yet program.

Super Hunt or Super Hunt Combo permits allow the recip-

ient to hunt for the species of animal they have drawn (deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, or moose) in any open hunting Unit in the state. Sportsmen must adhere to all of the rules or regulations pertaining to the hunting Units they choose to hunt.

A single application is \$6.25, six for \$24.95, and 13 applications are \$49.95. A Super Hunt combo application is \$19.95, six for \$99.95, and 13 applications for \$199.95.

Applications are available at license vendors, Idaho Fish and Game offices, by phone at 1-(800) 554-8685 or 1-(800) 824-3729, or online at <http://fishandgame.com>.

Applications for the first drawing must be received by May 31 with the drawing set for June 15. The application period for the second drawing is June 1 through July 31, with the drawing being held August 15.

Other fall hunting applications dates include Deer and Super Hunt applications due May 1 to June 30, and crane applications from June 15 to July 15.

For more information, call the Magic Valley Regional office at 324-4359.

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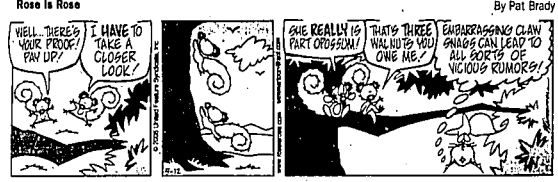
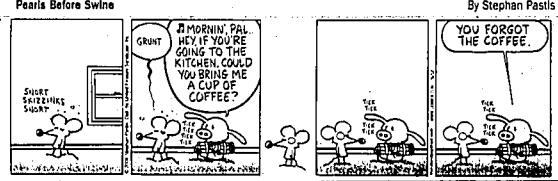
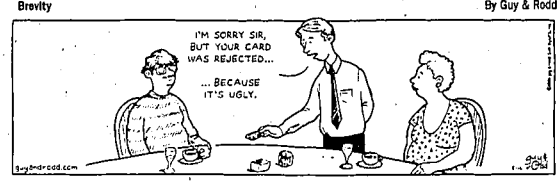
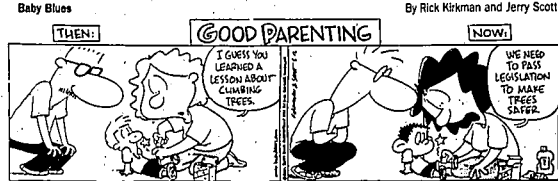
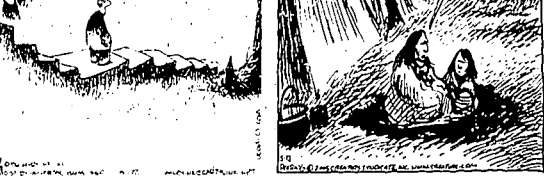
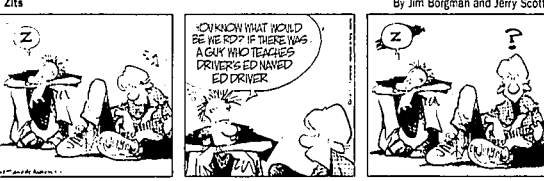
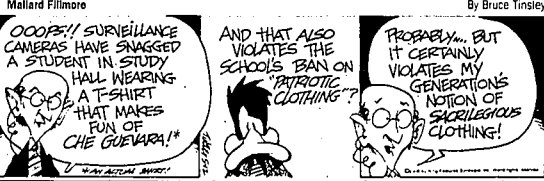
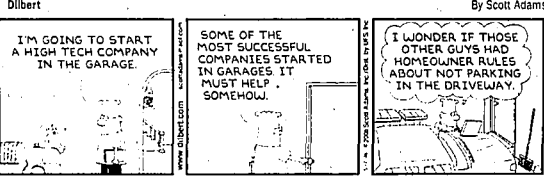
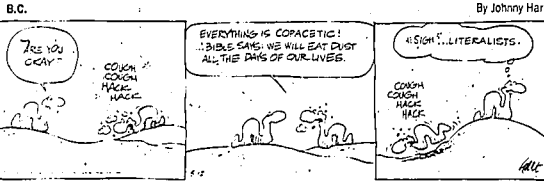
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COMICS



Romance is in the air, Aquarius

IF MAY 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Being responsible and dutiful will eventually pay off as this year unfolds. Because you are touched by the flame of ambition, you can't avoid hard work and determination. Think about a vacation in mid-August when some of your burdens slide away or a favor can make life a little brighter. In October conditions may shift swiftly, so be prepared to look a gift horse in the mouth. Avoid talking on unnecessary burdens, even when they look good on the surface. Build a strong foundation of experience in the early part of 2007 for your career and take sensible steps to maintain your health so that by next spring you will be ready to move ahead in a more creative direction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): There is a romantic sparkle in the air. Pursue the object of your desires and you won't be disappointed. A casual friendship could turn into a more intimate bond or move towards commitment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Tonight's full moon hits in the wee hours of the morning and may bring relationships into the limelight. You could meet a soul mate at a public function or enjoy sweet surrender at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Misunderstandings evaporate.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

A meeting of the minds is entirely possible. A magnetic attraction may be acknowledged and mutual trust can be achieved. Light someone's romantic fire.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Face an especially sweet bond of affection under this benevolent full moon. Friendships could grow closer or a recent romance could float to a higher plane of passionate contentment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Hearts may entwine and grow closer. Tonight's late-night full moon may shine happily on lovers. Ride a magic carpet towards fulfillment with the romantic partner of your dreams.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Seek a little tenderness. Go out with the guys or gals from work as a budding office romance could blossom under these conditions. A current relationship could emerge from a rut.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Plan an evening of sensuous pleasures and romantic delights. Passions won't be disappointed if you play your cards right. It is a fabulous

evening for parties, entertainment and love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A late-night full moon should brighten your springtime romantic occasions. Sing might find that special one. Happily mated couples can share hours of romantic bliss tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There is no reason to screen your calls. Speak what's on your mind and in your heart. Let your charms shimmer under the full moon's springtime spell and play amorous games.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Pleasure reaches a peak. Emphasis centers on friends and lovers, with a brilliant full moon to make romantic meetings even more delightful. It is a perfect time to ask for a commitment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Cast romantic nets. If you are trolling for a new love interest, tonight's full moon could illuminate a very fine catch. You are more attractive than usual so make the best of it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get away from it all. Whisper amorous words in a special someone's ears in the privacy of a quiet nook. Love has an extra zing under these stars and passions that failed before are restored.

Boyfriend in family photo can always be edited out

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Keith," and I are eagerly awaiting the birth of our first child. Sadly, Keith's mother is in very poor health. She's not expected to live more than a few months after the birth of her newest grandchild.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

wanted in what will most likely be the only family portrait to include my baby!

—MOTHER-TO-BE IN MICHIGAN
DEAR MOTHER-TO-BE: I see no reason to "inform" Bridget that the family regards her current boyfriend-to-be as yet another loser. It will only cause her to become hurt and defensive, and create resentment that could last for years. Instead, when everyone is lined up for the family picture, make sure that Bridget's boyfriend is posed on the end of the grouping. That way, if the romance tanks he can easily be photostopped.

DEAR ABBY: I often order a cup of herbal tea with dinner at restaurants. I use quite a bit of sugar, and end up with four or five empty packets after I've sweetened my tea. What should I do with them? I've tried hiding them under the saucer, but they never seem to fit.

—TEA LOVER IN NEWYORK
DEAR TEA LOVER: Because

the "evidence" is making you so nervous, you should sneak the packets into your purse (or even your brassiere). However, speaking as a fellow sugar addict, my advice is to start cutting back on the sugar, because not only is it addictive, it also makes you crave more and more. And an hour after you've consumed it, you'll feel as fatigued as you felt "energized" immediately afterward.

DEAR ABBY: I was adopted by a stepfather when I was 3. My real father died when I was 5. I am now 25 and want to change my last name back to that of my biological father. My mother divorced my stepfather seven years ago.

Abby, my stepfather abused me badly, so I have had a hard time dealing with this. I have since had counseling, which helped a great deal. I just need to know — is it worth it to go through the trouble of legally changing my name back, especially if I were to get married in the next five years or so? I just hate that I'm still associated with the man who hurt me the most.

—SOUTH CAROLINA
DEAR CONFUSED: Because the name has painful associations for you, it would not only be "worth it," it would also be cathartic. I say, go for it! Bury the name with all the untappiness that was associated with it.

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By Art Sansom & Chip

By Jim Davis

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By Chance Browne

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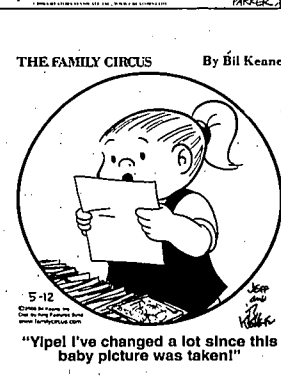
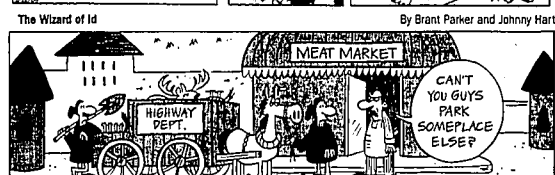
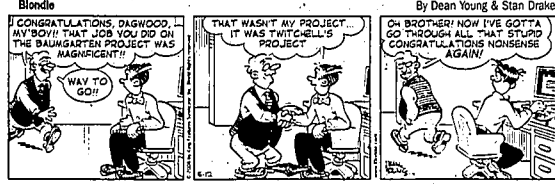
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speakers in all four corners of England's Queen Elizabeth Hall to produce a surround-sound effect. Americans now have 200 million cell phones. There are now 2,270,000 prisoners in American. Only 7 percent of them are women. Get along, little dogies. A typical speed for a cattle drive was about 15 miles a day.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmangers@mingo-barrett.com.

Cockney translator available here

"Where did 'Getting down to brass tacks' come from?" asks reader Joseph Muggs. Well, Joe, there are several theories, but the most likely is that brass tacks came from cockney rhyming slang for "facts."

Other cockney rhyming slang, designed for amusement and the confusion of outsiders, includes: "trouble and strife" (wife); "weave and wall" (fall); "Alan Whickers" (dog and bone) (phone); "Thomas Edison" (medicine); "Aristide" (bottle);



"day trippers" (slippers) and "bat and potato" (see you later).

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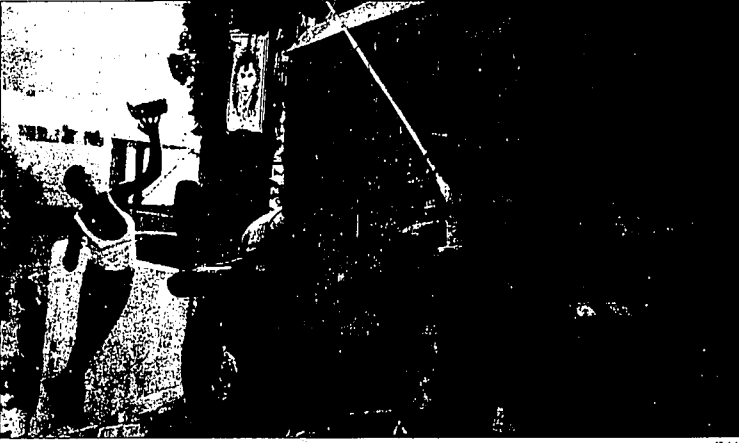
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WORLD

Five wounded during Palestinian fighting in Gaza

By Michael Matza Knight Ridder Newspapers
BHU LAHIA, Gaza Strip — Running gun battles and targeted attacks across the Gaza Strip wounded five Palestinians Thursday, capping the worst week of interfacial fighting since Hamas assumed power in March.
In one place, heavy gunfire has been shut to death and at least nine injured in the dangerously escalating rivalry between Hamas and Fatah gunmen that began last week.

creating problems," said Assad Abu Shark, a professor of Humanities at Gaza's Al-Azhar University.
In the Gaza Strip, what sometimes begins as a feud between families afflicted with one faction or another often ends as broader combat, said Ala Yaghi, 42, one of 45 Fatah members in the 132-seat Palestinian Legislative Council dominated by 76 Hamas members.
At Kamal Adwan hospital, where doctors treated Thursday's victims, including two who witnesses said were intentionally hit at close range with dozens of crippling rifle shots to the knees and thighs, chief nurse Mishal Abu Raja said tensions were running so high that the hospital could not admit patients from the rival factions at the same time.
To prevent the violence from spilling over into the hospital's wards, he said, some patients were taken to his friend's home or other hospitals.
He said he could not remember having had to do that before.
For a frontline hospital more accustomed to treating Palestinian wounded in the long-running conflict with Israel, the fighting is disturbing.
"It is better for us to treat people injured by the Jewish," Abu Raja, the nurse, said, "because the Jewish are our enemies."



A Palestinian youth throws a rock at an Israeli army jeep during a military operation searching for wanted militants in the West Bank town of Jenin Thursday. The Israeli Army arrested two alleged militants in Jenin, as five people were wounded, during the army operation in the town.

member Mohammed Tana, who was wounded by a gunshot to the right upper arm, reflected the anguish on the streets of Gaza as his friend, some toilet guns, packed into the room and cried out for retribution.
"Son of a whore!" Tana's brother shouted. "The Hamas shot my brother! I swear to get revenge!"
The every-faction-for-itself lawlessness is evident in parts

of the southern Gaza Strip, particularly the area formerly occupied by Jewish settlements, where the dunes facing the Mediterranean are now lined with clandestine training camps.

China predicts jobs for only 40 percent of grads

By Edward Cody The Washington Post
BEIJING — The Chinese government has decided to slow down an explosive increase in the number of college students in recent years, saying the growth has produced budget campuses, has overworked professors and left graduates unable to find suitable jobs.
Overpopulation at Chinese universities has emerged as the latest in a string of problems brought on by the country's swift economic growth — the decade of progress. Prosperity has enabled more people to buy cars, for instance, but at the price of heavy pollution. Similarly, the number of teen-agers whose parents can afford to put them through secondary school has climbed quickly, creating pressure on college slots once reserved for the privileged few.
"The social expectation for going on to higher education has become very high," Li Zhiren, a specialist at the Education Ministry's Higher Education Research Center, said in a recent study.
Although beneficial to millions of families, more-flexible admissions policies adopted at government urging — to take account of the changes — have produced an enrollment increase of nearly 500 percent since 1998, bringing to more than 23 million the number of students at colleges and universities across the country.
The promise of a more educated population serves China well as it seeks to modernize and reform its economy to better compete in the world. But as the economy matures, more higher education becomes more common, college graduates are now more likely to face unemployment than were their predecessors, whose diplomas nearly guaranteed their hiring

by business or government.
The official National Development and Reform Commission estimated last week that 60 percent of this summer's college graduates will have trouble finding jobs, sobering news for Premier Wen Jiabao's government. About 4.1 million are expected to graduate, an increase of 22 percent over 2005, the commission said. The current job market can absorb only 1.6 million of them.
"Is hard to create new jobs in large numbers due to surplus production capacity, more trade frictions and the reevaluation of the youth," China's currency, Zhang Xiaofan, vice minister of labor and social security, told the official New China News Agency. "As a result, it will be less easy to tackle employment pressures."
Chinese students have shown little interest in opposing the government in recent years, content to enjoy their new opportunities. Large numbers of well-educated but jobless youth, however, could become a political problem for the Communist Party and its monopoly on power, some analysts have said. In effect, the government would not be honoring its end of a tacit compact in which the party justifies its political control by providing a steady increase in prosperity for China's 1.3 billion people, particularly educated urbanites and their children.
The last major challenge to the party, the 1989 democracy movement centered in Tiananmen Square, was quashed mainly by students on campuses in Beijing and elsewhere. In

more recent years, farmers engaged by land confiscations have risen up in thousands of protests and riots. But so far they have lacked the intellectual framework and leadership to become more than sporadic local movements.
Wen's office announced after a cabinet meeting Wednesday that the government will seek to lower the rate of university enrollments by revamping vocational training and high school diplomas, making the need to go on for university studies seem less pressing. The government will also police university administrations more closely to make sure they do not lower standards to bring in additional students as a way to collect more fees and expand budgets, the announcement said.
Different universities in different areas would have to react according to their own circumstances, the cabinet said in a statement posted on the government Web site. But it emphasized that, overall, scaling back enrollment would improve conditions at universities.

Gunmen kidnap at least three oil workers in southern Nigeria

By Dulue Mbachu Associated Press writer
LAGOS, Nigeria — Gunmen kidnaped three foreign oil workers from a bus in southern Nigeria Thursday, a day after a U.S. oil worker was killed in the same city, a hub of this country's oil industry.
Police Commissioner Samuel Adeguy confirmed that two foreign nationals were seized as they rode to work in Port Harcourt. He gave no further details. But Italian energy company Eni SPA told Italian news agencies that three people were kidnaped — two of them foreigners who work for its Saipem affiliate in Nigeria — along with a contract worker for another

oil company. One of the Saipem employees was Italian and the other Indian, the company said.
The Italian Foreign Ministry said an Italian and possibly two other people were kidnaped Thursday in Port Harcourt.
It was the second attack in about 24 hours on foreigners in Port Harcourt, where many oil services companies base their main Nigerian operations.
A gunman riding a motorcycle killed an American riding in to work Wednesday at the offices of the U.S. drilling equipment maker Baker Hughes Inc.
Crude oil futures jumped more than \$1 a barrel Thursday after the news intensified wor-

ries about supply disruptions in Africa's leading oil exporter, the fifth-biggest source of U.S. oil imports.
A militant movement whose attacks on oil installations have cut more than 20 percent of Nigeria's 2.5 million barrel daily production said Tuesday it would target oil workers with fresh attacks.
But a spokesman for the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta said in an e-mail to The Associated Press Thursday that the group wasn't responsible for either the slaying or the kidnappings.
The group has kidnaped American and other foreign oil workers and released them un-

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Demand soars for newly approved diet pill

Public has 12 hours to get free pills that were the subject of ConsumerLab test featured on NBC, Today Show, CNN, Oprah Magazine

BY LAURA FISHER
Universal Media Syndicate

Regional Health Hotline operators are dishing out a full month's supply of free diet pills to dieters from all across the country.

Today, for just 12 hours only, consumers will flood Regional Health Hotlines that have been set up for each time zone.

They'll be trying to beat the clock in order to get a free supply of a diet pill that is newly approved for quality.

This massive support effort is being coordinated to provide a free full month's supply of PatentLEAN™ to every adult over age 18 who calls the toll free hotline. They will only be asked to cover the cost for just the second month.

This effort was launched to make sure consumers can get PatentLEAN™ now until new shipments are able to reach over 22,000 pharmacies nationwide.

The generous program provides the first month free for those who beat the deadline. But, the free program faces possible cuts due to supply chain shortages.

It all started when a highly publicized ConsumerLab.com report appeared recently approving the quality of the diet pill called PatentLEAN™.

All the publicity following the feature stories about ConsumerLab's Tests on NBC, Today Show, CNN, and in "O" the Oprah Magazine is expected to totally deplete national pharmacy supplies of PatentLEAN™.

The well respected report showed that PatentLEAN™ is the only diet pill "approved" with "the dose found to be effective," and without health-risk stimulants.

With 4 U.S. Patents pertaining to weight loss, clinical studies and now this new ConsumerLab quality approval, PatentLEAN™ gives readers the assurance that this product is safe and effective.

Two clinical studies showed that with PatentLEAN™, proper diet and exercise people lost up to 3 times more weight than those who tried diet and exercise alone. Remarkably, 80% of the average weight lost was from body fat in just 8 weeks!

Now, this massive national stop-gap

effort has been organized to dispense remaining supplies of the newly approved diet pills direct to the general public for free.

A company spokesman confirmed that extraordinary steps were required. By the time pharmacies could place new orders through normal distribution channels, it would take months before shelves could be restocked.

"Even though it was not my fault, now it's my problem," said Matthew Woods, Chief of Health Supply Services. "No one saw it coming. So we had to take these steps to make sure everyone gets their supply of the recently approved diet pills. We are still providing the first of a two month's supply free, even though a sudden national shortage exists," Woods confirmed.

"Some may be lucky enough to find a pharmacy with a supply still on hand. We urge readers to go to their pharmacy first. We've heard reports that a few pharmacies across the country still had some stock. The supplies are scattered so we encourage you to call your pharmacy before making the trip. If you find it there, by all means buy it and then send us the receipt so we can send you your free additional month supply," Woods said.

"Chances are they will be sold out. That's why we're bracing for all the calls. But those who call must use the designated phone number set up for their time zone to get the free supply. If the lines are busy, please tell them to keep trying," he added.

"We'll do whatever it takes to be sure everyone gets through, but we can't help you after the phone lines close. We can only guarantee stock for twelve hours. After that, when its gone, its gone, and callers could be turned away and have to wait until our labs can produce new supplies," Woods said.

Everyone wants to get the full 8 week supply, because that's what the clinical trials used to achieve the remarkable weight loss results.

The phone lines will be open for-12 full hours with extra operators brought in to support all the calls.

"Now, there's going to be a lot of excited people shedding pounds," said Woods. "We're pulling out all the stops to keep up with demand."

That's why the next 12 hours are so critical. It is important that readers use the special telephone number for their time zone to beat the deadline. ■

You can take the weight loss test.

Circle 'True' or 'False' after each question. If you answer TRUE to 3 or more, you could achieve good results with newly approved PatentLEAN™.

QUESTION	TRUE	FALSE
1. As I age, it is harder for me to lose weight.	T	F
2. I have failed at dieting more than once.	T	F
3. I want to lose at least 12 pounds.	T	F
4. I want visible results that will be noticed.	T	F
5. I made a resolution to lose but it was too hard to keep with it.	T	F
6. I don't want stimulants like caffeine, green tea or ephedrine.	T	F
7. I am a victim of Yo-Yo dieting.	T	F
8. I am concerned about the health risks of being overweight.	T	F
9. I want to see good results in less than 8 weeks.	T	F
10. I would rather eat five times a day than 'starve'.	T	F

Doctors tell us how to lose weight and help keep it off

Clinical studies back safe and effective, quality approved diet pill that has now been awarded four United States Government Patents

BY MARY BETH ANDREWS
Universal Media Syndicate

After reading ConsumerLab.com's report approving the quality of PatentLEAN™, I was intrigued to find out why diet failure may not be the dieter's fault. So I sat down with two distinguished medical researchers, Dr. John L. Zenk and Dr. Joseph C. Dietz, to understand how to help lose weight and keep it off.

Question: What is PatentLEAN?

Answer: Dr. Zenk PatentLEAN is an effective and trusted dietary supplement that has been clinically tested as a method of losing weight primarily through the reduction of body fat.

Question: Does PatentLEAN contain any stimulants?

Answer: Dr. Dietz No. PatentLEAN contains absolutely no stimulants or vasoconstrictors such as Ephedrine, Caffeine, Green Tea or PPA (phenylpropanolamine).

Question: What is the active ingredient in PatentLEAN capsules? Does it have any negative side effects?

Answer: Dr. Zenk The active ingredient in PatentLEAN is called 3-Acetyl-7-Oxo-Dehydroepiandrosterone. Clinical results show no serious adverse side-effects when used as directed.

Question: What is it?

Answer: Dr. Dietz This complex compound is a natural substance which is produced by the body.

Question: Is PatentLEAN natural?

Answer: Dr. Zenk Yes. PatentLEAN begins as natural organic plant material. It is manufactured to a very high level of purity. Its potency was approved by ConsumerLab.com's report.

Question: Why do I need to take PatentLEAN if my body makes it naturally?

Answer: Dr. Dietz As we age, our natural production of this complex compound declines. This decline is most dramatic after the age of 30. By age 40, we produce only half as much of the material needed to make 3-Acetyl-7-Oxo-Dehydroepiandrosterone as we did at age 20. By taking PatentLEAN, you are simply putting back something that declines as we age.

Question: How long until PatentLEAN starts working?

Answer: Dr. Zenk It starts working immediately, however it is important that you use PatentLEAN for the full eight weeks. This is a realistic time frame to see good weight loss results. The clinical studies were conducted over an eight week period. Once you have achieved your desired weight loss, we recommend PatentLEAN to help maintain your new weight.

Question: Will I have to starve myself while using PatentLEAN?

Answer: Dr. Dietz Absolutely not. We actually recommend 5 balanced, reduced calorie meals a day. What most of us don't understand is that diets by themselves often stall our metabolism. The body goes into a physical response of being starved and over time resists losing more weight as a defense mechanism. It is not uncommon to see Resting Metabolism drop by 3% or more as a result of this response. But the participants in one double blind clinical study who took PatentLEAN on a calorie restricted diet without exercise actually experienced an average of a 5.3% increase to their resting metabolism! That is why it can be important to continue taking PatentLEAN even if you slip off your diet for a while. It may help combat the effects of decreased metabolism from past Yo-Yo dieting.

Question: What about exercise?

Answer: Dr. Zenk Even a simple exercise plan with PatentLEAN is the most effective way to keep the body from going into a physical response to being starved. In clinical studies of PatentLEAN participants diet included one thousand eight hundred calories and one hundred eighty minutes exercise per week including warm up and cool down, so consult your physician to develop your program.

End of Interview

Well, I have to admit that even I was impressed with these doctors and their easy to understand explanations in simple laymen's terms on how PatentLEAN can work and help lose weight and keep it off. And it's a really good bargain since covering the second month gets you the full first month's supply free. ■
-By Mary Beth Andrews



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Participants in clinical studies who used PatentLEAN lost up to 3 times more weight than those who used diet and exercise alone.
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To assure the orderly movement of the supplies of PatentLEAN until drug stores are able to restock their shelves, a Regional Health Hotline has been set up.

You can now call during the times that are listed in your time zone. Simply call the number to get your full month's supply free, you will only be asked to cover the cost of the second month's supply with shipping so you'll have it immediately.

1. Begin calling at the exact time using the designated telephone line shown below for your time zone.
2. It has been reported that supplies of PatentLEAN exist at various pharmacies across the country. If you can find a pharmacy that has PatentLEAN, just pick up 2 bottles and then send your sales receipt to the address provided and you'll receive another full month's supply. Call the Regional Health Hotline to get an authorization code to write on your receipt.

This is the phone number you should call for your time zone

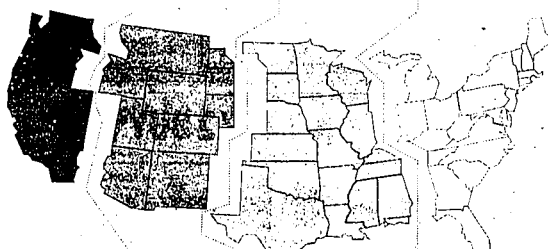
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U.S. and Iraqi forces rescue seven kidnapped Sunni men

By Robert H. Rold
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — U.S. and Iraqi forces Thursday rescued seven Sunni Arab men seized by suspected Shiite militiamen near Baghdad, part of a campaign to suppress sectarian death squads responsible for hundreds of deaths this year.

The kidnapping was the latest in a wave that is plaguing the country. Many of the abductions are part of the sectarian warfare plaguing the Iraqi capital, home to large communities of Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds.

Iraqi police said the trouble started when dozens of gunmen, some of them wearing military uniforms, raided two Sunni villages near Khan Badi Saad, 25 miles northeast of Baghdad, and abducted 10 young men.

Some of the leaders and clerics alerted police and U.S. soldiers, who rushed to the scene, clashed with the gunmen and rescued seven of the hostages.

police said. Three others were missing and presumed taken away by gunmen, police said.

U.S. troops killed at least one kidnapper and wounded another, said Lt. Col. Thomas Fisher, commander of the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor. Some of the hostages had been severely beaten, he told Associated Press TV News.

More than 30 people were taken into custody, Iraqi police said, and interrogators were trying to determine their identities. Some gunmen told police they belong to the militia loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and had come from Baghdad, Iraqi authorities said.

Kidnappings are believed to have risen steadily since the U.S.-led invasion of 2003, although police believe few are reported. A study by the Brookings Institution estimated that between 40 and 40 Iraqis were kidnapped per day in the Baghdad area alone during March, compared with two a day in the capital in January 2004.

Fisher said the incident may

have been "tribal in nature." He did not elaborate, but tensions have been running high for months between Shiite and Sunni communities in religiously mixed Diyala province.

With the rise in sectarian tensions, much of the violence has shifted from Sunni insurgent strongholds such as Anbar province to Baghdad and other areas with a mixed population.

The shift has impacted heavily on civilians, many of whom have been targeted simply because of their religious affiliation. According to the Health Ministry, 352 people were killed nationwide last month in "terrorist" violence, among them 685 civilians.

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, spokesman for the U.S. command, said attacks against civilians were up by about 80 percent over the level of six months ago.

He blamed the increase on al-Qaida in Iraq and its Jordanian leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who he said was trying to ignite a Sunni-Shiite war.

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Naw Moo Ku, 37, holds her youngest child as she and her husband Saw Maw Ku, 47, pose with the rest of their children outside El Htu Hta, Myanmar, Tuesday. The family, fleeing persecution by Myanmar military, had just arrived after walking for one month to reach the new bamboo hut village.

Villagers flee army offensive in Myanmar

By Denis D. Gray
Associated Press writer

HITU HTA, Myanmar — The village was burned to the ground and four of his relatives executed but Saw Ta Khay stayed in his native area for 31 years, living with malaria and hiding in jungle enclaves.

Then the ruling junta launched a new offensive — its latest in almost a decade — against the ethnic Karen minority — and he could take no more. He, his family and all 200 fellow villagers fled to the jungle frontier with Thailand.

Now they're huddled in a narrow, remote valley with about 700 others, their backs against the border-marking Siamese forest. Virtually without protection, they daily fear attack from troops who are hunting the Karen in a campaign that refugees and aid groups say is marked by killings, torture, forced relocations, land mines and destruction of food supplies.

"In my backyard, we have always loved mivers in our lives. The few happy times were when there were no soldiers close by. Only God has been able to help me," said the 40-year-old farmer, crouching in a hut cobbled together from bamboo and thatch from the forest.

The Karen, many of them Christians, are among a welter of ethnic minorities in mostly Buddhist Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. Most live in remote areas and have radically different culture and traditions from the Burman majority.

The ruling generals say their duty to prevent the Karen and other rebels from shattering Myanmar's unity.

This latest of several crack-downs aims finally to crush the Karen National Union, a rebel group that has been fighting for autonomy for nearly six decades, by cutting its supplies off from a civilian population suspected of rendering them support.

The insurgents say the regime, imbued with racial hatred going back centuries, is simply trying to eradicate them as a people. They've won support from U.S. congressmen, members of the British House of Lords and human rights groups.

"Without swift and decisive (U.N.) Security Council action, the killings and abuses will not stop. China and Russia need to stop blocking action on Burma in the Security Council, as that gives a green light to the military government's scorched-earth policy," the U.S.-based Human Rights Watch said in a recent statement.

But the offensive shows no signs of ending. The military, which has controlled Myanmar since 1962, denies any human rights violations against ethnic minorities, including the recent counterattacks in a spate of recent bombings.

In the sole statement on the situation, Information Minister Brig. Gen. Kyaw Hsan said last month that only "cleaning-up" operations are being conducted in some areas where (Karen rebel) terrorists are believed to be hiding.

The onslaught has spawned more than 13,000 internal refugees, according to the Free Burma Rangers, a group of Westerners and ethnic volunteers who aid displaced people in the country.

More people are heading for the Thai border.

Saw Maw Ku, 47, his wife and four children straggling in this camp just hours before reporters arrived, ending a grueling, month-long trek from his village of Htuay Hsu Def.

His family, including a 6-month-old baby girl, walked only by night to skirt army patrols and suffered from malaria and dysentery, he said. They arrived with their only remaining possessions — rice, salt, two blankets and one change of clothing apiece.

The Free Burma Rangers report that most of the recently displaced don't want to abandon their homeland for the relative safety of the border or exile in Thailand, which has 140,000 refugees from Myanmar and doesn't want more.

One such die-hard family, the group says, are a mother, two sisters, a baby boy and a 9-year-old girl recovering after being shot through the stomach last month. The family was fleeing from their village and climbing up a ridge when Myanmar soldiers fired at point-blank range. They killed the father and his 80-year-old mother, who he was carrying on his back.



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Puerto Rico solves budget crisis

More than 100,000 people go back to work next week

By Miranda Leitsinger
Associated Press writer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — More than 100,000 Puerto Ricans will return to government jobs and public schools will reopen next week after politicians announced an end to a budget crisis that partially shut down the government of the U.S. island territory.

The agreement announced late Wednesday called for an emergency loan — backed by the island's first sales tax — to cover a \$740 million budget deficit. The accord, reached by a special commission, did not specify the amount of the new levy and left other key issues up to legislative approval.

Thousands of Puerto Ricans stood outside the Capitol on Thursday, pressuring lawmakers to follow through on their pledge to back the commission's recommended solution. Some expressed concern that Pedro Rossello, a former governor and the leader of the opposition New Progressive Party, had warned that lawmakers weren't obligated to abide by the agreement.

"They're talking about an agreement but this march demonstrates that we don't trust the politicians," said Victor Villalba, president of one of the largest public-sector employee unions.

Rossello issued a statement

later supporting the commission's recommendation, but saying he believed the sales tax should be as low as possible, around 4 percent, and that he opposes the use of loans to solve the island's structural budget imbalance.

"We accept the recommendation as a stopgap measure so there is no excuse to get workers back on the job and end this lockout," Rossello said.

Inside the domed Capitol, lawmakers began consideration of measures to finance a loan to cover government expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends June 30, and to solve the long-term budget crisis.

Under the agreement, government workers can resume working on Monday — and receive pay for the days they missed since the shutdown began on May 1, allowing life to gradually return to normal on the Caribbean island.

A half-million students will return to class on Monday when the nearly 1,600 public schools that closed on May 1 reopen.

Anxiety turned to relief Thursday for public sector employees. Hours before the agreement was announced, Jose Vazquez Gonzalez sat on a bench near the Capitol with his wife and two children — wondering when he could go back



A woman shakes hands with Hector Ferrer, the House of Representatives minority speaker, in front of the Puerto Rican Capitol, one day after leaders brokered an agreement which appears to mark the end of the partial government shutdown, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Thursday.

to work. He and other government workers struggled to pay bills while the governor and opposition-dominated legislature bickered over how to erase the budget deficit.

"I never thought it would come to this," Vazquez, 33, said of the shutdown. "I never thought I would be unemployed."

The shutdown has rippled through Puerto Rico's economy, with hotels, shops and restaurants reporting a drop in business as thousands of government workers tried to get

by on unemployment benefits of up to \$133 per week.

"People are not buying anything," said Angela de Jesus, a San Juan jewelry store manager, who said her few customers avoided high-priced items and bought only trinkets.

Jaime Massanet, 77, a butcher in San Juan's Plaza Mercado food market, said his business was down by half during the shutdown.

"It's an ugly and serious situation," Massanet said. "All Puerto Rican society

is in anguish."

During the shutdown, families chipped in to help jobless relatives, cut back on spending or looked for other jobs.

Wilhelm Sack, president of the 500-member Hotel and Tourism Association, said 20 percent of reservations were canceled during the shutdown, apparently because of travelers' fears the shutdown would affect their vacation or business trips to the island.

"This is already having an effect of the image of Puerto Rico," he said.

Thousands of Egyptian riot police clash with protesters, journalists

By Christine Spolar
Chicago Tribune

CAIRO, Egypt — Thousands of riot police brought downtown Cairo to a near standstill Thursday as they converged and, at times, beat supporters of two prominent judges facing disciplinary action for alleging fraud in parliamentary polls last year.

The police later lashed out at reporters and cameramen who were trying to cover the hundreds of people who turned out to support Judges Hisham el-Bastawisi and Mahmoud Mekki, who were to face a disciplinary hearing in a downtown court. Several reporters were grabbed or pushed to the ground by police. Al Jazeera television reported that a cameraman was injured and his equipment confiscated. The Associated Press reported that at least eight people were arrested and that police chased and dragged some protesters away. Traffic was tangled for hours as police barricaded blocks of the commercial area.

In Washington, the Bush administration expressed deep concern and said it would continue to press for political reforms in Egypt, a key ally in the Middle East, AP reported.

"We will be following up with the Egyptian government regarding our concerns and we will continue to push for political reform and freedom of speech and press," said State Department spokesman Sean McCormack.

The unrest Thursday reflects

a pattern of intimidation and impatience exhibited by the government of President Hosni Mubarak since January.

Mubarak had promised, in his bid for re-election, to pursue a more open and democratic approach to governance.

The judges' inquiry comes as opposition forces of all kinds are under increased pressure from the regime.

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Major report: Transit attacks in Britain could have been thwarted

LONDON (AP) — Britain's intelligence agencies missed chances to thwart last year's transit attacks by failing to follow up leads on two of the men who became the country's first suicide bombers, major reports said Thursday.

The government blamed a lack of funds, a too-slow build-up of intelligence staff in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks on the U.S., and spies' failure to anticipate that British citizens would contemplate suicide attacks on their homeland.

But the reports found "no culpable failures" by agencies, including the MI5 and MI6 intelligence services, saying the bombings of three London subways and a double-decker bus July 7 came without warning.

Britain's Home Office said in one of the reports that there is "as yet no firm evidence" of al-Qaida's role, if any, in organizing the attacks, which killed 52 commuters and the four bombers.

However, suspected ring-leader Mohammed Sidique Khan and accomplice Shehzad Tanweer traveled to Pakistan and it is "likely that they had some contact with al-Qaida figures," said a second report, by the Intelligence and Security Committee, a panel of nine British lawmakers.

In September, Khan made a posthumous farewell in a videotape aired on Al-Jazeera television. Khan said he was inspired by al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, his deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri and by the leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi.

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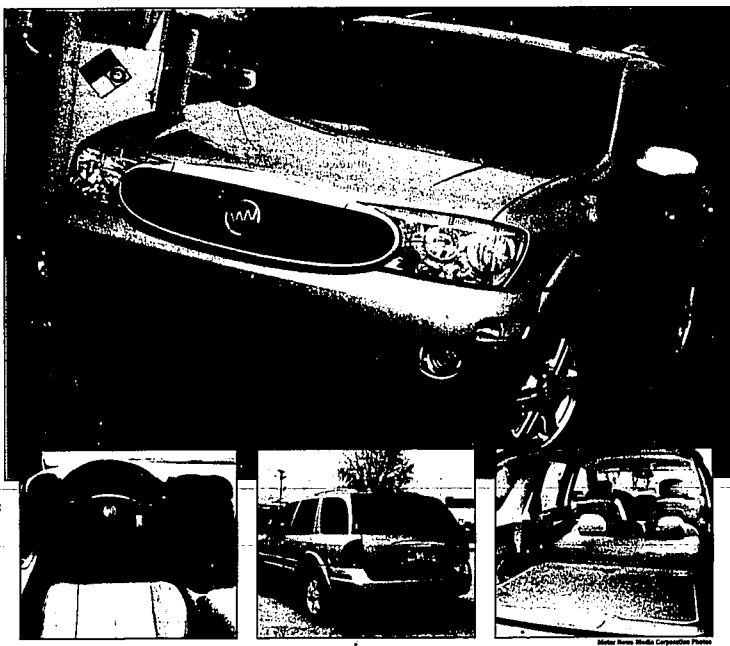
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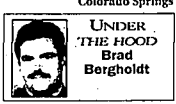
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Shimmy and shake?

Q. Help! The brakes on my '91 Taurus shimmy when slowing down from 40 MPH or higher speed. A year or so back I had had the same problem, but it was taken care of when I had the brakes done. I know the new brakes couldn't have gone bad already. What's causing this problem? How do I fix it permanently?

-Red Farley
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UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Bergholdt

A. Red, it sounds like your Taurus is suffering from excessive brake rotor run-out (wobble) or non-parallelism (thickness variations). Your front brake rotors have apparently been damaged by excessive heat (fusing them a bit more than one should on down-grades), or as a result of improper tightening of the wheel lug nuts. It's also possible the brake pulsation is caused by rear brake drum run-out, again due to heavy use, or as a result of forgetting to release the parking brake on one or more occasions.

In most cases, a high-speed pulsation is caused by the front brake rotors, and a low-speed shake by the rear brake drums. To be sure, try the following test: While driving at moderate speed, pull and hold the parking brake release, then apply the parking brake (rather firmly) for a few seconds. If a pulsation is felt (mostly through the parking brake pedal), the fault lies in the rear. If not, it's more than likely caused by the front rotors.

What can be done about the brake pulsation? To fix it, you'll need to have the brake rotors or drum turned (machined) to restore dimensional trueness. Since you've had this problem before, and it was likely corrected by previous machining work, it's possible the rotors or drums might now be too thin to be serviced. Also, brake rotors can be prone to future warping after they've been machined once or twice, as there's less mass available to absorb brake heat.

To minimize the chance of this happening again, I'd opt for a new pair of front rotors, and try to select a lower gear on down grades whenever possible, which lessens the need for continual or repetitive use of the brakes. Also, when re-installing wheels, it's best to use a torque wrench to tighten the lug nuts, in a star sequence, rather than an Impact gun.

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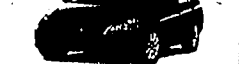
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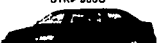







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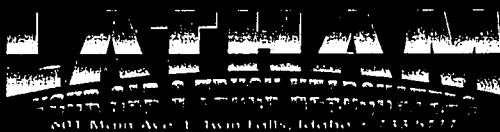
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"YES!" We Still Have The BEST Prices In Town

1987 DODGE 1800 4X4 STK# 1017  \$3,988	2003 HYUNDAI ACCENT STK# 733U  \$4,588	2002 FORD TAURUS STK# 026U  \$5,988	2000 CHEVY 2800 4X4 STK# 1580  \$7,388	2005 CHEVY CAVALIER STK# 050U  \$9,588	2000 GMC SIERRA 1500 4X4 STK# 1007  \$10,588
2001 HONDA CRV 4X4 STK# 1001  \$10,988	2005 FORD FOCUS STK# 601U  \$10,988	2005 DODGE STRATUS SXT STK# 034U  \$11,588	2003 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER GT STK# 084U  \$11,588	2006 PONTIAC GRAND AMI STK# 048U  \$11,988	2006 BUICK CENTURY STK# 087U  \$11,988
2003 HONDA CIVIC LX STK# 007U  \$11,988	2005 HYUNDAI SONATA OLS STK# 041U  \$11,988	2006 FORD TAURUS SEL STK# 002U  \$11,988	2003 DODGE 1500 4X4 STK# 1002  \$12,588	2002 HONDA ACCORD SE STK# 074U  \$12,988	2003 KIA SEDONA LX STK# 1023  \$13,588
2004 FORD FREESTAR SES STK# 1000  \$13,588	2006 CHEVY MALIBU MAX STK# 030U  \$13,988	2005 CHRYSLER SEBRING STK# 048U  \$13,988	2004 CHRYSLER SEBRING CONV STK# 052U  \$13,988	2005 PONTIAC GRAND PRX STK# 050U  \$14,788	2005 NISSAN ALTIMA STK# 0534  \$14,988
2005 BUICK LESABRE STK# 040U  \$14,988	2005 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 4X4 STK# 1021  \$15,788	2005 MAZDA 3I STK# 002U  \$15,988	2005 CHRYSLER T&C LX STK# 1030  \$15,988	2006 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT STK# 1037  \$16,988	2004 HONDA ELEMENT 4WD STK# 1000  \$17,588
2006 FORD ESCAPE XLT 4X4 STK# 1024  \$18,588	2006 JEEP WRANGLER STK# 1072  \$18,988	2006 JEEP GR CHEROKEE STK# 1073  \$18,988	2006 FORD EXPLORER XLT STK# 1024  \$19,588	2006 FORD MUSTANG CONV STK# 000U  \$19,988	2006 DODGE DAKOTA SLT 4X4 STK# 1032  \$20,988
2006 CHEVY IMPALA SS STK# 000U  \$21,988	2004 DODGE 2500 QUAD 4X4 STK# 1410  \$21,988	2003 BMW 3251 4DR SPORT STK# 008U  \$22,588	2006 CHEVY 1500 CREW 4X4 STK# 1012  \$22,588	2004 TOYOTA AVALON XLS STK# 000U  \$22,588	2006 DODGE CHARGER SXT STK# 000U  \$22,988
2006 JEEP LIBERTY 4X4 LTD STK# 1030 DIESEL  \$23,988	2006 TOYOTA 4 RUNNER SR5 STK# 1010  \$24,788	2006 DODGE DURANGO 4X4 STK# 1010  \$24,988	2003 GMC 2500 CREW 4X4 STK# 1001 RAMAX  \$25,988	2006 FORD EXPEDITION XLT STK# 1050  \$25,988	2006 DODGE 2500 QUAD 4X4 STK# 1781  \$26,988

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