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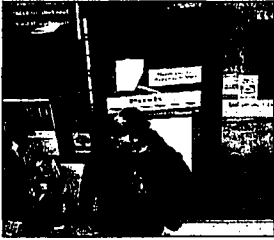
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Gotcha on tape

"That money was going to the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley. Stealing from the kids, that's like stealing money from a little old lady."

- Dan Wille, Oasis Stop N' Go convenience stores president



This man was caught on tape reaching for a collection box for Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley at Oasis Stop N'Go at 1310 Addison Ave. E., in Twin Falls

Video shows man walking off with donation box

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The money was meant for kids.

Instead, an unidentified man stole it and was caught on tape doing it. At around midnight Jan. 9, a surveillance videotape at Oasis Stop N' Go, 1310 Addison Ave. East, shows a man hovering near the donation box for the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley. Claiming he was cold waiting for his ride outside the store, the man spent the next 30 minutes casing the donation box before he stole it. If he were fundraising, as he said he was, he might have delivered the cash to the 1,100 kids that need it. "The manager figured there were maybe \$75," said Mont Wille, opera-

tions manager for Oasis Stop N' Go. "It's not a huge amount, but it is some and helps them out a little. The point is the guy is stealing from kids."

Today, the coin boxes located on each Oasis counter have padlocks. And the box at the Addison Avenue branch has been replaced. "When someone steals from a coin box like that, it's like stealing from a kid at the Boys and Girl Club," said Don Hall, the executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley.

The cashier recognized the man identifying himself as Richard from shortly after Thanksgiving, when he

had tried to sell her rings. At that time she took down his license plate: 2J-36336.

Richard's new job, he told the cashier, was fundraising for the Boys and Girls Club. That raised her eyebrows but she nevertheless allowed him to remain inside the store while he waited for his ride. Watching his smiling goodbye the next day on a surveillance tape made Denise Jarolimek, the branch manager, livid.

To Jarolimek, Richard's crime was two-fold. Not only did he betray the cashier's generosity (the store will likely no longer allow loitering at night), but he stole from children.

"That money goes into our fund to be able to take them on field trips, we help them do their homework, give them a safe and positive environment,

we teach them nutrition skills," Hall said, naming a few services. "The way we can do that is by the generosity of the community. And the community has been extremely generous to us through these coin boxes."

The film shows Richard hesitating one or twice before snatching the box and leaving the store smiling at the cashier, Mont Wille said.

"That money was going to the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley," said Dan Wille, president of Oasis Stop N' Go convenience stores. "Stealing from the kids, that's like stealing money from a little old lady."

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ART BUCHWALD 1925-2007



"Hi, I'm Art Buchwald and I just died."

How the Pulitzer-winning columnist announced his death in a pre-recorded video posted on The New York Times Web site.

Democrats, teachers' union praise Luna budget

Proposal pushes for classroom materials and remedial courses

By Alicia P.O. Wittmeyer Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho's superintendent of public schools presented his budget proposal Thursday, requesting money for textbooks and classroom supplies and winning praise from Democrats and the state teachers' union.

Tom Luna's \$1.38 billion request represents a 7.2 percent increase over last year's budget — most of which reflects growing enrollment, he said.

But Luna also requested about \$24 million for a series of items he's dubbed his "Classroom Enhancement Package." The money will go toward new classroom supplies and textbooks, remedial classes for struggling students, and college classes for high achievers.

"It's in the classroom where the rubber meets the road," Luna said. "It's where student achievement is accomplished."

Under Luna's plan, \$5.18 million would be earmarked. Please see SCHOOLS, Page A3

Survey says: STAY THE COURSE. Study predicts that Idaho's public schools are in for a rough ride.

Conservation group hopes to work with farmers to restore game-bird habitat

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley chapter of Pheasants Forever wants to give away nearly \$30,000.

Problem is, they don't have many takers.

The conservation group wants to use the bulk of its coffers to develop wildlife habitat on land far from the conservation reserve enhancement program.

CREP is a \$258 million state-federal program that pays growers to plant pumpkins to follow their land in hopes of conserving water and replenishing the depleted Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.

But farmers are slow to sign up for the program, and that's frustrating bird enthusiasts who see CREP as a way to restore game-bird habitat that was converted to crop fields in the 1980s.

"We have a lot more money than we have landowners," said Steve Christiansen, president of the Magic

For better or worse, electronic gizmos are part of students' lives

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Students hide them like any other contraband, but they say they're tools for organization, fitness and downtime during free periods.

Teachers and administrators say they're a distraction at school and the target of several thefts.

Only one thing is for sure: The latest gadgets are also a gray area in school policy.

As iPods, cell phones, portable game systems and even digital organizers become more readily available to students, schools are struggling to stay up-to-date with rules to govern their use.

"If you have an iPod or cell phone, then you bring it to school," said Ariel Britn, a junior at Twin Falls High School. "Generally they're not a problem because most people keep them tucked away."

That is the practice in the Twin Falls School District.

Although the official policy bans students' electronic devices from school property during school hours, Wiley Dobbs, superintendent of the Twin Falls School District, said



Ariel Britn, a junior at Twin Falls High School, is one of the many students who use an iPod or other electronic device at school. Administrators and teachers use their own discretion on whether to ban or allow the devices.

those decisions are at the discretion of building administrators.

"Generally the rule is to keep them out of sight," he said. "And most buildings have a policy that a cell phone going off in class will be confiscated, and a student or parent

will have to come get the phone after school."

But even keeping the district policy current with the latest trends is a challenge.

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Feds allowed to seek Duncan's death

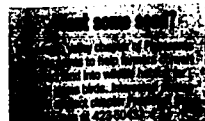
By John Miller Associated Press writer

BOISE — A man convicted in the 2005 slayings of three members of an Idaho family was charged Thursday in U.S. District Court with kidnapping the family's two young-

est children and killing one of them.

U.S. Attorney Tom Moss said the indictment against Joseph Edward Duncan III, issued by a federal grand jury in Coeur d'Alene, will allow the government to seek the death penalty.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Saturday Scattered clouds and chilly Fair to mainly clear skies Increasing clouds High 29 Low 17 27 / 16

MINI-CASSIA Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs, upper 20s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows, lower teens. Tomorrow: Cool and mostly cloudy. Highs, 20s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT Presentation by Dr. Hal Urban, Inspirational author and speaker sponsored by the Cassia County School District, 6 to 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center Little Theatre Inside Burley High School, 2100 Park Ave., Burley, no cost but limited seating, 878-6606.

Pinochle Card Party, open to the public with pie served at 6:30 p.m. and card playing at 7 p.m., the Paul Mason Hall, 113 E. Idaho St., Paul, free-will donation, 438-5358. "The Second City," the Chicago-based improvisational comedy troupe, 7 p.m., Liberty Theater, 110 N. Main St., Halley, \$25 lower reserved seating and \$20 balcony reserved seating, 579-9122.

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary dance, 8 p.m., at the D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 donation, 734-5208.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS Filer High School Night book fair, with Filer High School Jazz Band performance from 5 to 7 p.m., Principal Madsen and librarian Youngman storytimes at 5:50 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Rocky Top Cloggers at 6 p.m., Filer Fifth Grade Elementary Choir at 7:30 p.m. and Filer High speech team at 8 p.m., Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1239 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls, 326-5944.

Bingo, sponsored by the Gooding County Historical Society, 7 to 10 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, \$11 per packet (20 games), 934-4412.

EXHIBITS Opening night party for sculptor Matt Sellars, whose art depicts the gradual decay of the barns and silos of the West, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Sun Valley Center McKarher House (Halley Center), 314 S. Second Ave., Halley, no cost, 578-9491.

"The Circle" by Amber Secon, former College of Southern Idaho art instructor, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

"Discontinuity," contemporary abstract paintings of local artist Ben Browne in the Galleria Pequena and new works by member-artists in the Full Moon Gallery, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-ARTS.

FAMILY "Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13-19, to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8720.

HEALTH College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m., at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym and Blaine County Campus Gym, and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight loss support group, 4 p.m., the Jerome Public Library, 100 1st Ave. E., Jerome, 420-3823.

MUSEUMS Faulkner Planetarium, "Far Out Space Places," 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

Astronomy talk, introducing Orion the Hunter and followed by viewing in the Centennial Observatory at 8:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and \$5 for a family, 732-6655.

List your event To the events (including ongoing ones) in February... To the events on the same evening, submit the event's name, a brief description, date, time, place, cost and contact number to... or by mail, Times-News, 800 So. 5th St., Twin Falls, ID 83401. Deadline is noon, Wed. before the event.

COMING TOMORROW THE KISS OF JUDAS Virtue or betrayal? A 1,700-year-old text that portrays Judas as a hero prompts heated debate. SATURDAY IN RELIGION

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



January a challenge for duck hunters

Think like a duck, but not just any duck. Think like a mallard, widgeon, gadwall, or pintail that's flown thousands of miles along a dangerous migratory route to the South. Consider the exposure to hundreds of shotgun blasts witnessed and avoided and the aerial views of hundreds or maybe thousands of decoy spreads.

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Truck driver gets life in smuggling deaths

HOUSTON — A truck driver was sentenced to life in prison without parole Thursday for his role in the deaths of 19 people who suffocated in an airless trailer during a disastrous human smuggling attempt in 2003.

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NATION/WORLD



Columnist, satirist Art Buchwald dies at 81

WASHINGTON — Satirist Art Buchwald, who turned his infectious wit on the life of Washington and then on his own failing health, is dead at 81. The Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and author chronicled the life and times of Washington for four decades, then cheated death and laughed in his face in a richly lived final year that medical science said he wasn't supposed to get.

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SPORTS



Buhl still undefeated in conference play

FILER — Basketball is supposed to be fun and the Buhl Indians appeared to enjoy their Thursday game against their biggest conference rival, Filer. The Indians remained undefeated in conference play with a 74-53 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference road win over the Wildcats.

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Got land? Pheasant group has cash

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley chapter of Pheasants Forever wants to give away nearly \$30,000. Problem is, they don't have many takers.

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Luna presents 2007 state schools budget

BOISE — Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna presented his public schools budget for 2007 on Thursday. The \$1.39 billion budget request includes money for a "Classroom Enhancement Package" to buy classroom supplies and textbooks, as well as pay for remedial classes for struggling students and college classes for high achievers.

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U.S., Iraqi forces take aim at Al-Sadr's army

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Mahdi Army fighters said Thursday they were under siege in their Sadr City stronghold as U.S. and Iraqi troops killed or seized key commanders in pinpoint nighttime raids. Two commanders of the Shiite militia said Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has stopped protecting the group under pressure from Washington and threats from Sunni Muslim Arab governments.

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Bruin girls basketball finishes 8-0 in region

FOKATTELLO — The Twin Falls High School girls basketball team is staying home for tournament time. The 16-2 Bruins locked up the Class 5A Region Four title Saturday night in Pocatello, defeating rival Highland 33-29.

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Cell phones, iPods allowed, usually

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Survey shows voters are generally satisfied

BOISE — Idaho voters are generally happy with the direction the state is headed, although they're concerned about the economy and the state's rapid growth, according to Boise State University's 18th annual public policy survey, released Thursday.

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Hurricane-force winds hammer N. Europe

LONDON — Hurricane-force winds and heavy downpours hammered northern Europe on Thursday, killing 25 people and disrupting travel for tens of thousands — including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, whose plane was forced to circle for 15 minutes before landing amid winds gusting to 77 mph. The storms were among the fiercest to batter northern Europe in years.

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Pentagon sets rules for detainee trials

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon set rules Thursday for detainee trials that could allow suspected terrorists to be convicted and perhaps executed using hearsay evidence and coerced testimony. The Defense Department's top counsel said the rules "afford all the judicial guarantees which are recognized as indispensable by civilized people" Some members of Congress disagree.

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Buhl schools may lower levy amount

BUILL — The amount of a proposed Buhl school levy could be reduced 22 percent to make it more affordable for voters.

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Medicaid program returning \$12 million

BOISE — Idaho's Medicaid program is returning nearly \$12 million to the state treasury, thanks to a strong economy, new Medicare drug coverage and various reforms that have helped to suppress spending. In addition, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter is calling for just a 5.1 percent budget increase for Medicaid, far below the usual requests.

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Idaho State tops Montana's Grizzlies

MISSOULA, Mont. — Akbar Abdul-Atihad scored 26 points Thursday to lead Idaho State to a 79-69 victory over Montana. The Bengals (10-8, 5-0 Big Sky) remained perfect in league play while Montana (8-10, 2-3) saw its 14-game home conference win streak come to an end.

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Group provides free child seat checks

TWIN FALLS — Installing a child car seat is like trying to put handcuffs on a gorilla.

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Child seat test flawed, Consumer Reports says

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Consumer Reports magazine backed off Thursday from its recent negative report on infant car seats, saying test crashes were conducted at speeds higher than it had claimed.

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Man steals money meant for children

TWIN FALLS — The money was meant for kids. Instead, an unidentified man stole it and was caught in the act on videotape.

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WEB READER REACTION

On the story 'Rural advocate killed in collision'

MAX MATFIELD: "Jack was a man of the people. I am not a religious person but the old saying, 'I'm sorry I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done unto me?' Mt. 25:36-37, 40 reminds me of Jack. Jack's daughter put it very well when she said Jack many times stood up for what was moral and right when it in fact cost his own personal wealth. Jack made the little folks many places in the world feel they mattered and Jack was there for them when they

could not afford a lawyer or don't know how to defend their own civil rights. Jack never cared about the trappings of power and the perquisites that come with sitting on the political throne but rather Jack gained his satisfaction from a sense of standing up for what was ethical, moral and right—helping the little folks have a voice was Jack's avocation. Jack's favorite word was "sustainable" and Jack's positive influence on our community contributed to our sustainability as a moral people. Thanks Jack!"

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CORRECTIONS

Filer High is holding book fair Saturday A story Saturday gave the wrong date for the Filer High School book fair at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. The fair is Saturday in Twin Falls. The Times-News regrets the error.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Phone Number. Includes: PLS-NEWS, 735-3345; Action with news updates, 735-3227; Classified advertising, 735-3278; Ad sales, 735-3234; Submit to the editor, 735-3286; SHIPPING; Advertising deadline, 735-3274; Book orders, 735-3247; CASSIA 131; Classified advertising, 735-3274; Classified manager, 735-3247.

Schools

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for school supplies. Teachers would receive \$350 each to pay for supplies for their classrooms.

Now, school supplies come out of a general pot of money, and must compete with salaries, utilities and health benefits. Luna said, "which means teachers sometimes must purchase supplies with their own money."

Textbooks would have \$9.95 million set aside as an incentive for districts. For every \$1 they spent on updating their textbooks, the state would chip in \$3.

Finally, the plan would pay for more remedial classes for students who score below proficient on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test. For those juniors and seniors who do

especially well, the plan would put \$3.5 million toward paying for early college classes.

Luna is requesting about \$20 million more than what Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has recommended for the public school's budget. But Luna said the money is going to initiatives Otter has said he will support.

"We're definitely all on the same page and we're working to get on the same paragraph," Luna said. "He supports these ideas and we'll work together to get them funded."

So far, Democrats say they like what they hear in Republican Luna's plan. "I think so far, it sounds really good," said Rep. Donna Boe, D-Pocatello, the ranking Democrat on the House Education Committee. Sherri Wood, president of

the state teacher's union, the Idaho Education Association, said her group was pleased with Luna's push for school supply money and new textbooks. The group had supported Luna's opponent, Democrat Jana Jones, during the superintendent race, and opposed Luna's idea to run schools more like a business.

"For the last year, we've been talking about the need for textbooks," Wood said. "That part of his budget educators will be very happy to see."

But Wood said the 3 percent increase in teacher's salaries incorporated into the plan was still not enough to keep up with inflation. Luna will present his budget to the Joint Finance-Appropriation Committee next Thursday.

Gadgets

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The district recently updated its policy to replace descriptions such as Walkmans and cassettes with others such as cell phones and iPods. A committee updates the policy for the high school each year to stay abreast of the technology.

Building administrators said the devices have become less of a problem — with the exception of a few incidents.

Two years ago, a group of students attempted to text-message each other on their cell phones during class. It wouldn't have been much of a problem, except that the students were "toting" the answers to exams.

Another incident involved a student who had his iPod stolen twice in one month. And students at the high school say that a cell phone equipped with a digital camera had at one time been snuck into the girl's bathroom.

But for the most part, school principals say the devices are kept out of sight.

"We let the students know that if they have them (in school), then they need to be turned off and in their lockers," said Ron Withers, principal of Vera C. O'Leary Junior High. "Our primary concern is that they might get lost or stolen, and that creates problems for the school."

While the junior high schools are strict about the policy, the high school appears more lenient as many students spend their free periods listening to music on digital music players.

Some students have even mastered the art of listening to them during class changes by hiding the devices inside their coats and running the wires up

their collars and over their ears.

So why doesn't the school district simply follow its own policy of banning all devices from school property?

Educators say it's because these devices also are helping students in school.

"We've identified other uses for them, such as students who listen to music during spinning (yoga fitness) classes at the high school," Dobbs said. "And there is recognition that cell phones can be used as a personal safety device for students."

Although it is rare, some students at Twin Falls High School and Kimberly High School even use digital organizers to schedule their days.

And most teachers seem to recognize the benefits of some electronic devices.

"Some teachers are more lenient than others," Brim said. "Some teachers will let you listen to them in class when they are not talking but others are more strict."

Dobbs said the current procedure of allowing building administrators to regulate the devices is working for students and teachers. He said the district plans to continue the policy unless students fail to cooperate with the existing rules.

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Habitat

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Valley chapter of Pheasants Forever. "We've got chapters across the state with huge war chests who'd be willing to put that money into seed projects. The difficulty is finding the landowners."

For a small fee through the program, CREP farmers can opt to plant drought-resistant native grasses that slow erosion on the unused land.

Farmers also can get a step further and plant additional seed conducive to wildlife habitat.

The extra seed comes cost-free from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the Farm Service Agency and, now, Pheasants Forever.

Officials managing CREP say the bonus seeds are some-

times enough to coax farmers into the program.

"Not everybody takes it," said Chuck Pentzer, state CREP coordinator with the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission. "But quite often, people are a little more apt to join because of the little extra help."

However, only a handful of Magic Valley farmers — representing about 2,000 acres of the expected 100,000 statewide acres the program will entail — have inquired about wildlife seed, said Mark Fleming, the regional wildlife habitat manager with Fish and Game's Jerome field office.

Farmers have until the end of this year to join CREP. Since May when the program started, officials have seen lower-

than-expected participation, due in part to red tape and uncertainty about the future management of water rights.

The seed slingers hope participation will pick up after the Supreme Court rules on a pivotal water-rights case, and the Idaho Department of Water Resources board drafts an aquifer management plan.

But even those 2,000 Magic Valley acres could significantly improve area pheasant populations, Christianson said.

"It doesn't take much land to help (pheasants) out," he said. "And that's what we're really trying to do."

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Duncan

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The indictment accuses Duncan of kidnapping Dylan Greene, 9, and his sister Shasta, then 8 years old, sexually abusing them both and later killing Dylan in Montana.

Shasta was rescued as she and Duncan ate at a Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, restaurant in July 2005, about seven weeks after the family was abducted.

The 43-year-old-Duncan, a Tacoma, Wash. native who spent most of his adult life in Washington state prisons for sexual crimes against children, was charged specifically with kidnapping resulting in death in the case of Dylan, kidnapping in the case of Shasta, as well as sexual abuse of both children and firearms counts.

The grand jury alleged that Duncan killed Dylan in an especially heinous, cruel and depraved manner, according to federal prosecutors. "The grand jury also found that the child's killing involved torture and serious physical abuse."

Also on Thursday, Duncan was charged in a California state court in the decade-old abduction and slaying of a 10-year-old boy in the Riverside County desert town of Indio, Calif. Prosecutors in that case said they intend to seek the death penalty against Duncan in the 1997 killing of Anthony Martinez of Beaumont. Duncan is charged with first-degree murder that prosecutors say involved kidnapping, torture and child molestation.

Roger Peven, Duncan's Idaho defense attorney, told The Associated Press late Thursday that the federal case will be resolved before any additional cases are tried in state court. He said his client would plead not guilty on Friday in Boise.

"This will get the process going," Peven said. "We've been anticipating it for quite some time."

On Tuesday, federal prosecutors in Idaho filed their first charge against Duncan, accusing him of illegally driving a stolen Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo across state lines. Federal investigators say he rented the car from a rental car agency in Minnesota and never

returned it. Duncan was still driving the vehicle when he was arrested with Shasta Greene. The charge was a placeholder, to make sure that other states where Duncan is being investigated for crimes cannot extradite him before the federal case is completed.

Duncan already pleaded guilty last October, in Idaho's 1st District Court, to first-degree murder and kidnapping for the May 16, 2005, hammer slayings of the children's mother, Brenda Greene; her fiancé, Mark McKenzie; and Greene's 13-year-old son, Slade.

A state judge sentenced Duncan to life in prison without parole for the kidnapping, but sentencing on the murder counts was deferred while the federal government prepared its charges.

If federal prosecutors fail to win a death sentence in their case, Duncan will be returned to the state court, where a jury will be impaneled for a death penalty hearing on the murder confessions. If he receives a federal death penalty, he would remain in federal custody until his execution.

"Sadly, an entire family was brutalized by this crime," said Kelvin Grayhaw, a federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives special agent, in a news release Thursday accompanying the federal indictment.

Duncan was on the run from a child molestation charge in Minnesota when he drove past the Greene home on Interstate 90 east of Coeur d'Alene, spotting Shasta and Dylan playing outside. Duncan stalked the

Greene family for several days, then entered the home and bound and fatally bludgeoned the two adults and the teen.

Court documents allege Duncan kidnapped the two youngest children and went into the mountains near St. Begis, Mont., where he sexually abused them for weeks before killing Dylan.

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NATION

Rules for terror trials: Hearsay, some coerced testimony OK

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon set rules Thursday for detainee trials that could allow terror suspects to be convicted and perhaps executed using hearsay testimony and coerced statements, setting up a new clash between President Bush and Congress.

The rules are fair, said the Pentagon, which released them in a manual for the

expected trials. Democrats controlling Congress said they would hold hearings and revive legislation on the plan, and human rights organizations complained that the regulations would allow evidence that would not be tolerated in civilian or military courts.

According to the 238-page manual, a detainee's lawyer could not reveal classified evidence in the person's defense until the government had a

chance to review it. Suspects would be allowed to view summaries of classified evidence, not the material itself.

The new regulations lack some protections used in civilian and military courtrooms, such as against coerced or hearsay evidence. They are intended to track a law passed last fall by Congress restricting Bush's plans to have special military commissions try terror-war prisoners. Those commissions had been struck

down earlier in the year by the Supreme Court.

At a Pentagon briefing, Dan DeL'Orto, deputy to the Defense Department's top counsel, said the new rules will "afford all the judicial guarantees which are recognized as indispensable by civilized peoples."

In an interview, Brig. Gen. Thomas Hemingway, legal adviser to the Pentagon's office on commissions, said he doubted that most cases

would rely solely on coercive or hearsay evidence.

"These cases are pretty complex and it's not going to sink or swim. I don't believe, on a single statement," he said.

Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said he planned to scrutinize the manual to ensure that it does not "run afoul" of the Constitution.

"No civilized nation permits convictions to rest on coerced

evidence, and reliance on such evidence has never been acceptable in military or civilian courts in this country," said Elisa Massimino, Washington director of Human Rights First.

Officials think that with the evidence they have now, they could eventually charge 60 to 80 detainees, said Hemingway.

The Defense Department is currently planning trials for at least 10.

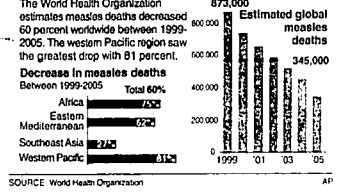
Officials: Measles deaths drop by 60 percent worldwide

By Maria Cheng
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Global measles deaths have dropped by 60 percent, health authorities announced in a report Friday, and one senior official called it a "historic victory" for public health.

Nearly 7.5 million children were saved from dying of measles between 1999 and 2005, thanks to increased immunization campaigns, the World Health Organization said. More than 360 million children aged 9 months to 15 years were vaccinated against measles during that period.

Measles deaths drop drastically



ly exceed their goals faster than expected," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The measles success achieved to date, Gerberding said, has encouraged the global community to aim even higher, as they set a new goal of reducing measles deaths by 90 percent by 2010.

According to Geneva-based WHO, the next phase of this initiative is projected to cost about \$500 million, of which \$150 million has already been committed.

In a study published Friday in the British medical journal The Lancet, WHO scientists estimated that the number of measles deaths fell from 873,000 in 1999 to 345,000 in 2005.

Because surveillance figures from countries are not avail-

able, WHO based its figures on a modeling system that estimates the number of measles cases based on coverage rates achieved during vaccination campaigns. Experts said the numbers should be reasonably accurate.

If the 2010 goal is met, health officials may then start considering whether it might be feasible to eradicate measles. Like smallpox and polio, an effective vaccine exists, making it a potential candidate for eradication.

Still, the problems plaguing polio, which was originally supposed to be eradicated by 2000, may undermine any proposed measles campaign.

"The continuing failure to meet the polio eradication goals will cause much skepticism and pessimism on any similar global venture for measles," said Dr. Samuel

Katz, co-inventor of the measles vaccine. Katz is also an infectious diseases specialist at Duke University.

"Donor and participant fatigue take their toll," he said.

To date, the effort to eradicate polio has cost \$4 billion. And while health officials are tantalizingly close to the finish line — polio incidence has been cut by 99 percent — it remains stubbornly endemic in Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Whether or not measles eradication will be attempted will depend largely on if the 2010 goal can be met.

"That will be another milestone to measure if eradication is possible," said Dr. Vance Dietz, chief of the global measles department at the CDC.

"It may be that by then, we are so far ahead that regardless of what's happened with polio, people will want to move ahead," he said.

The Measles Initiative was launched in 2001 to reduce measles deaths worldwide. Its major partners are the American Red Cross, the CDC, the U.N. Foundation, UNICEF and WHO.

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Art Buchwald, Pulitzer-winning columnist dies at 81

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Art Buchwald, the Pulitzer-Prize winning columnist, made a career out of skewering Washington's elite, then won even wider fame when he chose to let himself die rather than fight for every ounce of life. Now he's had the last laugh. Buchwald died of kidney failure at home Wednesday, surrounded by family, nearly a year after he stunned them by rejecting medical treatments aimed at keeping him alive. As it turned out, he lived another year instead of the mere weeks he was given by doctors. He was 81 when he died.

The political satirist went out with a twist: "Hi, I'm Art Buchwald and I just died," he announced with a grin. In a video posted on *The New York Times* Web site, Buchwald recorded the video interview last summer, to be shown after his death.

Buchwald said his months of dying were the time of his life. Neither he nor his doctors could explain why he kept living so long after he checked into a hospice last February, certain at the time that the end was near. "I have to thank my kidneys," he told *The Associated Press* last year. So, as he did during a half-century career that touched two continents, Buchwald decided to make the most of every last minute.

The 'Wit of Washington'



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Satirist Art Buchwald, syndicated newspaper columnist and author of more than 30 books, died Wednesday. He was 81.

Oct. 25, 1925: Born in Mount Vernon, N.Y.
1942-45: Served in Marine Corps
1946: Dropped out of University of Southern California; moved to Paris; began working as Variety correspondent.
1949-62: Wrote columns for *New York Herald Tribune*
1962: Returned to U.S.; began career lampooning the Washington power establishment
1970: Wrote Broadway play "Shop on the Runway"
1982: Won Pulitzer Prize for outstanding commentary
1988: Elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters
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He held court daily in the parlor of his hospice room as friends streamed in to say goodbye. He resumed his twice-weekly column. When it came time to leave the hospice, he spent the summer at his home on Martha's Vineyard, Mass. He wrote "Too Soon to Say Goodbye," a book about the experience, and worked book parties in Washington and New York from his wheelchair.

"He's one of the few people I know who was able to write a script for his death," Jack Valent, former chairman and chief executive of the Motion Picture Association of America, told AP on Thursday.

Buchwald said the decision to forgo dialysis and let himself die was liberating. "When you make your choice, then a lot of

the stress is gone. Everything is great because you accept that you are the one who made the choice."

But when death didn't come, he opined in a column that he had to scamp his funeral plans, rewrite his living will, buy a new cell phone and get on with his impracticable life.

Cathy Simon, who had been tapped to sing at his funeral, agreed to sing for him while he was still alive. She wrote a song for him that bears the same name as his book about dying, "Too Soon to Say Goodbye," and sang it to him last summer on the Vineyard.

Known as the "Wit of Washington" during more than 40 years here, Buchwald became synonymous with political satire. He was known

for having a wide smile and loving a good gig.
Among his more famous witticisms: "If you attack the establishment long enough and hard enough, they will make you a member of it."

"Arty kept us laughing, from Paris to hospice," longtime friend Ed Kennedy said in a statement. "Now heaven will be a lot more fun."

Ben Bradlee, former *Washington Post* executive editor who remained friends with Buchwald after they met in Paris in 1950, said in an interview that Buchwald was "the humorist of his generation."

"We won't see his like again anytime soon," added David Williams, president and chief executive of Tribune Media Services, which syndicated Buchwald's column to U.S. and foreign newspapers, including *The Washington Post*. At one time, the column appeared in more than 500 newspapers worldwide.

The most recent one ran Jan. 2; it was an ode to the number 1 trillion.

Buchwald decided to stop writing again, after taking a turn for the worse this month. He had undergone treatment for an infection in the stump of his right leg, which doctors amputated last January.

"That was when he said, 'No, I can't do any more columns,'" said Cathy Gray, his longtime assistant.

In a goodbye column written for posthumous publication,

Buchwald said he was at ease. "What's interesting is that everybody has his or her own opinion as to how you should go out," he wrote. "All my loved ones became very upset because they thought I should brave it out — which meant more dialysis."

"But here is the most important thing: This has been my decision. And it's a healthy one."

Buchwald attracted notice in the late 1940s in Paris. A former Marine, he dropped out of the University of Southern California in 1946 and went to

France, where he landed as a correspondent for *Variety* after his money ran out.

A year later, he took a trial column called "Paris After Dark" — filled with scraps of offbeat information about Paris nightlife — to *The New York Herald Tribune* and was hired. He started another column in 1951, called "Mostly About People," that featured interviews with celebrities in Paris.

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EDITORIAL

Lack of CAFO data reflects poorly on Jerome County

I f state leaders endorse Gov. Butch Otter's plan for a dairy research laboratory in the Magic Valley, the location for it should run a tight ship with dairy oversight.

That's not an apt description for Jerome County — the early candidate for the Idaho Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies.

While all southern Idaho counties face challenges in charting and regulating the growth of confined animal feeding operations, Jerome County's CAFO filing system is hardly as a flush system. A *Times-News* story reviewing CAFO applications made in 2006 yielded results from all counties in the area — with the exception of Jerome County. Officials could not say how many applications were received or approved last year, even after receiving public information requests from the *Times-News* under the Freedom of Information Act.

That's not a ringing endorsement for sending the state's dairy research hub to Jerome. If the state wants this facility to be in an area that reflects sound CAFO management, the plan for Jerome needs some work.

The figures showing dairy cows in the Magic Valley are rough estimates only, coming from the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Those counts show Jerome County with 168,500 cows, the fourth-highest in the Magic Valley's eight-county region. But with a land area of 600 square miles and a population of 19,638 people, that breaks down to 280 cows per square mile — second to Gooding County in the valley.

With so much dairy industry in the county, one should expect the county to track the growth of CAFOs since permit applications are usually for thousands of dairy animals.

But Jerome officials say their CAFO files have not been converted from paper to computer files. The transfer of CAFOs to new owners has also produced some duplication in the paper files.

It's peculiar, however, that other counties have no trouble producing the number of applications made, and permits approved in the past year.

Jerome County Commissioner Diana Obenaus said the inability to count CAFO permit applications doesn't reflect well on the county's management. "It makes us look like we're not meeting responsibilities of the office," Obenaus said.

But Obenaus added that the county's Planning and Zoning commission, led by administrator Art Brown, has faced a growing number of requests because dairies "are trying to do something before we change ordinances."

"The tools are there, and we've given him extra part-time help from the treasurer's office to put records together," she said. "Our P&Z has been split to handle the increase. Each request takes a lot of work, double-checking and oversight ... I don't think it's an impossible task for our P&Z administrator to meet the (information) request on the part of the public."

If other Magic Valley counties can keep track of its CAFO permit applications, Jerome County can certainly do the same. The county should get its house in order before the state locates a major research lab in its vicinity.

Our view: Jerome County must fix its inability to track CAFO permits. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Mysteries around Barack Obama

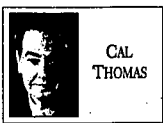
T hat Sen. Barack Hussein Obama Jr. chose the day of "American Idol's" season premiere to launch his presidential exploratory committee is nicely symbolic.

Part of the attraction and seductiveness of Sen. Obama — perhaps the main attraction — is that he is mostly a blank slate on which others can write what they choose. Now that he's announced formation of an exploratory committee to help him decide whether he should run for president (is there any doubt?), the moving fingers will begin writing soon enough.

In an exploratory committee announcement, which he recorded on video and put on his Website (barackobama.com/video), he notes, "how hungry we all are for a different kind of politics." There can be no question about that. He also says, "...our leaders in Washington seem incapable of working together in a practical, common sense way. Politics has become a bitter and partisan, so gunned up by money and influence, that we can't tackle the big problems that demand solutions." Right again.

Then he says, "We have to change our politics, and come together around our common interests and concerns as Americans."

Here is where things could get sticky: Obama is a liberal Democrat. He favors abortion rights, gun control and tax



CAL THOMAS

breaks for the middle class (though, according to data from the Internal Revenue Service, the top 1 percent of income earners pay nearly 35 percent of the income tax burden). On which of these contentious issues might he compromise in order to diminish the bitterness and partisanship in politics?

It could be argued that much of the bitterness in politics has been caused by liberal elites who have used the political neophyte with just two years of experience in the U.S. Senate, he hired for the world's most important job?

What is Obama's view about the threat from terrorists from without and within our country? He says the United States should never have gone to war in Iraq, that invading the country was a bad strategic blunder, but that having gone, we must make sure that Iraq is stable. Does he consider a stable Iraq with an elected and functioning government important enough to finish the job?

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to be a credible leader. He (or she) must also be respected, even feared, by those who hate and want to destroy America.

Does Obama have such qualities and should a political neophyte with just two years of experience in the U.S. Senate, be hired for the world's most important job?

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U.S. troops, a withdrawal he proposed in November?

But what if, for whatever reason, Iraqis are not yet ready to bear full responsibility for their country and for the insurgency that seeks to permanently occupy it? If he would accept responsibility for such a gigantic policy failure? These are the questions that need answering: We have a right to know what manner of individual aspires to the Oval Office, before we give him, or her, the honor, privilege and responsibility of the office. In short, it's time to start writing on that blank slate and to seriously contemplate what's written there.

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Minimum wage hike is only a weak gesture

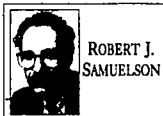
F ulfilling their promise, Democrats in the House have voted to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$5.25 by 2009.

But before you count the big gains for low-income families, consider this fact: Among the poorest fifth of U.S. households their 2005 incomes, less than \$14,000, have risen only 1 percent. That's hardly a full-time, year-round worker. About 60 percent have no worker at all, says the Census Bureau. The rest have part-time or part-year workers. A higher minimum wage won't help most of these households, which consist heavily of single parents and the elderly.

Among social scientists, it's no secret that the minimum wage is a weak weapon against poverty. Modest numbers of workers are affected, a lot of teenagers, often from middle-class homes, and many of the poor don't work. And a higher minimum may displace some jobs. So, too, Democrats played ahead because raising the minimum wage is symbolically powerful. It says that you care about "economic justice."

This, I think, is a metaphor for all our policies. It's mostly about gestures and giveaways; it's not about hard choices.

I certainly don't exempt Republicans from this indictment. After all, the Bush administration and Republican



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

Congresses denied six years to cutting taxes, raising spending and ignoring budget deficits. Republicans and Democrats often differ on causes and consequences. But they share a political culture. They are long on self-promotion and short on self-discipline. Do what sounds good and pleases partisans.

Let me engage in a fantasy. Let me assume that Democrats and Republicans actually should in address two serious national problems: first, our huge dependence on insecure foreign oil, and second, the persistent mismatch between public resources (taxes) and public obligations (spending). What might they do? Herewith, a package of proposals:

- Enact an energy tax equivalent to \$2 a gallon on gasoline — introduced over six years, or about 23 cents annually. The purpose: to increase tax revenues and induce Americans to buy more fuel-efficient vehicles.
- Raise federal fuel-efficiency standards for cars from the present 27.5 miles per gallon to

40 mpg by 2020 and make similar increases for light trucks and SUVs. If fuel-efficient vehicles are to be favored, they must be available.

• Open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil production. This would help offset declining U.S. output else-

where. • Increase the top tax rate on dividends and capital gains (profits on stock over total assets) from today's 15 percent to at least 25 percent.

• Require Congress to set \$1 spending for each dollar of tax increase until the budget balances. After that, tax and spending changes would have to offset each other. Higher spending would require higher taxes — and vice versa, with exceptions for riots and such.

• Require the Congressional Budget Office to confirm spending cuts — and if they're not made, mandate automatic cuts to all non-defense programs, including Social Security and Medicare (Social Security checks would fall, Medicare premiums would rise).

• Raise the eligibility ages for Social Security and Medicare gradually to 70 by 2028. At 65, people would have to buy into Medicare (that is, pay for coverage) until they reached eligibility for subsidized benefits.

A package like this would eliminate the budget deficit, probably within two or three

years. It would temper our dependence on foreign oil (gasoline accounts for almost half of U.S. oil use) and let us begin to adapt to an older, healthier society (since 1970, life expectancy has increased seven years). Although it would be controversial, the package would be balanced. Budget surpluses would be split between tax increases and spending cuts; energy measures would be split between more production and more conservation. Finally, this approach would compel legislators to debate openly the value of higher spending versus higher taxes.

The fact that something like this won't soon be proposed — let alone passed — speaks volumes about our politics. Both parties have marketed government as a source of aid and comfort. Benefits are to be pursued, burdens shifted and choices avoided. Problems are to be blamed on scapegoats (Ole Iraq and "the rich"). There is little sense of common interests and shared obligations. Politicians resort to symbolic acts that seem more meaningful than they actually are: the minimum wage, for instance.

What results is a political expedient world of make-believe that takes many sensible compromises off the table.

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Why does state want to fix ISDB when it's not broken?

As a deaf man and a former teacher at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, I am constantly amazed that there are so many "experts" in the education process of deaf students. To my knowledge, the State Board has never contacted any former teachers of the school or even contacted national educators of the deaf. Why all the fuss to change the way that has proven to be the better? Almost every state has a school for the deaf. Idaho has had a very successful school with the students graduating and finding work upon graduation. To be main-streamed may work for a few, but for the main part, a residential school is superior.

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My advice to the State Board: Hire a qualified, trained superintendent and keep ISDB open. It is the best way to educate the deaf students of Idaho who have left, but under the right management, many of these people will come back. GLENN BAUMAN Gooding

Foreign policy misuses require accountability

Among the possible consequences for volunteers willingly sent to fight in any war is death or injury: the ultimate accountability for one's own actions. Soldiers and politicians suffer no physical risks and very few civil, professional or political risks for willfully entering into foreign conflicts. I believe that most Americans feel that Vietnam was a mistake. More than 50,000 young Americans died fighting there, yet no American politician was impeached for sending them to Vietnam or for setting the conditions for failure after they did. It is wrong that those who implement policy suffer while those who formulate policy are exempt from the consequences of their mistakes. This imbalance needs to be addressed.

I firmly believe that if America had not been distracted by Watergate and taken the time to set a legal precedent 30

years ago that we would not be in Iraq today. Then America needed to hold its elected officials morally responsible for making mistakes in judgment and legally accountable for the results of Vietnam. We should have subpoenaed those politicians who advocated then micro-managed the war in Vietnam and given them the opportunity to explain to a grand jury — while America's future politicians listened to the proceedings — why they shouldn't be impeached for gross incompetence or go to jail for criminal negligence.

Regrettably, we are at this point in our history again with Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, General Dynamics and Raytheon are the big boys, but small fries can play this game, too! Halliburton has moved, since the beginning of the last Iraq campaign, from 30 to seventh place. How do they measure progress? Dollars. How do the Iraqis measure their new-found freedom?

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But, they say, all this is for freedom in Iraq; greed has nothing to do with anything. Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, General Dynamics and Raytheon are the big boys, but small fries can play this game, too! Halliburton has moved, since the beginning of the last Iraq campaign, from 30 to seventh place. How do they measure progress? Dollars. How do the Iraqis measure their new-found freedom?

Well, that's a hard one. Let's ask an Iraqi. "Hey you, Iraqi, what's your name?" "My name is Ali Ismail Abbas." "How do you like your new-found freedom and democracy?" "I'm only 12 years old. I don't know about these things." "I look around. We're doing all this for you." "Yes, I see, but can you help me get my arms back?" "What? My arms were blown off by an American missile." "Well, kid, sorry about that. Here's a Band-Aid."

As usual, the war goes quite well for the rich and well-connected. It's a "catastrophic success." Bush remarked: talk about a nation's oxymoron. War, though, is not an abstraction. It's real and it produces a numbing cold rage that for those never having experienced it will never know. War for government, however, is but an extension of economics, so let us get out of Iraq so we can get on with the next money-making failure. MARK SCHUCKERT Twin Falls

LETTERS

A skeptic's case for U.S. surge in Iraq

President Bush's plan for a surge of American troops in Iraq has run into a brick wall of congressional opposition. Critics rightly argue that it may well be too little, way too late. But for a skeptical Congress and nation, it is still the right thing to try — as long as we do not count on it succeeding and we start working on backup plans even as we grant Bush his request.

However mediocre its prospects, each main element of the president's plan has some logic behind it. On the military surge itself, critics of the administration's Iraq policy have consistently argued that the United States never deployed enough soldiers and Marines to Iraq. Now Bush has essentially conceded his critics' points. To be sure, adding 21,500 American troops (after having them conduct classic counterterrorism operations) is not a huge change and may be too late.

But it would still be counterintuitive for the president's critics to prevent him from carrying out the very policy they have collectively recommended.

Similarly, the president wants to move in the right direction on economic reconstruction. For far too long his plans were focused almost exclusively on repairing and rebuilding large infrastructure. The president conceded in a speech in December 2005 that he had placed too much faith in this "Halliburton strategy," yet it has taken more than a year

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for him to make amends and focus a large part of his economic strategy on the mundane task of creating jobs. This type of policy is unlikely to create the strong and durable underpinnings of long-term Iraqi economic growth. But like FDR's job creation programs of the 1930s, it responds to the political needs of a nation under duress. And it is good security policy in a country where too many angry, disenfranchised, unemployed young men are joining insurgent groups and militias.

Finally, President Bush is rightly telegraphing to Iraqi leaders that they must reach compromises with each other — on sharing oil revenue, on reforming in militias, on allowing those former Baathists without blood on their hands to regain their opportunities to hold jobs in Iraq. He correctly argues that without progress on such matters, there will be no success in the mission and the American people will continue to lose faith in the effort. This stands in contrast to incorrect comments he made as recently as November, during his trip to Vietnam, when he argued that we could fail in Iraq only if we Americans lose our resolve.

In fact, we need a viable Iraqi partner with broad support across sectarian lines, and American policy must strive to help create that partner.

Rather than deny funding for Bush's initiatives, Congress should provide it now — but only for fiscal 2007 (meaning through September). By that point, or even the August congressional recess, we should know if the surge is showing promise. If it does, Congress could consider continuing its support. If not, the moment will be right to force the president's hand and move to a backup plan.

In their testimony before Congress on Thursday, both Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Robert Gates acknowledged that within months we should be able to learn much about the Iraqi government's willingness to support this new effort.

The plan requires more Iraqi troops and more Iraqi government acquiescence in their unfettered use. In addition, one of the main outside architects of the surge strategy, retired Army Gen. Jack Keane, told NPR on Thursday that if the president's plan works we should see an improvement in the security environment this year. Clearly these statements suggest that we should be able to evaluate the success of the strategy in short order.

If Bush's plan does not work, what might our new policy be? Taking the Shiite-Kurdish side in Iraq's civil war (the "80 percent solution," as some call it) would probably guarantee the emergence of a sanctuary for al-Qaida in the Sunni Arab region and, as



such, is a bad idea. Similarly, trying to engineer a coup to create a benign autocracy in Iraq would be very difficult to achieve. As Bosnia expert Edward B. Joseph and I have recently argued, building on the ideas of Sen. Joe Biden and Leslie Gelb, something akin to a Bosnia model for Iraq would make more sense. Iraq would retain a loose confederal structure, a small national government and a mechanism for sharing oil revenue equally. But governance and security would be provided primarily by three autonomous regional governments.

Citizens would be given the chance to relocate to places where they felt safe, with the government and the coalition providing protection in the process as well as assistance with new housing and jobs.

If the surge fails, we need a whole new paradigm for Iraq policy, and it is hardly too soon for Congress to start fleshing out our choices. But for now, Congress should also

give the president the money and support that he requests.

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LETTER

Legislators should have to attend Gore's BSU lecture

Surely you are aware, but maybe you do not wish to acknowledge, that Al Gore is bringing his road show on global warming to Boise on Jan. 22. I assume that you are also aware that the Boise State University campus was changed to Taco Bell Arena because of excess demands for seating. Does this latter tell you something?

When the Gore movie presentation was playing in Twin Falls, very briefly I might add, there was no publicity given the movie, although it had been a hot topic with national TV news and talk shows for some weeks. Do you realize that the movie played in

major cities like Portland and Boise for 2 1/2 months?

The upcoming Al Gore personal presentation in Boise was admission free, but \$5 tickets are needed now due to the change of venue with greater seating capacity. Personally, I believe the

Idaho State Legislature should forego a night out with the lobbyists on Jan. 22 and have a roll call at the Taco Bell Arena to ensure 100 percent attendance. Too, a written test of the legislators' comprehension following the lecture would be in order.

Local media and personal censorship is wholly inappropriate on any issue and most certainly on a subject with potential to cause great future suffering to all peoples on planet Earth.
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Fliler

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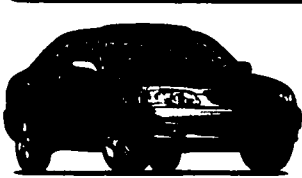
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Golden Eagles men, women host Snow College CSI men look to slow down Snow's Payne Women try to stay on top vs. hot Badgers

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Thursday afternoon, the role of Geoff Payne was played by College of Southern Idaho sophomore Ken Ford. Tonight, the No. 8 Golden Eagles get the real thing.

Last season's Scenic West Athletic Conference's leading scorer and the 12-4 Snow College Badgers that make up Payne's supporting cast enter tonight's game at the CSI gymnasium locked in a three-way tie for the SWAC lead with the host Golden Eagles and Salt Lake Community College Bruins.

While Payne's 21.6-point scoring average is second to the 29.3 points the College of Eastern Utah's Tyler Kepkay is averaging this season, the 14-2 Golden Eagles don't have to

Tonight: No. 8 CSI (14-2, 4-2 SWAC) vs. Snow College (12-4, 4-2 SWAC), 7:30 p.m.

Last time they met: The Badgers swept a pair of games in Ephraim, Utah, during the final weekend of the 2005-06 regular season. Snow standout forward Geoff Payne scored a combined 63 points in the sweep.

On the horizon: The Golden Eagles hit the road, heading to Price, Utah, for next Friday and Saturday's twogame series at the College of Eastern Utah.

On the radio: All games will be broadcast on 1270 AM KTRF. CSI colors: Fans are encouraged

Eagle Eyes

to wear gold on Friday and black on Saturday.

CSI season leaders: Points per game — Brad Garrett 17.8, Kevin Davis 15.8, Rebounds per game — Kevin Ford 7.8, Travis Bunker 7.3, Assists per game — Paul Wayne 5.3, Ains DeJoon 4.93, Steals per game — DeCotris Riley 2.53, Wayne 2.5, Blocks per game — Ford 1.33, Brandon Stores 1.14, Field goal percentage — Ford .604 (55-91), Art Parakowski .604 (29-48), 3-point percentage — Mo Taulkivaa .667 (4-6), Davis .433 (13-30), Free-throw percentage — Derek Lorenzen .842 (16-19), Juan Partillo .735 (50-68).

percent from the floor.

During Thursday afternoon's practice, that's where the 6-9 Ford came in, bruising his way

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By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — That whole thing about everyone gunning for the Golden Eagles? It's not just paranoia.

While tradition dictates that the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team usually gets its opponent's top shot, the Snow College Badgers have a few extra incentives to bring their best into this weekend's Scenic West Athletic Conference doubleheader in Twin Falls.

This weekend, tradition isn't the only thing claiming that CSI is the best team in the SWAC. A No. 17 national ranking and a first-place 5-1 conference record agree. Now the 14-2 Golden Eagles will look to stay on top against a Badgers team that is riding a three-game conference win streak heading into tonight's meeting.

"We've got our work cut out," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "These are not gimmy wins in any way."

The 10-6 Badgers may be riding high, but so are the Golden Eagles after last weekend's

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Eagle eyes

Tonight: No. 17 CSI (14-2, 5-1 SWAC) vs. Snow College (10-6, 3-3 SWAC), 5:30 p.m.

Last time they met: The Golden Eagles swept the Badgers in Ephraim, Utah, over the last weekend of the 2005-06 regular season.

On the horizon: The Golden Eagles and Badgers meet tomorrow night. CSI is back in action next Friday and Saturday at the College of Eastern Utah.

On the radio: All games will be broadcast on 1270 AM KTRF.

CSI colors: Fans are encouraged to wear gold on Friday and black on Saturday.

CSI season leaders: Points per game — Maria Moore 15.8, Brittany Moore 13.4, Rebounds per game — Ashley Thompson 6.6, M. Moore 6.1, Assists per game — M. Moore 4.25, B. Moore 3.19, Steals per game — M. Moore 3.06, A. Thompson 1.75, Blocks per game — Jennifer Kilo 2.33, Eva Hanova 1.06, Field goal percentage — Anna Butnick .524 (33-63), DaRaysha Kennedy .500 (5-10), 3-point percentage — Amy Bravold .625 (10-16), M. Moore .436 (24-55), Free-throw percentage — Hanova .875 (21-24), Keli Hess .828 (24-29).

Buhl enjoys rout of Filer

By Diane Phibbs
Times-News writer

FILER — Basketball is supposed to be fun and the Buhl Indians appeared to enjoy their Thursday game against their biggest conference rival, Filer.

The Indians remained undefeated in conference play with a 74-53 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference road win over the Wildcats. With the win, Buhl is now 3-0 in the SCI-C and 10-2 for the season.

"We've been talking the past week about how we seemed to have lost some of the fun of the game," said Buhl coach Ryan Bowman. "We wanted to still be competitive and but also enjoy the game. We just seemed to be going through the motions. I can't say enough about our effort tonight from the starters through the whole bench. Our defense did a really good job of pushing their offense up high."

The Indians held a 35-23 lead at the break and by the end of the third quarter, Buhl had extended the margin to 16 points at 52-36.

Filer suffered 19 turnovers to Buhl's 10 and had some injury issues which compounded its scoring woes.

The Wildcats' leading scorer, Casey Murray, was out with a hamstring injury and point guard Mike Smith was limited in minutes after having his wisdom teeth removed.

"Overall, the team effort was very good," said Filer coach Daren Garey. "When we get our kids back, we'll be OK." "Broc Draney added a lot of energy to the team. He really gets in and fights for rebounds. I was very pleased with our effort."

The Wildcats had three players in double digits. Junior Tyson Johnson scored a game-high 20 points and hit three 3-pointers and registered five rebounds. Draney came off the bench and scored

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Buhl forward Will Chivers (4) battles with Kimberly defenders Tyson Johnson (22) Broc Draney (30) and Andy Bess (52) during the second quarter of their game Thursday night in Filer.



Bengals top Griz

MISSOULA, Mont. — Akbar Abdul-Ahad scored 26 points Thursday to lead Idaho State to a 79-69 victory over Montana.

The Bengals (10-8, 5-0 Big Sky) remained perfect in league play while Montana (8-10, 2-3) saw its 14-game home conference win streak come to an end.

Montana coach Dlouhy sparked the Grizzlies with 27 points, including 7-of-11 shooting from 3-point range, and eight rebounds.

Idaho State, behind the sharp shooting of Abdul-Ahad and David Schroeder, who clipped in with 22 points, shot 57 percent from the field and made 7-of-14 3-point attempts.

Montana cut the Idaho State lead to nine points three times in the final two minutes of the game — the last on a 3-pointer by Cameron Bundles with 25 seconds left. Montana was forced to foul and the Bengals made 7-of-10 free throws in the final minutes to keep the game out of reach.

The Grizzlies raced out to an early 18-7 lead with less than five minutes gone in the opening half, making their first four 3-point tries. But Idaho State whittled away at the lead, taking a 24-23 tie on a jump shot by John Ofoegbu with 7:38 to play in the half.

Montana cut the Bengal lead to 37-33 on a 3-point try by Dlouhy with 1:35 to play in the half. But a field goal by Logan Kinghorn with 1:05 left sent the Bengals into the locker room with a 39-33 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Grizzlies scored the first four points on layups by Dlouhy and Jordan Hasquet to pull to 39-37 with 18:56 to play.

But Montana would come no closer as Idaho State stretched the lead to as much



Montana's Matt Martin, left, is fouled by Idaho State's David Schroeder on his way to the basket Thursday night in Missoula, Mont.

as 66-49 when Ofoegbu hit a free throw with 6:34 to play.

Ofoegbu added 12 points for Idaho State while Nicholas Rhodes grabbed 13 rebounds.

Hasquet added 14 points for Montana while Matt Martin scored 10 of his 13 points in the first eight minutes of the game. Montana's leading scorer, Andrew Strait, was held to four points — 11 below his season average.

Utah St. 80, Boise St. 79

LOGAN, Utah — Chaz Spicer's three-point play with 7:4 seconds remaining gave Utah State an 80-79 win over Boise State on Thursday.

The Aggies (14-5 overall, 3-2 WAC) closed the game with a 10-0 run, shutting out the Broncos (8-8, 2-3) over the final two minutes and winning for the 11th straight time at home.

Boise State led by as much as 13 points in the second half and still had a chance to win at the end, but Eric Lane's

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Dungy, Smith have chance to be first black coaches in Super Bowl

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Two weeks ago, Louis Smith made the three-hour trip from Chicago to watch Tony Dungy. The Colts take on Herman Edwards' Chiefs in a first-round NFL playoff game.

The night before, the three old friends and their wives dined at PE Chang's in downtown Indianapolis in what was as much a symbolic meeting as a gathering of old pals — three black coaches celebrating the arrival of their teams in the NFL playoffs.

"We talked about starting in '96 in Tampa and some of the things we remembered from then," Dungy recalled on Thursday. "How great it was that we're in the playoffs and that at least two of us have a chance to make it to the Super Bowl. You realized it would be awesome if it happened and, hopefully, it will."

It's officially one game from being playoffs.

If the Colts beat the New England



Chicago Bears head coach Lovie Smith, right, smiles as his team celebrates at the beginning of practice Thursday at Bates Hall in Lake Forest, Ill. Smith and the Bears coach the New Orleans Saints Sunday in the NFC Championship game at Soldier Field in Chicago.

Patriots on Sunday and Smith's Bears beat the New Orleans Saints, it would put two black coaches in the NFL's

marquee game for the first time in its 41 years. Even if just one of them wins, that, too, would be a first.

There were just three black head coaches in the NFL when Dungy started nearly a decade ago in Tampa, with Edwards and Smith on his staff. Back then, 70 percent of the league's players were black — a percentage that still holds.

This year, there were seven black coaches, including Dennis Green in Arizona and Art Shell in Oakland. Both men were fired after the season, although Shell will remain in the Raiders' front office. The others are Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis and Cleveland's Romeo Crennel.

Though he didn't coach this season, Ray Rhodes coached Philadelphia and Green Bay in the 1990s.

Despite the odds, no black head coach has ever taken the first step. "Of course, it would be special if that happened," Smith said. "I hope for a day when it is unnoticed but that day isn't here. This is the first time, I think, two black men have led their teams to the final four. You have to

acknowledge that I do, we do. I realize the responsibility that comes with that."

So do black players.

"We're making progress slowly," defensive tackle Anthony Mackland of the Colts, who played for both Dungy and Smith in Tampa Bay.

"I don't think players think of black players' and white players' it shows that for

Tommy and Lowe to come this far that there are at least some organizations that have confidence that black men can be head coaches. I hope it goes beyond that so we don't have to think of their race," he said.

NFL leaders acknowledge that's in the future.

"We still have problems with the front office," said Pittsburgh's Dan Rooney, one of league's senior owners. An example: When Jerry Reese was promoted to general manager of the

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Varsity Basketball Standings

As of Jan. 17

Boys and Girls basketball standings tables for Class 5A, Class 4A, Class 3A, and Class 2A, including team names, conference divisions, and win-loss records.

Senior duo leading unbeaten Pirates

By Mike Christensen Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — One specializes in draining 3-point shots. The other has a knack for getting to the rim and creating 3-point play opportunities.

Those differences make their games the perfect complement to each other in Hagerman's run-and-gun offense.

Most seniors Jason Brown and Tony Novak — two big reasons the Pirates are 13-0, No. 1 in the Idaho-Media Basketball Pool and harboring serious Class 1A state championship aspirations.

Brown, a 5-foot-10 shooting guard, averages 15 points per game and has made 43 treys on the season. Novak, a 6-1 wing player, is averaging 14 a night.

"On one side of the floor, we've got a guy who will catch and shoot," said Pirates coach Kevin Cato. "On the other side of the floor we've got a guy who will catch and take it to the glass."

Brown and Novak are two of six seniors on the unbeaten Hagerman squad. And Cato says the group has spent countless hours in the gym and the weight room over the past four years.

"It's paying off for them," said Cato. "He's quick to acknowledge his team hasn't accomplished anything yet. His players agree."

"That's what's nice about have a sen-



Brown Novak

ior-laden team," Cato said. "They know what needs to be done and they're doing it down in a major way."

Cato says Brown is the team's best shooter, sees the floor well, is unselfish and a solid defender. Novak runs the floor well and excels at taking the ball to the basket or hitting 15-footers off the dribble, according to Cato.

"That's what I'm best at is taking it to the hole or pulling up for the jumper," said Novak, who moved to Hagerman from the Ukraine when he was in the seventh grade. "Jason's all 3-ball. If I drive to the basket and don't have a shot, I just kick it out to him."

That approach is working well for the Pirates. Last year, Hagerman won the Class 1A consolation title game behind

Magic Valley Prep Athlete of the Week

senior Skyler Talbot and his 20 points per game. With Talbot gone, there's a more balanced approach this season.

"We've got five guys scoring and rebounding," said Novak. Soccer was the only sport Novak had known before coming to Idaho. But he quickly picked up the game of the basketball. Brown, who also competes in football and track but calls basketball his sport of choice, says the up-tempo style of the Pirates is perfect for his game.

And with an unblemished mark in hand, Hagerman's seniors just hope to finish what they've started.

"Just keep winning," said Brown. "We hope to have an undefeated regular season, win districts and state state."

"But for now, we're just taking one game at a time."

Idaho Media Boys Basketball Pool

Records as of Jan. 18

Class 5A

Class 5A boys basketball records table with columns for team, wins, losses, and points.

5. Century 93 38

Others receiving votes: Hillcrest, Nampa.

Class 3A

Class 3A boys basketball records table with columns for team, wins, losses, and points.

Class 2A

Class 2A boys basketball records table with columns for team, wins, losses, and points.

4. Kamiah 102 46

5. New Plymouth 93 20

Others receiving votes: Firth, Malad.

Class 1A

Class 1A boys basketball records table with columns for team, wins, losses, and points.

Class 1A

Class 1A boys basketball records table with columns for team, wins, losses, and points.

Others receiving votes: Bear Lake, Kellogg, Snake River.

Class 2A

Class 2A boys basketball records table with columns for team, wins, losses, and points.

Others receiving votes: Coeur d'Alene, Shoshone.

Class 1A

Class 1A boys basketball records table with columns for team, wins, losses, and points.

Others receiving votes: Coeur d'Alene, Challis, Mackay, Richfield, Sho-Ban.

Class 1A

Class 1A boys basketball records table with columns for team, wins, losses, and points.

Others receiving votes: Hagerman, Kendrick, Raft River, Mackay, Sky-Bo.

Idaho Media Girls Basketball Pool

Records as of Jan. 18

Class 5A

Class 5A girls basketball records table with columns for team, wins, losses, and points.

5. Hillcrest 115 22

Others receiving votes: Bonnevillie.

Class 3A

Class 3A girls basketball records table with columns for team, wins, losses, and points.

Class 2A

Class 2A girls basketball records table with columns for team, wins, losses, and points.

2. Soda Springs (3)123 76

3. Parma 133 64

4. Butte County 104 36

5. Valley 134 24

Others receiving votes: New Plymouth, North Fremont, Glenns Ferry.

Class 1A

Class 1A girls basketball records table with columns for team, wins, losses, and points.

Others receiving votes: Hagerman, Kendrick, Raft River, Mackay, Sky-Bo.

IHSAA forms committee on reclassification plan

Times-News

at the February meeting

TWIN FALLS — The topic of reclassification of Idaho high school sports took another step this week.

The Idaho High School Activities Association released the synopsis of the January meeting, with one item of discussion centered on a Classification Committee.

IHSAA board representatives were selected for this committee, and the rest will be made up of a balanced mix of representatives from around the state. The synopsis stated that the committee should have recommendations ready by June and that all work must be completed by August in order to decide upon the next classification cycle (2008-10).

There is also the chance that Preston High School will submit a reclassification proposal.

Coaches

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From that emerged the Rooney rule, requiring any team with a coaching vacancy to interview at least one minority candidate before making a decision. Rooney himself is currently considering Minnesota defensive coordinator Mike Tomlin, who is black, and Chicago assistant Ron Rivera, who is Hispanic, for his teams coaching vacancy.

That rule was a huge step forward. As recently as 1987, when 200 league and team officials convened for their annual March meeting, there was just one black person among them.

Idaho wrestling team & individual power rankings by IdahoWrestlingNews.com

As of Jan. 18

Team power rankings

Idaho Wrestling News team power rankings table with columns for rank, team name, and points.

9. Justin Ichnio-Shel-3A

10. Slade Jacobs-Kam-2A

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1. Joe Flo-Sand-4A

2. Gary Matzop-Cap-5A

3. Ryan Ottow-Eag-5A

4. David Bergans-Mid-4A

5. Andrew Crane-Nam-4A

6. Matt Durrant-Kun-4A

7. Dennis Anderson-Cald-5A

8. Chariz Jackson-Cent-5A

9. Wesley Near-PR-3A

10. Luis Camacho-F-5A

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1. Zach Horstley-Lake-4A

2. Scott Armstrong-Bo-5A

3. AJ Armstrong-IF-2A

4. Chad Harrison-Eag-5A

5. Jason Christofferson-Hom-3A

6. David Bibbo-Weis-3A

7. Ryan Booth-PF-5A

8. Jordan Bird-Born-4A

9. Eric Jorgenson-Tim-5A

10. Josh Clapper-Mid-4A

182

1. Tyson Milton-High-5A

2. Kyle Meschio-Sand-4A

3. Ben Swift-Bo-3A

4. Brian Martindale-Hom-3A

5. Jesse Nelson-COA-5A

6. Sam Brasen-Tim-5A

7. Skyler Cuthbert-Chal-2A

8. Kyle Ray-Eag-5A

9. Tyler Dettison-Pres-4A

10. Ryker Ranstrom-GR-3A

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1. Spence Patrick-MTV-5A

2. Brad Darrington-Shel-3A

3. Kyle Sargans-BM-4A

4. Anthony Zabot-COA-5A

5. Tyler Meehan-Hom-3A

6. Karl Anderson-MTH-4A

7. Matt Kinn-COA-5A

8. Chase Kelso-Cald-5A

9. Jordan Vert-High-4A

10. Shawn Horn-Med-5A

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1. Murdoch Miller-IF-3A

2. David Hayes-Tim-3A

3. Jake Loda-Med-5A

4. Calvin Vial-Mid-4A

5. Thomas Thiel-Born-4A

6. Ryan Kuehner-Eag-5A

7. Darrell Flores-Cald-5A

8. Austin Wiggins-Sky-5A

9. Naysan Beck-Col-4A

10. Nick Sewell-WD-2A

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1. Shane Stephenson-Cent-5A

2. John Paulson-Cap-5A

3. Josh Hill-High-5A

4. Jake Gilder-IF-2A

5. Jordan Johnson-F-5A

6. Karl Anderson-MTH-4A

7. Mike Johnson-Mid-2A

8. Keao Doronio-MTH-4A

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1. Nate Crane-Mid-4A

2. Alec Ward-Sand-4A

3. Seth Wirth-Lake-4A

4. Dillon Garrett-MTV-5A

5. Tracy Williams-Low-5A

6. Harold Bishop-IF-2A

7. Derek Sorensen-Bo-5A

8. John Moris-MTV-3A

9. Ryan Schuess-High-5A

10. Ty Peck-Aber-2A

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1. Stephen Sparks-Shel-3A

2. Chase Telford-F-2A

3. Josh Weller-IF-5A

4. Tim Kopper-Lake-4A

5. Kaden Thomas-Nam-4A

6. Seth Untchaker-Cap-5A

7. Connor Brigham-BM-4A

8. Brady Echnauer-Kun-4A

9. Brian Barron-IF-3A

10. Blair Strauss-Boad-3A

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1. Kirk Smith-COA-5A

2. Jared Morris-Sand-4A

3. Randy Seale-Shel-3A

4. Jake Loda-Med-5A

5. Trevor Siger-MTV-5A

6. J.C. Pacey-BM-4A

7. Karl Anderson-MTH-4A

8. Mike Johnson-M-4A

9. Alex Coyle-Pot-2A

10. KC Quillo-IF-3A

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6. Brad Meyer-Cap-5A

7. Grant Turner-COA-5A

8. Steven Frank-High-3A

9. Paul Harris-Low-5A

10. Cody Harvey-Med-4A

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1. Marshall Pittz-Cent-5A

2. Kyle Weis-Weis-3A

3. Brian Warren-IF-5A

4. Brad Moreau-Born-4A

5. Sergio Archuleta-Poly-4A

6. Dene Southon, Idaho Press Tribune (Nampa)

7. Dan Thompson, Idaho State Journal (Pocatello)

8. Jesse Zenitz, Idaho Statesman (Boise)

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Verplank, Rose tied for Hope lead

THOUSAND PALMS, Calif. — The first question Scott Verplank was asked dealt with his final hole of the day — and lone bogey in the tournament. "I only had one screw-up in two days and you want to know about that first," Verplank said, shaking his head and chuckling after his 6-under 66 was good for a share of the lead through two rounds of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. Verplank's second shot on his closing hole Thursday found water, but his round was still good enough to tie Justin Rose at the top of the leaderboard at 12 under. "Rose had a pair of bunker shots on his way to a 65. Verplank began the day on the back nine at the Classic Club, one of four courses used for the first four rounds. By the time he was ready to wrap it up on No. 9, he held a one-shot

lead over Rose, who already had finished. "I looked over there one time and saw that I was right there around the lead or in the lead or whatever. I just told my caddy to get the camera out and take a picture and we'll go from there," Verplank said, grinning. Rose, who tied for 10th in the 2006 tournament, knocked in his bunker shot for an eagle on the par-5, 516-yard fifth at La Quinta Country Club. He duplicated that shot with another out of the sand for a birdie on the par-3, 202-yard 12th. "Obviously was very pleased with the way I played," he said. He agreed with Verplank that being in front after the second day isn't very significant in the Hope. "I don't think you can get too excited about 36 holes in a 72-hole tournament, let alone — I don't even know how many holes it is," Rose said. "Ninety,

is it?" First-round leader Robert Allenby followed his opening 63 with a 70 and was tied for third at 11 under with tour rookie Johnson Wagner. Wagner had a 67. Phil Mickelson, in his first event of the year, bogeyed the last two holes and shot his second consecutive 70, leaving him eight shots behind the leaders. "In enjoying it, and I'm starting to hit some good shots," said Mickelson, the tournament champion in 2002 and 2001. "I just haven't scored."

Goosen near top at Abu Dhabi Golf Championship
ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — England's Phillip Archer shot a 9-under 63 to take a three-stroke lead after the first round of the Abu Dhabi Golf Championship. Archer has 10 birdies and a bogey on the Abu Dhabi Golf Club course. Relief Goosen, Henrik Stenson and Nick Dougherty opened with 66s. Sergio Garcia and Padraig Harrington were five strokes back at 61, and defending champion Chris DiMarco matched Colin Montgomerie with a 69.



Scott Verplank tees off on his last hole during the second round of the Bob Hope Classic golf tournament at the Classic Club golf course in Thousand Palms, Calif., Thursday. Verplank finished the second day at a 12-under-par 132 to tie for the lead with British golfer Justin Rose.

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Serena upsets Petrova at Aussie

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Serena Williams knew it had been quite some time since her last victory over a Top 10 player. When told it had been two years, the American star shook her head and laughed in disbelief. "Has it been that long? That's a terrible stat," Williams said Friday after beating fifth-seeded Nadia Petrova 1-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the third round of the Australian Open.



Serena Williams of the U.S. celebrates after winning her third round match against Russia's Nadia Petrova at the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne, Friday, against the match, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.

It was Williams' first win over a Top 10 player since she won the 2005 event for her seventh and final major singles title, beating Amelie Mauresmo in the quarterfinals, fending off match points against Maria Sharapova in the semis and overcoming Lindsay Davenport in the final. Williams will face No. 11 Jelena Jankovic of Victoria Azarenka on Sunday. Also Friday, defending champion Amelie Mauresmo beat Eva Birnerova of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-1. The second-seeded Mauresmo will play another Czech, Lucie Safarova, in the fourth round. Safarova advanced when Anastasiya Yakimova retired because of a back injury after Safarova won the first set 6-3. No. 3 Svetlana Kuznetsov also advanced, beating fellow Russian Maria Kirilenko 6-1, 6-4.

Limited to four tournaments last year because of a chronic knee injury, Williams dropped out of the top 100 for the first time since 1997 before climbing back to 95th in the year-end rankings. In the first set, she made 10 unforced errors, many just missing the lines, and dropped serve twice. "I felt like I was doing everything right in the first set, and she just killed me," Williams said. "I was trying to figure out what to do." She did, dictating early in the second and having breakpoint at 3-0, before Petrova rallied to win the next four games and then had a chance to serve for the match in the 10th. Petrova got tight and Williams kept going for her shot and it worked. "I've always gone for my shots in any type of pressure situation, and I am going to keep it up," Williams said. "It doesn't matter — I think the more pressure I get, the tougher I get." Williams cut down her mistakes, almost immediately in and started making ground strokes that until then had been just missing.

"I was down 3-5 and on the verge of being out of the tournament, and I obviously didn't want that to happen," she said. "It was time to either move or lose, and I definitely didn't want to lose." Williams broke to tie it at 5-5 and then held serve. Petrova admonished herself while eating an energy bar during the changeover. That didn't help, and Williams, with the capacity crowd of 15,000 increasingly behind her, won the second set when Petrova double-faulted. Williams broke Petrova again twice in the third and ended it in 2 hours, 5 minutes when Petrova netted a service return. On the men's side, 14th-seeded Novak Djokovic beat Thailand's Danai Udomchoke 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 6-1. Djokovic will face the winner of Friday's late match between defending champion Roger Federer and Mikhail Youzhny. Federer is on a 32-match winning streak overall and has lost only once in his last 22 matches at Melbourne Park. Rain forced a delay in the start of some matches on the outside courts Friday, and the showers quickly returned, forcing a suspension for nearly two hours. The roofs on Top Layer Arena and the other showcourt were closed, allowing play to continue. Marat Safin, who broke Federer's sequence here the 2005 semifinals, faced sixth-seeded Andy Roddick in the night match. On Thursday, Rafael Nadal was knocked down, not out. Hit once on the hand and sent sprawling by another stinging shot aimed in his direction, Nadal kept his composure in a 7-5, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 win over Philipp Kohlschreiber in a second-round match. Kohlschreiber, after zinging a shot into Nadal's left hand at 1-1 in the second set, went right at Nadal again in the next game, knocking him down with another. In women's play, top-seeded Maria Sharapova beat Russian compatriot Anastasiya Rodionova 6-0, 6-3.

Mitchell: government could become involved in MLB steroids probe

PHOENIX — Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell warned baseball owners that a lack of cooperation with his investigation into steroid use will "significantly increase" the chances of government involvement. Speaking to owners at baseball's quarterly meetings, Mitchell said he intends to interview active players and raise the possibility that Congress or other government authorities could compel testimony.

clubs, or by anyone else who is or has been involved with baseball," Mitchell said. "The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will hold a series of hearings on steroids and pro sports in 2005 and 2006." "The use of steroids in professional sports continues to be an issue the committee is interested in, and we are looking forward to learning more about the progress Senator Mitchell has made in his investigation," said Rep. Henry A. Waxman, the California Democrat who chairs the committee.

"I believe it will be in your best interests, and the best interests of baseball, if I can report that I have received full cooperation from your organizations and from others," Mitchell said in remarks that were released to reporters. Mitchell cited last week's Hall of Fame vote to underscore the importance of his investigation. Mark McGwire was picked on 23.5 percent of ballots — far below the necessary 75 percent needed for induction. The vote was viewed by many as the first referendum on how history will judge an age when bulked-up players came under suspicion of using performance-enhancing drugs. Baseball didn't ban steroids until after the 2002 season.

Sosa, Rangers negotiating toward deal
DALLAS — Sammy Sosa and the Texas Rangers kept up negotiations on a minor league contract Thursday, working their way toward a deal. The Rangers and Sosa's agent, Adam Katz, have exchanged a couple of proposals. While they could finalize a deal this week, Katz said Thursday that the sides had not yet reached an agreement.

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Davis, D'backs ink deal
PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks and pitcher Doug Davis agreed to a \$22 million, three-year contract Thursday, avoiding arbitration. Davis was acquired in a November trade that sent catcher Johnny Estrada to Milwaukee.

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Womack, Lee, Jimenez agree to deals with Nationals
WASHINGTON — Tony Womack and the Washington Nationals agreed to a minor league deal that would pay the veteran infielder \$640,000 if he makes the 40-man roster. Womack was among 12 players who agreed to minor league contracts with invitations to spring training, a group that also includes first baseman Travis Lee and infielder D'Angelo Jimenez.

Wade fuels Heat past short-handed Pacers squad

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 33 points, including a game-saving layup with 4.3 seconds left, as the Miami Heat wasted most of a big lead before beating the short-handed Indiana Pacers 101-101 on Thursday night. Jason Williams added 20

points and eight assists for the Heat. Wade hit a pair of free throws with 24.5 seconds left, then drove full-court for the winning score. Danny Granger had a career-high 28 points on 9-of-15 shooting for Indiana, but

came up short on a potential, game-tying 3-point try as the final buzzer sounded. **Mavericks 114, Lakers 95**
DALLAS — Josh Howard scored 29 points and Dirk Nowitzki had 27 as the Dallas Mavericks avenged their only loss over the past six weeks with a 114-95 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday night. Dallas has won 19 of 20 games, six in a row since a 101-98 loss in L.A. on Jan. 7.

Buhl

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 12 points and senior Andy Dunn added 10 points and eight rebounds. Cody Morris also had four boards for Filer. For Buhl, junior Brad Twiss led with a team-high 14 points followed by senior Will Chivers with 11 points and five rebounds and K.C. Hulse tossed in 10 points and three boards. "This is a different type of team this year," said Hulse. "Will, Austin and I have been playing together and sometimes it is hard to mesh. Now we are starting to mesh. We have a lot of depth on the bench and everyone puts out. Tonight's

win was fun. It's always fun to beat your biggest conference rival." Buhl is on the road at Declo on Saturday. "Anytime you play in Declo, you can expect a tough game," said Bowman. Filer travels to Gooding also on Saturday.

Paulus, Duke overwhelm Wake Forest

DURHAM, N.C. — Greg Paulus scored 17 points and Josh McRoberts had 11 points in a solid all-around performance to lead No. 14 Duke past Wake Forest 62-40 on Thursday night. The Blue Devils (15-3, 2-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) have won two straight since consecutive league losses to Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech. Kyle Vissler scored 12 points to lead the Demon Deacons (9-8, 1-4).

Hoops

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 jumper at the buzzer was short. The Broncos led 79-74 with 57 seconds left and Goby Karl at the line shooting two free throws. But Karl missed them both and the Aggies got within two on a 3-point-er by Jaycee Carroll. After the Broncos missed, the Aggies went for the tie on Carroll's runner, which was blocked by Karl. But nobody could control the loose ball until Spicer finally came up

with it and banked it in as he was fouled to tie the game at 79. Spicer added the free throw to complete the comeback for Utah State. Spicer had 20 points, Carroll scored 19 and Durrall Peterson added 18 points for Utah State. Karl and Reggie Larry scored 17 apiece for Boise State. Matt Bauscher and Matt Nelson both added 12 points for the Broncos.

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No. 15 Nevada 85, Fresno St. 75
RENO, Nev. — Nick Fazekas had 20 points and 10 rebounds while playing with a brace on his lower left ankle, leading No. 15 Nevada to its 10th win in a row, 85-75 over Fresno State Thursday night.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. Highs, upper 20s. Tonight: A few clouds, staying dry. Lows, upper teens. Tomorrow: A low depression cloud with increasing clouds. Highs, mid to upper 20s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs, upper 20s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows, lower 20s. Tomorrow: Cool and mostly cloudy. Highs, 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for Sun Valley, Boise, and Northern Utah. Includes text about snow and temperature trends.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Jan 19, Jan 26, Feb 2, Feb 9.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Saturday and Sunday.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various US cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various world cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Turning looks mighty easy when your glow is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from a can of field."

CANADIAN FORECAST

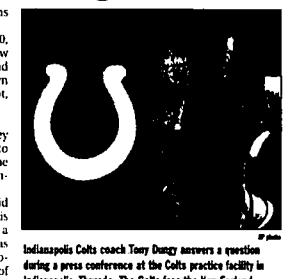
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Colts ignore Pats' history

The folks who make the odds have decided the Indianapolis Colts' home turf is worth more than what they thought. Dumpy calls the "Patriots' history."

Colts try to bring a title home to Indy

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The city that crowns champions yearns for one to call its own. Indianapolis hands out trophies at the Indy 500, the Brickyard 500, an NCAA Final Four every few years and at seats of world championships and Olympic trials it hosts.



Patriots vs. Colts AFC Championship. When: 4:30 p.m., Where: Indianapolis, TV: CBS.



Once again, Friday will be called "Blue Friday" in Indy, and fans throughout this metro area will of about 1.6 million will be wearing Colts colors, hoping a bit of Colts pride might spark Peyton Manning and the home team to their first trip to the big time.

Indy Colts coach Tom Donaghy answers a question during a press conference at the Colts practice facility in Indianapolis, Thursday. The Colts face the New England Patriots in Sunday's AFC Championship football game.

big game and get beat up again. But when John Elway finally got his title in 1997, it felt like a big burden had been lifted off a city that long fought against a "cow-town" image.

A few things to remember: 1. The Patriots' two playoff wins over the Colts were in Foxborough. And those New England teams were better, especially at wide receiver. 2. The Colts have since won two regular-season games in New England.

"For us, they're always the team that's in the way of what we're trying to do," running back Dominic Rhodes said. "I mean, it would have been good to go down and beat San Diego. But to get the Pats at home, to have a chance to beat them in this atmosphere. That's what you want."

In Boston, it has always been more about the Red Sox than the Patriots, and when the baseball team finally broke through in 2004, the collective sigh of relief could be felt across the time zones.

Manning, of course, is No. 1 on that list. He's the hardworking, All-American, nose-to-the-grindstone kind of guy that fans in the heart of the Midwest can relate to. His success is their success. His failures are their failures.

Yes, the Patriots have won three of the last five Super Bowls. Yes, the Colts are concerned. "You have to play them and not their mystique and that's hard to do," Dumpy says.

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Devin Hester sped down the right sideline on his way to another game-breaking special teams touchdown. The Soldier Field crowd was frenzied, his teammates headed toward the end zone to join the celebration.

Chicago Bears kick returner Devin Hester (21) breaks away from Seattle Seahawks punter Ryan Plackemeyer while returning a kick in the NFC divisional playoff game in Chicago Jan. 14. The Bears take on the New Orleans Saints Sunday in the NFC championship game.

His teammates, meanwhile, acknowledged that the pressure placed on Manning might be greater than what they endure. "I think when he plays well, he gets a great amount of credit. When he doesn't play well, he gets slaughtered," center Jeff Saturday said.

New Orleans (plus 2½) at Chicago. Make it simple. Drew Brees is consistent. Rex Grossman is not, although he played quite well last week in the overtime win over Seattle.

"It was an awesome return on his behalf," Brendon Ayanbadejo, who is going to the Pro Bowl for his work on kick returns and coverage, said Thursday. "Too bad we had to take it back."

to punt. Bush averaged 7.7 yards on 28 returns, while Hester was at 12.8 for 47, leading the league with 600 yards. Hester also returned 20 kickoffs for a 26.4 average and had two TDs in one game against the Rams. Plus, he ran back a missed field goal against the

Saints vs. Bears. When: 1 p.m., Sunday, Where: Chicago, TV: Fox.

LAST WEEK: 3-1 (spread); 3-1 (straight up). PLAYOFFS: 3-5 (spread); 7-1 (straight up).

"We have smart players. They'll look at the film and watch the threat Hester presents," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "They understand the significance of a return in a game like this. They just find a way to get their guy up. The result could be significant."

the Saints in Reggie Bush. While Bush didn't come close to being as special on special teams — he had one punt return for a touchdown, while Hester had three, plus two on kickoffs and one on a failed field goal — he remains nearly as dangerous as Hester when the opponent is forced

Glants 108 yards, trying the league record for longest play. "These are two sensational rookies going against each other who have had great impact on special teams," Ayanbadejo said. "And that's a good story. They're two guys who will play a big role for their teams for a lot of years."

Bush, the Heisman Trophy winner from Southern California, was considered a once-in-a-lifetime talent by nearly everyone in the NFL, except the Houston Texans, who had the first selection in the draft and took talented end Mario Williams.



Man arrested in Wednesday shooting

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A Washington state man has been arrested in a Wednesday shooting of a Twin Falls man and is in the Twin Falls County jail.

Brian David Cavanaugh, 20, of Spokane, Wash., faces charges of aggravated battery, felon in possession of a firearm, possession of methamphetamine and an outstanding warrant of escape from the Washington State Department of Corrections,

according to a press release from the Twin Falls Police Department.

Mitchel W. Towns, 19, of Twin Falls was shot in the leg about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday in the 600 block of Second Avenue West. He went to the emergency room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and police were called.

That began an investigation that led to Thursday's arrest of Cavanaugh.

No other information was available Thursday night.

Keeping kids SAFE

Program offers free safety seat installation

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Installing a child car seat is like trying to put handcuffs on a gorilla. You hold it firmly with one hand, you put your knee into it, and you pray your other hand has the strength and dexterity to latch three different straps to buckles that are hidden somewhere inside the vehicle.

And you could have serious problems if you don't do it correctly.

It's one of the reasons St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center offers a program called the SAFE KIDS of the Magic Valley.

"We're a local resource for things like car seats, helmets and other things that help keep kids safe," said Page Geske, director of SAFE KIDS of the Magic Valley.

But possibly one of the greatest benefits the program offers is free assistance by a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician to install car seats — and to make sure it's done right.

In 1991, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that south-central Idaho had the

SAFE KIDS of the Magic Valley

The program does free car seat checks Monday through Friday. To make an appointment or for more information, call (208) 737-2432.

highest number of unintentional injuries in the state. Many of those cases included failure to use or the misuse of child safety seats.

The SAFE KIDS program was initiated that same year, and only four years later the program — with the help of other local and state agencies — reduced the number of unintentional injuries by more than 50 percent.

The change was due in large part to giving an alarming statistic that four out of five car seats are not installed properly.

"We help them (parents) install car seats all the time," Geske said. "A lot of the time we see people who buy huge car seats, but they didn't take into consideration that they're not compatible with smaller cars."

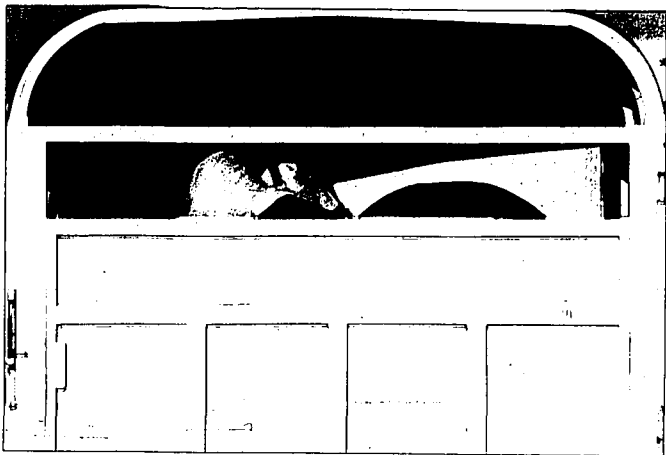
According to Idaho law, children age 6 and under must be secured in an appropriate safety seat while riding in a vehicle. But Geske said even smaller children who are older than 6 should continue to use a safety seat until they can safely ride without one.

said it had received information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration "concerning the speed at which our side-impact tests were conducted" — supposedly, 38 mph.

Consumer Reports spokesman Ken Weine said new information from the federal agency showed that the speeds were higher.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the crash tests were conducted under conditions that would represent being struck at more than 70 mph — twice as fast as the magazine claimed.

OUT OF THE SHADOWS



A horse peeks out of its trailer as it waits at a stoplight Thursday in Twin Falls.

Buhl School District may lower levy

School leaders want to narrow scope of project

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The amount of a proposed Buhl school levy could be reduced 22 percent to make it more affordable for voters.

The levy to demolish a school building and make

improvements may be as low as \$472,000, down from \$606,000.

"We wanted to see if we could keep the asking amount below half a million dollars," said Board President Ken McDonald at Tuesday's meeting.

To do that, the district would use money from its Plan Facility Fund.

"What we are looking at is possibly using \$100,000 of that fund's money to help pay. Plus, the district has already paid for preliminary data necessary for the project," said Brian Bridwell, the district's business manager.

He explained that the Plant Facility Fund is an account stocked with Idaho Lottery money and that it's purpose is for district projects like the building demolition.

"By using those funds we already have we can now keep the cost to the community at a minimum," Bridwell said.

The project's scope has been cut as well. Original plans called for extended restroom areas in the gym, a larger concession and storage

area, as well as a parking lot.

"The general tenor of the community seems to be saying the district needs to take care of the problems at the new high school first and get other projects finished," Bridwell said. "The short-term goal is primarily the demolition of the building."

Trustees are still anxious about getting the question to voters during May's general election to move forward with the project but will take more time in finalizing those plans, said district Executive Secretary Lynn Busmann.

Hagerman council approves development

By Karl Matthews
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — City Council members have voted unanimously to approve Phase Two of the Park Place subdivision in Hagerman.

The decision came after a few final questions were answered during Wednesday night's council meeting.

Discussion involved whether the already-completed infrastructure would need to be changed to match updated city ordinances. 10 years after the

original plan was approved.

Mark Holtzen, an engineer advising the city, recommended the city "give variances and approve the development, citing that he didn't see any "real hazards" as it exists, and that the cost would be much more to revise the subdivision.

Talk also focused on a controller for the subdivision's sewage system. After discussion whether changes were necessary and if so, who would pay for them, subdivision developer Lane Osborne summarized his side by stating

"We've gone above [code]."

Holtzen seconded that view. The council gave Osborne his long-awaited approval with all requested variances and as Councilman Craig Mills noted, "the blessing of the engineer."

In other business, a car wash has been proposed for Hagerman. It is Mills' project and he presented it Wednesday as a resident, not a councilman.

Though he is not asking for any permits yet, Mills presented it as a first step in the process.

Also, the council talked about making a new city map.

When asked what the importance of a new map would be, city attorney Phil Brown noted that it will update the map on file at the county recorder's office.

This, he said, is "what people rely on."

The idea will be discussed further at a later time.

Hagerman City Council meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center.

Group withdraws negative report on infant car seats

By Ann Fitzgerald
Associated Press writer

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Consumer Reports magazine backed off Thursday from its recent negative report on infant car seats, saying test crashes were conducted at speeds higher than it had claimed.

The magazine reported Jan. 4 that most of the seats it tested "failed disastrously" in crashes at speeds as low as 35 mph. In one test, it said, a dummy child was hurled 30 feet.

In a statement issued Thursday, Consumer Reports

Jerome County ready to fill P&Z vacancies

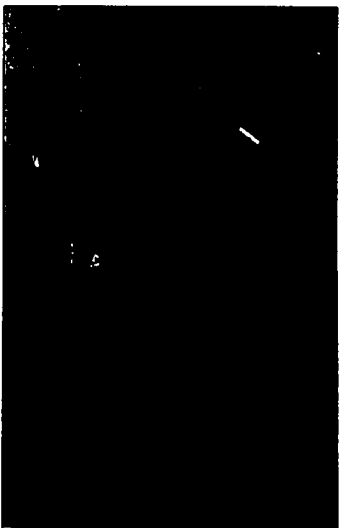
Times-News

JEROME — Jerome County has received 16 applications for secretarial openings in its planning and zoning office and will interview the candidates Jan. 30, the department administrator said Wednesday.

Administrator Art Brown said he has narrowed down the applicants to eight.

While the positions have been advertised for several weeks, the positions received strong scrutiny after the county commission Tuesday asked Brown why certain files Please see **HOME**, Page C3

HELP FROM ABOVE



A worker for the Idaho Transportation Department operates a crane Thursday evening to move concrete barriers to block one eastbound lane of Interstate 84. The lane was closed after an overpass being hoisted by a truck hit the bridge Sunday, knocking out a chunk of concrete.

Snowpack Levels

Station	% of avg.	Year
Salmon	87%	40%
Big Wood	81%	43%
Lodge Wood	74%	38%
Big Lost	71%	36%
Little Lost	70%	40%
Hennys Fork/Jecton	80%	43%
Upper Snake Basin	80%	43%
Gelmer	87%	51%
Salmon Falls	85%	44%

As of Jan. 18

* A comparison of best snowpack in the state with a 30-year average.
** An indicator of best snowpack in the entire Intermountain West region in 1976.



YOUR WEEKEND

The empire of funny

What: The Second City, the Chicago-based improvisational comedy troupe, will play Haley.
Where: Liberty Theater.
When: Today and Saturday, 7 p.m.
How much: Tickets, which are \$25 for lower reserved seating and \$20 for balcony reserved seating, are available at Company of Foods' box office, which is located at The Liberty Theater, 110 N. Main St., from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phoning 578-9122.

Such a deal

What: A Twin Falls Poker League tournament is scheduled for this weekend.
Where: Moon Bar, Elmer.
When: Today, 7 p.m. Players sign up for the tournament and then draw cards for seats before the tournament starts.
How much: There's no entry fee. For information, call C.R. Larsen at 420-8973 or e-mail info@twinfallspokerleague.com

Star trek

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "Far Out Space Places," an interactive mid-middle show.
Where: Harned Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls.
When: Today and Saturday, 7 p.m.
How much: Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 not admitted.

OBITUARIES

SERVICES

Carolyn Faye Smith

Donald Max Burton of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; friends may call from 10 to 10:40 a.m. today at the church (Hassmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Bill C. McCray of Wendell, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Wendell Cemetery (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Golda Hunt Roberts of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Buhl LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 501 Main St.; visitation from 9 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Linda Marie McMillan Mullins of Sandy, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Edwards Chapel, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Independent Professional Services Crematory of Salt Lake City, Utah).

Blake Taylor of Almo, funeral at noon today at the Hassmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends may call from 10 to 11:40 a.m. today at the mortuary.

Delos DeBerg of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the New Life Community Church in Wendell; viewing from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. today at the church (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Gary Beld Cappel of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Aldem-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5009 Riverside Ave. in Boise; graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Janet (Kasey) Thomas of Heiburn, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St.

Ignacio Azumendi, formerly of Gooding, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Catholic Church in Gooding; visitation for family and friends from 5 to 7:30 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel, with rosary following.

Daniel Scott Hughes of Ypsanti, Mich., and formerly

of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St. (Hassmussen Funeral Home in Burley)

Joanne Ruth Kuhlhanek Larson of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS 1st Ward Church, 806 S. St.; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Shirley J. McClellan of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Assembly of God Church, 143 N. Locust in Twin Falls (Wendell Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Morris L. Howell of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Buhl LDS Church, 501 Main St. in Buhl; visitation from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. Saturday at the church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Robert L. Kevan of Boise, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the All Saints Episcopal Church (Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise).

Howard L. Edmons of Anacortes, Wash., celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Grace Lutheran Church, 3223 164th St. SW in Lynnwood, Wash. (Affordable Burial and Cremation Services of Mount Vernon, Wash.).

Francis Reed Hulet of Wendell, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell LDS Church on North Idaho Street; viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray's Wendell Chapel and from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Dora Lyons Anderson of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS Main St. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hassmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from noon to 12:40 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Gerald L. Thompson, formerly of Glens Ferry, graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Glenn Ferry Cemetery in Glens Ferry (Roe Funeral Home, McCurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

JEROME — Carolyn Faye Smith, 76, of Jerome, died peacefully at her home Wednesday morning, Jan. 17, 2007, following an extended illness.



She was born March 17, 1930, at Salt Lake City, the daughter of Glenn Ed and Doris May Llewellyn. She was reared and educated there. While attending the University of Utah, she met her husband to be, William C. Smith, and they were married at Salt Lake on July 17, 1950. She spent her early married years in Salt Lake while her husband worked in the armed forces. Following his discharge, they moved to Boise. In Boise, Carolyn worked in real estate for 15 years, enjoyed playing golf and bridge, as well as being a very active member of the Presbyterian Church. She was also active in the Crane Creek Country Club and the Boise Historical Society.

Carolyn and Bill moved to Jerome in 1958, purchasing a home at the Jerome County Club, where they could continue to pursue and enjoy the sport of golf. In addition to her other activities, Carolyn loved to cook, gardening and raising her family.

Survivors include her husband, Bill of Jerome; two children, Jeff (Karen) Smith of Bozeman and Shannon (Mark) Bozman of Valencia, Calif.; a sister, June Tripp Mikkan of Palm Desert, Calif.; and five grandchildren, Megan Smith, Michael Smith, Zachary Bozman, Elizabeth Smith and Jacob Bozman. She was preceded in death by a son, Craig and one brother Jack.

A memorial service for Carolyn Smith will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Jerome Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Ron Matheny officiating. No viewing is planned. Carolyn's ashes will be interred in the Boise Veterans Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the Jerome Presbyterian Church.

Terrell Gean McCaskill

TWIN FALLS — Terrell Gean McCaskill, 53, passed away Jan. 18, 2007, after a long illness in Jerome, Idaho.



Terrell was born April 12, 1953, to Kale and Dorothy McCaskill in Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he spent the majority of his life. He joined the U.S. military in 1971. After four years in the service, he returned to Idaho. He held numerous jobs throughout his life. Terrell married Mary Ann Simon in September 1978. Together they had three children. They later divorced.

He enjoyed fishing and camping, also spending time with his children and grandchildren and writing poetry. He also enjoyed visiting and helping others. He was a kind, loving man.

He will be missed by many and never be forgotten.

He is survived by three children, Jeffrey (Lacie) McCaskill, Tera (Marcus) Bacon and Catherine McCaskill, all of Twin Falls. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Kirsten, Audrea, Ashton and Jazlyn, Brandon, and Caedyn Martin and Aedric Dill, all of Twin Falls, one brother, Doug (Dawn) McCaskill of Alton, Wyo.; and sister, Jan Martine of Tacoma, Wash.; also by many family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, James McCaskill of Pocatello, Idaho.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Kingsmen Hall, 2628 Whipping Pine Drive in Twin Falls.

The family would like to give their thanks to the Hospice Visitation staff for all of their kindness and caring for their father during his illness.

In lieu of flowers, the children ask that donations be made to Hospice Visitation on Shoup Avenue in Twin Falls.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magjournal.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

Frances R. Moseley Hooser

HEIBURN — Frances R. Moseley Hooser, a 92-year-old resident of Heiburn, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation in Burley.

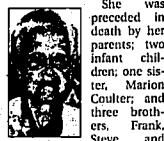


Frances was born on June 16, 1914, to Frank Mark Rogers and Mabel Hattie (Barcus) McCaslin in Rose Valley, Broken Bow, Neb., on the old McCaslin place. Her father farmed and had a dairy in Broken Bow.

The children all helped with the cleaning of the quart bottles and deliveries. At the age of 13, the family came to Burley and settled in Stars Ferry, where Grandpa farmed and had a dairy herd. It was at this age she professed to serve God.

She married Laurence A. Moseley on Oct. 28, 1935, in Boise. To this union were born three children, Lorraine (Fred) Genzmer, Dixie (Jerry) Hitt and Laurence "Lep" Moseley. Mom and Dad moved to Idaho in 1952. Mom married Oscar "Woody" Hooser in 1989. To this marriage were received a daughter and two brothers.

Lorene (Hos) Sutcliff, Charles (Clara) Hooser and Woody Hooser Jr. Oscar "Woody" passed away in 2000.



She was preceded in death by her parents; two infant children; one sister, Marion Coulter; and three brothers, Frank, Steve and Max. Siblings living are one sister, Florence Falk of Mountain Home; one brother, Jake (Shirley) McCaslin of Burley; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends.

She was a busy lady, always making every minute count. She often said busy hands are happy hands. She loved to travel and would take one of her friends and go across country to see friends and relatives. She had utmost faith in God and loved him, dearly. She has touched many a heart. We will all miss her.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, at Hassmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday and prior to the service Tuesday at Hassmussen Funeral Home.

Michael James Corcoran Jr.

TWIN FALLS — Michael James Corcoran Jr. left us Jan. 15, 2007.

He was born Aug. 21, 1901, in the state of Washington.

He is survived by his mother, Cindy Corcoran; brother, Robert Hoston; and two sisters, Robyn Sejdoroff of Felton, Minn., and Rachel Hoston; many nephews; his grandmother; and two daughters.

He joins his father, who left us just over a year ago.

No service will be held. Please send cards to Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Michael is dearly loved and forever will be missed. The world is a dimmer place without his shining light. Rest well, my brother, as you live on in my heart and soul.

Former Ugandan rebel leader dies in Kenyan refugee camp

By David Okami Associated Press writer

GARISNA, Kenya — Alice Lakwena, a Ugandan warrior priestess who led an insurgency in the 1980s and claimed to have spiritual powers to protect her fighters from bullets, is announcing her death by a doctor at a Kenyan refugee camp, a government official said Thursday.

Lakwena, who was in her 40s, died Wednesday after being sick for about a week with an unknown illness at the Ilo refugee camp in the eastern Garisna district, said Dennis Ojola, a local administrator.

The daughter of a clergyman from the small Acholi tribe in northern Uganda, she mesmerized her followers with claims that spirits spoke through her.

Lakwena led the Holy Spirit movement, which combined

Christianity with traditional beliefs of her Acholi people, in a searing insurgency aimed at toppling Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni. Army troops defeated the movement in late 1987.

Her cousin, Joseph Kony, is the messianic leader of the Lord's Resistance Army. His rebellion in northern Uganda continues today and has seen as many as 1.8 million people displaced, tens of thousands killed and an estimated 20,000 children abducted.

Lakwena became a major embarrassment to the Ugandan government because the foreign media had reported so extensively on her bizarre exploits.

Her rebellion — one of about a half-dozen in Uganda at the time — began soon after Museveni, a southerner, overthrew a military government led by a northerner.

DEATH NOTICES

Jack Thornborrow

BUIH — Jack Thornborrow, 59, of Buhl, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl. Arrangements are under the care of Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Elma Miller

JEROME — Elma Miller, 94, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at her home.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at the Jerome LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Candice Blevins

"HANSIN" — Candice "Candy" Blevins, 59, of Hansen, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at home.

At her request, no service will be held. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity I Chapel in Twin Falls.

Arnal B. Price

BUIH — Arnal B. Price, 75, of Buhl, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A private service will be held at a later date. Cremation was under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Sean T. Lundy

HOLLISTER — Sean T. Lundy, 21, of Hollister, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, in Hollister.

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

Aldrich E. Bowler

BLISS — Aldrich Ernest Bowler, 91, of Bliss, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Funeral Chapel.

Woman celebrates 80th birthday on Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Betty Newberry Peterson will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday in the Fireside Room at the Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heiburn Ave. E.

The family requests no gifts.

Health Care Foundation awards scholarships

BURLEY — The Cassia Health Care Foundation is awarding four Continuing Education Scholarships for the

2007-2008 school year. Students who are enrolled in a health care profession can apply for one of four \$500 scholarships.

Requirements for the schoolships are: applicant is a graduate of a Cassia County high school or resident in Cassia County; at least one year of college; acceptance into a health care profession program; and minimum 3.0 GPA.

For a scholarship application, contact Rebecca Harper, project chairwoman, at Cassia Regional Medical Center, 1501 Highland Ave., Suite D, Burley or call 677-6587 or e-mail

rebecca.harper@intermountain.org. Applications are due by April 1.

BJ Duplicate Bridge announces results

RUPERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announced Jan. 16 results.

North-south: first, Clarence and Sylvia Niewert; second, George and Nancy Gibson; third, Euan and Warren McArthur; and fourth, Steve Sams and Kent Gillespie.

East-west: first, Marlene Temple and Pat Adams; second, Dona Kunau and

Peggie Payne, third, Mildred Wolf and Sheila Hubsmith; and fourth, Dee Keicher and Leo Moore.

Games are held at 11 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and more information about the club, call Steve Sams at 878-3997 or Vera Mai at 436-4163.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Trade experts to speak at seminar.

BOISE — Idaho companies interested in learning more about doing business on a global scale are invited to participate in the "Ninth Annual Global Market Trends — 2007" Jan. 31 in Boise.

The seminar, "Strategic Insight for Idaho Companies," features presentations on each market served by Idaho's trade representatives. Presentations will focus on country-specific trends, major projects, potential barriers, opportunities, emerging industries and key business considerations.

Organized by Idaho Commerce and Labor and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, the seminar runs from 8 a.m. to noon at the Boise Centre on the Grove. One-on-one private consultations will be arranged from 1 to 6 p.m.

Registration is \$75 for the first person and \$50 for each additional person from a business. It includes a catered lunch. The registration deadline is Jan. 24.

For more information, contact Andrea Bricker from Idaho Commerce & Labor at (208) 334-2665, Ext. 3200 or by e-mail at andrea.bricker@idaho.gov, or Lacey Menasco from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture at (208) 332-8538 or by e-mail at lmenasco@idaho.gov.

HoneyBaked Ham Co. looking for franchisers

ATLANTA — The HoneyBaked Ham Co. and Cafe, a specialty food retail brand famous for sweet and glazed spiral-sliced ham and other quality meats, has announced plans to expand its franchise program in Twin Falls.

"The demographics and consumer life-style in Twin Falls meet the HoneyBaked expansion model and criteria," said Ken Caldwell, vice president of franchise for the Atlanta-based company, in a news release. "Given the strength of our powerful national brand loyalty, the tight local store operator already has a head start in building a solid base of customers in the Twin Falls market."

For more information, visit www.honeybakedfranchise.com or call 866-968-7424.

Subsidized training programs available

TWIN FALLS — Idaho Commerce and Labor is urging health care professionals and transportation businesses to take advantage of a subsidized training program to help alleviate the shortage of nurses and commercial truck drivers in Idaho.

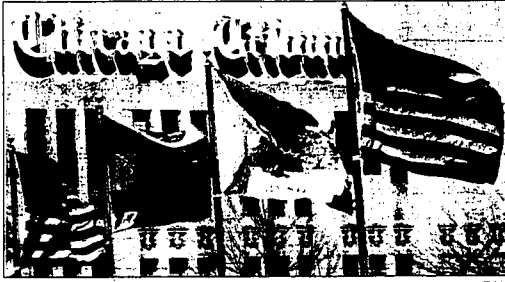
Applications are available from Idaho Commerce and Labor for the Incumbent Worker Revolving Loan Fund, and details about the training initiative are in a program guide available from the agency, according to a news release from Commerce and Labor.

The \$2 million program was created by the Idaho Legislature last year in response to industry and community requests for assistance in meeting labor needs in high-demand, high-growth occupations of Idaho's rapidly growing economy. The pilot phase of the program will provide financing to train nurses and truck drivers.

Health care and transportation businesses can borrow up to \$50,000 a year to train nurses or drivers. The money must be repaid at 3.5 percent interest over two years if the training lasts less than six months and over four years if the training exceeds six months. The initial monthly payment is not required until the seventh month after the loan is made.

Contact Jeanie Irvine, grants management supervisor, 317 W. Main St., Boise, Idaho 83735 for more information.

On the sale block



Flags were along Michigan Ave. Bridge outside the Chicago Tribune Tower in a Chicago file photo from April 12, 2006. The Chicago-based Tribune Co. received an offer from the Chandler family, its largest shareholder, to buy the media conglomerate and spin off its broadcast division in a deal valued at \$7.6 billion.

Chandlers make bid for Tribune in deal worth \$7.6B

Chicago-based company considering its options

By Dave Carpenter
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Tribune Co.'s largest shareholder offered to buy the struggling media conglomerate and spin off its broadcast division in a deal disclosed Thursday and valued at \$7.6 billion.

The Tribune directors now will have to determine whether the bid by the Chandler family, which came in below what the company once had hoped to receive, or any other offer is worth accepting or whether it should pursue another strategy to boost its sinking stock.

The offer by the Chandlers, who own 20 percent of Tribune stock, was disclosed in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Chicago-based Tribune, the nation's third-largest newspaper company, had set a Wednesday deadline for submitting offers, but no outside bidder appears to have surfaced who was willing to pay an amount well above the company's current stock price.

A person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press on Thursday that Southern California billionaires Eli Broad and Ron Burkle had submitted a proposal to sponsor a recapitalization worth more than \$34 a share. That plan is not a pure buyout but could possibly satisfy shareholders who are uneasy with the continuing slide in Tribune shares.

Under the plan, the person

said Broad and Burkle would inject \$500 million cash into the company which coupled with a debt package would allow a dividend payment to shareholders of \$27 a share. Shareholders also would retain a majority stake in Tribune, while Broad and Burkle would get about a 30 percent interest in Tribune and seats on the board.

The person spoke on condition of not being identified because the terms of the proposal have not been released publicly. The Wall Street Journal, citing unidentified sources, reported that a third proposal was submitted by a private equity group interested in Tribune's TV stations. But further specifics, including the firm's identity, were not immediately known.

The Chandlers are offering \$10.30 per share in cash as well as stock in a spin-off. Tribune Broadcasting, which would include the company's broadcasting and entertainment operations, Combined, Tribune value to shareholders would be \$31.70 a share, just 4.5 percent above Tribune's closing price of \$30.31 on Wednesday.

But the Chandlers said their offer, which expires Jan. 31, is about an 18 percent premium over what the company would have been trading at absent takeover speculation. They cited a recent Merrill Lynch report estimating that Tribune's undervalued stock price would be \$27 per share.

News of the Chandlers' offer sent Tribune shares up 56 cents, or 1.8 percent, to \$30.90 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Tribune analyst Steve Barlow said he thinks there's a 50 percent chance Tribune will reject it.

"I think we have a lot of

shareholders who may think this is too cheap," he said. "My view for today was take your money and run. The stock is up today. There's a lot of uncertainty."

Dave Novosel, an analyst for the bond research firm Gimme Credit, said he doubts the board will find either the Chandlers' offer or the Broad-Burkle proposal very compelling, suggesting that further negotiations over the proposals are likely. "Apparently investors were not stumbling over one another to get their bids in for Tribune," he wrote in a research note. "Interest in the auction of the company was far less than expected, reflecting the sorry state of affairs in the newspaper industry."

A Tribune spokesman did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

Despite initial hopes the drawal auction might draw a bid from a deep-pocketed private equity firm or another media giant, preliminary bids were weak and the deadline was extended by two months.

Tribune holdings include the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune and nine other daily newspapers; 23 television stations; Internet ventures; the Chicago Cubs baseball team, an sizable stakes in the Food Network and the CareerBuilder online classified advertising venture.

The Chandlers said in the SEC filing that they would own 51 percent of Tribune after the deal closed and the remaining 49 percent would be held by two private equity firms, whose names were not disclosed.

Debt financing for the Chandler bid would be provided by affiliates of Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch and Citicorp, according to the filing.

Biotech harvest up worldwide, yet criticism persists

By Paul Elias
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A biotechnology-advocacy group reported Thursday that a record number of crops were planted worldwide last year, but critics complained the gains did not go beyond making corn, soy and cotton crops resistant to weed killers and bugs.

None of the genetically engineered crops for sale last year were nutritionally enhanced and much of the output feeds livestock, which critics said undercuts industry claims that biotechnology can help alleviate human hunger. Still, the report prepared by the industry-backed International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications touted the record as evidence that crops engineered to cut pesticide use can ease poverty and financially benefit small farmers around the world.

Some 10.3 million farmers in 22 countries grew

engineered crops on 252 million acres last year, a 13 percent increase over 2005, according to the report. About 9.3 million of those people were considered subsistence farmers.

The United States, Argentina and Brazil were the top three countries that grew genetically engineered crops last year, mostly soy. India tripled its acreage of genetically engineered cotton last year to 9.5 million acres.

In the United States, 80 percent of soy — a key ingredient in many packaged foods — and a similar percentage of cotton are genetically engineered. Some 80.5 million acres of biotech crops are planted — about 40 percent of the country's crop — though much of that is used for animal feed.

Overall, about 136.5 million acres of the nation's 445 million acres of farmland was under biotech cultivation last year, an increase of 10 percent over 2005 plantings.

Proliferation of biotech crops continues

The worldwide acreage of biotech crops grew to 252 million in 2006, or roughly 10 percent of the area of the United States. More than half of the world's genetically modified crops are in the U.S.



SOURCE: International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications

Illinois company buys Utah appliance maker

The Associated Press

BLUFFDALE, Utah — Back to Basics, a Utah company that makes kitchen appliances, has been acquired by the owner of the West Bend brand.

Back to Basics products include an appliance that toasts bread, cooks eggs and warms sausages at the same time. The new owner is Focus Products Group of Vernon Hills, Ill.

"The small-appliance industry is made up of a lot of companies," Focus Products' chief executive Keith Jaffee said. "But we've found you find a small company that has created as much excitement as Back to Basics."

"Everyone looks to the company for innovation and excitement," he said.

No financial details on the purchase were disclosed.

Back to Basics will be combined with the West Bend Housewares division. They will operate under the name Focus Electric Products Group, a unit with estimated annual revenue of \$250 million.

"Back to Basics really has a core competency in motor-driven products: food processors, blenders, anything with a motor," said Back to Basics chief executive Randy Hales, who will become chief executive of Focus Electric Group.

Lawyer: Plea offered to Dunn, others in HP spying case

By Jordan Robertson
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — State prosecutors offered to drop felony charges against former Hewlett-Packard Co. Chairman Patricia Dunn and the four other defendants in the company's boardroom spying scandal if they agree to plead guilty to a misdemeanor, a defense lawyer said Thursday.

Stephen Naraiti, lawyer for private investigator Bryan Wagner, said the Attorney General's Office offered a plea deal that would eliminate all four felony charges against his client in exchange for a misdemeanor guilty plea.

Naraiti said Deputy Attorney General Robert Morgester also told him that the other four defendants in the case — Dunn, former HP ethics chief Kevin Hunsaker, and outside investigators Ronald DeLa and Matthew

DePante — were offered the same deal.

The attorney general's office declined to comment, as did attorneys for DePante and DeLa. One of Hunsaker's lawyers, Thomas Nolan Jr., also declined to comment, but said his client is not interested in taking any plea deal.

"We're not involved in the plea negotiations because Kevin didn't do anything wrong and didn't do anything illegal," Nolan said. Dunn's defense lawyer could not be reached Thursday but has said previously that he plans to challenge the charges at trial.

The defendants each face four felony counts of identity theft, conspiracy, fraud and illegal use of computer data for their alleged roles in HP's ill-fated effort to root out the source of boardroom leaks to the media.

Former Attorney General Bill Lockyer filed the charges

in October amid a media scandal, which rattled the top ranks of the Silicon Valley company.

The scandal led to the departure of Dunn, Hunsaker, former general counsel Ann Baskins and prompted investigations by state prosecutors and several federal agencies.

Naraiti said each of the charges can be prosecuted as either a felony or a misdemeanor, and the defendants were offered the chance to plead guilty to any one of the lesser offenses.

So far, apparently none of the defendants has agreed to the deal, and the difficulty in negotiating any plea bargains at the state level is compounded by an ongoing federal investigation.

Wagner pleaded guilty last week in San Jose federal court to identity theft and conspiracy, which are similar to the crimes alleged in

state court.

Wagner acknowledged using the Social Security numbers for HP directors, journalists and their family members to trick telephone companies into divulging phone records and conspiring to share the information with others involved in HP's probe.

Wagner never had any direct contact with anyone inside HP, and was at the bottom of a long chain of security subcontractors that led back to HP, his lawyer said.

On Wednesday, the state Attorney General's Office said it would probably not oppose a motion by Wagner's lawyer to dismiss all the state charges against him because he had admitted to the crimes in federal court.

California law prohibits prosecutors from pursuing charges against someone convicted of the same crime in federal court.

Market Watch

	Jan 18, 2007	change
Dow Jones Industrial	12,567.93	-4.22
Nasdaq composite	2,443.21	-0.31
Standard & Poor's 500	1,426.37	-4.48
Russell 2000	778.21	-10.96
Stocks of local interest		
Del. Am. Bank	25.21	0.33
Del. Inc.	25.21	0.33
Lithia Motors	26.53	1.12
Supervalu	34.73	0.03
Commodities		
Feb. Oil	50.48	1.76
Light sweet crude (barrel)		
U.S. government bonds	628.1	5.2

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

GREAT GURU! WHAT MUST I DO TO ACHIEVE TOTAL HARMONY WITH MYSELF?

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, RD - BUT I WENT OUT AND BOUGHT ME A TUNING FORK.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

I'M GOING TO GET SOME GAS. YOU GAVE SIT STILL, AND ENTERTAIN YOURSELVES.

I THOUGHT YOU SAID SIT STILL, AND ENTERTAIN OURSELVES.

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

NEXT TIME A WOMAN IS IN THIS HOUSE...

YOU BETTER PICKER UP LIKE YOU NEVER PICKERED UP BEFORE!

WHICH COOL DAD? YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.

HE'S ONLY TALKING ABOUT HIS RELATIVES OVER 60 WHO WEAR TONS OF LUSTIC.

Brevity By Guy & Rod

WANTED

BETTER ARTIST

Dilbert By Scott Adams

CAROL, SCHEDULE A STAFF MEETING.

WHAT'S THE TOPIC?

I PLAN TO FUSE SIX SIGMA WITH LEAN METHODS TO ELIMINATE THE GAP BETWEEN OUR STRATEGY AND OUR OBJECTIVES.

I'LL JUST SAY "WASTE OF TIME."

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

YOU KNOW WHAT? I'VE REALLY ENJOYED MY STAY IN THE COOL LIGHTS. I'VE MET SOME TONS WITH HALLS. BUT NOW I'M TOTAL "IN THESE."

I'M CALLING IN AIR SUPPORT. NOT SURE ABOUT THE TROOPERS. THE TROOPERS SEEM TO BE ANGRY AND WILL BE ON THE GROUND.

IT WAS TERRIBLE AND REPEATED AT THE SCENE. THE TROOPERS WERE VERY LONELY AND ZEALOUS.

BUT THEN I CAME HERE TO MY ROOMS. REMAINS OF MY LIVES.

STAY PUT!

The Elderberlles By Phil Frank and Joe Trause

PSST! LUDMILLA! I need your help!

I gotta store a barrel of oil just temporary like.

Ludmilla needs to keep job!

With sugar on it? NVEET!

With vodka on it? NVEET!

Ludmilla feels like... val is your English word, Evelyn?

Sucker!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

I HAVEN'T HAD ANY YOU DO? I KNOW!

FLYING WITH SUICIDE DEATHS THE BEST!

WELL, THANKS FOR THE CARDS AND THE CASH. I'VE GOT TO GO YOURSELF, AND BEST IN TOUCH.

YOU TOO, GARY!

AND DON'T BE SAD FOR THE LONG HOURS. HEAD AND LOVE GIVES AGAIN.

AND SOMETHING... IT'S FLOORED. BURN YOUR BURN!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

WOW! I'VE MET SOME FAMOUS SCIENTISTS UP HERE! YESTERDAY I MET THOMAS EDISON - IT WAS VERY ILLUMINATING! AND TODAY I MET PROFESSOR PAVLOV! YOU KNOW WHO HE WAS, DON'T YOU?

I'M NOT SURE - BUT THE NAME SURE RINGS A BELL!

Luann By Greg Evans

OK, LET'S LIST ALL THE THINGS WORKING WITH ANNA HERE. JUST CALL 'EM OUT AS WE GO. ANY PLAN YOU SEE.

BAD HAIR... CLUNKY GLASSES... LUCKY SHIRT...

C'MON, LADIES! WE'RE TRYING TO HELP ANNA... WORK WITH ME!

THE DRESS ISN'T!

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

Dear African Princes and/or Bank Managers, While I appreciate your offer to send me the millions of dollars in unclaimed assets, I've decided to let the money revert to your governments to be distributed to your people - MALLARD FILLMORE

NOW I CAN EMAIL BONO, AND TELL HIM HIS WORRIES ARE OVER.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

WELL, GENTLE MEN. I'M GOING HOME.

BUT WHAT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS AT THE PLAY?

I'M BEING WORKING ON MY BEARS. GO THROUGH THAT BANANA AT ME...

GGH'S

Pickles By Brian Crane

I FEEL SO BAD FOR MY FRIEND EMILY.

OF ALL THE PEOPLE TO DEVELOP AN ALLERGY TO CATS.

IT'S SO IRONIC! CATS ARE HER LIFE, YOU KNOW!

IT WOULD BE LIKE YOU BECOMING ALLERGIC TO TELLING THE SAME STORIES OVER AND OVER.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

THAT'S A GOOD TRY TO KNOCK OVER A LAMP JUMP ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER.

AND THEN TAKE A NAP!

IT'S SO LUCKY THAT I CAN WORK FROM HOME!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

YENNA. NASTY. CIL. ROARS.

NO. NVD. IN GASTON.

HELL. OUR MUSIC WAS BETTER.

WE KNOW HOW TO GET IT FOR FREE.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

THEN THE BO AND MARY TO HAD OPEN YOUR BOOKS, OR I'LL SUFF AND I'LL PUFF AND I'LL INDIC YOUR MABLE FAMILY.

NOTHER COOL FOR WHITE-COLLAR FELONS

Strange Brew By John Deering

I JUST DON'T GET IT, SON. MY FATHER WAS A NUMBER-GATHERER, HIS FATHER WAS A NUMBER-COUNTER, I'M A NUMBER-CHECKER...

Turn relationship up a notch, Scorpio

HOROSCOPE
Heraldine Saunders

When you are with the right person you ooze sex appeal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make calibrated moves. Move the thermostat up a few degrees where a certain romantic relationship is concerned. You never know what might happen when there is warmth and comfort.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Discretion is the better part of amour. Chatterboxes might give you a clue about their true feelings. Strong, silent types give off an aura of sensuality that is hard to resist.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stubborn forces refuse to budge. You and a certain immovable object might make a peaceful settlement today. You can agree to disagree or find a happy way to achieve compromise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Ivory towers hold little appeal. Get conversations rolling that deal with the ordinary to lay claim upon the extraordinary. Efforts to be outgoing will pay off with a passionate partner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Anticipation. Your inner clock is counting down to hours of bliss spent with that certain someone. Your intuitions are right on target.

IF JAN. 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: All your little ducks are in a pleasant and inviting row for the year ahead. You have what it takes to make sound business decisions in March. Potential pitfalls might bar the way in August and September but you can avoid them being ultrasonic-sensitive, conscientious and not starting anything of great importance during those months. Look for the silver lining in November and use the protective celestial alignments of that month to launch plans, request professional guidance or gain recognition and advancement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Start early. Turn up the heat on a relationship. The sooner you begin to plant sensual ideas, the more delectable the results will be. Purchase items that delight the eye as well as the senses.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stay to smell the flowers. Anything that blossoms and isn't picked is likely to go to seed. Take advantage of the bounties right in front of your nose. A new love may smell very sweet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Gain grace through the gift of gab. People are more likely to

give you business or appreciate your ideas under these stars. Your special someone loves to hear the whisper of sweet nothings and comfort.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Talk it over. It is easy to break the ice if you have a bagful of subjects to discuss. Share a few recipes, home grown homies or even the local news to find common ground.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The look of love makes lions roar. Maybe your significant other has been hard to pin down or a new hookup has been unappreciated. Take pride in your ability to navigate the jungle of love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It might be winter, but romantic moods are blossoming. Restore the spring-like feeling of amorous anticipation by offering gallant gestures and affectionate words. Make presentations and phone calls.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make the happy feeling last. If you are going to stop to smell the flowers, you might as well pick a few and make a bouquet.

Another child won't solve problems in rocky marriage

DEAR ABBY: I'm active-duty military but retiring within a year with no plan for future employment as yet. My wife is 38 and I am 39. We have three children, ages 20, 18 and 15. My wife has the urge to have another child, but I don't want to have another one. I have been looking forward to the time we would have alone with each other. I also know that our debt-to-income ratio is poor, and I was looking forward to climbing out of the red. Another child will not help things.

Our relationship has been rocky for the past four years — and up and down most of our 19 years of marriage. However, we always managed to bounce back. I'm afraid if I don't give in to another child, it will be the straw that breaks the camel's back and she'll resent me to the point that we won't be able to get over it. We are in counseling, but it hasn't seemed to help. We are told to "compromise" but I don't know how to compromise over a situation like this. I'd do anything, for her, but I just feel like this isn't the right thing for us to do at this point in our lives.

Please help me keep this family together and still make everyone happy. I really need your help.

— **ROCK AND A HARD PLACE IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR ROCK: Babies are blessings, but they can also



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Does this make me a bad person?

— **"MICKY" IN MASSACHUSETTS**
DEAR "MICKY": Not in my book. That your heart is not filled with bitterness for those who abused you, and that you have managed to move on, means your therapy was successful. To repeatedly invite yet another dose of pain makes no more sense than to repeatedly touch a hot stove. Not wanting a close relationship with people who cause you pain is healthy.

stress a troubled marriage past the breaking point. Perhaps it's time you went for a different kind of counseling — financial counseling. A financial counselor should be able to tell you if you can afford another child, and what the sacrifices will be if you do decide to have one.

Your marriage has always been troubled. I'm not sure you can keep your family together and make everyone happy. Three children do not seem to have brought you and your wife closer. It's important that you be true to yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I was abused by both my parents when I was young. Although there were short periods when they were kind, the bad far outweighed the good.

I am a decent person. I don't break the law. I don't do drugs. I pay my taxes on time, hold down a job and have friends. But I no longer love my parents. I don't mistreat them, but neither do I love them. I have gotten therapy and moved on, at least as much as I can in a relationship where the other parties have no desire to change their behavior.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend's sister asked me to pitch in on a gift for their mother. Because it was easier for everyone, I simply wound up buying the gift. My girlfriend's sister promised to pay half the cost.

Since then, the gift has been given — and "Sissy" acts like she went in on it, but she hasn't paid me. I don't want to seem like a pest over this, and it's likely I'll be a part of the family someday. Do I ask my girlfriend's sister for the money, or keep my mouth shut and learn an expensive lesson?

— **BRIAN IN PENNSYLVANIA**
DEAR BRIAN: Ask for the money — once. If it's not forthcoming, recognize that "Sissy" is a flake. This may seem like an expensive lesson, but in the long run — if you join the family — you'll recognize you got off cheap.

'Lucy' easily beat the president

This day in history: The Jan. 19, 1953, episode of "I Love Lucy" featured the birth of Lucy and Ricky's son, Little Ricky. In an early indicator of what TV would become, the show attracted a much larger television audience. President Eisenhower's inauguration would get on the following day.

By the time poet John Milton wrote "Paradise Lost," he was 45 years old and completely blind.

In the business of glass blowing, the guy who put the blow into the liquid glass and readied it for the blower was called a gatherer. The assistant who shielded the gatherer's face from the hot oven was called the gatherer's boy.

Apes seem to see the same colors that we do. However, the New World monkeys don't see red very well, giving their world a spectrum of blues,



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

and yellows.

Former president Gerald Ford ate and wrote with his left hand but was a right-handed sportsman.

If kept safe from fumes, frying pans and Colored Sanders, chickens can live about eight years.

Rockets aren't a 20th century invention. Chinese soldiers used them against Mongol invaders in 1232. Their "arrows of flying fire" — sharp sticks with a gunpowder propellant — were not particularly accurate, but were cheap to make.

Thousands could be launched into orbit from a long distance. The hissing, flaming arrows killed some of the Mongols, and sent the rest fleeing in terror.

The only president born in California was Richard Nixon. Monaco, Nauru, and Singapore are countries that have no farms within their borders.

The oldest letter in our current alphabet is the letter "O." The Egyptians first used it some 5,000 years ago.

Italy's alligators bark to their mothers when they're ready to emerge from their eggs. The sound can be heard from 50 feet away. A good alligator mommy stays within that range, because she has to dig the eggs out of the mud before the babies can hatch.

The average child eats 15 pounds of cereal a year.

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Medical team assists diner in need

HARRISON TOWNSHIP: Mich — If Robert Ricard had picked the wrong restaurant for lunch, he might have died.

The 71-year-old suffered a heart attack shortly after ordering a glass of wine with friends at Bentley's Roadhouse on Saturday.

Luckily, a disaster medical team was sitting nearby.

Members of the Mich-1 Disaster and Medical Assistance Team were having lunch after a morning of training at nearby Selfridge Air National Guard Base. They immediately jumped to the rescue when a waitress yelled for someone to call 911.

Ricard twice quit breathing and turned blue. The rescuers revived him both times.

Ricard chose Bentley from a list of five restaurants, said his friend, Bill Novak.

"These courageous and talented people brought Bob back to life right in front of my very eyes," Novak told The Macomb Daily of Mount Clemens. "If it wasn't for their quick reaction to what could have been a deadly situation, I don't even want to think about it."

Ricard was taken to a hospital, where he met his rescuers on Tuesday.

Tangled-up deer saved by zap of stun gun

CANBY, Ore. — Confronted with a deer whose antlers were tangled in a rope hanging at a rural home, two officers saw no good choices. They weren't about to try to



Robert Ricard and his wife, Christine, front center, are visited by the people who saved his life. Ricard, 71, suffered a heart attack Saturday at Bentley's Roadhouse in Harrison Township, Mich. Luckily, members of the Mich-1 Disaster and Medical Assistance Team were having lunch there, too.

Odds and ends

and freed the buck. Not long after the deer took off happily as a claim. Strouk said that was pretty good thinking.

All-day drink specials may become reality in S.C.

COLUMBIA, S.C. — You've heard of "Happy Hour" but how about "Happy Day"? All-day drink specials could become a reality in South Carolina.

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The Deputy Left Miller thought of the stunt gun used to immobilize out of control prisoners or suspects.

The deer stopped moving. The officers, one a sheriff's deputy, the other a state trooper, untangled the rope, which was dangling from a tree limb.

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Current businesses can sell and advertise liquor drink specials — though not less than half price — from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. only.

— **The Associated Press**

Beetle Bailey



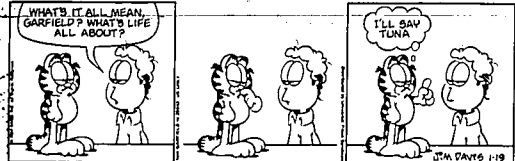
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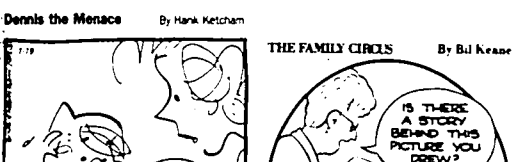
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Winged patterns in winter



Duck hunters must use more strategy in January

James I. Kravich
Times-News correspondent

Think like a duck, but not just any duck. Think like a mallard, widgeon, gadwall, or pintail that's flown thousands of miles along a dangerous migratory route to the South.

Consider the exposure to hundreds of shotgun blasts witnessed and avoided and the aerial views of hundreds or maybe thousands of decoy spreads. Contemplate the effect of these and many other factors. Along the way, the duck became Mr. Duck, wary, spooky, smart, and totally in survival mode. The phrase "bird brain" does not apply.

At this late season date, waterfowl are totally focused on food, migration, and safety. Ironically, the quest for safety is one of the factors that allows duck hunters the opportunity to harvest birds. Properly positioned decoys help to lure wary waterfowl into position for a shot. The trick is proper positioning and adaptability.

Tony Bryan, an avid and veteran waterfowl hunter, often makes adjustments to his decoys in several ways. "We had a flock of mallards veer off and another flock land at the outer reaches of our decoys," noted Bryan. "I moved the Robo ducks (decoys with wings that are mechanically activated) closer to the blind and made a larger opening so the incoming ducks could land. The next flocks came directly into the decoys and well within shotgun range."

Very often hunters think in terms of large numbers in regard to decoys. While this logic is often successful, January ducks have been down the migration gauntlet and have experienced who knows how many decoy spreads.

If the waterfowl aren't back beating their wings or are obviously swerving around decoys, the problem could be

that too many decoys on the water are the problem.

Other factors may also affect waterfowl response to decoys. As stated previously, a landing area for incoming flocks is a mandate and the decoys must not be placed too closely together. When ducks are frightened or anticipate possible danger, they naturally move closer together. Decoys that are too close send an aerial view of danger and ducks will avoid the area.

Some items that don't seem too important can be significant for educated waterfowl. Bryan also surveys the location of the blind for anything that may cause reflection. He routinely picks up spent shells because the newly exposed brass readily reflects sunlight. Additionally, thermoses should be tucked away or covered to prevent reflection.

Late season is when hunters need to be extremely well concealed. Consider that in a flock of only 20 ducks there



ABOVE: Tony Bryan and George Detsela with a bag of ducks near Twin Falls. TOP: Ducks fill the sky while winging out of the Hagerman area.

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"You need to have a constant awareness of how the ducks are responding and adjust."
—Tony Bryan, an avid and veteran waterfowl hunter



LEFT: Concealment is important even for a well-trained hunting dog.

RIGHT: Michael Bryan shows off a his mallard alongside his hunting dog.



On the way to Jackpot, look for the Sugarloaf Mountain Fault

The next time you're driving to or from Jackpot on Highway 93, particularly if there is a little snow in the South Hills, take a gander at an obvious feature I call the Sugarloaf Mountain Fault.

The fault line is most visible from areas along State Highway 74 between 2800 East and the junction with U.S. 93. But the offset along the fault can be seen, almost continuously, from the junction just mentioned to the



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Hollister Port of Entry station. While faults are a common occurrence in the Basin and Range area of the west, observers can't be certain that the offset of geological layers, tilt of strata, or relocation of

stream channels is the result of a fault. Generally, it is wiser to suggest that a feature may be the result of faulting rather than coming right out and saying it is.

In this case, however, the evidence is pretty clear: Two prominent and parallel shallow layers run across the mountainside like a huge skid mark. The fault cuts through the hill about halfway across the hillside.

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A view of the faultline offsetting Sugarloaf Mountain. Higher block to the right (lower), down-dropped block to the left. On a clear day this feature is visible from Twin Falls to Boise. Lawrence Grayney for the Times-News

OUTDOORS

Ducks

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are 40 keenly focused eyes, ready to detect any form of danger at any given moment. Camouflage clothing, as always, in a basic necessity, is an addition to a ball cap or stocking cap, a hunting coat with a hood can aid in deception. The hood not only helps to shield reflection from the face but also from the back of the neck.

Camouflage face paint is also beneficial. An errant glance directly at a flock of incoming birds may likely be detected if skin is exposed. Face paint helps to shift the odds slightly in the favor of the hunter.

Movement is connected to the idea of concealment. Obviously, slow movements are less detected than those that are abrupt. The difficulty lies in the fact that slow movements aren't natural, especially when coupled with the excitement of an approaching flock and the desire to see the ducks as they spread their wings to land. A well-constructed blind will certainly help to prevent detection but discipline is a huge factor.

Being mentally prepared to limit one's reactions will mean more mallards in the bag.

Calling can also be a factor of attraction but calling can also be a factor of detection. Typically, hunters use a loud

high ball call to get the attention of waterfowl in the distance. When the flock begins to come closer, it is a good idea to lower the volume and switch to a feeder call as soon as possible. Many hunters also favor the plaintif call of a lonesome hen for the same reason. Another factor to consider is that too much calling may frighten late season flocks. The idea is to think like a duck.

Why keep blowing numerous and loud calls if the ducks are coming in the direction of the blind? Numerous calls also increase the likelihood of an off pitch tone or two, all that's needed to make a flock flair off into the distance.

Also consider that calling is an option that sometimes will not be utilized. "Sometimes, we just stop calling," Bryan explains. "Other hunters are calling away and the ducks will land in our decoys because we aren't calling. You need to have a constant awareness of how the ducks are responding and adjust."

Later season waterfowl provide truly rewarding hunting. It's especially rewarding for those who apply their knowledge to this sport and come home with limits. Those hunters learn to think like a duck, even if it sounds a little daffy.

Ski Soldier Mountain free on Saturday

Times-News

There's no such thing as a free lunch in Hollywood. But a free ski pass from a Hollywood star is actually a reality this weekend.

Soldier Mountain Ski Resort owner Bruce Willis will open the resort free of charge this Saturday to all customers. The free ski day will include free ski and snowboard clinics at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The action film star who lives in Halley Falls has been the primary owner of Soldier Mountain since 1996.

"Our owner wants to show his appreciation for all the support and patronage of our customers," said resort manager Larry Dussert. "This is something Bruce decided just before Christmas, that he wanted to do this year."

Soldier Mountain is also offering free bus transportation from Twin Falls, Jerome, Wendell, Gooding and Fairfield every Saturday and Sunday during the ski season.

The resort will resume its backcountry snowed skiing program later this month. The resort has hired a lead guide with 18 years backcountry ski guiding experience in Europe. The cost will



Soldier Mountain will be open to all skiers this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

be \$250 per day, including lunch, and will average between 15,000 and 20,000 vertical feet of powder skiing for the day.

Soldier Mountain has 3,500

vertical feet for cat skiing and 1,400 vertical feet lift served skiing, two chair lifts, and one handle tow. The resort also features a 15-acre terrain park and many acres of back-

side glade skiing, and is open Thursdays through Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more info call 208-764-2126 or www.soldiermountain.com.

Fault

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The south half of the mountain lies slightly higher than the north half. Looking carefully, you will note that the bottom south-side ashflow layer is almost as high as the top north-side layer. This relationship is slightly skewed at the faultline itself where the two halves of the upper layer appear to be at the same elevation.

The reason for this is due to the thrusting movement across the faultline and the nature of the rock being faulted. The best way to illustrate what happens at a fault such as Sugarfoot Mountain is to put the fingers of your right hand behind the fingers of your left hand about as far as the width of your fingernails.

Holding the fingers straight, pull up gently with your right hand. Notice that the fingers on the left hand move downward and the fingers on the right hand move downward.

This is what you see in the Sugarfoot Mountain fault. The right side is higher, but at the faultline, the edge of this upthrown block is pulled down.

Further, solid rock, such as the welded rhyolite of these canyons, warps over long distances, but not over short distances. The result is that a small block of the upper rhy-

olite layer broke adjacent to the fault and lies at an elevation intermediate between the upper and lower positions of the two blocks.

Also, the tip of the northern block was pulled upward slightly, as you demonstrated with your fingertips. The upward of these various movements is that, right at the fault itself, the two halves of the upper layer appear to be almost at the same elevation, but you can feel the south side is higher.

The best locations to note the offset between the north and south sides of the fault are from about 2400 North to the Hollister Part of Entry station. Along this stretch of U.S. 93 you will be looking almost directly into the hillside which is about 11 miles to the east.

The best location to view the faultline is from State Highway 74 between 2600 East and 2800 East where you will be aligned most closely with the northwest orientation of the fault.

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Virginia search-and-rescue group says radio transmitters could save missing hikers

By Matt Reed Associated Press writer

RICHMOND, Va. — A search-and-rescue group's wristwatch-size radio transmitters have helped track missing Alzheimer's patients and autistic children. Now the group wants to offer the technology to help find lost hikers.

The National Park Service has agreed to experiment with Project Lifesaver International's transmitters, although officials say electronic devices often provide a false sense of security.

The transmitters are to be demonstrated for park service officials on Alaska's Mount McKinley in the next few months. Mount McKinley's extreme conditions — it's the tallest mountain in North America — make it an attractive spot to experiment with the equipment, said Kathryn Healey-Flores, program development.

Project Lifesaver started providing the transmitters in 1999 to police departments and emergency agencies in and around the city of Chesapeake. Sales have expanded to 530 agencies in 40 states and Canada.

Autistic children and other

dependents are outfitted with a wristband or an ankle bracelet that sends out a radio pulse every second, a project spokesman Jay Smith said.

Smith said the radio signals can be read from 2,500 feet in the air.

They also don't require satellite technology and have a 45-day battery.

If someone wanders away from home, a caregiver calls an 800 number, and searchers are often able to find the missing person within minutes using a tracker, he said.

"We find most people within a mile of their house," said Mike Catron, a police officer in Virginia's Chesterfield County.

Project Lifesaver, a nonprofit based in Chesapeake, believes that hikers going into treacherous terrain during winter months could be required to rent the equipment at a trailhead Park Service station.

If hikers become lost, or aren't heard from for several days, searchers could track the radio signals to narrow down a search area.

Using electronic devices for wilderness search and rescue would save valuable time, as well as public money, said Healey-Flores. "The dollars spent on search and rescue can be prohibitive," she said.

While the National Park Service has agreed to experiment with the device, it will only offer them to forest rangers, said Dan Portbrland, the park service's branch chief for emergency services. It would complement other electronic devices, since there are often blackout spots in cell-phone or two-way radio coverage, he said.

"This is not a stand-alone device," he said. "Should this be used in place of a radio? Not a good idea."

The technology behind Project Lifesaver's radio transmitter has been around for years and originally was used to track wildlife.

These days there are personal locator beacons, portable satellite phones and devices that use the Global Positioning System — not to mention the growing prevalence of cell phones.

Portbrland, who oversees search and rescue for 400 federal parks, said park service officials have been concerned that new developments in personal technology are leading people to take more extreme risks in the wild.

"People get this false sense of security that all you have to do is push a button," Portbrland said. "But it should not replace common sense."

— Dan Portbrland, National Park Service's branch chief for emergency services

Snowmobilers fight wilderness proposal for Idaho's Mount Jefferson

ISLAND PARK (AP) — Most of the people who stop by Kevin Phillips' snowmobile rental shop, Mountain Mayhem, want to rent the machines to frolic in the steep terrain at nearby Mount Jefferson.

But business owners like Phillips and snowmobile enthusiasts are fearing the worst over a proposal by the U.S. Forest Service to close the area to motorized vehicles.

Phillips estimates that 85 percent of his customers want to ride snowmobiles there.

"If they close Mount Jefferson, I'll be done renting," Phillips said.

U.S. Forest Service officials have been working for several years to revise their forest plan for Montana's Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. Mount Jefferson sits on the Idaho-Montana line. The popular snowmobiling area in question is north of the border in Montana, but the easiest winter access is through Idaho's Fremont County.

After gathering public comments, the agency came up with proposals, with the preferred option calling for a wilderness designation for the mountain.

Opponents have ramped up their efforts to fight the pro-

posal. U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, sent a letter to the Forest Service last month asking it to alter its initial plans and keep the area open to snowmobiles.

"The congressman believes snowmobiling should remain open on Mount Jefferson, where they are currently allowed," said Laurel Hall, Simpson's natural resources director.

Fremont County commissioners have filed similar letters.

Paul Romell, chairman of the Fremont County Commission, said closing Mount Jefferson to snowmobiles would hurt — and possibly close — local businesses.

Twenty percent of all snowmobile registrations in Idaho are in Fremont County, which has the most of any county in the state. In 2006, the county issued more than 11,000 registrations worth about \$200,000.

Snowmobiling fuels Island Park's winter economy. Romell said. People from across the country travel to Fremont County to ride its groomed trails and the backcountry terrain around Mount Jefferson, which might be the biggest draw.

"It's probably the most popular area for (snowmobilers)



Snowmobilers are parked next to a building in Island Park, Idaho, near Mount Jefferson, seen in background at right, Jan. 12. Snowmobile rental shops are fearing the worst over a proposal by the U.S. Forest Service to close the area to motorized vehicles.

coming to Fremont County," Romell said.

At the same time, conservation groups aren't giving up their fight either.

Patricia Dowd, conservation coordinator for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition,

said a wilderness designation will protect wildlife, such as wolverines, and bring in more tourists looking for quiet recreation away from snowmobiles.

Plus, she said, Fremont County is so loaded with

snowmobiling trails that losing Mount Jefferson won't affect the county's economy as much as people fear.

Still, she understands the reason for the controversy.

"Folks on both sides feel strongly about it," she told the

for a story Tuesday.

The Forest Service plans to release an environmental impact statement for public comment by late spring of early summer. A final decision on the area is expected later this year.

A ski lift named Stella

and other tales from the snowy Northwest

By Nicholas K. Geranos
Associated Press writer

SANDPOINT — You just can't help it. Ride up the six-person ski lift at Schweitzer Mountain in northern Idaho, and you can't help but shriek the lift's name.

"STELLA!!!!!"
Mafon Brande, call your heart out. There's plenty to shriek about in Inland Northwest skiing this season. (And yes, the ski lift is actually named Stella.) The five resorts scattered around Spokane, Wash., are covered in thick blankets of snow and enjoying record business.

There have been some lean years up here in recent times, when the ski season was measured in weeks instead of months. But this year, many of the ski areas opened before Thanksgiving and have been pounded with new snow since. In stark contrast, skiing and other snow-dependent activities in the Northeast and parts of the Midwest have been severely curtailed this winter by lack of snow and warm temperatures.

Schweitzer, located above the lakeside resort community of Sandpoint, is the biggest and most push of the five hills in the Inland Northwest Ski Association. It has a mountain village with hotels, shops and hundreds of rental condominiums and other amenities.

As of Jan. 10, Schweitzer had reported an astonishing 211 inches of snow this season, more than double last year's total. The 14 inches of snow at the summit Jan. 2 was more than at any ski area in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Utah, Schweitzer officials said.

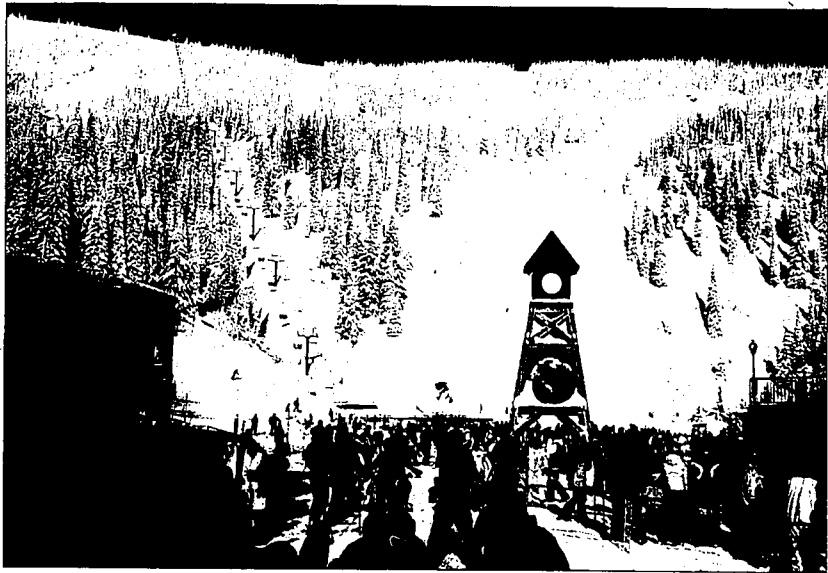
The result is that Christmas week business broke the resort's existing record by 15 percent.

The five Inland Northwest hills are located midway between Sun Valley, Idaho, and Whistler/Blackcomb in British Columbia as the crown flies, but they are a world apart in costs and amenities. Sun Valley, one of the country's most exclusive resorts, for example, charges \$74 during peak season for a lift ticket.

In contrast, Schweitzer's daily lift ticket price is \$32 for adults, and that is the most expensive in the five. Mostly they are day hills, and mostly they are doing well. Here's a roundup:

- **Silver Mountain**, located a gondola ride above Kellogg, Idaho, has a summit depth of 45 inches this year. Once known as Jackass, this hill is in the midst of an aggressive upgrade that is adding lodging and restaurants at its base and new runs up top. Silver Mountain is reached by what is billed as the world's longest gondola. Skiers turn off Interstate 90 and park in the lot and ride to the top, avoiding treacherous mountain driving.

- **Lookout Pass**, located off I-90 on the Montana-Idaho border, is the smallest and cheapest. But it just added a new chair and two new runs, and typically has the longest season. It reported 133 inches of snow at the



This undated photo courtesy of Schweitzer Mountain shows a view of Schweitzer Village at Schweitzer Mountain in December of 2006.



This undated photo courtesy of Schweitzer Mountain shows view of Lake Pend Oreille from the top of Ridge Run at Schweitzer Mountain in December of 2006.

summit this week, and lift tickets are just \$28 on weekends.

- **49 Degrees North**, located 40 miles north of Spokane, has dramatically expanded its size this year with a new quad lift and 14 new runs. This hill, which offers easy terrain and is family friendly, has a 132-inch summit depth.

- **Mount Spokane**, located within the borders of Mount Spokane State

Park and only 30 miles northeast of Spokane, is a community-owned hill, and thus offers fewer fancy amenities. But its peak can be seen from town, eliminating any guesswork on whether the runs are foggy or not.

Which brings us back to Schweitzer, the most ambitious of the bunch. With plenty of lodging, upscale shops and its own expensive expansion plans, this is the go-to hill

INLAND NORTHWEST SKI ASSOCIATION: <http://www.ski-inlandnorthwest.com>.
SCHWEITZER: Sandpoint, Idaho; <http://www.schweitzer.com> or 800-831-8810.
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49 DEGREES NORTH: Chewelah Peak, Wash.; <http://www.ski49n.com/> or 866-376-4949.
MOUNT SPOKANE: Chatteray, Wash.; <http://www.mtspokane.com/> or 509-238-2220.
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for the area's well-to-do. It draws skiers from throughout the Northwest.

The hill is about 90 miles northeast of Spokane. It is located next to a town that has year-round outdoor opportunities because it sits on the shores of 37-mile long Lake Pend Oreille, one of the largest and most beautiful lakes in the West.

Sandpoint routinely shows up on those magazine lists of best small towns, best recreation towns or coolest places in the West. It is filled with art galleries, restaurants, shops and lodging options. Coldwater Creek, the mall-order house, is based here and operates a large retail complex downtown.

From the top of Schweitzer, the lake stretches to the distance like a huge piece of a jigsaw puzzle, flowing into bays and around islands.

The mile-long bridge into Sandpoint carves a straight line

above the water. Schweitzer has seven lifts and 82 named runs, and numerous lodges and snack huts. It also offers inter-tubing, dog sledding, snowcat skiing, a movie theater and other amenities.

Stella was constructed in 2000 and is the only high-speed six-pack in Idaho.

"As far as we are aware, it is the only themed chairlift in the world," Schweitzer spokeswoman Lisa Gerber said.

Designed by a former Disney Imagineer, you reach the lift by skiing into a big barn fitted with some Rube Goldberg machinery that purports to be the guts of the machine.

According to the fictional story, Stella was the wife of inventor Phineas J. Schweitzer, and she wanted to ride to the top of the mountain with him and their four children to see the beautiful views. The lift covers 1,550 vertical feet in 5½ minutes.

If you go ...

Jerome gun club hosts first shoot of 2007

JEROME — Shooters are welcome to attend a Jerome Rod and Gun Club shoot on Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Jerome Gun Club.

This is a 100-target event. The cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for non-members. The cost for juniors, under the age of 18, is \$14 for members and \$17 for non-members.

Anyone can join the club for one year for \$20 as an individual or \$30 for a family.

If you have never shot sporting clays at Jerome Gun Club, your first 50 targets are free.

Sign-up is at 9 a.m., shooting starts at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start. The club is located ¼ mile east of Highway 93, at mile marker 64, or 11 miles north of the junction of I-84 and Highway 93.

The club's next scheduled shoot is Feb. 18.

This will be a "chocolate shoot" sponsored by the Chocolate Affair of Twin Falls. Prizes will be given in a Lewis Class, H.O.A., High Lady, High Veteran, High Junior, and four classes. Shoot time will

remain the same as above.

Winners of the last shoot, held Dec. 17, are as follows:
H.O.A.: Mark Johnson — 91;
High Lady: Essi Dease — 55;
High Junior: Cameron

Courtney — 75; High Vet: Jim

Nichols — 77; Sta. #1: Clay

Schull — 10; Sta. #2: Mike Scott — 10; Sta. #3: Butch Colson — 10; Sta. #4: Steve Kidd — 10; Sta. #5: Ted Fitts — 10; Sta. #6: Cory Dudley — 10; Sta. #7: D.J. Kersey — 10; Sta.

#8: Jim Capps — 10; Sta. #9: Ted Schlecht — 8; Sta. #10: Gregg Olson — 9.

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OUTDOORS

State implements hunter mentoring program

By Eric Barker
The Lewiston Tribune

LEWISTON — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is getting serious about recruiting new hunters.

The agency is partnering with Pheasants Forever to implement a hunter mentoring program in which young people are taken under the wings of veteran hunters to learn everything from hunting ethics to love of the outdoors.

"We want to make it easy for any kid that may not be able to easily get out and hunt to pick up the phone and link them with a mentor and away they go," said Jerome Hansen, regional habitat manager for the department at Lewiston.

Pheasants Forever has long had a mentoring program and for several years has put on a youth pheasant hunting clinic with the department and other hunting groups. But Gabe McMasters, a local official with the group, said for many of the kids the clinic is the only time

"Hunting is secondary. The idea is just getting (kids) outdoors. That is the most important thing."

— Gabe McMasters, Pheasants Forever

they go hunting all year.

Statistics compiled by the department bear that out. About 8,000 children graduate from Idaho's hunter education course every year. But according to a survey conducted by the department, half of them fail to purchase a hunting license the year following the course. The number of kids who purchase licenses each consecutive year continues to decline, according to the survey.

Hunting remains an important and even central activity to many people living in Idaho. But Hansen said it's no longer a given that hunting will be passed on to the next generation.

"It's such a marvelous sport, we have to work a little harder

to get them involved than we used to."

Some of the reasons children and their parents listed for not hunting included busy schedules filled with sports and other activities. But some said they simply lacked the opportunity to get out in the field. In some cases, their parents are too busy and sometimes their parents don't hunt at all.

"We are trying to take that next step and have a seasonal opportunity for kids that want to get out and hunt," Hansen said.

McMasters said if children get hooked on hunting and outdoor activities they are more likely to be interested in wildlife and habitat conservation when they are older.

"There is more conservation done by sportsmen and sportsmen's groups than any other in the U.S.," he said.

For McMasters, the interest in hunting was planted early by his family. It led not only to a love of the outdoors but a career.

"I hunted behind my grandfather and father in snow up to my waist," he said. "It just captivated me and made me get an education to do something like this."

The two men envision some training and screening of potential mentors and hooking them up with landowners willing to provide access. In the first few years the program will be centered on the region's rich upland bird hunting opportunities.

"Hunting is secondary," McMasters said. "The idea is just getting (kids) outdoors. That is the most important thing."

Hansen wants to have the program up and running by the fall hunting season.

Resort closes due to Sylvan Pass closures

The Associated Press

POWELL, Wyo. — Two weeklong closures of Sylvan Pass just using the Yellowstone National Park within a month have caused one resort to close its doors for the winter.

"We can't work with this," Boh Coe, owner of the Palahna Tepee Resort, said.

Less than a month into the Yellowstone winter season, Sylvan Pass has been closed twice for five days each due to an avalanche danger. The first time occurred the week before Christmas. It was closed again starting Jan. 8 until last Friday afternoon, when a helicopter dispatched to clear the avalanche zone made its way to the area from Livingston, Mont.

The National Park Service said the company it has contracted with this year to manage avalanche danger in the pass with a helicopter couldn't arrive sooner because of high winds. The helicopter drops small bombs to trigger avalanches in areas where they would be a danger to people snowmobiling or skiing through the pass.

But Coe and others note that the service still has a

howitzer that had been used since the 1970s to control avalanches on the pass.

Some question whether the service is using the pass-closures to bolster its recent proposal to close the park's East Entrance to snowmobile traffic in the winter.

If the pass is closed and no snowmobiles are entering the east gate, the number of snowmobile visitors declines, thus supporting the Park Service claim that the East Entrance snowmobile numbers are minimal, said Park County Commissioner Marie Fontaine.

"It's set up for us to fail," Fontaine said.

Besides the lower number of people using the east gate in winter, the service has said it proposed closing the pass during the winter because of the avalanche danger, the cost of preventing avalanches and environmental concerns.

The agency spends \$100,000 to \$120,000 on avalanche control each winter. Coe said park service personnel are advising snowmobilers at warming huts to not take Sylvan Pass down to Palahna because they could be snowed in due to pass closures for up to five days.

Jackpot D.U. chapter's annual banquet Feb. 10

Bring your Valentine's Day sweetheart to Jackpot's 25th Annual Ducks Unlimited banquet on Saturday, Feb. 10, to enjoy games and support wildlife habitat conservation. You can even buy a very special gift at the auction.

The doors open at 5 p.m. in Cactus Pete's Ruby Mountain Ballroom.

Banquet prices include your D.U. membership as well as Cactus Pete's four-diamond buffet consisting of prime rib, shrimp, scalpi, various salads and desserts, and Cornish game hen.

A special Early Duck package includes raffle tickets and a special drawing if you make your reservations before Feb. 4. Special room rates are also available.

We will have special 70th Anniversary Duck Unlimited "Sharing the Habitat" Auction items, specially engraved Browning 12 gauge shotgun, print, sculpture, and knife.

Games will include two-dice, slots, raffles, and pop-the-balloon, we will also have a silent auction and a live auction.

Prizes and auction items include guns, prints, sculpture, decoys, miscella-

neous items, and local donations.

For more information and reservations, contact Karen or Mark Smith at (208) 326-4446.

Twin Falls Banquet at Radio Rodeo

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its 15th Annual Couples Banquet Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Radio Rodeo, 241 Main Ave. W. No-host cocktails will be at 6 p.m.

A silent auction, live auction and raffle will take place during the evening. Prizes include guns, decoys, prints and much more.

There will also be a sponsor table with a one in eight chance of winning a gun.

Early-bird packages include dinner for two, Ducks Unlimited membership, bonus amounts of raffle tickets and an entry in the "Early Bird Gun" drawing. Seating availability is limited.

For tickets and other information on how to support D.U. call Michael T. Lammer at 736-6220, 280-2950 or Waylon Klundt at 734-5711.

BASE jumper aiming to jump from Empire State Building gets court win

Newsday

NEW YORK — A court decision throwing out a case against a daredevil's planned attempt to parachute off the Empire State Building left Mayor Michael Bloomberg shaking his head in disbelief Thursday.

Bloomberg said he didn't want to suddenly see such BASE — bridge, antenna, span, earth — jumpers making leaps from the city's skyscrapers. Then again, maybe there ought to be a permit.

"We do not need people jumping off tall buildings in New York City," he said, adding tongue-in-cheek, "certainly without a permit."

The mayor added, "You

want to do it one time, I suppose, for a stunt, and we had plenty of police and permitting and you pay all the costs — yeah, sure, why not?"

On April 27, Jeb Ray Corliss IV, 30, a world-known jumper, was stopped and arrested before he could jump off the 86th floor observation deck of the Empire State Building. He was charged with reckless endangerment, obstructing government administration and criminal trespass.

State Supreme Court Justice Michael Ambrecht dismissed the indictment, finding Corliss' actions did not rise to the level of first-degree reckless endangerment.

For extra fee, Utah anglers can use two poles

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For an extra fee, Utah anglers can tell a story about another one that got away.

The state is allowing people to use two fishing poles in waters across the state, a significant change from 2006.

"When fishing is a little bit slow, it gives you twice the chance to catch a fish," said Craig Schauggard, an aqua-

tics manager at Division of Wildlife Resources.

For example, he said, there are crappie and perch in Panguitch Reservoir in Davis County but they typically swim at different depths.

The two-pole fee is \$15 in addition to the regular fishing license. In the past, two-pole fishing was limited to a few locations that had warm-water fish.



So it's been cold

FISH: Like Jackie Barrett, 9, center, who is scooping ice out of a fishing hole his father Andy Barrett, right, drilled on Monday on Foran Lake near Coeur d'Alene. Nicholas Jacklin, is seen at left. (TOP)

SKI: Like Linda Beard, 44, at right, who is leading her friend Amy Hendershott, 13, center, and her husband Mike Beard, 64, all of Oroville, Idaho, on a cross country ski excursion across the edge of a meadow in Sunriver, Ore., Monday afternoon. Linda and Mike were teaching Amy how to cross country ski during the outing. (CENTER)

DO ART: Like Jeff Vall creating a new sculpture on Jan. 12 as "Winterfest '07" kicks off in Island Park. (BOTTOM)

There's plenty you can still do

Survey shows Idaho voters generally satisfied

By Alicia P.Q. Wittmeyer
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho voters are generally happy with the direction the state is headed, though not as much as they used to be, according to Boise State University's 18th annual public policy survey, released Thursday.

The survey found that 60 percent of the 513 respondents think the state is headed in the right direction. That's down from a high of 80 percent in

1998, and down from 63.6 percent last year, although the survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent. But it's an increase from 2002, when only 57 percent believed the state was heading in the right direction.

The poll was conducted by telephone through December and January, and was weighted by population to reflect Idaho's geographical distribution.

While 27 percent of voters think education is the most important issue in Idaho, an

A look at the BSU survey

STAY THE COURSE: Sixty percent of adults think Idaho is headed in the right direction.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: No Spanish or Korean here. Of the people polled, 70 percent support the idea of making Idaho an English-only state.

GROWTH IN OPINION ON GROWTH: Just 7 percent of people polled in 2005 thought the state's rapid population growth was the most important issue. This time around, 21 percent thought so.

LAWMAKERS GET A WIN: After much wrangling, property taxes are now about right, according to 52 percent of respondents. That follows a \$280 million cut at a special session of the Legislature.

area of increasing concern is the state's rapid population growth. Twenty-one percent said that was the state's foremost issue, ranking it third,

behind education and the economy.

When the survey was conducted about the same time in 2006, only 11 percent of voters,

thought growth was the most important issue, and just 7 percent thought so at the end of 2005.

Many of the survey's ques-

tions were tailored to reflect growth's new status as a hot topic, said Carole Nemnich, project manager for the BSU Social Science Research Center. The survey also asked about such issues as property taxes, planning and zoning, mass transit development, and immigration.

"We intended it to be that way," Nemnich said. "We try to anticipate and get some background on what's going to be a big issue for the Legislature this year."

Police: 3 pregnant teens attack Utah group home director with frying pan

AMERICAN FORK, Utah (AP) — Three pregnant teens living in a group home whacked the director in the head with a frying pan, tied her up and fled in a minivan, police said.

The girls, two 15-year-olds and a 16-year-old, are from California, Texas and Illinois. Police believe they left the area after restraining the director with ropes, cords Tuesday and tying up another pregnant teen.

The director "was able to break free and then she went up and untied the 17-year-old female and then they contacted the police," American Fork police Sgt. Shauna Greening said.

New Hope, a privately owned maternity home in Utah County, is the place for struggling pregnant teens, 30

miles south of Salt Lake City.

Girls attend school in the area and are taught prenatal care, child birth, adoption and parenting skills. A call to a phone number listed for New Hope went unanswered Thursday.

But the owner, Spencer Moody, tearfully told a Salt Lake City TV station that he would close the rural home. He said about two dozen girls had given birth after living at New Hope.

"We've had a lot of parents call and thank us for giving their girls back," Moody told KTVB-TV.

Greening would not release the teens' hometowns or the name of the director, whose purse, checkbook, credit cards, cell phone, video camera and 2005 Dodge Caravan were stolen.

"It's been there about three years, and we've never had any problems," Greening said.

The director said "she never had any indication that anything like this was going to happen. They were all slithering around doing homework before the attack occurred," the sergeant said.

The teens were sent to the home by their parents to get them away from problems with drugs or friends, Greening said. Parents have been contacted about the incident.

Detectives were checking for any use of the director's credit cards.

New Hope is among a handful of maternity homes licensed by the Utah Division of Child and Family Services, 2005 Dodge Caravan were stolen.

Idaho's Medicaid program returning money to the state

BOISE (AP) — The combination of a strong economy and new Medicare drug coverage have allowed Idaho's Medicaid program to return almost \$12 million to the state treasury.

At a hearing on the Medicaid budget Wednesday, Idaho lawmakers were told those factors likely played the biggest role in the savings, but it was too early to tell if sweeping reforms of the program that were approved last spring were a factor.

"We're very early in our reform process, and I think we've been fortunate to begin it at a time when the economy is treating us well," Medicaid Administrator Leslie Clement told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee. "I think our ini-

tial building blocks are very positive."

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has requested a 5.1 percent budget increase for the state's Medicaid program.

That's "very impressive compared with the 15 percent average increase we have been experiencing," said House Health and Welfare Committee Chair Sharon Block, R-Idaho Falls.

Medicaid adds up to about 15 percent of Idaho's state budget. The state pays about a third of that while the federal government pays the rest. Dick Armstrong, state Health and Welfare director, said the economy has been the main reason for the \$12 million in savings. The Spokesman-Review of Spokane reported.

"The economy has been extremely strong, so whenever the economy is strong and you have more full employment, then you don't have the demand on services from Health and Welfare," he said.

But some of the savings also came from the new Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage program for seniors, which decreased Idaho's costs for pharmaceuticals.

Some of the reforms that began last May in Idaho included shifting the focus to wellness and prevention for healthy children and adults. It also allowed those with disabilities to have more control over treatment plans, and tried to remove obstacles that prevented them from working.

Truck driver sentenced to life in smuggling case

By Lianne Hart
Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON — A truck driver was sentenced to life in prison without parole Thursday for his role in the deaths of 19 people who suffocated in an airless trailer during a disastrous human smuggling attempt in 2003.

Tyrone Williams put his head down, then stood still as U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal read the jury's sentence. His lead lawyer, Craig Washington, wept away what he later said were "tears of joy" that his client's life was spared.

Federal prosecutors had sought the death penalty for Tyrone Williams, 36, under a 1984 federal statute that made human smuggling attempts that result in death a capital offense.

A jury convicted Williams on all 28 counts against him in December. His first trial ended with a hung jury in March 2005. The retrial's punishment phase began earlier this month.

Jurors deliberated for a little more than 5 days before unanimously agreeing on 19 life sentences. Williams still faces sentencing on Aug. 23 for the remaining 38 counts of harboring and transporting immigrants, and for a conspiracy count.

Outside the courthouse, U.S. Attorney Don DeGabriele said prosecutors "could do everything we could to encourage them to impose a sentence of death. Nineteen life sentences is not something to be disappointed about ... the jury imposed the second most serious sentence it could have imposed."

In May 2003, Williams drove more than 70 illegal immigrants in a sweltering trailer from south Texas to a truck stop near Houston. As temperatures inside the locked trailer rose, the increasingly desperate riders peeled off their clothes, punched out tail lights for air and shouted for help. By the time Williams opened the door about 11 1/2 hours into the trip, 17 people had died of dehydration, overheating or suffocation. Two others died later.

Williams abandoned the trailer at a truck stop and fled to Houston, 100 miles away. He was arrested after walking into a hospital complain-



Tyrone Williams hides his face as he is escorted from the courthouse after being sentenced to life in prison without parole, Thursday in Houston for his role in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants.

ing of anxiety. Williams' lawyers admitted that the defendant, a Jamaican national, was guilty of transporting the riders in his truck. But in order to impose death, the jury had to find that Williams intended to cause their deaths.

Jurors said after the trial that although Williams should have known that the immigrants crammed inside the trailer were in trouble, he didn't set out to kill them. "At no point in time ... was there intent for anyone to die," said the jury foreman, one of three jurors who agreed to speak to reporters if their names were not used. "Our conclusion was that he didn't deserve (death). ... As a group, we feel good and at peace with ourselves (and) with our decision."

They said that each day before beginning their deliberations, jurors stopped for 19 seconds to remember the dead, they said. "These are people, they're not cattle," said Juror No. 9, a teacher. "If they were here illegally, it doesn't matter, our justice system says they're still people and deserve to live," she said.

Washington, Williams' lawyer, said he does not consider the death penalty appropriate in a smuggling case. "I think they wasted \$7 million in taxpayer's money," he said of the extended trial. "We're grateful to God and to the jury for saving Tyrone's life."

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2007 PONTIAC G5 COUPE

New entry point

By Ken Chester, Jr.
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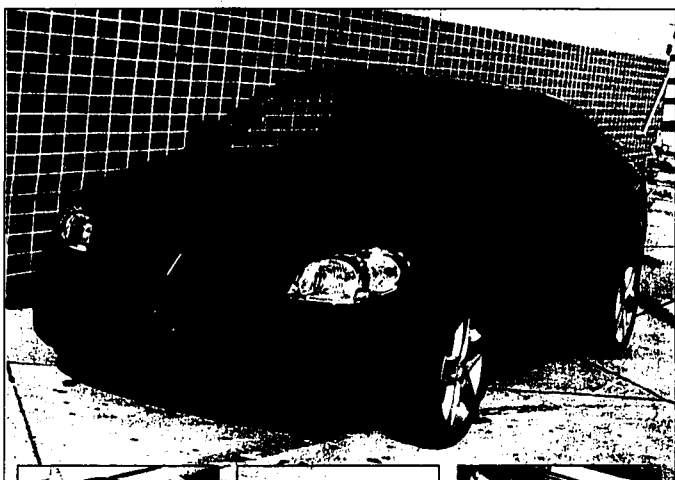
Based on the General Motors Delta global small car platform, Pontiac introduces the all-new G5 coupe. Designed to be an exciting entry-level introduction to the nameplate's rejuvenated model line-up, the G5 delivers Pontiac performance and style in a compact package that offers an impressive degree of standard and optional features for an entry-level model.

The front-drive G5 coupe carries progressive Pontiac exterior styling, with its twin-port grille, clean lines and standard rear spoiler. Available in base and GT models, power for the new coupe is generated by one of a pair of premium Ecotec four-cylinder engines: 2.2L or the peppier 2.4L with variable valve timing.

Torque is communicated to the street through the standard Getrag F23 five-speed manual gearbox. A Hydra-Matic 4T45 electronically-controlled four-speed automatic is also available option. The automatic transmission features the new Dextron VI fluid and is "filled for life," meaning there is no scheduled maintenance required for the gearbox under normal operating conditions.

Underway, the G5 with the base engine and automatic transmission is a stable performer. Nimble, responsive and fun to drive at speed, the G5 is an enjoyable experience regardless of the driving environment. With the rigid Delta small car platform as the foundation, the G5 employs a MacPherson strut front suspension and a semi-independent torsion beam rear suspension. Front and rear stabilizer bars assist in providing exact body roll control.

The G5's strut-type front suspension is compact yet provides long wheel travel. L-shaped front control arms contain a forward pivot bushing, which transmits most of the cornering force and a large high-damped composite rear elastomeric bushing that allows rearward movement to minimize harshness from road surface



The 2007 Pontiac G5 Coupe - an enjoyable driving experience

2007 Pontiac G5 Coupe by the Numbers

WHEELBASE: 105.2 inches
DOOR: overall length: 179.5; width: 67.5; height: 55.6 — measurements in inches.
ENGINE: 2.2L four-cylinder — 148 hp at 5,600 rpm and 152 lb-ft of torque at 4,200 rpm; 2.4L four-cylinder — 173 hp at 6,200 rpm and 163 lb-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm.
TRANSMISSION: five-speed manual, four-speed automatic.
EPA FUEL ECONOMY: (both engines) — 25 city/34

PRICE: The base MSRP for the 2007 Pontiac G5 Coupe starts from \$14,050 for the base model and \$17,975 for the GT. Destination charges add \$915.
MPG (manual): 24 city/32 hwy. (automatic).
CARGO CAPACITY: 133.9 cu. ft.
SAFETY FEATURES: Dual front airbags, better view, PMS/My 31 Plus, daytime running lights, remote keyless entry and automatic headlamp control. GT adds four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, traction control and fog lights. Optional safety fea-

tures include OnStar communications system, head curtain airbags and remote control engine start.
WARRANTY: Basic: 3-year/36,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper. Powertrain: 5-year/100,000 mile. Corrosion: 6-year/100,000 mile. Roadside assistance: 5-year/100,000 mile/24-hour.

impacts.

The direct-acting front stabilizer bar connects to each strut for precise steering response and improved cornering agility with decreased body roll. All front suspension components are mounted to a new, rigid cradle assembly comprised of

four large hydroformed steel tubes and two side members, integrally welded to front and rear cross members. The cradle is mounted to the G5's space frame at four widely spaced points.

The G5 offers two distinct suspension settings: FE1 and FE3. The FE1 is standard on

the base model, providing a smooth ride and includes a 19-mm front stabilizer bar and a 16-mm front stabilizer bar. The FE3 is standard on the upmarket GT model — delivering a firmer, more direct ride and includes 22-mm front and rear stabilizer bars, four-wheel disc

brakes, monotube shocks and 17-inch wheels and performance tires.

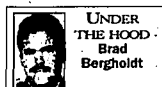
Inside the cabin, progressive Pontiac styling cues continue with white-faced sport gauges and a focus on ride comfort and stylish appointments. Standard equipment includes air conditioning, power steering, windows and door locks, carpeted floor mats, and four cupholders. GT adds anti-lock brakes, 17-inch aluminum wheels, sport rocker moldings, chrome exhaust tip, fog lamps, cruise control, leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio controls, leather-wrapped shift knob and cargo net.

The rear 60/40 split folding bench seat adds versatility to the cabin when carrying both passengers and cargo.

Do you plug in a hybrid?

Q: I'm curious about the half-half electric cars that are being hyped for their gas mileage. Can you explain the pros and cons of owning one? What will plugging one in do to my PG&E bill? Is the hassle worth it?

—Nick Paulson, Felton



UNDER THE HOOD
Brad Bergoldt

A. Hybrid vehicles have been on the market for several years now, and they have proven to be efficient and reliable. The vehicles you mentioned are known as parallel PHEVs (hybrid electric vehicles).

Each employs a rather small high-efficiency, very low emissions gasoline engine, an electric motor-generator and a suit-case-sized battery pack. The idea is to maximize powertrain efficiency by reclaiming energy during deceleration, and minimize load and duty cycle of the gasoline engine during acceleration and idle.

Doing so increases fuel economy and reduces emissions, particularly during city driving. The ratio of gas/electric power is about 75/25 and the best thing about these vehicles is they recycle wasted energy rather than needing to be plugged in each night.

The Civic and Prius are compact four/five-passenger cars while the Insight is an aerodynamic two-seater. All three vehicles use their electric motor to assist the gasoline engine during acceleration and shut down the gas engine during most idle conditions.

As the brake pedal is released (anticipating acceleration), the Honda products seamlessly start the gas engine, while the Prius remains in pure electric mode until it reaches approximately 20 mph. The added thrust of the electric motor is greatest at low speeds, providing impressive acceleration for such an economy-oriented vehicle.

One other notable difference between the Honda and Toyota versions is their motor/generator/battery voltage. Honda's system runs on 144 volts while Toyota uses 273 volts. Needless to say, servicing these vehicles requires care and specialized training.

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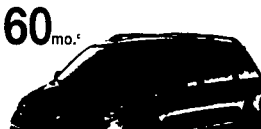
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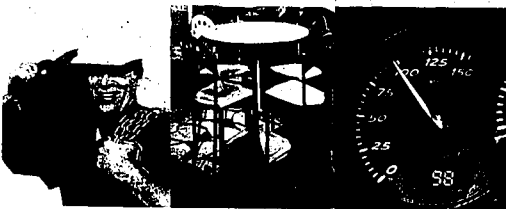
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The obvious answer is to arrange a club ruff. However, as you can assume West has seven hearts, this will succeed when West has three or fewer clubs. While he is odds-on to be relatively short in clubs, it may not be immediately obvious that playing two rounds of diamonds first is better.

This line will work as long as West has three or fewer diamonds, which is considerably more likely if both players follow with two rounds of diamonds, it will now be safe to ruff a club, since if West has seven hearts, one spade and two diamonds, he cannot have four clubs. If as here, West is short in diamonds, and is therefore long in clubs, you change tack by drawing trump, then running the diamonds. After the last diamond is cashed, there will be only three cards left, and West cannot keep both the heart queen and a third club.

You can arrive at the correct answer by observing that as there are more clubs outstanding than diamonds, West is more likely to be longer in clubs than diamonds. The edge is small — but it is a real one.

ANSWER: Jump to two spades. This call is invitational and only promises four spades, typically with 9-11 HCP. Here, your fifth club and side-suit pattern make your hand worth this effort. Bidding just one spade would be too little, cue-bidding as a one-round force would be doing too much.

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