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Groundwater users hail ruling in pivotal court case

Both sides say state Supreme Court leaves many questions unanswered

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

BOISE — Southern Idaho groundwater users have won a victory in a much-anticipated court case over claims to water in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, though both sides in the case say the court left many

questions unanswered.

The Idaho Supreme Court ruled Monday that conjunctive management — a system of rules used by Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tuthill to allocate water between senior and junior rights holders, especially in times of drought

— is a constitutional method to administer water rights.

However, whether that method can be applied constitutionally was left unanswered by the court. Parties on both sides predict another legal battle to resolve how the director should apply conjunctive management rules.

In the meantime, Monday's decision means groundwater users, who largely own junior water rights, likely won't face widespread curtailment as

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Read the full text of the Idaho Supreme Court decision.



some had feared.

"This is great news," said Lynn Tomlinaga, executive director of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators that, along with the IDWR, appealed the case to the high court. "But it

still means we have to go back and do the administrative process."

Senior and junior users will have to wait to see how Tuthill applies the conjunctive management rules to a pending water dispute before the issue is resolved.

Senior rights holders oppose conjunctive management because the rules sometimes prevent them from receiving their full water share. Junior users say conjunctive manage-

ment protects them from widespread curtailment when water runs short.

"We're disappointed," said Randy MacMillan, vice president of research and environmental affairs for Clear Springs Foods, a company with surface rights that was named in the suit, "because this decision will further delay effective administration of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer."

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"We're burying our heads in the sand right now. We're refusing to acknowledge there's any kind of problem here."

— Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, the bill's author.

House kills resolution to improve day care

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — As the House debated a non-binding day care resolution Monday, conservative lawmakers warned that additional government intervention in a child's life before kindergarten could emulate the ultimate evil — communism.

"In the old Russia, the state owned the children for all intents and purposes and directed their education," said Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis. "This is not the proper role of the government."

Barrett led a 43 to 27 vote against adopting a bill that would encourage the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Welfare to create early learning standards. The standards would be used to form a voluntary ranking system for allocating federal funding to preschools.

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Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, a former teacher and the bill's author, said the bill had no fiscal impact and would offer parents more transparency when seeking day care.

She said afterward that the dissenters — no Republican spoke in favor — had blown the issue out of proportion by discussing philosophy, and not children.

"It appears to me they refuse to acknowledge that we have a whole lot of kids in child care," she said. "We're burying our heads in the sand right now. We're refusing to acknowledge there's any kind of problem here."

Anger, apologies at Walter Reed hearing

By Michael Abramowitz
and Steve Vogel
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senior commanders of the U.S. Army offered profuse apologies Monday for the poor treatment accorded many soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, but lawmakers expressed skepticism that the generals had been unaware of the problems until they were spotlighted by the media two weeks ago. Congress opened a round of investigative hearings into the Walter Reed scandal only days after a major shakeup at the Army that followed Washington Post reports on

squalid living conditions and bureaucratic tangles for soldiers receiving outpatient care. Walter Reed's commander, Maj. Gen. George W. Weightman, and Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey lost their jobs, and the Bush administration has established several panels to investigate the care being provided to wounded soldiers.

Senior commanders sounded more contrite Monday than they did when the scandal first broke. At one point during several hours of hearings in the auditorium at Walter Reed,

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Paying for pretty



Photo by NIKKI HEDDER/News-Press

On a windy afternoon in May 2005, L.B. Perrine descendant Chazara Shoop, 6, embraces her mother Sha Ann Perrine after placing a brick with Chazara's name on it in the then-new centennial plaza along the canyon rim in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls struggles to find money for public art

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ironically, the best way to fund public art is in the eye of the beholder.

The Twin Falls City Council discussed a proposal Monday night for a public arts fund that would help spruce up the city with public art projects.

Councilors discussed a draft ordinance currently being used in Rexburg as a template for Twin Falls, however, most agreed that it was too complicated to be effective. At its simplest, the ordinance would require the city to contribute to an arts fund from the amount of money it spends on capital improvements.

City Councilman Shawn Barigar said the ordinance would not be adequate for Twin Falls because it included too many exceptions to what is

considered an eligible capital improvement.

"We looked at last year's capital improvement projects in Twin Falls that were eligible to add the 1 percent, and of the \$6.3 million we had in capital improvements, we would have generated a whopping \$1,168," Barigar said. "My sense is that if we are committed to public art, which it seems like we are, considering our strategic plan, that we would feel more comfortable having something concrete in the budget."

He said the Canyon Rim Arts Project, alone, costs about \$20,000 — far more than the amount the draft ordinance would be able to generate.

However, councilors agreed that something does need to be done in order to promote public art, but they did not agree on how it should be financed. According to the city's strategic

plan, it was supposed to have enacted a plan in October that would help fund public art and enhance the community. However, the councilors have not been able to agree on a suitable plan.

"I'm OK with funding the arts," said Councilman Greg Lanting. "But this 1 percent that would be added would essentially be additional taxes."

Stacy Madsen, executive director of the Magic Valley Arts Council, said she believes councilors are supportive of the arts, but they are being careful not to enact a temporary fix.

"This is a monumental step for our community because we have never had anything like this," she said. "But I think they (councilors) want to make sure that we have all our ducks in a row before they act on anything."



An inscribed boulder, part of the Twin Falls Millennium Sculpture, is seen Monday at City Park.

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Inventors try to capitalize on that 'Aha!' moment

By Julia Feldman
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Thomas Edison, how we love thee. You brought us the motion picture projector and the phonograph. You spared us the agony of having to answer the phone with "sho-hey!" — the preferred greeting of your contemporary, Mr. Graham Bell — by opting for the word "hello."

And, of course, you gave us the light bulb, which not only illuminated our world (without

exposed flames), but also came to symbolize the thinking man's greatest treasure: the idea.

You had lots of ideas. More than 1,000 patents were issued under your name.

So riddle us this: If a light goes on over your head and nobody else sees it glow, does it make an invention?

The answer is what separates the inventor from the merely inventive.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Va., granted more

than 170,000 patents last year and registered or renewed over 120,000 trademarks. A recent Washington area casting call for "Everyday Edisons," a PBS reality show that chronicles the journey of inventing, turned up nearly 1,000 hopefuls.

At the addition, a man holding a makeshift golf club sat two seats from a woman clutching Tupperware. Like most of the would-be Edisons, they were reluctant to discuss their inventions. Their arms were crossed, as if shielding

their ideas from predators.

They are representative of the amateur inventor, of which there are two types, according to Richard C. Inside Levy, author of "The Complete Inventor's Guide to Those Who Cash In on Know-Your-Own-Inventions": See page A3

"The paranoid and the more paranoid." Of course, inventors should be discreet: Once an idea is publicly disclosed, the clock

starts ticking, and an inventor has 12 months to file a patent to protect this bit of intellectual property. But most beginners do not understand that an idea is just an idea.

Matt Fleming, 32, is an exception. At the casting call, the Arlington, Va., resident played his unpatented tabletop game in plain sight, because, he says, "I don't have the patience or money to hide my inventions."

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Wednesday

Weather forecast table for Twin Falls, Idaho, showing conditions and temperatures for Today, Tonight, and Wednesday.

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Mostly sunny and dry. Highs in the middle 40s. Tonight: Partly cloudy skies and light winds. Lows in the middle 20s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Ernest Lehman's 'Hello, Dolly!', presented by the Oakley Valley Arts Council, 7:30 p.m., Howell Opera House, Oakley, 58, 677-ARTS.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Donkey Basketball, with family entertainment sponsored by Filer FRM Alumni for scholarship fund for FRM members, 7 p.m., Filer High School, Filer, advanced tickets: \$7 adults; \$5, 6th-12th grade students; and \$5, K-5th graders, 731-1257 or 326-4454.

CLUBS

Mary Time Club meeting, 2 p.m., home of Gladwin Theener, 735-5213. Magic Valley Singers Square Dance Club, Workshop: new dancers, 7 p.m., 'Plus' at 8:30 p.m., El Sombbrero Restaurant, Jerome, (A-G) 734-4647.

EDUCATION

'Let's Talk About It' adult book discussion group, 'Growing Up' by Russell Baker, Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., Filer, books available for checkout, 326-4143.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Stoshone St. N., 735-0068. Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Haley, 788-5500.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit program, a guided workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School, no cost, 732-6475.

Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 550 Stoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 737-5946.

Godly Financial Budgeting, taught by Brock Hanchey, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 217 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted; appointment required), 734-9603 for appointment.

Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (next to Goode Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank), Burley, 670-2578.

Delicate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H. Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C. St., Rupert, (808) 436-0987.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Potato Bags, learn to make bags with embroidery assistance, 1:30 to 4 p.m., Twin Falls Sewing Center, 157 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, \$10, 733-3344.

Quilt as You Go (new version), taught by Nancy Lee, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Twin Falls Sewing Center, 157 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, \$10, 733-3344.

MUSEUMS

'Mingle in the Jungle' free reptile event, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, no cost, 732-6655.

To list events, submit the event's name, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail, sbrowne@magvalley.com, by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

MAGIC VALLEY



Idaho's gusts irk some, benefit others

GOODING — There isn't much wind in Adene Shaw's Village, but that's where a set of metal wind chimes has been nailed, because experience taught her it blows too hard outside.

Groundwater users win big court battle

BOISE — Southern Idaho groundwater users have won a victory in a much-anticipated court case over claims to water in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, though both sides in the case say the court left many questions unanswered.

Day care bill killed by House

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Police looking for shooting suspect

TWIN FALLS — One day after being shot while walking in his neighborhood, a Twin Falls man still is puzzled why anybody would do that to him.

New track may have to wait another year

BURLEY — The school district thought it had enough money to build a new high school track. Contractors thought different.

Girls in Technology begins today at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The sixth-annual Girls in Technology event begins today at the College of Southern Idaho.

OBITUARIES

James A. Helton James Forest Kunkel, 74 Loretta Brant, 99

CORRECTIONS

Donor's name incorrect Bot Livestock donated \$400 in an auction to benefit Filer High School graduate Lindsay Henkenes.

Board meeting time incorrect

The Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization full board meeting will be at noon today in the Rick Allen Community Room at CSI's Herrett Center.

IDAHO/WEST



Wyo. legislator gets support of national gay advocates

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Dan Zwonitzer, Wyo. — Dan Zwonitzer is both Republican and straight, but the 27-year-old state representative suddenly has found himself praised by gay rights activists nationwide.

Lawmakers move ahead with wilderness bill

BOISE — Two Idaho wilderness bills that failed to make it through the last Congress are back on track, but will they have a better chance of passage now that Democrats control both chambers?

Caldwell becoming a housing hot spot

CALDWELL — New subdivisions planned in Caldwell could add nearly 6,000 homes to the area in the next 15 years.

Sen. turns off mass committee e-mails

BOISE — An Idaho senator got state computer technicians last month to eliminate the public's ability to send messages to every member of a legislative committee simultaneously after lawmakers were deluged by thousands of e-mails over an abortion bill.

White House board says eavesdropping programs OK

WASHINGTON — A White House privacy board has determined that two of the Bush administration's controversial surveillance programs — electronic eavesdropping and financial tracking — do not violate citizens' civil liberties.

SNOWPACK LEVELS

Table showing snowpack levels in various locations like Worsham, Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost, Little Lost, Hennes Fork/Jeton, Upper Snake Basin, Oakley, and Salmon Falls.

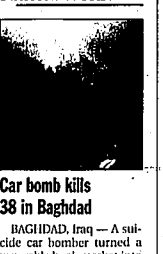
OPINION

Last place in common sense? Idaho's ranking last in the nation for child-care center oversight didn't appear to face some lawmakers, who seem to think there's no need for more regulations.

MINI EDITORIAL

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NATION/WORLD



Car bomb kills 38 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide car bomber struck a venerable book market into a deadly inferno and gunmen targeted Shiite pilgrims Monday as suspected Sunni insurgents brought major bloodshed back into the lap of their main Shiite rivals.

Radio stations agree to anti-payola deal

WASHINGTON — Radio listeners weary of hearing the same songs over and over may have something to cheer about: Broadcasters have tentatively agreed to anti-payola settlements that could shake up music playlists at some of the nation's largest radio chains.

Cheney has blood clot in his left leg

WASHINGTON — Doctors discovered a blood clot in Vice President Dick Cheney's left leg Monday, a condition that could be fatal if left untreated.

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SPORTS



SCC, Northside All-conference teams announced

TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference, Canyon Conference and Magic Valley Northside Conference named their all-conference teams for boys and girls basketball this week.

District All-star game nears

TWIN FALLS — The District IV All-star boys and girls basketball games will be held Monday, March 12 at Twin Falls High School's Baum Gymnasium.

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Water

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Gooding Attorney Tom Arkoosh, who argued the case on behalf of the surface users, said he sought the court made a fair reading of the case, and he confirmed the issue is far from resolved.

The pending case before the director involves a call for water by surface users that launched the Supreme Court case. A coalition of surface users filed suit against the state in August 2005 when previous water director Karl Dreher refused to cut off groundwater pumps to satisfy senior water rights.

In June, 5th District Court Judge Barry Wood sided with surface users and ruled conjunctive management uncon-

stitutional. The groundwater pumpers appealed to the high court that reversed the decision Monday.

In a statement made through a spokesman, Tutthill said he appreciates the court's work on the case, and that he is assessing the decision.

Tutthill will likely bring the water-call case this spring. MacMillan said a lawsuit disputing Tutthill's decision probably will be filed by surface or groundwater users — depending on how Tutthill decides — soon after.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers natural resources. He welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@enr.net.

Day care

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Others continued to reference communism, including, Rep. Jim Marriot, R-Blackfoot, who said he was startled in 1992 when he visited a Russian orphanage and saw dozens of beds lined end-to-end for kids parented did not want.

"Can you imagine every child being reared for someone other than their parent?" he asked on the floor. "Is this the road we're going down? We'll continue to go down this road, where we're taking over, all the responsibility for parents caring for their kids."

The comments were almost identical to those from last week when a House committee killed a bill that would have established minimum safety

How they voted
House
 Yea: 209
 Nay: 209
 Absent: 1
Senate
 Yea: 53
 Nay: 43
 Absent: 4
Magical Valley legislators
 Opposing: Scott Beatty, R-Okley; Fred Wood, R-Butley; Jim Peacock, R-Twin Falls; Bert Erickson; R-Roseburg; Ben Stevenson; R-Rupert; Maxine Bell; R-Jerde.

standards. Members of the committee opposed government intervention in child care and questioned why society keeps mothers from raising children at home. Coincidentally, a study of

day care oversight released last week ranked Idaho, as the worst in the nation.

Democrats said the growth of Idaho warrants change. Assistant Minority Leader George Saylor, D-Coeur d'Alene, said more than 70,000 children in the U.S. are watched by people who are not their parents. Pence said 90 percent of Idaho children younger than 6 have mothers who work outside the home.

"This is not the fearful, communist plot you think it is," said Rep. Margaret Hombest, D-Boise. "Like it or not, there are single mothers in Idaho."

Also, Pence said she felt abandoned by the Education committee, including Chairman, Rep. Bob Noinni, R-

Coeur d'Alene, who said that a packet of day-care statistics handed out Monday before the vote should have been distributed at the bill hearing.

"Chairman Noinni just announced that with that first trade he had against it," she said. "If he was going to do that kind of stuff he should have let us know. That's not the kind of protocol that's expected."

But Noinni, who did not attend the hearing because he was proposing legislation before a different committee, said he opposed the bill, regardless since he is against publicly funded preschool. He also said the ruling system was unfair because it was voluntary and adequate facilities would be slighted.

Walter Reed

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Weightman turned to the soldiers and families behind him and apologized for not meeting their expectations, not only in the care provided, but also in having so many bureaucratic processes.

"I promise we will do better," Weightman said.

Legislators, Democrats and Republicans alike, seemed receptive to the candor voiced at the hearing of a panel of the House Oversight and

Reform Committee, but they also cited earlier warnings from internal memos, government audits and media reports.

"I have to tell you, the first thing that pops into my mind is: Where've you been? There has all the brass been," said Rep. John E. Tierney, D-Mass., who convoked the hearing as chairman of the national security and foreign affairs subcommittee. "All the things that (were) heard, read about and

heard earlier today, clearly, this can't all be pushed down at the lower level. Clearly this is not some junior officer's responsibility that nobody else has to claim anything for."

Army Chief of Staff Peter J. Schoomaker told the committee that the reports and audits did not come to his attention, but he said it is now clear that there is a much bigger problem in military health care. "I couldn't be madder, and I couldn't be more embarrassed

and ashamed of the kinds of things that have turned up because, clearly, it's not what my impression would have been based upon the feedback that I've gotten as I've talked to soldiers and the family," he said.

Rep. Thomas M. Davis III, R-Va., the ranking Republican on the committee, cited an Oct. 12, 2006, Army memo indicating that a review team found problems with billing, staffing and other issues

at Building 18, the outpatient residential facility whose substandard conditions have been at the heart of the recent scandal. Both Weightman and Lt. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley, the Army-surgeon general, who previously commanded Walter Reed, acknowledged under questioning that they

had been briefed on the findings.

"You knew these were problems," Davis said. "You may not have known specifically what it looked like, and you may not have been able to put faces and stories behind it, but there was an ongoing concern."

Invent

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Fleming, a clinical psychologist, is the man behind Sparkbug.com, a blog about ideas, based on his belief that — surprise — ideas beget more ideas. Which is why he's not overly concerned about someone stealing his.

Best ideas, he says, "It needs to be your own baby to really run with it. To really believe in it."

Says Don Kelly, co-founder of the Henretta, N.V.-based United Inventors Association: "People in general are clueless as to where to start and how much actual work and dedication has to go into it."

Only 54 percent of patent applications receive approval, according to the patent office. A patent application typically costs upward of \$3,000 and can easily run more than \$20,000, depending on the complexity of the patent and whether an inventor chooses to hire a patent lawyer (as opposed to a patent agent) to write the claims.

"Inventing is a crapshoot," Levy says. "It's a high-wire act without a net."

Frampton, Ellis, 62, of Arlington, is a inventor success story. He earned his first patent for an athletic shoe designed to limit ankle injuries by mimicking the bare foot — an idea that came to him one day while he was playing basketball without shoes and noticed that his naked foot provided more stability than his sneakers.

The result: Ellis got the big payoff. In 1994, he signed a licensing agreement with Adidas, and the company treated one of the best shoes based on his design. Steve Grant won the 1996 U.S. Open wearing the shoes.

Later, when Adidas stopped paying royalties in 2001, Ellis had to litigate. He won the suit — and a hefty settlement, though he won't disclose the amount.

Tips from those who know

Members of the Inventors' Workshop of the Capital Area (IWSA) in Washington share advice on patents, prototyping and marketing inventions.

• **Be self-critical.** "Everyone thinks their idea is a great thing. Some are, but for many there's something ineffective or noncommercial about them." You really have to think hard about whether it's worth investing the time and money.

• **Get credentialed.** "In our open economy, a patent allows someone of a monopoly for 17 to 20 years. It puts the fire under the candle, because you only have a limited time on that monopoly."

• **Obtain feedback.** 34, of Middle River, Md., co-inventor of a brain wave simulator for sleep enhancement.

• **Keep detailed notes.** "When you're actually working with a prototype and designer, it's important to record everything in an inventor's notebook and to have people witness and sign it, so you can prove that you invented it first."

• **Don't Devalva, 29, of Fairfax, Va., inventor of a measuring knife for butter.**

• **Inspiration can strike anywhere.** "When I was 10, my grandmother was sick a lot and we'd wait so long for the pharmacist to bottle all those pills. So I said, 'I'm gonna make a machine for this. I'm gonna do something to count the pills for the pharmacist.'"

• **Carolyne Soeb Barrett, 49, of Tallahassee, Fla., inventor of a pill counter for pharmacies.**

But none of this would have come to be if Ellis hadn't spent seven years tinkering with and peddling his invention, sacrificing nights, weekends and vacation time while holding a full-time job as a budget analyst. He estimates that he spent close to \$200,000 on patents and a prototype of the shoe. To market it, he attended trade shows and networked with industry engineers. At one footwear convention, he hopped onto a table barefoot to demonstrate his design — a desperate attempt to call attention to his product.

"That took some guts," he says. Inventing requires intrepidity and persistence. After all, even Edison acknowledged that genius is 1 percent inspiration, 99 percent perspiration.

Daniel Davala, an inventor

from Fairfax, Va., knows this basic truth: "You can have a great idea, you can build it, you can show people, but nobody else is going to sell it for you." (Incidentally, inventors lecture ad nauseam about the perils of marketing scam companies — firms that promise to help develop and promote your invention but often do little besides drain your wallet. The patent office has a scam prevention brochure — found on its Web site: www.uspto.gov, in the Inventor Support section under Inventor Resources — that warns about these companies.)

Davala, 29, has a patent pending on a knife for measuring butter — a kitchen tool that he says he expects will be "as common as a measuring cup in the near future."

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	760.96

Stocks of local interest

	close	change
Con Agra	24.23	▲ .48
Dell Inc.	22.53	▼ .65
Idacorp	32.94	▼ .98
Lithia Motors	28.11	▼ .60
Micron	11.67	▼ .16
Supervalu	36.76	▼ .09

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	close	change
April Oil	60.07	▼ 1.57
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
Live cattle	97.35	▼ .30
April gold	639.2	▼ 4.9

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Radio companies to pay \$12.5M payola fine

By Jim Puzanogera
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Four of the nation's largest broadcast radio companies have agreed to pay a combined \$12.5 million to settle a federal investigation into "pay-for-play" practices and will provide thousands of hours of free airtime to local musicians and independent record labels, sources familiar with the agreement said Monday.

Details of the settlement are being worked out, and the Federal Communications Commission still must approve it. Under terms of the agreement, Clear Channel Communications Inc., CBS Radio Inc., Entercom Communications Corp. and Citadel Broadcasting Corp. would pay one of the largest fines ever levied by the FCC. The companies allegedly received money, airline tickets, clothing and other gifts from major record companies to play certain songs.

The under-the-table payments, known as payola, have been illegal since a series of pay-for-play scandals in the early days of rock 'n' roll in the 1950s. Any payment in exchange for air time must be disclosed by broadcasters.

The \$12.5 million fine to be paid by the four companies is in line with settlements reached with former New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer. CBS Radio agreed to pay \$2 million in October, and Entercom agreed to a \$4.45 million fine two months later.

But the proposed FCC fine pales in comparison with settlements Spitzer got from major record companies. Universal Music Group, for example, agreed last year to pay more than \$12 million to settle payola allegations. The FCC's jurisdiction is limited to broadcast radio stations.

Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein, an amateur musician who helped broker the deal, said the fines and airplay agreements were significant.

"I think it's a real breakthrough in the battle to wipe payola off the airwaves," he said. "If you take payola out of radio, then music gets heard on the basis of merit, not on the basis of who's got wads of cash backing the artist. That's likely to make radio fresher and restore its vitality."

Quick fix or major headache?

Payday industry puts forward changes; consumer advocates wary

By Susanne M. Schafer
Associated Press writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Soft music plays in the background of a new TV ad campaign as it urges viewers to only use payday loans for emergencies. One scene shows a broken-down car. Another depicts a young boy in a doctor's office, his arm in a sling.

"Please borrow only what you feel comfortable paying back when it's due," says Darrin Anderson, president of the Community Financial Services Association. A new emblem will tell borrowers which lenders meet his trade group's requirements.

The \$10 million campaign, announced last month along with some industry policy changes, came as states from Virginia to New Mexico consider legislation to limit payday lending practices. But it's not stopping consumer watchdogs and people already in debt from questioning the motives of an industry whose loans' annual interest rates can exceed 400 percent.

"Payday lenders make it easy for consumers to get trapped in predatory debt," said Teresa Arnold, legislative director for AARP in South Carolina.

Payday lenders offer quick cash advances — for a fee — secured by a postdated personal check from the borrower. Customers are supposed to repay the loan when they receive their next paycheck. Borrowers who can't pay often "roll over" the loan repeatedly, leading to more charges that can quickly add up and lead to a cycle of debt. Customers are drawn to the lenders because, unlike banks and credit unions, they don't run credit checks.

Rena McFadden and her

husband are two people who've become trapped. Her husband has been dealing with lenders threatening court action unless the McFaddens quickly repay the \$2,400 they owe.

"The time to repay is too short. He's been trying to talk to them, but they won't talk," said McFadden, a 39-year-old who works in a dry-cleaning shop. "They want the money by the next pay day. How are you supposed to pay your bills?"

There are more than 22,000 payday advance locations in the United States that garner \$6 billion annually in revenues, according to Steven Schleim, a spokesman for the financial services association, which represents about two-thirds of payday lending companies.

The payday loan industry's biggest change would give customers more time to pay back a loan with no financial penalty. This "extended payment plan" would be available at least once a year and provide borrowers between two and four extra months to pay off loans. It was paired with the ad campaign and a ban on ads that promote payday advances for "frivolous purposes" like vacations.

But lawmakers are still pushing changes. In South Carolina, home to Advance America, the nation's largest payday lender, lawmakers are considering a measure that would cap at 36 percent the annual interest fee on the loans and limit the number of payday loans a consumer could have with a single payday loan company.

Several states already have similar interest-rate limits on payday lenders, according to consumer watchdogs, and the payday lending industry considers such rates too low to remain profitable. New proposals in 10 other states



Mitchell McFadden, and his wife Rena lost their home and are living in a Bi-weekly resort hotel, Thursday, in Columbia, S.C. With his bills in hand, they both work and are struggling to make ends meet. Payday lenders have begun to hound Rena and her husband, threatening to take them to court unless he quickly repays the \$2,400 he owes.

would impose similar limits, said Carol Hammerstein, a spokeswoman for the Durham, N.C.-based Center for Responsible Lending.

Hammerstein said the push for new interest rate limits comes in the wake of caps imposed last fall by Congress. Legislators put a 36 percent annual cap on loans to military service members following disclosures that thousands of troops were in debt to payday lenders.

State Rep. Alan Clemmons, a Republican who introduced the South Carolina legislation, said it's needed because neighboring states have either banned or sharply restricted payday loans. In response, lenders have increased business in South Carolina, and the state has become "payday lender Mecca," Clemmons said.

Jamie Fulmer, director of investor relations for Spartanburg, S.C.-based Advance America, said the loans are paid back on time by the vast majority of customers and that penalties for boun-

ding checks or making late credit-card payments are more severe than payday loan rates.

He said the industry was willing to consider "reasonable" change, but that Clemmons' proposal to cap the loans was a backdoor attempt to end them. It would amount to the industry earning only \$1.38 per \$100 for a two-week loan — far too little to cover overhead, he said.

"It costs more money to go to a bank and withdraw my own money from an ATM," Fulmer said. "The market is pretty efficient. If there were someone out there who could offer this product to consumers less expensively, they would do it."

AARP in South Carolina is not content with the industry program announced last week. Arnold said the number of payday lenders in the state has more than doubled over the last five years. AARP's 2005 survey of credit counselors found that one in four clients had payday loans — usually multiple loans — and that the

loans were a major part of their credit problems.

"It's not unusual for counselors to see clients paying \$1500 for a \$500 loan," Arnold added.

At Fort Jackson near Columbia, the head of the installation's consumer advocacy and financial advising programs said she knows soldiers who had been paying up to 900 percent interest on their loans.

"We've seen some pretty ugly cases," said Madelyn Mercado.

Lately, she's seen a drop in the number of soldiers seeking help because of payday loan problems. Although Mercado said she can't be certain of the reason, she thinks the drop is due to the interest limits passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in October.

"We used to see two, three, four soldiers a week with this problem," said Mercado. "We haven't seen a soldier come in with a new payday lending problem since the end of December."

This furniture company is taking off

California company creates furniture from airplane parts

By David Collier
Los Angeles Times

TORRANCE, Calif. — Donovan Fell is like an aviation hobbyist who turns vintage airplane parts into coffee tables.

Except it's not a hobby. Fell is co-owner of Moto Art, which last year sold \$1.5 million worth of furniture fashioned out of items that once flew across the skies. Among them: coffee tables made of landing gear doors, desks fashioned from wings and aquariums from deactivated bombs.

"None of it comes cheap. It's hard to find anything in Moto Art's spacious showroom shop for less than \$1,000, and a conference table can be as much as \$35,000.

This is recycling for the wealthy.

"Rich guys come down here, and their eyes light up," said co-owner Dave Hall, 39. "We envy them, and they envy us."

"Then we make a little trade," said Fell, 57.

Although the business took off faster than either Spitzer or Hall could have imagined when they started it as a sideline in a garage five years ago, it's their next flight plan that could be the most daunting.

"They want to take Moto Art, an aviation business, to their employees, and turn it into a mass marketer with factories and showrooms around the world.

"We make everything here, right now," said Fell, standing in their 12,000-square-foot workshop next to Torrance Municipal Airport. "What we



MotoArt co-owners Donovan Fell, left, and Dave Hall sit at airline seats at their Torrance, Calif., warehouse. The 5-year-old company, which creates and offers furniture out of vintage airplane parts, had sales of \$1.5 million last year.

need to do is knock ourselves off."

The showroom area, upstairs from the shop, is outfitted in aviation-fantasy, book-end desks. There are rolling bars that were food carts once pushed by flight attendants. Cleaned up and plated with aluminum for an industrial chic look, they go for \$1,500 each.

In a corner is the DC-3 Martin table (\$7,990) with a 5-foot tall propeller mounted on top. Nearby is the G-6 Bombed Table (\$5,400) that incorporates a World War II bomber's wing with a winged nose so that it can be used as an ice bucket.

Hall estimated that 80 percent of Moto Art's customer base is male.

"Some of them fly into the airport to see us," he said. "This is like a clubhouse for them."

Don Ceccre, chief financial officer of homebuilder KB Home, saw a picture in a magazine of a Moto Art table, with a 1930s airplane engine for a base.

"I fell in love with it, bought

it and before I knew it, I was buying more," Ceccre said. He outfitted his home office with the table (about \$10,000, at current prices), a custom-designed B-25 wing desk (\$10,000) and a B-52 ejection seat (\$4,900) that he uses as a desk chair.

"No one walks into the house," Ceccre said, "and says, 'I've seen that before.'"

Fell and Hall met in 2000 at a company that designed signs for Dodger Stadium, Union Station and Disneyland. As a sideline, Fell liked to buy and restore beat-up airplane propellers that once powered prominent military and commercial airplanes. Mounted on bases, they would go for \$700 and up at flea markets.

The men struck out on their own as partners in a sign business in 2002, and Fell kept at his propellers. Hall tagged along when he took several to sell at a classic auto auction.

"Dave is a brilliant salesman," Fell said, "and when he saw the reaction people were having to them, he saw the real dollar value."

Service sector grew at slower-than-expected rate in February

By Candice Choi
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The nation's service sector expanded at a slower-than-expected rate in February amid a slowdown in new orders that economists think may help cool inflation.

The Institute for Supply Management, which is based in Tempe, Ariz., said on Monday that its index of business activity in the service sector was 54.3, down from 59.0 in January. Wall Street analysts had expected a reading of at least 57.0 for the latest month.

A reading above 50 indi-

cates expansion, while one below that indicates contraction.

February marked the 47th consecutive month of business activity growth, the trade group said.

The service industries covered by the ISM report represent about 80 percent of the nation's economic activity, and economists are looking for the sector to be a driver of growth in 2007 as the manufacturing sector struggles with weakness in the automotive and housing industries. The service economy is diverse, encompassing banking, construction, retailing and travel among other industries.

Oil falls more than \$1

The Associated Press

exchange in London.

NEW YORK — Oil prices lost more than \$1 a barrel Monday on continued concerns over stock market declines and an indication by an OPEC official that the cartel won't cut production at its next meeting.

Light, sweet crude for April delivery tumbled \$1.57 to settle at \$60.07 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Earlier, the contract dropped as low as \$59.55 a barrel, dipping below \$60 for the first time since Feb. 28.

Brent crude for April also fell \$1.54 to settle at \$60.54 a barrel on the ICE Futures

There's a general sort of recoil from risk in the market," said Tobin Gorey, a commodity strategist with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in Sydney. "There are still ongoing ramifications from China's drop last Tuesday. It was a bolt to the global economy."

Last Tuesday, the benchmark Shanghai Composite index plunged 9 percent, triggering huge losses on Wall Street and other markets. The oil market still closed at a two-month high on Thursday on the news of tightening gasoline supplies, but afterward followed the stock market's downward pull.

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EDITORIAL

New budget boosts
Luna's opening act

Thanks to a hefty \$1.37 billion budget appropriation from the Joint Finance Appropriation Committee for the 2007-08 school year, Superintendent of Instruction Tom Luna is looking like education's MVP, not just a Rookie of the Year.

Sure it's a sterling start for Luna. But the new superintendent should forgo the idea of a victory lap. In order to make most of his boldest campaign ideas succeed, he'll need to focus on the marathon of a full term, not just a one-session sprint. If approved by the full Legislature — and JFAC's recommendations are rarely jettisoned — the \$1.37 billion appropriation will provide Luna nearly all he asked for in 2007. The appropriation represents a 6 percent increase over the current school year budget. Educators and parents have plenty to applaud in the bill, including:

- Teacher raises — Idaho educators will see 3 percent raises for teachers, administrators and classified staff. The starting teacher salary is also going up from \$30,000 to \$31,000.
- Textbook funds — Luna pressed lawmakers for \$9.95 million to improve textbooks. Under the approved budget, the state will pay \$3 for every \$1 schools put in for textbooks.
- Classroom supplies — The state will put up \$5.18 million to help teachers pay for supplies and equipment used in the classroom, translating to \$350 per teacher.
- Remediation aid — A \$5 million appropriation will be used to help students who are struggling on standardized testing.
- Math Initiative — The success of the Idaho Reading Initiative has spawned a similar program to be developed for early math. Legislators earmarked \$350,000 to develop a measurement system in math skills.

In addition to those big-ticket items, legislators threw additional appropriations to Luna for a study on school security, advanced placement programs, and the Idaho Digital Learning Academy.

Luna called the budget a product of lengthy dialogue between his department and legislators on program needs. Other factors, such as the state's \$200 million surplus, a strong economy and thick Republican ties, were also part of the equation. Gov. Butch Otter told legislators as early as December that Luna needed their support, and they gladly came through for one of their own.

To his credit, Luna did his part well. Coming off a tough campaign, he worked effectively with the teachers union, school superintendents and teachers in general, to hear concerns and do the good. Five months ago, Luna's critics painted him as a Faustian figure ready to slice education budgets. Today, at least some of those doubters are eating some crow.

Having laid that groundwork, Luna's biggest tasks still lie ahead. His campaign pledges for improved pay systems still need action. His ideas for a career ladder system, whereby teachers have benchmarks that reward their contributions and effort, deserve discussion. A merit pay scale that rewards individuals, or at least schools, for higher achievement, is also worthy of more study.

One success in education should always lead to another, and the same standard should apply to Luna's term. With one successful session under his belt, Luna has a chance to show his other ideas work just as well.

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LETTER

Sall hit a new low with minimum wage rant

I've attended a World's Fair and a Boy Scout jamboree; listened to a partial session of the Utah Legislature — admittedly under the influence of religion at the time; and, in the company of quite a few individuals with varying levels of intellectual and conversational abilities (bums, bartenders, brokers and bread-crumb-businesswomen), hammered down not a few drinks at the bars of some Nevada's better "gentlemen's clubs," and never, never, not once, heard anything as stupid as Congressman Bill Sall's afterthought defense of his vote against raising the minimum wage for

America's poorest workers. Sall should resign and remove himself forthwith to India, where caste is still considered honorable and where bonines and their carra are thought to be holy. But seriously, Though not as disgustingly self-promoting as his earlier statement made on the floor of the Idaho Legislature that abortion causes breast cancer (a statement which caused Rep. Wendy Jaquet, herself a breast cancer survivor, to leave in tears, and which so enraged the very capable and usually amiable House Speaker Bruce Newcomb that he called Sall an idiot), it nonetheless comes in a very close second. JOHN WALSH Butley



Obama: Where's his right hook?

As I sit across from Barack Obama in his Senate office, I feel like Ingrid Bergman in "The Belles of St. Mary's," when she plays a nun who teaches a school-boy who's being bullied how to box.

I'm just not certain, having watched the fish-faced senator shy away from fighting with the ferocious Hillary over her Hollywood turf, that he understands that a campaign is inherently a conflict.

The Democrats lost the last two excruciatingly close elections because Al Gore and John Kerry did not fight fiercely and cleverly enough.

After David Geffen made critical comments about Hillary, she seized the chance to play Godzilla's stomping on Obama.

As a woman, she clearly feels she must be aggressive in showing she can "deck" opponents, as she put it — whether it's Saddam with her war resolution vote or Senator Obama when he encroaches on areas that she and Bill had presumed were wrapped up, like Hollywood and now the black vote.

If Hillary is in touch with her masculine side, Barry is in touch with his feminine side. He turned up his nose at his campaign's sharp response to Hillary and her plumpier thug, Howard Wolfson. He



told The Times' Jeff Zeleny that he had not been engaged in the vituperative exchange because he was traveling on a red-eye flight, getting a haircut and taking his daughters to school.

I ask why he couldn't have managed the donnybrok while he traveled and did errands. Since he's sitting across from me using his BlackBerry, I wonder: "Where was your BlackBerry? Did you aides not ask you how to respond or did you not want to ride herd on them — even just to tell them to ignore Hillary?"

"Look, I came up through politics in Chicago," he says. "When I arrived in Chicago in 1985, I didn't know a single person. Seventeen years later, I was the United States senator and in a position to run for president. So I must know a little something about politics."

Channeling Ingrid, I press on and say: "I know you want to run a high-minded campaign, but do you also worry that

you might be putting yourself on a pedestal too much? Because people also want to see you mix it up a little. That's how they judge how you'd be with Putin."

"When I get into a tussle," he replies, "I want it to be over something real, not something manufactured. If someone wants to get in an argument with me, let's argue about how we're going to fix the health care system or where we need to go on Iraq."

If campaigns follow the arc of the hero myth, "What's the demon that I've slain?" he finishes. "You're getting kind of deep on me here. I think that, for me, the story was overcoming a father's absence and reconciling the different strands of my background and coming out whole."

Has he ever been struck by the similarity of Bill Clinton's growing up without his father? "You don't want to go on with too much pop psychology," he replies. "Somebody said that every man is either trying to live up to his father's expectations or trying to make up for his father's mistakes. And in some ways, when your father's not there, you're doing both. You try to live up to the expectations of somebody who's not present to tell you that you've done a good job, but you're also trying to make

up for the mistakes that partially led to his absence."

Does Al Gore have first dibs on the presidency? "I love Al Gore," he replies. "He's a smart guy." He said he liked Gore's seriousness on issues he cares deeply about.

"This sounds clichéd, but this week I had five mothers of folks headed to Iraq cry during rope lines when I was shaking hands and had me hug 'em." His stuff is just not a game. Now that doesn't mean that there's not the basic blocking and tackling of politics. I've got to raise money. I've got to manage my press. We've got to respond rapidly to attacks. But what I don't want to do is get drawn into the sport of it."

When the Tiger Woods of politics goes to a civil rights commemoration in Selma, Ala., this weekend — just as the story breaks that his white ancestors had slaves — he will compete for attention with Hillary and the man billed as the first black president. How does he feel about the Clintons double-teaming him?

Talking about the woman he described at the Beverly Hills fund-raiser as smarter, better-looking and meaner than he is, he grins: "My wife's pretty tough."

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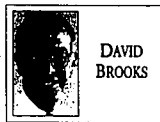
Democrats can't ignore Richardson

So there I was, sitting in my office, quietly contemplating suicide. I was watching a cattle call of Democratic presidential candidates in Spain. In their five-minute speeches, they were laying it on thick with poll-tested, consultant-driven clichés of the Our Children Are Our Future variety. The thought of having to spend the next two years listening to this drove me to wondering if it was literally possible to be bored to death.

Then Bill Richardson walked onstage. He was dressed differently — in slacks and a sports jacket. He told jokes that didn't seem repeated for the 5,000th time. He seemed recognizably human, unlike some of his over-polished peers. He gave the best presentation by far.

Then a heretical question entered my head: What if Richardson does this well at forums for the next 10 months? Is it possible to imagine him as a leading candidate for the nomination?

When you think that way, it becomes absurdly easy to picture him rising toward the top. He is, after all, the most experienced person running for president. He served two Congresses for 14 years. He was the energy secretary (energy's kind of vital). He's a successful two-term governor who was re-elected with 69 percent of the vote in



New Mexico, a red state. Moreover, he's a governor with foreign policy experience. He was U.N. ambassador. He worked in the State Department. He's made a second career of negotiating on special assignments with dictators like Saddam, Castro and Kim Jong Il. He negotiated a truce in Sudan.

Most of all, he's not a senator. Since 1961, 40 sitting senators have run for president and their record is 0-40. A senator may win this year, but you'd be foolish to assume it.

When it comes to policy positions, he's perfectly positioned — not by accident — to carry liberals and independents. As governor, he's covered the normal Democratic bases: He raised teacher pay, he expanded children's health insurance, he began programs to stall global warming, he built a light rail line.

Democrat completely invulnerable on the tax cut issue. He supports free trade, with reservations. And he not only balanced the budget — he also ran a surplus.

On cultural issues, Richardson has the distinct advantage of not setting off any culture war vibes. He was in college in the late 1960s, but he was listening to the Beach Boys, not Janis Joplin. He was playing baseball in the Cape Cod League, not going to Woodstock. He idolized Hubert Humphrey, not Eugene McCarthy.

Richardson is actually something of a throwback pol, like Richard Daley or Fiorillo La Guardia who doesn't treat politics as a moral crusade. That might appeal this year.

On the nuts and bolts of the campaign, he has some advantages as well. He won't have the \$150 million war chest that Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama will have. On the other hand, he won't have the gigantic apparatuses that fundraising on that scale requires. While those campaigns may be bloated, over-managed and remote, Richardson has the potential to be small and nimble. Furthermore, he could generate waves of free media in the way that John McCain did in 2000. He's a reporters' favorite — candid, accessible and fun to be around. "I'm a real person, not canned. I don't have

a whole bunch of advisers. I'm a little overwight, though I'm trying to dress better," he told me last week. So far, rumors of personal peccadilloes are unfounded.

Finally, there is the matter of his personal style. This is his biggest drawback. He's baggy-faced, sloppy (we like our leaders well groomed), shamelessly ambitious and, relentlessly, on the other hand, on a century or so the Democratic Party actually nominates somebody the average person would like to have a beer with. Bill Richardson is that kind of guy.

It is garrulous, amusing, touchy-feely (or a fault), a little rough-edged and comfortably mass-market. He's Budweiser, not microbrew. It doesn't hurt that he's Hispanic and Western.

In short, when you try to think forward to next winter, you see that this campaign will at some point leave the "American Idol"/"Celebrity Deathmatch" phase. The Clinton-Obama psychodrama may cease for a while while the sheer intensity of coverage will create a topsy-turvy series of revolutions.

I wouldn't bet a paycheck on Richardson. But I wouldn't count him out. At the moment, he's the candidate most likely to rise. David Brooks' e-mail is dabrooks@nytimes.com.

No answers from a worldwide stock market slide

Watching global stock markets drop has been at least unenvying. From their recent peak (Feb. 20), American stocks last week lost about \$900 billion in value, or almost 5 percent, reports **WILLIAM SAMUELSON**.



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With unemployment at 4.6 percent, the U.S. economy can hardly be described as sickly. It's not just the United States. "We've had the best global economic growth in 25 years," says economist Larry Meyer of Macroeconomic Advisers. Yet, stock markets have dropped worldwide, and business and consumer confidence are wobbly.

What explains the conundrum? Well, stocks could be signaling a bleaker future. The U.S. economy will slow or even slip into recession; indeed, former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan

Greenspan raised just that possibility last week. Profits will be weaker than expected; therefore, stocks drop in anticipation. Up to a point, slower economic growth is precisely what the Federal Reserve intends. Through higher interest rates and weaker demand, it wants to nudge down inflation by creating more price and wage competition. But of course, a desired slowdown could become an undesired recession. Housing is already in a deep slump. Homeowners can

borrow less against swollen house prices, which are generally now either stagnating or falling. Consumer spending, more than two-thirds of the economy, may weaken.

Or global financial markets — for stocks, bonds, foreign exchange and other securities — may simply be misbehaving. It's crowd psychology. Investors sell because they think others will sell, even though U.S. stocks don't appear to be wildly overvalued, as they were in the late 1990s.

Consider, since World War II, the price-to-earnings ratio of stocks in the Standard & Poor's 500 index averaged 16.15. That means that stock prices averaged 16 times profits (earnings). At the end of January, the P/E was 16.74, hardly out of line. It was also well below the average for the past 20 years

(22) and the peak in 2001 (47), despite big gains in stocks since mid-2006.

It's also said that the sell-off demonstrates China's growing financial significance. True, the worldwide stock slide started in China last Tuesday when its market lost almost 9 percent. But China's market is too small to matter much in a global context. At year-end 2006, the value ("capitalization") of all China's stocks was \$1.4 trillion. That was less than 10 percent of U.S. market capitalization. In 2006, China's market rose 130 percent; it seemed due for a drop.

But it's doubtful that enough Chinese even stock for losses to hurt the economy significantly. "The markets are not telling us anything about the state of the Chinese economy," writes the Jonathan Anderson, UBS' chief

Asian economist. So, we don't really understand what's happening.

One explanation is that the uncertainties and insecurities that assault workers, investors and firms actually foster overall economic stability. There are constant upsets — business expansions and closures; greater competition from emerging technologies and foreign economies; shifting prices for stocks and bonds. These put people on edge. But many small adjustments may smooth out the business cycle. They may minimize deep recessions, stock crashes and financial panics.

By this view, recent stock losses might be healthy. To many observers, the global financial system had become dangerously speculative. The vulnerabilities lay less in stock

prices than in low interest rates on credit to riskier borrowers: emerging-market countries, weaker corporations and U.S. home buyers with "subprime" mortgages. After large losses in subprime mortgages, investors are growing more cautious. Stock prices took a hit because there was a general retreat toward safer investments (Treasury bonds, cash).

What's unsettling is that global financial markets seem increasingly synchronized. "Everyone's investing everywhere," says David Wyss, chief economist of Standard & Poor's. "All the bets seem to move in the same direction." That means bad news — like good — could be contagious.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

Police needed more patience with teen

To Barb Guyton: Judge not. Because of our country's freedoms, you are entitled to your opinion no matter how shallow and small-minded. I do not know you, but I do know the Barnes family, and I hurt for them and their loss. You did not know them. Therefore, I think it pretty thoughtless of you to voice your judgmental opinion about someone's lost son you didn't even know.

This was a good kid from a good family. He was a teenage boy with problems who was hunted down like some animal, scared and alone, driven by the very people we pay to protect him into taking his own life.

Stabbing at his girlfriend in anger was wrong, morally and legally. We know that. He also took a stab at his mother in anger. That too was very serious. Troubled teens that do foolish things in anger which they regret are usually given the chance to redeem themselves. Josh was not given that privilege.

Nonetheless, he is still someone's child. It doesn't matter that he was 16 and considered an adult. He was the same kid the day before his 18th birthday as he was the day after — someone's son, brother, grandson, nephew and friend.

Evidently the local police department has entirely too much time on its hands and too many toys. Explain to me the need for a full SWAT operation for a troubled teen that is holding no hostages and not threatening anyone but him self? What happened to arbitration? Would that have lessened your moment of glory?

Some justice needs to come from this — if for no other reason than to prevent the abuse of authority which was bestowed upon certain people, by those they were hired to protect.

ANITA MAE COOKE-PERRY Donnelly

Family deserved better from police in suicide case

In response to Chad Hifer's opinion letter dated Feb. 20:

"You wrote, 'When bad things happen there are those that want to blame everyone but the individual.' You are right. All of us who knew and loved Josh Barnes blame ourselves for this tragic outcome.

For two years, his parents have been seeking diagnosis and treatment for him. Unfortunately, mental health care for adolescents in Twin Falls is not always readily available or accessible once a juvenile enters the legal system.

The Idaho State Police informed the family that there was no alcohol or drugs in his system and that his prescribed medication was not even close to therapeutic ranges. He was at his family's business, not "someone else's." That's why he had the keys to lock himself in. As far as not "supporting and sustaining his life," his mother was the one who contacted Josh's parole officer, and it was his mother who went to the police with the knowledge of her son's whereabouts, hoping they would prevent the outcome they dreaded most. They did not.

Regarding anger, professionalism and questions: Why didn't the police stay in touch with the family during their son's last few hours? Why was the family notified by others that their son had taken his own life long before the police showed up to confirm if? Why was a grieving family left to deal with the remains of the "incident"?

Family and friends need to work hand-in-hand with the police, SWAT team, negotiators, psychiatrists, probation officers and others to find out what exactly what went wrong so that we can help the "next kid," who is not always a "bad kid."

Let's not forget Josh, "the good kid," and the opportunity we have to learn from his life and death.

ARLENE HANSEN Twin Falls

Labels don't stick with environmental concerns

Does Del Kolitz really think anyone will take him seriously when he spews baseless accusations at any one who has a different opinion than him, including many of the residents of Jerome County?

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He says that no one is being harmed in Jerome. It is his opinion or his lie talked to every citizen in the county, including the hundreds who have been turning out at public meetings in opposition to the game-playing by the county commissioners? I need to understand that a county passes a moratorium when there is a threat to health or welfare, not actual harm. The idea is that passing a moratorium prevents the public from actually being harmed is kind of like eating your vegetables — preventive medicine.

Moreover, construing the grassroots opposition as "environmentalist opportunists from Blaine County" is downright laughable. There are

scores of residents of Jerome opposed to what is happening in their county. They have had enough of behind-closed-door deals and they are speaking up. That is, after all, what democracy is all about.

Lastly, suggesting Blaine County's 20,000-plus residents are flying around on private jets is absurd. Tell that to the thousands of families here struggling to make ends meet. Make no mistake, we care about the environment in Blaine County but not

because we are guilt-ridden or anti-business. In fact, it is just the opposite.

We know a healthy environment is a better place to live. It keeps our children healthy, and it keeps our economy healthy in the long run, which is the whole idea of health and welfare.

Oh and by the way, he lambastes socialism and central planning, so surely he has written equally impassioned letters condemning the practice of doling out billions to agriculture, but where are they? LESLIE BRADSHAW Ketchum

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NATION

Obesity surgery triples among U.S. teens

By Lindsay Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — The number of U.S. children having obesity surgery has tripled in recent years, according to a study that could mean more than 1,000 such operations this year, new research suggests.

While the procedure is still far more common in adults, it appears to be slightly less risky in teens, according to an analysis of data on 12- to 19-year-olds who had obesity surgery from 1996 through 2003.

During that time, an estimated 2,744 youngsters nationwide had the operations. The pace tripled between 2000 and 2003, reaching 771 surgeries that year, the study found.

Youngsters had slightly shorter hospital stays than adults and none died in the hospital during the study period. By contrast, there were 212 in-hospital deaths out of an estimated 104,702 adults who underwent obesity surgery in 2003, or a rate of 0.2 percent, the study found.

Researchers at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, N.J., and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center analyzed a database of U.S. hospital patients. Obesity surgeries in children during the eight-year period and adults in 2003 were included in the analysis.

The study appears in Monday's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

About 5 percent of children and adults had major complications, mostly respiratory problems. Children spent an average of about 3.2 days in the hospital in 2003, versus 3.5 days for adults. Total hospital charges also were lower for pediatric patients, \$30,004 per patient versus \$36,056 for adults.

The youngest patients were age 12, but most were older

teens. Eric Decker was one of them. In 2003, at age 17, he had gastric bypass surgery, the most common obesity operation in teens and adults.

"I was 5-foot-8 and 385 pounds," Decker said.

He had struggled with his weight since he was 11, and said he had tried just about every diet, but nothing worked.

Obesity surgery was a last resort for Decker, and doctors

say it should be for overweight teens.

Decker had no major surgery complications. A year and a half later, he was down to 105 and says he has stayed there through diet and exercise.

"It's definitely a painful surgery," said Decker, a student at the University of South Carolina. It also requires drastic changes in eating habits, he said. "I don't regret it

because it's something that I felt needed to be done for my health."

Study co-author Dr. Thomas Inge attributed the surge in teen operations to publicity about celebrities having obesity surgery, including pop singer Carrie Wilson and broadcaster AJ Roker.

The numbers contrast with an estimate in January from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, which

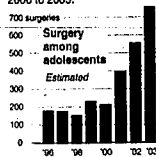
reported that 349 youngsters aged 12 to 17 had obesity surgery in 2004.

The new study included children up to age 19, which accounts for the higher number, said lead author Dr. Randall Burd of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Burd said the numbers of youngsters undergoing obesity surgery likely has continued to rise along with adults having the surgery.

Diet surgery rises

The number of teenagers undergoing bariatric procedures increased more than 3-fold from 2000 to 2003.



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White House likely to request support personnel to put Iraq plan in place

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is ready to ask Congress for more money for President Bush's plan — already hotly debated — to send 21,500 new combat troops into Iraq.

The move would pay for support personnel and otherwise update last month's request for the Iraq war. It probably will draw criticism from Democrats who say the Pentagon had low-balled estimates of the costs of Bush's plan for improving security in Baghdad and Anbar provinces.

The latest request could come by Tuesday, modifying last month's \$93.4 billion request for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan through Sept. 30.

Though the changes may be relatively modest, they nonetheless are embarrassing to the White House and the Pentagon, which earlier dismissed criticism from lawmakers that the original \$5.6 billion estimate for the troop buildup was too low. Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England told the Senate Budget Committee last week that about 6,000 additional support personnel — such as headquarters staff, military police, and medical personnel — would be needed to complement the 21,500 additional combat troops.

Hours after England testified, White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten paid a rare visit to the Capitol to press Senate GOP leaders for the additional money. The modified request was being finalized Monday, said administration and congressional aides. In addition to the money for increased troop strength, the White House will press for more dollars to battle the Taliban's resurgence in Afghanistan and get mine-resistant vehicles.

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District IV senior all-star boys, girls rosters announced

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The District IV All-star boys and girls basketball games will be held Monday, March 12 at Twin Falls High School's Bann Gymnasium. The showcase of the area's top seniors will tip off with the 6 p.m. girls game, followed by the boys game at 7:30 p.m.

Admission to the game is \$5 for adults and students without activity cards, and \$3 for senior citizens and students with activity cards.

Boys East				Boys West				Girls East				Girls West			
Coach: Jack Bagley, Burley				Coach: Ryan Bowman, Buhl				Coaches: Gordon Kerbs, Burley; Jeremy Qualls, Raft River				Coaches: Will Harbison, Jerome; Steve Irons, Twin Falls			
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10	Jose "Chape" Saucedo	Murtaugh	4	David Prescott	Buhl	4	Jayne Thurston	Burley	12	Shayne Alish	Glenns Ferry	14	Rachel Anchustegui	Glenns Ferry	
11	Danny Sibirian	Burley	5	Will Chivers	Burley	5	Jayne Manning	Raft River	17	Ashley Lee	Twin Falls	22	Katelyn Jardine	Twin Falls	
12	Shayne Buckner	Wood River	20	Tanner Shrum	Richfield	10	McKel Baker	Burley	24	Rachel Anchustegui	Glenns Ferry	24	Katelyn Jardine	Twin Falls	
13	Cory Rutkowski	Wood River	21	Justin Rogers	Richfield	14	Dani Ramirez	Malco	22	Katelyn Jardine	Twin Falls	32	Megan Parrish	Jerome	
23	Chris Turney	Minico	22	Cody Darrington	Wood River	15	Angala Kent	Richfield	32	Kate Randall	Gooding	42	Kami Barker	Twin Falls	
30	Chance Pebley	Minico	23	Brualto Carlos	Valley	22	Kristen Minlard	Shoshone	42	Allison Shaffer	Caray				
34	Mikal Kincaid	Valley	50	Ben Haldenreich	Valley	22	Cessie Wood	Wood River							
43	Jason Mumm	Kimberly	50	Tanner Leckenby	Buhl	32	Jessica Erce	Richfield							

All-conference teams named

TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference, Canyon Conference and Magic Valley Northside Conference named their all-conference teams for boys and girls basketball this week.

Ryan Bowman of Buhl was named boys coach of the year, while Declo's Val Christensen and Kimberly's Rich Bishop shared the honor for girls basketball.

Bliss head coach Bruce Clark earned that honor for the Northside boys.

All-Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference

Boys
Coach of the Year: Ryan Bowman, Buhl
Buhl: Will Chivers, sr.; Tanner Leckenby, sr.; Brad Weiss, jr.; Patrick Osterkamp, jr.
Declo: Eric Sanders, sr.
Declo: Casey Murray, sr.
Gooding: Justin Rogers, sr.; Tyler Braga, sr.; Tyler Wines, sr.; Kimberly: Todd Admson, sr.; Jason Mumm, sr.; Mitch Dame, sr.

Honorable mention: Matt Jones, jr.; Declo; Mike Smith, sr.; Filser; Nick Wright, jr.; Kimberly.

Girls
Co-Coaches of the Year: Val Christensen, Declo; Rich Bishop, Kimberly
Declo: Kendra Koyke, sr.; McKell Webb, jr.; Sydney Christensen, so.; Macey Jones, jr.
Filser: Haley Ramsey, jr.; Shanae Astle, sr.; Jill Honey, jr.; Emily Hughes, sr.
Gooding: Katie Randall, sr.; Nici Abramowski, jr.
Kimberly: Kayla Hutcherson, jr.; Alex Pfeiffer, jr.

Honorable mention: Jamie Van Patten, sr.; Buhl; Kassel Newberry, jr.; Kimberly.



Buhl junior Patrick Osterkamp was named to the All-Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference boys basketball team this week.

All-Canyon Conference

Boys
Glenns Ferry: Cody Darrington, sr.; Chase Bitterman, sr.; Tanner Shrum, sr.; Jesus Rodriguez, jr.; Darrian Valle, jr.; Michael Crane, jr.
Valley: Mikal Kincaid, sr.; Mike Dehoney, jr.
Wendell: Devin Hosack, jr.; Zach Boy, jr.

Girls
Glenns Ferry: Alisha Crane, sr.; Rachel Anchustegui, sr.; Ashlea Gramley, sr.; Katie Hall, so.; Sarah

All-Magic Valley Northside Conference

Boys
Coach of the Year: Bruce Clark, Bliss
First team: Shayne Buckner, Richfield; Brad Hunt, Caray; Mike Wilmington, Community School; Braiden Buckner, Richfield; Allen Peck, Caray.

Second team: Eli Daugh, Bliss; Anthony Pitman, Dietrich; Spencer Harris, Community School; D.J. Simpson, Caray; Trevor Dalin, Camas County.
Honorable mention: Michael Lazamiz, Richfield; Cody Balid, Caray; Christian Cairncross, Community School; Tel Clark, Richfield; Brody Norman, Richfield; Chase Leo, Camas County; Jackson Hill, Dietrich; Mike Faulstich, Bliss; Logan Sant, Shoshone; Dakota Norman, Dietrich.

Former Golden Eagle Larry named to WAC All-newcomer Team

Times-News

DENVER — Former College of Southern Idaho standout Reggie Larry was named to the Western Athletic Conference's All-newcomer Team as the WAC announced its postseason award on Sunday.

Larry, a 6-foot-6 junior forward from Newark, N.J., is averaging 13.9 points, 6.1 rebounds and 1.5 blocks per game for the 16-13 Broncos. He scored a season-high 24 points in a 99-66 win over Sacramento State, and finished with 19 points and 18 rebounds in a 86-63 drubbing of the rival University of Idaho Vandals.

BSU senior guard Cody Karl was named to the WAC All-conference First Team, while Broncos guard Anthony Thomas was named the WAC Freshman of the Year.

BSU's Matt Nelson was also named to the All-newcomer Team, while senior guard Eric Lane picked up All-defensive Team honors.

Nevada standout senior forward Nick Fazekas is the conference's Player of the Year. Fazekas led the conference in both scoring and rebounding, averaging 21.1 points and 10.5 rebounds per game. Nevada coach Mark Fox was awarded the Don Haskins Coach of the Year award.

Larry and the Broncos open WAC Tournament play against Fresno State at 6 p.m. Thursday in Las Cruces, N.M.

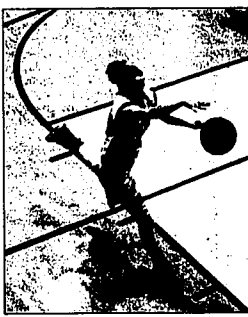
2006-07 WAC Men's Basketball Postseason Award Winners

Player of the Year: Nick Fazekas, Nevada
Freshman of the Year: Anthony Thomas, Boise State
Don Haskins Coach of the Year: Mark Fox, Nevada
All-conference First Team
Cody Karl, sr. G, Boise State; Nick Fazekas, sr. F, Nevada; Mareluka Kemp, jr. G, Nevada; Justin Hawkins, jr. F, New Mexico State; Jayce Carroll, jr. G, Utah State.
Second Team
Quinton Haskley, sr. Fresno State; Dominic McGuire, jr. G, Fresno State; Matt Lodejki, sr. G, Hawaii; Trey McDowell, sr. G, Louisiana Tech; Ramon Sessions, jr. G, Nevada.
All-newcomer Team
Reggie Larry, jr. F, Boise State; Matt Jones, jr. F, Boise State; Dominic McGuire, jr. G, Fresno State; Justin Hawkins, jr. F, New Mexico State; Fred Peete, jr. G, New Mexico State.
All-defensive Team
Eric Lane, sr. G, Boise State; Dominic McGuire, jr. G, Fresno State; Ahmet Gueye, sr. G, Hawaii; Kyle Shilly, sr. G, Nevada; Fred Peete, jr. G, New Mexico State.

2007 Region 18 Basketball Tournaments



College of Southern Idaho shooting guard Brad Garrett drives past College of Eastern Utah forward Brandon Prescott during the Golden Eagles' 94-85 victory Friday.



College of Southern Idaho forward Ashley Thompson classes after a Mark Moore pass during the Golden Eagles' 96-72 win over the College of Eastern Utah Friday.

At Snow College, Ephraim, Utah
Men
Wednesday, March 7
Quarterfinals
No. 4 Eastern Utah (18-12) vs. No. 5 North Idaho (18-14), 5:30 p.m.
No. 3 Salt Lake CC (22-8) vs. No. 6 Colorado Northwestern (8-24), 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 9
Semifinals
No. 1 CSI (25-5) vs. CEU/NIC winner, 2 p.m.
No. 2 Snow College (23-7) vs. SLCC/CNCC winner, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 10
Championship game, 7:30 p.m.

Women
Thursday, March 8
Quarterfinals
No. 3 North Idaho (19-11) vs. No. 6 Colorado Northwestern (8-24), 5:30 p.m.
No. 4 Eastern Utah (15-15) vs. No. 5 Snow College (15-15), 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 9
No. 2 CSI (24-6) vs. NIC/CNCC winner, noon
No. 1 Salt Lake CC (25-5) vs. CEU/Snow winner, 5:30 p.m.
Ticket prices
Student general admission \$5 \$14
Adult general admission \$6 \$20
Reserved seats \$8 \$22

Wilson wins Honda Classic, scratches item from to-do list

The Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Mark Wilson was a math major at North Carolina and confesses that one of his favorite things is crossing off items on his to-do list.

He can now cross the top entry on that sheet of goals. Wilson made a birdie to beat Jose Cocheres on the third playoff hole and win the Honda Classic at PGA National on Monday, the 32-year-old player's first PGA Tour victory in 111 career tries. He won a four-man playoff that began Sunday, was interrupted by darkness, then ended when he hit from 10 feet on the par-3 17th hole.

"I didn't sleep very good last night at all because I really wanted to finish it off here and win," he said.

He got into the playoff with some big puts Sunday, par-fours 45 feet on the 16th hole, par-fours from 8 feet on the final regulation hole, then a 30-footer — in near-dark conditions, remember — on the playoff first hole.

Some of his competitors acknowledged buckling under pressure.

"Wilson seemed cool the whole way. 'Maybe in these moments you're nervous,'" said Cocheres, who also lost a playoff to Fred Funk last week at the tour's stop in Mexico. "Mr. Wilson, he played very good."

With the win, Wilson got a \$390,000 winner's check, an exemption through the 2009 season and a reprieve from making an 11th consecutive trip to the tour's qualifying school. He also vaulted 176 spots to No. 86 in the world rankings. And, if he can stay in the top 10 on the money list, he has a chance at playing the

Masters for the first time.

His caddy, Chris Jones, got two things: a nice cut of Wilson's earnings, and a huge sense of relief.

Wilson, Cocheres, Boo Weekley — who missed a 3-foot par putt Sunday on the 18th hole that would have given him his first career win — and Camilo Villegas all finished the 72 regulation holes at 5-under 275. But Wilson's score included a two-stroke penalty from his round of 66 on Friday, after Jones made a major putt.

On the fifth tee Friday, Jones overheard Villegas and his caddy talking about club selection at that par-3 hole. Jones blurted out, "It's an 18-degree," referring to the hybrid club that Wilson carries in his bag.

Offering advice to competitors like is against the rules, and Wilson knew it. So he summoned a rules official at the next hole and docked himself two shots.

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If that's true, Wilson isn't one of them. The rule was one of the first things he discussed with Jones when he hired him to carry the bag.

"Part of me thought he was just upset with me for even making a big deal about it," Wilson said. "But then I finally just put my arm around him and said, 'Hey, let's go; let's go play.'"

SPORTS

SPORTS LETTER

Wendell girls hoops says thanks

The Wendell High School girls varsity basketball team would like to express thanks to the student body, cheerleaders, school faculty and administration, friends, parents and families for all of the support shown to us this past season.

BYU coach, forward capture top Mountain West awards

NIKOLAI, Alaska (AP) — The 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is living up to its reputation as a tough, grueling race.

Swingley injured in fall, withdraws from Iditarod

It ended early for four-time champion Doug Swingley, the Lincoln, Mont., musher who withdrew Monday after being injured in a spill on a slick road.

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West All-Conference first team were Young, a senior from Beaumont, Texas; Brandon Heath of San Diego State, a senior guard from Los Angeles; Jason Smith of Colorado State, a junior forward from Kersey, Colo.; Dan Nwaechi of Air Force, a senior forward from Bothell, Wash.; and Wendell White of UNLV, a senior guard from Los Angeles.

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Sacramento police arrest Artest

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest was arrested Monday and excused indefinitely from the team after a woman said he shoved her to the floor inside his home and prevented her from calling 911.

Placer County sheriff's authorities said the woman reported she and Artest were arguing inside the home Monday morning when he pushed her. The argument moved outside when Artest tried to leave with his hummer, sheriff's Sgt. Andrew Scott said during a news conference.

"It resulted in some pushing," Scott said of the argument. "Mr. Artest had shoved the victim to the floor several times, then he attempted to leave."

The woman threw a pot at the hummer, shattering its windshield, Scott said. He would not disclose the woman's relationship with Artest but said a 3-year-old girl was inside the house during the incident.

Deputies arrived around 9:30 a.m. at Artest's five-acre estate in the Sacramento suburb of Loomis and arrested him on suspicion of domestic violence, sheriff's spokeswoman Dana Erwin said. He also was arrested on suspicion of using force or violence to prevent the woman from reporting a crime.

"He was very cooperative," Scott said of Artest, found sitting calmly outside the home. "I gave no pointers to any of the officers on scene."

Artest, the central figure of the infamous 2004 brawl between Indiana Pacers players and Detroit Pistons fans, was booked into the Placer County Jail and released later on \$50,000 bail. His arraignment is scheduled for March 22.

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Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest drives around Philadelphia 76ers Joe Smith in an NBA basketball game Feb. 26 in Philadelphia. Artest was arrested on charges of domestic violence after a woman called 911 from his Loomis, Calif., home, Monday.

who adopted him as a community favorite.

"This season hasn't been as easy for Artest, who's averaging 18.7 points and 6.6 rebounds while the Kings struggle at 27-32. Sacramento, which hosts Artest's former Indiana teammates on Tuesday night, has battled poor team chemistry and inconsistent play under new coach Eric Musselwhite.

Though Artest had been a model teammate in his abbreviated first season, he sparked controversy two months ago by indirectly criticizing Mike Bibby's defense. Artest also missed a handful of games with a knee injury that came as news to the Kings — and last month, he sat out of the Kings' visit to Indiana for undisclosed personal reasons.

"The Kings were rumored to be exploring trades for Artest but didn't make a deal at last month's trade deadline. Sacramento has won its last three games, with Artest playing well in road victories over Portland and the Los Angeles Lakers — after shaving the word 'Kings' into the back of his head."

Wade will attempt April comeback

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade's dislocated left shoulder is so fragile there's a risk of aggravating the injury when he sleeps.

But come April, Wade figures he might be up to the rigors of the NBA playoffs. The All-Star guard said Monday he has decided to delay surgery and rehabilitate his shoulder with the goal of returning to help the Miami Heat defend their league title.

"It could have been easy for me [just to shut it down]," Wade said at a news conference. "You don't know if you're going to be able to attack the same way and dive on the floor the same way. I'll find out after therapy and rehab how my body responds to things."

Wade's decision was good news for the injury-plagued Heat, who entered Monday night's game against Atlanta at 29-29. But even with rest and therapy, there's no guarantee Wade can return this season.

"The fact there's a possibility would give us hope," coach Pat Riley said. "He's a pretty good player. He probably would be a pretty good player one armed."

The Heat went into Monday's game 4-8 this season without Wade, but 3-2 since he was hurt Feb. 21 in a collision with Houston's Shane Battier. At the time, he was the league's third-leading scorer, averaging 28.8 points.

Wade underwent extensive tests and received a second opinion from specialist Dr. James Andrews before deciding he would try to return.

Jazz 120, Bobcats 95

SALT LAKE CITY — Mehmet Okur scored 32 points as the Jazz defeated the Bobcats for the first time at home in Charlotte when its previous two visits to Salt Lake City.

attempts, most of them on perimeter jump shots. Reserve Matt Harpring continued his scoring outburst with 19 points and has averaged 16 during Utah's current four-game winning streak.

Cavaliers 91, Rockets 85

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 32 points and the Cleveland held off the Rockets 91-85 to spoil Yao Ming's first game back from a leg injury.

James, who added 12 rebounds and eight assists, scored more than 30 points for the fourth straight game. The Cavaliers have won three of those four.

Yao returned to action after missing 32 games while recovering from a broken bone under his right knee. He finished with 16 points, 11 rebounds, two blocks and five turnovers.

Yao, who played 27 minutes, helped spark the Rockets in the fourth quarter when they trailed by 14. He scored seven straight points and provided a presence inside that forced Cleveland to take outside shots.

Heat 88, Hawks 81

MIAMI — The Heat got above .500 for the first time in nearly four months. Eddie Jones had 14 of his season-high 21 points in the final quarter and Shaquille O'Neal added 14 points and nine rebounds on the eve of his 35th birthday.

Jones hit a 3-pointer to start a game-deciding 13-run over a 5-minute stretch of the fourth quarter for the Heat (30-29). The defending NBA champions last had a winning record on Nov. 16, 3-2.

Gary Payton had 11 points and seven rebounds and James Posey added 10 points for Miami.

Warriors 111, Pistons 93

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Jason Richardson scored a season-high 29 points in front of his home fans, helping the Warriors end a six-game losing streak. The win also ended Golden State's seven-game road slide, and gave the Warriors a lopsided sweep of the season series. They beat Detroit 111-79 at home on Nov. 11.

At Harrington had 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Jackson finished with 14 points. Lindsey Hunter scored 20 points for Detroit.

Magic 99, Bucks 81

ORLANDO, Fla. — Hedo Turkoglu had a season-high 25 points and Trevor Ariza added 20. Dwight Howard had 16 points and nine rebounds for the Magic, who ended a three-game losing streak. Orlando had 24 fast-break points to just five for Milwaukee, which lost an overtime game Sunday at home against Chicago.

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Next Race: 2007 Nextel Cup Series. Nextel Cup Series. Nextel Cup Series. Nextel Cup Series. Nextel Cup Series.

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College Baseball: Florida State vs. Wake Forest. Wake Forest vs. Virginia Tech. Virginia Tech vs. Duke. Duke vs. North Carolina.

Game Plan

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Wendell grad Goodbody shines in Stanford track debut

STANFORD, Calif. — Jaymie Goodbody keeps assaulting the record books. Goodbody made an impressive outdoor track debut as a redshirt freshman for the Stanford University...

FILER — The Filer High School FFA Alumni will sponsor donkey basketball at Filer High School at 7 p.m. tonight at the floor tickets will be \$8 for adults, \$7 for students and \$6 for children grades K-5.

T.F. adult co-ed softball meeting nears TWIN FALLS — A meeting for anyone interested in playing in the Twin Falls adult co-ed softball league will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation building at 136 Maxwell Ave. in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Men's Golf Association will hold its opening scramble on Sunday, March 11. Fees are due prior to play. For more information, call Scott at 494-4095.

Shoshone HS hosts 1A/2A all-star hoops SHOSHONE — Shoshone High School will host the Class 1A/2A all-star boys and girls basketball games on Wednesday, March 7.

AP Women's top 25 The top 25 AP Women's top 25 basketball players are listed below. The top 25 AP Women's top 25 basketball players are listed below.

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TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School wrestling coach Suld Babwin will hold freestyle wrestling practices at the Twin Falls High School wrestling room from 3:30-5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week.

COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

Dilbert By Scott Adams

Doonesbury By Gary Trudeau

The Elderberbles By Phil Frank and Joe Toole

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

Luann By Greg Evans

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

Pickles By Brian Crane

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Emotions could be stirred up, Leo

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

IF MARCH 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you will be fascinated by the deeper mysteries of life in the year to come, and will find your spirituality deepening — you could even undergo a spiritual transformation. This looks to be a lucky year for you, and things should just fall into place with less effort than you might expect. Don't try to harness your creative juices too stringently. Rather, allow yourself some time to just enjoy music and the arts — not everything must have a practical application.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take this opportunity to strengthen existing associations and alliances of all kinds, but stay away from the formation of new partnerships for meeting new potential dates if you're on the hunt.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The stars are improving for new associations for Taurus, although you are still more likely to meet a casual fling than a Princess or Prince Charming. Stay out of the game if you hope to play for keeps.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your mind is functioning with great precision now, and you are eager to make plans. Watch for brief emotional excess late today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Some of the obstacles of the past few days are clearing, but new starts are still best postponed another day. You should feel more settled today, though, so it will be easier to be patient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotions could be stirred up today for few hours. If so, just stay as neutral as possible, and let things be — they should resolve themselves naturally later today. Your charm and sweetness serve you well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can be both persuasive and highly magnetic now, but be sure not to make any promises you won't want to keep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Money is still on your mind, but it is not advisable to open a bank account or other such account today. Get plenty of exercise to release pent-up energies, and hold off making major changes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Conflicts with authority figures are best avoided, as it is difficult to force your agenda, as you are the one you'll find a golden opportunity appearing — that is the time to act!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your charm is particularly potent for the next few days and you can certainly use it to your advantage. Money matters could be in the spotlight. Build for the future by thinking long-term.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Ideas can be easy for you to communicate in the early part of today. Make sure to write down all of your insights so you will remember them later if you don't have the chance to present them all now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make sure you merit all the trust that is placed on you by staying strictly on the side of the angels. Tell the truth and nothing but.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The stars are always changing, so if something isn't favored now, it will be later. Take some time to rest on your laurels.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

Strange Brew By John Deering

Identifying Characteristics:
THE MEMBERS OF THIS UNKINDRED BEAST MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO TELL JUST WHICH END MORE BEING WITH AND WHETHER IT'S COMING OR GOING. THIS CAPABLE WITH A LACK OF RESOURCES, ALLOW IT TO TAKE AND NOTHING THAT WILL CAUSE THE RAGE OF ANY OTHER MEMBER OF BEASTIAL KINGDOM. IT HAS THEN FAVOR BEHAVIOR. THIS BEAST ALSO IS OFFER. IT HAS ONE TO LIST THE MEMBER OF BEASTIAL KING.

Habitat: EVERYWHERE.

Natural Enemy: SCOUTING.

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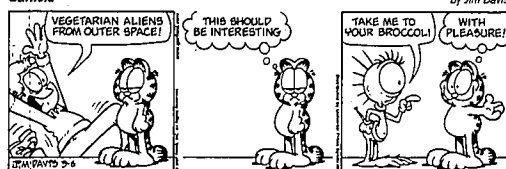
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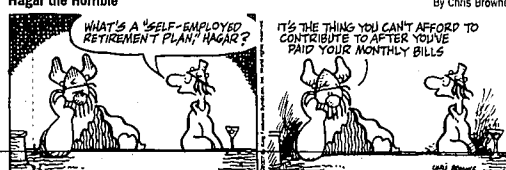
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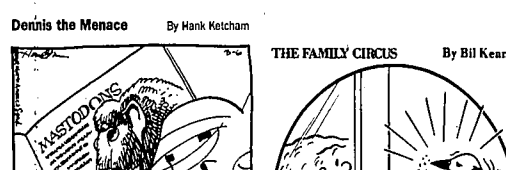
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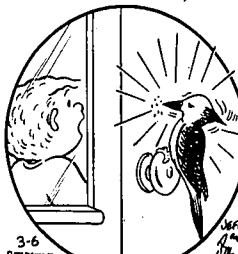
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane



Mess left for hunter's wife is dangerous and disgusting



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Kay in St. Joseph, Mo." (Jan. 10) caught my attention. She's the woman whose husband (a hunter) leaves bloody footprints and pieces of deer carcass throughout their house and his soiled clothes piled in the kitchen.

I am a female bow hunter. If my hunting buddies (all of whom are male) came into my house and made a mess like Kay's husband does, I would shoot THEM.

There's a reason why the word "jean" is always at the end of the sentence. The other hunters' families would put up with their disrespect. I can't even imagine how hard it would be to remove week-old animal blood from a carpet.

History repeats itself, and inconsiderate people don't change on their own. "Kay" needs to stand up for herself and refuse to tolerate their behavior any longer.

—J.I. IN FORT WAYNE, IND.

DEAR J.I.: I can't agree more. However, because the balance of power in her family does not appear to be in her favor, I thought she'd have better luck if she let her husband handle the mess here and his brothers had created while she vacated the premises — and let him get a professional cleaning crew in there if the chore was more than he could handle. That is, until I heard from more of my readers.

DEAR ABBY: I have hunted for almost 40 years and have always processed my own meat — from squirrel to deer. Most hunters keep the work area clean so the meat won't be contaminated. I have seen a few hunters like Kay's husband and simply put, they are lazy. Their meat is filled with hair and dirt, and could be spoiled as well.

I do all my meat processing in my clean garage, then bring it to the basement to wrap before storing it in the freezer. I hose down any blood residue, and all scraps are thrown in the trash can as I work. Kay needs to put her foot down and kick them out of the house.

—LARRY IN BRADFORD, PA.

DEAR ABBY: I'm not sure how intellectual those folks are, but there could be grave consequences because of their behavior. Most of the wild game carry a variety of bacteria, some strains of which are rumored to have infected North American deer herds with mad-cow disease.

When wild game is cleaned,

precautions should be taken to disinfect the animal and the work area. Some folks go so far as to clean an animal and wash it down with a bleach solution as soon as it's taken. Surgical gloves are worn, and when everything is done, the people cleanse themselves and their gear immediately.

—ROBERT IN NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: I raised five boys, with their father loved to go fishing. I told them I'd cook and serve anything I found in the kitchen. It took only one meal of fried fish, innards and all, for them to get the message.

—VICKY IN SONOMA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: My son used to work in a butcher shop that processed deer every year. When the deer came in, all the other meat that was sold had to be moved out.

If meat isn't handled correctly or becomes tainted and makes someone ill, Kay's husband and brothers-in-law could be in serious trouble. It may be time for her to contact the local health department. Because her husband is being paid to "process" food, I'm sure he's violating more than a few laws — and the fines he could be subject to could cost him "dearly."

—KEITH IN OHIO

Dred Scott decision announced today in 1857

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 6, the 65th day of 2007. There are 300 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
One hundred and fifty years ago, on March 6, 1857, the United States Supreme Court ruled in Dred Scott v. Sandford that Scott, a slave, was not a U.S. citizen and could not sue for his freedom in federal court.

On this date:
In 1834, the city of York in Upper Canada was incorporated as Toronto.
In 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege.
In 1853, Verdi's opera "La Traviata" premiered in Venice, Italy.
In 1933, a nationwide bank holiday declared by President Roosevelt went into effect.
In 1935, a retired Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. died in Washington.

In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers started the first full-scale American raid on Berlin during World War II.
In 1957, the former British African colonies of the Gold Coast and Togoland became the independent state of Ghana.

In 1967, the daughter of Josef Stalin, Svetlana Alliluyeva, appeared at the U.S. Embassy in India and announced her intention to defect to the West.
In 1991, Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."
In 1987, 193 people died when the British ferry Herald of Free Enterprise capsized off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge.

Ten years ago: A gunman stole a \$1 million Picasso portrait ("Tete de Femme") from a London gallery. (The painting was recovered and two suspects arrested a week later.)
Queen Elizabeth II launched the first official royal Web site. China introduced new laws to bolster its campaigns against dissent, ethnic separatism and subversive Western ideals.

Five years ago: Independent Counsel Robert Jay issued his final report in which he wrote that former President Clinton could have been indicted and probably would have been convicted in the scandal involving former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Federal regulators approved the proposed \$22 billion merger of Hewlett-Packard Co. and Compaq Computer Corp.

TODAY IN HISTORY

One year ago: South Dakota Gov. Mike Rodden signed legislation banning most abortions in his state (abortion-rights groups were able to get enough signatures to put the measure on a vote and the ban was rejected in the November election).
Dana Reeve, whose admiration for her devotion to her husband, actor Christopher Reeve, through his cerebral palsy, died in New York City; she was 41.
Basketball Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett died in Phoenix at age 45.

Today's Birthdays:
Orchestra conductor Julius Rudel is 86. TV personality Ed McMahon is 84. Former FBI and CIA director William Webster is 83. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is 81. Actor Gabriel Garcia Marquez is 79.

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

—Esketch the ordinary, disdain the common, and despise the single-minded need for something that is the unusual, the esoteric, the bizarre, the unexpected—
—Chuck Jones

Most bridge players take a long while to learn what a finesse constitutes. Eventually they buy into the idea that you only lead honors, trying to tempt a cover, when you have cards equal in value to the card that you are leading out.

So far so good. Then along comes a deal like today's to throw all the calculations out of the window. What can you say, except that bridge is a difficult game and that generations don't tell the whole story?

In this four-spade contract from a team game, one declarer pitched a club from hand on the first trick. Then he played the spade ace and another spade, and was disappointed with the result. East cashed his three spade winners and exited with a heart, and the defenders took their club winner at trick 13 for double.

In the other room, trick one was identical, but then declarer worked out that he could not cope with any single club trump with East, but might be able to handle a singleton nine or 10 with West (or even a bare king or queen if East slipped on a defense). So he led the spade jack from dummy, covered all around, and was delighted to see West's spade fall. Next, South led back a trump to dummy's five and East's nine. He suited the heart suit to play the spade six to East's queen, ruffed the next heart, drew the last trump, and claimed 10 tricks. Nicely done.

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♥	K 10		
♦	A 7 6 4		
WEST		EAST	
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♦	A 7 6 4	♦	A 7 6 4
♣	K 9 8	♣	J 5

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

The bidding:
South West North East

1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Heart six

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ K Q 9 4
♥ Q 9 8 5
♦ 8 7 3
♣ A 5

South West North East
Deal: Pass 2♦ 1♠ Pass
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ANSWER: Pass, since your partner is following an invitational sequence. Without the overcall, if you had responded one heart to one club, a jump to two spades would be forcing. But here, since you have shown spades, your negative double, your partner's jump simply invites game, suggesting 11 or so, and you have no extras at all.

If you need help to understand why, write to: jack@anderson.com
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly sunny skies and a light breeze. Highs comfortable and near 50.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and cool. Lows near 30.
Tomorrow: Increasing clouds and mild with a chance of late showers. Highs near 50, lows middle 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (High/Low).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo (Temp). Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny and dry. Highs in the middle 40s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy skies and light winds. Lows in the middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Increasing clouds with a chance of overnight showers. Highs mid 40s, lows low 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for various regions: Sun Valley, Boise, Burley, etc. Includes text about sun valley surrounding mts and Boise forecast.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 2 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and daily data.

Moonsrise and Moonset

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists moonrise and moonset times and phases.

U. V. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists UV index levels and health warnings.

Sunrise and Sunset

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists sunrise and sunset times.

Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: 'If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant...'

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

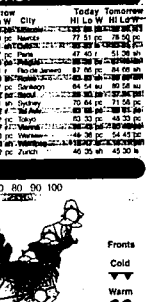
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for major US cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Boston Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester winds up for a throw in the bullpen before a minor league baseball game against the Minnesota Twins at Hammond Stadium, in Fort Myers, Fla., Monday.

Lester feels normal in first game after cancer treatment

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Jon Lester pitched in his first game Monday since his last cancer treatment just 2 1/2 months ago. His mechanics were good and his command was outstanding as the Boston Red Sox left-hander retired all three batters he faced on grounders.

Prior yanked, Wood great to begin dual Cubs comebacks

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Mark Prior's return answered his own questions about his arm, but created some about his effectiveness. Kerry Wood's comeback was far more reassuring to the Cubs. Prior, who missed most of 2005 due to a third consecutive season of injuries, started for the first time since August. He allowed three earned runs and got just four outs before Chicago manager Lou Piniella pulled his expected ace from the Cubs' 6-5 win over the Seattle Mariners on Monday.

Magic Valley HomeSeller advertisement featuring photos of agents: Gayle Bengoechea, Frank Stewart, Becky Kukal, Jan Hutchison, Chris Barber, Steven Bielenberg. Includes website magicvalley.com and contact information.

INSIDE:
Numbers, numbers, num-
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fit in today's Sudoku puzzle,
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INSIDE: Classifieds, C2-8 | Sudoku, C3 | Jumble, C5 | Service directory, C6

White House board says surveillance programs OK

By Hope Yen
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A White House privacy board is giving its stamp of approval to two of the Bush administration's controversial surveillance programs — electronic eavesdropping and financial tracking — and says they do not violate citizens' civil liberties.

After operating mostly in secret for a year, the five-member Privacy and Civil Liberties Board is preparing to release its first report to Congress

next week.

The report finds that both the National Security Agency's warrantless eavesdropping program and the Treasury Department's monitoring of international banking transactions have sufficient privacy protections, three board members told The Associated Press in telephone interviews.

Both programs have multiple layers of review before sensitive information is accessed, they said.

"We looked at the program, we visited NSA and met with

the top people all the way down to those doing the hands-on work," said Carol Dinkins, a Houston lawyer and former Reagan administration assistant attorney general who chairs the board.

"The program is structured and implemented in a way that is properly protective and attentive to civil liberties," she said.

Some board members were troubled by the Homeland Security Department's error-ridden no-fly lists, which critics say use subjective or incon-

clusive data to flag suspect travelers.

One area the board will focus on in its report is the computerized anti-terrorism screening system recently announced by DHS and used for years without travelers' knowledge to assign risk assessments to millions of Americans who fly abroad.

"That's a place where there's a lot of opportunity for improvement," Dinkins said. Lanny Davis, a former Clinton White House counsel and the lone Democrat on the

panel, described the board's first report to Congress as modest. He said most of the work in the past year was spent being briefed on the administration's surveillance programs.

"We felt reassured by the checks and balance concerns," Davis said. He said that after several classified briefings, members were impressed by the multiple layers of review, which included audit trails to track whoever has access to the data.

Still, Davis said he anticipated

the board will continue to monitor the program as needed. "It would be a mistake if that was the end of the review," he said.

The board's initial findings come as Congress is moving forward on measures to give the board more authority and make it more independent of the president. Created in late 2004, the panel was established as a compromise between Congress and the White House after a recommendation by the Sept. 11 commission.



Vice President Dick Cheney delivers his remarks at the joint opening session of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary National Community Service Conference national legislative conference, Monday in Washington.

Cheney has blood clot in leg Can be fatal if left untreated

By Ben Feller
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Doctors discovered a blood clot in Vice President Dick Cheney's left leg Monday, a condition that could be fatal if left untreated.

The 66-year-old Cheney, who has a history of heart problems, will be treated with blood-thinning medication for several months, said spokeswoman Lea Anne McBride.

She said Cheney visited his doctor's office in Washington after feeling minor discomfort in his calf. An ultrasound showed the blood clot — called a deep venous thrombosis — in his left lower leg.

Blood clots that form deep in the legs can become critical if they break off and float into the lungs. This is called a pulmonary embolism. Deep vein thrombosis strikes an estimated 2 million Americans

each year, killing 60,000. Many people suffer DVT after spending long periods without moving, such as passengers on long-haul airline flights. Cheney spent about 65 hours on a plane on a nine-day, round-the-world trip that ended last week.

"When you're sitting there with your legs hanging down for long periods of time, that's what predisposes you to the problem," said Sean O'Donnell, chief of vascular surgery of Washington Hospital Center.

"Treated properly, it poses a small threat," O'Donnell said. "Untreated and unrecognized, it's a very serious problem."

NBC correspondent David Bloom died in 2003 of a pulmonary embolism after spending days in a cramped military vehicle while covering the invasion of Iraq.

To fight DVT, airlines often encourage passengers to walk the aisles and wiggle their feet. But flying's not the only risk of DVT. It extends to anyone older than 60 or who has heart failure.

By Holbrook Mohr
Associated Press writer

Four months into his job, a police officer in Mississippi holds a gun to the head of an unarmed teenager and puts him in a chokehold. A rookie officer in Illinois gets into a car chase that kills a driver. And a new campus policeman in Indiana shoots an unarmed student to death.

Some are blaming these harrowing episodes on what an Associated Press survey found is a common practice across the country: At least 30 states let some newly hired local law enforcement officers hit the streets with a gun, a badge and little or no training.

"These states allow a certain grace period — six months or a year in most cases, two years in Mississippi and Wisconsin — before rookies must be sent to a police academy. In many cases, these recruits are supposed to be supervised by a full-fledged officer, but that does not always happen.

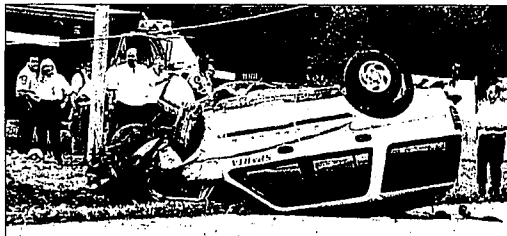
"The risks, some say, are high. 'You wouldn't want a brain surgeon who isn't properly trained. Someone shouldn't be out there carrying a badge and a gun unless they are qualified to be out there,' said Jeremy Spratt, program manager of the Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training Program.

No one seems to know how many untrained recruits are on the streets. But the practice appears to be most common among small-town police forces and sheriff's departments.

Many police chiefs interviewed for this story said that for years, they have used less-than-fully-trained officers without problems, and they strongly defend the practice for reasons of money and manpower.

It allows departments to put new hires on the streets right away without waiting for them to go through police academy training, which is usually a full-time, weeks- or months-long exercise during which the officer is not on duty but still on the payroll. In some places, there are waiting lists to get into the academy.

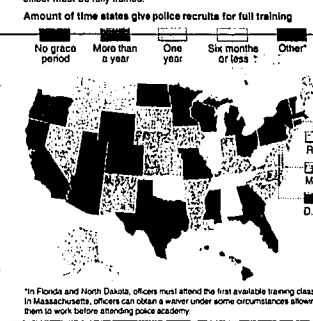
Also, some police forces see the grace period as a tryout,



Officials look over the scene in Sparta, Ill., in 2004, where 58-year-old nurse Janice Cole died when a police SUV driven by Sparta Police Officer Misty McPherson slammed into Cole's car during a chase.

Untrained officers permitted on force

Nearly 30 states offer some newly hired officers to police the streets with little or no training. These states allow a grace period before an officer must be fully trained.



In Florida and North Dakota, officers must attend the first available training class in Massachusetts, officers can obtain a waiver under some circumstances allowing them to work before attending police academy.

Radcliffe has signed on for last two 'Harry Potter' movies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Daniel Radcliffe has signed on to star in the final two "Harry Potter" films, Warner Bros. said Monday.

Radcliffe, who plays the bespectacled schoolboy wizard in the Hollywood adaptations of J.K. Rowling's novels, will reprise the role in "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."

Warner Bros. will release the fifth installment — "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" — on July 13, a week before the book "The Deathly Hallows" is released.

Radcliffe, 17, is in the London stage production of "Equus," in which he plays a troubled stableboy who moults horses. The role is quite the departure for the teen.

Time to learn your exabytes and zettabytes: Researchers calculate the wide world of data.

By Brian Bergstein
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — A new study that estimates how much digital information the world is generating (hint: a lot) finds that for the first time, there's not enough storage space to hold it all. Good thing we delete some stuff.

The report, assembled by the technology research firm IDC, sought to account for all the ones and zeros that make up photos, videos, e-mails, Web pages, instant messages, phone calls and other digital content zipping around. The researchers also assumed that on average, each digital file gets replicated three times.

Add it all up and IDC determined that the world generated 161 billion gigabytes — 161

exabytes — of digital information last year.

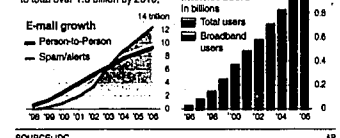
Oh, the equivalents! That's like 12 stacks of books that each reach from the Earth to the sun. Or you might think of it as 3 million times the information in all the books ever written, according to IDC. You'd need more than 2 billion of the most capacious iPods on the market to get 161 exabytes.

The previous best estimate came from researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, who totaled the globe's information production at 5 exabytes in 2003.

But that report followed a different trail. It included non-electronic information, such as analog radio broadcasts or printed office memos, and tallied how much space that would consume if digitized.

Internet users continue to grow

Internet users, who have grown over 2,000 percent since 1995, are projected to total over 1.6 billion by 2010.



And it counted original data only, not all the times things get copied.

In comparison, the IDC numbers were made much higher by including content as it was created and as it was reproduced — for example, as a digital TV file was made on a

screen. If IDC tracked original data only, its result would have been 40 exabytes.

Still, even the 2003 figure of 5 exabytes is enormous — it was said at the time to be 37,000 Libraries of Congress — so why does it matter how much more enormous the number is now?

For one thing, said IDC analyst John Gantz, it's important to understand the effects of the factors behind the information explosion — such as the proliferation of surveillance cameras and regulatory laws for corporate data retention.

In fact, the supply of data technically outstrips the supply of places to put it.

ICD estimates that the world had 165 exabytes of storage available last year and will have 601 exabytes in 2010. But the amount of stuff generated is expected to jump from 161 exabytes last year to 988 exabytes (988 billion in 1-zettabytes) in 2010.

"If you had a run on the bank, you'd be in trouble," Gantz said. "If everybody stored every digital bit, there wouldn't be enough room."

Fortunately, storage space is not actually scarce and continues to get cheaper. That's because not everything gets warehoused. Not only do e-mails get deleted, but some digital signals are not made to linger, like the contents of phone calls. (Although, who's to say those conversations don't get catalogued somewhere, perhaps the National Security Agency? The IDC researchers assumed the answer was no. "I don't want men in black coming to look for me," Gantz joked.)

But even if the IDC findings don't raise the prospect that data drives will be virtually bursting at the seams, the study has intriguing implications. Among them: We'll need better technologies to help secure, parse, find and recover usable material.

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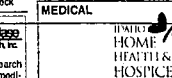
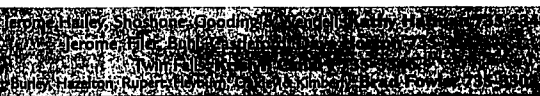
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An ill wind that blows some good

Idaho's gusts and breezes irk some, benefit others

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

GOODING — There isn't much wind in Arlene Shaw's kitchen. But that's where a set of metal wind chimes has been nailed, because experience taught her it blows too hard outside.

"When I was given this set of wind chimes, I just hung them in the house," she said. The ceramic set of chimes she came to Idaho with years ago was destroyed by the gusts that sweep through the Shaw's acreage in Gooding. "The wind beats up the strings on them and wears them out."

Arlene, originally from Colorado, said working with the wind has become a fact of life. A fact all too familiar to her southern Idaho neighbors.

"Since I moved here I've really become interested in the weather," she said. She's even learning how to gauge wind speed by feel — without accelerating on a motorcycle until the breeze doesn't buffet her.

"It's one of those things you just learn to live with so much you don't think about it," said Arlene's husband, Mark, who grows crops and builds equipment for processing macadamia nuts. Mark, a Los Angeles native, said his wardrobe changed because of the wind.

"You used to be able to buy straw hats around here for three or four dollars — now they've gone up to 30," he said.

After he lost several of those hats to wind gusts during rides around the farm, his top tier of choice is now a tight-fitting knit cap. Turtlenecks layer under Mark's thick overalls in the winter, with scarves handy to protect his throat from sharp needles of wind and rain.

He turned to heavy-duty moisturizers and liquid bandages for the cracks that develop on his fingertips, dried out by the arid, windy climate. Arlene moisturizes more as well, from lips to toes.

"I use ChapStick three or four times a day, and if I know I'm going to be outside, I'll carry it in my pocket, it's so drying," she said.

Around here, the wind is nothing new. Magic Valley gusts and breezes are even stronger than those statewide, meteorologists say, because of the funneling effect of the mountains, and residents adjust how they live and work to accommodate. Farming or gardening, Idahoans know which way the wind blows.

The funnel effect

Magic Valley's geography is responsible for the extraordinary conditions, said Josh Smith, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Boise.

"For Twin Falls, where they're located in the valley, generally your weather is from the west, it moves to the east," Smith said. "They're just in the right part of the valley to funnel these winds through that area, these winds that come down from aloft."

"Typically, wind flows from the South Hills, he said, bringing warmer air into the valley. This added air movement caused by the mountain ranges means that though Boise feels the same wind patterns, they are usually stronger in Magic Valley.

"It's wide, but it's just like a funnel effect," Smith said.

"The winds converge and they speed up through that area." In the absence of an typical weather front, the direction of the wind shifts at night, as cool air sinks toward the lowest point in the state, near Ontario, Ore.

"All that cold air wants to go in that direction," Smith said. "During the day when the ground heats up, all that warm air wants to rise."

This means northwest or west winds during the day, and southeast winds at night, blowing at an average speed of five to 15 knots in the first half of the year and five to 10

"It's one of those things you just learn to live with so much you don't think about it."

— Mark Shaw, Gooding

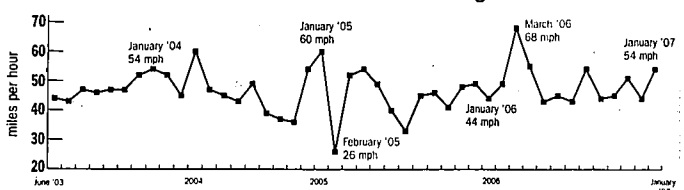


Snow blown by winter wind sticks to the north sides of trees clumped at the edge of a pasture by the Shaw home.



Arlene Shaw stands Feb. 27 by a large wind chime that hangs from her home's front porch outside of Gooding. To the west of the Shaw home, large spruce trees help block the wind.

Peak recorded sustained winds near Twin Falls during the month



SOURCE: National Weather Service Forecast Office in Boise.

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Silent sentry or magical myth?

An Idaho remembers the Owl and the Castle

By Kathleen McKerritt
Special to the Times-News

KETCHUM — When I was growing up in southern Idaho, my family spent nearly every weekend in Ketchum, winter and summer, so members of the family and friends finally built cabins in the area — to save on the motel and restaurant bills.

In the winter, all we young skiers packed the lower hills. In the early morning on Baldy, then got to ski free all day. We played on the old narrow-gauge railway all summer long, and along the Big Wood River while the tall people of the family fished. Somebody kept chili and coffee hot in the winter, and somebody made plenty of lemonade and iced tea in the summer. As children we were

free to run wild all day making up things to do and inventing escapades that filled the days.

We picked wild berries and built forts along the river. It was as close to heaven as a kid could have, especially during the summer. One of our favorite places to play was a little spot about a half-mile south of the bridge at Ketchum's south entrance.

You have to slow down and look closely to see it, but in a very visible draw on the west side of the highway is the Owl and the Castle, a rock formation that looks for all the world like a large owl and an owl-sized castle. As legend has it, they have been there for a million or so years, carved out by the last ice age and left standing as entry sentinels to the "valley of sun."



These rocks — still standing watch over the Wood River Valley — inspired wonder and imagination during Kathleen McKerritt's childhood.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, structures like this in the Rocky Mountains — and, more specifically, in the Sawtooth range — are between 3 million and 30 million years old. A long time to stand watch.

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New publication suggests fire-resistant plants

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Fires are part of the Pacific Northwest landscape, but homeowners who live in the wildland-urban interface can take precautions to protect their lives, homes and property. That includes creating a "defensible space" where potential fuel has been modified, reduced or cleared to slow the spread of wildfire to their homes, the University of Idaho said in a release.

A new publication by Pacific Northwest Extension tells homeowners how to select plants that may reduce their wildfire risk. Titled "Fire-resistant Plants for Home Landscapes," the 46-page, color publication includes photos and descriptions of selected groundcovers, perennials, shrubs and trees for irrigated and nonirrigated landscapes.

Plants that are fire-resistant are not fireproof, but their foliage and stems don't contribute significantly to potential fuel and therefore to a fire's intensity, the U of I said. They can be damaged or even killed by fire, but they don't readily ignite from a flame or other ignition source. Typically, they have moist and supple leaves, they accumulate little deadwood or dry material, and their sap isn't resinous or gummy.

Combined with proper plant placement, spacing and ongoing maintenance, the use of fire-resistant plants can create a fuel break and help protect homes by blocking intense heat. To order the publication, click on www.info.ag.uidaho.edu or call (208) 885-7832. Cost for a single copy is \$3 plus shipping, handling and sales tax.

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Owl

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But whom knows what happens after dark perhaps that castle is a secret retreat for tired talons.

As children, we were told that the owl was a marker for buried treasure, a sign in early days for indigenous peoples to guide their way, and even, according to other lore, an omen for burial place for the blackfoot and other tribes. It would make sense, having a guardian like an owl totem watching over an ancient burial place, but all our pretend archeology sessions with trowels and buckets revealed many an indication of that. Of course, our attention span was short, and our diggings in the hard, sun-parched soil were less than four to five inches deep.

However, everything then had its mystical side for 8- to 12-year-olds. We made up so many stories that no one was sure what had been based in some fact we'd heard around the dinner table, and what had been sheer fancy. At that age it all blended together as temporary reality: There were gargoyle-like things in the ice caves. "No, really?" "Yes, Glenn! Dad heard it from the caretaker." The dead pilot from a small plane crashed in the Stanley valley still had a seat at the Silver Dollar bar in Ketchum and roamed the area in various haunts like the mines. Everyone knew Ernest Hemingway, and most everybody's dad, brother or uncle had had a beer with him and shared stories.

The Owl and the Castle hold its own mystique. The owl took off in flight at night, and I once saw a fluorescent stream shadow across the full moon sky; it was, more than likely, the owl. The castle had a center, but no one knew how to enter. There were spe-

cial words and spells that would reveal the crack in the stone and an entry into the underground where hoodlums from the dark side waited to pounce on and devour small children. Daytime was the only safe time to go there, but only if you were doubly protected by both chewing gum and your special-protection medal on a chain around your neck to ward off all things scary.

This structure and the public land it's on are protected — not by medals or chewing gum, but by law — from such carryings-on as pretend archeology or metal-hunting, by anybody, whatever their age. It's as it should be. What has long stood as a warden of the wilds remains undaunted, despite the million-dollar condominiums and the home sites dotting the local landscape. Where once bison, deer, wild horses and the like roamed, thousands of motorists swish past never knowing that an ancient guardian stands watch over their lands and homes.

Only the natural weather patterns of wind and water erosion should alter this good guard in its eternal watch on the valley of sun, and while not recognized or acknowledged by passers-by, it will do the work assigned. Hopefully, there is still a space in children's minds to wonder at the ancient guardian, stands such as the caves guarding our mountain's invisible gate.

Kathleen McKevitt, an Idaho native, is a freelance writer working on a suspense novel related to the children of the '50s and '60s and the Owl and the Castle. She can be reached at rmckevit@net.net. This piece is based on part of her novelette.

Wind

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knots between July and December. A knot — the National Weather Service's preferred unit of wind speed — is 1 nautical mph, equivalent to 1.15 mph.

Growing with the wind

Although strong winds can kill seedlings, knock over a farm or hobby orchard and crack fingertips, it's vital for at least one Magic Valley product — wine.

"Wind is actually our ally," said James Holeslinsky, who runs the organic Holeslinsky winery near Bullh. The family chose the hillside where their grapes grow specifically because they are at the conjunction of three windy valleys.

"It brings fresh air to the area. It circulates the air in general," Holeslinsky said. Circulation stops grapes from growing mold and mildew. It slows the ripening of the fruit, allowing flavor and sugars to build, creating a complex character for the juice that will eventually become wine.

"The wind will actually harden the skins of a grape a bit, to create color," he said. It strengthens the root systems of young vines, making them more resilient as they age, and promotes larder leaves as well.

In areas where there isn't much wind, wineries put in machines to create breezes, Holeslinsky said. His winery plans to install a wind-powered wind machine that will store energy during windy times and use it to stir the air when the weather is still.

Extreme temperature fluctuations aren't good for grapes, Holeslinsky said, and wind keeps the vines from overheating in the summer while staying off frosts in the winter.

"It'll cool a hot day or warm



The road to Arlene and Mark Shaw's home is obscured by small snow drifts on Feb. 27. The plow went by once today already, but the wind keeps blowing (the snow) back, Arlene said that day.

a cool morning," he said. "Two degrees could mean our crop or not."

On the negative side, wind can strip the soil of nutrients, so Holeslinsky plants grass between the vines as a safeguard. Strong winds can also slow the metabolic processes of the vines as they protect themselves from harsh chimes, which creates a nonuniform crop that burns the grower's bottom line.

Under the weather

Back at the Shaws' Gooding farm, it's mostly the negative that Mark and Arlene deal with.

In the first years he lived on the property, Mark knew his granaries weren't anchored as tightly as they should have been.

"I'd been saying 'I need to take care of that for years,' he said. "Well, I was right."

It was a Sunday afternoon four years ago, Arlene remem-

bered. "A storm came up. Boy, it was something else," she said. "All of a sudden, one lifts up and starts rolling out into the field. It totally demolished it."

Yup, their granaries are anchored very well now.

The Shaws have also lost irrigation wheel lines, when the wind created torque on the metal, shearing it away and rolling the equipment through their fields.

"If the winds blowing real hard, we will take two-by-fours out and brace the wheel lines to keep them from twisting too much," Arlene said. Every morning before Mark plants his clones for the day, there's one thing he always does.

"First thing you do before you change the water is turn on the weather radio to find out what the wind's doing," he said. The direction and speed determine where and when he irrigates.

"It will blow hard enough

you can walk out on dry ground to move the wheel line because none of the water is falling straight down," Arlene said.

The Shaws even planned how to build their house because of the wind. The home, designed to maximize energy conservation, has its shortest side facing into the wind. Blue spruces planted along the west side of the home 22 years ago are now tall enough for an effective wind break.

In the past few years, Arlene has really noticed a difference. "The trees slow the wind enough that she's finally ready to hang out that set of metal wind chimes. She's eager for their silvery sound, and confident now the gusts won't destroy them."

"I have missed that, because I love wind chimes."

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Hazardous landscape: Plants that can poison your pet

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — My friend Margo, a black pug dog, loves to get out in the yard and run. She is usually a good girl. She sniffs everything, but she doesn't chew on stems or sample leaves and bugs.

Her owners don't plant or use anything toxic, but there's still plenty in any landscape that can be hazardous to any pet that goes outdoors. In turn, pets can be had on the yard and garden.

Pet destructiveness can mean plants chomped, pulled on or dug up holes in the yard (especially around fences, for those canine escape artists), and brown spots in the lawn. Some dogs chew gardening gloves, wooden handles on garden tools and outdoor furniture.

Animals that chew can get hold of poisonous seeds, leaves or berries. Dogs or cats that frolic or roll on the lawn can pick up toxic chemicals through their paw pads and skin and track them into the house. They can get scratched by thorns, stung by bees, bitten by flies, landed on by ticks, even burned by hot sidewalks in the summer or ice-preventing chemicals in the winter.

People who love pets and gardening can have both, though, with a little common sense and careful use of pet-safe plants and chemicals.

The first good-sense rule is not to plant anything that's toxic to animals. Toxicity can relate to the size of the animal and, of course, amount of material ingested, but it's better to avoid anything that can be harmful.

A sampling of landscape plants that are toxic include yew, wild black cherry, azalea, rhododendron, hydrangea, daphne, nandina, oleander, English ivy, daffodil, tulip, lily of the valley, foxglove, hyacinth, rhubarb and castor bean. Some toxic houseplants to avoid are dieffenbachia, golden pothos, philodendron and peace lily. Cocoa bean mulch, a byproduct of chocolate manufacturing, contains both caffeine and theobromine, which are harmful to dogs.

If you already have some of these trees, shrubs or plants, you can minimize exposure by fencing them off, or by teaching



Daphne is a caustic toxic plant. Other toxic plants include yew, wild black cherry, azalea, rhododendron, hydrangea, English ivy, daffodil, tulip, lily of the valley and hyacinth.

the pet to avoid parts of the yard. It can just hear Margo snickering. "Yeah, right, teach who what?"

For lists of toxic plants, see www.cybercanine.com/toxic-plants.htm or www.aspc.org. (Click on the link to Animal Poison Control and then click toxic plants.)

The next issue to consider is chemicals. The ingredients in herbicides, insecticides and soil amendments can be toxic. If they are, the package directions should say so. Some products are labeled as pet-safe; they may be based on ingredients such as corn gluten or seaweed. You might think that the best course is to go organic, but not

all organics are a good idea. For instance, one organic method to acidify phosphorus to soil is a pulverized bone meal. Dogs love bones, so they will lick this material. Generally, they won't lick enough to hurt themselves, but if they get into the bags, they will wolf down enough to be dangerous. Products may not list some trace materials, such as heavy metals that may be present in the plant and animal byproducts and volcanic ash, ingredients in such all-natural fertilizers.

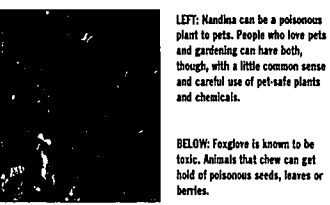
One common household product that makes a good organic fertilizer is used coffee grounds. But this is not good for your pet. (For more possible

problems, see the American Veterinary Medical Association, www.avma.org/communications/brochures/hazards/haus.html — brochures.asp.)

To keep pests in check, use integrated pest-management techniques: improving soil and drainage conditions, using beneficial insects to fight harmful ones, applying the least toxic remedies for pests and diseases, and pulling or hoeing weeds.

If a potentially more harmful substance is required for the health of your garden, keep pets (and children) away from areas being treated. One source,

"The First Aid Companion for Cats and Dogs," by Amy D. Shoja (Dodge, 2001, \$19.95), suggests keeping pets off sprayed surfaces for a week. And, speaking of things to avoid, watch out for winter hazards, such as street salt spread on drives or walks; wipe pets' paws before they come inside. Antifreeze is also hazardous.



LEFT: Nandina can be a poisonous plant to pets. People who love pets and gardening can have both, though, with a little common sense and careful use of pet-safe plants and chemicals.



BELOW: Foxglove is known to be toxic. Animals that chew can get hold of poisonous seeds, leaves or berries.

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Kestler sues Smith in latest dispute over control of radio network

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls pastor has accused his mentor of funding a sexual harassment case against him to gain control over one of the nation's largest non-commercial satellite radio networks.

Mike Kestler, pastor of Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls, filed a lawsuit Friday in federal court in Boise against Chuck Smith of Costa Mesa, Calif., founder of the worldwide Calvary Chapel movement.

"Since 2002 ... Smith has claimed control of the network without effect," Kestler charged in court records.

The network, worth about \$250 million and reaching 22.5 million potential listeners, has been run by Kestler's Idaho office and Smith and his son's Costa Mesa, Calif. office.

Kestler's filing is the latest legal salvo in a dispute that began in 2001.

For at least one of Kestler's parishioners, the legal battle is, at its root, spiritual.

"They both need to get on their knees and pray," said Cherie Warr, 52. "It's so unbelievable that it's gotten so blown out of proportion. I think it's sad it's come to this. You can't be friends as long as these two gentlemen have and not be hurt."

Warr joined Smith's church as a teenager and got to know Kestler before he moved to Idaho to open his own chapel.

Both pastors respected each other and cooperated exceedingly well on building the radio network, she said. There was no difference between both churches. Both were doing God's work until the devil interfered, she said.

"We are living in a world that is so controlled by the devil," Warr said. "The devil is destroying God's work."
Instead of being able to

forgive each other, matters only grew worse.

Smith had once defended Kestler when he had been accused of asking a female parishioner to run away with him.

Lori Pollitt, a former Dallas Cowboys cheerleader, said Kestler hired her to work for Calvary Satellite Network in Twin Falls, sexually harassed her and, when she rejected him, fired her. Smith financed her lawsuit against Kestler, according to court records.

Warr said she does not believe the sexual harassment allegations are true. But Warr said Smith must believe they are.

Kestler disagrees. "Through his unlawful and secret funding of the Pollitt litigation ... Smith acted deliberately and intentionally to accomplish his unlawful goal of gaining control of the network," Kestler's lawyer wrote in his complaint.

On Jan. 29, a federal judge in Boise dismissed some of Pollitt's allegations.

Kestler's complaint said the allegations have caused him to suffer "extreme embarrassment and stress." The controversy earned about a one-minute mention in Kestler's Sunday sermon. A lead representative of the church declined to comment Monday, citing the open case. Smith could not immediately be reached for comment.

Warr will continue to attend her church, even if the feud worsens.

"They have both respected each other in so many ways," Warr said of Kestler and Smith. "They should be able to forgive and forget. It needs to be dropped. They are only hurting each other."

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Police looking for possible shooter

Man shot while walking down street Sunday

By Matthew Brady
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One day after being shot while walking in his neighborhood, a Twin Falls man still is puzzled why anybody would do that to him. Eduardo Rondina, 37, was walking about 1:30 p.m. Sunday near Buena Vista Street and Commercial Avenue in

south Twin Falls when a man in a white Dodge pickup rolled down his window and shot him twice with a shotgun. The man then sat in his truck and watched as Rondina writhed on the ground.

"He just looked at me," Rondina said. "I screamed at him. I tried to curse him. He just looked at me."

When Rondina got up, the man drove off. Rondina has shotgun pellets in his shoulder, chest, hip and groin.

He said they might stay in him the rest of his life.

As will the memories of Sunday's shooter.

"He probably has something wrong in his life," Rondina said. "Probably don't like my color or something. I didn't do anything. I didn't say anything. I don't think I have an enemy here."

Police are looking for William Isaac Dougherty, 25, for questioning as a "person of interest." He is 5 foot 7 inches tall, 150 pounds, with green eyes and short brown hair.

Anyone with information about the shooting should call the Twin Falls Police Department, 735-4357. Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

Wanted
William Isaac Dougherty
Name: William Isaac Dougherty
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Stoppers is offering a reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

Girls only



Olga Cuzmanov, associate engineer with the Department of Environmental Quality, tests her presentation Monday with Ravis Turner, a counselor at the College of Southern Idaho. Cuzmanov will be giving a talk today at the college during the sixth-annual Girls in Technology event.

College of Southern Idaho hosts sixth annual Girls in Technology event

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The sixth-annual Girls in Technology event begins today at the College of Southern Idaho.

The program was organized to introduce girls to careers in math,

science and technology. More than 300 students from Magic Valley schools will take part in the event, which will include 13 workshops. Each workshop will be taught by local business leaders and instructors at CSI.

"Girls who are attending the event for the second year will go

and visit area businesses, while those that are here for the first time will take part in the workshops on campus," said Ravis Turner, a counselor at the Center for New Directions at CSI. "The idea is that we want girls to get involved in technology by exploring it and then experiencing it."

Burley health fair shows off area providers

By Sven Berg
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Cassia Regional Medical Center put on its annual Community Health Fair on Saturday at Burley High School, offering a variety of health services to residents of all ages.

Nancy Gerrard, manager of health information management at the hospital, said 1,128 patients who had blood drawn in February were able to retrieve their test results Saturday.

"There isn't really any age," she said. "Typically it is

for the 30 and above, because the younger folks don't need their blood work. It's typically 45 and older that you start needing it every year."

The participation pleased Ned Hill, a systems administrator at the hospital.

"That's what a health fair is for — increasing the health of the community," he said. "I think that the community health fair is a wonderful event where community members and health providers can come together and work on how to feel better."



Emily Hopworth, 4, of Burley gets acquainted Saturday with Blay, a German shepherd mix who works for Therapy Pets, during the Community Health Fair hosted by Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Track project may change due to higher costs

By Sven Berg
For the Times-News

BURLEY — The school district thought it had enough money to build a new high school track.

Contractors thought differently.

Although the district and community had raised \$115,000, that fell more than

\$100,000 short of the bids received Feb. 21 from Gordon Paving Inc. and Kloepper Inc.

Gaylen Honde and former district board member Tim Preston have been spearheading the fundraising, and they aren't giving up.

"Yes, the bids were higher than we had anticipated, but the nice thing is that we finally have some numbers to work

with," Preston said. He said the solution may be a combination of raising more money and reducing the scale of the project, such as the \$40,000 state-of-the-art drainage system. He said a simpler, cheaper drainage system should suffice.

"That's still one of the things we need to find out," he said. "I feel like we can get the figures

down substantially. The nice thing is that we live in a community of resourceful people."

Burley's track coach Eugene Kramer said he too was stunned by the bids, but that he has no intention of giving up. "It's back to square one. We're going to have to go back to fundraising. We're going to have to go back to the city and the county to help us," he said.

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James Forest Kunkel

CAVE CREEK, Ariz. — James Forest Kunkel, 74, died from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) March 3, 2007, at his home in Cave Creek, surrounded by his family.



Jim was born Sept. 17, 1932, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Dale D. Forest and Eileen Kunkel. He graduated from Filer High School in 1950 and went on to attend the University of Idaho on an Air Force ROTC scholarship, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture in 1954. Jim continued his education in the active duty of completing a master's degree in industrial management at the University of North Dakota in 1957. He also completed the curriculum at the Air War College Air University. He continued his commitment to education and self-improvement his entire life. He shared this commitment by instructing and teaching others, most recently as a business instructor at Colorado Community College.

Jim married his high school sweetheart, Vera Montgomery, on June 27, 1955, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and embarked on a 23-year military career that would take him and his family to assignments throughout the United States, Alaska, Japan and Taiwan. As an Air Force officer, he served his country in the intelligence field as a missile launch officer and as a contracting officer. During these assignments, he was able to develop leadership skills that served him and those he supervised. He held numerous command positions and served his country during many times to fill these assignments.

Upon leaving the military, Jim and Vera settled into a less mobile civilian life as Jim accepted a position as manager of Military Customer Support contract for Contract Auxiliary Power Division. Through numerous mergers, this division is now part of Honeywell Corp. During this time, he was an active member of the National Contract Management Association. He served as chapter president, national vice president and was selected by his peers as a "fellow" or regional leader. Jim also passed on his years of

contracting expertise to a new generation of contract managers by teaching classes at every opportunity.

Jim was always an avid and savvy financial investor and since 1959, he expanded his personal investments by investing with Wasatch Property Management and ancillary investment companies. During the last 10 years, he held numerous board member, management and leadership positions with these various companies. One of his greatest contributions was to manage the renovation and improvement of real estate acquisitions. Jim managed more than \$100 million in renovations during this period and had a direct impact on improving the quality of life for thousands of customers. Commitment to community was a hallmark of Jim's life. He served in numerous capacities, most recently as a member of the Sonoran Parkway and the Desert View Village Planning Commission.

Jim lived his life with great discipline and compassion for others. He was a man who truly listened first, then acted. His life has touched and improved everyone with whom he came in contact. His positive attitude was infectious to those around him. His favorite nickname was "Lucky Jim," and he lived his life and passed on to those around him the feeling that they, and he, were the luckiest people in the world.

Jim is survived by his wife, Vera; children, Leslie (Handy) Hansen, Robin (Danielle) McBride and Jeff (Luella) Kunkel; grandchildren, Mersa and Alison Hansen, Ashley and Haley McBride, and Jacob and Jeffery Kunkel; sister, Lois Roth; and brother, Paul Kunkel. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Scott and John Kunkel.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the Messinger Mortuary, 8555 E. Pinnacle Peak Road in Scottsdale, Ariz. Burial services will be provided by the United States Air Force Honor Guard. A viewing will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, and prior to the memorial service from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the Messinger Mortuary. Donations in memory of Jim can be made to fund ALS research at www.projects.org, or phone (800) 603-0270.

Loretta Brant

JEROME — Loretta Brant passed peacefully Feb. 27, 2007, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit.

Loretta was born to Mary and John Hoffman on Feb. 5, 1908, at Conception, Mo. Loretta attended a Catholic school in Conception. Loretta helped her parents on the family farm and learned to play the fiddle. She played for dances in the Conception area. Loretta spent her spare time crocheting, tatting and other handy work. Loretta married her long time friend, John, on Nov. 21, 1939, at Conception. Loretta moved to Jerome, Idaho, where John was engaged in a farming operation after coming to Idaho in 1934. Loretta and John worked on the farm, milking and raising row crops. Two children were born to Loretta and John, Gerald and Francis.

After retiring from the farm and moving to Jerome, Loretta joined the Old Time Fiddlers, playing at various functions. Loretta lived for her fiddle. After the death of John, Loretta lived in her home in Jerome, raising a large garden and flowers until the age of 94. Her

health required she move to St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit where she continued to play the fiddle and do handy work. Loretta will always be remembered for her love of music and her handy work, particularly tatting.

Loretta is survived by her son, Gerald (Barbie) of Jerome; sister, Agnes, nee Feaster; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, Jennifer (Russ) Bartlett of Twin Falls, Kathleen (Richard) Puanan and Janet (Dwayne) Hines of Meridian, Idaho, Velea Nania (Chuck) of Boise, Idaho; grandsons, Raymond LaCombe (Danielle) and John (Kim) Hiaral; and seven great-grandchildren. Loretta was preceded in death by her husband, John; her son, Francis; her granddaughter, Crystal Neal; and her brothers, Raymond and Lawrence Holtman.

A vigil service will be held for Loretta at 7 p.m. Monday, March 5, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 6, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Father Ron Weckerle officiating. Interment will be in the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Home in Jerome.

James A. Helton

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — James A. Helton of Sacramento, Calif., passed away Feb. 27, 2007, in Sacramento, Calif., with his son by his side.

He had six sons, Rudy Helton

of Jerome, Idaho, Eddie Helton of South Carolina, Billy Helton of San Diego, Calif., Richard Helton, Mike Brisco and James Helton, all of Sacramento, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Idaho lawmakers moving ahead with wilderness bills in Congress

By Keith Ridler Associated Press writer

BOISE — Two Idaho wilderness bills that failed to make it through the last Congress are back on track, but will they have a better chance of passage now that Democrats control both chambers?

Not necessarily, say the Republican sponsors from Idaho.

The bills would create four new wilderness areas in central and southwest Idaho, increasing the number of wilderness areas in the state to 10.

If passed, they would also increase the amount of designated wilderness in the state by about 20 percent, adding 1,295 square miles to the 6,250 square miles that already exist. Idaho's total land area is about 83,000 square miles.

House leaders killed one bill in the final hours of the session last year. The other received a hearing but the session ended before it advanced any further.

"We've reintroduced the bill," said Rep. Mike Simpson, whose Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act came close to passing last session. "It was the same bill as at the end of last session. We're working hard on it and we're continuing to work hard on it until we get it passed."

Sen. Mike Crapo also plans to reintroduce his Ownbey Canyonlands bill with few changes.

"We haven't got an exact time nailed down yet," said Crapo's press secretary, Lindsay Northern. "With the change in the leadership of the Senate and House, we've been talking to those offices and those members to get their take on the bill we introduced last session."

Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., now the chairman of the influential Natural Resources Committee, opposed Simpson's bill last session because of provisions that would give public land to

Custer County and other local governments in exchange for 487.5 square miles of new wilderness in the surrounding Boulder-White Cloud Mountains.

The bill has again been referred to the committee.

"The chairman is willing to work with Rep. Simpson on the matter," Allyson Wins Goff, Rahall's communications director, wrote in an e-mail. Simpson said he is contacting members of the committee, including Rahall, to try to get their support.

"Most members, when we are able to sit down and talk to them and go through the bill and explain to them why the provisions are in there, most people will then look at the bill in total and say, 'Yeah, I understand why you're doing some of this stuff,'" said Simpson. "It isn't a perfect bill, but it's a perfect compromise."

The bill designates three new federally protected wilderness areas in the

Sawtooth and Salmon-Challis national forests; the Ernest Hemingway-Boulder Wilderness, the White Cloud Wilderness and the Jerry Peak Wilderness.

It would also add another 600 acres to the existing Sawtooth National Recreation Area in central Idaho.

In return, local governments in Challis, Clayton, Mackay, and Stanley would get almost 4,000 acres of Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management property to sell, manage or develop into affordable housing or public facilities.

Another 960-acre parcel of BLM land near Boise would be given to the state for a new off-road vehicle state park.

Also, the Department of Interior would release from study 203 square miles of public land that had been earmarked as potential wilderness, allowing federal land managers to issue permits for mining, logging or other commercial uses.

Lawmaker turns off mass committee e-mails after deluge

By John Miller Associated Press writer

BOISE — An Idaho senator got state computer technicians last month to eliminate the public's ability to send messages to every member of a legislative committee simultaneously after lawmakers were deluged by thousands of e-mails over an abortion bill.

The function was dumped for weeks by the Senate and the House by Legislative

Services, which oversees legislators' e-mail accounts. The change came after complaints from Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls.

When a bill to require minor girls to get their parents' permission before having an abortion was debated in the Senate State Affairs Committee in February, many of those in favor simply sent a message to all nine members — with a single mouse click. Now people will have to type



each address separately. Davis said he'd received about 1,800 abortion-related e-mails before finally asking for the alteration.

"Most of the committee got bombarded by literally thousands of e-mails by somebody who just clicked the 'send all' button," said Davis on Monday. "We don't have enough staff to sort through them. Every person can still communicate with all 105 legislators. They just have to make an effort to send them to all of us."

Some groups that rely on mass e-mails are unhappy with the change. Bryan Fischer, head of the Idaho Values Alliance, a conservative, anti-abortion lobbying group, complained that eliminating his ability to e-mail all committee members at once will make it more difficult to influence legislation.

Fischer has hundreds of e-mail-list subscribers whom

he, in turn, asks to mail lawmakers. Efficiency counts, he said.

"This effort has kind of silenced their ability to communicate their wishes to the various committees," Fischer said.

The ability to e-mail all committee members at once had been in place for two years, said Sheila Ison, a spokeswoman for Legislative Services. It wasn't until this year, however, that it, developed into mass mailings, that threatened to swamp lawmakers, she said.

"We've never made it possible for people to e-mail all legislators at once, for that very reason," Ison said. "I've tried to explain to people, that it's more effective to contact legislators from their own district."

It is still possible to send an e-mail to all committee members, though it's not as quick as before, Ison said.

Residents can send an e-mail to the Legislative Information Center — the address is IdahoInfo@leg.idaho.gov — and staff will forward the message to members of the requested panel.

SERVICES

Wilbur "Willy" F. Kestler of 1310 Falls, celebration of life at 7:30 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Faye Laneaster of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Helen B. Jolley of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St. visitation for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before

the service Thursday at the church.

Alma A. Zarr of Twin Falls, memorial graveside service at 3 p.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Shirley J. Helms of St. Maries and formerly of Buhl and Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Masonic Temple (Hodge Funeral Home in St. Maries).

DEATH NOTICES

Nicole Turton

RUFERT — Nicole Marie Turton, 11, of Rupert, died Thursday, March 2, 2007, at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at Truth Tabernacle, 2459 Hilland Ave. in Burley. Friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley. A complete obituary will appear in a future newspaper.

and White House, Tunn., died Monday, March 5, 2007, at his home in Picabo.

At the request of Travis, no funeral service will be held. Cremation took place under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley.

Wilbert Perkins

BUHL — Wilbert Perkins, 92, of Buhl, died Sunday, March 4, 2007, at Bossetta Assisted Living in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Shirley Tschannen

LAS VEGAS — Shirley Tschannen, 83, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 7, 2007, at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Arrangements are under the direction of Thomas and Jones Funeral Home in Las Vegas.

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Wyoming legislator garners support of national gay advocates

By Kathleen Miller
Associated Press writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Dan Zwonitzer is both Republican and straight, but the 27-year-old state representative suddenly found himself praised by gay rights activists nationwide.

Zwonitzer, R-Cheyenne, spoke out in a legislative committee against a measure that would have allowed Wyoming to deny recognition of gay marriages granted by other states or countries.

The committee killed the bill.

"I mistakenly thought many people in Dick Cheney's home state didn't support equality for me as a gay man," said Michael Petrelis, a gay blogger, Green Party member and AIDS activist from San Francisco.

"That was the thing that surprised many of us in the San Francisco gay community, that this pro-gay development happened in Dick Cheney's home state."

Articles in two San Francisco gay publications, the San Francisco Bay Times and the Bay Area Reporter, also have lauded Zwonitzer.

Zwonitzer told the House Rules Committee on Feb. 22 that he needed to publicly oppose the measure — even if it cost him his seat — because he believed that was the right thing to do. He told the committee that gay rights were the civil rights struggle of his generation.

"I will tell my children that when this debate went on, I stood up for basic rights for



Rep. Dan Zwonitzer, R-Cheyenne, works during a legislative session at the Capitol in Cheyenne, Wyo., earlier this year.

people," he said.

Committee member Rep. Tom Lubanu, R-Gillette, sided with Zwonitzer, acknowledging the young legislator's speech before voting against the measure.

"Maybe the right thing to do is stand up for tolerance," Lubanu said.

The committee voted 7-6 to kill the bill, with House Speaker Roy Cochee, R-Casper, casting the tie-breaking vote.

But Zwonitzer, who coalition vote against the bill because he's not on the committee, is the one who has been receiving the bulk of the attention.

"The reaction was rather surprising," he said. "I'm up to 165 e-mails from people around the country and several international, all thinking me for making my stand."

Zwonitzer discussed his speech on a radio show hosted by Joe Solmonese, president of

the Human Rights Campaign, a Washington, D.C.-based gay advocacy organization.

"He took a stand that really opened people's eyes and hopefully made us all think more about this issue," Solmonese said. "Our way of thinking here in Washington, he's one of those trailblazers out there in America trying to move this country in the direction of equality."

Gay Republicans have taken notice, too. The Log Cabin Republicans featured Zwonitzer on their Web site under the heading: "Republican Wyoming State Rep. Tokes Courageous Stand for Basic Fairness."

The group's president, Patrick Sammon, said Zwonitzer "stood up for basic fairness."

"Doing what's right is not always easy, but history will remember those leaders who

put principle over politics and inclusion over fear," he said.

The Log Cabin Republicans have invited Zwonitzer to accompany former Republican Wyoming Sen. Alan Simpson to their national convention this year.

Zwonitzer said he never sought to be a "Republican hero" for gay rights.

"But maybe for human rights," he said.

Zwonitzer also is getting praise from Democrats. The treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, Anty Tobias, posted the transcript of Zwonitzer's speech on his site.

"The main thing is, it was a wonderful speech," Tobias said. "I wish all Republicans shared his outlook. Posting his speech on the Internet is a nice way for people to see the progress is being made, not just in California and Massachusetts, but in fine places like Wyoming, too, and it's not just Democrats working on these issues, but a few Republicans, too."

Zwonitzer said in the Human Rights Campaign radio interview that he's had several gay people from outside the state tell him they associate Wyoming with the murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay, 21-year-old University of Wyoming student who was fatally beaten near Laramie in 1998.

But Zwonitzer told the show's host that Wyoming isn't an intolerant place.

"With our low population, it doesn't leave a lot of room to be intolerant or bigoted," he said.

Backcountry skier killed in weekend avalanche near Big Sky

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — A backcountry skier died in an avalanche northwest of Yellowstone National Park over the weekend, Gallatin County officials said.

Ben Richards, 21, and a friend were skiing a gully known as the Titanic Clute in the northern Madison Range near Big Sky on Saturday morning when Richards triggered an avalanche two turns into his run.

Density was carried more than 1,000 vertical feet over rough terrain, said Doug Chabot, director of the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center. He was buried under 4 feet of snow.

Richards' Coroner Roger Layton said it took Richards' skiing partner a half-hour to descend the difficult slope and locate Richards, who was wearing an avalanche transceiver.

The Titanic Clute is a 2,000-foot run filled with trees, rocks and other obstacles.

The cause of death was multiple blunt force trauma.

"He was carried a long way over some pretty ugly terrain," Layton said.

Richards had taken an avalanche training course, and

both men were experienced backcountry skiers. They carried appropriate equipment, including beacons, probes and shovels, Chabot said.

"It appears they did everything right," said Sheriff Jim Caspell. "It just goes to show it's dangerous."

According to a report on the Avalanche Center's Web site, Richards' partner performed a ski cut — a maneuver that tests a slope's stability and helps determine whether an avalanche will begin — before the two men started down the gully.

"They knew the danger was tremendous on slopes steeper than 30 degrees. They knew it was risky," Chabot said.

The area received more than a foot of snow last week and windy conditions on Friday packed snow onto southern- and eastern-facing slopes, raising the avalanche risk to "considerable."

The avalanche happened at about 11 a.m. and Richards' skiing partner was able to make it to a phone to call for help at about 3 p.m.

Caspell said Big Sky Search and Rescue responded and a private helicopter lifted Richards' body off the mountain.

Southwest Idaho city seeing rapid growth

More and more new homes popping up in Caldwell

CALDWELL (AP) — New subdivisions planned in Caldwell could add nearly 8,000 homes to the area in the next 15 years.

Entry-level homes have been the mainstay of Caldwell's growth, but city officials and real estate agents say there will be more options now for affluent and middle-income home buyers.

A gated community near downtown Caldwell has homes that will cost more than \$400,000. Many of the other subdivisions being planned have homes ranging from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

"That's less than some areas around Boise," said Stephanie Rohrdanz of Silverhawk Realty.

Officials are also working to make the city more desirable.

Indian Creek, which flows beneath the city, is being uncovored.

Mayor Garret Nancelos said he hopes that project and others draw residential and

commercial development into the city.

"I don't need to drive to Boise anymore," Caldwell resident Ben Weymouth, an engineer, told the Idaho Statesman. "I have a quality professional job in Caldwell. It takes five minutes on my bike to get to work."

Nancelos said he would like to see paths connecting subdivisions with stores, and see the city grow but leave some open space.

"I don't believe we have the right to tell people that they can't develop," Nancelos said, but "we want to make sure it's beautiful, walkable and with good roads."

Some residents aren't happy with the growth of the city.

Cheryl Scott said she expected some homes to be built on the 8.5 acres around her early 20th-century home and barn, but not 35 of them.

Lawana Couch, a former Los Angeles County resident, said she doesn't mind the new homes in the city.

"It's like going back in time 20 years," she said. "There's always good and bad things about growth, but (what is happening here) doesn't bother me."

Global warming threatens polar bears, congressman says

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Calling the polar bear a victim of global warming, a Democratic congressman Monday called on the U.S. government to protect "the beloved American leopards" from the effects of the melting Arctic.

"We cannot talk about this species without talking about global warming and its effect on the Arctic," Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., said in remarks prepared for a public hearing Monday night.

"Today, polar bears, a beloved American icon, are at risk," said Inslee, a member of the House Natural Resources Committee and a leading advocate of aggressive action on global warming.

A marine mammal, the polar bear is dependent on sea ice for survival. Yet as a result of climate change, these magnificent creatures — which can swim at least 50 miles — have drowned and starved to death," Inslee said.

Inslee made the comments at the second of three public hearings scheduled on a proposal by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list polar bears as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne proposed the listing in late December after environmental groups filed a petition stating that polar bears could become extinct by the end of the century because their sea ice habitat is melting away due to global warming.

The Fish and Wildlife

Service is taking testimony through April 9 on the proposal, which would list polar bears as likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future.

The listing is less drastic listing than "endangered," or in danger of extinction throughout all or significant portion of its range.

At a public hearing last week in Alaska, speakers said a marked decline in sea ice off the state's coast is not enough to justify designating polar bears as threatened.

Restrictions that could kick in with a listing under the Endangered Species Act would be too burdensome, given the unknowns about the future of polar bears, such as the extent of the loss of Arctic sea ice in the next 100 years and whether the animals would

face extinction, opponents said.

Inslee called such thinking misguided.

"The best scientific evidence shows that the polar bear and its habitat are threatened," he said.

To those concerned about the economic impact of regulating greenhouse gas emissions, "I ask you to remember our great country's history as innovators, because our nation has the tools to tackle this great problem," Inslee said. "Global warming is no longer a problem for the future."

An endangered species listing for polar bears would be an important step to aid the polar bear's recovery and conserve its sea ice habitat for generations to come, he said.

Alaska pipeline operator launches 'smart pig' inspection of line

By Rachel D'Or
Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The operator of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline launched an intensive inspection of the line Monday using a tool known as a smart pig.

The device put into the line uses powerful magnets to check for anomalies such as corrosion. It's a concept similar to magnetic resonance imaging equipment used on humans, said Mike Heatwole, a spokesman for Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., operator of the 800-mile pipeline.

"Really, we're looking at the condition of the pipe wall to help us intervene before it can become a problem," he said.

Smart pigs usually are run through the pipeline every three years. But the schedule was moved up by a year after oil spilled in March 2006 from a leaking feeder line at Prudhoe Bay, the nation's largest oil field and the North

Slope starting point of the trans-Alaska pipeline.

Alyeska began the smart pig run last August just before more leaks were discovered at Prudhoe, prompting a partial shutdown of the field. The inspection was later put on hold because data collected was compromised by excessive wax buildup south of a pump station about 200 miles

from the north end of the line, Heatwole said.

The job resumed Monday, starting about 144 miles from the Prudhoe Bay end. The pig is expected to take 10 days to reach the southern end at Valdez on Prince William Sound. This is where oil tankers collect crude oil for delivery to West Coast refineries.

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AFGHANISTAN U.S.-led airstrike kills family of 9

By Amir Shah and Rahim Faiez
Associated Press writers

JABAR, Afghanistan — A coalition airstrike destroyed a mud-brick home after a rocket attack on a U.S. base, killing nine people from four generations of an Afghan family including a 6-month-old, officials and relatives said Monday. One of the people in a string of civilian deaths that threaten to undermine the government. It was the third report in two days of U.S. forces killing civilians. The airstrike took place late Sunday in Kapisa province north of the capital, some 12 hours after U.S. Marines opened fire on civilian cars and pedestrians following a suicide bombing in eastern Nangarhar province.

In the other incident, an American convoy in the southern city of Kandahar — where suicide attacks have become commonplace over the past year — opened fire Monday on a vehicle that drove too close, killing the driver, said Nour Ahmad, a Kandahar police officer who said he witnessed the shooting. A NATO spokesman said he did not have any information.

Up to 10 Afghans died in the aftermath of the Nangarhar suicide attack, which wounded a U.S. Marine. President Hamid Karzai condemned the bombing, "which caused the American forces to fire on civilians," and a statement said relatives of the dead wanted the "perpetrators" brought to justice.

Both the Nangarhar and Kapisa incidents, the U.S. military blamed militants for putting innocent lives in danger. A villager in Kapisa, about 50 miles northeast of the capital, confirmed to the U.S. account that a rocket was first fired at the American base.

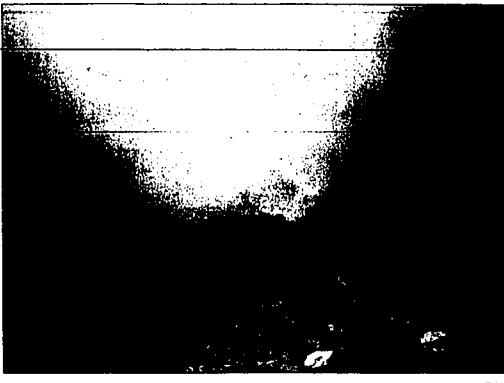
Karzai has repeatedly pleaded for Western troops to show more restraint amid concern that civilian deaths shake domestic support for the foreign military involvement that the president needs to prop up his government, increasingly under threat from a resurgent Taliban.

"These incidents will make people unhappy and upset with the international forces as well as the government of Afghanistan," said Zalmay Mullahad, head of a parliamentary committee on domestic security. "The incidents in Nangarhar and Kapisa will make the people's confidence in the Afghan and international security forces even lower than before."

Bryan Whitman, a Pentagon spokesman, said coalition forces will always respond in self-defense when fired upon: "It is often the enemy that is putting innocent peoples' lives in danger by where they're conducting these attacks on our forces."

The political fallout could be widely felt among Afghans, analysts said. Civilian deaths "encourage people toward the Taliban and give the Taliban a chance to turn the situation to their advantage," said Mohammad Qasim Akhtar, an Afghan political analyst and spokesman for the non-governmental Freedom of Expression Association.

Human Rights Watch said neither side was taking enough precautions to prevent human casualties and accused the U.S. and international troops of using excessive force. "International forces don't have carte blanche to shoot anyone they want in response to insurgent attacks," said John Sifton, a New York-based researcher for the group.



People walk through the rubble just after a suicide car bomb exploded in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday. A suicide car bomber struck near the well-known Mutanabi book market in central Baghdad Monday, killing at least 30 people and injuring more than 60, in a first major blast in the city in several days, police said.

Suicide bomber targets book market in Iraq

By Christian Threlkeld
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — For ages, the Mutanabi book market was a feeding ground for Iraq's intellectual, serving as a rich mine of history and philosophy texts, novels and biographies, and atlases and manuscripts to the Middle East's most voracious readers.

On Monday, it proved yet another rich target for a suicide bomber, who left 30 dead and 60 wounded in a grisly attack that evaded Baghdad's security crackdown.

The bomber detonated a sedan packed with explosives while sitting in a traffic jam, obliterating what had been a crystalline day. The powerful explosion left shoppers and sellers screaming and crying amid burning cars, pools of blood and bodies of the dead and horribly injured. Notebooks and stationery fluttered in the air before scattering to the ground.

The incident was the latest to underscore the difficulty faced by U.S. and Iraqi forces as they try to stem sectarian violence here and raised questions about how long factions would continue to comply with the new security plan before taking revenge.

Police discovered the bodies of 25 men shot to death

around Baghdad on Monday, an amount nearing the pre-crackdown average and higher than it has been in recent days. In its initial weeks, the operation has seen some limited early success in reducing such death-squad murders, believed to be the work of Shiite militias.

Mass bomb attacks, which the U.S. sees as largely the work of Sunni insurgents, continue to occur virtually every day, and thus far the enhanced forces have been largely powerless to stop them.

"The notion of deterring attacks depends on a rational adversary who does not want to die," said Loren B. Thompson, a defense policy analyst at the Lexington Institute in Arlington, Va. "If you are facing a spiritually motivated zealot who associates martyrdom with success, deterrence will not work."

Iraqi security officials and policy makers acknowledge they face a more difficult task of heading off mass attacks on civilians but insist the job can be done with aggressive intelligence work targeting insurgents and through technology to detect car and belt bombs, as well as through political negotiations.

"Of course, stopping the car bombs is more difficult than stopping the assassinations," said Ammar Twim, a member of the largely Shiite Fadila party in Parliament who sits on the security committee. Still, he said, "I'm optimistic of the capability of the plan to reduce these terrorist attacks."

In recent days, the U.S.-led military forces have launched long-delayed efforts to establish regular security patrols in Sadr City, a Shiite shantytown that is home to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and the Mahdi Army militia that is loyal to him. The operation, has been one of the most delicate undertakings of the new security plan because of the volatility of al-Sadr's followers, who have been relatively safe to date.

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Experts say new study underscores need for broader definition of torture

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Prisoners who endure poor or degrading treatment suffer much of the same long-term psychological distress as do captives who are tortured, suggests a study published Monday.

Experts point to human rights abuses by the U.S. military in Guantanamo Bay, Iraq and Afghanistan, and say the findings underscore the need for a broader definition of torture.

"What is the basis for the distinction between torture and other cruel and degrading treatment?" Science should inform this debate," the study's lead author, Melvin Basoglu of the Institute of Psychiatry at King's College in London, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. The study was published in the Archives of General Psychiatry.

Steve H. Miles of the University of Minnesota's Center for Bioethics said the findings "show that the severity of long-lasting adverse mental effects is unrelated to whether the torture or degrading treatment is physical or psychological."

"The wrongness of these inflicted harms is compounded by the fact that most abused prisoners, including those in the present war on terror, are innocent or ignorant of terrorist activities," said Miles, who was not involved in the study. The Bush administration has said the U.S. uses legal interrogation techniques — not torture — to gain information that could head off terror attacks. It insists the U.S. complies with the U.N. Convention Against Torture.

Yet Washington's definition of torture, as interpreted by the Justice Department after

reports surfaced of American abuses in Guantanamo Bay, Iraq and Afghanistan, is broadly narrow.

It excludes mental pain and suffering created by acts that do not cause severe physical pain, such as blindfolding, hooding, forced nudity, isolation and deprivation of sleep or light, the researchers said, citing a Dec. 30, 2004, Justice Department memo. The document also contends that for an act to be considered torture, there must be proof that it inflicts "prolonged mental harm."

The study involved interviews with 279 victims who suffered ill treatment and torture while imprisoned in the 1990s in the former Yugoslavia.

The researchers said they found that aggressive interrogation techniques, humiliating treatment, verbal abuse, threats against a captive's family and being forced to watch an acquaintance being tortured produced much of the same long-term mental trauma as physical torture.

"Sham executions," witnessing torture of close ones, threats of rape, fondling of genitals and isolation were associated with at least as much if not more distress than some of the physical torture stressors," they wrote.

Such experiences were just as likely as physical torture to lead to depression or post-traumatic stress disorder, said the study.

"If treatment during captivity ... does not seem to be substantially different from physical torture in terms of the severity of mental suffering it causes," it concluded, "these procedures do amount to torture, thereby lending support to their prohibition by international law."

U.N. suspends aid program in North Korea

By Maggie Farley
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UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Development Program on Monday suspended operations in North Korea after Pyongyang rejected conditions insisting that U.N. money was being diverted to Kim Jong Il's regime.

The move came as North Korea's top nuclear negotiator met U.S. envoys about renewing diplomatic relations if Pyongyang scraps its nuclear weapons program in exchange for U.S. aid. The two countries

have been foes since the 1950-53 Korean War.

North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan met with Christopher Hill, the top U.S. negotiator at six-party talks on the North's nuclear program. Those discussions will continue Tuesday.

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