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Speaking out in Jerome County

More outcry about public testimony

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — Despite months of criticism from legislators, government agencies and the American Civil Liberties Union about public testimony at livestock hearings, Jerome County commissioners declined to recognize the public Tuesday when the commission rejected an emergency moratorium on new livestock operations.



Have your say

What do you think of the Jerome County commissioners not allowing public comment on a moratorium?

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"It seems we're so reluctant to hear public input, and I just don't understand why," said Commissioner Diana Obernauer, who cast the lone vote in support of the temporary ban on cows. "We deserve all the criticism we've been taking from everyone, the Senate and House committees."

In the past two weeks, commissioners have taken considerable flak from legislators who've scolded them for restricting testimony at livestock hearings. However, the Idaho code says counties may limit public testimony to those within one mile.

Commission Chairman Charlie Howell says the commissioners are simply following the law in both cases. It is not illegal to bar public testimony at meetings like the one held Tuesday. But it is not illegal to allow testimony, either. "We didn't have a moratorium hearing," Howell said. "We had a moratorium discussion between commissioners. The commissioners were supposed to have researched this, and we met to discuss things between commissioners."

That's not the way Obernauer sees it. She said commissioners are not

Children's care



Kayli Phenemany, a worker at Agape Children and Childcare, prays with Elias Onelda, 6, Thursday afternoon at the day care in Twin Falls.

Day-care facility bill amended, hearing postponed

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — It was not child's play Wednesday for a much anticipated House bill that would enact a statewide policy for day-care facilities.

Trying to please several colleagues, House Assistant Minority Leader Rep. George Saylor, D-Coeur d'Alene, amended his bill — essentially altering its aim — to define day-care facilities as places where there are less six children — not two — being watched, and exempting places with fewer chil-

dren. The House Health and Welfare Committee, citing confusion as Saylor explained the changes with an online version as lawmakers used an original, asked him to return next week more prepared.

Saylor, whose proposal is geared toward increased guidance for those caring for 5 year olds and younger, expressed frustration but said the amended bill meets demands of its co-sponsors, including Committee Chairwoman Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, and Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls.



To see a slideshow of the children and providers at Agape Christian School and Childcare, visit www.magicalvalley.com.

"They say politics is the art of the possible," he said. "It's a situation that you have to be realistic about."

Block, a former kindergarten teacher, said afterward that

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Feds cancel Divine Strake blast in Nevada

By Jennifer Talheim
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The federal government said Thursday it is canceling Divine Strake, a non-nuclear explosion that would have caused the first mushroom-shaped cloud in decades over the Nevada desert.

"I have become convinced that it's time to look at alternative methods that obviate the need for this type of large-scale test," Defense Threat Reduction Agency Director James Tegreia said in a statement.

The 700-ton test explosion at the Nevada Test Site, 85 miles northwest of Las Vegas, was proposed to gather data about penetrating underground bunkers that produce and store weapons of mass destruction.

But the prospect of a mushroom cloud in the desert prompted a lawsuit and intense opposition in Utah and Nevada, where critics feared it would scatter decades-old

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IDAHO MUSIC



Standing before a backdrop of a likeness of Lionel Hampton, Byron Stripling sings during sound check Thursday afternoon inside the Kibbie Dome in Moscow.

Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival turns 40

By Nicholas K. Gerasio
Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — A tiny college town surrounded by farmland seems an unlikely venue for the annual Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival.

But this week marks the 40th straight year the festival has brought legends of jazz — and legions of jazz students and fans — to the University of Idaho campus. The festival began Wednesday and runs through Saturday.

"Artists have told me the reason this festival is so wonderful is that, in all honesty, it should never have happened," said Lynn "Doc" Skinner, who stepped down earlier this year after 31 years as executive director. "It should never have happened in Moscow, Idaho. Something happened here that was meant to be."

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Students lag in math, reading on national tests

By Nancy Zuckerman
Associated Press writer

On the Web

Nation's Report Card:
<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>

WASHINGTON — It doesn't add up.

Two federal reports out Thursday offered conflicting messages about how well high-schoolers are doing academically.

One showed that seniors did poorly on national math, and reading tests.

The other — a review of high school transcripts from 2005 graduates — showed students earning more credits, taking more challenging

courses and getting better grades.

"The reality is that the results don't square," said Daryn Wink, chair of the Independent National Assessment Governing Board, which oversees the tests.

Nearly 40 percent of high school seniors scored below

the basic level on the math test. More than a quarter of seniors failed to reach the basic level on the reading test. Most educators think students ought to be able to work at the basic level.

"I think that we are sleeping through a crisis," said Massachusetts Commissioner of Education David Driscoll, a governing board member.

He said the low test scores should push lawmakers and educators to enact school reforms.

Test scores don't reflect grades

Nearly 40 percent of high school seniors scored below the basic level on the government's national math test.

Percentage of 12th graders in 2006 who were at or above a level of ...

MATH	23% proficient	61% basic
READING	35% proficient	73% basic
	2% advanced	
	5% advanced	

SOURCE: The Nation's Report Card. AP

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Childcare

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Saylor's original bill would make it difficult for the state Department of Health and Welfare to inspect smaller, in-home businesses and rural areas to comply with the law.

"I discussed it with Rep. Saylor and I did say I think the legislation could pass with changing the number to six children," Block said afterward. "If the day-care facilities and small businesses in the rural areas cannot meet all the requirements, then where would all the children go?"

Other improvements to state law, however, would be maintained, including increased background checks on in-home workers, and stricter guidance toward potential dangers — weapons and open areas like pools. It would also address the proximity of sex offenders to day-care facilities.

"I think that's what he had to do to get (Block) on board," said Karen Mason, executive director of the Association for the Education of Young Children. "It's not a total loss."

Compromise on the bill is not surprising, Saylor has tried

similar legislation in the past and supporters have said the only hold up this year is due to philosophical reasons.

Parents are turning to in-home caretakers who might live down the street, watch children during the day and essentially, operate a business.

Parents, lawmakers and professional day-care providers have said that reliance on in-home day-care providers is growing because of the high cost of sending kids to professionals.

The providers, meanwhile, have seen the price for accreditation increase.

Saylor has said there are about 900 small in-home day cares, and Renee Robbins, owner of the Little Gems Center in Twin Falls, estimated "three or four" homes per neighborhood in the Twin Falls area have providers with six or fewer kids.

The earlier bill would have extended licensing requirements to all providers, including health and safety inspections. Day care is divided into three tiers: more than 13 children; between seven and 12;

and fewer than seven. Current law governs places with at least 13 children.

The Idaho Child Care Program, administered by the Department of Health and Welfare, assists low-income families and providers, provided they are licensed and inspected. By current law, licensing is applicable only to outlets with six or more children, or if communities adopt ordinances.

Day-care programs like Agape, Christian School and Childcare already require its staff be licensed by the state, as well as other groups that monitor child-care.

"We definitely feel that the state needs to increase the standards," said Betty Thieman, secretary for Agape, Christian School and Childcare. "It needs to be done to protect the children and help keep them safe."

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Jazz

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Management of the festival has now passed to artistic director John Clayton, a six-time Grammy-nominated bassist, composer, arranger, and conductor from Los Angeles.

The festival began luring top names in 1981, when Skinner, a UI music professor, convinced Ella Fitzgerald to perform in Moscow.

Hampton first came in 1984, and began a formal association with the festival in 1985. He performed every year until his death in 2002.

While some feared the festival would die with Hampton, it has lived on.

Clayton has said his goal is to make the festival even bigger. Expansion has been nearly continuous since 1987, when trumpeter Buddy Briblos performed at what was called the University of Idaho Jazz Festival.

The festival went to its present four-night format in 1993. By 1992, attendance topped 22,000. In 2006 the word "International" was added to the title to reflect performers from around the world.

Some of the greats who have performed include Gerry Mulligan, Dizzy Gillespie, Dianne Reeves, Stan Getz, Carmen McRae, Diana Krall, Wynton Marsalis and Sarah Vaughan.

That's no small feat when you consider that Moscow is a town of 20,000 people located 80 miles south of Spokane, Wash. The concerts are held in the Kibbie Dome, the school's covered football and basketball stadium.

Idaho's Thursday night basketball game against No. 11 Nevada had to be moved from the dome to the old Memorial Gym because of the festival.

Some of the musicians scheduled to appear this year include guitarist and vocalist John Pizzarelli, the Itzy Hargrove Quintet, vocalist Jane Monheit, Byron Stripling on trumpet and vocals, the Clayton Brothers Quintet, the Jeff Hamilton Trio, the Four Freshmen, and James Morrison on trumpet and trombone.

The Lionel Hampton New

York Big Band will perform on Saturday.

In addition to nightly concerts, the festival draws some 14,000 college, high school, junior high and elementary school students from all over the United States and Canada who come to learn jazz and compete for honors.

The students are treated to workshops by the jazz masters. After his clinic at the 1997

festival, guitarist Herb Ellis said the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival was the only one in the world where jazz greats had the chance to sit down with students and directly share their experience and knowledge.

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Jerome

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experts on dairy matters and that failing to listen to the public that elected them is irresponsible.

"We are not the end-all to knowledge," she said. "We could be and should be more open."

Jerome County activist Lev Halper agrees. He said his arm was raised during the entire meeting, and commissioners never

addressed him.

"The county commissioners are not the public," he said. "The public is the public. If they don't listen to the public, they're not doing their job."

In related news, commissioners will ask the county's planning and zoning boards to identify problems in the county's comprehensive plan by a strategic document that guides commissioners.

At Tuesday's moratorium

meeting, commissioners said that rather than pass the moratorium, they'd prefer to address problems by updating the comprehensive plan.

"The next step is to find out what's broke," Howell said. "I think that's the first step we're going to ask of our planning commission."

The planning and zoning boards could tout specific recommendations as early as next week.

Sacramento, Calif.

The transcript study released Thursday showed no increase in the number of high-schoolers who completed the most advanced curriculum, which could include college-level or honors classes.

On the math test, about 60 percent of high school seniors performed at or above the basic level.

At that level, a student should be able to convert a decimal to a fraction, for example.

Just one-fourth of 12th-graders were proficient or better in math, meaning they demonstrated solid academic performance.

On the reading test, about three-fourths of seniors performed at or above the basic level, while 40 percent hit the proficient mark.

from a grade-point average of about 2.7 in 1990.

It is unclear whether student performance has improved or whether grade inflation or something else might be responsible for the higher grades, the report said.

More students are completing high school with a standard curriculum, meaning they take at least four credits of English and three credits each of social studies, math and science. More students also are taking the next level of courses, which generally includes college preparatory classes.

"In guessing that those levels don't estimate the level of rigor that we think they do. Otherwise kids would be scoring higher on the NAEP test," said David Gordon, a governing board member and the superintendent of schools in

Tests

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The new reading scores show no change since 2002, the last time the test was given.

"We should be getting better. There's nothing good about a flat score," Winick said. "The government said it could not compare the math results with the previous scores because the latest test was significantly different."

The National Assessment of Educational Progress — often called the nation's report card — is viewed as the best way to compare students across the country because it's the only uniform national yardstick for how well students are learning.

The transcript study showed that 2005 high school graduates had an overall grade-point average just shy of 3.0 — or about a B. That has gone up

Explosion

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radioactive material from Cold War-era tests.

Others feared it was a step toward new tests to develop "bunker buster" nuclear weapons.

Opponents declared victory Thursday, saying the government listened after months of meetings and protests.

"Everybody in Utah can rest easier," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said.

Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman said: "The people in this state spoke, and they spoke with a very loud and unified voice."

Lawmakers were still fighting the test when the agency announced it would scrap it. Huntsman, a Republican, said he had just signed a resolution from the Legislature opposing Divine Strake when he was notified.

The decision comes about two months after the agency released a new environmental

report, which confirmed there is radioactive material about a mile from the blast site. The report, however, found any harm would be "extremely unlikely."

Officials on Thursday said their decision to stop Divine Strake was not based on any information suggesting the test would harm workers, the public or the environment.

The blast would have been the largest in a series of experiments that relied on specific geology at the Nevada Test Site. Teguelia said the agency now will try to gather the information without the explosion.

Some lawmakers, including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Neu., sympathized with the need for tests to develop defense strategies.

But there were still many questions left unanswered, including the possible environmental effects," he said.

Residents as far away as

Idaho were concerned about potential health effects downwind of the proposed test. The state's congressional delegation had demanded a public meeting just last month to learn more about it.

"While we agree that it is important to ensure that our country's defense capabilities remain sharp, this particular test raised a number of questions," Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo and Reps. Mike Simpson and Bill Sali said in a joint statement.

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Experts: Years of isolation have made Padilla incompetent to stand trial

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Accused al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla suffers from intense stress and anxiety stemming from his isolated years in military custody and cannot adequately help his lawyers prepare for trial, two defense mental health experts testified Thursday.

Defense lawyers hope to delve more deeply into Padilla's treatment at a Navy brig in Charleston, S.C., later in the federal hearing when they are already in question about his directly involved in his custody. Those officials have never spoken publicly about the case, and the hearing will continue Monday.

"He is immobilized by his anxiety," said Patricia Zapf, a forensic psychologist who administered tests on Padilla last October. "He believes he will go back to the brig and he will die there."

The hearing before U.S.

District Judge Marcia Cooke on Padilla's competency is crucial in deciding whether he and two co-defendants will stand trial in April.



Jose Padilla

Padilla, a 35-year-old U.S. citizen, is charged with being part of a North American terrorist support cell that provided recruits and supplies to Islamic extremists around the world. All three have pleaded not guilty and face possible life imprisonment.

The Bush administration initially claimed that Padilla was an al-Qaida mission to detonate a radioactive "dirty bomb" in a major U.S. city when he was arrested in May 2002 at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. He was designated an

"enemy combatant" and was imprisoned by the military without criminal charges. But the dirty-bomb allegations are not part of the Miami case.

Padilla has claimed in court filings that he was tortured at the brig, which U.S. officials have denied. Prosecutors say he is competent for trial.

Dr. Angela Legarty, a forensic neuropsychiatrist, said she concluded after examining and testing Padilla for more than 22 hours last fall that he is mentally incompetent for trial because he has post-traumatic stress disorder. Zapf reached the same diagnosis and recommended that Padilla receive treatment.

Padilla's symptoms are most acute when he is asked to talk about his 3½ years in the brig, including interrogations techniques used on him, or to review evidence in his criminal case, including transcripts of intercepted telephone conversations, Legarty said.

Cleaning service owners charged in sweep of illegal immigrants

By James Pritchard
Associated Press writer

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — More than 200 illegal immigrants were arrested and three officials at a nationwide janitorial service face federal fraud and tax charges after an investigation of cleaning crews at a northern Michigan resort, government officials said.

The detainees — mostly Mexican nationals — who were rounded up early Thursday were working as janitors for Rosenbaum-Cunningham International Inc., or RCI, a Florida-based cleaning contractor.

RCI co-owners Richard M. Rosenbaum, 60, of Longwood, Fla., and Edward Scott Cunningham, 43, of West Palm Beach, Fla., and firm controller Christina A. Flocken, 59, also of Longwood, face criminal fraud, immigration and tax charges in a 23-count indictment unsealed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids.

"This is not a case of bad bookkeeping or skirting the rules," said Brian M. Moskowitz, special agent in charge of the Detroit office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "It involved flagrant criminal behavior."

Moskowitz said during a news conference in Grand Rapids that federal agents arrested Rosenbaum in Longwood earlier in the day. Cunningham and Flocken were expected to soon turn themselves in to federal authorities in Grand Rapids, where the case will be tried, he said.

Their practice of paying cash wages to their workers deprived the U.S. government of about \$18.6 million in employment taxes, according to the indictment.

About 203 illegal immigrants who worked for RCI were arrested and expected to be deported, Moskowitz said. Agents took them into custody at 63 business locations in 17 states and the District of Columbia.

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Smith to be buried in Bahamas alongside son

By Matt Sedinsky
Associated Press writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — For all the accusations thrown and tears shed over the fate of Anna Nicole Smith's body, the outcome of the six-day hearing hinged on the only thing no one questioned: Her love for her son.

Even some witnesses called by opponents of a Bahamas burial for the former pinup had to agree she would never leave the side of Daniel, who was buried there last year.

"She's gonna be with her son," Judge Larry Seidlin said as he sobbed. "I want them to be together."

Seidlin left the burial decision to Richard Milstein, the court-appointed guardian of Smith's 5-month-old daughter Dannielynn.

Milstein, a soft-spoken attorney, quickly announced that the former reality star would be buried in the Bahamas, but did not say when.

Outside court, Smith's companion Howard K. Stern, her estranged mother Virgie Arthur and her ex-boyfriend Larry Birkhead stood shoulder to shoulder before dozens of reporters, pledging to work together on funeral arrangements.

"It's a family affair. You guys can go home," said Krista Barth, the attorney for Stern.

It was a fleeting sign of unity. Minutes later, Arthur's attorneys said they planned an appeal.

"There is no doubt that in a lot of regards Anna Nicole wanted to be with Daniel. To say anything else is dishonest," said Arthur's attorney Tom Pirtle, who sought to bring Smith to her home state of Texas. "The question is who had a right to her body."

The judge's decision came after six intense days of hearings in which it seemed no topic was left off the table. Lawyers fought constantly, sometimes even with those on their own side.

U.S. relaxing new passport rules for children under 15

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Children will be exempt from new rules that will require travelers to show passports when entering the U.S. at land or sea borders, the Bush administration announced on Thursday.

The new passport requirements will take effect as soon as January 2008. In a change from earlier plans, children aged 15 or younger with parental consent will be allowed to cross the borders at land and sea entry points with certified copies of their birth

certificates rather than passports.

Children aged 16 through 18 traveling with school, religious, cultural or athletic groups and under adult supervision will also be allowed to travel with only their birth certificates.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff was expected to discuss the relaxation in rules at a speech in Detroit on Thursday afternoon. The department described the details in a written statement.

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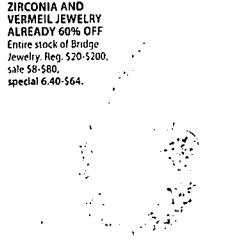
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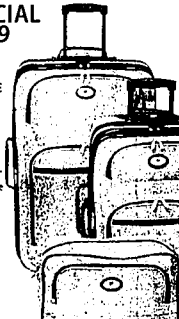
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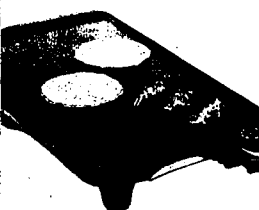
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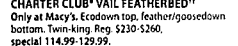
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EDITORIAL

Idaho's voting process should still require effort

Our modern lifestyle is all about convenience, so Idaho state and county officials say it's time democracy worked the same way. Idaho legislators are currently debating the merits of mail-in voting...

Our view: Greater access to the voting ballot should still require efforts by voters. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Research proves time and time again that the convenience of voting is a popular idea for states and officials. But it doesn't always translate into significantly higher voter turnout. That's one of the benefits lauded by HB 94...

The issues of legality warrant full discussion by the House State Affairs Committee, which has moved this bill back into its committee after initially passing it. Many Idahoans will agree with procedures that make voting easier...

In a nation where votes for American Idol seem a higher priority than a vote for American president, the standard that requires people to get off their feet is still valid. Civic responsibility should be easy, but it should still require an open effort.

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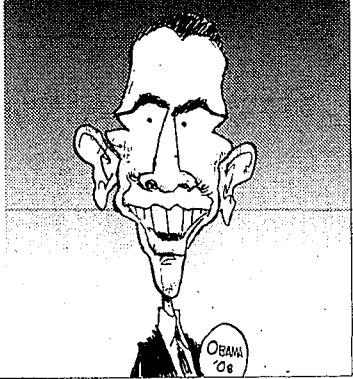
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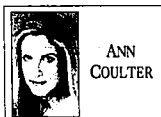


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Eloquence does little for Obama

I've caught Obama fever! Ohamamania. Ohamarama. Obama, Obama. (I just pray to God this is clean, renewable electricity I'm feeling.)



Obama made his announcement surrounded by hundreds of adoring Democratic voters. And those were just the reporters. There were about 400 more reporters at Obama's announcement than Mitt Romney...

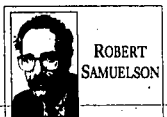
This gem: "I know that I haven't spent a lot of time learning the ways of Washington. But I've been there long enough to know that the ways of Washington must change..."

ling thoughts as: "When was the last time you really looked at the sea? Or smelled the morning? Touched a baby's hair? Really tasted and enjoyed food? Walked barefoot in the grass? Looked in the blue sky?"

Mysteries await on global currency discussion

Global finance is mysterious, exciting and sometimes reckless. A specter now haunts it — the specter of excess liquidity. Will this prove a passing anxiety or, as in 1997 and 1998 with the Asian financial crisis, will it threaten the stability of the entire global economy?

— announced more than \$10 billion in losses on so-called "subprime" home mortgages. Representing about 20 percent of new mortgages in 2006, subprime loans go to weaker borrowers with shakier credit histories...



Now, most mortgages are bundled into bond-like securities and sold to institutional investors — pension funds, endowment funds, insurance companies as well as banks. The same thing has happened to credit card debt, auto loans and business loans...

Finally, finance has gone global. In 1980, most countries (one exception: the United States) restricted or prohibited their citizens from investing abroad — and foreigners from investing in their countries...

the low interest rate policies adopted by the United States, Europe and Japan after 2000. The aim was to avert a deep recession. The Federal Reserve cut its overnight rate to 1 percent; the European Central Bank got down to 2 percent...

interest rates on Swiss franc loans have also inspired a sizable "carry trade," says Grant's Interest Rate Observer. The danger is that a sharp shift in exchange rates (either the borrowing or lending currency), or higher interest rates in the lending country, could make these appealing trades unprofitable...

LETTERS

Returning Guard members deserve our thanks

Welcome Members of the 1-183rd Aviation Battalion of the Idaho National Guard returning from an 18-month deployment in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom over the next two weekends. Many of the men and women returning are from Twin Falls and the surrounding area.

Recognize these individuals as the heroes they are. Thank them for their service as they and their families, have sacrificed much.

I invite you to display your flag in recognition of these individuals. Businesses, post their return on your reader boards to visit the troops at home. Shake their hands and be thankful for their safe return.

DAVE AND RAEDINE FRANTZ
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Dave and Raedine Frantz's son-in-law, Spec. Craig Parker of Kimberly, is a member of the 1-183rd Aviation Battalion.)

Notes in the mail won't earn much public trust

Vote by mail has some problems and security risks that we should consider before it is too late to change it. If vote by mail becomes law, ballot security will become a thing of the past. Just imagine the vulnerability your ballot faces after you put it in your mailbox to be sent back to the elections headquarters. How will you know it won't be lost or even stolen? Most people wouldn't dream of sending cash through the mail; why would they want to send their vote?

In Oregon's 2006 primary election, 29 percent of the ballots were received back on the same day. This means if a person wants to steal your vote from your mailbox and then check the riot gear they have a good chance of being able to do so, especially if your mailbox is not in a secure location. In Oregon, the political parties have resorted to sending their volunteers door-to-door offering to take the ballots in to the clerk's office.

If your signature does not

"match" the one on file to the satisfaction of the clerk, your vote will be put into a box, and will never be counted. Your vote deserves better than that the county clerks are pushing this bad idea thinking it will save a few dollars. I think that any such "savings" come at too high of a price if it cheapens our most meaningful expression of representative government.

You can make a big difference in protecting the integrity of your vote. Rep. Bert Stevenson will be making a crucial vote on this issue (H-94) next week. He has earned a seat on the powerful State Affairs committee that the bill will be heard in. He needs to hear from you! You can leave him a message at (208) 332-1000 or e-mail him at http://www.legislature.idaho.gov.

LARRY SPENCER
Spirit Lake

Make the proper safety fixes for staircases

Last week, my wife was going from our third floor to the second floor to change a light bulb that had been stolen. She thought she was on the last step but soon found out there was one more to take. The reason she found out so quickly is because she fell and twisted around in the air, landing on her arm and shoulder. This is a very serious place to have a break.

My solution is to put an area rug at the bottom of each step and on the last step a full-length horizontal reflective strip. On the second step from the bottom, I put a 1-foot piece of tape on each side and two vertical striped pieces of reflective tape in the middle. I have pictures in my office that I think will give warning to anyone who thinks they are on the last step and not myself.

I have fallen myself, and it was not concrete. Most people will have something like this happen to them in their lifetime. If anyone has any suggestions or improvements I can make that will help, please let me know. It is much better to fall up stairs than down stairs.
JACK STREETER
Mountain Home

No apology needed from Hillary

Far be it from me to get in the middle of a liberal-purist mind if I pointed out that the calls for Hillary Clinton to apologize for her support of the Iraq war are almost entirely bogus.

I mean, why are people calling for her apology actually read the speeches she delivered before the war? Have they read her remarks during the war resolution debate, when she specifically rejected a pre-emptive, unilateral attack on Saddam? Did they read the passages in which she called for a longer U.N. inspections regime and declared, "I believe international support and legitimacy are crucial?"

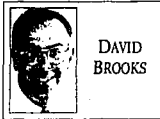
If they went back and read what Clinton was saying before the war, they'd be surprised, as I was, by her approach. And they'd learn something, as I did, about what kind of president she would make.

The Iraq war debate began in earnest in September 2002. At that point, Clinton was saying in public what Colin Powell was saying in private: emphasizing the need to work through the United Nations and build a broad coalition to enforce inspections.

She delivered her Senate resolution speech on Oct. 10. It was Clintonian in character.

On the one hand, she rejected the Bush policy of pre-emptive war. On the other hand, she also rejected the view that the international community "should only resort to force if and when the United Nations Security Council approves it." Drawing on the lessons of Bosnia, she said something the world had to act, even if the big powers couldn't agree.

She sought a third way: more U.N. resolutions, more inspections, more diplomacy, with the threat of force reserved as a last resort. She was triangulating, but the Senate resolution offered her a binary choice. She voted in favor to give Powell bipartisan leverage at the United Nations. This is how she's always



DAVID BROOKS

explained that vote, and I confess that until now, I've regarded her explanation as a transparent political dodge.

Didn't everyone know this was a war resolution? But now, having investigated her public comments, I think diplomatic leverage really was on her mind. I also know, from a third person, that she was spending a lot of time with Powell and wanted to help.

On Nov. 8, 2002, the Security Council passed a unanimous resolution threatening Saddam with "serious consequences" if he didn't disarm. The next critical period came in March 2003, as the United States battled France over the second Security Council resolution. Clinton's argument at this point was that inspections were working and should be given more time.

"It is preferable that we do

this in a peaceful manner through coercive inspection," she said on March 3, but went on, "At some point we have to be willing to uphold the United Nations resolutions." Then she added, "This is a very delicate balancing act."

On March 17, Bush gave Saddam 48 hours to disarm or face attack. Clinton tried to be critical of the Bush policy while being deferential to the office of the presidency. She clearly had doubts about Bush's timing, but she kept emphasizing that from her time in the White House, she knew how unhelpful it was for senators to be popping off in public on foreign policy.

At one press event in New York, she nodded when Rep. Charles Rangel said Bush had failed at the United Nations. But when reporters asked Clinton to repeat what Rangel had just said, she bit her tongue. On March 17, as U.S. troops mobilized, she issued her strongest statement in support of the effort.

Clinton's biggest breach with the liberal wing actually opened up later, in the fall of 2003. Most liberals went into full opposition, wanting to see Bush disgraced. Clinton

— while an early critic of the troop levels, the postwar plans and all the rest — tried to stay constructive. She wanted to see America and Iraq succeed, even if Bush was not disgraced.

When you look back at Clinton's thinking, you don't see a classic war supporter. You see a person who was trying to seek balance between opposing arguments.

You also see a person who deferred to the office of the presidency. You see a person who, as president, would be fox to Bush's hedging; who would see problems in their complexities rather than in their essentials, who would elevate procedural concerns over philosophical ones, who would postpone decision points for as long as possible and who would make distinctions few heed.

Today, the liberal wing of the Democratic Party believes that the world, and Hillary Clinton in particular, owes it an apology. If she apologizes, she'll forfeit her integrity.

She will be apologizing for being herself.

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Putin push against United States a reflection of history

Foreign policy experts are still trying to parse Vladimir Putin's weekend blast against America, which he described as a "brutish country that has overstepped its national borders in every area."

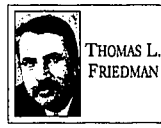
Rather than asking what exactly motivated Putin to lash out at the United States in this way, the question we should be asking is: Why do remarks like these play so well in Russia today?

I've just returned from Moscow and I can tell you what analysts there told me, what even Russian liberals reminded me of: NATO expansion.

We need to stop kidding ourselves. After the end of the Cold War and the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact in 1991, the Bush and Clinton administrations decided to build a new security alliance — an expanded NATO — and told Russia it could not be a member.

And let's not forget that the Russian was told that in the cold war the Russia of Boris Yeltsin and his liberal reformist colleagues. They warned us that this would undercut them. But the Clinton folks told us: "Don't worry, Russia is weak; Yeltsin will swallow hard and accept NATO expansion. There will be no cost."

So, Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic were invited to join NATO in 1997, and Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

and Slovenia followed in 2002. Lately, there has been talk of Ukraine and Georgia also joining.

I believe that one reason Putin, a former KGB officer and Cold Warrior, was able to come to power after Yeltsin was partly due to the negative vibes of NATO expansion.

We told Russia: Swallow your pride, it's a new world. We get to have spheres of influence and you don't — and ours will go right up to your front door.

But now that high oil and gas prices have made Russia powerful again — the gasman of Europe — Putin is showing Russia's resurgent pride right back in our face. In effect, he is saying to America: "Oh, you talk to me? You thought you could tell me that the Cold War was over and that NATO expansion was not

directed at Russia — but we couldn't be members anyway. Did you really think we were going to believe that? Well, now I'm talkin' to you. Get out of my face."

Putin was only slightly more diplomatic in his Munich remarks, where he said: "The process of NATO expansion has nothing to do with modernization of the alliance. We have the right to ask, 'Against whom is this expansion directed?' We all know the answer: It's directed against Russia. OK, fine, we were ready to embrace Russia to expand NATO, but what have we gotten out of it? The Czars may?"

For those of us who opposed NATO expansion, the point was simple: There is no major geopolitical issue, especially one like Iran, that we can resolve without Russia's help. So why not behave in a way that maximizes Russia's willingness to work with us and strengthens its democracy, rather than expanding NATO to countries that can't help us and are not threatened anymore by Russia, and whose democracies are better secured by

joining the European Union? I got an earful on this from Russians. "NATO expansion was not necessary," Vladimir Iyzhkov, one of the last liberal Duma members who is ready to openly criticize the Putin government, said to me: "In the current world, Russia is not a military danger for any neighbor. It was the wrong concept. You need another architecture."

David Brooks, who has a foreign policy news show on Russian TV, said: "NATO expansion was a message to Russia that you are on your own. Russians were unhappy. We said, 'The Cold War is over, so what is this? They are moving a military alliance toward Russia's border.'"

"At the time of NATO expansion, I was running around the world saying one thing: 'Do it, or, if you do, stop with the Baltic states, because you are losing Russia.'" Pushkov added.

"And the answer I got was 'fantastic.' What can Russia do? What measures can you take?" I said, "We can't take any measures, you are losing an ally. Because there is a deep tectonic shift in the Russian psyche that says, 'These guys are about exploiting Russia's weakness. They don't want it as an ally, but as a junior partner that will be like a little dog doing whatever they say.'"

I'm not here to defend an iron-fisted autocrat like

Putin. But history is prologue. The fact is, we helped to create a mood in Russia hospitable to a conservative Cold Warrior like Putin by forcing NATO on a liberal democracy like Yeltsin.

It was a bad decision, one that keeps on giving, just when we need to be getting Russia's help, we're getting its revenge.

Thomas L. Friedman is a columnist for The New York Times.

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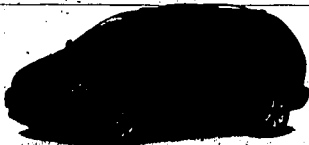
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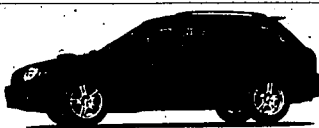
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Area grapplers grasp for championship bracket

By **Times-News writer**

POCATELLO — Standing between Twin Falls junior grappler Grayson Stone and the rest of the Class 3A championship bracket is a familiar foe.

After defeating Valliuve's Alex Arguello via pin at the 2-minute, 40-second mark during the first round of the state wrestling tournament at Holt Arena in Pocatello on Thursday, Stone will once again face Matt Cox, the Idaho Falls senior that he has battled twice this year.

"It was nice and easy, just like I like it," Stone said of the 160-pound opening round. But he admitted that Friday morning's showdown won't be as easy.

"It'll be a grudge match."

Stone and Cox met at a triangular hosted by the Bruins on Feb. 3, with

Results from Day 1 of the state wrestling tournament
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Stone walking away with a pin.

Also advancing for the Bruins were Chance Requa (145), Brent Martinez (171) and Chris Marquez (285).

Class 4A

With eight of their 16 qualifiers advancing to the championship bracket, the Minico Spartans are making a run at defending the 2006 team title. Unfortunately for the Spartans, Brady Cooper did not survive the first round, and he will be unable to follow up the graduated Wes Cooper with his own championship. He can still place, with third being the highest rung available.

The Jerome Tigers advanced four

grapplers to the championship round, while Burley and Wood River send only one apiece.

"We knew it would be tough," Burley head coach Clint Milliron said. "I thought three or four would go on."

For all those who lost the opening match, they can still compete for third through sixth places.

Class 3A

True to form, Declo and Kimberly are sending five wrestlers each to the championship bracket. Two-time champion Golden Zollinger (135) is on his way to putting Declo in the record book, pinning Kanton Buell of St. Maries in 52 seconds.

Kimberly's Chris Moody (119) did the same job just 10 seconds faster in his opening-round match against



Burley's Nathan Broadhead, right, tries to escape from the hold of Manpa's Kaden Thronson during their Class 4A 130-pound match in the opening round of the Idaho State Wrestling Championships Thursday afternoon at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Burley boys claim GBC title

By **Ryan Howe**
For the Times-News

BURLEY — It had been two months to the day since Burley had lost a game.

Century hoped that would be an omen going into Thursday's District IV-V Great Basin Conference title game. Instead, the Band of Brothers kept rolling with a 66-53 victory.

The win over Century earned the Bobcats a higher seed heading into next week's Class 3A state tournament in Boise. Burley will play the third-place team out of the Boise area.

"It's do-or-die from here on out," said Burley junior Colton Moon, who scored 11 points. "Our goal is to win that state championship. Everybody wants it, so we're going to leave everything on the court every game."

The last time Burley lost was Dec. 22, a two-point downer to Preston. Since then, Burley has rolled over opponents, beating them by an average of 15.4 per victory.

"We are a pretty good team, but I'm more proud of the kids' effort and hard work," said Burley coach Jack Bagley. "These guys don't quit. They're relentless on both the offensive and defensive end. That's what makes it so fun to coach them — I don't have to motivate them much. They motivate themselves."

If Burley (23-1) wins the state championship, it will mark just the sixth time in the history of high school athletics in Idaho that a girls and a boys team from the same school earned state titles.

After Burley led by 12 in the first quarter, the Diamondbacks came slithering back, chipping away at the Bobcats' lead until Daniel Spicer's 3-pointer gave Century the 26-25 lead.

The teams went into the locker room tied 30-30 at halftime.

"We talked in the locker room that Century has played three games in a row (in the past week), so we figured they would probably be tired," said Burley senior Casey Miller, who netted 10 points. "We wanted to run them and get in transition a little."

Burley's fresh legs served it well in the third quarter as the Bobcats scored six quick points. Century never got back on track after halftime, with standout forward Kyle Miller-Whaley scoring all of his 15 points in the first half.

"We thought the third quarter was going to be one of the toughest quarters," said Burley junior Ben Searle, who scored a game-high 17 points. "We knew we had to come out and play tough and physical against them. We played hard and set the tone."

Burley's lead hovered around 20 in the fourth quarter. Century made the final score more respectable with a late charge when no Burley starters were on the floor.



Burley's Brad Carella (24) goes up for a shot against Century's Kyle Miller-Whaley (30) in the Bobcats' 66-53 win over the Diamondbacks in the Great Basin Conference title game Thursday at Burley High School.

Third-place game
Preston 62, Jerome 46

BURLEY — The Jerome Tigers season came to an end with a 62-46 loss to the Preston Indians in the Great Basin Conference third-

place game on Thursday.

The Tigers (15-11) got 15 points from senior David Prescott and sophomore post Kevin Williams also scored 15. But Preston used a 20-9 edge in the second quarter to build a 44-

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Pilots finally return to state

By **John Derr**
Times-News writer

GLENN'S FERRY — Twenty-one years is a long time.

That's how long it has been since Glenn's Ferry boys basketball team has been to the state tournament.

That streak finally ended Thursday as the Pilots overcame an early deficit to defeat the Valley Vikings 66-56 in the championship game of the Canyon Conference tournament.

"We wanted to give this to the community," said Cody Darrington, who tossed in a game-high 21 points. "It was a lot of teamwork, practice and dedication."

Valley, which entered districts as the third seed, made it interesting, leading Richfield inside District IV title game.

Mike Dehoney both knocked down 3-pointers.

That was before Darrington got underway.

The senior nailed three shots from beyond the arc late in the first period and converted inside putting the Pilots up by seven after one quarter.

"We finally woke up. I had lots of good looks and my teammates kicked it out to me," said Darrington.

Jesus Rodriguez opened the second with another trey as the lead grew to double digits.

As for Rodriguez, who chipped in 16 points, he is just happy to be on the court.

"I was injured last season, I am glad I got to play," he said. "It has been a long time. It is exciting to finally go."

The Vikings pulled within seven as Dehoney fed Juan Zambrano off the fast break for a bucket then finished another off himself.

But the Pilots charged ahead again. Michael Crane, Darrington and Tanner Shrum all scored inside as Glenn's Ferry went on a 12-0 run. Dehoney connected on his second 3-pointer at the buzzer, but the Pilots led 39-23 at the half.

Kincaid, who scored 15 points, kept the Vikings hopes alive in the third as chipping in another 3-pointer. Valley's defense also kept the Pilots off the board for over five minutes of the quarter.

Another 3-pointer by Dehoney and the deficit was down to eight points midway through the first half.

It was a seven-point game late before Darrington hit a pair of free throws and drained his fourth trey of the night for the 48-37 lead heading into the final period.

The Vikings kept battling, but each time they

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CSI BASKETBALL

CSI vs. Snow: Showdown for first

Eagles need SWAC split to maintain lead

By **Eric Larsen**
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's time to end the drama.

The No. 6 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team's regular season comes down to just what the Golden Eagles do over the next 48 hours in Ephraim, Utah.

With a two-game Scenic West Athletic Conference lead over this weekend's host Snow College Badgers, all the Golden Eagles need is one win to lock up the conference title and the right to host the Region 18 Tournament, held in two weeks of course, getting one win in Ephraim isn't an easy task. Since the 2001-02 season,

Eagle Eyes

Tonight: No. 6 CSI (23-3, 13-3 SWAC) at Snow College (19-7, 11-5 SWAC), Ephraim, Utah, 7:30 p.m.

Last time they met: The Golden Eagles swept the Badgers 118-85 and 76-72 earlier this season in Twin Falls.

On the horizon: The Golden Eagles and Badgers meet again Saturday night. CSI finishes its regular-season schedule with next Friday and Saturday's home series against the College of Eastern Utah.

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

The CSI men have posted a 2-5 record against the Badgers in Ephraim.

The major reason, the 19-7 Badgers are so hard to beat in Ephraim, or anywhere else for

CSI season leaders (SWAC minimums apply): Points per game — Kevin Davis 17.3, Brad Garrett 16.7. Rebounds per game — Juan Patisio 7.6, Brandon Stores 7.0. Assists per game — Adis DeLeon 4.4, Reggie Gayton 4.2. Steals per game — Kevin Davis 2.5, DeCarius Riley 2.4. Blocks per game — Patisio 1.2. Stores 1.2. Field goal percentage — Patisio .570 (126-221), Stores .538 (126-234), 3-point percentage — Davis .439 (38-82), Garrett .398 (70-176), Free-throw percentage — Davis .738 (48-65), Patisio .707 (65-92).

that matter, is how well Roger Reid's controlled team executes every aspect of its game. The Badgers are hitting a

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CSI women need two at Snow

Golden Eagles will play without Brittany Moore

By **Eric Larsen**
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They likely can't gain any ground, but the Golden Eagles certainly can't afford to lose any, either.

With Scenic West Athletic Conference-leading Salt Lake Community College at regional doormat Colorado Northwestern Community College this weekend, there's little hope that even a sweep over host Snow College will help the No. 17 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team in the conference standings.

However, with a rejuvenated North Idaho College team

Eagle Eyes

Tonight: No. 17 CSI (21-5, 12-4 SWAC) at Snow College (12-14, 5-11 SWAC), Ephraim, Utah, 5:30 p.m.

Last time they met: The Golden Eagles swept the Badgers in a two-game SWAC earlier this season in Twin Falls, winning 69-52 and 80-69 in overtime.

On the horizon: After CSI and Snow meet for the last time during the regular season on Saturday, CSI finishes up its regular-season schedule next Friday and Saturday, hosting the College of Eastern Utah.

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

CSI season leaders (SWAC minimums apply): Points per

game — Mana Moore 15.6. Steals — Moore 12.1. Rebounds per game — M. Moore 6.6, Ashley Thompson 6.0. Assists per game — M. Moore 3.9, B. Moore 3.2. Steals per game — M. Moore 2.9, A. Thompson 1.8. Blocks per game — Eva Ivanova 1.1. Anita Burdick 1.0. Field goal percentage — Burdick .464 (154-346), 3-point percentage — M. Moore .370 (34-92), B. Moore .345 (50-145). Free-throw percentage — Amy Bravford 75.0 (57-76), Kail Hess .776 (38-49).

* does not meet SWAC minimums.

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Golden Eagles softball opens SWAC schedule today

CSI plays four at Southern Nevada

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Call it a battle of the up-and-comers. Only three weekends removed from playing its first NJCAA Division I game, the College of Southern Idaho softball team starts its Scenic West Athletic Conference schedule today in Henderson, Nev., taking on the host Community College of Southern Nevada for a four-game conference series over today and Saturday. At 5-11, the Golden Eagles are looking to prove they can compete in the SWAC ranks, while the Coyotes will look to do much the same after last year's dismal 10-34 record.

CSI will look to put the memory of its worst showing of the season well behind this weekend. After going 0-3 last Saturday at the Snow College Invitational, the Golden Eagles will look to rebound strong and shake off the inconsistent fielding that has plagued them on the early season. This young CSI team has committed



College of Southern Idaho pitcher Lance Bowman pitches during a game earlier this month in Nampa. The Golden Eagles open conference play today at Southern Nevada.

43 errors over its first 16 games, which has translated into a slew of extra opportunities for CSI's opponents. While the CSI pitching staff has posted a solid 3.72 ERA on the season, allowing 53 earned runs in 99.2 innings pitched, those CSI errors have led to an extra 48 runs, allowing opponents to score 6.3 runs per game.

While the Golden Eagles will be intent on tightening up their defense for the SWAC schedule, the CSI bats will look to continue to surge. Rochelle Noren and All Spear have been potent plate-setters for the Golden Eagles, as both are averaging above .340 on the season. The duo has combined to score 16 runs and steal

Today: CSI (5-11, 0-0 SWAC) at Community College of Southern Nevada (4-2, 0-0 SWAC), Henderson, Nev., DH, 1 p.m.
On the horizon: The Golden Eagles and Coyotes meet for a noon doubleheader Saturday. CSI hosts its SWAC home opener next Friday and Saturday against Salt Lake Community College.
CSI season leaders
Batting: Average - Rochelle Noren .378, All Spear .341. RBI - Jelene Williams 9.

Eagle Eyes
Staphanie Holmes 9. Runs - Williams 11. Spear 8. 2B - Williams 4. Spear, Holmes 3. 3B - Williams, Rachel Evans, Katelyn Warren 2. HR - Williams, Holmes 2. SB - Spear 5, Williams 3. Pitching: Record - Holmes 3.2, Destina Thomson 1.3. SV - Thomson, Jody Ziller, Tracy Bowman 1. ERA - Thomson 3.06, Holmes 3.62. SO - Holmes 27, Thomson 23. Opponent's average - Holmes .261, Thomson .271.

six bases, while sophomore Jelene Williams has proven she can be a big-time run producer for CSI. Williams is hitting .261 with nine RBIs and 11 runs scored, and hitting for a team-high .565 slugging percentage, thanks to two home runs, two triples and four doubles, which are all team-highs or tied for the team lead.

The Golden Eagles are hitting a collective .241 on the season, up from around the .220 mark during the first week of the season. The CSI bats will need to be effective this weekend to keep pace with CCSN head coach Ysidro Imling's offensive attack. Maritza Espinoza leads the Coyotes charge, hitting .563 with one home

run and four RBIs for 4-2 CCSN. Returning All-Region 1B First Team member Megan Nicman is averaging .389 with six runs scored, while the CCSN pitching duo of Somer Flores and Kelly Griego has also been solid in the initial stages of the season.

With CSI's home opener against No. 26 Salt Lake Community College looming next week, it will be crucial for the Golden Eagles to gun for at least a split with the Coyotes, giving them sound early positioning in the race for a conference championship. The Golden Eagles and Coyotes are set for a 1 p.m. first pitch today, while tomorrow's doubleheader is slated for a noon start.

CSI baseball looks to snub Salt Lake

6-3 Golden Eagles out for respect

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It has to be considered a snubbing. After last year's 41-19 season and second-place finish in the Region 1B Tournament, the College of Southern Idaho baseball team fully expected to be ranked among the nation's top 30 NJCAA Division I teams in the division's annual preseason poll.

Not only did that not happen, but poll voters seemingly forgot about the team from Twin Falls that finished with a No. 14 ranking last season, as CSI didn't even garner a single vote. With the first regular-season poll due out on March 21, the 6-3 Golden Eagles are going about the business of making people recognize them.

The next step in that pursuit takes place today as CSI opens its Scenic West Athletic Conference schedule against the 5-5 Salt Lake Community College Bruins for a 1 p.m. doubleheader at Skip Walker Field. While the records can usually be thrown out when these two teams meet, the Golden Eagles look poised to establish early SWAC dominance during this four-game series. That, as always, will start with a CSI pitching staff that squares off against a solid SLCC staff led by returning All-Region 1B Second Team member B.J. Ferguson.

There might not be a better pitching staff in the league than what CSI boasts, but the Bruins certainly have the talent to make life tough on the CSI batters. Ferguson is already 2-0 in three starts this season, while fellow starters Tyson Ford, Daniel Workman and Chad Ellis have been solid. The Bruins are led at the plate by sophomore shortstop Tyson Gonzalez, a player that gave CSI its last season. Gonzalez is hitting .370 with four RBIs and eight runs scored on the season, while freshman Kasey Carling is hitting .333 with one home run and a team-high eight RBIs. Sophomore transfer Craig Lanzarotta (College of Eastern Utah) and Leonard Zalopany (Central Arizona College) are both hitting .333 and give the Bruins a load of experience at the plate.

While the Bruins have put up a sound .273 team batting average, the Golden Eagles bats have sizzled during cold-weather ball. CSI's hitting

Eagle Eyes
Today: CSI (6-3, 0-0 SWAC) vs. Salt Lake Community College (5-5, 0-0 SWAC), Skip Walker Field, DH, 1 p.m.
Last time they met: The two teams split a four-game SWAC series in Salt Lake City during 2006 regular-season SWAC play.
On the horizon: The Golden Eagles and Bruins play a noon doubleheader Saturday. CSI is back in action next Friday and Saturday, taking on Western Nevada Community College in Carson City, Nev.
CSI season leaders
Batting: Average - Grant Kveder .412, Tony Altavilla .400, RBI - Brad Mady, Jeff Kutton 7. Runs - HR Gumeson 12, Kveder 10. 2B - Altavilla 5, Gumeson 3. 3B - Kveder 4, Altavilla, Gumeson 1. HR - Gumeson 1. SB - Gumeson 4, Kveder 3.
Pitching: Record - Jordan Latham 2.0, four at 1.0, ERA - Latham 0.00 (13 IP), Mike McLaren 0.00 (5 IP), SO - James Wallace 16; Latham 10.
Opponent's average - Justin Smith .000, Wallace .094.

collective .312, with SWAC-leading hitter Grant Kveder pacing the team. Kveder is hitting .412 on the season with 10 runs scored, and has been burning up the base paths to the tune of four triples and three stolen bases. Second baseman Tony Altavilla has also started the season strong, hitting .400 with four RBIs and six runs scored. The CSI lineup has shown it can be dangerous at every spot, but has struggled at times with moving runners around the bags once they get on. Head coach Beomer Walker will look for improved execution as his team switches back to the wood bats after swinging the aluminum during last week's tournament play.

CSI sophomore Jordan Latham has thrived during his first two starts as a Golden Eagle, putting up a 2-0 record and 0.00 ERA. Fellow sophomores James Wallace and Adam Urnberg have found the early going a bit rockier this season, but will look to find their form this weekend. With back-to-back road swings at Western Nevada Community College and Colorado Northwestern Community College, the Golden Eagles will be looking to earn an early SWAC lead with a strong showing this weekend.

Today's first pitch is slated for 1 p.m., while doubleheader action is slated to resume at noon on Saturday.



College of Southern Idaho sophomore Grant Kveder fields the ball during a practice earlier this season.

would have the tie-breaker. Of course, if CSI can sweep Snow, the race to host regionals is over, regardless of what the Golden Eagles do next weekend at home against the College of Eastern Utah. If the Badgers can pull off the sweep this weekend, it's anyone's guess as to how the race to the playoffs will play out during the season's final week.

CSI will work on ending all the late-season drama starting at 7:30 p.m. tonight. The games will be broadcast live on 1270 AM KTFH.

College of Southern Idaho guard Reggie Guyton looks to snap against Colorado Northwestern Community College Feb. 9. The CSI men visit second-place Snow College today and Saturday.

Women

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place CSI in the SWAC standings, any slip-up against the Badgers could be costly. The Golden Eagles enter this weekend's SWAC series in Ephraim, Utah, without their No. 2 scorer, facing questions about how they will play against a team they've already beaten twice this year, though less than convincingly.

The big question head coach Randy Rogers' team must answer is just how it will adjust to the loss of sophomore shooting guard Brittany Moore, who is out with a dislocated left ankle suffered in last Saturday's 80-57 loss at SLCC. Without Moore's 12.1 points and 3.2 assists per game, other CSI players will have to absorb some of the now vacant scoring and playmaking duties. Against a 12-14 Bruins team, Rogers will look to sophomores Amy Binstvad, Alexis Tucker and Ashley Thompson to elevate their games, while Kali Hess, Maylene Ornelas and Daltaysia Kennedy will likely see expanded roles in the CSI backcourt.

The second question concerns just how well the 21-5 Golden Eagles decide to play against the Badgers. CSI is clearly the superior team in both record and talent, but defeated Snow 69-52 earlier this season despite shooting a woeful 27 percent from the field. The Golden Eagles backed that performance up by beating the Badgers 80-69 in a game in which CSI didn't really look like itself until rattling off a 17-6 overtime advantage for the win.

The Badgers' offensive attack won't strike fear in any opponent this late in the season, but Snow is a pesky team that can hang in any game. It's allowed to. Leading scorer Lindsay Wilson is averaging only 9.8 points per game, but Kim Gambelin and Krista Allen have already shown that they can get it done against CSI. That trio will have to be contained to their scoring averages this weekend if CSI expects to walk away with the pair of convincing wins it may need to boost its own confidence level this weekend.

If leading scorer Maria Moore can pick up her game and dictate the pace of this weekend's contests, the Golden Eagles still have an outside chance at winning the regular-season SWAC title. The Golden Eagles will need to sweep the final four games of the regular season and hope that the addition of a healthy Simone Jordan and Paige McGowan is enough to vault NIC 333 Salt Lake next weekend.

The Golden Eagles and Badgers are set to tip tonight's game at 5:30 p.m. The game will be broadcast live on 1270 AM KTFH.

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SWAC-best 533 from the field while holding opponents to only 69.5 points per game. The Badgers do a terrific job of ball inside for high-percentage scoring opportunities and controlling their opposition's rebounding opportunities by boxing as well as any team in the nation. Snow's game is all streak and no style, as the Badgers do a terrific job of staff for fundamental team basketball.

The problem the Badgers have in matching up with the 23-3 Golden Eagles is the great disparity in the teams' relative athleticism. Snow will need leading scorer Geoff Payne to score well above his 21.7 points-per-game average to offset the advantage CSI has both in the post and on the wing. The Badgers don't have a one-on-one answer for

CSI's big men Brandon Stores, Kevin Ford or Art Parakhoski. While Badgers point guard Jake Peterson is very good at running his team, he can't match the pure speed of Adria DeLeon or the court presence of Reggie Guyton.

Peterson, Payne and reserve Rick Roberts are the only Snow players to score in double figures against CSI this season, so limiting their production will be important this weekend. If the Golden Eagles can be tougher on the boards than the Badgers, they'll likely be able to minimize some of the second-chance points Payne can kill a team with.

If the Golden Eagles pick up a split this season, it will mean they will hold a 3-1 record over the Badgers for the season. In the case that the two teams tie at the SWAC regular-season standings, CSI



Photo from the photo

SPORTS

NBA TRADE DEADLINE

Kidd stays, and so do the other big names

NEW YORK (AP) — Jason Kidd and Vince Carter stayed put. Same with Pau Gasol and Mike Bibby.

Trade deadline day in the NBA was all but almost no action.

There were three minor deals Thursday involving four players, and even the guys who were expected to make moves were surprised so little happened.

There was so much speculation, so many things going on regarding some pretty high profile players, for none of it to come to fruition is a little surprising for me.

New Jersey president Rod Thorn said, "But historically, 98 percent that might be talked about of a serious nature never gets done at this time of year, for whatever reason."

Thorn held on to All-Stars Kidd and Carter, who were frequently mentioned in trade speculation.

The slumping Los Angeles Lakers were trying to land Kidd, who sounded resigned to a deal in the last few days.

"I sounded like there were deals

that were on the table as late as noon today," Colangelo said. "Why they didn't happen, I can't tell you."

Cleveland was hoping to make one falling out. Success came in acquiring point guard Mike Bibby.

"My job is to figure out how we can have sustainable success for it this year, but have sustainable success," Cavs GM Danny Ferry said.

The Cavs may not need a deal, anyway. They entered Thursday with the second-best record in the East, and are one of a number of teams who have to like their chances better now that the Miami-Heat deal is without Dwyane Wade for a while.

"I didn't get involved in any trade talks and none of my teammates did either. Whatever happened, happened," James said.

Wade's injury Wednesday night may have made a team such as New Jersey think twice about making a move.

He went down with a dislocated left shoulder, an injury that could leave the Heat without the NBA's MVP for quite some time.

Miami is eighth in the East, with no guarantee of a playoff spot if Wade has an extended absence.

"You look at the landscape and it is exactly where it was yesterday with one big exception: I think Miami is probably reacting after the injury to Dwyane," Colangelo said.

"You hate to see that, but it will affect the playoff race. Everyone else is largely the same."

Heat's Wade considers surgery

Dislocated shoulder could end season for Miami star

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade is considering season-ending surgery to repair his dislocated left shoulder, which would be the biggest loss yet for the Miami Heat during their rocky reign as NBA champions.

The All-Star guard was hurt in the fourth quarter of Wednesday night's 112-102 loss at Houston.

Wade is presently weighing his treatment options provided to him by the Heat medical staff, the team said in a statement.

"Wade is still needs to discuss these options with his family and Heat president and head coach Pat Riley, and will then decide what course of action to take."

Regardless of the decision, the Heat's bid to repeat was further weakened. They may hard-pressed merely to make the playoffs.

The injury stung especially hard because it came in the first game in which Wade, Riley and Shaquille O'Neal have been together since mid-November.

Plagued by health issues much of the season, the Heat had won seven of eight games to reach 500, their best record since they were 3-3, and appeared ready to surge into the playoffs.

Instead, they went into Thursday's NBA finals rematch at Dallas missing their leading scorer and five games behind Washington in the Southeast Division with 29 to play.

Miami had the eighth-best record in the East and was 2 1/2 games out of ninth place.

The top eight teams in the conference qualify for the postseason. Only once since 1970 has the defending NBA champion failed to make the playoffs — Chicago in 1999.

"You don't know how this whole thing is going to play out," Riley said. "We'll have to play with a sense of urgency."

O'Neal said he's not yet projecting playoff seedings, but in Wade's absence, he said it's time for him to become more active.



Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade is helped from the floor by trainer Ron Culp as coach Pat Riley looks on Wednesday in Houston. Wade is considering season-ending surgery to repair a dislocated left shoulder.

"I'm going to start playing really aggressive," he said. "Hopefully I'll get more looks and get more touches and be able to keep everyone involved."

O'Neal, who turns 35 next month, is still rounding into form after returning Jan. 24 from knee surgery. He had 20 points and 16 rebounds in 27 minutes Wednesday.

"If we can get Shaq to play the way he did tonight, we will be in pretty good shape," Riley said.

"We have to keep the big fellow going," forward James Posey said. Even with O'Neal as another option on offense, Wade leaves a huge void.

The MVP of last season's NBA finals is third in the league in scoring with an average of 28.9 points.

"He's the one I look to take shots," center Lonzo Mourning said. "Guys are going to take up the slack."

"We've got guys in here who have been in those roles before, so when our number is called, we've got to produce, plain and simple. We've got to do everything a little bit better now."

Wade was on defense when his left arm collided with Houston's Shane Battler and awkwardly stretched back.

Wade walked off the court hunched over in pain and sat on the bench in tears as his shoulder was examined. He then left in a wheelchair and went to a hospital by ambulance.

James, Cavs fall to Bulls

CLEVELAND — Luol Deng scored 18 points and Ben Wallace had 19 rebounds and two huge free throws in the final minutes to lead the Chicago Bulls to an 84-78 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday night.

Wallace added 14 points as the Bulls snapped a six-game losing streak in Cleveland and improved to 9-2 in the Central Division.

LeBron James scored 25 points and Larry Hughes had 20 for Cleveland.

Wizards 109, Kings 106 WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas scored 30 of his 43 points in the first half and Washington blew a 17-point fourth-quarter lead and survived a video review at the buzzer to beat Sacramento.

With 0.7 seconds remaining, John Salmons took a long inbound pass and made a turnaround jump shot at the 3-point arc. Officials initially ruled it a good 2-point basket, but replay showed it to be a 3 that was released just after the clock hit 0.0.

Mavericks 112, Heat 100 DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points and 11 rebounds and the Mavericks took advantage of Dwyane Wade's absence to beat Miami for their 10th straight win.

Shaquille O'Neal had 17 points and eight rebounds for the Heat.

Battler and awkwardly stretched back. Wade walked off the court hunched over in pain and sat on the bench in tears as his shoulder was examined.

Rookie leads Fields Open KAPOLEI, Hawaii — Without much fanfare or a single sponsor on her cap, rookie Angela Park shot a 6-under 66 in windy conditions Thursday to take the Fields Open.

Megan Francella survived a triple bogey to open with a 68, and South Korea's Jeong Ja-ha and Joe Young Lee shot 69s. Morgan Pressel, Se Ri Pak, Nicole Perrot and Song-Hie Kim were still on the course at a 3-ender.

Mayakoba Golf Classic PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico — Fred Funk shot an 8-under 62 to take a two-stroke lead in the Mayakoba Golf Classic, the first PGA Tour event in Mexico.

Cameron Beckman was two shots behind at 64 along with George McNeill, John Merrick and Bob Weckley. Five others were three shots back at 65, and Mexico's Esteban Toledo was among those at 66.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Woods wins easy, and his road to title looks easier

MARANA, Ariz. — One by one, the biggest names headed for the airport Thursday until Tiger Woods was the only player among the top eight seeds still hanging at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Phil Mickelson had designs on a comeback but Justin Rose scrambled backward out of the desert and made a 30-foot par putt to halve the 15th hole, leaving Furyk looking like a batter frozen by a 3-2 curve that dropped over the plate.

Jim Furyk backed off a 7-foot birdie putt three times and still went wide left, losing on the 19th hole to Chad Campbell. Vijay Singh celebrated his 44th birthday with birdies on his last two holes to extend his match, then missed a 6-foot birdie on the 19th hole and lost to Stephen Ames.

Woods had an easy time against Tim Clark. And suddenly, his path to an eighth straight PGA Tour victory looks a whole lot easier.



Tiger Woods follows through with his tee shot on the fourth hole during his second-round match against Tim Clark at the 2007 Golf Championships in Marana, Ariz. Thursday.

Boise State's Petersen gets new contract

BOISE (AP) — Boise State coach Chris Petersen will be a millionaire if he leads the Broncos to another undefeated season.

Not bad for someone with just one season as a head coach. Petersen received a new contract Thursday that will total \$11 million if he guides his team to another perfect campaign.

Last season, Boise State went 13-0 and was the only Division I program to finish undefeated. Capping the season was the Broncos' 43-42 overtime win against Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

Petersen's new five-year, \$4.25 million deal — a raise for Boise State — still lags behind coaches at other major colleges, but athletic director Gene Blyemeyer called it "a reward for a phenomenal season."

"I'd just like to say how proud and humbled and appreciative I am," Petersen said during a news conference. "I'm just truly honored to be here."

Blyemeyer and school president Bob Kusma started negotiating with Petersen after the Fiesta Bowl, aware that larger schools might try to lure him away.

The Broncos were ranked No. 5 in the final Associated Press poll. Under the contract, Petersen will receive a base salary of \$850,000 a year, plus an additional \$161,500 if the Broncos win 12 games.

The contract was to have been even larger, but Petersen asked that more money be given to his assistant coaches, who already received 20 percent raises.

Coaches are the most competitive, aggressive, challenge-seeking individuals out there," Petersen said. "These guys were more than

generous, and the big thing for me was making sure the assistant coaches were taken care of as well."

Blyemeyer said keeping the coaching staff intact was a priority for the school, which put together the package it could reward the team.

"We wanted them to know that we appreciate that, and that we want them to stick around," he said. "We feel like we can afford this, and it's the right thing to do."

Mickelson two-putted for par. He figured the match would be all square. Rose's putt dropped on the final turn, and everything changed.

"I looked like all I had to do was make par and the match would be even," Mickelson said. "That hurt the most."

His plan was to hit first on the par-3 16th to the middle of the green, away from what he called a "carnival" pin cut atop a slope that fed off the green in two directions.

Rose did the honors and Mickelson felt he had to go after the flag. His 9-iron was about 10 feet long, enough to tumble off the green.

His next-to-impossible chip hit the hole, but trickled off the front of the green. His 2-foot par putt caught the lip and stayed out. And when Mickelson failed to birdie the par-5 17th, he removed his visor and conceded the match.

It was the first time in five years he failed to get to the third round.

Why not play it safe on the 16th and take his chances on the final two holes? "The 17th was a hole we both would probably birdie," Mickelson said. "And I didn't want to leave it up to 18."

Instead he was leaving with Furyk. Memphis beat Rice and clinch its second-straight Conference USA title.

Loyola of Chicago 75, No. 15 Butler 71 INDIANAPOLIS — Blake Schiltz scored 28 points. Tracy Robinson hit five free throws in the final 35 seconds and Loyola of Chicago held off Butler for its first victory over a ranked opponent in 21 years.

No. 18 Duke 71, Clemson 66 CLEMSON, S.C. — Jon Scheyer scored 18 points to help Duke with its 21st straight over Clemson — without any late help with the game clock.

New Mexico St. 76, Utah St. 73 LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Justin Hawkins scored 23 points, including a crucial pair of free throws late in the game, as New Mexico State held on for a 76-73 win over Utah State.

Broncos slam San Jose State

BOISE — The Boise State Broncos men's basketball team had little problem improving to 16-10 on the season, defeating visiting San Jose State 83-64 Thursday night at Taco Bell Arena in Boise.

Broncos guard Eric Lane paced BSU with 22 points, while former College of Southern Idaho standout Reggie Larry summed up in 16 points, grabbed six rebounds and blocked five shots.

Boise (8-5 Western Athletic Conference) set a school record with 12 blocks. San Jose State falls to 4-23 and 3-11 overall.

No. 11 Nevada 84, Idaho 68 MOSCOW — Nick Fazekas scored 21 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to help No. 11 Nevada beat Idaho 84-68 on Thursday night.

Idaho (13-24, 1-13 WAC) lost its 10th straight, continuing one of the worst seasons in team history. Keoni Watson led the Vandals with 27 points.

No. 7 Memphis 99, Rice 63 MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Willie Kemp scored 20 points to help No. 7

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

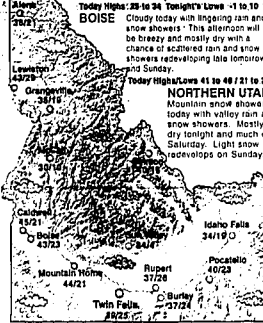
Today: Morning snow showers, then becoming mostly dry with increasing daytime winds. Highs in the upper 30s
 Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy skies, mostly dry and breezy. Lows in the middle 20s
 Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy skies. A chance of late snow showers exists. Highs low 40s

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Snow showers and flurries, especially through midday
 Highs in the upper 30s and breezy
 Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy skies and mostly dry. Lows in the lower to middle 20s
 Tomorrow: Turning cloudy with a developing chance of late snow showers and flurries. Highs low 40s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Light snow moderates snow showers will continue for much of today with small new accumulations of snow. Scattered snow showers are possible Saturday with a better chance of snow on Sunday
 Twin Falls: 28 to 36 Tonight's Lows -1 to 10
 Boise: Cloudy today with lingering rain and snow showers. This afternoon will be breezy and mostly dry with a chance of scattered rain and snow showers redeveloping late tomorrow and Sunday



Weather key: An hour of cloud cover by the heavy snow has been 25 to 30 inches. The heavy clouds are very dry and mostly cloudy rain. An hour of snow has been 2 to 3 inches.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it!"
 -John Ruskin

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Early snow, then mostly dry and windy	Breezy and partly to mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, a few late snow showers	Possible rain and snow showers	Scattered rain and snow showers	Colder, chance of light snow
High 39		41 / 28	41 / 27	45 / 31	39 / 27

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 42 Low: 24 Today's High: 39 Low: 24	Yesterday's: 0.00" Today's: 0.00"	Yesterday's: 61% Today's: 61%	Yesterday's: 30.2 Today's: 30.2	Today's: 7:22 AM Sunset: 6:20 PM
Record High: 81 in 1991 Record Low: -19 in 1991	Normal Month to Date: 0.78" YTD to Date: 0.00"	Today's Maximum: 39% Today's Minimum: 57%	A "Normal" year from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	Yesterday's: 7:25 AM Sunset: 6:21 PM

Moon Phases



Moonrise and Moonset

Today: 6:58 AM	Tomorrow: 7:10 AM	Monday: 7:22 AM	Tuesday: 7:34 AM
Today: 6:58 AM	Tomorrow: 6:58 AM	Monday: 6:58 AM	Tuesday: 6:58 AM

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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
Boise	33-45	34-46	35-47
Burley	32-44	33-45	34-46
Idaho Falls	31-43	32-44	33-45
Rupert	30-42	31-43	32-44
Twin Falls	29-41	30-42	31-43

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
Atlanta	50-60	51-61	52-62
Chicago	38-48	39-49	40-50
Denver	35-45	36-46	37-47
Houston	65-75	66-76	67-77
Los Angeles	60-70	61-71	62-72

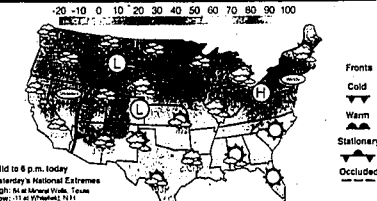
WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
London	45-55	46-56	47-57
Paris	40-50	41-51	42-52
Tokyo	55-65	56-66	57-67
Sydney	65-75	66-76	67-77

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
Ottawa	35-45	36-46	37-47
Toronto	30-40	31-41	32-42
Vancouver	45-55	46-56	47-57

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Another busy day at Red Sox camp, Schilling headed for free agency

NEW YORK (AP) — Curt Schilling is headed for free agency. Daisuke Matsuzaka is on a rigorous regimen and Manny Ramirez plans to skip that camp.
 Just another busy day at Boston Red Sox camp.
 After the team declined to offer him a contract extension, Schilling said Thursday he will become a free agent following the season and won't let that distract him during his fourth year with Boston.
 General manager Theo Epstein, however, wouldn't rule

out in-season discussions on a new deal.
 At a brief meeting between the two Wednesday, Epstein told Schilling that the club would not give him an extension during spring training, as the pitcher had wished.
 "Curt's going to be 41, and at that age we've got to be a little more conservative," Epstein said Thursday in Fort Myers, Fla. "It doesn't mean we don't want him back. I have all the confidence in the world that if

Curt wants to pitch in 2008 and he's still pitching effectively, as I expect he will, then we'll find a way to keep him in a Red Sox uniform."
 Epstein also said Schilling will be the team's opening day starter April 2 in Kansas City and, "I couldn't be happier about that."
 Schilling said he didn't warn the Red Sox that it might cost them more to sign him after the season. Even if they want to keep him, he still could leave.
 "I'll consider anything at that point," he said.
 Late last month, Schilling said he wanted to pitch in 2008 after stating previously that he would retire following the upcoming season. Schilling, who represents himself, also said he would play for the same amount he's making this year, \$13 million, but he wouldn't negotiate after opening day.
 On Thursday, he said he was "disappointed" but understood the club's position.
 "I will file for free agency at the end of the season and they know that," Schilling said.

Matsuzaka, perhaps the team's next ace, is already pitching with purpose. The Japanese star threw 103 pitches in his third bullpen session of spring training — an eye-opening total this early in camp.
 Matsuzaka, who cost the Red Sox \$103 million, is scheduled to throw batting practice for the first time Saturday — the same day Ramirez had been slated to attend a auction in New Jersey. But the enigmatic slugger changed plans and will not attend the event, the club said.
 At Kissimmee, Fla., Roger Clemens spent his first day at Houston Astros camp throwing pitches and hitting grounders to his son, Kolby. But that's about all the baseball he feels like playing right now.
 The seven-time Cy Young Award winner is no closer to deciding whether he'll play a 24th major league season.
 "Everybody knows where I stand. I don't care to play, but if that decision comes up again, then it's a big decision on me," Clemens said.

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Glenn benefit Saturday

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The traffic tickets have been selling like crazy.

A 1996 Lexus is on the line. Saturday's banquet to benefit Idaho State Trooper Chris Glenn is ready to roll and there are open seats at the dinner table and space on the dance floor.

Whether you win prizes, dance all night or just eat a great dinner, you will be helping support Glenn and his family. Glenn was paralyzed from the chest down when he was shot in December while stopping a suspect in an armed robbery.

Tickets will be available at the door.

Two bands — Johnny U country band and Crossfire rock band — will keep the beat for dancing, dinner, auction and the raffie of a used 1996 Lexus.

The doors open at 4 p.m. and the silent auction begins shortly thereafter. At 5 p.m., Pandora's will serve a spread of the restaurant's cuisine over a buffet. Senior Citizens Royal

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Trooper Chris Glenn benefit dinner

When: Doors open at 4 p.m. Saturday.
Where: The Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. North.
Cost: Dinner, \$25 for two people; \$15 for one.
Raffie tickets: \$20 for five or \$5 each.

HIGH WIRING ACT



Jon Leazer, a journeyman electrician with the city of Twin Falls, changes the bulbs in a traffic light Thursday at the corner of Hayburn Street and Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

"As a district with limited resources, this (bill) will help out quite a bit."

— Willey Dobbs, superintendent of the Twin Falls School District

Multi-million dollar save

House bill would protect T.F. School District from falling into \$3 million debt

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Shock. That was the initial reaction from school administrators when they learned that the state would penalize them for acting too soon.

Last year, lawmakers passed a law that was designed to help school districts maintain their buildings by requiring them to set aside money for maintenance each year. It also penalized districts that didn't make the annual investment.

However, the problem was that some districts had already gone into debt trying to maintain their buildings — and now, they couldn't afford the next payment.

The law requires school districts to set aside 2 percent of the estimated cost to replace the state's educational facilities. For the Twin Falls School District, that would mean \$1.4 million. But the law didn't recognize maintenance expenditures made before the bill was signed into law.

"It was a very serious situation," said Willey Dobbs,

superintendent of the Twin Falls School District. "We had already completed the maintenance to our buildings, and none of that was recognized under the bill."

So school administrators worked together to have those projects recognized — and to avoid state penalties.

Now, lawmakers are reviewing a bill that would recognize those expenditures.

"I won't say that it's perfect because some of it (previous expenditures) still will not be recognized," Dobbs said. "But, as a district with limited resources, this will help out quite a bit."

The Twin Falls School District spent \$8.5 million on district-wide building maintenance, which included, among other things, roof replacements to all but one of the district's school buildings.

The maintenance was intended to extend the life of the facilities for another 20 years. It also put the district in debt for the next five years.

If lawmakers do not pass the bill to recognize past expenditures, the Twin Falls School District will need almost \$3 million to pay off its debt.

Times-News writer Joshua Palmer covers education. He can be reached at jpalmer@magicvalley.com or at (208) 420-0526.

YOUR WEEKEND



Sweet sounds

What: Cantus, a nine-member male choral group that sings in the bel canto tradition, will perform in Ketchum.
Where: Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood
When: Today, 7:30 p.m.

How much: Tickets, which are \$20 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under, can be obtained at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts office, 191 Fifth St. E., Ketchum, or by phoning 726-9491.

Listen to the music
What: Magic Valley Symphony, with soloist Gary Garofano, will perform its third concert of the season.
Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
When: Sunday, 4 p.m.

How much: Tickets, which are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for students, are available at Everybody's Business and at the door.



Down on the farm

What: NWT's annual AgAction will be held this weekend in Twin Falls.
Where: Eldon Evans Expo Center on the College of Southern Idaho campus.
When: Today, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
How much: Admission is \$1.

Into the clouds

What: Company of Fools will present Patrick Meyers' play "K2."
Where: Liberty Theater, Hailey.
When: Today and Saturday, 8 p.m., and Sunday, 3 p.m.

Kid wisdom
What: The Junior Musical Playhouse will present Delia Ephron, John Carter and Judith Kahn's "How to Eat Like a Child (And Other Lessons in Not Being a Grow-up)." **Where:** Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls.
When: Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
How much: Reserved-seat tickets are \$9, available at Edo Water and Pristine Idagore on Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls. General-admission tickets are \$5 each, available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy, Crowley's Soda Fountain and Crowley's "The Quasi" in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, at Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl, from any cast member or at the door.

Entitlements, immigration and CAFOs

Sen. Craig talks issues with editorial board

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Today Show weatherman Willard Scott had seven centuri- ons on the morning show last week, Idaho Republican Sen. Larry Craig told the Times-News editorial board Thursday. And their average age was 104.

Craig was trying to make the point that people are living longer. Meanwhile, the first wave of the 76 million baby boomers are nearing retirement. If Congress doesn't do something now to manage spending on entitlements like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, those three things alone could eat up the entire federal budget in 2040, Craig said.

"We're encouraging the president to take another run at Social Security reform," Craig said.



More on the Web:

To see and hear more of the interview with

Sen. Larry Craig, go to:

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Craig also talked about illegal immigration. He pointed out there are 8 million to 10 million illegal immigrants in the U.S. today.

"Ninety-eight percent of them are hardworking folks," he said.

Farmers especially depend on guest workers to work their fields. When there's a shortage of guest workers, agriculture takes a big economic hit. He said California's San Joaquin Valley alone lost between \$3.5 million and \$5 million one year due to a shortage of guest workers.

Still, Craig is all for securing the borders.

"I've always been convinced that if you're going to reform immigration you have to control the flow," he said.

But he said if you're going to build a fence, you have to back that fence up by enforcing laws. Guest worker programs can work, he said, but you have

to hold workers and their employers accountable.

"Then you've got two fences and that's what works," Craig said.

Craig also talked about dairies. Some say that confined animal feeding operations, which emit ammonia and hydrogen sulfide, should have to report their pollutants to federal and state officials under the Superfund law, also known as the Comprehensive Environmental Response/Compensation and Liability Act. But Craig said agriculture was exempt from having to comply with the law when it was enacted back in the 1970s.

Although Craig agreed that no one back then realized there would someday be 10,000- and 15,000-cow operations, he said the Superfund law is "costly" and "ineffective." Those who can afford the legal fees can spend a decade fighting the law while continuing to operate, he said, adding that there are other laws that monitor CAFOs.

"None of these operations is exempt from environmental laws," Craig said.

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Bill would raise cost for legal notices

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — The state Senate Local Government and Taxation committee passed a bill Wednesday that would raise the cost for public and government agencies to print legal notices in newspapers.

The increase, one-cent over two years, is necessary due to inflation and rising costs of materials and labor, supporters told the committee.

Currently, \$1.4 million is spent by governments on publishing notices. This legislation would cost \$113,800 yearly for the next two years.

The last rate increase was in 1999.

Senate Education Committee approves bill to allow districts to form charter schools

BOISE — The state Senate Education Committee approved Thursday a bill that will allow two or more school districts to form a charter school.

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Idaho Legislature 2007

Election consolidation plan clears House panel.

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Senate plans to alter House grocery tax relief plan.

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Snowpack Levels

Station	% of Avg.	% of 30-yr. avg.
Salmon	78%	56%
Big Wood	68%	52%
Little Wood	61%	46%
Big Lost	62%	44%
Little Lost	73%	52%
Henry's Fork/Teton	71%	50%
Upper Snake Basin	77%	57%
Oakley	69%	63%
Salmon Falls	72%	55%

As of Feb. 22

* A comparison of basin snowpack, of this city, with a 30-year average.
** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which depends on spring.



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Larry A. Justesen

BOISE — On Feb. 19, 2007, Larry A. Justesen lost his courageous fight to cancer while at the VA Hospital in Boise, Idaho. He was born Aug. 19, 1932, in Boise, the son of Vaughn and Thera Fletcher Walsh Justesen. He graduated from Boise High School, joined the U.S. Navy and married Helen LaVerne "Pete" Peterson on Labor Day weekend 1956. Larry was a jack of all trades and mastered all he did. He worked for Gem Appliance and Easy's Repair. In 1958, their only daughter, Kathy Jo, was adopted and then in 1962, they adopted their only son, Kelly Lee. He worked sales for Guerdon Industries and later moved to Silverton, Ore., to work for Redman Mobile Homes.

In the early 1970s, Larry moved his family to Blaine County where he built his dream business, Larry's Repair. While the family business thrived, he worked search and rescue with the sheriff's department for the school district. After selling the business, they moved to Healy and Twin Falls, where Larry made a difference for many underprivileged children at the apartment complex he managed. After retiring, Larry and Pete kept busy at the senior center, delivering meals and

other miscellaneous jobs around the Magic Valley.

Larry loved to take his boat and go fishing. They were campground hosts, and he was always doing something for someone. A man with a purpose, he is planting his many roses around their apartment or making jerky or just barbecues. He fed the squirrels and humming birds and worked in his busy little wood shop. Larry always had a smile and a good attitude. Pete passed away in May 2002, leaving Larry in care of their cat, Sam. He continued working for the senior citizens center until he became too ill, but he never quit at anything.

Surviving Larry are his children, Kelly Lee and Kathy Jo; three granddaughters, Shannon Marie, Heather Dawn and Jamie Lee; two great-grandsons, Kodi and Austin; and one great-granddaughter, Melodi, who will miss him very much.

One of his favorite sayings was, "Always keep smiling, make them wonder what is really going on." Dad, you've lived a life full of hard work to accomplish all that you did. It's time for you to stop and rest. We love you Good Night!

A viewing will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Carl Clayton Simmers

TWIN FALLS — Carl Clayton Simmers, 85, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday morning, Feb. 20, 2007, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.



Carl was born Jan. 2, 1922, in Glen White, Pa., the son of William W. and Hilda H. Reed Simmers. He grew up and attended schools in Pennsylvania, where he graduated from Reed High School. Carl entered the U.S. Air Force in 1940, where he was a propeller mechanic. He served his country proudly and was honorably discharged in 1945. It was here he was in the service that he met a fellow propeller mechanic by the name of Lucile Waddison. On May 7, 1943, Carl and Lucile were married in Gettysburg, Pa.

In 1946, Carl started his career with the U.S. Postal Service as an accountant. His career spanned more than 35 years serving in Oregon, Washington and California. He retired in 1981. Following a brief retirement, he drove bus for special education children in California for more than nine years before moving to Idaho. Carl and Lucile moved to Twin Falls in August of 1990.

Carl and Lucile were members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They were married for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple on June 1, 1949. Carl and Lucile were very active as temple workers for

the Oakland, Calif., Temple and the Boise, Idaho, Temple. He also was involved in the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, where he would assist those in need whenever possible.

Carl enjoyed his family, doing genealogy, dancing and yard work. He shared his talent with many friends and neighbors.

He would always say, "It was not a good day unless I could help someone."

Carl is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lucile Simmers of Twin Falls; their four children, Carl B. Simmers of Hayward, Calif., Susan (Paul) Gunderson of Gilbert, Ariz., Steven (Randi) Simmers of Antioch, Calif., and Judy (Kenneth) Hall of Jerome, Idaho; as well as 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and three sisters.

A celebration of Carl's life will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the 7th Ward LDS Church, 847 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls, with Bishop Omer Burton conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday evening at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, as well as one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Carl's name to the Primary Children's Hospital or the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Judith Ellen Reed

TWIN FALLS — Judith Ellen Reed, beloved daughter and sister, passed away at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise on Feb. 21, 2007, at age 63.



Judy was born July 22, 1943, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Howard and Margaret Reed. Judy resided at the Idaho State School in Nampa for many years and then lived in a group home in Meridian in her later years.

Judy is survived by her mother, Margaret Reed of Boise; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Norma Reed of Buhl, Idaho, Barbara and Bruce Bogart of El Dorado, Calif., Ruth and Delbert McFarland of Meridian, Idaho, and Peggy McCane of Swan Valley, Idaho. Judy is also survived by Ardis, Gerrie Madland, Ardith Berley, Lueanne Hopwood, Dolores Hampton; an uncle, Ron Hampton; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews who all loved her so much. Judy brought joy and love to all our lives and to those around her. She will be missed by all. Judy was pre-

ceded in death by her father, Howard Reed; an infant sister and brother; and brother-in-law, Dave McCane. Judy's birthday parties were a highlight of each year. The nieces and nephews loved to assist her in opening her presents. Judy's lifelong desire for roller skates was fulfilled on her 61st birthday when Peggy gave her glittered skates. Judy also loved participating in the Idaho Special Olympics and won medals in several events. Our deepest thanks and love to the Bedford House staff and residents for their special love and care for Judy.

Visitation will take place from 2 until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. A celebration of Judy's life will follow at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Dick Goetsch officiating. Interment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made in Judy's name to the Special Olympics Idaho Non-Administration Fund. Donations may be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Betty Watson

TWIN FALLS — Betty Watson, age 84, cherished wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, passed away peacefully on Feb. 20, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer.



She was born in Lava Hot Springs, Idaho, on June 13, 1922. One of four children to Tom and Vera Aslet Nolan. She married Norman Watson in 1945. They would have been married 62 years in April.

Betty grew up in Hailey, Idaho, and graduated from Hailey High School. She raised five children there and later moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, and had made her home there since. Her family was everything to her and she spent her life surrounded by them. She touched many lives with her love for life and her kindness to everyone. She will remain in our hearts and in our memories forever.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and a sister. She is survived by a sister, Mayme (An) Vander Does of Lynchburg, Va.; her hus-

band, Norman Watson of Twin Falls; her daughter, Donna Ellway of Boise, Idaho; her daughter, Melody (Roger) Lester of Twin Falls; her grandchildren, Phillip Ellway of Seattle, Wash., Brian (Theresa) Ellway of Kuna, Idaho, Aubrey (Calen) Moore of Fairfeld, Idaho, Jennifer (Peter) Heckin of Hailey, Paula Pahlmbo of Shoshone, Idaho, Isabella, Brian and Willie Lester of Twin Falls; her step-grandchildren, Nicole Lester of Denver, Colo., Jeremy Lester of Los Angeles, Calif., and Lomie Lester of Dallas, Texas; her great-grandchildren, Isabella, Brian and Finn Heckin of Hailey; her step-great-grandchildren, Nick Ieste, Cindy Winkler, Rheana Ieste and Ashton Winkler of Boise; Adam Lester of Los Angeles, Calif., and Aliza Lester of Pottsboro, Texas; and her nephew, who was like a son to her, John Watson of Shoshone, Idaho.

In lieu of services the family would like you to send your memories to Betty Watson, the Watson Family, 348 Elaine Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301. Cremation and private interment are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Dairy farmer and wine brother Joseph Gallo, 87, dies

By Valerie J. Nelson
Los Angeles Times

Joseph Edward Gallo, who built a dairy empire apart from his wine brother, died despite losing an arm in a legal battle with the owner of the right to use the family name on the cheese he produced, his died. He was 87.

Gallo, who had been in declining health for several years after a stroke, died Saturday at his home in Livingston, Calif., announced his company, Joseph Gallo Farms. He had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for more than a decade, said his son, Whiting, his lawyer and close friend.

While managing Ernest and Julio Gallo's vineyards in Livingston for more than 20 years, Joseph acquired the family holdings. By 1967, he had struck out on his own with a cattle ranch and vineyards. The first of his five dairies in Merced County followed in 1979.

After establishing a cheese production company in 1982, he began selling the product to consumers under the label Joseph Gallo Cheese.

His older brothers sued him claiming trademark infringement and denounced the cheese as an inferior product that could damage the winery's

reputation. The lawsuit also referred to him as an unknown cheese maker, and the charges infuriated him, Whiting said.

"I have only got one name," Joseph told reporters outside the courtroom in 1988. "I don't know how I'm supposed to look for another one."

The federal judge ruled that using the Gallo name confused consumers, leading them to think that the cheese was connected to the winery. He ordered the name changed on the package. Now sold under the Joseph Farms label, it is the largest-selling retail-brand cheese produced in California, according to the company.

Joseph counterattacked, arguing that his brothers had used their parents' estate to launch their E. & J. Gallo Winery in Modesto, Calif. He claimed they owed him a third of the estate, but the court rejected his claims. Times reported in 1988.

The legal battle drove a permanent wedge between Joseph and the brothers who had raised him since the age of 13 after their parents died in a murder-suicide.

Frank Snowden, scholar of blacks in antiquity, dies at 95

By Adam Bernstein
The Washington Post

Frank M. Snowden Jr., 95, a Howard University classicist for almost 50 years whose research into blacks in ancient Greece and Rome opened a new field of study, died Monday at the Grand Oaks assisted-living home in Washington, D.C. He had congestive heart failure.

As a black man, Snowden was a rare in classics, but ancient history consumed him since his youth as a prize-winning student at the Boston Latin School and later at Harvard University. His body of work led to a National Humanities Medal in 2003, a

top government honor for scholars, writers, actors and artists.

Much of his scholarship centered on one point: that blacks in the ancient world seemed to have been spared the virulent racism common to later Western civilization. "The onus of intense color prejudice cannot be placed upon the shoulders of the ancients," he wrote.

Snowden's most notable books are "Blacks in Antiquity: Ethiopians in the Greco-Roman Experience" (1970), which took him 15 years to research, and "Before Color Prejudice: The Ancient View of Blacks" (1983). Both were published by Harvard University Press.

SERVICES

Charlotte Fitzpatrick of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; friends and family may gather at the Jerome Country Club, 649 Golf Course Road, immediately after the service (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Mary Elizabeth Emmen of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; reception following at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. E.

Joe W. Chitabun of Cheney, Wash., and formerly of Albion, funeral and burial at 1 p.m. today at the Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise; memorial service at 3 p.m. March 3 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Cheney, Wash. (Hazen & Jaeger Funeral Home in Spokane, Wash.)

Mary Ann "Red" Kretlow of Hailey, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

George L. Kelly McKean of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Church of Christ, 200 Eldorado St. in Boise (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Edith J. Schmidt of Twin Falls, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Marian Harriett Oneida of Shoshone, rosary at 7 p.m. today at the Demary's Funeral Chapel in Shoshone; funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone. Visitation for family and friends will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Eugene L. Dickinson of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at White

Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Lorraine M. Turner of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Donna Corthell of Modesto, Calif., funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth St. in Buhl; viewing one hour before the funeral at the mortuary.

Amy Jo Manning of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 324 E. 18th St.; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Marte Tutnam of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1259 E. 1st St. in Burley; and from noon to 12:40 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Terren "Terry" Klentien of Gooding and formerly of Gooding and Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Gooding LDS Chapel, 1228 Main St.; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Katherine (Kay) Leola Heacock Satterwhite of Nacogdoches, Texas, interment at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls and Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Directors in Nacogdoches, Texas).

Albert Franklin Davis of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Evangelical Free Church in Jerome (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

Velma Owsley
HAGERMAN — Velma Owsley, 78, of Hagerman, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, in San Diego, Calif. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service in Gooding.

Emanuel Will
JEROME — Emanuel Will, 91, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, at Gooding Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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T.F. County's prosecuting attorney voted state's 'Prosecutor of the Year'

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Suzanne E. Craig, Twin Falls County chief criminal deputy prosecuting attorney, has been voted Idaho's "Prosecutor of the Year."

The seven-member Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association board voted for Craig.

"Being a deputy prosecutor is not the easiest job in the legal field," Craig said. "But it is the best."

Craig joined Twin Falls County in 1997. Three years later, she was promoted to senior deputy prosecuting attorney. In 2002, she was promoted to the job she has now.

Craig has prosecuted two murderers in the past year.

Her colleagues said she shows great concern for her clients and sensitivity for their victims.

It's that sensitivity that explains why Craig enjoys a job that requires long hours and confrontation with appalling crimes.

Sometimes helping a victim feel more comfortable in court may determine whether she has a good day, she said.

"I really like my job on days when I have been able to make court less scary for a child witness, and she feels strong enough to go into court and tell a judge or a jury what happened to her," Craig said.

Craig's award comes on the heels of Twin Falls Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb's being voted the "2006 Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year" by the Idaho Association of Counties.



Craig

Buhl school board passes employment guidelines

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Teachers must be certified if they want to be hired in Buhl.

No longer will the district hire half-certified or uncertified people who vow to finish getting their credentials and then not do it, the school board voted Tuesday night.

"We had had some that were supposed to get their certification by a certain time but procrastinated. They all want to be an exception to the rule and the policy reinforces that exception can't always be made," Trustee Jay Anderson told the Times-News.

With the hiring season nearly upon the district, a majority of trustees felt that something should be in effect now even if it is changed later.

"If we don't have a policy in place, we could get burned again," said Trustee Grant Loveliss.

Even though the policy is now official, Chairman Ken McDonald feels that it should

"If we don't have a policy in place, we could get burned again."

— School board Trustee Grant Loveliss

have been placed on the back burner until the arrival of newly hired Superintendent Margaret Cox.

"I voted against it because it was her request we were going," McDonald said. "She is waiting to resign our policy manual and I didn't want to pass something that she is going to either have to just live with or have to change later."

She won't start until July after she completes the school year as an elementary principal and superintendent in the Cambridge school district in Washington County.

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Otter's Idaho: Elk semen, bear traps and steam-room interviews

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — To get Gov. C.L. "Otter"'s attention, he suggests, quote Emerson to him in the YMCA steam bath. And Idaho's signature crop isn't just potatoes — it's elk semen too.

Speaking Thursday to more than 300 people at a packed City Club of Boise forum, the rancher-governor burnished a reputation for colorful quotes that he earned as a 1970s Idaho House member, when he once changed a vote from "No" to "I'll, no."

He outlined serious plans, such as a proposed \$38 million, endowment for scholarships and his stance against Congress's plan for a national "Real ID" driver's license.

But Otter also recalled a recent health club steam bath, when a friend — "modestly draped," the governor said —

turned to him in the fog to offer the wisdom of the early American poet and essayist Ralph Waldo Emerson on avoiding getting into a philosophical argument Tuesday.

"He (Emerson) said a foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of small minds," Otter told the crowd of teachers, lawmakers and business people. "It does make sense."

On another topic, the former congressman noted that before he defeated Democrat Jerry Brady in last November's gubernatorial election, rivals hounded him for months for once supporting an unsuccessful bill in Congress to sell public land in Idaho to pay for relief for Hurricane Katrina victims. Asked about a new, similar proposal from President Bush, Otter recounted a joke to illustrate his reluctance to re-enter a debate he likened to getting snared in a bear trap.

"A guy was out hunting, and

Mother Nature called and so he went over and sat down in this bush to go to the bathroom," Otter said. "When he did, a bear trap slammed shut on... on that part which was exposed."

Idaho's 32nd governor then described how the man told a doctor that getting his privates caught was only the second-most-painful thing about his encounter with the trap, typically bolted down with sturdy steel links. The worst part? "When I bit the end of that chain," Otter recounted to giggles, adding that he, too, "bit the end of my chain."

Otter, who in January declared he would bid for the first ticket to hunt a wolf after federal protections are lifted, was asked who he planned to bring with him to help stalk one of the predators, which he contended had decimated

Idaho's elk.

To characterize the importance of preserving the "genetic treasure" of elk from being "wolfized," Otter mentioned an Idaho product less famous than Russet Burbank potatoes, but also shipped around the world: Rocky Mountain elk semen. Otter touted the semen for export while leading economic development efforts during 14 years as Idaho's lieutenant governor.

"I cannot tell you how much semen we shipped to other countries, because they wanted to establish a Rocky Mountain elk herd in a foreign country in Europe," he told the crowd. "I do plan on having my wolf camp this year, instead of elk camp in the Tame Creek wilderness. And if you want to buy one of those tickets, I'd be more than happy to sell it to you."

Former Idaho House speaker to teach at BSU

The Associated Press

BOISE — Bruce Newcomb, the longest-serving House speaker in Idaho history, has accepted a teaching job at Boise State University. Newcomb will serve in the university's College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs as a contributing faculty member and distinguished lecturer. He agreed to speak to undergraduate and graduate students, as well as teach some courses in the political science and public policy and administration departments.

Newcomb also will advise BSU President Bob Kustra in his dealings with the

Legislature.

"I gained enormous respect for Bruce Newcomb as a legislator and a leader," Kustra said in a statement announcing the appointment Tuesday. "Without question, he was always fair and always bottom-lined what was best for his state and his district. I couldn't be more proud to have him as a member of our Boise State family."

Newcomb retired from the Idaho House in 2006 after 20 years, eight of them as speaker. A Republican who first ran more than two decades ago as a Democrat, Newcomb represented Burley and Cassia County in the Legislature.

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Restaurant will be serving drinks at the bar upstairs. Raffle tickets for the Lexus will continue to be sold until after dinner.

At 7 p.m. will be a live auctioning of a long list of

treats, including hunting trips, river rafting trips, a TV, a one-week vacation to Costa Rica and golf packages.

Then for a finale, the winner of the Lexus will be announced.

Schools

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Current law allows for a single district to create a charter school, but not multiple districts.

Last year, the legislature ran out of time before passing similar legislation.

However, unlike last year's bill, this year's bill calls for at least two districts, not three, and allows for all school districts regardless of their size.

"We felt that if it was good enough for small schools, then it was good enough for large

schools," the bill's author, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, told the committee on Tuesday.

Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition, a professional-charter school in Twin Falls, was founded in 1997 and spearheaded with a \$4.8 million grant in 1999 from the I.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation.

The bill is intended to allow charter to schools to acquire funding easier, as ARTEC's budget needs to be replenished, Cameron has said.

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Hagerman girls receive award despite loss at state

Team maintained collective 3.79 GPA

By Kari Matthews
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — Though defeated at the state basketball championships in Boise, the Hagerman girls team came home with high honors.

The girls were able to spend an extra few days in Boise awaiting their well-deserved academic champion award, recognizing them as the team with the highest GPA in the state for a 1A school.

The nine girls maintained a collective average of 3.79. During the Hagerman School Board meeting Tuesday

night, District Superintendent Ron Echols and High School Principal Mark Kress praised the girls for their hard work.

"Out of 56 schools, our girls have the highest score for varsity basketball," Kress said of the achievement. "We want to recognize that."

When asked about the basketball competition, three of the team members said they did "really bad." But basketball scores aren't everything to them. Speaking of the whole experience of going to state and accepting the award, they simply stated "it was really fun."

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Idaho Senate plans to alter House grocery tax relief plan

BOISE (AP) — A little less than an hour after a House bill to provide \$47.5 million in sales tax relief on groceries landed in Senate hands Thursday, lawmakers decided they needed to make some changes.

Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee sent the bill, which would increase the income-tax credit on groceries to \$50 for most Idaho residents and to \$70 for seniors, to the Senate floor to be amended, after about 45 minutes of public testimony.

"This is what we wish with House tax bills," said Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Leviston. "There's room for improvement."

Once on the floor, the bill could see a slew of potential amendments, ranging from those that would attempt to phase out or eliminate the sales tax on groceries to one that would reduce the amount of tax credit the measure provides from \$50 to \$40, said Sen. Brent Hill, R-Idaho, who chairs the committee.

The existing tax credit is \$20 for residents, and \$35 for those over 65.

But Hill added it's unlikely that the bill will be worked over to look more like Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's grocery tax relief proposal, which would provide as much as \$90 a year in tax relief to low-income residents, and cost the state less than half of what the current proposal would if passed.

"But it has no support in the Senate," Hill said. "The governor's office is going to have a very hard time finding someone to carry that proposal."

Sen. Russ Fulcher, R-Meridian, one of the sponsors of the House bill, said he favors his measure, because it helps Idahoans across the board.

Sill, many who testified at the committee meeting said they thought the governor's proposal did a better job of aiming tax relief where it was needed, while saving the state money. And his ideas have the support of Senate Democrats, said Sen. David Langhorst, D-Boise.

Soldier gets 100 years for rape, murder of 14-year-old girl

By Ross French
Associated Press writer

FOIT CAMPBELL, Ky. — A U.S. soldier was sentenced to 100 years in prison Thursday for the gang rape and murder of an Iraqi girl and the killing of her family last year.

Sgt. Paul E. Cortez, 24, also was given a dishonorable discharge. He will be eligible for parole in 10 years under the terms of his agreement.

Cortez, of Barstow, Calif., pleaded guilty this week to four counts of felony murder, rape and conspiracy to rape in a case considered among the worst atrocities by U.S. military personnel in Iraq.

In his plea agreement, he said he conspired with three other soldiers from the Fort Campbell-based 101st Airborne Division to rape 14-year-old Albeer Qasim al-Janabi. The girl, her parents and a younger sister were all killed.

Earlier Thursday, tears rolled down Cortez's face as he

apologized for the rape and murders. He said he could not explain why he took part.

"I still don't have an answer," Cortez told the judge. "I don't know why I wish I had. The lives of four innocent people were taken. I want to apologize for all of the pain and suffering I have caused the al-Janabi family."

The military judge hearing the case, Col. Stephen H. Bentley, issued a sentence of life in prison without parole, the maximum for the charges. Under military law, the defendant is given the lesser sentence unless he violates terms of an agreement, which requires Cortez to testify against others charged in the case.

Psychologist Charles Figley testified that Cortez and the other soldiers likely suffered stress brought on by fatigue and trauma.

"It eats you up," Figley said. "It's a horrible thing. This is not unique. We've seen this in other wars."

"I still don't have an answer. I don't know why. I wish I hadn't. The lives of four innocent people were taken. I want to apologize for all of the pain and suffering I have caused the al-Janabi family."

— Sgt. Paul E. Cortez, after being sentenced for the gang rape and murder of an Iraqi girl and the killing of her family

Five soldiers who served with Cortez in Iraq testified that his actions were described by the hardships of war they experienced, including sleep deprivation and the lack of running water.

"I just never would have seen it coming," said Staff Sgt. Tim Briggs, who has known Cortez for five years and served with him in Iraq.

Prosecutors said the stress was no excuse for the actions of Cortez and the other soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, based at Fort Campbell.

On Wednesday, Cortez described raping the girl in her family's home in Mahmoudiya last March,

along with Spc. James Barker, 24. Barker pleaded guilty in November to rape and murder and was sentenced to 90 years in military prison.

Cortez said this week that former private Steven D. Green raped the girl in front of him; shot her father, mother and sister; and then shot her in the head. He also testified that the soldiers attempted to burn the girl's body; burned their own clothes; and threw the murder weapon, an AK-

47, into a canal in an attempt to dispose of the evidence.

Cortez was found not guilty of more serious charges of premeditated murder and conspiracy to premeditated murder.

Pfc. Jesse Spielman, 22, and Brian Howard, 19, await court-martial. Green, who is accused of being the ringleader but was discharged from the military before being charged, will be prosecuted in a federal court in Kentucky.

Twice a year? Election consolidation plan clears Idaho House panel

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A plan to cluster all Idaho elections on just two days each year has been approved by a state House panel. Proponents say the move would increase turnout for school bond votes.

The proposal, approved 8-2 Thursday by the House Local Government Committee, would allow elections on the fourth Tuesday in May and the Tuesday following the first Monday in November.

This is the 12th attempt since 2000 to limit the number of days on which Idaho can schedule elections.

Currently, Idaho has four consolidated election dates, but public school districts can schedule bond or supplemental levy elections on any day they wish.

Bill advocates, including sponsor Rep. Dennis Lake, Blackfoot, say some public school districts have taken advantage of this freedom by scheduling votes when par-

ents are already attending functions at their kids' schools. That potentially gives their interests an advantage over other voters who may not know of the election — and are less likely to go to the polls.

They held them on "PTA night," Lake told the Associated Press.

According to his bill's text, "some organizations have become very resourceful in encouraging voters in favor of their position to attend the polls while ignoring voters that may be in opposition to their position."

Officials with the state teachers' union said public schools haven't done anything improper to bring people to the polls, but were very careful with school district money not to promote something that could be political," said Gayle Moore, an Idaho Education Association spokesman.

School officials hope to kill this year's plan, as they have in the past.

At Thursday's hearing, they

argued that limiting voting dates to just two per year will lead to cluttered, confusing ballots; spawn chaos by forcing people to vote at more than one polling place; and make it difficult to schedule votes on funding elections ahead of setting budgets or signing contracts with employees for the coming school term.

For instance, schools must sign contracts with educators by May 15, said Bob Winslow, a lobbyist with the Idaho Association of School Administrators.

If they have to wait until the fourth Tuesday in May to hold a vote on a supplemental levy to pay for those positions, such contract signings will be fraught with uncertainty, he said.

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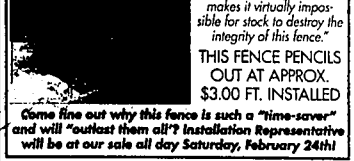
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In China, stern treatment for young Internet 'addicts'

By Ariana Eunjung Cha
The Washington Post

DAXING, China — Sun Jifeng spends his days locked behind metal bars in this military-run installation, but there by his parents. The 17-year-old high school student is not allowed to communicate with friends back home, and his only companions are psychologists, nurses and other patients. Each morning at 6:30, he is jolted awake by a soldier in fatigues shouting, "This is for your own good!"

Sun's offense: Internet addiction. Alarmed by a survey that found that nearly 14 percent of teens in China are vulnerable to becoming addicted to the Internet, the Chinese government has launched a nationwide campaign to stamp out what the Communist Youth League calls "a grave social problem that threatens the nation."

Few countries have been as effective historically in fighting drug and alcohol addiction as China, which has been lauded for its successes, as well as criticized for harsh techniques. Now the country is turning its attention to fighting another, supposed addiction — one that has been blamed in the state-run media for a murder over virtual property earned in an online game, for a string of suicides and for the failure of youths in their studies.

The Chinese government in recent months has joined South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam in taking measures to try to limit the time teens spend online. It has passed regulations banning youths from Internet cafes and has implemented control programs that kick teens off networked games after five hours.

There's a global controversy over whether heavy Internet use should be defined as a mental disorder, with some psychologists arguing that it should be. Backers of the notion say the addiction can be crippling, leading people to neglect work, school and social lives.

But no country has gone quite as far as China in embracing the theory and mounting a public crusade against Internet addiction.

Iran enriching uranium in defiance of Security Council

By George John
Associated Press writer

VIENNA, Austria — Iran has ignored a U.N. Security Council ultimatum to freeze uranium enrichment — a possible pathway to nuclear arms — and has instead expanded its program by setting up hundreds of centrifuges, the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency said Thursday. The finding paves

the way for new U.N. sanctions. Hours later, the United States said key countries would meet next week to try to develop new U.N. sanctions against Iran.

The International Atomic Energy Agency said in a report to the Security Council and its 35-nation board that Tehran also has continued to build a heavy water reactor and related facilities — which, along with enrichment — could help it

develop nuclear arms. In addition, the report said Iran ignored a Security Council call to cooperate with the IAEA in its efforts to shed light on suspicious nuclear activities.

The conclusions, while widely expected, were important because they could serve as the trigger for the council to start deliberating on new sanctions meant to punish Tehran for its nuclear intransigence.

In Washington, Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns said he will travel to London on Monday to meet with the United States' negotiating partners to try to draft a new resolution to sanction Iran.

Burns said he hopes the United States and other permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, plus Germany, can quickly draft a

resolution to "see Iran repudiated again." He said it was too soon to say what provisions the resolution might contain.

In Tehran, the deputy head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, Mohammed Saeedi, ruled out suspending enrichment, saying such demands were against Iran's "rights" under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and international regulations.

Chimps observed making weapons

By Rick Weiss
The Washington Post

Chimpanzees living in the West African savannah have been observed fashioning deadly spears from sticks and using the hand-crafted tools to hunt small mammals — the first routine production of deadly weapons ever observed in animals other than humans.

The multi-step spear-making practice, documented by researchers in Senegal who spent years gaining the chimpanzees' trust, adds credence to the idea that human forebears fashioned similar tools millions of years ago.

The landmark observation also supports the long-debated proposition that females — the main makers and users of spears among the Senegalese chimps — tend to be the innovators and creative problem solvers in primate culture.

Using their hands and teeth, the chimpanzees were repeatedly seen tearing the side branches off long straight sticks, peeling back the bark and sharpening one end, the researchers report in Thursday's on-line issue of the journal *Current Biology*. Then, grasping the weapon in a "power grip," they jabbed into tree-branch hollows where bush babies — small monkey-like mammals — sleep during the day.

After stabbing their prey repeatedly, they removed the injured or dead animal and ate it.

"It was really alarming how forceful it was," said lead researcher Jill D. Pruetz of Iowa State University in Ames, adding that it reminded her of the murderous shower scene in the Alfred Hitchcock movie "Psycho." "It was kind of scary."

The new observations are "stunning," said Craig Stanford, a primatologist and professor of anthropology at the University of Southern California. "Really fashioning a weapon to get food — I'd say that's a first for any non-human animal."

Scientists have documented tool use among chimpanzees for several decades, but the tools have been simple and used to extract food rather than to kill for it.

Some chimpanzees slide thin sticks or leaf blades into termite mounds, for example, to fish for the tasty, crawling morsels. Others crumple leaves and use them like sponges to sop drinking water from tree hollows.

But while a few chimpanzees have been observed throwing rocks and a few others have been known to swing simple clubs, only people have been known to craft tools expressly to hunt prey.

Pruetz and coworker Paço Bertolani of the University of Cambridge made the observations near Kedougou in southeastern Senegal. Unlike other chimpanzee sites currently under study, which are forested, this site is mostly open savannah. That environment is very much like the one in which early humans evolved and is different enough from other sites to expect differences in chimpanzee behaviors.

Pruetz recalled the first time she saw a member of the 35-member troop trimming leaves

and side-branches off a branch it had broken off a tree.


"I just knew right away that she was making a tool," Pruetz said, adding that she suspected — with some horror — what it was for, as well. Eventually the research duo documented 22 instances of spear-making and use, two-thirds of them involving females.

In a typical sequence, the animal first discovered a deep hollow suitable for bush babies, which are nocturnal and weigh about half a pound. Then the chimp would break off a nearby branch — on average about two feet long, but up to twice that length — trim it, sharpen it with its teeth, and poke it repeatedly into the hollow at a rate of about one or two jabs per second.

After every few jabs, the chimpanzee would sniff or lick the tip, as though testing to see if it had "caught" anything.

In only one of 22 observations did a chimp get a bush baby. But that is reasonably efficient, Pruetz said, compared to standard chimpanzee hunting practice, which involves chasing a monkey or other prey, grabbing the tail and slamming its head against the ground.

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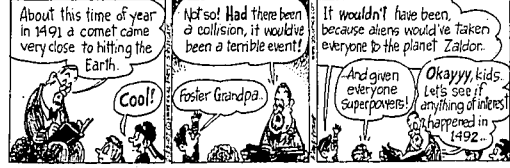
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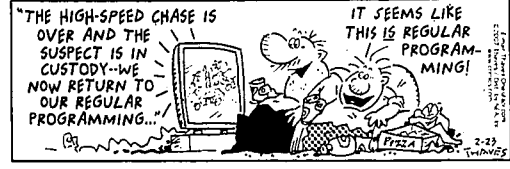
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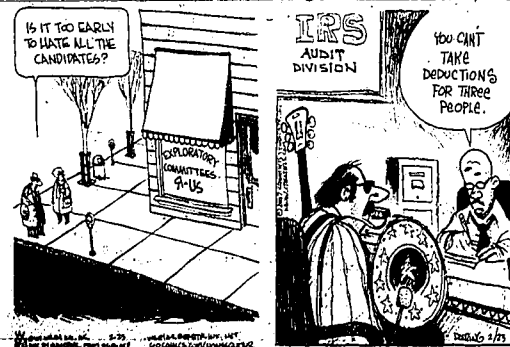


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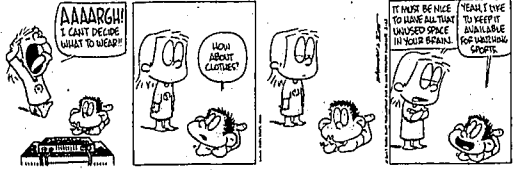
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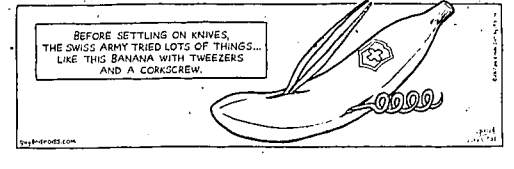
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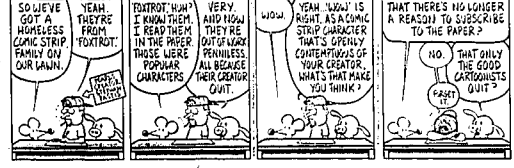
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Don't gamble away house payment, Scorpio

IF FEB. 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have the desire and the vision to make big changes in your life. Because you shine so brightly in April and July, you may get a chance to permanently alter your circumstances. It might be that a new person enters your life or a budding romance finally blossoms into a commitment. Another alternative is that you start a new career or job. Your charm could fall on its October when people turn a cold shoulder to your wants and needs. Don't start anything important during that time period or add to your debt load. Next February several paths may appear and only a very wise person will choose the right one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Maybe you should look that gift horse in the mouth, as you could be mesmerized by someone with alluring and appealing traits.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Stick to plans already put into motion. You can glide effortlessly toward your destination. Under these celestial conditions you are likely to overlook potential pitfalls or problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emagerrated claims color deci-

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't get your wits crossed because there is a sense of confidence and generosity in the air. You might make an error of judgment concerning money. Strive to be a bit thrifter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Gather inspiration. You tend to see the cup half full even when it is obviously half empty. Let encouraging words brighten your day and soothe your spirit, but don't rely on them for investments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Use common sense; don't get swept away by sudden whims and fascinating attractions that might not last. A guardian angel will keep your piggy bank far from harm's way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take your chances. Although there might be a few grains of truth in a statement, some facts might be stretched too far. If

you don't take a new relationship too seriously you will have a great time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Only game money you can afford to lose. Too much confidence could be your downfall where cash is concerned. It might be better to make a donation to the local food bank.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Optimism might spur you to go overboard. You may allow a blind spot that won't allow a sincere offer or is merely a head warning. Your guardian angel may have to work overtime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Promises can evaporate like raindrops on a hot tin roof. Don't accept the details of a discussion for the gospel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Integrity and faithfulness are highlighted. It is good to consider carefully what constitutes a sincere offer or is merely a casual commitment. Maintain high standards to gain respect.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Fact-finding expeditions tend to get lost. It isn't that anyone actually lies to you, but more likely a case of it being taken for granted that you know the terrain.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

HOW DO I GET UP THERE?
TAKE THE ROAD AROUND THE MOUNTAIN
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ALL HE NEEDED WAS THE MOTIVATION!
GOD'S ANSWER

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YOU'VE ALREADY TRIED ACUPUNCTURE

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

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I'M HAVING YOUR ROOM RECARPETED
THERE'S A CARPET UNDER THERE?

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STUPID DOG!

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?
A TAP DANCER
YOU CAN MAKE A LIVING TAP DANCING?
YOU CAN IF YOU GET ELECTED

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

IT'S NOT EASY BEIN' A KID. I GUESS THAT'S WHY PEOPLE BECOME GROWN-UPS.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

"Do caterpillars know they're going to be butterflies, or does God surprise them?"

Dinner guests bearing gift puts hostess in a pickle

DEAR ABBY: Late last summer, we invited another couple — good friends — over for an informal dinner. When they walked in, they handed me a basket of fresh-picked vegetables from their garden.

Abby, I had a complete meal prepared. I love fresh vegetables and don't mind adding them to a meal. However, because the dinner was already on the table, I had to put everything on hold and find a way to keep everything warm while I prepared what they had brought.

I take pride in preparing a good meal and worried that it might not taste the same after having sat for 15 or 20 minutes. I feel they should have let me know in advance so I could have had water boiling when they arrived.

At the time, my husband told me not to say anything because it's the thought that counts, but it still bothered me. How do you think I should handle this in the future? That wasn't the first time they have come to dinner with a "surprise" contribution, and it won't be the last.

— **READY TO SERVE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

DEAR READY TO SERVE: Just because someone brings a gift of food or wine when he or she comes to dinner, the host is under no obligation to serve it. What you should have done was put their veggies in the



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

fridge to enjoy at another meal and not stressed yourself out.

DEAR ABBY: I know my question may not seem earth-shaking in comparison with many of the questions that appear in your column. However, my best friend and I were wondering if you could settle an argument. Should a short person wear ankle-length skirts?

— **FIVE-FOOT-TWO IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR FIVE-FOOT-TWO: According to fashion designer Bradley Sprou, author of the new book "The Science of Sexy: Dress to Fit Your Unique Figure With the Style System that Works for Every Shape and Size" (Gotham Books), "Wearing an ankle-length skirt would work for you — as long as your outfit is monochromatic. In other words, don't cut your body in half by wearing a top that's a different color than the skirt."

I'm sure that anyone who watches *QVC* has seen or heard about the talented Mr. Bayton. He has dressed (and undressed!) such Hollywood

celebs as Halle Berry, Salma Hayek, Beyonce, Queen Latifah, and all the "Desperate Housewives."

Imagine being lucky enough to have someone like Bradley Bayton standing next to you in a clothing store dressing room, sharing his secrets for dressing to look your very best. Well, open his book, and you'll get a taste of the star treatment.

DEAR ABBY: We have two beautiful little boys. The oldest boy is 3, the younger one an infant. People always comment on how much they look alike — as if they could be twins three years apart.

The problem is, my husband and I (as a family, too) do not think they look anything alike, so we don't know how to respond. If we disagree, people go so far as to argue with us. But to agree seems silly when they really do not look alike. What is the polite way to disagree without an argument?

— **PROUD MOTHER OF TWO DIFFERENT BOYS**

DEAR PROUD MOTHER: Say something uncommittal — such as, "Yes, there is a strong family resemblance." (But only if they look like they could be related.) To disagree, regardless of how politely you do it, will only generate more conversation on a subject you would prefer to avoid.

Rembrandt got to know his face

Rembrandt holds the record among famous artists for the most self-portraits. He painted 40 of them. Van Gogh comes in second with 40.

This day in history: On Feb. 23, 1874, a retired British army major named Walter Winfield patented a game he called "Splatnik" (Greek for "ball playing"). We know it today by a easier name: lawn tennis.

Researchers claim that Americans find the odors of peanut butter and coffee to be the two most recognizable scents. Travelers sometimes went unconscious and drowned.

An ostrich can't fly, of course, but it can outrun a rhinoceros.

About half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace.

Milkweed is toxic to many birds and animals. Monarch caterpillars and butterflies



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

feast on it and retain its toxins. The result is that predators get violently sick if they eat a monarch. Most learn their lesson and don't eat more than one.

The average parents of young kids buy new crayons three times a year.

But common band instruments make sound? Start with clarinet and saxophones — bamboo is what their reeds are made of.

Would you interrupt sex to answer your cell phone? Researcher says about 14 percent of Americans said yes. German and Spanish cell users were even worse — 22 percent said yes. If you don't like interruptions, try making love to an Italian (only 7 percent).

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Singer Britney Spears lands back in rehab

Federline cancels court appearance

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An appearance in family court sought by Kevin Federline amid a child custody dispute with Britney Spears was cancelled Thursday as reports surfaced that she was back in rehab.

Spears returned to the Promises Malibu Treatment Center late Wednesday, according to reports from TMZ. "The Insider" and "Extra." Her mother, Lynne Spears, drove her to the center. "Extra" and "The Insider" said.

The 25-year-old pop star previously left the Promises center Wednesday, according to "The Insider," less than a day after arriving. The center specializes in treating drug and alcohol abuse.

Last week, Spears sought treatment at a center in the Caribbean but was checked out after a day, according to various reports.

Spears and Federline reportedly agreed Wednesday night that he would keep their two young sons while Spears was in rehabilitation, a program that takes between 30 and 45 days.

Superior Court spokesman Allan Panichini said Federline's attorney had contacted the court's bailiff Thursday morning to make an appearance in which one side in a dispute can come into court without prior notice.

He said Federline lawyer Mark Vincent Kaplan called the court's bailiff Thursday morning and indicated nothing is going to happen today.



A report in this week's *People* magazine stated that after weeks of wild partying and alarming behavior — capped by the night she shaved her head — Britney Spears decided to seek treatment with the support of family and friends.

It wasn't known what issue the 24-year-old Federline planned to raise.

There was no official court date scheduled today and there is no future court date scheduled, Kaplin said in a statement issued by his publicist, Michael Sank.

Kevin continues to be a very focused father with his children with hands-on management," the statement continued.

Federline sought spousal support and sole custody of their three children, 5 months and Sean Preston, 17 months, after Spears moved to end their two-year marriage in November, but a temporary order issued Feb. 1 granted joint custody through this month.

Gina Orr, a publicist at Jive Records, Spears' label, did not

"I think the best thing she could do is make an album that engages with this subject matter in some way."

— *Vibe* magazine music editor Jon Caramanica, on Britney Spears' recent troubles

respond to e-mail and phone messages.

Last Friday, Spears arrived at a San Fernando Valley hair salon, grabbed an electric razor and shaved her head bald. Afterward, she visited a tattoo parlor, where she had a pair of red-and-pink lips inked onto her wrist. Then she went out clubbing with friends before apparently checking into Promises.

Whether her recent behavior will damage her recording career is hard to say, said *Vibe* magazine music editor Jon Caramanica.

Spears, whose 1999 debut album, "...Baby One More Time," sold more than 13 million copies, hasn't released a new album since 2003. Before her troubles began she had produced one this year, and Caramanica suggested that might be a good outlet to address what she's going through.

"I think the best thing she could do is make an album that engages with this subject matter in some way," he said.

WORLD

Prince Harry to be sent to Iraq

By Kevin Sullivan
The Washington Post

LONDON — Prince Harry is going to war.

The younger son of Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana will be deployed to Iraq in the coming months as the first Royal Family soldier to serve in a war zone in 25 years. Now known officially as Cornet Wales, a rank equivalent to 2nd lieutenant, the ruby-cheeked prince will serve in Iraq for six months commanding a squadron of 12 men in four Scimitar armored reconnaissance vehicles.

Speculation about whether Harry, 22, would see combat, which has been percolating since he entered the elite Sandhurst military academy in May 2005, was put to rest Thursday in a statement from Defense Minister Des Browne. Harry's elite blues and Royals regiment is part of a restructuring plan announced Wednesday by Prime Minister Tony Blair, in which British forces in Iraq will be reduced from 7,100 troops to 5,500 in the coming months.

As in the U.S., Britain's military is a volunteer force.

The country has been divided about whether Harry, third in line to the throne behind his father and his brother, Prince William, should be sent into combat. Some have seen it as a needless risk and argued that a Royal might be a prized target for insurgents, potentially putting his fellow soldiers at greater risk. Others have noted that the Royal Family has a long history of military service, and that potential world leaders could do worse than testing their mettle by serving their nation under fire.

"He's obviously a very gutsy kid, and I'm sure he's insisted on going," said William Shawcross, a noted author and broadcaster who has written a biography of Harry's great-grandmother — Queen Elizabeth, the late Queen Mother. "I expect his father is very worried about it, but it's a good thing. I think the queen will be proud of him."

Florence Grayson, a student walking along a sidewalk in West London, said Harry

ought to stay on safer shores. "I don't think he should go," she said. "It would be a huge trauma to William and to the country if he dies. We need our two kings."

For his part, Harry is on record demanding not to be treated like some china doll prince. He has reportedly threatened to quit the army if not allowed to eat Iraqi dust

alongside his mates.

"There's no way I'm going to put myself through Sandhurst, and then sit on my arse back home while my boys are out fighting for their country," Harry said in a rare, often-quoted and charmingly off-color interview marking his 21st birthday. "That may sound very patriotic, but it's true."

"It would be a huge trauma to William and to the country if he dies."

— Florence Grayson, London resident.



Britain's Prince Harry, second from right, grim and his grandmother Queen Elizabeth II smiles, as she inspects the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst, England, in April 2006.



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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military warned Thursday that insurgents are adopting new tactics in a campaign to spread panic after troops uncovered a car bomb factory with propane tanks and chlorine cylinders — possible ingredients for more chemical attacks following three explosions involving chlorine.

Those blasts and a recent spate of attacks against helicopters have raised fears that insurgents are trying to develop new ways to confront U.S. and Iraqi forces. Any increase in chemical bombings could complicate the Baghdad security crackdown, now in its second week.

Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, the No. 2 American commander in Iraq, said he did not think the attacks signaled a more capable insurgency. Instead, he said they were merely an attempt to provoke fear.

"What they're trying to do is ... adapt in such ways that we can continue to create instability," Odierno said.

The general also said at least two suspects have been arrested in the downing of eight helicopters since Jan. 20, but he gave no further details.

The raid on the car bomb factory occurred late Tuesday in the volatile western province of Anbar, U.S. authorities said. U.S. troops discovered a pickup truck and three other vehicles that were being prepared as car bombs, as well as detonation material in five buildings.

"We also found ingredients to be used to devise or enhance explosives, such as fertilizer and chlorine cylinders," Odierno told Pentagon reporters by video link.

Insurgents have detonated three trucks carrying chlorine canisters since late January.

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Go fishing; get married

I fished nearly every day during the summer between sixth and seventh grade. I could be found fly-casting a section of the Big Wood River, north of Ketchum — always with a bicycle ride from home.

My great Uncle Harry's 80-year-old split-bamboo-rod bent often; its reel, with waxed fly-line, screeched as I added line to my casts.

Sneakers and Levi's were my hip-waders. Renegade, Female Adams, and Humpty flies were my weapons of deception.

Idaho Fish and Game would plant rainbow trout in the river at certain locations during the summer. These fish were dopes. Any tourist using pink salmon eggs could land these. Personally I fished for native fish that were finicky. Fishing for brook trout in beaver ponds near Lake Creek was most challenging. Once you fooled a brookie, a thundering battle ensued. Few were landed.



ROWDY'S RENDEZVOUS
Ron Yates

One afternoon I rode my bicycle to the river and discovered a mass of fisherman casting and yanking in F&G hatchery trout. William was fishing from the downstream side of the Hulen Meadows Bridge with worms (a lower form of fishing). Meeting William then, for the first time, I asked him with a sneer if his worms were catching or scaring the planters (hatchery fish). William did not approve of my sarcasm. It took six months riding the same school bus before he spoke to me again with any sincerity.

So I suppose that now, 31 years later, that chance meeting did have merit. Thoughtless sarcasm and I nearly traded my current bliss for who knows what. You see, William and I grew up, became close friends, immigrated to Twin Falls, and kept in touch when distance separated us.

One day I arrived back in town. I was camped out at William's and his wife's residence in Twin Falls when they began to conspire among themselves. They incalculated and lunched the thought that I needed some domestication. So I went.

William and I ventured off one Sunday before dawn to a secret spot north of Carey. William wanted to hunt antelope using his bow and arrow. Easy enough, but he wanted to dig a pit blind from which to conceal his presence. Hard rocky ground and a temperature near 90 made for a chore that I still remember. The blind was respectable. When completed and William, some weeks later, did use it to almost get an antelope.

Touched by the sun, heat, and seemingly endless ride to the pickup, we arrived back to the furnace heat of Twin Falls that evening quite late. Spaghetti — I hesitated instinctively. As a guest I waited for someone to announce what it was, with its over-cooked noodles (we were late, remember) that greeted our appetites. Greeting us also was a certain brown-haired gal attired in Levi's surrounded by an aura of calm; even though the set-up showed was a sight and smell. She snuggled no fear or resentment for being trapped. That's when I did something really unnatural. I said hello.

Later, after the ordeal of dinner, I really turned on the charm. I cleaned my fingernails while conversing in the heat of the long time I never in this life you presently married, it's just too tempting for women and will always lead to entanglements as messy as those you have experienced with your fishing reel's non-argument line.

My domestication had begun, and honestly, I was pro-domestication a full 7 to 9 percent during the first five years while dating and maintaining my green grass and she here, economically, finally led our knot. Marriage would certainly save us money on our vacation travel expenses, (separate motel rooms were costly).

Singlet? Go fishing, and speak for anyone you meet; even if you are only 12.

Ron Yates is an outdoors columnist who lives in Twin Falls, is happily married and with the exception of hunting season, fully domesticated.



Reelin' in the fun

Justie Whitten, of River Adventures Ltd., helps Patti Schneider show off her catch of the day.

Photo by Anne S. Pfund



Lauren Metzler of Filer takes a break from steelhead fishing to dance the "YMCA" during the "Women with Bait" steelhead tournament in Riggins.



Patti Schneider of Montesano, Wash., fishes the banks of the scenic Salmon River during the "Women with Bait" tournament in Riggins last weekend. The month-long event brings 500 women in from all over the West to compete for prizes.

Women with Bait brings ladies to the Salmon River

Karma Metzler Fitzgald
Times-News writer

RIGGINS — They were very serious, wouldn't even crack a smile. They had matching shirts from last year's tournament. They didn't want to joke or make conversation.

It was obvious they were experienced, and we were not.

When the clock struck 7 a.m., they quickly disappeared. Their team would be the first on the river and no one was going to get in their way.

This is Women with Bait, a month-long steelhead tournament in Riggins. While other teams were clearly in it to win, my friends and I were there for a very simple reason — we love to fish.

Last Sunday morning, we met up with other steelheaders at a Riggins hotel where organizers from River Adventures Ltd. handed out boat assignment and gift bags. The \$175 buys a day on the river with a guide and a "bait boy" — we only needed to show up with lunch and a license. Beverages and all equipment were provided.

My friends and I along with 500 other women will compete for prizes ranging from an ATV to a string of pearls. The veteran teams are ready to register as soon as

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the doors open and some are even dressed in matching outfits.

Joining me is my dear friend Patti Schneider, who has flown in from Montesano, Wash., and my sister-in-law, Lauren Metzler of Filer. We're assigned to meet a boat at the "End of the Road." We're told it will take about an hour to get there.

The road leads us about 30 miles up river. It's clear in the first few miles why people come from all over the world to fish this river. Steep, granite lined canyons open to central Idaho's deepest and purest beauty. By the end of the day, we'd see three elk, herds and a golden eagle. When the road quite literally ends, we met our guide Sam Whitten. His son, Justin Whitten is our "bait boy." We're also joined by "Hurricane" Bob Italliff. Sam tells us Bob is our "Celebrity

Bait Boy."

We make it on the water around 9. Later than we'd hoped, but it appears we'll be able to fish water as yet unfished as ice jams are starting to break up.

We tried one hole with no luck and moved just up river to try again. Sam Whitten turns on some disco music to get the morning rolling. It's pouring rain, but we're all in hopes of the big catch. The woman who brings in the most fish inches will win the big prize — a brand new 4-wheel ATV. We're using bait shrimp and dragging the bottom. Patti gets snagged. Justin, who goes by "JW" starts to help her and in the process the last foot of her pole breaks. Then he realizes it will take about an hour to get there.

"His she's got a fish on," he shouts.

He quickly hands the pole back to Patti who begins to reel in the first fish of the day. Justin nets it. A small one — 22 inches — but it could be in the running for smallest fish — and there's a prize for that. Steelhead, apparently, like the Bee Gees.

We'd cover about a 10-mile stretch of the river — as far as ice jams would let us go. We were able to break through one block by creating enough waves to send large chunks of

ice down river. While we waiting for the fish to bite, we enjoyed each other's company.

Our guide Sam Whitten started this tournament 12 years ago at the suggestion of a marketing consultant. That year he took six women out on one boat. It's continually grown to be one of the premier women's tournaments in the region. Sam's spent 25 years guiding tours and fishing trips down this river and he knows every inch of it. His son, Justin has grown up at his side. They both can spot the slightest jerk in a line and are there helping an inexperienced steelheader set a line. Their hands are pocked with the tell-tale signs of bait fishing — cracks and scatches from knives and lines in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The tournament, which takes place each February, makes late winter a bit more lively in this quiet town of 400.

"The girls come and they're ready to party," said Cathy Tunelson, who manages the Salmon Rapids Inn. "The men are more likely to camp, but women like a bit more luxury so the tournament has been good for the hotel business around here."

Justin and Sam say there's not much difference between guiding a boatload of women and a boatload of men — although the women are more likely, like Saturday's team did, to hang a disco ball and bring costumes.

We switch to roe. Still no bites. Then, hot shouting.

"This is the derby winner," Sam said. "Last year's winner was caught with this lure."

Since we had good luck with the Bee Gees, Sam cranks up the Village People and the Commodores. We dance in hopes of inspiring a solid catch.

Nothing.

"Keep going ladies, you're one cast away from the derby winner," Sam says trying to keep our spirits up.

Once the rain stops it gets cold and we pile on more layers of clothing. We stop for lunch, but continue fishing. Again, not even a bite.

Patti's fish would be the only fish for the day. While the rest of us are disappointed, we'll be back fishing like great jazz and good golf. It about the moments. You keep coming back for the moments when everything comes together for perfection. And a day on the Salmon River, even without a fish on the line, is pretty darn close.

OUTDOORS

It's a wild weekend of ski-joring

Wood River Journal

BELLEVUE — Horses from here to Montana are getting on their fastest snow shoes because it's February and that means ski-joring is on. The extreme sport pairs daring horsemen and women on the trestle, fastest horses pulling the bravest skiers through a challenging snow course of jumps and ring catches created by The Wood River Extreme Ski-Joring Association (WRESJA), a nationally sanctioned group of ski and equine enthusiasts who took over the event two years ago.

Opening ceremonies begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, and race finals will be Sunday. Organizers also will honor two familiar faces who loved the games, both of whom lost their lives in separate accidents last fall — Mama Inez' restaurant's former owner Mark Fisher and longtime val-

ley builder Mo Hinajosa. Ski-joring, which resembles extreme water-skiing, is fast becoming one of the nation's hottest new winter sports as noted by such publications as USA Today. Competitors like extreme skier Glen Plake have taken the challenge and many of the pro-division contestants here are making the circuit of races throughout the West.

But no one with a horse and rider, skis and skier and a desire will be denied for the price of entry, which starts at \$25. There are divisions for men and women, girls and boys of all ages and levels. A successful run of this race means crossing the finish line of the 850-foot course with the skier having executed two to three jumps ranging from two to six feet high and grabbing from three to nine rings. The rider must also grab a ring. Points are

deducted for missed or dropped rings and missed jumps. Speed — which often reaches 40 miles per hour — is a factor.

Winners are based on the combined overall score for both days. Peewees, Juniors and women are not required to hit the jumps. While most compete for the thrills, winners will receive cash and other great prizes. Ski-joring is born from a centuries-old custom revived from Scandinavia and first seen in North America in the 1950s. Laplanders used animal and skis as a way of travel during the winters.

The technique of ski-joring grew into sport from challenges among ranch hands on their everyday work. Organizers nationwide are pushing for inclusion of the sport in the X-games. Bellevue's family-friendly event will feature extra games

for kids, food booths, music, an auction and a dance at The Mint.

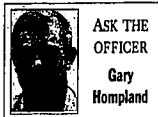
Tailgaters are welcome, as are pets. Event sponsors urge owners to keep dogs on leashes for the safety of all. Proper scouting is much appreciated. There is a gate fee of \$5 per person. Kids 10 and under are free. Sign up will begin at 6 p.m. today at Mahoney's on Main Street in Bellevue.

There will be an auction before the dance party on Saturday at 6 p.m. The Mint is on Halley's Main Street. Sunday night the festivities will conclude with the award ceremony at Mahoney's. You can also register online at www.wresja.com, which will be updated with race details as the event-date approaches.

To speak to a real person for your information, call Tyler Peterson at 208-720-0329.

Some animals must be 'checked' by F&G officials

Question: "I see in the regulations hunters and trappers are required to have their game checked by a Fish and Game officer or at a regional office. What species does this regulation apply to and why must they be checked?"



Answer: Being "checked" by a Fish and Game officer or at a regional office involves different things for different species.

All trophy species (big horn sheep, mountain goats, and moose) as well as mountain lions, and black bears harvested during a hunting season are required to be presented to a conservation officer or a regional office to be "checked" within 10 days of the harvest. After a department employee completes a harvest report, the hunter will be presented with a copy of the report to show they have complied with the reporting requirements.

When the animals are checked, biologists use hunter-harvested animals to gather biological information about wildlife populations. In addition to general knowledge about how many animals are harvested, they ask lots of questions about the hunter's experience, how many animals were observed, the area the animal was harvested from, and they often take antler or horn measurements. They also gather information about sex, age, and individual animal condition. Over the course of the season or several seasons, biologists use this information to determine if harvest strategies are meeting population management goals.

A tooth may also be removed from the jaw to be used in determining the age of the animal. Additionally all mountain lion and black bear pelts must have a metal pelt tag attached. The horns of big horn sheep must be "pinned"

by drilling and inserting a small metal pin with a number on it as a permanent marker of a lawfully harvested sheep.

All bobcats and river otters must also be checked and are considered listed species in the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES). As discussed in an earlier column, CITES tags must be attached to each pelt in order to export them to markets outside the United States. Bobcats must be checked within 10 days of the end of the bobcat harvest season. River otters harvested during the trapping season must be reported and tagged within 72 hours of being caught. This shorter time period for reporting river otter harvest is due to a quota of otters allowed in the harvest. Once the otter quota is reached for the region, the season is terminated, so prompt reporting is important in order to prevent over-harvesting the otter resource.

Mandatory check requirements are just one method department biologists use to gather information about wildlife populations from lawfully harvested animals.

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Now the hunted?



Onlookers watch bear feed on salmon at the McNeil River falls in July 2004. A decision by the Alaska Board of Game opened state lands used by the McNeil River bears near the 114,400-acre sanctuary to hunting as of July 1, clearing the way for a fall hunt.

Board votes to allow hunting near Alaska bear sanctuary

By Mary Pemberton
Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — For decades, Larry Aumiller led small groups of people into the McNeil River State Game Sanctuary to watch as the largest congregation of brown bears in the world feast on salmon in the summer.

The former sanctuary manager said he emotionally couldn't do it any longer after a decision by the Alaska Board of Game increased opportunities to hunt the bears. Aumiller moved to Montana.

"To be honest, it was so heartbreaking I just couldn't be around it," Aumiller said.

If nothing changes, state lands used by the bears near the 114,400-acre sanctuary in southwest Alaska will be open to hunting as of July 1, clearing the way for a fall hunt.

Opponents say it's not sporting to hunt the McNeil River bears, which are accustomed to humans and routinely come to within 10 or 15 feet of small groups of bear-viewers all over the sanctuary each summer. Supporters say the bears are fair game when they wander outside the sanctuary.

The game board, which is appointed by the governor to regulate hunting in Alaska, voted to open the state lands to bear hunting at the request of hunters.

McNeil, created by the state 40 years ago, is arguably the best place in the world to view brown bears. That's because two things make McNeil exceptional: how close the bears will safely come to humans and how many there are at the sanctuary.

As many as 144 individual bears have been observed at McNeil River with as many as 72 bears observed at one time at the falls, according to the Alaska Department of Fish and



Larry Aumiller, front, McNeil River State Game Sanctuary manager, leads a group of bear watchers to the McNeil River falls in July 2004.

Game, a state agency separate from the game board.

However, numbers have declined significantly since 1998, with 78 individual bears spotted at McNeil River in 2004 and 87 in 2005 — well below the average of 104 going back to 1983.

The Department of Fish and Game says numbers have been dipping below the threshold where quality bear viewing may be affected.

Critics say if hunting increases it is just a matter of time before one of the recognizable bears — the ones that have been named by staff members over the years — is killed.

There's Teddy. She is so tolerant of humans she will nurse her cubs just 10 feet from the sanctuary's viewing platform next to the falls.

"A bear like Teddy is invaluable," Aumiller said. "She is so good, so tolerant. In a way, she's worth 10 other bears."

The seven-member game board is being asked to consider 10 proposals to either reverse its decision or reduce hunting pressure on the bears when they wander outside the

sanctuary 250 miles southwest of Anchorage. The board is expected to take up the proposals in March.

Game Board Chairman Ron Summersville can't speak for other board members, but offered some of his views on the sanctuary bears.

While he can understand people getting emotional over the issue, the sanctuary was created to protect bear viewing, not individual bears, he said.

"It was never designed to protect the bears wherever they wandered," said Sommerville, a retired wildlife biologist and administrator with the Department of Fish and Game.

Besides, the state constitution requires that game be managed for the maximum benefit of Alaskans, he said. If the McNeil River sanctuary bears that were allowed to undermine that, it would be inexcusable, he said.

State agency says hunt is ill-advised

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) —

Hunting the famous McNeil River bears on land next to their sanctuary is ill-advised, given strong opposition from the public, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game said in recommending the area remain closed to brown bear hunting.

The regulation takes effect July 1, opening the way for an October hunt. The game board, which sets hunting regulations in Alaska, will reconsider its decision in March.

In a review of proposals to the board, the Department of Fish and Game recommended Tuesday that it adopt one from the Alaska Professional Hunters Association Inc. in support of keeping the lands closed.

In its proposal, the 750-member association representing about 150 professional guides and outfitters in Alaska said allowing the bears to be hunted could create a backlash against hunting, causing a loss of hunting opportunities elsewhere. "The credibility of Alaska's bear management and allocation system should not be jeopardized for the sake of the limited amount of hunting opportunity this regulation would afford," the group said in its proposal.

bears with another buffer of protection. To the south is Katmai National Park, where no hunting is allowed.

According to the Department of Fish and Game, the McNeil River bears range throughout the region, using both the Katmai National Preserve to the west and areas north of the sanctuary, both of which allow hunting.

SV to install new lifts on Dollar Mountain

By Susan Bailey
Wood River Journal

SUN VALLEY — If the city of Sun Valley approves the project, Dollar Mountain will have two new detachable quad lifts by the end of the summer.

New lifts on Quarter Dollar and Full Dollar will have double the capacity, transporting four skiers in a chair instead of two at a time. Detachable quads also operate at faster speeds than older continuous cable chairlifts.

In addition, Sun Valley Resort said improvements might be made on the Elkhorn side of the mountain, including snowmaking. Because of the steep terrain on the Elkhorn face, that chairlift, a double chair of the same vintage as the other three ski lifts on Dollar

Mountain, seldom runs.

"It's a great place to do training on," said Jack Sibbach, marketing director for Sun Valley Resort.

Sun Valley Co. General Manager Wally Huffman said the company might create a new trail by removing rocks on Joint Venture Trail on the Elkhorn side.

Unlike Bald Mountain which operates under a Forest Service lease, Dollar Mountain is private property of Sun Valley city limits. Any construction requires a building permit from the city. Sibbach said the company will probably apply to the city in May. The location of the ski lifts will not change, he said.

Dollar Mountain with its impressive Caroll's Dollar Mountain Lodge serves beginning skiers, especially children.

Study: Winter air quality continuing to improve

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — The air quality at two of the most popular winter spots here continues to improve, a new study finds.

Levels of carbon monoxide and certain particulate at the park's west entrance at West Yellowstone, the most popular winter gate, and Old Faithful, the most popular destination, still are "well below" national ambient air quality standards and the air quality is good, the study by the National Park Service concluded.

Those pollutants have decreased in recent winters because fewer snowmobilers travel into the park and

because of new requirements that all snowmobilers meet standards for noise and emissions, park officials said.

The study analyzes air quality at Old Faithful and the West Yellowstone entrance during the winter of 2005-06. It's the latest in a series of studies aimed at helping park officials decide how best to manage winter traffic in Yellowstone.

Late last year the Park Service released, for technical review, a draft plan to several counties and public agencies. A draft plan is expected to be released this spring for public comment and a final decision is expected before next winter.

Commission to set big game seasons

Big game hunters may want to head to Boise the second week of March when the Idaho Fish and Game Commission is scheduled to set big game seasons.

The Boise meeting, March 7-9, will be at Fish and Game headquarters, 600 S. Walnut. Commissioners are expected to set seasons for deer, elk, antelope, black bear and mountain lion. They also will get a legislative update and provide budget direction for the 2009 fiscal year.

The three-day meeting kicks off with a public comment period at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, in the Trophy Room at Fish and Game headquarters.

Commissioners get down to work Thursday morning, March 8, with a number of housekeeping items. About 10 a.m., they'll tackle the outfitter controlled tag allocation issue, followed by proposed changes to big game seasons and rules. In the afternoon, commissioners will consider budget issues and hear an update on the new license system.

They will take up again at 8 a.m. Friday, March 9. The first item they'll tackle will be the proposed Yellowstone cut-throat trout management plan, followed by action on the proposed 2007-2012 Fish Management Plan for the state. After 9 a.m., commissioners will consider the department's lands project to protect and improve wildlife and fish habitat.

They will wind up the meeting with an update on wolf management. (Times on the agenda are approximate and subject to change.)

Web site video leads to poaching conviction

In early November 2005, Idaho residents lost a special part of their hunting heritage.

A trophy seven-by-seven mule deer buck had been poached. Only the head and antlers were taken with the body left to waste. Idaho Department of Fish and Game officers heard about it from a concerned individual.

On Nov. 5, 2005, the reporting individual found a headless deer in the Morgan Creek drainage near Challis. Local conservation officer Mark Armbruster investigated the deer. He identified the deer as a large mule deer buck, and he determined the carcass was only a day or two old.

With the season ending on Oct. 31, that meant the deer probably had been killed after the season had ended. At the time of the investigation, however, Armbruster was not able to develop any leads.

About a month later on Dec. 1, Armbruster observed a video clip on a business website operated by Aly Bruner and Rainbows End Bed and Breakfast. He recognized the geography and kill site he had investigated a month earlier.

Armbruster returned to the crime scene to match photos he had taken and photos from Bruner's website. Now he had his first lead.

At this time Armbruster was working with other Fish and Game investigators who retrieved DNA evidence from a deer that Bruner claimed he had killed during the 2005 fall hunting season. This DNA evidence and DNA evidence Armbruster collected at the crime scene were sent for analysis to Karen Rudolph at the Idaho Fish and Game Wildlife Health Lab.

Her analysis showed the two DNA samples were from the same animal. The headless deer carcass and the deer head at Aly Bruner's matched.

On Dec. 10, 2005, Fish and Game officers and Custer County deputies served a search warrant at Bruner's residence. They seized the deer head, video and photographic evidence that eventually led to a conviction.

On Feb. 6, 2007, Aly M. Bruner, 57, of Challis pleaded guilty to charges of unlawful destruction of wildlife and possessing unlawfully taken wildlife. He was sentenced to 360 days in jail with 310 days suspended and held at the county discretion. He immediately began serving the first 10

Fish and Game notes

of the remaining 50 days. Bruner will serve out the remaining 40 days during the first 10 days of the deer hunting season each of the next four years. He also lost his hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for the next six years. During this time he can be in the field or any vehicle with a firearm, nor can he go hunting, fishing or trapping with others.

He can't be on public land without permission from his probation officer, and he is subject to searches of his vehicles or home by a police or probation officer. Bruner also was sentenced to four years of supervised probation, and he was fined \$2,000, and ordered to pay a \$100 civil penalty and \$50 processing fee.

Without the efforts of a concerned individual, this case may never come to Fish and Game's attention. Anyone who witnesses a wildlife crime is urged to "Make The Call" to Citizens Against Poaching at 1-800-632-5999. Callers may remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward.

Fish and Game launches aerial surveys

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Magic Valley Region has started surveys to estimate the number of elk on the west side of the Wood River Valley and in the Smoky Mountains.

The surveys likely will continue through the end of February. Residents may see a helicopter flying low for short periods of time near groups of elk.

The data from these surveys will be used to gauge the status and trend of the species' elk herd, and to help assess potential changes to hunting permits and seasons.

Sign up now for Access Yes! pilot program

Landowners in the Magic Valley region who are interested in letting hunters or anglers on their private land can get more than money this year.

New for 2007, landowners interested in sharing access can get help with repairing a section of fence, a special hunt project or get big game controlled hunt tags, or they can get paid.

"The new Access Yes! pilot program is going to be a lot more user friendly," said Steve Lim, Fish and Game staff biologist. "In the past we have always been limited by the amount of money available; now we have several options so we can customize a lot of fees, a special hunt project or get big game controlled hunt tags, or they can get paid."

The new program allows various forms of compensation to private landowners in exchange for hunter, angler and tripper access and through their private lands. Landowners can choose from direct monetary payments, habitat improvement projects, access development projects, limited nontransferable controlled hunt tags within the Magic Valley Region, or Fish and Game personnel patrolling the landowner's property.

In many cases, the program remains the same. Landowners can set access restrictions and name their price for the type of access they will allow on their deeded lands through a bidding process.

A local five-member committee reviews the bids and advises the department which ones should be accepted for funding. Idaho Fish and Game coordinators then determine the details of the program. The best serve the hunters and anglers.

Selected properties are required to have Access Yes! signage, and will be listed on the internet with maps and access restrictions.

Landowners interested in participating in the Access Yes! Program may contact Steve Lim at 324-4359.

— compiled from staff reports

Safety Climbing

After Mount Hood tragedy, Oregon lawmaker wants mountain locators

By Brad Cain Associated Press writer

SALEM, Ore. — There's danger aplenty on Mount Hood — including avalanches and crevasses that can swallow a climber and leave no trace. In the past 25 years, more than 35 climbers have died on the 11,239-foot mountain, Oregon's tallest peak and one of the most frequently climbed mountains in the world.

This week, three climbers had to be rescued after falling off a ledge. They were rescued Monday, just as a snowstorm approached.

Several Oregon lawmakers want to improve the odds of climbers' survival by equipping them to wear electronic locators above 10,000 feet on Mount Hood — an idea mountaineers resist.

Rep. John Lim, chief sponsor, contends that three climbers who perished in December might be alive had they carried the devices, which send electronic signals that can give search and rescue teams the precise location of stranded climbers.

But many climbers say that while carrying beacons is a good idea, it should be their choice — not required.

"It's a very dangerous undertaking, but that's part of the beauty of it," Dave Saterberg, a leader of the Mazamas climbing group, said of mountaineering.

No state requires climbers to carry the devices.

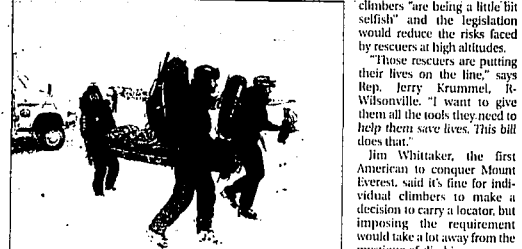
Lim says Oregon should be the first, especially in view of the December tragedy.

Three out-of-state climbers became stranded atop the mountain in gale-force winds and snow the previous week. They were rescued after a rescue operation that made international headlines.

Nine days later, after the weather cleared, searchers found the body of Texas climber Kelly Adams, but his two companions, Brooklyn resident Jerry Cooke and Texan



Rescuers start their ascent from 8,500 feet to the summit of Mount Hood in search of three missing climbers near Government Camp, Ore., Dec. 17. An Oregon lawmaker wants to pass a law requiring climbers to wear electronic locators above the 10,000-foot level on the mountain — an idea that is drawing resistance from mountaineers.



A rescue team member leaves Timberline Lodge in an attempt to find three injured climbers Monday on Mount Hood, Ore., The climbers were later rescued.

Brian Hall, are still missing, presumed dead.

James was able to make a distress call to his family using a cell phone. But the trio did not carry electronic beacons.

Lim said having to carry a beacon shouldn't be that big a deal to climbers and the requirement would cut the cost of search-and-rescue operations.

Lim said that seeing the grief of Jerry Cooke's mother first-hand convinced him that such a law would be worth it even one life could be saved.

"I will send a strong message to climbers — this may save your life and spare your loved one's misery," he said.

The climbers have a strong ally in Rep. Scott Brum of West Linnet, a climber who's been to the summit of Mount Hood a dozen times.

"I don't see his bill passing,"

he said. "This was a tragic accident that happened in an extreme sport. This is a situation the Legislature can't fix."

Rocky Henderson of Burford Mountain Rescue said his group has taken no stand on Lim's bill, but he believes that "if you try to legislate so much safety, you lose the adventure."

Missing mountain climbers accounted for only 3.4 percent of the total number of search-and-rescue missions mounted in Oregon in 2005 — not a disproportionate share compared with hunters, mushroom pickers or others who get lost in the wilds, Henderson said.

"The Oregon Legislature shouldn't waste time on something that's such a small problem in the overall scheme of things," he said.

But a lawmaker who's co-sponsoring the bill said the

climbers "are being a little bit selfish" and the legislation would reduce the risks faced by rescuers at high altitudes.

"Those rescuers are putting their lives on the line," says Rep. Jerry Krummel, R-Wilsonville. "I want to give them all the tools they need to help them save lives. This bill does that."

Jim Whitaker, the first American to conquer Mount Everest, said it's fine for individual climbers to make a decision to carry a locator, but imposing the requirement would take a lot away from the mystique of climbing.

"If you take all of the risk out of life, you lose a lot. You're removing a personal liberty from somebody who wants to go and explore without having a safety net," Whitaker said by cell phone from Idaho, where he was on a climbing trip. "You want to go into the wild and enjoy nature and not be followed."

Charley Shimanski of the Mountain Rescue Association, which represents 100 search-and-rescue groups in the U.S. and Canada, said he worries that relying on electronic beacons could give climbers a false sense of security.

"They might think, 'I've got this gizmo that tells everybody where I am, so I can take greater risks,'" Shimanski said in a phone interview from Evergreen, Colo.

He called Lim's bill an "over-reaction" to the December deaths. Even if they had locators, the climbers would have likely died because conditions were so perilous, he contended.

Family wants to revive Bridal Veil tram

PROVO, Utah (AP) — There is an effort to revive the scenic tram at Bridal Veil Falls, 11 years after it was destroyed by an avalanche.

"That waterfall and tram is about Utah County's only chance to stop someone from passing by on I-15," David Gray said. "It's really not going to stop at the Dairy Queen in Orem."

Gray said he will ask Utah County commissioners for a \$3.2 million bond to construct a tram and resort, investors would repay the bond.

His family has owned 22 acres surrounding the falls

since 1974. An aerial tram, built in 1961, lifted passengers to the top of the 607-foot waterfall.

His plan is to build a look-out tucked into the peak of Cascade Mountain, about 300 feet from the original location. The deck would be five times larger and serve as a hiker's gateway to the forest.

The new tram would lift 12 passengers at a time from a gift shop at the base of U.S. Highway 189. It would operate from May to October.

Bridal Veil is a relictivation of a resort at a proven popular loca-

tion, Gray said. He believes the resort would attract many tourists.

"I think about it. They go spend an afternoon at the falls and chances are a Utah Valley business will feed them that night and a Utah Valley hotel will house them that night," Gray said.

If the bond is granted, Outdoor Engineers of Denver

and Austrian architect Oswald Geisler will construct the resort, which could open in 2008.

Gray will show a feasibility study to county commissioners next week.

"I would hope that it would be a positive report and we could make a go of (the project) and it would benefit the community," Commissioner Larry Ellerson.

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Jobless claims fall sharply

By Martin Crutinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The number of laid-off workers filing for unemployment benefits dropped sharply last week after having been driven higher the previous week by storm-related layoffs.

The Labor Department reported that applications for jobless benefits totaled 332,000 last week, down by 27,000 from the previous week.

The prior week jobless claims had jumped by 46,000, the biggest one-week surge since September 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Part of that big increase occurred because of winter storms which boosted layoffs in such industries as construction.

The four-week moving average for claims edged up from 326,700 to 328,000, the highest level for this average since early December.

But economists cautioned that the jobless claims figures at the moment may merely reflect the difficulty the government has in seasonally adjusting the numbers at this time of year when major winter snowstorms can alter the number of people showing up at claims offices in any one week.

"We may not get a clear read on the underlying pace of layoffs until March," said Omair Sharif, an economic strategist at RBS Greenwich Capital. He said it would be premature based on current information to contend that layoffs have diverged significantly from the 315,000 weekly average for all of last year.

The nation's unemployment rate rose to 4.6 percent in January, the highest level in four months, and economists believe that rate will rise further perhaps as high as 5 percent in coming months as a slowing economy increases layoffs. Already the slump in housing and weakness in the auto industry are triggering layoffs in those industries.

Nevertheless, a seasonally adjusted civilian jobless rate of 4 percent to 5 percent is low by historical standards.

The hope of the Federal Reserve is that a two-year campaign to raise interest rates will work to slow the economy enough to keep inflation under control.

While overall inflation has eased as energy prices have retreated from last year's highs, the government reported Wednesday that core inflation jumped by 0.3 percent in January, a bigger-than-expected increase that was driven by a huge jump in medical costs.

Government: New regulations not needed for hedge funds

By Martin Crutinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration and top financial regulators pledged increased vigilance over hedge funds Thursday but stopped short of proposing any new regulations to control the trillion-dollar industry.

Instead, the President's Working Group composed of administration officials and various market regulators put forward a set of guidelines they said would enhance information about the largely secretive investment pools.

"These guidelines should serve as a foundation to enhance vigilance and market discipline further, which will strengthen investor protection and guard against systemic risk," Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson, the head of the working group, said in a statement.

The working group, which was formed after the stock market crash of 1987, is composed of the Treasury secretary and the heads of the Federal Reserve, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Sit back and relax



Jason Rippee, pictured with his fiancee Katie Williamson, said he enjoys riding the Wood River RideShare van from Twin Falls to Hailey where he works for Power Engineers. He said he not only appreciates the \$300 to \$400 in gas savings each month, but also enjoys the extra downtime.

Ride sharing a safe, stress-free way for workers to commute

By Kami Mitchell
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — It's early morning and the driver turns the black van into a quiet, empty parking lot. He comes to a stop and welcomes the commuters aboard for a warm, comfortable drive up a congested highway.

The nonprofit Wood River Ride Share began the vanpool program in November 2006 with funding provided by Idaho Transportation Department's statewide rideshare grants combined with local monies. The organization currently has two routes to Hailey and Ketchum. One originates in Twin Falls and the other in Carey. Vanpool Coordinator Jim Finch said a third route originating in Fairfield should be available this summer.

Finch said the new emphasis on vanpooling arose from a widely recognized need to provide and promote alternatives to the single occupancy vehicle.

"The bottom line is that vanpooling allows the riders a safe way to save, relax and commute," Finch said.

Finch resident Sherril Blackwood, a 51-

Need a lift to Hailey or Ketchum?

Wood River RideShare has a seat for you on its commuter van. The cost for Twin Falls commuters is \$149 per month. New riders who sign on before Feb. 28 will receive their first month free. For more information, call 1-208-788-RIDE.

Lake's Wood River Medical Center employee, boards the van three days a week.

"It's a great alternative to driving by yourself," Blackwood said. "Second, it's much cheaper. I bought my car last year and I put 42,000 miles on it driving back and forth, so I don't have to put those miles on my car."

Operating a vehicle between Twin Falls and Ketchum 50 weeks a year, five days a week adds up to 37,500 miles a year and a lot of money for gas and maintenance.

There's also the impact to the environment. According to TerraPass, an organization that funds renewable energy projects, a 2007 vehicle emits

19,897 pounds of carbon dioxide a year.

"A van like this will take 10 to 12 cars off the highway, reducing emissions and preserving this earth longer," said Jose Anubiz, a Hailey city employee who drives the Twin Falls route.

Buhl resident and van commuter Jason Rippee said he not only appreciates the \$300 to \$400 in gas savings each month, but also enjoys the downtime.

"In the morning I can catch another couple hours of sleep and on the way home, I use my laptop to finish up work," Rippee said.

Riders aren't the only ones encouraged to take advantage of the vanpool service. Employers benefit by underwriting all or a portion of an employee's commuting cost as a deductible business expense.

Atkinson's Market owner Chip Atkinson says the vanpool is a great asset to the store's out-of-area employees.

The value to the employee and consequently to us is that the added convenience of having some personal time and money savings leads to a happier employee," Atkinson said.

Southwest Idaho tea company settles lawsuits

The Associated Press

BOISE — A tea company in southwest Idaho has settled a pair of lawsuits filed by two Boise businesses and now plans to enter the sports drink market with a product made from a plant in South Africa.

SunFoods Inc., based in Eagle, recently settled the lawsuits by the men who said faulty financial information was given to them before they invested more than \$80,000 in the belief the new sports drink had potential.

The founder of the company, Lisa Marie, said the lawsuits filed last summer in 4th District Court were an attempt by the men to take over the company.

"It's not very easy as a

start-up company to come up with the cash immediately," Marie told the Idaho Statesman.

Torry McAlvain, a contractor, lent the company \$20,000. A judge recently ordered SunFoods to repay McAlvain the \$20,000 plus \$1,145 in interest for

the loan he made in January 2005.

Dick Phillips, a developer, made a \$50,000 loan in June 2006 and paid \$11,736 so that company officials could travel to California for an industry event.

According to a settlement agreement, the company will repay Phillips and cover his legal expenses.

The company denies any liability. The company, launched in 2003, was featured in U.S. News and World Report in March in a story about Idaho entrepreneurs.

The company now plans to change its name to Reddfox Inc., and promote a red drink called Reddfox. According to the company, it is a better source of energy for

athletes than popular sports drinks such as Gatorade and Powerade.

The company plans to make the drink from the needles of the roobos plant, which grows in South Africa.

McAlvain said he is planning to file a complaint to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission alleging the company is not following SEC regulations and misleading possible investors.

"The information they provided is really old, and the debt being reported was erroneous and wasn't complete," McAlvain said.

Marie dropped a counterclaim against Phillips as part of the settlement. McAlvain and Phillips said they were not trying to take control of the company.

Market Watch

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Standard & Poor's 500	-1.25	1,456.38
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	close	change
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Light sweet crude by barrel	24.34	▼ 0.03
Live cattle	93.40	▼ 1.8
March gold	680.0	▼ 0.0

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IDAHO

Housing group aims to expand capabilities

Bill would allow it to help finance industrial development

The Associated Press

BOISE — A bill now awaiting a vote in the state House would allow the Idaho Housing and Finance Association to help finance industrial economic development projects with its tax-exempt bonds.

The measure would broaden the state-created housing finance organization's mission that now includes lending assistance to first-time homebuyers.

The bill, backed by the Association of Idaho Cities and the business lobby Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, cleared the House Revenue and Taxation Committee by unanimous vote Thursday. It would permit

HOFA, working together with private banks and state or local economic development agencies, to finance industrial, commercial, and other projects.

"It's like another tool in the economic development belt for Idaho," said Steve Rector, HOFA spokesman. This could reduce borrowing costs for businesses or economic development organizations, he said. "If they come to us, they get the tax-exempt feature."

The bill is a replica of a measure introduced in the 2005 Legislature by Techelp, a partnership of the University of Idaho, Idaho State University, and Boise State University that aims to boost manufacturing-based economic development across the state. The measure didn't complete hearings that year; the group decided to resurrect it in 2007.

Stepped-up meat, poultry inspections to begin in April

By Lilyb Quaid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Stepped-up inspections at some meat and poultry plants are set to begin in April, according to an Agriculture Department official overseeing the first overhaul of food safety

inspections in a decade. The new policy, announced Thursday, is designed to increase scrutiny of processing plants where the threat of E. coli and other germs is high or where past visits have found unsafe practices. Plants with fewer risks and better food-handling records will be

inspected less often.

The Agriculture Department proposes switching to the new system at about 250 locations, or about 5 percent of the nation's estimated 5,300 processing plants.

"We will do this for a long time in these locations until we've had a chance to evalu-

ate how well it's going, where the bumps in the road might be, what we might need to do differently and how training needs to change," said Richard Raymond, the Agriculture Department's top food safety official.

Food safety critics weren't pleased. Carol Tucker

Foreman, director of food policy for the Consumer Federation of America, called the policy reckless and illegal. She said the new policy was the result of the White House's desire to reduce spending and "will almost surely result in more illness and more deaths from food poisoning."

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WORLD

Ferry burns in Indonesia; nearly 300 people rescued

By Iness Firdias
Associated Press writer

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A mother begged a cargo hand to take her 18-month-old daughter after fire engulfed an Indonesian ferry Thursday, then jumped into the sea along with hundreds of other passengers. Sixteen people died and scores were injured.

Heru, who goes by one name, said he tried to scale a rope with the toddler as smoke billowed around him, but was knocked into the water by a falling passenger. He saw the woman clinging to a water cooler and swam toward her.

"The baby was crying. Mumai Mamai and she insisted I hand over the child," he said. Fifteen minutes later, the two disappeared beneath the dark waves. "Now they're gone."

The Levina 1 was carrying 300 passengers when a pre-dawn blaze broke out in a truck on the car deck hours after the ferry left the capital, Jakarta, for the northwestern island of Bangka, port official Sano Hresi said. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

Remarkably, 275 people were rescued from the Java Sea and the 2,600-ton vessel's cleared hull by fishing boats, warships and helicopters, averting a second major maritime disaster in Indonesia the last several months. In late December, a ferry sank in a storm in the Java Sea, killing more than 460 people.

At least 17 people were still



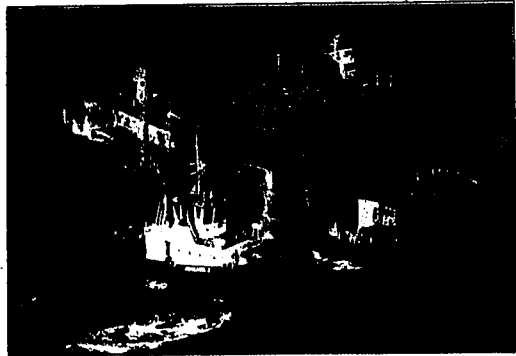
Rusiah said. "He was dead, but I couldn't let go. I held onto him for what felt like an hour before being rescued by a fisherman."

She said she did not know what happened to her husband and two other children.

One survivor told AP Television News he was sleeping when the fire started.

"When I woke up, I saw a big fire and I just jumped into the water. All I was thinking was how I had to survive," Harjani said.

Sunarjo, another survivor, said he swam all morning before being rescued. "If I hadn't torn off my pants I'd probably be dead now," he said.



This is an aerial view of the burning passenger and car ferry Levina 1 on Thursday in the waters off Jakarta, Indonesia. A massive fire broke out Thursday on an Indonesian ferry carrying 350 passengers, killing at least seven people, the navy said, as rescuers pulled survivors and bodies from the burning hull.

missing following Thursday's fire. Navy spokesman Hendra Pakan. The search for survivors continued after darkness fell.

"It was terrifying," said Yas Bijal, 33, who was with his wife and son on the upper deck when the fire broke out. "The crew ordered us to put on yellow life vests and we jumped."

Rusiah, 28, who also goes by one name, was among those who did not get a life vest. But as the ferry's deck got hotter, she became increasingly desperate and plunged into the sea with her 5-month-old son. "I just wanted save my baby," she said, weeping. "I didn't think of the risk."

"We sank for a long time and by the time we came to the surface, he wasn't breathing."



An Indonesian worker walks among concrete balls that will be used to help stem a massive mudflow that has been spewing out millions of barrels of mud for the past nine months, Thursday in Surabaya, Indonesia.

Indonesia to use giant concrete balls in attempt to stem mud eruption

The Associated Press

SURABAYA, Indonesia — Indonesian authorities will try to stem a gushing mud eruption Friday that has inundated villages and factories by dropping hundreds of giant concrete balls into a gouge in the earth, an official said.

Around a million old drums of hot, molten mud, equal to about 50 Olympic swimming pools, have flowed from the hole at a drilling site every day for the last nine months, forcing at least 11,000 people from their homes.

The chained concrete balls, weighing up to 250 kilograms (550 pounds) each, will be dropped from a scaffolding into the so-called mud volcano

from Friday, said Rudi Nprianto, a spokesman for a national task force handling the disaster.

It is successful, they will decrease by up to 70 percent the volume of the mud now being channeled by a system of dams into a nearby river and out to sea.

Mud fissures are fairly common along volatile tectonic belts like that one running below Indonesia, the world's largest archipelago, known as the Pacific Ocean's "Ring of Fire" because of dozens of active fault lines and volcanoes.

Opinions differ about cause of the mudflow, the largest on record in Indonesia, but experts agree it could flow for years.

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2007 CHEVROLET EQUINOX SUV

Nimble combination of style & utility

RoadWorthy!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

Entering its third year of production, the Chevrolet Equinox wraps flexibility and sophistication in a stylish package that continues to be a hit with motorists. Sharing its platform with the Saturn VUE and the Pontiac Torrent, the Equinox features a multi-purpose interior that is configurable to countless uses, including a rear seat that adjusts for and reclines.

Safety enhancements and upgrades for 2007 include rollover detection for the head-curtain side-impact airbags. StabilityTrak vehicle stability enhancement system, tire pressure monitoring system, PASS-Key III theft-deterrent system and four-wheel disc brakes.

Exterior changes and enhancements for this year also add a new rear spoiler, front fascia and rear fascia for improved aerodynamics; and three new wheels - clad pearl chrome, 17-inch clad bright chrome aluminum and 17-inch polished forged aluminum.

Available in LS and LT trim levels, the Equinox is powered by a tried-and-



true 3400 3.4L V6 and offered in two- and all-wheel drive configurations.

Torque is communicated to the ground through an Aisin AF33-5 five-speed automatic gearbox - the only transmission offered.

On the road, the Equinox AWD delivers an impressively performance. The Chevrolet SUV is very responsive - providing plenty of grip without being cumbersome during low speed maneuvers.

The Equinox's solid body architecture is complemented by an

Independent MacPherson strut suspension up front; plus a trailing arm, four-link coil spring layout in the rear. The rear configuration facilitates the SUV's low, wide load floor and maximizes rear passenger space. The compact Chevrolet SUV is further distinguished by a wide stance, long wheelbase and large door openings.

Inside the cabin, Equinox features the following enhancements and upgrades for the 2007 model year: revised cluster. Instrument panel

center stack, shifter knob, steering wheel, climate controls, wiper controls, a Driver's Information Center with 20 personalization and vehicle information features, a number of new optional audio systems and optional remote vehicle starter. The Uplevel Multiflex sliding rear seat adds a center armrest with two additional cupholders.

The Chevrolet SUV offers drivers an excellent view of the road, with an elegantly simple arrangement of displays, controls and switchgear. Equipped

with a pleasing balance of value and utility, the Equinox comes with a comprehensive list of standard equipment: air conditioning; 16-inch wheels; multi-flex sliding and split-folding rear seat; flat folding front passenger seat; manual height adjuster on the driver seat; daytime running lamps; fog lamps; FE2 Sport Suspension; four-wheel anti-lock brakes; traction control; electric power steering; multi-position adjustable rear shelf; rear liftgate with defogger and washer/wiper; folding outside rearview mirrors; power door locks, mirrors and windows; remote keyless entry and AM/FM stereo with CD player.

The multi-adjustable split-folding rear seats independently slide forward or rearward nearly eight inches, recline and fold down flat with the cargo floor. A multifunctional cargo panel in the cargo area can be adjusted to three different heights plus a fourth rearward position that forms a table with the liftgate open - perfect for picnics or tailgating. The panel features carpet on one side and a scratchable plastic surface on the other for messy loads, plus handy grocery hooks.

2007 Chevy Equinox by the Numbers

PRICING
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2007 Chevrolet Equinox SUV starts from \$23,680 for the FWD LS model up to \$24,470 for the AWD LT. Destination charges add \$615.

WHEELBASE:
112.5; overall length: 188.8; width: 71.4; height: 69.3 - measurements in inches.

ENGINE:
3.4 V6 - 185 hp at 5,200 rpm and 210 lbs-ft of torque at 3,800 rpm.

TRANSMISSION:
five-speed automatic with Adaptive Learning Capability.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 city/25 hwy. (FWD); 19 city/25 hwy. (AWD).

CARGO CAPACITY:
671 cu. ft.

PAYLOAD CAPACITY:
1,329 lbs.

TOWING CAPACITY:
3,500 lbs.


SAFETY FEATURES
Alarm system, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, automatic power door locks, remote keyless entry, dual front airbags, traction control, StabilityTrak vehicle stability enhancement system, automatic headlamp control, daytime running lamps and tire pressure monitor. LT adds fog lamps, remote vehicle start system, side-impact head curtain airbags and OnStar communications system.

WARRANTY
Basic: 3year/36,000 mile, bumper-to-bumper.

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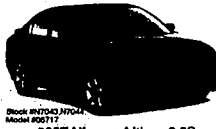
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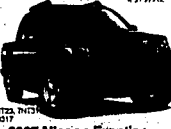
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RAWHOR
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SHRAID
 □□□□□□

Now arrange the circled letters to form the simplest answer, as suggested by the above callouts.

A: "_____ " IN _____
 (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CUBIT POUCH BROKEN COMPEL
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3	9	4	7	6	8	5	1	2
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