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## HELP WANTED: Qualified teachers



Steve Rabe, a fourth-grade teacher at Morningglade Elementary School, calls students to the front board Thursday to perform math problems. Elementary schools in Idaho are having a hard time finding qualified teachers and Twin Falls is feeling the effects.

## 'Twin Falls' elementary schools feeling the effect of teacher shortages

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When it comes to recruiting teachers, elementary schools don't kid around.

The Twin Falls School District is dealing with the effects of a teacher shortage that has been spreading throughout Idaho. Although schools are still receiving applications for open positions — something that is increasingly rare in many rural school districts — the number of applicants is frighteningly low and the qualifications are even scarier.

"We started advertising for another math teacher

last year, and we only received four applicants," said Steve Hoy, Morningglade Elementary School principal. "But of the four applicants we interviewed, we didn't feel like any of them were a good fit, so we decided to cut our losses."

Because the district could not find a qualified applicant, it decided to hire two classroom aides to help the school's current math teachers — a short-term fix that is becoming increasingly common in Idaho schools.

Schools in Idaho reported more than 2,400 vacancies during the last school year, according to the Idaho Department of Education's

annual report on educator supply and demand. The report cited speech pathologists, early childhood special educators and elementary school psychologists as the three most difficult positions to fill in 2006.

However, more stringent high school requirements have changed that statistic. Last month, lawmakers approved recommendations by the State Board of Education to require six credits in math and science to graduate from high school. The state previously required four credits.

New high school math and science teachers top the list of the most difficult positions to fill, but that

doesn't mean elementary schools are finding it easier to attract applicants.

Elementary school administrators are now working creatively to hire qualified teachers.

"Pretty much if you don't get right out there and get applicants during the summer, then you're not going to get a highly qualified teacher," said Beth Olmstead, Lincoln Elementary School principal. "I'm fortunate because our school is a partner with ISU's (Idaho State University) early intern students in education, so we can get to know them before they get out and someone else snatches them up."

## Pulling the kids out of class? That will cost ya

California school charging parents for missed class time; fee is voluntary though

By Juliet Williams  
Associated Press writer

SCOTT'S VALLEY, Calif. — Tired of parents pulling their kids out of school for a ski trip

or a visit to Disneyland, the local school system is billing them for the missed class time at \$38.13 per day.

That is how much the Scotts Valley district calculates it

loses under a state formula that does out school funding according to daily attendance. In truth, the bills are merely a request; no one is actually required to pay.

But some parents in the well-to-do community 30 miles south of Silicon Valley are paying up to ease their guilty consciences. Others are

refusing, saying the request is offensive in a state where nearly half the annual budget — \$66 billion — already is devoted to education.

"I tossed it. It's a public school. I'm not going to be told to pay when I have my kids out," said Helene Handy,

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## Democrats' plan: Out of Iraq in 2008

Bush spokesman: President would veto legislation

By David Espo  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — "House Democratic leaders vowed Thursday to pass legislation setting a deadline of Sept. 1, 2008, for the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq, a challenge to President Bush's war policy that drew a blunt veto threat in return."



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"It would unnecessarily handcuff our generals on the ground, and it's safe to say it's a non-starter for the president,"

said White House spokesman Dan Bartlett.

Little more than two months after Democrats took control of the House and Senate, Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California said the bill would set "dates certain for the first time in the Congress for the redeployment of our troops out of Iraq."

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Military not enough, U.S. commander in Iraq says.

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Officials said the deadline would be accelerated — possibly to the end of 2007 — if the government of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki failed to meet commitments for taking over security operations, distributing oil revenue and opening his nation's constitution to amendments.

Pelosi said Democrats would add their war-related

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## AP/Video

"Democrats want troop pullout by 2008" www.magickvalley.com

## Water summit announcement expected next week

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

BOISE — A statewide water summit could be held within two weeks.

A spokesman for Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said Thursday that he wants to hold the summit before the Legislature adjourns — which is scheduled for March 23.



Otter

Spokesman Jon Hanlan told the Times-News that Otter will announce next week his final plans regarding the gathering of lawmakers, officials and surface and groundwater users.

Otter has maintained the campaign premise of a water summit through his first three months as chief executive. "It's a priority," Hanlan

said. "We know the clock's ticking."

On Monday, the state Supreme Court ruled that conjunctive management, a system of rules used by Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Dave Tullihill to allocate water between senior and junior rights holders, especially in times of drought, is a constitutional method to products bill.

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Hanlan said the date of the summit did not depend on the court decision, but the ruling is obviously relevant now.

Earlier Thursday, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee approved \$557,000 to continue water management of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, as well as \$850,000 to study aquifer management.

## City to curb squirrels' frisky business

By Francisco Vera-Orta  
Los Angeles Times

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Afraid that a population explosion among squirrels in a city park could pose a public health risk, Santa Monica officials are ready to try a proven method of dealing with the problem: birth control shots.

Plans call for squirrels in Palisades Park to be injected with an immuno-contraceptive vaccine to stunt sexual development. Breeding season

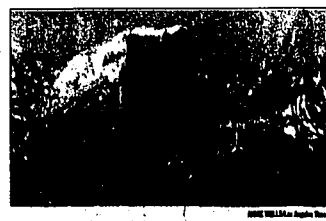
runs from February to April, but the inoculations will take place this summer when the squirrels are most active outdoors and easier to trap.

Santa Monica would be the second city in the state, after Berkeley, to try the immunization program.

"It's a cutting-edge approach," said Joe McGrath, the city's parks chief. "Pest control in general isn't usually very exciting or even controversial. That hasn't been the case with the squirrels."

California ground squirrels, like rats, are rodents. Experts warn that they are aggressive and might carry rabies or host fleas that can spread disease, such as bubonic plague. The larger the squirrel population, the greater the chance for infection, which in turn could expose humans and predatory animals to disease, said Gall Van Gordon, an entomologist with the L.A. County Health Services Department.

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Afraid that a population explosion among squirrels at Palisades Park in Santa Monica, Calif., could pose a public health risk, Santa Monica officials are ready to try a proven method of dealing with the problem: birth control shots.

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# Iraq

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provisions to the administration's request for nearly \$100 billion to pay for the fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The plan is to bring the bill to a vote by the end of the month, making it the first major test of the Democrats' power since they rode a wave of anti-war voter sentiment to midterm election victories last fall.

Across the Capitol, Senate Democrats readied a less sweeping challenge to the commander in chief.

Their version would set a target date of March 31, 2008, for the withdrawal of combat troops — but no deadline. The measure says U.S. forces

could stay beyond that date only to protect U.S. personnel, train and equip Iraqi forces and carry out counterterrorism operations. "We can't stay in Iraq forever," said Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., the majority leader.

Reid has considerably less leeway than Pelosi, since Senate rules give Republicans greater power than their counterparts have in the House.

Presidential politics also figure in his calculations. Illinois Sen. Barack Obama, a candidate for the White House, told reporters the measure includes some of the key provisions of a bill he introduced earlier this year setting a

March 31, 2008 target for withdrawal. "It expresses the central insight that we can't have our troops policing a civil war," he said.

Of the 141,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, roughly 60,000 are combat forces and the rest are support troops.

Barlett attacked the House measure in comments to reporters aboard Air Force One as Bush flew to South America. "Obviously, the administration would vehemently oppose and ultimately veto any legislation that looked like what was described today," he said.

Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the House Republican leader, led the GOP counterattack.

General David Petraeus should be the one making the decisions on what happens on the ground in Iraq, not Nancy Pelosi or John Murtha," Boehner added, referring to the Pennsylvania Democrat who has been heavily involved in crafting legislation designed to end U.S. participation in the war.

Pelosi and other Democratic leaders have struggled in recent days to come up with an approach on the war that would satisfy liberals reluctant to vote for continued funding without driving away more moderate Democrats unwilling to be seen as tying the hands of military commanders.



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., discusses the House Democrats' 'U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health and Iraq Accountability Act' at a news conference Thursday on Capitol Hill. Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Miss., left, and Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., right, flank Pelosi.

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who received the explanatory letter three times, once for each of her children. "We've got to have a better way to pay for our schools."

School officials said the purpose is twofold — to discourage parents from allying and abetting hooky, and to recoup money lost to absences.

The 2,800-student district — which is populated with a large number of high-tech specialists and managers and had a median household income, in 2000 of more than

\$72,000 — sent a letter of explanation in January to parents. It was titled "If You Play, Please Pay."

"Are the ski slopes calling? Is the beach beckoning? Are you taking the kids to Disneyland midweek to avoid the crowds?" the letter asked. "If so, we would encourage you to reconsider. When your child misses school, there are consequences for the student and the district."

In California, under a formula that dates to the 1930s, how much a school receives in

tax dollars is based on how many students are in class on any given day.

"Elective absences," or days missed for reasons other than illness, cost the Scotts Valley district \$223,000 during the 2005-06 school year, according to the school system. On average, it says, a Scotts Valley child misses 2.3 days because of elective absences.

Within two weeks after the letter went home, the district collected more than \$2,000. Said Brenda Spalding, assistant to Superintendent

Susan Silver.

Stan Wilson took his two children to Hawaii for a week earlier this school year. Contor, 6, and Courtney, 8, missed five days of school. When the family returned, the Wilsons received a note from the school system asking for compensation. The letter did not specify how much, but it would have totaled more than \$360.

Wilson happily gave even more, writing a check for \$500. The tax-deductible "donation" was a bargain compared to the

private school tuition he and his wife were prepared to pay before they decided to keep their children in public school, Wilson said.

"We saved so much money, we decided it was fair," he said.

The 10,000-student San Mateo-Foster City elementary school system started doing the same thing a few years ago, when Silver was an administrator there. Representatives of the associations representing state and national school

boards said they had not heard of any other districts trying to recover costs when students miss class.

Charlotte Multer, a member of the PTA at two Scotts Valley schools, said the request for reimbursement is fair.

"Our schools are duct-taped together and they're in portable. It's a shame. We need every penny we can keep," she said. "If you can afford to go to Disneyland or go on a ski trip, maybe you can afford a donation."

# Squirrels

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Since 1998, the county has cited Santa Monica five times for squirrel overpopulation. The city's suppression methods — poison, gassing and euthanasia — only angered animal-loving activists seeking a nonlethal solution.

"We don't want to kill them if we don't have to," McGrath said. "I personally like squirrels, but we also have to be receptive to the county's concerns. When you are dealing with mammals, people get upset."

So the city plans to use GonaCon, an immuno-contraceptive developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to help control the squirrel population. The vaccine stops ovulation and lactation in female squirrels, while halting testicular development in males.

It costs \$2 to \$10 a shot and has no side effects such as swelling or abnormal blood developments, said James Gionfriddo, a USDA wildlife biologist.

Once trapped, the squirrels will be inoculated and tagged for monitoring. Researchers caution that it takes at least three months before the drug takes effect, but it can last the rest of the animals' three- to five-year life span.

The hormone-releasing vaccine proved highly effective in curbing the reproduction of squirrels at a Berkeley Marina park over an 18-month period, according to a 2004 study by the University of California, Davis. The birth rate was reduced by 66 percent.

"We haven't had any problems for a few years now," said David K. James, a biologist with the Alameda County Vector Control Services District who co-wrote the study.

Although she supports Santa Monica's vaccine program, animal activist Catherine Rich said any health risk posed by the squirrels is overwhelmed. She said the animals have never spread disease or physically hurt anyone.

"There is not a pressing threat of squirrels attacking people," Rich said. "So I don't know why the county is getting their panties in a bunch."

Squirrel overpopulation in Palisades Park has been an issue for 20 years. But the debate over what to do with the estimated 1,000 squirrels in the coastal park reached a boiling point in 2005, when the city set out poison-filled traps. Joining with other activists, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals complained to City Hall that the method was painful and illegal.

"Poisons cause immeasurable suffering and prolonged deaths for the animals who ingest them," the group contended.

In February 2006, when cited again, the city tried pumping poison gas into the deep burrows where the squirrels live.

After more public criticism, City Manager P. Lamont Ewell denounced the action, saying, "as a person who loves animals, my goal is to avoid having to reduce the population of squirrels in this manner ever again."

City officials then launched an education campaign to get people to stop feeding the squirrels, which experts say only exacerbates the breeding problem.

A monthly flea-control treatment program was also undertaken and administered by Animal Advocates, a nonprofit group licensed by the California Department of Fish

and Game.

But after just five months, the city aborted both programs when the county reported the squirrels' numbers were increasing.

The city hired Lefty Ayers, owner of Heritage Wildlife Management, to trap 165 squirrels and euthanize them with carbon dioxide. The carcasses were taken to a wildlife rehabilitation facility at California State University, Bakersfield, and fed to hawks returning to the wild.

Activists hounded Ayers, destroyed his traps and tried to steal supplies out of his truck. Police officers and park rangers often accompanied him when he worked.

"Some felt like I put a gun to the city's head, but I was just being contracted to do a service," Ayers said. "I understand squirrels are cute, but if they were rats or cockroaches, would they get the same treatment?"

Santa Monica officials said the infertility shots offer a diplomatic solution that should please all sides.

Resident Mike Sheldon, who was jogging in Palisades Park

recently, said he for one was not surprised by the city's action.

"Only in a city like Santa Monica would you expect this kind of behavior," Sheldon said. "Even our squirrels are living on the progressive edge."

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# Two phone calls, two continents, one tragedy

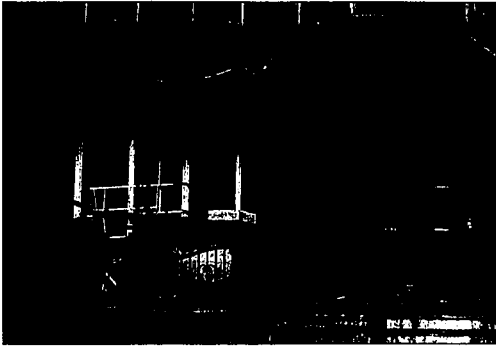
News spreads that New York fire killed nine

By Jim Fitzgerald  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Working the night shift in a livery cab, Mamadou Soumare answered his cell phone to hear his wife shrieking, trapped with their children inside a burning building, desperate for help.

"She said, 'We have a fire.' She was screaming," he said. Soumare raced to the three-story house near Yankee Stadium in the Bronx early Thursday in time to watch his children from the street, inside the home, dying in the fiery tomb. Among the dead were his wife, Fatoumata, son and 7-month-old twins.

Moussa Magassa, who shared the home with Soumare, received his grim phone call while on a business trip to their native Mali. He was every bit as helpless as when he came that day to his 11 children perished in the fast-moving fire, which devastated families from the streets of the South Bronx to villages in west Africa.



Charred wreckage sits piled at the scene of a blaze that claimed the lives of 9 people, including 8 children, in a 4-story apartment building Thursday in the Bronx borough of New York.

New York City's deadliest blaze in 17 years claimed nine victims — eight children and one adult from the two families, all relatives who shared the space. The fire, believed to be accidental, spread from the basement and trapped victims on the upper floors, with one screaming mother tossing children into the night in hopes of saving their lives —

then jumping herself. "I don't know what I'm going to do," said Mamadou Soumare, the cable. "I love her. I love my wife." "The street outside was filled with screams as flames erupted from the home: "Help me! Help me! Please! Please!" Neighbor Edward Soto raced toward the fire through the frigid night air, then looked in

disbelief as an infant fell from the building and through the smoke. "All I see is just a big cloud of white dust, and out of nowhere comes the first baby," said Soto, who caught the child with another neighbor, David Todd. The baby wasn't breathing, but it barely registered. Moments later, Soto caught a second child

hurled through a shattered window by a woman trapped inside the three-story inferno. Both of the children survived. The fire, which raged for two hours, ignited near a mattress in the basement — most likely from a space heater or an overloaded power strip, officials said. Police said there was no evidence of a crime.

The deadly blaze was the city's worst since the 1990 Happy Land social club fire that killed 87 people. The dead were found throughout the building, mostly on the upper floors, with the babies still in their cribs, said one fire official.

Magassa, an official of the New York chapter of the 11th Council for Malians Living Abroad, was headed back from a business trip to Mali after receiving the grim news, said council representative Bourama Niambielle.

Magassa arrived in New York about 15 years ago, friends said. One neighbor said Magassa and Mamadou Soumare were brothers. Fatoumata Soumare came from the village of Tassouga and left for the Bronx about six years ago, friends said.

Neighbors described a close-knit family, with the children often seen playing in the yard or in the street with water guns and scooters.

# Coroner rules Pa. boy killed himself with gun registered to state senator

By Dan Nephin  
Associated Press writer

GREENSBURG, Pa. — A teenager who was found dead with a state senator's gun by his side committed suicide, according to a county coroner who recommended Thursday that no charges be filed over the death but left open the possibility of lesser charges.

Westmoreland County Coroner Kenneth Bacha's decision came after an inquest last month into the death of Louis Farrell, 14, whose body was found last summer in woods behind his home and the home of his neighbor, state Sen. Robert Rogala.

The senator's handgun was found beside his body. Rogala has said neither he nor his son, Bobby, 16, had anything to do with the shooting.

The senator was in Harrisburg at the time, and Louis, a neighbor and friend of Bobby's, had a key to the house because he was watching the family dogs while Rogala was away.

"Although it appears that Louis Farrell lacked any motive to harm himself, the only conclusion that I can draw from the physical and forensic evidence is that Lou took his own life. Therefore, I have ruled the death of Louis Farrell a suicide," Bacha said Thursday.

An attorney who presided over the inquest had questioned whether Louis' death could have been anything but suicide.

# Families: Rescue could kill hostages in Colombia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration appears increasingly focused on undertaking a risky military rescue of three Americans held hostage more than four years by drug-trafficking leftist rebels in Colombia. Current and former U.S. officials say the government has failed to engage in routine negotiations or take other diplomatic steps of the kind

used in similar hostage situations. Additionally, the Justice Department refuses to consider deeply exchanging the Americans for two Colombian guerrillas held by the United States. The administration denies neglecting avenues to safely free the three men — contract workers Marc Gonzales, Tom Howes and Keith Stansell,

who were captured in February 2003 by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. "I'm deeply concerned about their fate," President Bush said in an interview with RCN TV of Colombia on Wednesday, before leaving on a five-nation trip to Latin America. Bush visits Bogota, Colombia's capital, on Sunday.



A George Washington dollar coin, struck without the edge inscription 'In God We Trust,' is stacked on top of a properly struck dollar coin on Wednesday at Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) in Santa Ana, Calif.

# U.S. Mint goof: Unknown number of new dollar coins missing 'In God We Trust'

By Joann Loviglio  
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA — An unknown number of new George Washington dollar coins were mistakenly struck without their edge inscriptions, including "In God We Trust," and are fetching around \$50 apiece online.

The properly struck dollar coins, bearing the likeness of the nation's first president, are inscribed along the edge with "In God We Trust." "E Pluribus Unum" and the year and mint mark. The flawed coins made it past inspectors and went into circulation Feb. 15.

The U.S. Mint struck 300 million of the coins, which are golden in color and slightly larger and thicker than a quarter. About half were made in Philadelphia and the rest in Denver. So far the mint has only received reports of error coins coming from Philadelphia, mint spokeswoman Becky Bailey said. Bailey said it was unknown how many coins lacked the inscriptions. Ron Guth, presi-

dent of Professional Coin Grading Service, one of the world's largest coin authentication companies, said he believes that at least 50,000 error coins were put in circulation.

"The first one sold for \$500 before everyone knew how common they actually were," he said. "They're going for around \$40 to \$50 on eBay now, and they'll probably settle in the \$50 range."

Production of the presidential dollar entails a "new, complex, high-volume manufacturing system" that the mint will adjust to eliminate any future defects, the mint said in a statement.

"We take this matter seriously. We also consider quality control a high priority. The agency is looking into the matter to determine a possible cause in the manufacturing process," the statement said. Guth said it appeared from the roughly 50 smooth-edge dollars he has authenticated that the problem had to do with quality control rather than a mechanical error.

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EDITORIAL

JFAC funding pushes dairy lab idea forward

**E**conomic prosperity has always been part of the equation with Magic Valley's dairy industry. But now there's a push for a new theme — environmental research.

Last week, the Legislature's Joint Finance Appropriation Committee approved \$10 million for creation of the Idaho Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies — a dairy research lab to be cooperatively run by the University of Idaho. The lab will also receive \$10 million of funding from UI, and \$5 million from the dairy industry. The \$25 million lab was proposed by Gov. Butch Otter in his opening budget and State of the State.

The state's decision to pony up for this center is critical for the industry, the region and the state. Magic Valley has long been the nexus of the dairy industry, yet state research facilities have been too remote to meet demands. Dairies have created a large portion of economic vitality in southern Idaho, but the environmental technology has failed to keep up with the growth of productivity.

That rapid growth has been too much and too fast for some critics. Concerns with water discharges, odor complaints, and nitrate and phosphorus emissions, are just a few issues that have riddled the industry over the past decade.

But solutions have emerged and progress has been made on many key matters.

Building the dairy lab center can play another key role toward that end.

Speaking to JFAC members last week, Rich Garber of UI's College of Agriculture and Life Science, said 70 percent of the facility's research will be environmental study and the rest will be an dairy. That proportional ratio is appropriate, given how much production has exceeded environmental research in the past.

JFAC's initial funding approval is just the start for this plan. The proposal will require revisions in federal law for U of I funding to proceed. It will need more review from JFAC, the governor, U of I's Board of Regents and the state Board of Education. The plan should be complete in two years.

In that period of time, discussions for the research lab plan should also address additional concerns.

**Public data** — Because the facility will be largely funded with public dollars, state, university and industry officials should give all assurances that research will be open to the public. Idaho Dairymen's Association Executive Director Bob Naerdbout said facility data cannot be blocked by industry because of the public funding. But the more assurances that can be given on that principle, the better.

**Fiscal sustainability** — Conservative legislators don't want the facility to be reliant upon state tax dollars on a repeating basis. Officials should hear how the facility operations will financially sustain the research it provides.

**Location** — Jerome County may be the early candidate to host this facility, but questions remain about the county's strength in dairy oversight. Naerdbout said proximity to CSI and the freeway, as well as land accessibility are all additional factors.

Those issues all warrant close debate in the next two years. But the initial steps in the proposal build well for the region.

If properly planned, the lab can do wonders for a cleaner, stronger dairy industry.

**Our view:**  
State officials have time and money to make the regional dairy lab a successful project.  
**What do you think?**  
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

OTHER VIEWS

Libbygate: The wake of a pointless scandal

The Washington Post

**T**he following editorial appeared in *Wednesday's Washington Post*.

The conviction of I. Lewis Libby on charges of perjury, making false statements and obstruction of justice was grounded in strong evidence and who wanted to be careful deliberation by a jury. The former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney told the FBI and a grand jury that he had not leaked the identity of CIA employee Valerie Plame to journalists but rather had learned it from them. But abundant testimony at his trial showed that he had found out about Ms. Plame from official sources and was dedicated to discrediting her husband, former Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson IV. Particularly for a senior government official, lying under oath is a serious offense. Mr. Libby's conviction should send a message to this and future administrations about the dangers of attempting to block official investigations.

The fall of this skilled and long-respected public servant is particularly sobering because it arose from a Washington scandal remarkable for its lack of substance. It was propelled not by actual wrongdoing but by inflated and frequently false claims, and by the aggressive and occasionally reckless response of senior Bush administration officials — culminating in Mr. Libby's perjury.

Mr. Wilson was embraced by many because he was early in publicly charging that the Bush administration had "swindled" if not "invested, faked" in making a case for war against Iraq. In conversations with journalists or in a July 6, 2003, op-ed, he claimed to have debunked



evidence that Iraq was seeking uranium from Niger; suggested that he had been dispatched by Mr. Cheney to look into the matter; and alleged that his report had circulated at the highest levels of the administration.

A bipartisan investigation by the Senate intelligence committee subsequently established that all of these claims were false — and that Mr. Wilson was recommended for the Niger trip by Ms. Plame, his wife. When this fact, along with Ms. Plame's name, was disclosed in a column by Robert D. Novak, Mr. Wilson advanced yet another sensational charge: that his wife was a covert CIA operative and that senior White House officials had orchestrated the leak of her name to destroy her career and thus punish Mr. Wilson.

The partisan furor over this allegation led to the appointment of special prosecutor

Patrick J. Fitzgerald. Yet after two years of investigation, Mr. Fitzgerald charged no one with a crime for leaking Ms. Plame's name. In fact, he learned early on that Mr. Novak's primary source was former Deputy Secretary of State Richard L. Armitage, an unlikely tool of the White House. The trial has provided convincing evidence that there was no conspiracy to punish Mr. Wilson by leaking Ms. Plame's identity — and no evidence that she was, in fact, covert.

It would have been sensible for Mr. Fitzgerald to end his investigation after learning about Mr. Armitage. Instead, like many Washington special prosecutors before him, he pressed on, pursuing every tangent in the case. In so doing he unnecessarily subjected numerous journalists to the ordeal of having to disclose confidential sources or face imprisonment. One

Judith Miller of The New York Times, lost several court appeals and spent 85 days in jail before agreeing to testify. The damage done to journalists' ability to obtain information from confidential government sources has yet to be measured.

Mr. Wilson's case has besmirched nearly everyone it touched. The former ambassador will be remembered as a blowhard. Mr. Cheney and Mr. Libby were overbearing in their zeal to rebut Mr. Wilson and careless in their handling of classified information. Mr. Libby's subsequent false statements were reprehensible. And Mr. Fitzgerald has shown again why handing a Washington political case to a federal special prosecutor is a prescription for excess.

Mr. Fitzgerald was, at least, right about one thing: The Wilson-Plame case, and Mr. Libby's conviction, tell us nothing about the war in Iraq.

State should enlist private help in protecting parks

WILLIAM L. WITHUHN

**P**resident Theodore Roosevelt said, "The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired in value."

We have not behaved well as a nation with respect to some of our most treasured resources — our national parks. Decades of neglect have taken a heavy toll on them.

However, thanks to the leadership of Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne and the Bush administration's recently announced National Park System Initiative — and with the faithful support of park champions in Congress, — we have an opportunity to remedy the situation.

The administration's 2008 budget, released last month, proposes an additional \$258 million to address severe operating shortfalls at the parks. The proposal also, as part of the Centennial Initiative, asks philanthropists and businesses to invest in

the national parks by offering a \$100 million dollar-for-dollar annual match program for the decade ahead, leading up to the National Park System's 100th anniversary in 2016. Each philanthropic dollar would secure an additional federal dollar.

The match proposal has sparked some controversy. It's legitimate to ask, Will more private and corporate funding for our parks come "with strings attached"?

The great majority of corporations that have invested in park projects have not asked for influence, but have responded generously to very specific requests originating in the parks from friends groups or by the National Park Foundation, which is chartered by Congress to facilitate corporate support for the parks. When the administration and Congress work together to further develop the match proposal,

they can ensure that no conditions are attached to gifts.

Last year, the American public firmly told the administration during its reinvigoration attempt: retroactive of government policies for the park system that damaged new ideas for corporate "presence" in the parks are unwelcome. The result? The relevant policies were strengthened.

"Too much" is at stake to lose this new opportunity to restore our national parks. The parks struggle with an annual shortfall estimated by the National Parks Conservation Association to exceed \$800 million every year. The accumulated backlog of maintenance and preservation needs is staggering.

At nearby national parks, such as Assateague Island National Seashore, Fort McHenry National Monument and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, funding shortfalls are taking a severe toll. Analysis shows that the C&O Canal has only about 35 cents for every dollar

it needs for day-to-day operations, including routine maintenance and visitor safety. Fewer than 200 of the park's nearly 1,400 historic structures are in good condition.

President Ford — who once served as a national park ranger — said: "There is something wonderful about (our national parks). We must act now to prevent the loss of treasures that can never be replaced — to ourselves, our children and for generations of Americans."

My parents taught me an awe and reverence for our parks that have never left me. I want to pass on these irreplaceable places to my kids, and to all the kids to come, "not impaired in value." We've lost too much already.

Protecting these national treasures is neither a Republican nor a Democratic issue, but a cause that can be embraced by all Americans.

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LETTERS

Abortion advocacy rings of hypocrisy

You probably won't print this letter but at least I am voicing my feelings.

We have an article out of your paper dated Feb. 22, titled "Parents of one of the world's tiniest premises get to take her home from the hospital."

The baby was 9 1/2 inches long and weighed less than 22 ounces and was less than 22 weeks in the womb.

What a hypocritical world we live in!

Here is a baby only 22 weeks in the womb and is a living breathing human being, but a woman can take an unborn baby much longer in the womb and

stab it in the back of the head just before it is fully out of the womb and the world looks the other way instead of calling it what it really is. "Murder!"

We have a bunch of do-gooders who have a fit and parade around the world calling anyone who kills a bug or some other creature a murderer but think it is perfectly alright to kill an unborn human baby.

I'm sure the master of us all is just about fed up with this world of hypocritical murderers, and I won't be surprised if he shows us his displeasure in a way we all will regret.

NORM DAYLEY  
Abion

Limits on Bible verses denies enlightenment

For the want of a nail . . . It is a small thing, but there is something wrong here.

The editors who publish a letter that quotes from the Bible. That seems boorish to me, but when I mentioned it to my Sunday school class, it was seen as a reasonable instance of separation of church and state (a doctrine that is absolute and profound).

Is this because the Holy Bible is seen as a relic of the Christian churches? If so, it is regrettable.

The Bible, holy or other-

wise, is a book — a book that Christians and non-Christians alike have used as a source of ideas, inspiration, wisdom and truth. Yes, the Bible is a book but it is a book like no other.

No other book can claim as many authors, covering as many years, sharing such varied experiences and, in most editions, as artistic. The Bible is valuable for its history and its content.

The biblical writers' experience is for our understanding. They make use of every literary device — metaphor, simile, analogy, allegory, paradox, fable, parable, narrative, etc. — to make exotic

experiences the source of common understanding.

If some have also used the Bible as the source of Mystical Imperative, tainting it for everyone and making it fit only for ceremonial use, that is an intellectual disaster. It is a disaster that spreads beyond a single book.

It underlies the assumption that separation of church and state requires disassociation between religion and politics, which in turn requires separation between faith and life. If this is the intellectual path we are on, we will find atheism (there is no God), solipsism (there is only I) and nihilism (there is nothing) on

our way to nowhere — all for the want of a horseshoe nail.

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# The problem of Hillary's tin ear

Is Hillary Clinton's inevitability less inevitable? The growing consensus seems to be that the former first lady's ascendancy as first woman president of the U.S. is less assured than previously thought, thanks in large part to the junior senator from Illinois, Barack Obama.

This is polite talk from the emperor's court. The naked truth is, Hillary has a bigger problem than Obama. Anyone who has heard her speak knows what it is, so we may as well talk about it.

That voice. Every time Hillary opens her mouth, Americans are reminded of two things: (1) she's not Bill, and (2) she's as tone-deaf in the presence of human beings as she was singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" in Iowa recently.

Until that moment, it was not known that anyone could sing that badly. To her credit, Hillary has since poked fun at herself, offering to step away from the microphone, for example, when a group was about to sing "Happy Birthday."

No one can help the voice they're born with. But they can learn to adjust the volume, and to take the temperature of a room before speaking. And especially, to avoid faking a local accent, pretending to be something they're not. Southern, for instance.

In Selma, Ala., last weekend at the "Bloody Sunday" commemoration, Hillary auditioned for a dual role — not just Southerner, but Southern preacher in the style of a Martin Luther King Jr.

That dry rustling you hear is the sound of millions of people cringing. It was clear that Hillary was trying to imitate the rhetorical style of her black predecessors to the pulpit — something no white person should ever attempt. But what she must have imagined sounded like passion was mere mortals the screech of an angry woman.

If her audience, nevertheless, was polite and affirming (Southerners are like that),



KATHLEEN PARKER

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even as she turned on the worst fake accent since Kevin Costner played Robin Hood. Shouting the words from a gospel hymn, Clinton was so off-key that anyone tuning in would have assumed it was a joke — in parody of a politician speaking in native tongues. Granny Clampett auditioning on "American Idol."

"I DON'T FEEL NO WAYS TIED," she said with the robotic twang of a computer-generated Southerner. "I COME TOO FARRR FROM WHERIE I STARTED FRUM, NOBODY TOLD ME THAT THE ROAD WOULD BE EASY."

Some were deep in the brains of every man listening was a little lizard shouting: *Somebody hit the mute button, for God's sake, hit the mute!*

In politics, we're not supposed to talk about style over substance, especially when it comes to women. But no male politician would get away with what Hillary pulled off in Selma. Moreover, speaking style is

not irrelevant to leadership, as Americans have noted the past six years. Tonic Voice. Cadence. These may seem superficial, less important than the substance of a candidate's message, but they suggest something innate about the person speaking — awareness for the lack thereof) and the ability to persuade with an audience, to merge, subtle, calm, inspire and reassure.

Or not. When a person's style distracts from substance, we have a problem.

When a person's voice makes listeners recoil and that person is not going to be an effective communicator. But what about substance? What was Clinton thinking when she hijacked a gospel hymn and effectively mocked her audience? Her speech exposed not just an incompetent ear, but disrespect for the people gathered.

Would Clinton affect a Brooklyn accent with a Jewish

audience remembering the Holocaust? *OH VEEY, LEMME TELLJA, HIGMEY!* The female Clinton, unlike her husband, simply lacks a feel for communication, no matter how many hugs she delivers. While President Clinton could become one with his audience — his slightly hoarse voice conveying to his audience — he slightly hoarse voice conveying to the hungry wanted to feed him — Sen. Clinton's voice sends mannequins into a fetal curl. She is the rain to Bill's parade.

It may not be Hillary's fault that her voice sounds like it was fashioned from metal, but it is her fault that she sounds like a car alarm when she's handed a microphone. It is her fault that she panders — badly — to her audiences.

Her performance last weekend in Selma revealed more than a tonality.

Like a warped bell, Hillary Clinton rings untrue.

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# Nominations for 2008 suddenly seem soon



JAMES P. PINKERTON

Will we know the two parties' nominees in less than a year, after a February "national primary"? It's quite possible. But, along the path to such an early nomination decision, new pitfalls undoubtedly will be discovered — and fallen into.

It looks increasingly likely that a bunch of big states, including California and New York, will move their presidential primary to Feb. 5. So that year — call it Super-Super Tuesday — could prove decisive for all Republican and Democratic hopes. Which is to say, from their point of view, there's not much time left.

No wonder the presidential picking process has accelerated. Former Iowa Democratic Gov. Tom Vilsack was announced, for example, on Nov. 30 — that's nearly two years ahead of the next presidential election. And then, proving that acceleration was just as quickly realized he wasn't competitive, he announced Feb. 23 he was giving up his bid.

But political junkies need not worry: There are still nearly two dozen candidates. And almost all are on break-neck schedules, eagerly searching out opportunities to distinguish themselves. Such events may be "pseudo-events," in that no delegates are chosen, but they are real enough in that perceptions are altered; they are, literally, reality shows. Two of "these" reality-perception-chests, in that no delegates occurred last weekend, one for each party.

The Republicans had CPAC, the Conservative Political Action Conference, in Washington. And the results of a straw poll of activists, gathered from around the country, were announced Saturday: former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney. In first place, at 21 percent; former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, 17 percent; Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback, 15 percent; former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, 14 percent; Arizona Sen. John McCain, 12 percent. One big shock was McCain's poor showing. The onetime front-runner, who chose to snub the conference, was rewarded with a fifth-place showing. And, when his name was mentioned at the conference close, loud boos erupted from the multitude.

And here's the judgment of the Washington Post: "The crowd in and around Obama's appearance was decidedly larger — his audience included 15 members of Congress, compared with four who went to hear Clinton." The insiders' conclusion? Score one for Obama.

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The other surprise was Gingrich, who has not announced his candidacy and made minimal organizational effort at the event — in contrast, most notably, to Romney, who trucked in busloads of supporters to goose his numbers.

Indeed, Gingrich might even have netted money for his proto-campaign, since he had a table full of books and tapes, all selling briskly. When the first and second presidential choices of CPAC straw-pollers were aggregated, Gingrich tied for a close second behind Giuliani and alongside Romney.

And of course there will be dozens, maybe hundreds, more straw polls the rest of this year. Each event might be "pseudo," but the cumulative effect on the Republican field in momentum gained and momentum lost will be plenty real.

On the Democratic side, the top two candidates, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois, had their own faceoff. As with the GOPers, it was perceptual and real. Both candidates traveled to Selma, Ala., to march in the 42nd anniversary procession marking Bloody Sunday, the legendary civil-rights march. But on this Sunday the main part of the game was presidential politics. So just as Sovietologists once studied the lineup of Russian leaders atop the Kremlin wall to see who was up and who was down in the hierarchy, American political savants were studying the spectacle in Selma.

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## State bonuses went beyond standard generosity

The subject of the bonuses that various state department heads gave to designated employees has me dumfounded.

I understand that these bonuses were monies that were in each department hudget but were unexpended. So they were left over. Had this been a private entity or business, that would have been all well and good.

But unless there have been changes in the Idaho Code that I am not aware of, this unexpended money was not the department heads' to give. State departments and employees of each are funded by monies collected from Idaho taxpayers. Any funds budgeted for but not used are to be returned to the general fund. In this case, the total of these bonuses returned to the general fund would have made a sizeable amount that could have been used in a more appropriate manner.

At a time when 40 percent of Idaho workers are at a minimum wage or are still without employment, state employees are substantially better off. With a "reasonable" salary (granted, not as high as it could be), health benefits,

## Idahoans awake to the flaws of GOP rule

I have a few comments on the Opinion page on March 4. First, on the minimum wage. Mr. Sylva doesn't tell us if Ms. McGeehan is a Republican or a Democrat. My bet is she is a Republican. She says she pays more than minimum wage. I would hope so; you can't live on minimum wage. My question is, does she pay a living wage?

To all the voters here in Idaho that voted Republican: You're not going to accept the minimum wage the Democrats are going to get passed are

## you? To Mr. White: It's very refreshing to read that there some of us Idahoans are starting to wake up about Dubya and the Republicans and see through the smoke screen he and his dream team has been putting over on us for the last few years. Hopefully we are going to change that in 2008.

Why is there no e-mail address for Rep. Mike Simpson?

JOHN O'DELL  
Rupert

## Coutler's hate shows she doesn't belong in print

Ann Coulter, whose syndi-

cated column you print in the *Times-News*, recently called Sen. John Edwards a faggot. She was speaking at a conservative gathering. Several days later, she defended herself on Fox News, saying that "faggot" is not offensive to gays. Would she please explain to the many children who are bullied by that term on school playgrounds that "faggot" really isn't anti-gay?

And editorial staff — please have the decency to drop this hate monger from our paper. Surely we can do better than her ilk.

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REGION 18 TOURNAMENT

'The time is now'

CSI men focused on title defense

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

EPHRAIM, Utah — What do a 25-5 record and a No. 9 national ranking mean this weekend?

Absolutely nothing if the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team can't ride out of Ephraim, Utah, with its fourth consecutive Region 18 Tournament championship.

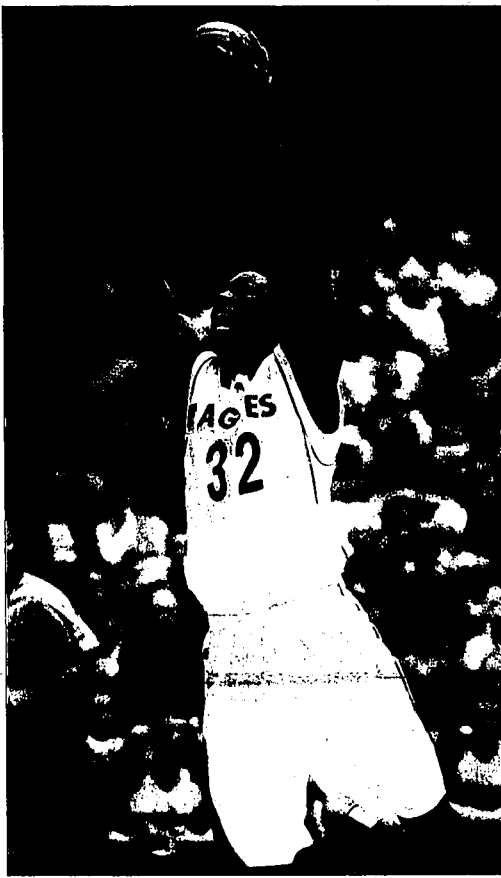
Success at CSI will always be measured in regional titles and national tournament appearances, and this year's squad was custom-built by head coach Barrett Peery and his staff with only one goal in mind: Make a run at the program's third NCAA Division I National Championship.

"I really believe in our team. I think our team's ready," Peery said. "I think we've been waiting to play postseason for a long time. I think February was challenging because they just wanted to see: postseason, how far would they go? So the time is now.

The old, tried adage of a team controlling its own destiny has likely never applied to another CSI team as well as it fits this season's incarnation. CSI is the highest-scoring team in the land, averaging more than 109 points per game. When it is playing in synch, this CSI squad is a seemingly unstoppable force of muscle, sweat and pure athleticism that no team in the nation can match up with. When its components fit separately, like poorly-timed pistons, it becomes beatable.

"When we don't play hard, we don't come to play and we don't play as a team, that's when we lose," sophomore forward Travis Bunker said. "The times that we come together, we come to play for 40 minutes, we don't get beat."

At 2 p.m. today against the



Technical Book

College of Southern Idaho freshman forward Juan Pattillo, pictured soaring in for a dunk against Snow College in January, will be a key player for the Golden Eagles in the Region 18 Tournament in Ephraim, Utah, today and Saturday.

17-14 North Idaho College Cardinals, the Golden Eagles have the quest to extend their season. Today, it's all about getting to Saturday's 7:30 p.m. championship game where CSI is hoping to get another crack at the Snow College Badgers team that won the

right to host this tournament with a pair of regular-season wins over the Golden Eagles at the Snow Activities Center. The theme of retribution is often an overused notion in the realm of games and sport, but this weekend, there is nothing CSI would like more

than to be the bad guys who celebrate a region championship on their rival's home floor. "We'd really love to have it (in Twin Falls), but we take it as a motivation," freshman forward Juan Pattillo said. "They beat us down there, so

2007 Region 18 Men's Basketball Tournament

At Snow College, Ephraim, Utah Men Wednesday, March 7 Quarterfinals No. 5 North Idaho 80, No. 4 Eastern Utah 82 No. 3 Salt Lake CC 104, No. 6 Colorado Northwestern 50 Friday, March 9 Semifinals No. 1 CSI (25-5) vs. No. 5 North Idaho (17-14), 2 p.m. No. 2 Snow College (23-7) vs. No. 3 Salt Lake CC (23-8), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10 Championship game, 7:30 p.m.

we take it as we owe them one to go down there, cut down their nets and bring them back home."

While a championship win would add a 22nd Region 18 Tournament championship to the CSI trophy cases, it's that symbolic trophy of synthetic twine that equally interests the Golden Eagles players.

"I can't wait. Matter of fact, it's pretty much a guarantee," Pattillo said. "We're going to come back with their nets and we're going to hang them up somewhere around here."

It will take exactly a string of seven consecutive wins for the Golden Eagles to claim a national title. Perhaps no CSI player is hungrier than Bunker to play each and every one of those games. The sophomore transfer from Dixie State College (Utah) has limited to playing 10 games this season due to a pair of foot fractures. The hustling forward is averaging 9.1 points and 5.9 rebounds in 15.7 minutes played per game this season.

"Oh, man, that's all I'm thinking about these days," Bunker said of CSI's postseason run. "School is hard to think about. I don't even think about girls that much now. I just want to win. I want to play as many games as I can."

"Tonight, the Golden Eagles know that it doesn't matter what the opponent does on the floor. From here on out, it's all about CSI controlling what it does. It's about giving a better effort to win the rebounding battle. It's about playing

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NIC women to play CSI in quarters

Cardinals clobber CNCC by 31 points

Times-News

EPHRAIM, Utah — Get out, get a handup.

That will be a major key in the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team's opening-round Region 18 game today in Ephraim, Utah. The Golden Eagles will play a North Idaho College team that connected on 13 shots from 3-point range in Thursday's 78-47 quarterfinal win over the Colorado Northwestern Community College Spartans. Brittany Duerr led 20-11 NIC's long-distance game, connecting on 4-of-6 3-point attempts on her way to a team-high 16 points. Both Marjorie Lee and Cassie Pilkinton added 13 points as the Cardinals easily pulled past the 5-2 Spartans. CNCC's season ends despite a 20-0 performance from Brittany Whiteman.

In Thursday's late game, the College of Eastern Idaho escaped with a 76-71 victory over the last Snow College Badgers, charging ahead to a late 10-point lead and holding out as the Badgers couldn't manage a last-second shot after a late collision between CEU and Snow players. Elisha Harris led CEU with 20 points, while Jenny Hise added 17.

The Badgers were led by ShaNae Horner's 14-point effort.

Region 18 Tournament Boxes

No. 3 North Idaho 78, No. 6 Colorado NW 47 \$22 (2-2) Ashley Washburn 0/1/2/2/2 Snow 44/49/9/28 Kory Lines 2/2/2/7 Kristine Lewis 1/0/2/2 Jessica Cochran 1/1/2/1 Cheryl Hapke 3/2/4/8 Courtney Lewis 1/2/2/2 Brittany Whiteman 5/1/8/2/27 Paula Anderson 3/1/0/2/7 Hise 2/0/2/7 47

One team together: CSI women rallying toward nationals

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

EPHRAIM, Utah — There is nothing left but basketball.

If there's one positive the No. 24 College of Southern Idaho women can take from the Region 18 Tournament being held at Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, it's the utter lack of available outside distractions. No classes bisected by shoot-arounds. No neighboring dorm-room drama. Nothing but 48 hours to focus on 80 minutes of postseason basketball.

Well, there may be one concession for head coach Randy Rogers' team as it lodges in Mandi, Utah, and plays in Ephraim.

"Being on the road and being isolated in Mandi, Utah, it is all about basketball ... and maybe pizza," Rogers joked.

While the Golden Eagles are playful about the tournament's small-town setting, they're not fooling around in preparing for the time they'll spend on the court. The first 40 of those all-important minutes come at noon today as the 24-6 Golden Eagles take to the 20-11 North Idaho College Cardinals at the Snow Activity Center. Tonight's meeting between the two teams will mark the first time the



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College of Southern Idaho sophomore point guard Maria Moore, pictured against Salt Lake Community College in January, will need to play well for the Golden Eagles to win the Region 18 Tournament this weekend in Ephraim, Utah.

Cardinals set up 6-foot-3 sophomore point Paige McGowan against the Golden Eagles, though leading scorer Simone Jordan will not play after deciding to sit out the rest of the season due to a lingering knee injury.

With No. 2 CSI scorer Brittany Moore cleared to play and recovering from the dislocated left kneecap she suffered three weeks ago at Salt Lake Community College, tonight's game should be a tight one between two

2007 Region 18 Women's Basketball Tournament

Thursday, March 8 Quarterfinals No. 3 North Idaho 78 vs. No. 6 Colorado Northwestern 47 No. 4 Eastern Utah 76 vs. No. 5 Snow College 74 Friday, March 9 No. 2 CSI (24-6) vs. North Idaho, noon No. 1 Salt Lake CC (25-5) vs. College of Eastern Utah, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10 Championship game, 5 p.m.

teams that split the regular-season series. While the Golden Eagles will have to be prepared to combat North Idaho's attack, Rogers knows his team needs to worry more about the things it needs to do well during what the hopes will be a two-day tournament swing.

"I think you have to key on the things you do right and the things you want to do on the floor," Rogers said. "Because if you say, 'hey, all we're going to work on is Salt Lake's offensive sets and how we're going to prepare for it,' then all of a sudden it's, 'Well, we should have worked on Colorado or North Idaho.'"

While the Golden Eagles have done well during their current three-game win streak heading into the tournament has played the brand of energized full-court basketball that has led to an average of 87.3 points and 22 opponent turnovers per game.

Those positive results have come in part to energized play from sophomore point guard Maria Moore, who is averaging 25.7 points, 11 rebounds and 6.7 assists per contest during that three-game span. Maria Moore is leading the SWAC in points (16.5), assists (4.1) and steals (2.8) per game, and has been right at home in CSI's more uptempo games.

"We know that as long as we keep playing good like we've done the last two games, we can go in strong and probably get North Idaho," she said. While Brittany Moore's late-season injury robbed CSI of her consistent outside shooting and heady defense for the last four games, her absence may have been a small blessing in disguise as it afforded additional playing time to some of the CSI reserves, readying them for the pressure-cooker that is postseason play. Freshman Maylene Ornelas has been one of the Golden Eagles players that elevated her game in Brittany Moore's

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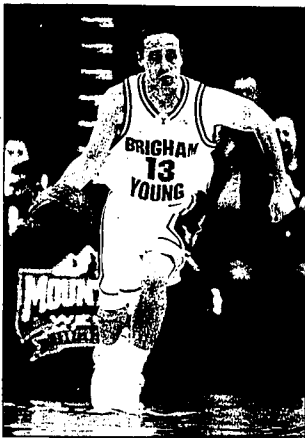




SPORTS

MWC TOURNAMENT

# Ainge helps BYU befuddle TCU in rout



Brigham Young guard Austin Ainge brings the ball up during the court against TCU at the Mountain West Conference men's basketball tournament in Las Vegas on Thursday. BYU won 77-64.

LAS VEGAS — Austin Ainge was chilled to the bone, not by the cold, but by his red-hot game.

Ainge's speed and athleticism helped lead No. 23 BYU past TCU 77-64 Thursday in the quarterfinals of the Mountain West Conference tournament at the really well air-conditioned Thomas & Mack Center.

"They kept the gym at 20 degrees," Ainge said as he warmed up after his dizzying display of jaw-dropping, no-look passes that befuddled the Horned Frogs and thrilled the shivering fans.

"It was so cold I had icicles falling off of me," Ainge said.

With Ainge running the point, Trent Plaisted scored 22 points, Mike Rose added 16, including four 3-pointers and Jimmy Balderson chipped in 10, each of them helping make up for the Frogs' attention on Keena Young, the conference player of the year and Cougars' leading scorer and rebounder who was held to eight points, nine below his average.

"Everyone has off nights," Plaisted said. "Some nights it's my night, some nights it's Keena's night. Mike Rose stepped up. Everyone stepped up."

Ainge led the way with seven assists by continually breaking the Frogs' full-court press to get his teammates easy baskets. The Cougars' point guard is the son of Danny Ainge, the former BYU All-American and NBA player who is the Boston Celtics executive director of basketball operations.

The top-seeded Cougars (24-7), coming off their first outright conference championship since 1987-88, never trailed and hardly were outmatched.

Rose sank four 3-pointers in a 5-minute span — a fifth was waived off after the official thought it hit the shot clock before dropping through the hoop — to help the Cougars break it open at 57-41 midway through the second half.

TCU (13-17) got 23 points from Kevin Langford and 13 from Ferni Ilikubule but only two from Trent

Hackett, who was hounded relentlessly by Lee Cummand 48 hours after playing a career-best 24 points in a win over New Mexico.

## Wyoming 67, Air Force 62

LAS VEGAS — Air Force coach Jeff Bzdelik refused to make a case for an NCAA Tournament bid Thursday after his players failed to do their part.

"The only thing that matters is what the committee decides," Bzdelik said after the Falcons' 67-62 quarterfinal loss to Wyoming in the Mountain West Conference tournament.

"We put ourselves in this position. We're at their mercy," he said.

His players were holding out hope after the academy's once-solid designs on a run through March Madness took a serious blow at the hands of Ired Jones, who scored 23, and Brandon Ewing, who added 19.

The Falcons (23-8) have gone 6-7 after a 17-1 start and a rise in

## No. 25 UNLV 80, Utah 54

LAS VEGAS — Of all the kids Lon Kruger has coached over the years, he has a special place in his heart for this one, and not just because he's leading UNLV's return to power.

Kevin Kruger, a fifth-year senior who transferred from Arizona State to play for his father this season, scored 21 points and the 25th-ranked Runnin' Rebels celebrated their return to the rankings with an 80-54 quarterfinal win over Utah.

Wendell White and Wink Adams each added 15 points for UNLV, which easily withstood 26 points and 10 rebounds from Luke Nevill.

The Utes (11-19) led most of the first half, but after going 8-of-12 from the floor, they made just one of their last 12 shots.

—The Associated Press

WAC TOURNAMENT

# Boise State upsets Fresno State

## Larry scores 18 in victory

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Boise State guard Reggie Larry used his head to knock Fresno State's leading scorer out of the game, then put away the Bulldogs with his shooting touch.

Karl hit five free throws in the final minute and helped with a late steal that sealed Boise State's 76-73 win over Fresno State in a Western Athletic Conference quarterfinal game Thursday.

Boise State (17-13) rallied from a 14-point halftime deficit behind the scoring of Karl. He had 11 of his 13 points in the second half and sparked the comeback.

Former College of Southern Idaho star Reggie Larry scored a team-high 18 points for Boise State and also pulled down 10 rebounds.

The Broncos also benefited when Fresno State's Quinton Hosley was ejected with 17:14 left in the game for throwing an elbow that connected with Karl's head.

Hosley, averaging 14.4 points a game, finished with two points.

"He sparks everything for them," said Karl. "When he went out it kind of turned things toward us. After that we felt we had the advantage."

Fresno State coach Steve Cleveland agreed the complexion of the game and the Bulldogs' game plan changed with Hosley out.

"It's definitely frustrating when you lose a game in which you have complete control," Cleveland said. "Defensively, when Quinton was ejected, it really hurt us. For seven, eight minutes, we had trouble defending the post."

But Cleveland also said the officials made the right call in calling Hosley for the flagrant foul.

"I know Quinton made a mistake and he knows he made a mistake," Cleveland said. "He lost his composure."

Fresno State (22-9) had its six-game winning streak



Boise State's Reggie Larry dunks in front of Fresno State's Dominic McDuffie (3) in the second half of a quarterfinal basketball game at the WAC men's tournament in Las Cruces, N.M., Thursday. Boise State won 76-73.

snapped. The Bulldogs had just one field goal over the final four minutes, but still had a chance in the final seconds.

Boise State had a 76-70 lead with 34.5 seconds left after two free throws by Karl and two more by Eric Lane gave Fresno State's Hector Hernandez followed with a 3-

pointer with 26 seconds left, and the Bulldogs then forced a turnover on Boise State's inbound pass.

Fresno State called a timeout but Boise State's defense prevented the Bulldogs from getting a good look, and Karl and teammate Anthony Thomas stole the ball from Fresno guard Eddie Miller

with two seconds left.

Karl said it was Thomas who stripped Miller of the ball.

"He made me look good, but Anthony did all the work," Karl said.

Karl, an 83 percent free throw shooter, finished 6 of 8 from the line and one up on Hosley in their on court jostling.

"He was a little frustrated and luckily it turned out in our favor," Karl said.

Seth Robinson scored 15 and Thomas added 11, part of a Boise State bench that outscored Fresno State's bench 26-4. The Broncos also out-rebounded Fresno State 49-25 and had 19 offensive boards.

Kevin Bell scored 20 points and Hernandez had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Bulldogs.

Boise State, the sixth-seeded team in the tournament, moves on to Thursday's semifinal against the winner of the late game between New Mexico State and Louisiana Tech.

## Utah St. 73, Hawaii 70

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Jaycee Carroll scored 24 points and came up with a late offensive rebound that helped Utah State beat Hawaii 73-70 in the quarterfinals of the Western Athletic Conference tournament Thursday.

No. 4 seed Utah State (22-10) moves on to play top-seed and No. 10 ranked Nevada (28-3) in today's semifinals.

Hawaii (18-13) might have played its last game under longtime coach Riley Wallace. Wallace, the school's all-time career leader in wins with 334, announced earlier he was retiring at the end of the season.

Carroll, who had a double-double with 13 rebounds, hit the first of two free throws with 5.9 seconds left for the final margin. The ball went out of bounds in a scramble after Carroll's miss and Hawaii got the possession, but with just 2.2 seconds left.

Hawaii got the ball to Matt Lofski, who raced into the frontcourt and put up a 3-pointer that bounced off the back of the rim.

—The Associated Press



Idaho's Desmond Hrooka (50) tries to grab a rebound as teammate Keoni Watson (5) and Nevada's David Ellis look on in a quarterfinal game at the WAC men's tournament in Las Cruces, N.M., Thursday.

# Pack shreds Vandals

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Nevada is trying to make sure it's well rested for what the No. 10 Wolf Pack hope will be an extended run in the NCAA tournament.

Marcelus Kemp scored 14 points and coach Mark Fox gave his starters plenty of down time in an 88-56 win over Idaho in the quarterfinals of the Western Athletic Conference tournament Thursday.

Not only did the starters catch a breather, but Nevada's reserves, including three freshmen, got some significant playing time that may come in handy down the road.

"They needed the experience, period," Fox said. "It's the first time they've played as a group over an extended period of time. I was really pleased they were able to get some minutes and string them together."

Only one starter, guard Ramon Sessions, played more than 20 minutes.

The Wolf Pack (28-3) hit their first three shots and didn't need their first-time conference player of the year Nick Fazekas to quickly put away the smaller, younger and overmatched Vandals (4-27).

"We played very well to open the game and establish a lead, then we were able to get lots of guys some good time," Fox said.

Kemp, who at 6-foot-5 and 210 pounds has the quickness of a guard and strength of a

power forward, got the run going with a 10-foot jumper and a 3-pointer. The Wolf Pack built a 12-3 lead 3 minutes into the game. By the time Fazekas scored on a baseline hook with 11:54 left in the first half, the lead was 28-10.

Idaho never posed a threat against Nevada, which didn't hesitate to go deep into the basket. Ten Wolf Pack players scored in the first half as the lead grew to 49-23 by halftime.

"Nevada is actually really good," first-year Idaho coach George Pfeifer said with a smile. "They just shot the cover off the ball and we kind of got back on our heels. Every time we turned around, the ball was going in the hole."

Idaho, the ninth seed in the conference tournament, was led by freshman David Jackson with 17 points and guard Keoni Watson with 15. The Vandals, who snapped a 12-game losing streak with a win over San Jose State in the tournament's play-in game Tuesday, got no closer than 76-52 in the second half.

Fazekas, who came into the tournament averaging 21 points and 11.3 rebounds a game, took just two shots and had only two points in the first half. For a while, his 58-game streak of double-figure scoring appeared in jeopardy, but he took care of that by scoring the Wolf Pack's first six points of the second half and added a jumper in the lane with 13:12 left.

—The Associated Press

# Defense pushing Shaq, Heat up Eastern Conference standings

MIAMI (AP) — Alonzo Mourning rose and swatted Tyrus Thomas' dunk attempt away, then shouted at his Miami Heat teammates to stand and cheer.

He was so menacing that a referee, thinking Mourning yelled at him, seemed poised to call a technical foul. Alas, there was no need — Mourning was merely illustrating how seriously he and Miami take defense these days.

"When you're a shot blocker, guys are going to test you," Mourning said. "I like my chances."

Right now, everyone in the Heat locker room likes his chances. Miami's 103-70 win over Chicago on Wednesday was the Heat's biggest

victory this season, plus their 10th straight win at home — and no opponent has topped 93 points in those contests. The Heat are sixth in the Eastern Conference standings, three games behind Washington in the Southeast Division.

"It was time to pick our defense up," Heat center Shaquille O'Neal said after Wednesday's win moved the defending NBA champions (31-2) a season-best two games over .500. "Say defense wins championships. Well, we're shooting the ball well and playing pretty good defense. We keep playing like this, we'll be fine."

And Mourning's block on Thomas, Shaq?

"Alonzo is the second-best shot blocker in the history of the game," O'Neal said. "I'm first of course."

Mourning — who blocked four shots and took none in 11½ minutes of play Wednesday — is maybe the best example of the defense-first Heat these days, but he's hardly the only one.

James Posey took six charges in the game, including on back-to-back possessions twice in the second half. And everyone in the primary Heat rotation either registered at least one block or one steal in the game, part of how Miami managed 26 points off turnovers, the team's third-highest total this season.

"This is what I want from them,"

Heat coach Pat Riley said. "This is what we did in the playoffs last year and we didn't even come close to this at the start of the season. But guys are in better shape. Guys see the light at the end of the tunnel. They see the season winding down. They also know they're in a fight for home-court position and they've got to fight for it, so they're raising their level."

Since reigning NBA finals MVP Dwyane Wade was lost indefinitely with a dislocated right shoulder, the Heat have gone 5-2, plus are 3-0 on their current six-game homestand which resumes Friday against Minnesota.

And the defensive numbers are impressive.

## Bulls top Magic

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Ben Gordon scored 25 points and Kirk Hinrich had 17 in the Chicago Bulls' 100-76 victory over the Orlando Magic on Thursday night.

Luol Deng added 15 points and a season-high 14 rebounds for the Bulls, who bounced back from their worst loss of the season, a 103-70 defeat at Miami last night.

The Bulls used a 14-0 run in the middle of the second quarter to seize control of a game they dominated.

—The Associated Press

# Replacing Lewis: McGahee joins Ravens

The Associated Press

Willis McGahee is in place as Jamal Lewis' replacement in Baltimore.

The day after Lewis signed with the Cleveland Browns, the Ravens obtained McGahee from Buffalo for three draft picks — a third and a seventh in this year's draft and a third in 2008.

"We're getting a dynamic back who has the potential to diversify our running game," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "We've studied him, and he brings the same passion and preparation that is common to Miami players, like our guy Lewis and Ed Reed."

Atlanta, meanwhile, reached agreement with wide receiver Joe Horn, who is expected to play a lead role in new coach Bobby Petrino's efforts to build a better passing game. And St. Louis signed tight end Randy McMichael, who was released last week by Miami.



Buffalo Bills running back Willis McGahee (21) was traded to the Baltimore Ravens Thursday for three draft picks.

McGahee has been available since the end of the season and several teams had interest. But none was willing to put together a package of draft picks that satisfied Buffalo.

McGahee is coming off a season with a career-low 399 yards rushing, but led the Bills with six touchdowns rushing in 14 starts.

In 2005, he rushed for 1,247 yards and five touchdowns in 15 starts. He established himself as Buffalo's starter in 2006 with 1,128 yards rushing and 13 touchdowns in 11 starts.

He was attractive to the Ravens after the falloff by Lewis, who since rushing for 2,087 yards in 2003 has been bothered by injuries and wear. He averaged just 3.4 yards and 3.6 carries per carry the last two seasons. Baltimore released him last week.

"I've got a lot left in the tank

when I have something to work with, and I feel Cleveland is going to give me that opportunity to do what I do," Lewis said in a teleconference with Ohio reporters.

The 35-year-old Horn, a fixture in New Orleans who was cut by the Saints after seven seasons, missed nine games the last two seasons with groin and hamstring injuries, including six games last year. Negotiations with the Falcons gained momentum after Horn passed a physical by the team.

The Falcons led the NFL in rushing for the third straight year, but finished last with only 148 yards passing per game. Petrino plans to add more

three- and four-receiver sets to the offense led by Michael Vick.

Horn will join the team as a starter, but also will be called on to serve as a position leader for Michael Jenkins and Roddy White, first-round picks who have struggled with inconsistency.

"I didn't come here to be flashy. I didn't come here to stand in front of the cameras," Horn said after signing a four-year, \$19 million contract. "I came here to lead by example."

"I'm going to call them out and talk to them. I want to get some words across to them and let them know where my heart is first. I want them to know — I'm not here to shine

on you, man. I came here to help. I came here to be a part of something new, something that's going to take off to the next level."

McMichael has averaged 65 receptions the last three seasons at a position where the Ravens' leader last season was rookie Joe Klopffenstein with 200.

"This has been in the works for a while," said Ravens coach Scott Lincum, who was the Dolphins' offensive coordinator in 2005. "We even considered trading for him. He is an every-down tight end and a proven starter in the league."

Seattle released fifth defensive end Grant Wistrom after three years of struggling to match the big contract he signed in 2004.

Wistrom was scheduled to make \$5.5 million for the 2007 season, part of a six-year, \$33 million deal Wistrom signed during the 2004 offseason. His contract included a then-club-record \$14 million in guaranteed money, but Wistrom never posted big numbers with the Seahawks.

His release came one day after the Seahawks introduced new DE Patrick Kerney, who signed a six-year, \$39.5 million contract after leaving Atlanta as a free agent.

In other moves:

- Miami signed former New York Giants kicker Jay Feely and former Chicago safety Cameron Mitchell, and re-signed 350-pound defensive tackle Keith Traylor.
- Arizona signed safety Terrence Holt, a former Detroit Lion and the brother of Rams receiver Torry Holt.
- Cincinnati re-signed tight end Reggie Kelly.
- Philadelphia signed wide receiver and kick returner Bethel Johnson, who played for Minnesota last season.

# Kresge rides 2 eagles to the lead at Innisbrook

PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP) — Cliff Kresge nearly holed out from the fairway twice with a wedge, but he swung when his 5-iron from 184 yards headed toward the flag Thursday, his caddy instinctively said. "Go in this time."



Arnon Oberholzer watches his tee shot on the ninth hole during the first round of the POGS Championship golf tournament Thursday in Palm Harbor, Fla. Oberholzer shot a 4-under-par 67.

And it did.

It was one of two eagles for Kresge, who was 4 under through 11 holes until a few errant drives down the stretch made him settle for a 6-under 65 and a two-shot lead in the POGS Championship, the first time he has ever led any round in 114 starts on the PGA Tour.

Among those at 67 was Arnon Oberholzer, who believes he has a grip on his back problems with an innovative workout routine.

"For 11 holes, it was a dream round," Kresge said. "And then I kind of got in my way a little bit at the end. Still, 6 under is darn good."

He was so flawless with his irons that the longest putt he made was from 10 feet for eagle on No. 11, and while Kresge knew he was playing well, the scoreboard offered even greater proof. At one point, he was five shots clear of the field.

"That was kind of funny," Kresge said. "It's not a course that's going to give up 8 under after 11. Everything was just happening."

Most players were curious about the Copperhead course at Innisbrook, one of the best on tour in Florida. This tournament had been held in the fall since it began in 2000, a time when the fairways are crisper and quick, and the Bermuda grass is tricky.

With eye grass keeping the course green and lush, it didn't allow anyone to rest away, even though Kresge tried.

"It played a lot longer than it has ever played," Jesper Parnevik said after a 68. "We hit shots into the green that you would never see dream about hitting in the fall."

The greens added to the adventure, firm and fast, with a tinge of brown from being mowed so tight.

"The greens react like they're dead," said Tim Herron, who chipped in for birdie on his last hole for a 73. "When you get real close to the greens, they're actually brown. It was tough."

Kresge had a simple solu-

tion for that, not leaving himself much distance between the ball and the cup.

He got up-and-down on the par-5 15th, then hit wedge into a hole on the third. After laying up on the par-5 16th, he hit another wedge that spun within 18 inches of the cup. Then came No. 6, where Kresge found his ball at the front edge of a divot. He swung between clubs and opted for the 5-iron, playing a cut shot because of a lie that favored a hook.

Oberholzer was joined at 67 by Daniel Chopra and rookies Anthony Kim and Doug LaBelle.

Vijay Singh, the only player from the top 10 in the world ranking at Innisbrook, was at 70, along with Nissan Open champion Charles Howell III and Sergio Garcia.

Oberholzer has back problem that are certainly not unique to him.

**Two share first-round lead in Singapore**

SINGAPORE — Australia's Marcus Fraser and China's Liang Wencheng shot 68 to share the first-round lead in the Singapore Masters.

Both players had long, free rounds on the Laguna National Golf and Country Club's Classic Course. The first two rounds will be played in the more Masters Course.

The tournament is sanctioned by the European and Asian tour.

— The Associated Press

# Criticism mounts over new golf event having short field

PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP) — Saying he was "insulted" by the prospect of Tiger Woods' return to the PGA Tour, a group of 105 players, which the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill has a minimum of 120 players, although 133 eligible players already have committed to play next week in Orlando.

The Memorial Tournament has a minimum of 105 players, while the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill has a minimum of 120 players, although 133 eligible players already have committed to play next week in Orlando.

Finechem said several details have not been finalized for the tournament, which will be run by the Tiger Woods Foundation.

"I've had some preliminary conversations with our board and I have to believe that we will work with Tiger and the foundation to fine-tune it," Finechem said at a press conference Wednesday. "But my

guess is that at the end of the day, the field size will be commensurate with what you generally see in invitationals, which is a somewhat limited field."

This caught several players by surprise.

"I was shocked when I heard that," Brad Faxon said. "We've got players looking for spots, and we're replacing a tournament that had a field with the amount of tournaments we have that are invitationals, it doesn't make sense to do more."

Other invitationals on the PGA Tour include the MCI Heritage and the Colonial. That doesn't include the three World Golf Championships.

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criticism mounts over new golf event having short field.

# Cal shocks fourth-ranked UCLA with overtime upset

LOS ANGELES — Ayinde Ubaka scored eight of his career-high 29 points in overtime and California stunned fourth-ranked UCLA 76-69 in the Pac-10 tournament quarterfinals Thursday night.

UCLA's second straight loss dealt a serious blow to its hopes of being a No. 1 seed in next week's NCAA tournament.

The five-minute overtime turned into a blowout, with Cal outscoring the Bruins 15-8.

The game was a rematch of last year's Pac-10 title game, won by UCLA on its way to a runner-up finish in the national championship game.

Ryan Anderson added 18 points for the eighth-seeded Golden Bears (16-16), who blew a 16-point first-half lead but survived to advance to a semifinal Friday night against Oregon.

Darren Colson had 20 points, Josh Slipp 19 and Luc Richard Mbah a Moute 13 for the top-seeded Bruins (26-5), who lost their regular-season finale at Washington.

UCLA's Arron Affalo, the Pac-10's player of the year, had his worst offensive performance of the season with three points, ending a streak of 29 games in double figures.



California's Ayinde Ubaka celebrates after hitting a 3-pointer during the final minutes of a second-round game against UCLA at the Pac 10 men's basketball tournament in Los Angeles Thursday. California stunned No. 4 UCLA, 76-69 in overtime.

late Thursday night.

Mark Dorris led the Thundering herd (13-19) with 21 points, and Markel Humphrey scored 14.

## Big East Tournament

### No. 9 Georgetown 62, Villanova 57

NEW YORK — Roy Hibbert scored eight of his 14 points in Georgetown's opening 26-2 run, and the Hoyas held on for a victory over ninth-seeded Villanova in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

Jeff Green added 12 points and nine rebounds for the top-seeded Hoyas (24-6), who advanced a semifinal Friday against Notre Dame.

Curtis Sumpter scored 18 points for Villanova (22-10), which had its four-game winning streak end.

### No. 20 Notre Dame 89, Syracuse 83

NEW YORK — Russell Carter scored 24 points to help Notre Dame beat Syracuse in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament, ending the Orange's bid for a third straight championship.

Collin Falls scored 23 points, including seven 3-pointers, for Notre Dame (24-6), which finished fourth in the conference and received a first-round bye. Freshman Luke Harangody added 20 points.

Harris finished with a career-high 24 points and 15 rebounds for Syracuse (22-10), which had won the last two Big East championships and eight straight tournament games — one short of Connecticut's record of nine set from 1998-2000.

Eric Devoroff added 19 for the Orange. Dometris Nichols, who scored 28 points in Syracuse's opening round victory over Connecticut, had 17 — all but one in the second half.

### No. 12 Louisville 82, West Virginia 71, 2OT

NEW YORK — Terrence Williams scored 21 points and Earl Clark added 17 as Louisville beat West Virginia in double overtime in the quarterfinals of the Big East conference tournament.

David Padgett added 16 points for the

Cardinals (23-8), who blew a 17-point lead in the second half before outlasting the Mountaineers.

Edgar Sosa drove the length of the court throughout most of the West Virginia team and made left-handed layups at the buzzer to force overtime for the Cardinals.

Frank Young had 19 points and Da'Shon Butler added 17 for West Virginia (22-9), which used an 18-0 run in the second half to take its first lead of the game.

## ACC Tournament

### Miami 67, No. 17 Maryland 62

TAMPA, Fla. — Jack McClIntoon scored 17 points, Brian Asbury added 12 and undermanned Miami upset Maryland in the opening round of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Dwayne Collins had 12 points and 12 boards for the 12th-seeded Hurricanes (12-19), who nearly squandered a 15-point lead in the second half, but McClIntoon and Asbury combined to make five consecutive free throws in the final 34 seconds to snap the Terrapins' seven-game winning streak.

Mike Jones led the fifth-seeded Terrapins (24-7) with 15 points. D.J. Strawberry added 13 and James Gist finished with 12.

### North Carolina St. 85, No. 21 Duke 80, OT

TAMPA, Fla. — Freshman Brandon Costner scored a career-high 30 points and Engin Asur had all 21 of his points after halftime, helping 10th-seeded North Carolina State defeat defending tournament champion Duke in overtime.

Duke (22-10) had won seven of the previous eight ACC tournament titles, including a 23-point regular-season loss to Duke and beat it, nearly by the third time in the past 23 meetings between the schools. The Wolfpack advanced to Friday's quarterfinals against No. 21 seed Virginia.

Greg Paulus led Duke with 18 points, and Josh McRoberts and DeMarcus Nelson both scored 17.

— The Associated Press

## No. 16 Oregon 69, Arizona 50

LOS ANGELES — Tajuan Porter and Aaron Brooks burned Arizona combined for nine 3-pointers to help Oregon beat the Wildcats in the quarterfinals of the Pac-10 tournament.

Porter shot 8-of-12 — including 5-of-6 from 3-point range — for 21 points. Brooks, the Ducks' leading scorer, had all 16 of his points in the first 13 minutes to help put Oregon ahead for good. He shot 6-of-13, including 4-of-8 from outside the arc.

The fourth-seeded Ducks (24-7) have won five straight games.

Jordan Hill led Arizona (20-10) with 15 points and 14 rebounds. Marcus Williams added 13 points and freshman Chase Budinger had 10 for the Wildcats, whose 50 points were a season-low.

## Conference USA Tournament

### No. 5 Memphis 92, Marshall 71

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Donelac Mack and Jeremy Hunt scored 19 points apiece to lead Memphis to victory over Marshall in the quarter-

finals of the Conference USA tournament.

Joy Dorsey had 14 points and 11 rebounds for Memphis (28-3), which recorded its 20th straight victory, the longest streak winning streak in the nation. Chris Douglas-Roberts added 11 points, and Robert Dozier had 10.

Memphis will play in a semifinal Friday against the winner of the Tulsa-Tulane game

TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: Cloudy periods and a small chance of showers. Highs middle 50s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows upper 30s.
Tomorrow: A slim risk of showers persists. Highs near 60.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today Tonight Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday
Cloudy periods, small chance of showers. Mostly cloudy. A slim risk of showers. Mild and mostly dry. Sunny early, then partly cloudy. A chance of showers.

Yesterday's Weather
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Coeur d'Alene 48 32 017
Lewiston 49 37 013
Joniha 56 30 011
Malia 54 41 016
Rathbun 48 34 016
Gardley 39 22 023

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: Mostly cloudy and pleasant. A small chance of showers exists. Highs low 50s.
Tonight: Some partial clearing expected. Lows 30s.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy with a slim threat of showers passing through. Highs upper 50s.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS
Temperature Precipitation Humidity Barometric Pressure Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's Low Month to Date 6.21
Yesterday's High 47.8
Yesterday's Humidity 64.5
Yesterday's Barometric Pressure 30.19
Yesterday's Sunrise 7:58 AM
Yesterday's Sunset 7:41 PM

IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A slight chance of showers will linger across the region today through Saturday. A subtle drying trend will commence overnight Saturday resulting in a mild and dry day Sunday.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET
Saturday Moonrise: 12:48 AM Moonset: 8:28 AM
Sunday Moonrise: 12:48 AM Moonset: 8:28 AM

U.V. INDEX
Low Moderate High
The higher the index the more sun protection needed.

BOISE
A slight chance of showers will linger across the region today through Saturday. A subtle drying trend will commence overnight Saturday resulting in a mild and dry day Sunday.

REGIONAL FORECAST
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NATIONAL FORECAST
City Today Tomorrow
Albany HI Lo W HI Lo W
Albany 57 31 50 30 30 57 31 50 30 30

NORTHERN UTAH
Shower activity from northern Utah today and tomorrow. High pressure returns Sunday with mild temperatures and dry conditions.

WORLD FORECAST
City Today Tomorrow
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP
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GREG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."
Denzel Washington

CANADIAN FORECAST
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Calgary HI Lo W HI Lo W
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP
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MLB: SPRING TRAINING

If it's spring training, Braves' Hampton must be hurt

The Associated Press
Mike Hampton is hurt again, and this time it has nothing to do with his arm.
The Atlanta Braves' left-hander injured his left side during batting practice, and won't be ready for the start of the regular season.
Hampton, starting the seventh season of a \$121 million, eight-year contract, will miss the rest of spring training and could be out as long as two months.
The Braves had been counting on him to bolster a rotation that includes John Smoltz, Tim Lincecum and Chuck James.
"I think I pulled it pretty bad," Hampton said Thursday in Kissimmee, Fla. "There's nothing you can do about it now except try to get it healed up and get it better."
Hampton was taking batting practice Wednesday at the Braves' complex while the team was playing the Detroit Tigers in nearby Lakeland. He fell to the ground in pain after a swing, prompting fears that he broke a rib.
X-rays were negative and



Atlanta Braves infielder Chipper Jones shows frustration after taking a strike against the New York Yankees in a spring training baseball game in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on Thursday.

slower than expected. Now, he isn't likely to return to the majors before May.
"I've heard anything from four weeks to six to eight weeks," Hampton said. "I guess I can officially say I have been kicked in my face. I guess the only silver lining is my elbow will get a little more time."
In Phoenix, the Oakland Athletics said Milton Bradley will play center fielder while Mark Kotsay recovers from back surgery Thursday, a process that could take up to three months.
"We'll have to deal with it," Bradley said. "I know he agonized over it the past couple of years. It's good he's taking care of it so he doesn't have to go out and play in pain."
In Jupiter, Fla., the St. Louis Cardinals said pitcher Josh Kinney needs elbow ligament-replacement surgery and will likely miss the entire season.
After pitching three innings in a spring training game Monday, Kinney said he could not flex his arm fully.
"It just locked up on me after the game," Kinney said. "It

stinks, because I was really looking forward to being a part of this clubhouse this year."
In Dunedin, Fla., Frank Thomas made his first appearance for the Toronto Blue Jays, going 1-for-3 with an RBI in a "B" game against the Philadelphia Phillies.
Thomas is scheduled to be a designated hitter in Friday's game against the Houston Astros.
A.J. Burnett started in the "B" game and allowed three runs and four hits in three innings, striking in his careerball for the first time. He struck out two and walked one.

"I prefer to start late like this because you know what you're doing out there," said Thomas, who signed an \$18.12 million, two-year contract. "You've had enough BP; enough cage work to know when you're doing out there."
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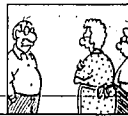
A spring tradition fades for pitchers

Fewer hurlers run on warning track
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Brad Penny finished his two-inning stint, then took off on the dead run. The All-Star ace cut across the field at Dodgerstown, darted behind the right-field fence and ducked into the clubhouse.
Almost out of sight, too, is one of the great spring training traditions: pitchers jogging around the outfield warning track after their exhibition outings.
"It's weird that nobody does it anymore," San Francisco reliever Steve Kline said.
Like doubleheaders, infos and the pregame routine of pepper, this in-game treat on the track has faded like an aging right-hander. Instead, most pitchers retreat to back fields.
"Yep, it's part of the spring training charm going away, but really it just makes sense," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said.
"Which is fine with Greg Maddux.
"...I'm glad it's disappeared," he said after pitching three innings Thursday for San Diego. "Who wants to run in the outfield after a spring training game?"
Maddux, in fact, would rather skip running altogether.
"I did it when I was a rookie and they made you," he said. "We're baseball players. We're not Olympians."
For those who want to, teams prefer that their pitchers stick to practice fields. They can work there in private and stay out of harm's way — no heckling from fans and no chance of getting hit by a David Ortiz drive into the gap, either.
At some places, it's more than a suggestion. At Legends Field, it's an order.
"A sign on the door leading from the locker room to the dugout succinctly tells New York Yankees opponents: Do not use main field for jacking during games. Use practice field A3.

"It started here," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said Thursday. "George Steinbrenner thought it kind of cheapened spring training to see players running on the field during games, even if it was a tradition to some people."
"One of my first job requirements when I started with the Yankees was to go over to the visiting clubhouse before every game, find the visiting clubhouse manager and have him tell the players to stay off the field when they were done," he said. "I did not want a call from our owner in the third inning, asking why there were guys out there."
Those foul line-to-foul line jogs always made for a unique scene in spring training. They also let fans hope to see a star that might scatter some unsuspecting pitchers.
"I spent a lot of time on those tracks, and I never got hit," Yankees pitching coach Ron Guidry said. "We used to run out there all the time. You don't see it anymore, so you don't remember the way it was. It's the way of the world."
For many pitchers, those midgame jogs were a good chance to socialize with ex-teamsates. Plus, they provided a nice view of the field when something interesting was happening.
During an Angels-Abbots exhibition in 1998 at old Phoenix Municipal Stadium, it was noticeable when a couple of players stopped in their tracks to watch rookie Jim Abbott face Jose Canseco. Abbott struck him out, and the running resumed.
At many of the newer complexes, such as the one Florida and St. Louis have in Jupiter, there are bunches of practice fields. That's where pitchers head after they're done for the day.
"Right next to the training room, so it's real close. It's much better. They can get their work done back there. No need pitching coach Rick Kranz said. "There's no lining for that."

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## YOUR WEEKEND

# LOST IN YONKERS

**Looking back**  
 What: The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Neil Simon's play "Lost in Yonkers."  
 Where: CSI Fine Arts Theater, Twin Falls.  
 When: Today and Saturday, 8 p.m. How much: Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students/seniors, and can be purchased at the CSI Fine Arts Box Office or by calling 732-6781 or 732-6783.



**Golly gee, fellas**  
 What: Oakley Valley Arts Council will perform Jerry Herman's musical "Hello, Dolly!"  
 Where: Howell's Opera House, Oakley.  
 When: Today at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.  
 How much: Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARTS.

**Leapin' lizards!**  
 What: St. Thomas Playhouse will present Charles Strouse and Martin Chamin's musical "Annie."  
 Where: neoStage Theater, Ketchum.  
 When: Today, Saturday and Sunday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.  
 How much: Tickets, which are \$19 for adults and \$12 for youth 18 and under, are available at Iconocast Books in Ketchum or Haley, or by phoning 726-5349, Ext. 13.



**Master of the house**  
 What: Magic Valley School of Performing Arts will stage Claude-Michel Schonberg, Alain Boublil and Hervé Kretzmer's musical "Les Misérables."  
 Where: Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls.  
 When: Today and Saturday, 7 p.m.  
 How much: Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, Everybody's Business and The Laughing Dandy.



**An evening in Paris**  
 What: The Magic Valley Arts Council will sponsor "La Mésange et le Jardin Rouge," a French-themed fundraising event featuring food, dancing, entertainment, an auction and a raffle.  
 Where: The Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls.  
 When: Saturday, 7 p.m.  
 How much: Tickets, which are \$40, are available at the arts council's office at 132 Main Ave. S. or by phoning 734-ARTS.

**Rock on**  
 What: Magic Valley Gem Club will hold its Rock and Gem Show this weekend.  
 Where: Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.  
 When: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 How much: Admission is \$2 for adults. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

# Community college district gains support

## Backers gather 3,200 signatures in Ada and Canyon counties

"It's long overdue and we're glad that this grass-roots effort has popped up over the last three weeks."

**The Associated Press**  
 BOISE — Backers of a community college in southwestern Idaho have collected enough signatures to file petitions asking for the creation of a community college district.  
 The group Community College YES! collected about 3,200 signatures in Ada and Canyon counties in under three weeks. The petitions were filed Wednesday with the Canyon County clerk. Backers of the school say that's where it

would likely be built.  
 "The Treasure Valley is the largest metropolitan area in the nation, with 700,000 people, that does not have a community college district," said Art Swift, Community College YES! media coordinator. "It's long overdue and we're glad that this grass-roots effort has popped up over the last three weeks."  
 The petitions next go to the State Board of Education, which must decide if a community college in the area

would work.  
 If the board allows the petition to proceed, Canyon County commissioners would then set a date for a vote.  
 Ada County also would have a vote on the same day, possibly May 22. To pass, two-thirds of the ballots cast must approve of the new district.  
 The vote would not set property tax rates.  
 "I really believe that the plan is solid, that the cost of it to the taxpayer is affordable and the payback is immeasurable,"

said Nampa Mayor Tom Dale.  
 "It provides opportunities for local kids, and for local businesses as well. The role of a full-service community college is much greater than just providing education for high school graduates."  
 He said having a community college in the area would offer training for workers as well as draw new businesses.

**— Art Swift, Community College YES!**  
 The president and CEO of the Nampa Chamber of Commerce also backed the proposal.  
 "It means the first step in an opportunity to create a comprehensive community college for the people in the valley to have opportunities to further their education, get better jobs, learn new skills," said Georgia Bowman-Gunstream.



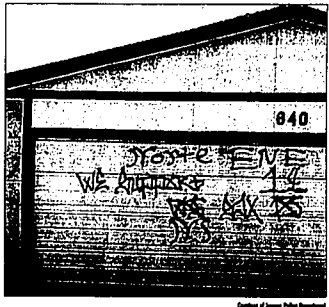
# Criminal ART

## Graffiti cropping up around Jerome; police search for spray paint artists

**By Cassidy Friedman**  
**Times-News writer**  
 JEROME — Anyone could have spray-painted "SIX" and "S" on Jerome Freewill Baptist Church's west wall or "MS-13" on a South Davis Street home.  
 "I don't think it's the gang," said Jerome Police Chief Dan Hall of MS-13 and other gangs. "I suspect there is someone in our community maybe idolizing the actions of that particular group."  
 Blue-green graffiti painted between Feb. 22 and 27 caused \$12,000 in damage to houses, businesses and a church, prompting one resident to contribute \$250 to the city's \$500 reward for a conviction.  
 Last weekend, police found more graffiti. On one garage door, red paint purporting to be by a different gang cancelled out the older blue graffiti.

**How to help**  
 The Jerome Police Department asks anyone with information to call 324-4328. The city is offering \$750 for information that leads to a conviction in the cases.

MS-13, (Mara, slang for a young group of people or mob; Salva, an abbreviation for El Salvador; and Truca slang for "on guard") is not in Jerome or Idaho, said John Morton, supervisory senior resident agent of the FBI in Boise.  
 The FBI, however, obtains much of its information from local law enforcement agencies. Morton said Hall would be able to gauge gang activity in his town better than he could.  
 "You establish evidence by a couple different factors," Morton said. "One is word of mouth, by informants, by graffiti, by tattoos and by word of mouth of those that are arrested."  
 Hall said somebody could be trying to start a gang.  
 Graffiti was found on The Shoe and Truck Shop, the Movie Gallery, some vehicles and several homes. Along the side of a truck, graffiti contains a threat. Blue graffiti on a home garage



These photos taken by the Jerome Police Department show several examples of the graffiti painted across town between Feb. 22 and 27.

was crossed out by red graffiti, ostensibly by players in a small rivalry that years ago police called dead.  
 "We've had no gang violence for a long time," Hall said. "We've had continuous drops in violent crime for about three to four years now."  
 Police have no suspects.  
 A city ordinance requires that victims of graffiti remove it at their expense. Once a culprit is caught, victims can seek restitution.  
 "If people care about their

community, they need to call us," Hall said. "We need to send the message that we are not going to tolerate this kind of stuff. If you allow things to go unchecked, it's a breeding ground for more crime," Hall said. "Somebody sprays graffiti and another group says we are going to X that out and spray our own graffiti."  
 The city of Jerome is offering a \$750 reward for anyone with information leading to an arrest and conviction in these crimes.

# Wendell council chooses wastewater system

**By Blair Koch**  
**Times-News correspondent**  
 WENDELL — City officials took the advice of their engineers and chose a wastewater system they hope will meet current and future city needs.  
 Instead of building a membrane bioreactor or upgrading its lagoon system, Wendell will use an oxidation ditch as its wastewater treatment system. The decision was made at the March 1 city council meeting. The system should be less expensive to build than an MBR, and will keep monthly user rates lower than previ-

ously thought.  
 The oxidation ditch works by separating solids from wastewater through a settling process, and gives the city much needed flexibility for the future, said J-U-B Engineer Mark Holzman.  
 It has about \$7.8 million in capital costs, versus \$10.7 million to \$11.8 million needed for an MBR. The ditch system also is cheaper to build than expanding the current lagoon system.

**Filer council weighs sewer options**  
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"The driving cost for the lagoons and land application system is the land needed to do it," said Holzman. "Wendell would need to buy about 240 acres, and even though expanding the lagoons is a decent percentage of the capital costs, it isn't the primary cost driver."  
 Mayor Rex Strickland said the system will help cap monthly user fees.  
 "We looked at all the systems, and with this one we can use property we already have and can upgrade it in the future while keeping costs low," Strickland said.



# Committee kills animal products bill

**By Jared S. Hopkins**  
**Times-News writer**

BOISE — Saying the bill was unjustified, a Senate committee rejected a proposal Thursday to charge companies for each animal health product they register.  
 The Idaho State Department of Agriculture wanted to charge manufacturers \$50 when they registered products like drugs and supplements.  
 But the sole purpose was to raise money, and that didn't sit well with senators.  
 The bill was defeated, 5 to 4.

"Coming up with a set of regulations where someone has to go through a lot of steps for compliance just to raise taxes is the worst possible reason to regulate," Sen. Gary Schiendker, R-Moscow, said. "I'm beginning to understand why we have so many regulations that my constituents rant and rave about if this is the way we do things."

The fee would have raised about \$200,000 to pay for livestock disease control, including two and a half positions at the department and a veterinarian.  
 John Chathurn, the department's deputy administrator, said the disease control is not just for livestock but also small animals like birds and cats. He said the department has included the money in next budgets but the Legislature declined to approve it.

"This is a highly regulated industry and it doesn't need any more regulation," Sen. Bruce H. Richardson said. "It looks like we're trying to find the source of where there will be the least amount of sympathy toward the source and that's always big business, right? Sock it to big business."  
 Lawmakers also questioned the necessity of an emergency clause in the bill — which the ISDA said would not be enforced — that could subject the committee to violating the law when the bill takes effect July 1.  
 Four senators supported the bill, including Chairman Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Boihl, and Sen. Tim Corder, R-Mountain Home.

"What are we going to offer them as an alternative?" Corder asked, worried that the jobs will be eliminated and hurt the industry and the agency.  
 The committee, however, decided to form a committee to work with the ISDA on funding and hopefully not lose those positions.  
**Statehouse correspondent**  
 Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at (208) 343-0901 or jhopkins@magicalvalley.com.





IDAHO

# ISU asks for \$5 M for health care education site

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho State University asked legislators to budget writers Thursday for money to match a \$5 million donation from an undisclosed foundation to buy part of a warehouse where the Pocatello-based school wants to house health-science classes. It now offers elsewhere around Boise.

Some Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee members knew nothing of ISU's proposal until Wednesday and said they fear too much remains secret. As a result, discussions were postponed until next week.

The plan calls for spending \$17.5 million to buy and renovate a third of a 320,000-square-foot warehouse in Meridian from the Meridian School District. The district bought it last year from Jabil Circuit, which shut down in 2002.

Besides the \$5 million from the state and the foundation, ISU would sell bonds to raise the remaining \$7.5 million. The money would turn the university's share of the warehouse into space for programs including nursing, dental hygiene and EMT training. "It's a wonderful opportunity," said Kent Kuzs, the ISU lobbyist in Boise. The Meridian School District has not said a gracious offer to go into a partnership with them.

Proponents said this shouldn't be mistaken with plans for a

southwestern Idaho community college such as one now being pushed by city and business leaders in Boise, Meridian and Nampa. Rather, ISU's Meridian location would be a site where college students and 11th- and 12th-graders from around the region could take advantage of in-demand medical-field training from a four-year university at a single location.

Kurz said the private donation is contingent upon ISU buying the building. He declined to name the donor. "I will let them make their announcement," he said.

The Idaho State Board of Education held an executive session in late 2006 and again Feb. 22 on the plan, Kurz said. Public boards can hold closed sessions to discuss buying "an interest in real property," according to Idaho's open meeting law.

When asked if the impending \$5 million donation was the subject of the private meetings, Jeff Shinn, the board's fiscal officer, said: "When a board talks about purchasing real property, they talk about the funding sources that are going to be used to purchase that real property."

Shinn declined to describe the meetings of the board, which oversees Idaho's public universities.

Some JFAC members said ISU's last-minute proposal, accompanied by a mysterious donor and scant details hammered out in closed meetings, made them skittish, at least in

part because they remember the consequences of the University of Idaho's failed University Place project in 2002.

UI's \$136 million, three-building plan to expand in the state capital on growing Boise State University's turf left the Moscow school and its foundation millions in debt. "There's obviously some secrecy," said Rep. Margaret Herberst, D-Boise and a JFAC member. "I first heard about it last night. It's such a great idea...why did they wait until the end of the session to introduce it?"

Herberst added: "They said (about University Place) 'Just me, it's a great project.' It just feels like that, absent any

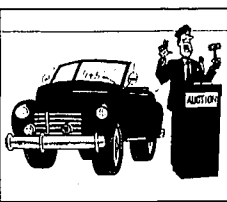
details. You get down to a lot of things that were discussed in executive session."

Some GOP lawmakers said they'd learned of the plan much earlier.

Sen. Steven Bair, R-Blackfoot, found out three weeks ago. And Sen. Stan Bastian, R-Eagle, heard last summer ISU was looking to consolidate its health care offerings near Boise. Bastian, also an Eagle city councilman, met with university officials in 2006 about a possible site in his city west of Boise before the school opened to look elsewhere, including Meridian, he said.

ISU could have been done more at Thursday's meeting to alleviate concerns of other JFAC members, he said.

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## Prosecutor: No charges against departed Idaho history chief

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Ada County won't file criminal charges against former Idaho State Historical Society Director Steve Guerber but is imposing payments to him over a five-year period, the county prosecutor said Wednesday.

Guerber has blamed the improper reimbursements on errors, not malfeasance. They were uncovered in October after a 2½-month investigation by the Idaho controller after state auditors reported problems with Guerber's travel accounts in August.

Prosecutor Greg Bower said Guerber couldn't be charged with a felony, due to a recent Idaho Appeals Court ruling that limits felony charges to cases against public officials whose "official position" includes "the receipt, safekeeping, transfer or reimbursement" of public money. Guerber's official duties were promoting Idaho history, not guarding public money. As a result, potential charges would have been misdemeanors.

The one-year statute of limitations had expired as well, Bower said. "We couldn't prove any case against Mr. Guerber beyond a reasonable doubt," Bower told The Associated Press. "With the Court of Appeals decision ... it takes away all of our felony options that extend that statute (of limitations) for five years."

The improper reimbursements Guerber claimed were for football tickets, golf fees, dozens of meals and travel for his family dating back to 2001.

Phone calls to Guerber's residence in Eagle, where he's a city councilman, weren't immediately returned.

Guerber, who resigned in November, has repaid the money, said Brad Hoaglin, chief of staff for Controller Donna Jones. The prosecutor met with the controller's office last week and indicated there would be no charges. Hoaglin said that was a disappointment.

"We did the audit. The prosecuting attorney said it was an excellent audit," Hoaglin said. "From the controller's perspective, it is always a concern when state employees abuse their position and taxpayer funds."

Guerber's improper payments have already prompted changes within the Historical Society.

Historian Director Keith Petersen's agency has created a new policy manual for staff

governing travel and has held orientations to familiarize the 46 employees with how to use state credit cards and file expense reports properly.

The legislative budget-writing committee also approved \$60,000 for the agency to hire a new financial officer to prevent similar problems.

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Becker & Van Tassel Farm Auction, Burley • Tractors • Ski Doo Trucks • 225 SR Beet Shares  
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Public Auto Auction, Twin Falls  
Cars • Trailers • Boats • RV's Equipment • Pickups • Trucks  
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**HUNTS AUTO AUCTION**

**THURSDAY, MAR. 15, 11:00am**  
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Bob & Flora Hainline Estate, Buhl  
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# Scout to be awarded Eagle at ceremony

TWIN FALLS — Paden R. Gonzales, 14, son of Garth Gonzales and Wendy Gonzales of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor at 5 p.m. today at the LDS Church, 624 Caywell Ave.



Gonzales

Paden has completed 36 merit badges. He qualifies for

the bronze, gold and silver palms. On Sept. 9, 2006, Boy Scout Troop 103 Snake River Council, under the direction of Paden Gonzales, and supervision of Eric Kriwox, Idaho Department of Lands, South Central Resource Specialist, conducted Paden's Eagle project. They picked up garbage on Bureau of Land Management property two miles north of Wendell. The

area covered about one square mile and the project involved more than 20 volunteers and about 100 labor hours.

Paden is a member of Troop No. 103 sponsored by the LDS Church. His leader is Randy Steel. He is in the eighth grade at Robert Stuart Junior High School where he is active in sports including football, track, wrestling and baseball. He also plays guitar.

# Desert Art Guild elects new officers



Desert Art Guild elected new officers as first order of business for the new year. From left are Dennis Dayley, secretary/treasurer; Judy West, president; and Don Clark, vice president.

BURLEY — The Desert Art Guild met at the studio of Donna Arbogast for the February meeting and elected new officers for the coming year.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 12 and will begin with changing the pictures in the King Fine Art Center followed by a paint day at 1:30 a.m. at the Springdale Art School, located at 495 E. 200 S., Burley.

The group welcomes visitors and members to bring materials, subjects to paint or draw, and a lunch. There will be easels, tables and a beverage provided.

For more information, call 438-4151.

# Horse club to hold auction

FILER — The Rock Creek Rebels 4-H Horse Club will hold its sixth annual Stallion Service Auction at the Filer Fairgrounds Saturday. A preview will be at noon with the auction beginning at 2 p.m.

For more information, call Suzanne at 423-6411, Kanie at 734-5317, or Tonya at 423-5952.

# Timber payments to be extended under deal with lawmakers

By Matthew Daly  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Payments to rural counties hurt by cutbacks in federal logging would continue for a year under a deal reached Thursday.

Four Oregon House members — Republican Greg Walden and Democrats Earl Blumenauer, Peter DeFazio and Darlene Hooley — said they had secured the one-year extension as part of an emergency spending bill for the Iraq war.

Details were still being worked out, but lawmakers said the measure called for spending \$400 million to help 700 counties in 39 states hurt by logging cutbacks. Most of the money goes to six Western states — Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska — although Mississippi, Arkansas and other rural states also receive significant payments.

Democratic leaders — including House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey, D-Miss., and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. — signed off on the deal, lawmakers said.

"The good news is that we have made great forward progress in forcing the federal government to keep its promise to rural communities," Walden said. "The bad news is that the president has already threatened to veto the emergency supplemental over other issues, so there is still much work left to be done for this to become law."

The White House said Thursday that Bush would veto the House measure, which would require withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq in 2008. The bill provides nearly \$100 billion the Bush administration has requested for fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

While the veto threat dampened his enthusiasm, DeFazio said it did not reflect White House concern about the timber spending.

"It's phenomenal news that we're in the emergency supplemental. That's the only short-term protection to avert massive layoffs and loss of critical services in Southwest Oregon and elsewhere in the United States," DeFazio said. One Democratic House member said the timber payments could be removed from the bill before the final vote if enough lawmakers object. Some Republicans and fiscally conservative Democrats had said the war-spending bill should not include spending on domestic programs.

On the Net: List of states and timber payments: <http://www.fs.fed.us/news/2006/leases/12/state-payments.html>

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# Senate shoots down grocery tax amendments

BOISE (AP) — A slate of amendments aimed at tweaking the proposed grocery tax credit increase all died on the Senate floor Thursday morning, leaving lawmakers concerned they could potentially end the session with no increase at all if a consensus can't be reached.

The Senate started with five proposed amendments to the bill, which in its current form would raise the grocery tax credit from \$20 to \$50 for most Idaho residents and from \$35 to \$70 for seniors.

The proposed changes ranged from reducing the percentage increase to just doubling the current credit for most and raising it to \$60 for seniors, to funneling most of the relief toward lower income Idahoans, which mirrors Gov. CL "Butch" Otter's

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grocery tax plan.

Each amendment was voted down, except one, which was pulled out by its sponsors. Senate leaders said they will try again to amend the bill early next week.

"Now there's a little better sense of which of those amendments are supportable," said Senate President Pro Tem Ben Cedeno, R-Soda Springs. "So we thought we'd give people some time to work with that."

"It may look messy," he added, but it's part of the process.

The process has a deadline, however. The session is expected to wrap up March 23 so that work can begin on renovating the Capitol, and the Senate still needs time to secure Otter's signature on whatever proposal passes.

Otter has balked at the estimated \$47.5 million price tag on the current proposal. His proposal, which would have provided as much as \$50 a year in tax relief to low-income residents, cost less than half of the proposal sitting in the Senate.

Spokesman Mark Warbis said Otter will not say whether

he will veto the current legislation if it lands on his desk unchanged, but the proposal to scale grocery tax relief based on income came attached with a note from the governor saying he would sign a bill with that amendment.

In the next few days, Senators will regroup to try to reach consensus on a proposal, lawmakers say. After all, no one wants the tax credit increase — one of the biggest projects of the session — to be put on hold until next year, said Sen. Brent Hill, R-Rexburg.

"People are going to come to the realization that we want to come out of here with something for the people of Idaho," Hill said. "If we let it die because we want more or we want something different, then nobody wins."

# Washington Group to hire 1,000

BOISE (AP) — Washington Group International plans to hire more than 1,000 engineers and other staffers to help meet demand for services.

Most of the jobs will be at regional offices and project sites around the country.

Up to 200 jobs will likely be in Denver, which serves as the headquarters for the company's mining business unit.

There are other openings in Houston, Cleveland, Princeton, N.J., and Birmingham Ala. About 30 jobs will be at the engineering and construction company's Boise-based corporate office.

"We are seeing the strongest markets in our industry in at least 30 years," Stephen G. Hanks, Washington Group president and CEO, said in a

statement Wednesday. "This robust market is creating opportunities for talented individuals," with varying experience levels, to join our respected team of customer-focused professionals."

Last year, Washington Group reported a 15 percent increase in its backlog of projects, with more than \$5.5 billion in contracted work yet to complete.

Hanks said the company expects to bring in between \$4.8 billion and \$5.2 billion in new work in 2007. Opportunities are particularly strong in the company's power, oil and gas, industrial and mining segments.

"The company plans a series of job fairs at its locations across the country beginning March 14 in Denver."

# U of I vice provost to head back to classroom

MOSCOW (AP) — A University of Idaho vice provost who caused concern among instructors when she began a system to rank programs two years ago has resigned her position and is returning to the classroom.

Linda Morris, 58, said the move is "completely voluntary" and that she is looking forward to being an instructor again when she teaches contract in the College of Business.

"I love marketing and just working with students," Morris told The Lewiston Tribune. "That's why I'm looking forward to going back."

The university made a failed attempt to expand into Boise with University Place, planned as a \$136 million, three-building satellite campus. Only one building was finished, and the University of Idaho Foundation, which was running the project, ran into problems in 2002, when the

state economy was struggling. In the aftermath, Linda Morris came up with a way to rank programs at the university, which caused many faculty members to question the idea.

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# State has no luck hunting game on former NFL player's ranch

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Wildlife managers failed earlier this week to kill any of the estimated two dozen wild deer, elk and moose trapped inside a new hunting preserve in eastern Idaho.

Wildlife managers tried to flush out all the large animals last August before the fence was sealed around the 2,000-acre enclosure owned by former Denver Broncos player Fulton Jones.

But some remained behind, and state law requires that they be slaughtered now that they might have mingled with domestic elk and contracted disease.

Jones said there was no chance any of the wild animals could have gotten sick from contact with his herd because the domestic animals have been tested.

"There's no threat," Jones said. "It's just a way to make us look bad."

Hunting preserves have come under criticism in Idaho because of elk that escaped from another eastern Idaho ranch last year.

Last August, about 160 elk fled Rex Rummel's Chief Joseph hunting preserve, prompting then-Gov. Jim Risch to order an emergency hunt to reduce the chances they could spread inferior genes or disease to wild herds near Yellowstone National Park.

Rummel has filed a \$1.3 million tort claim against the state, alleging it was negligent and capricious in its handling of the incident.

On Monday, deep snow combined with rugged terrain thwarted hunters with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Department of Agriculture, and two hunting preserve employees as they tried to kill the remaining wild animals inside Jones' property.

"This is likely going to be a long-term task," Mark Gambelin, regional supervisor of Fish and Game's Pocatello office, told the Post Register. "It's extremely difficult to remove wildlife from (hunting preserves)."

It will be for a landowner to keep public wildlife behind a fence, which is the reason for the hunt. Wildlife managers also said they are concerned the animals could be out of food.

"We had some serious concerns that the mule deer behind the fences are at risk of starving," Gambelin said. "That's why we needed to move quickly."

Hunters are expected back in the enclosure soon.

"We understand very well that this is distasteful to have to go in and shoot the public's prized wildlife," Gambelin said. "But we really don't have any other choice."

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THE TOWN I CAME FROM WAS GOOD SWELL...  
HOWSHALL WAS IT?  
THE TOWN SQUARE WAS A TRIANGLE!

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

ARE WE HAVING ANYTHING FOR DINNER THAT I LIKE?  
I'M HAVING SOME BAKED CHICKEN AND GREEN BEANS.  
YOU ALWAYS GIVE BROTHERS OR BROTHERS ANSWERS TO EVERY QUESTION.  
MOTHERS ARE WEIRD THAT WAY.

**Baldo** By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

SO GO ON LONG HAVE YOU WORKED HERE, BALDO?  
EMPLOYEE LOUNGE  
WORK... WORK...  
CAN WORK REALLY BE DEFINED... IN A WAY THAT MAKES SENSE IN THIS CRAZY WORLD?  
NOW... THAT SOUNDS SO... MATURE.  
THAT'S JUST ME... IT COMES... NATURAL.

**Brevity** By Guy & Rodd

TWIGS... GREAT. THAT'LL BE COMFORTABLE.

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

I DISAPPOINT PEOPLE, BUT I'M LEARNING TO ENJOY IT.  
THE KEY TO HAPPINESS IS TO LOVE WHO YOU ARE, NOT WHO OTHERS WANT YOU TO BE.  
DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU A SOCIO-PATH?  
YEAH. I LOVE THAT ABOUT ME.

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

DEAR SO THE LATTERS FROM THE...  
AND DO YOU WANT THE...  
OHAY THAT DOES IT FOR...  
NOW, CUSTOM...  
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING...  
I DUNNO.

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Even... can you read the height bar for me?  
Sure, Professor.  
It says five feet nine inches.  
Wow! I've lost half an inch since last year!  
Is that bad?  
Oh, no... that's great! I joined Height Watchers. I hope to be five foot tall by 2008!  
Hooray!  
There's no need for sarcasm!

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

MY LIFE IS LIKE BEING...  
I WANT TO BE TREATED LIKE AN ADULT...  
I DON'T FEEL LIKE COMING...  
I DUNNO.

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

Fine Glassware  
YOU BREAK IT YOU BUY IT  
IT SAYS "NO DOGS ALLOWED."

**Luann** By Greg Evans

SURPRISE!  
WHAT KIND OF SURPRISE?  
WELL, IF I TOLD YOU...  
NOTHING... JUST GO...  
BYE!  
I WANT TO HAVE A VERY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS SURPRISE...  
WHY SHOULD I CARE? THIS CAR IS HERE.

**Mallard Fillmore** By Bruce Tinsley

...YEAH, THAT AND 50 CENTS.  
...WILL GET YOU THE CHRYSLER CORPORATION...

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

IF WE EVER GONNA HAVE WORD TRICKS...  
THAT'S A VERY MATURE THING FOR YOU TO SAY...  
THAT GUYS WHO WEAR THEIR COLLAR UP SHOULD ALL BE PUNCHED IN THE HEAD.  
OH...  
HEY... WHAT'S A LITTLE VOICING...  
WE SHOULD BE WORRIED BECAUSE...  
HOW COME YOU WERE HERE.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

I GUESS I'M JUST ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO BLEND INTO THE BACKGROUND.  
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE GUY NO ONE NOTICES. I'VE NEVER HAD THE KNACK FOR CALLING ATTENTION TO MYSELF.  
EARL... YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK THE BARN DOOR.  
EXCEPT WHEN I DON'T WANT TO.

**Rose Is Rose** By Pat Brady

AAAAAAA! / WONT YOU OPEN VERY WIDE  
I'M PUTTING YOU DOWN FOR AN EXTRA LOLLOP!  
HEY... HOW ABOUT A LOLLOP FOR ME?  
AAAAAAA!  
HOW ABOUT A LOLLOP FOR ME?  
I'M FINIC LOLLOPING FOR ME!

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

I ALWAYS KNOW WHAT MY MOM IS MAKING FOR DINNER BEFORE I GET HOME.  
DONT YOU THINK THAT'S AMAZING?  
SOFTA  
MAYBE ITS MY HIDDEN SUPERPOWER!  
IT'S A BIRD! IT'S A PLANE! IT'S GUESS WHATS! ITS SUPERMAN!

Be prepared to use your lungs today, Leo

**IF MARCH 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** This year your hard work could reap benefits for you beyond your wildest dreams. This is one of those times when you almost can do no wrong. Make the most of this but don't neglect the personal side of your life — you will want a cheering section and loving people to come home to. Opportunities to learn new things and expand your horizons make the year extremely interesting, as well. A lot of your best insights and plans can be accessed through dreams and reverie — much more this way than by sitting down and sharpening your pencil. Buckle up for an exciting year!

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Ideas could arise that are so far out that they make the classic wild goose chase seem overly boring and pragmatic.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Improving stars make this a better time to move forward with plans than earlier this week. Planning is great but be sure to be totally pragmatic — out any illusions or wishful thinking.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** In your career sector, be sure you know the difference between

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Innovation and being enamored of change solely for the sake of change. Temporary obstructions should lift soon, so keep your chin up.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Remember that anything is easier to get into than it is to get out of, so delay new starts another day unless they're absolutely necessary.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Lots of deep breaths will get you through today. Things probably appear much worse than they really are, so don't make any big decisions or changes based on this extremely transitory pessimistic outlook.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** New stars are not favored now, so a little patience will go a long way toward achieving success in the long run. Despite your gift for gab, making your point could be very difficult today.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Modernism is the key today, as excess and overdoing are all too easy. For best success, it is advisable to wait one more day

before getting anything new off the ground. People are drawn to your aura of power.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** If you have the feeling that you are beating your head against a wall, stop doing so. Either postpone your attempt at forward motion, or find a way around the obstacle to achieve your goals.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Sweet emotions may be on the surface today and you can communicate them to your beloved. If you haven't yet shared your feelings with a special someone, wait at least a few more days before you do.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Sometimes when moving ahead is problematic, a side-ways course is best. You have the virtue of patience, and can find the best way to zeroing in on your goals. Persistence is the key.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Today again it is definitely best to avoid starting anything new at all: A quiet voice and a light step will help to defuse potential problems. Tomorrow will be a much more favorable day.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Your gentle and reliable way of handling the people around you inspires trust and loyalty.

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Natural Enemy:  
Critical thinking.

**Strange Brew** By John Deering

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



By Bill Keane

# Blissful bride embarrassed to tell where romance began

DEAR ABBY: I am in a very awkward situation. I was married last week and am very happy with my new husband, "Ralph." However, when people ask, "Where did you two meet?" that's when the glamour shatters.



DEAR ABBY  
Jeane Phillips

Abby, Ralph and I met in a public restroom in a very run-down area that we happened to be vacationing in. I hate telling people that's where we met because they usually laugh, thinking it's a joke. Should I just tell them the town where we were vacationing?

I have noticed that she repeats to others what is told to her; therefore I do not tell anything.

— NEWLYWED IN THE BATHROOM

DEAR NEWLYWED L.T.B.: There is such a thing as giving people too much information, and that's what you have been doing. By all means tell those who inquire that you met in such-and-such town. There is no need to tell anyone that the exact location was a public bathroom or what you were doing there when Cupid's arrow struck.

Thelma recently sent around a sympathy card for everyone to sign for a woman in another department who had suffered a miscarriage. If had no idea the woman was even pregnant, I thought the card was tacky and a form of gossip, and I told the coordinator so. Her response to me was that this woman has had other miscarriages!

How can I put a stop to her insensitivity and gossip? Should I go over Thelma's head and report her, or confront her one-on-one? I feel like I'm in a no-win situation. Also, this is happening at a large, respectable law firm. She recently asked me why I had gone to the doctor, and I responded by saying, "Didn't I tell you? Then, I guess it's none of your business." She didn't get the hint (I am married) and is asking my co-workers if they knew.

DEAR ABBY: At my last job, there was a privacy policy in place in which no one could ask nor discuss another worker's medical condition or reason for taking medical leave. However, "Thelma," the coordinator at my present job (I've been here two years), constantly badgers us and insists that we tell her our reason for medical leaves or what our medical condition is.

— INVADED IN NEW BERN, N.C.  
DEAR INVADED: According to my labor law guru, Nancy Bertrando: "In most states — if

not all — people have the right to privacy with respect to any medical information. Employers have the right to require a physician's verification of a need for a medical leave, but not an underlying diagnosis. If Thelma asks you again, say, 'I'm not comfortable answering that question, and it's not appropriate for you to ask.'

Frankly, I find it shocking that in a large, respectable law firm" they don't already know and abide by this.

DEAR ABBY: Our oldest son was married several months ago. One of his best friends from college responded affirmatively to the wedding invitation, saying he and his wife would be there. However, when the wedding was held, they did not show up, nor did they send an apology or even an explanation as to why they were not there.

We just received an announcement of the impending birth of their first child. Was it a note about where they are registered for gifts. We are tempted to ignore it. What should be our response?

— STEAMED IN WACO, TEXAS  
DEAR STEAMED: Although I can relate to your impulse to toss the announcement in the wastebasket, this is your opportunity to display better manners than this couple showed. Send them a nice card of congratulations. Role card

# Sterilization law passed in 1907

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 9, the 68th day of 2007. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight In History

One hundred years ago, on March 9, 1907, Indiana's General Assembly passed America's first involuntary sterilization law, one that was aimed at "confirmed criminals, idiots, imbeciles, and rapists" in state custody. (More than 30 states ended up passing compulsory sterilization laws that were eventually overturned or repealed.)

On this date: In 1661, Cardinal Jules Mazarin, the chief minister of France, died, leaving King Louis XIV in full control. In 1796, the future emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais. (The couple divorced in 1809.)

In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads Monitor and Virginia (formerly Merrimack) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing 18 Americans.

In 1932, Eamon de Valera was elected the head of government of the Irish Free State. In 1933, Congress, called into special session by President Roosevelt, began its 100 days of enacting New Deal legislation.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths. In 1954, CBS newsmen Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on an episode of "See It Now."

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

is 71. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 71. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 65. ABC anchorman Charles Gibson is 64. Chess player Bobby Fischer is 63. Rock musician Bob Dylan is 62. Singer Jeffrey Osborne is 59. Indian musician Jimmie Fadden (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 59. Actor Jaime Lyn Bauer is 58. Magazine editor Michael Kinsley is 56. Actor-director Lonny Price is 48. Actress Linda Fiorentino is 47. Actress Juliette Binoche is 43. Rock musician Robert Sledge (Ben Folds) is 39. Rapper G-Unit member 50 Cent is 36. Actor Emmanuelle Béart is 35. Actress Jean Louisa Kelly is 35. Actor Kerr Smith is 35. Rapper Chingy is 27. Rapper Britney Snow is 21. Actor Bow Wow is 20. Actor Luis Armand Garcia is 15.

Thought for Today: "It is the nature of man to rise to greatness if greatness is expected of him." — John Steinbeck, American author (1902-1968).

## THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic. — Arthur C. Clarke

When a true master gets his hands on the dummy, the defender's tricks sometimes appear to vanish as if by magic. Watch Bill Jacobs of Astoria at work on this deal, where the defenders have two trump winners, while declarer has some queens and is threatened with a force in spades.

Warned by West's Michaels cuebid, East played three spades and a minor, Jacobs managed to avoid resorting to guesswork to make his fourth-trick contract. West led the spade king, which Bill declared. Now when the spade continuation and ruffed the last spade to hand, West was employed and elected to eat a diamond. (Yes, West might have seen this coming and cashed the trump ace at trick two.)

Be that as it may, Jacobs won the diamond jack, cashed the diamond king, and then played three rounds of hearts to East. This might look dangerous — after all, he had now exhausted himself of trump altogether — but he had been listening to the auction. Since West had shown 5-3 in spades and diamonds, declarer was able to claim as played the fourth round of hearts. East was contented out to hold three spades, four hearts and two diamonds, but obviously had nothing left but clubs. Accordingly, he would now be employed to find the club queen for declarer.

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ANSWER: Pass and bear in mind that there is no situation so bad that you cannot make it worse by bidding on. Partner has suggested 4♠, he occasionally finds good ones in a hand with no fit for your suits. You may hate what he has developed, but since you have no realistic chance of improving things, pass and hope for the best.

NORTH ♠ 13 A  
♥ A 8 3  
♦ A 7 3 2  
♣ K 9 2

WEST ♠ K Q J 6 3  
♥ A Q 8 6 5  
♦ Q 6  
♣ Q 6

EAST ♠ 10 7 5  
♥ A 10 6 3  
♦ 10 2  
♣ 8 7 4 3

SOUTH ♠ 9 2  
♥ Q 8 4 2  
♦ K J  
♣ A J 10 5

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East  
♠ 2 ♣ 2 ♦ 2 ♠ All pass  
\* Michaels (spades and a minor)

Opening lead: Spade king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ K Q J 6 3  
♥ A ♦ 8 3 2  
♣ Q 6

South West North East  
♠ Pass 1 NT Pass  
♦ 2 ♣ 2 ♣ Pass



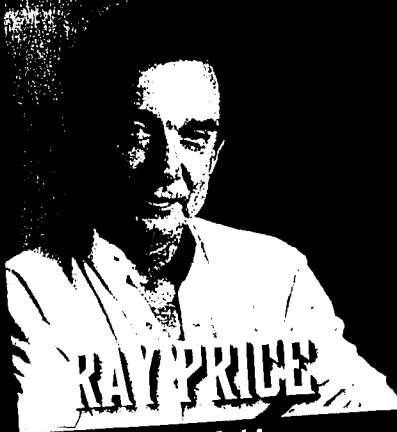
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## Tale of two tails

This is the tale of two tails. Both tails are brown, but that is of no consequence. Both tails have been docked and that is consequential. For these tails belong to two German shorthaired pointers.

When a shorthair points, the tail is held at a 45 degree angle. The angle is calculated from the horizontal plane of the dog's back.

A front foot may be drawn up, bent at the ankle, forming a stalker's stance.

The neck will be stretched. The head will be immobile. The ears will be perked.

The eyes, however, are the tell-tale indicators. They dart from bird, or bird scent flow to master.

"Hurry up. Come see for yourself. There's a bird(s) over here. Hey, psst, there's a bird about to flush."



### ACCIDENTAL STORIES

Bill Studebaker

At this point, the often chubby handler jogs toward the dog saying, "Whoa" or "stay" or "steady" or "set." These commands are for the gunner who is jogging up tripping to arrive beside the dog before the bird, or birds flush. If he doesn't, the birds may be too far away for a good shot, and the dog's work is for naught.

The flush, of course, can be blamed on the dog.

But should the dog and bird(s) hold, the gunner shoot, the bird fall, and the dog fetch, the praise of his point becomes monotonous.

"Did you see him? Steady. Head up. Foot up. I'm telling you that's worth it. That's worth the whole hunt, seeing him on point ... and holding."

"Boy did you see his tail! Man I'm telling you it was just like this."

He thrusts out his right hand, three fingers curled into the palm, index finger sticking straight out, and thumb pointed upward, in the manner one pretends he has a pistol. The thumb is a little high, but the idea is correct.

Tails mean a lot to pointing dog owners.

When the English pointer is on point, its tail, which hasn't been docked, starts at a 45 but ultimately forms a curl that arcs over the dog's back. It looks like a perfect capital "C," a good English pointer could be hung by his tail from a clothes line.

But talking about English pointers is a diversion from my point. My point concerns two German shorthaired pointers. One shorthair is a pup. The other is an old mistress, and this dog can hunt.

For years I've been opposed to running a pup with a broke dog. Generally, the broke dog doesn't like it because the pup wants to play grab the ham or hack or head by ear. And worse, if the old dog points a bird, the pup dashes in and flush it. Then she goes hell bent for election after it.

But what if, and this is what happened, my five-month-old pup found a bird and instinctively slammed on point. Of course, I noticed her tail was at a 45, and her eyeballs were flashing signals.

The old dog saw her and slammed on point too. That's called honoring. So there I was with a novice on point and a master hunter on honor. That's a sight right to behold, a second tail in tribute to the first.

That happened several times, and as if the old dog had said something, the young one started to honor too. They were working together. One would see the other on point, and slam, another point.

Now here is the tail of two tails. We were walking along, and the pup stopped and looked at me. Of course she was glad to notice that I was keeping up and paying attention. Her puppy face was shining and her tail was pointing up. The old dog who was standing next to her turned to see what was up. Seeing the pup in a pointing stance, the old dog instantly honored.

The pup turned and saw the old dog on point, and she instantly honored. There they were nose-to-tail, nose-to-tail.

I couldn't say whoa or steady or set. There wasn't a bird. Just two dogs locked to each other's tails.

I said, "Let's go. Come on. Hey, dweebs, move it." Nothing. They were just plain honoring each other, and neither one wanted to be the first to move.

To break up the circle, I had to lift the old dog off the ground and pack her 10 yards away. With the old dog missing, the pup relaxed, and we headed off hunting, each dog wagging her brown tail.

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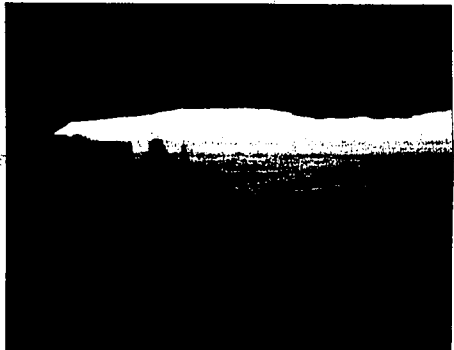
# Defrosting in Utah's Dixie



Fisher Towers is an elusive climbing and hiking spot in southern Utah.



As we approach Fisher Towers we are delighted with a view of the Colorado River, the Towers and the La Sal Mountains in the background.



A fabulous sunrise takes place at Mesa Arch.

## Southern Utah destinations are perfect for transition to spring

As winter subsides, my desire to venture into red rock country escalates. Warm, red landscapes do amazing things for a girl who suffers from frozen bones and cabin fever.

Beyond the well-known crown jewel of Utah's Arches National Park, other sandstone treasures lie undiscovered. Most folks vacationing in the Bechive State tend to stay pretty close to the main highways, gravitating through the "Big Five" national parks of Utah — Bryce, Zion, Arches, Capitol Reef and Canyonlands. These places are remarkable, yet at times can be overrun by swarms of tourists.

My husband and I enjoy the opportunity to venture south for an annual spring sojourn. We have discovered that there are big

Story and photos by Karla Barnes

### If you go ...

**Fisher Towers:** From Moab, travel 2 miles northwest along U.S. 191 to the turnoff for Utah State Highway 128. Turn right (northeast) and travel approximately 21 miles to the turnoff for the Fisher Towers Recreation Site. Turn right and proceed 2.2 miles to the trailhead. **What to bring:** Water, food, good walking shoes, insect repellent, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and a wind shirt or rain poncho in case of a sudden cloudburst.

surprises awaiting those that escape the buzz of the multitudes



Dead Horse Point is a recreational place of interest in southern Utah.



A scenic drive through Castle Valley rewarded us with unbelievable panoramic vistas.

and dare to adventure beyond the blacktop.

Our initial defrosting took place about 25 miles northeast of Moab, Utah, at a place known as Fisher Towers.

The Fisher Towers are well known to climbers and also are famous among those who raft the nearby Colorado River. Yet somehow, these giant sandstone marvels have remained obscure from the hundreds of thousands of vacationers that are drawn to southern Utah each year.

Towering spires, monolithic formations and views that give you the feeling you have truly left reality and landed in another realm are only a few reasons to visit Fisher Towers. Outstanding hiking, climbing and solitude are the other obvious excites.

Fisher Towers is one of the most difficult places in the desert to climb. We are not climbers, but were drawn to the one-way 2.2-

mile Titan Trail that weaves around the towers and along the desert floor.

While roaming through this fairy-tale city we passed many exhausted hikers and spotted several daring rock climbers making their way upward along the red, brown and sometimes purple spires known as the Titan and the Finger of Fate. Erosion has sculpted a beautiful picture here that only a geologist can fully understand.

Our main goals on this leg of our trip were to thaw out our frozen bones, re-acquaint our legs to the idea of hiking and most of all to pause and absorb the surreal and sacred spots that abound in this amazing natural playground.

We spent the later part of the day relaxing along the Colorado, taking part in the excitement of several groups of enthusiastic

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OUTDOORS

Magazine highlights work of officers

Question: "I picked up a copy of the "Game Warden Magazine" at Sportmen's Warehouse the other day and wanted to compliment the department on the high quality writing and photos.



ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

the wildlife resources of our state.

The mission and objectives of the ICOA are: A. To promote a more efficient and able body of conservation enforcement personnel and to meet our responsibilities and problems collectively.

B. To create a true sense of loyalty to the Department of Fish and Game and to our fellow officers; and

C. To aid in any manner possible any other brother officer

in distress. Produced by conservation officers with a knack for telling stories about catching pollsters and offering outdoor tips, the magazine has become a conduit for the ICOA to highlight the good work of Idaho conservation officers and raise money for charitable causes.

The ICOA sponsors 2,500 scholarships annually to a full-time Idaho resident student attending the University of Idaho in a natural resources field with the intent is to become a conservation officer.

As part of the North American Wildlife Officers Enforcement Officers Association (NAWEO), the ICOA also supports a fund to provide financial assistance to law enforcement officers and

their families injured or killed in the line of duty.

The ICOA also supports the NAWEO sponsored North American Game Warden Museum being constructed at the International Peace Gardens on the border between Canada and the United States near Dunsmuir, N.D.

Again, thanks for the compliment on the magazine, if you'd like to subscribe, contact your nearest conservation officer for details or go to www.idahogamewardenmagazine.com.

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Tips to make steelhead fishing legal, enjoyable

With winter starting to loosen its icy grip, it's time for spring steelhead fishing.

Hardy anglers will brave unpredictable weather on starting a shoulder-to-shoulder search of the elusive steelhead. Everyone has his or her favorite lure, bait or technique.

Even avid anglers, however, may forget some of the following tips for legal and enjoyable steelhead fishing:

"To fish for steelhead, anglers must have a valid fishing license and steelhead card, available at Idaho Department of Fish and Game offices of license vendors.

The person who hooks the steelhead must card the steelhead. If a fish is hooked and the rod passed to another to land, the fish must still be counted on the limit of the person who hooked it. Fish that are released immediately, and unharmed back into the water do not need to be carded.

Once a steelhead is landed and reduced to possession it must be carded immediately. Remove one numbered notch from the permit and write the date and river section in the appropriate category.

Harbs must be pinched on each hook. Steelhead with an adipose fin must be released immediately. Some hatchery raised steelhead still have adipose fin, but they still must be released immediately and unharmed back into the water.

Steelhead that are not hooked in either the mouth or jaw must be released immediately.

Remember: pack it in, pack it out. Leave the river banks better than you found them.

For detailed information on seasons and limits, consult the 2006-2007 fishing rules book available at Fish and Game offices and license vendors.

By paying attention to these simple tips your weekend will be much more enjoyable.

To report a wildlife crime, contact Fish and Game, the local sheriff's office, conservation officer, or call the CAP hotline at 1-800-632-5999.

Rick Carlson is the senior conservation officer in the Salmon region.

Outdoor briefs

ing bitterbrush on mule deer winter range throughout the region.

The project is part of the department's Mule Deer Initiative, a statewide effort to improve habitat and boost deer populations.

"Bitterbrush is a preferred food source which occurs in winter range," said Mark Fleming, regional wildlife habitat manager.

"Involving a person works on the landscape, they've made an investment in that landscape," said Ed Papenberg, Fish and Game volunteer coordinator. "People tend to protect their investments. We're planting seedlings, but we're also cultivating a community which values its natural resources."

"Besides, it's just plain fun," Papenberg said. "You get to spend time in beautiful country, and we provide a hot lunch to boot."

Each planting effort runs from about 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Planting will take place at various locations in Carey to the South Hills on Saturdays from March 24 through April 14. Volunteers need to prepare for any weather, wear sturdy shoes, gloves, and work clothes.

For more information or sign up to volunteer, call Ed Papenberg at 324-4359.

TV meteorologist to speak to Nordic ski group

TWIN FALLS — Adam Colvick, meteorologist with KMPV Channel 11 television in Twin Falls, will present a program to the High Desert Nordic Association, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14.

The meeting will be at Idaho Joe's Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. It will be the last meeting of the season for IDNA members. Members will report on outings and possible late season activities, and elect board members and officers.

The meeting is open to non-IDNA members interested in cross-country and back-country skiing. The IDNA tracks and occasionally groom trails in the South Hills in the vicinity of Magic Mountain Ski area and maintains a shelter in the Johnson Creek drainage.

For information about the organization and its activities call 733-1882 or go to the Web at www.skiidna.org.

ATV riders wary of new fees

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — All-terrain vehicle users in northern Idaho will have to start paying a fee to ride on land owned by Potlatch Corp.

Potlatch, based in Spokane, Wash., is Idaho's largest private landowner.

Last year, Potlatch announced it would begin charging for recreational use on the nearly 670,000 acres that draw hikers, birdwatchers, hunters, anglers and trail riders.

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Struggle for survival

Canadian trappers rely on skills to eke out meager living

By Doug Struck The Washington Post

YELLOWKNIFE, Northwest Territories — For David Giroux, happiness is a dead marten.

Pried from his trap, thawed out by his wood stove at home, skinned and dried, the marten's pelt would bring Giroux \$65 (\$57 U.S.) at the local wildlife office. After the office sends the fur off to auction, the trapper might get a few additional dollars if the brown pelt is thick and luxurious.

And that, pretty much, is what Giroux lives on. As the burly Chipevyan native tramps through 18-inch snowdrifts, through the tamarack and black spruce stands 30 miles north of Yellowknife, he is looking for his family's sustenance.



David Giroux, a 42-year-old Chipevyan native, is one of roughly 1,000 trappers in the Northwest Territories whose prey include marten and beavers, wolves and wolverines. Most are aboriginal people following the traditions of distant ancestors.

some steaks in the family freezer.

In his father's day, this could have easily fed a family. Back then, a thick lynx pelt would bring about \$1,500 (about \$1,300 U.S.), he says. But in the early 1990s, the anti-fur movement ravaged the trade, and the price of pelts plummeted. Giroux harbors the bitterness of the youths who saw their proud fathers suddenly impoverished and a way of life gone.

The animal rights groups, he says caustically, "were controlled by the mafia."

Giroux, 42, would like to have a salaried job. Unlike most of his 12 brothers and sisters, he finished high school, and he went on to train in carpentry and computers. He has worked short or seasonal stints as a forest firefighter, a wildlife officer, a park officer and a fur management officer. But there also have been brief brushes with the law, and a boozy stretch of his past when "I said a lot of things I shouldn't have said and done things I shouldn't have done."

Now, when he applies for jobs, he gets the brush-off. It's frustrating. "I'm trying my best. I'm trying to get ahead and on my own. I've done it in the past," he says. "I have

dreams and aspirations like anyone else."

So he is out for three hours on this day, a balmy morning at 5 degrees below zero slipped in among the usual 20-below days, hoping a marten has had an appetite for frozen fish.

Giroux has a round face that breaks often into a gentle smile. His pants are patched; he wears a few layers of shirts and a thin coat, and shrugs off the cold. "His hands show the rough history of work, and as he pulls his old Ford pickup truck off to the side of a road, he slips on simple work gloves.

"It unpacks other old tools: an aging .22-caliber rifle in a case, a trapped animal is still alive, and a worn, 30-30 rifle for bigger game in the woods. He once met a black bear, nearly face to face. In his surprise, Giroux says, he fired at the bear and just nicked its back.

"I rolled up in a big ball, just like one of those tumbleweeds you see on television, right at me," he recalls. "I stepped aside and it rolled past me, got up and took off into the woods."

But the rifle "has fed me a few times," he says, and he is intrigued by moose tracks he noticed as he drove toward his

trapping. "I think he's hanging around here," Giroux says of the moose. "I'll come back here in a couple days to do some woodcutting, and I'll bring my rifle."

The other signs in the snow are less encouraging. Ptarmigan birds with gray-white plumage this time of year and black-tipped wings, have wandered about the snow. A few jack rabbits have passed by, but even these have avoided the small circular snare he has hung on their path in hopes of rabbit stew. No tracks of martens. Or wolverines. Or lynx. Or anything else he could send to an auction.

"I think I may have trapped out this area," Giroux says as he investigates another set of empty traps. Since Nov. 1, he says, he has collected 30 martens, three wolverines, three foxes, one mink and four weasels in this stretch of woods.

But now, he thinks, it might be time to pull up his 37 traps and head east to town to a new stretch of forest. He approaches his last set of traps for the day, hoping at least to recoup his gas bill with one dead marten.

The traps are empty.

Yellowstone rangers made more arrests than ever last year

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Law enforcement rangers arrested a record number of people here last year, according to an annual report.

In addition, a record number of people — 374 — appeared to face charges at the federal courthouse at Mammoth Hot Springs, the park's headquarters, the report showed.

Of the 3.8 million people who came to Yellowstone either for business or pleasure in 2006, 260 were arrested, according to the report on law enforcement statistics in the park.

Reasons for the arrests included drunk driving, drug possession, assault and

poaching wildlife.

A couple of the 2006 arrests made headlines.

In June, two fugitives were captured in Yellowstone and taken back to Iowa, where they were wanted for a bank robbery the month before.

Also last summer, 19 illegal immigrants were arrested at a drunk-driving checkpoint set up by rangers.

Rangers made fewer drug arrests last year than in 2005, when a record 207 people were apprehended during a year-long emphasis on drug activity.

Rick Obnesser, Yellowstone's chief law enforcement ranger, said it's likely that the effort in 2005 curbed drug activity in the

park last year.

"We'd like to think that impact," he said in 2005 had some impact," he said.

It's also possible that the effort played a role in the dramatic drop in recent years of vehicle break-ins, said Brian Smith, special agent in charge of National Park Service law enforcement for the intermountain region.

Last year, eight cars were broken into in Yellowstone. In 2005, it was 15, and in 2004, two. On average, 51 "car clouts" were reported every year during the 1990s, including 99 in 1991.

"Drug users are probably the biggest population of car clouts," Smith said. Most of the law enforce-

ment activity in Yellowstone takes place during the busy summer season, but some of the most significant changes have come during the winter.

For instance, a requirement that all snowmobiles be with a commercial guide has slashed the number of tickets handed out during the winter, park officials said.

Despite the overall increase in arrests, most of the rangers' contact with the public is with law-abiding visitors, Smith said.

"It's a very satisfying, rewarding and well-respected job," Smith said. "And it doesn't get any better than that," working in Yellowstone."

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## Idaho caribou holding at small numbers

By John O'Connell  
Idaho State Journal

A remnant caribou population often makes public appearances along Route 3 through the Kootenai Pass in British Columbia. The animals come to lick salt from the pavement laid at the heart of their travel corridor or just to cross the road.

The most recent count estimates the stubborn herd, which migrates on habitat ranging from the Selkirk National Forest in Northern Idaho to Canada, at 47. The small population represents the final group of caribou that spends time in any portion of the lower 48 states, and campaigns are under way in both Idaho and Canada to protect the inland temperate rain forest that they occupy.

Conservationist Joe Scott saw caribou from the South Kootenai Herd while traveling through Kootenai Pass last winter.

The caribou in Alaska's Porcupine Herd chose land where open ground was intermingled with snow for their calving areas.

Based on his research, Idaho State University professor Terry Bowyer concluded it was their way of camouflage, themselves from predators.

"We speculated that probably provided pretty good camouflage for young calves until they could get up and run," said Bowyer, who spent 18 years in Alaska and participated in three studies on caribou.

Bowyer's research has helped biologists understand much about caribou and their natural food sources, birthing sites and methods of protecting themselves from predators. Bowyer, a large mammal ecologist, now serves as chairman of ISU's Department of Biological Sciences.

Bowyer said caribou are found in both arctic and mountain herds.

He explained one male caribou will mate with many females. "It's polygamous and dimorphic, meaning the males are much bigger than the females.

In combat, males protect their faces with big paddles, called antlers, attached to their large antlers, Bowyer said.

Caribou are well acclimated to the cold. They have long, hollow hair for improved insulation, and their thin legs are designed to be continually warmed by their blood. Their nasal bones are shaped to allow them to breath cold air effectively, Bowyer said.

When they walk, Bowyer said caribou herds make a unique noise.

"In the big herds, when they walk they spray their feet really widely. When they do this, their tendons pop, and it sounds like a bunch of people cracking their knuckles many times," Bowyer said.

Another Bowyer study analyzed the effects of summer drought on mountain caribou. While caribou subsist on lichens in the winter, they rely on plants and forbs in the summer.

"We speculated that indeed the dry summers were affecting the dynamics of the caribou herd adversely," Bowyer said.

Bowyer's research has also focused on the impact of predators on caribou.

The other study dealt with how they used birth sites in mountains and what effect predators were having," Bowyer said. "Caribou went into high elevations to give birth to avoid predators. They did so at a nutritional cost."



Despite adding a million residents in the past decade, Virginia lost nearly 100,000 hunters, according to Virginia's Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Luke Watts, 17, above, said he rarely hunts with friends about hunting. "They might not understand," he said.

# HUNTERS:

## A declining species in Virginia

State's numbers reflect a cultural shift under way nationwide

By Nick Miroff  
The Washington Post

There's a declining species in the woods of the Old Dominion, a blaze-orange, two-legged, gun-toting creature under threat from every new subdivision and Nintendo-fueled teen-ager: the Virginia hunter.

Despite adding a million residents in the past decade, the state lost nearly 100,000 hunters, according to Virginia's Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Hunting license sales slipped last year to 702,944, down from a peak of 808,633 in 1995.

Suburban development is partly driving the decline, leaving fewer open spaces where it's safe to pull a trigger without hitting a home or one of its occupants. But the trend goes deeper, experts say, reflecting a cultural shift under way nationwide. As Americans become busier, more urbanized and less rooted in family and social traditions, they're less inclined to go into the woods on a cold, wet morning to wait in breath-

less silence for a deer to walk by. National hunting and firearms groups have launched programs aimed at attracting women, the disabled, teen-agers and children. But in fast-growing areas such as Northern Virginia, a simple spatial challenge besets hunters, one that is often described in language borrowed from endangered species advocates: loss of habitat.

"It's a terrible paradox," said Steve Clark, owner of the Clark Brothers gun shop in Warrenton, Va., which has outfitted hunters for nearly 50 years. "The more people you have, the larger your customer base is," he said, "but the harder it is for those customers to have a place to do what they're trying to sell them to do."

The decrease in license sales has worrisome financial implications for state efforts to protect threatened and endangered species, including fish and birds. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries covered more than half of its \$47 million budget last year with fees collected from hunting and fishing license sales. "We don't know where those dollars will come from if we don't have people buying licenses," said Julia Dixon, spokeswoman for the agency.

Benefiting immensely from the slide are the prey of erstwhile hunters, especially deer, which appear to delight in the perks of suburban living, with its

flower gardens, shrubs and gun ordinances. Hunted to near extinction 100 years ago, deer now number about 1 million in the state.

To manage this vast, hungry herd, state officials are encouraging hunters to kill more deer than ever, preferring that they be downed by fee-paying sportsmen rather than suburban commuters.

On a recent afternoon in Nokesville, a few days before the close of the extended season, Clarence Watts, 45, and his son Luke, 17, drove to a sod farm where they have hunted for years. The father and son parked on the edge of the field, then suited up in blaze-orange and camouflage outerwear to buffer them from the icy wind. Luke sprayed his trousers with a bottle of scent eliminator and silenced the ringer on his cellphone.

A row of two-story, single-family houses was visible through the trees a few hundred yards away, but Clarence said they would be careful not to shoot in that direction. They loaded high-caliber, low-velocity rounds into their shotguns so that an errant volley wouldn't carry too far. It was just one of the quirks of "residential hunting," Clarence explained, along with the sounds of cars and barking dogs.

"It's a little strange," he said. "But the deer are there."

Luke, a junior at Brensville High

School who shot his first buck at age 11, said he doesn't talk about hunting much at school. "I just kind of keep it to myself," he said. "Some people who grow up in the suburbs haven't been around hunting much, so they might not understand."

The Wattses' access to a large tract of private land is luxury. In national surveys on hunting access, Virginia ranks among the bottom quarter of states, said Mark Damian Duda, executive director of Responsive Management, a Virginia-based research firm that gathers data for state and federal wildlife agencies. "The more a state becomes urban, the fewer hunters a state has," Duda said.

Cultural changes are the other component of the trend, but public perceptions of hunting have not soured, Duda said. Survey data indicate public support for hunting is increasing as some suburban residents begin viewing deer as a nuisance.

Instead, the cultural change is one of increasing social fragmentation, Duda said.

As young men leave rural areas in search of work, a breakdown in the "social support system" of hunting culture occurs. Fathers die. Sons move away and lack the time or space to pass on the tradition. "It's the erosion of the small hunting unit," he said.

## Pygmy rabbits bred in captivity to be released into the wild

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — An emergency effort to save endangered Columbia Basin pygmy rabbits will get its first test next week when state and federal scientists release nearly two dozen of the animals back into their native habitat in north-central Washington.

The rabbits that will be released next Tuesday are the product of an emergency

roundup six years ago of the remaining pygmy rabbits in the region, who were put into a captive-breeding program in a last-ditch effort to increase their numbers.

"This is the first introduction, so it's a learning process," said Tom Buckley of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Spokane. "We want to see how they react to the wild coming

out of a captive breeding environment."

About 23 pygmy rabbits will be released on a state wildlife area in Douglas County. The rabbits will be placed in artificial burrows for cover until they dig their own burrows, and will wear tiny radio transmitters around their necks, to allow biologists to monitor their movements. •

"We're committed to preventing the loss of the pygmy rabbit from our state's diverse wildlife heritage," said Jeff Koenings, director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. "Extinction is not an option."

More than 70 pygmy rabbits will remain in the captive breeding program to provide animals for future releases.

The program has placed breeding rabbits at the Oregon Zoo, Northwest Trek near Tacoma and at Washington State University in Pullman.

The Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit is the country's smallest native rabbit, according to a press release from the state and federal agencies. It was listed as a state endangered species in 1993.

## Utah

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riters and kayakers. We took a scenic drive through Castle Valley and then pressed on toward reality. A herd of cattle did their best to keep us from going into Moab. This was until determined cowboys changed their minds and herded them down a side road just east of town.

After a delicious meal at one of the local eateries, we bedded down for the night in Moab.

In the morning, our inner clocks went off about 6 a.m.

My husband asked if I wanted to sleep in or go take in a sunrise. I opted for the latter. In just a few minutes we were on the road eating oranges and poppy seed muffins.

Our first stop was Dead Horse Point. This famous spot has been used as a back drop for television and movie sets for many years. In fact the morning we arrived, a film crew was shooting what appeared to be a Marlboro ad campaign. This on the edge of the canyon was a rustic looking cowboy sitting high in

the saddle on a beautiful horse, smoking a cigarette. Nearby we spotted several trucks full of camera equipment and a handful of photographers snapping endless shots of the rugged cowboy as the sun began to peek over the red rock canyon in the distance. This truly is the wild West.

As we stood near the edge of the canyon a hummingbird circled our heads as if to welcome us to paradise on that very special morning. As daylight came into view,

we hurried to get to Canyonlands. There was one more destination to take in before daylight arrives. No one was in the pay station that morning. I guess the early bird really does get the worm.

We drove directly to Mesa Arch. After a short hike we came upon one of the most beautiful and majestic sights I have ever seen. The sunrise was illuminating the span of Mesa Arch turning the sandstone into the most beautiful hue of orange I have ever experienced. Looking through

the arch, we gazed in awe at the terrain before us. This unusual landscape wasn't something that you would expect to see in Utah. In fact it looked more like something one might admire on the moon.

Stay in bed, or get up and catch a sunrise? No question. I'll take the sunrise.

If you too are in need of a good one, pack up your loved ones and head to southern Utah. Warm red landscapes and unexpected surprises await you.

Market Watch

Table with market data for Dow Jones, Nasdaq, Standard & Poor's 500, Russell 2000, and Stocks of local interest.

Table with commodity prices for April Oil, Live cattle, and April gold.

Jury orders Vonage to pay \$58 million to Verizon in patent case

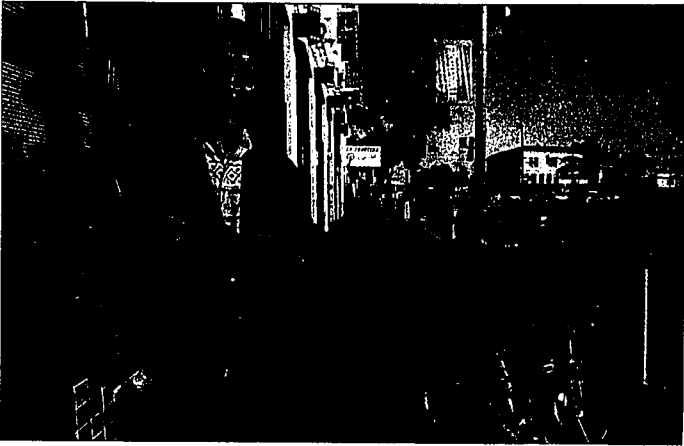
ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A federal jury on Thursday found that Internet phone carrier Vonage Holdings Corp. had infringed on Verizon Communications Inc.'s patents and ordered Vonage to pay \$58 million.

Still undetermined is whether Vonage will be barred from using Verizon's technology. Following the verdict, attorneys for New York-based Verizon requested a permanent injunction barring Vonage from further use of the patented technology.

Some health clinics deny care to urban American Indians

By Garance Burke Associated Press writer

FRESNO, Calif. — After tribal elder Vera Quiroga was turned away from the very clinic she helped to found, she had little choice but to drive to a far-off reservation for her dental work.



Martin Waskow, left, CEO of the Native American Health Center Inc., stands in front of the center March 2, in Oakland, Calif. American Indians say they're being illegally denied care at taxpayer-funded clinics that have long served all people of native ancestry but recently began excluding patients from tribes lacking formal recognition by the U.S. government.

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She relied on the clinic for her diabetes counseling sessions. An Indian Health Service spokesman said the letter explained who was eligible for care, but denied that the agency instructed Santa Barbara to withhold services.

"(Indian Health Service) is suddenly saying that you can't serve this Indian even though he looks Indian, and his family says he's Indian and has all of this history of being Indian, but he doesn't have this piece of paper."

— Susette Schwartz, director of the Hunter Health Clinic in Wichita. "We need some consistency." Under the American Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976, Congress funds health care programs for members of tribes recognized by states or the federal government, as well as their descendants.

Gates, Buffett top record-breaking Forbes Billionaires rankings

By Jackie Farrell Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — What could a Chinese dumping maker and Mexican telecoms mogul possibly have in common? They're among a record number of wealthy people who held the title of billionaire over the past year.

The rich cashed in on strong equity markets, real estate and commodity prices worldwide, according to Forbes magazine's co-editor Luis Kroll. "It's just been kind of an extraordinary year for markets worldwide," she said.

Gates' fortune rose \$6 billion to \$56 billion last year, while Buffett garnered in an additional \$10 billion to boost his net worth to \$52 billion. In only five Americans ranked in the top 20, though they account for 44 percent of the overall list.

Lining up the world's deepest pockets

Table listing the top 5 richest people in the world: Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, Carlos Slim Helu, Ingvar Kamprad, and Lakshmi Mittal.

Nation's retailers report disappointing sales in February

By Ane D'Innocenzi Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The traditional excuse for disappointing retail sales in February — cold weather — may not be enough to explain sluggish results posted by U.S. merchants from Gap Inc. to AnnTaylor Corp. Unappealing fashions may also have something to do with it.

month from a weather standpoint," said Michael C. Appel, managing director of Quest Turnaround Advisors LLC. But the big problem, he said, was the merchandise. "Retailer Cohen, chief analyst at NPD Group Inc., a Port Washington, N.Y.-based market research company, agreed, saying, 'The weather is a good excuse, but the truth is weather is one direction. Another direction is merchandise.'"

Retail sales

Table showing percentage change in major retailers' sales compared to February 2006. Includes Saks Inc., Nordstrom Inc., Target Corp., Costco Wholesale Corp., Federated Department Stores Inc., Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Gap Inc., and Abercrombie & Fitch Co.

weakening housing market, that could challenge shoppers in months ahead. Ken Perkins, president of RetailMetrics LLC, a research company in Swampscott, Mass., said defaults and delinquencies in the mortgage industry — coupled with the decline of mortgage equity withdrawals that drove a five percent extra cash — could curtail spending.

analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial. The world's largest retailer blamed the sales shortfall on the continued weakness in the home and apparel business. Wal-Mart said those two businesses should remain soft through the spring. Hival Target Corp. enjoyed a 5.7 percent increase in same-store sales, above the 5.1 percent estimate. Limited Brands Inc. had a 3 percent increase in same-store sales, below the 4 percent estimate. The company had warned that bad weather affected Valentine's Day sales at its Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works chains.

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WORLD

# Bush seeks to improve relations in Latin America

By Tom Rasm  
Associated Press writer

SAO PAULO, Brazil — President Bush sought to reverse an impression of U.S. neglect as he opened a week-long tour of Latin America on Thursday. Street protests awaited him.

Bush's trip was intended to promote democracy, increased trade and cooperation on alternative fuels. The president and his advisers also hoped his visit would offset the growing influence of leftist leaders, such as Venezuela's Hugo Chavez.

As he flew here on Air Force One, Bush's national security adviser brushed aside Chavez's provocations. "The president is going to do what he's been doing for a long time: talk about a positive agenda," said Southern Indiana.

"Police clashed with students, environmentalists and left-leaning Brazilians, some waving communist flags, ahead of Bush's visit. Riot police fired tear gas after more than 6,000 people held a largely peaceful march through the financial district. And in the southern city of Porto Alegre, more than 500 people yelled "Get Out, Imperialist!" as they burned an

effigy of Bush outside a Citigroup Inc. bank branch.

Meanwhile, the police commander of Colombia, which Bush will visit on Sunday, said authorities had thwarted leftist rebel plans to disrupt Bush's visit to Bogota. "We have taken measures to neutralize them," said Gen. Jorge Daniel Castro, Colombia's highest-ranking police officer.

Bush played down the protests in interviews ahead of his trip with Latin American news organizations.

"I am proud to be going to a part of the world where people can demonstrate, where people can express their minds," he said in an interview with Univision. And he told CNN in Spanish: "The trip is to remind people that we care."

Chavez, aligned with Cuba's Fidel Castro and a fierce critic of Bush, is marking Bush's trip with a rival tour of the region.

On Saturday, the Venezuelan leader will speak at an "anti-imperialist" rally in a soccer stadium in Buenos Aires, Argentina, about 40 miles across the Plata River from Montevideo, where Bush will be holding talks with Uruguay's president, Tabare Vazquez.

Hadley, Bush's national security

adviser, told reporters that instead of worrying about Chavez, Bush was "going to be focusing on those countries and those leaders that have the right model and the right ideas for a better Latin America."

In addition to Brazil, Uruguay and Colombia, Bush is also visiting Guatemala and Mexico. Bush did not plan visits to any countries that have moved into Chavez's sphere of influence, including Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador and Nicaragua.

Bush and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula de Silva are expected to announce an "ethanol alliance" on Saturday aimed at creating quality standards for the alternative fuel while joining forces to promote more ethanol use.

Silva, in turn, has said he will press the U.S. Congress to repeal or scale back the 54-cent per gallon U.S. tariff on sugar-based Brazilian ethanol.

# Iran shrugs off U.N. pressure over its nuclear defiance

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran on Thursday shrugged off the latest punitive U.N. action — suspension of nearly two dozen nuclear aid programs — and showed no signs it was cowed by the possibility of even tougher penalties in the form of new Security Council sanctions.

The decision by the 35 board nations of the International Atomic Energy Agency to

deprive Tehran of 22 technical aid projects was symbolically important. Only North Korea and Saddam Hussein's Iraq had been subject to such action previously.

Still, none of the programs directly applied to the Islamic republic's developing uranium enrichment program — which Tehran refuses to mothball despite nearly three months of Security Council sanctions

and the possibility that those punitive measures may be tightened.

All Ashgar Soltanich, Iran's chief delegate to the IAEA, said as much after the board agreed by consensus to suspend the programs.

"None of these projects are related to enrichment," he said of the suspensions. "The enrichment program will continue as planned."

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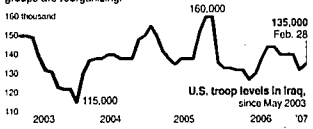
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## Recent troop increase may not be enough

Gen. David Petraeus said on Thursday "it was very likely" more U.S. forces will be sent to areas outside Baghdad where militant groups are reorganizing.



# Military not enough, U.S. commander in Iraq says

By Alexandra Zavis  
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The new U.S. commander in Iraq acknowledged Thursday that U.S. and Iraqi forces could not protect all Iraqis from "bombs with no soul" bent on reigniting sectarian warfare.

"Any student of history recognizes that there is no military solution to a problem like this in Iraq," Army Gen. David H. Petraeus said at his first news conference since assuming command last month.

Political negotiations were vital and would require reaching out to "some of those who have felt the new Iraq did not have a place for them," Petraeus said. "Military action is necessary to help improve security ... but it is not sufficient."

Petraeus' point was one U.S. officials have been making for several years as they pressed for Iraqis to assume control of their country after the U.S. overthrow of Saddam Hussein. But previous attempts to unite Iraq's ethnic and religious communities behind the Shiite Muslim-led government have faltered, in part because of divisions over the role of private militias, allocation of resources and balance of power.

The U.S. and Iraqi governments have poured thousands of additional troops into Baghdad in the past month in a bid to clear out the Sunni Arab insurgents and Shiite milita-

men driving the civil war.

Petraeus said it was too early to discern trends but noted some encouraging signs, including a drop in sectarian executions and the return of a small number of families to neighborhoods they had fled.

But he acknowledged that insurgents were stepping up attacks, including "barbaric" bombings and shootings that have killed more than 190 Shiite pilgrims as they headed to the holy city of Karbala for a weekend religious commemoration.

"Some sensational attacks inevitably will continue to take place, though every effort will be made to reduce their numbers," Petraeus said.

He said as many as 7 million pilgrims were believed to be on the roads, many of them on foot.

"It is an enormous task to protect all of them," Petraeus said, "and there is a point at which, if someone is willing to blow up himself, particularly perhaps disguise himself and use a vest rather than a vehicle, the problem becomes very, very difficult."

Police Thursday recovered the bodies of three elderly men, believed to be pilgrims, who were kidnapped and killed along the pilgrimage route through Sunni-dominated west Baghdad.

Some of the worst attacks of recent weeks have taken place outside Baghdad, in areas that are not covered by the security plan.

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2007 CADILLAC ESCALADE EXT

## Unmatched versatility

**RoadWorthy!**  
By Ken Chester, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corporation

The all-new 2007 Cadillac Escalade EXT brings unmatched versatility to the completely redesigned Escalade family of luxury SUVs. Now in its second generation, the EXT blends pickup truck-style functionality into the luxury of the Escalade SUV. Based on GM's new, full-size SUV platform, the new all-wheel drive Escalade EXT was comprehensively redesigned to deliver a sharper, more precise driving feel, more power, segment-leading fuel economy, increased interior refinement and improved quietness.

Power for the EXT is generated by a new 6.2L all-aluminum V8 engine with variable valve timing technology and communicated to the street through a Hydra-Matic 6L90 six-speed automatic transmission. The big Cadillac truck rides on a platform that features a new fully boxed frame, coil-over shock front suspension, rack-and-pinion steering and an all-new premium interior system that bolsters the vehicle's comfort, quality and capability.

On the road, the EXT is quiet, powerful and so responsive. The powerband is smooth and immediate—subject to the driver's every command. Wider front and rear tracks enhance handling and lower the center of gravity for a more confident road feel. The five-link rear suspension features a more robust rear axle design for increased payload capacity. Like the front suspension, the rear suspension uses new, stiffer frame mounts for suspension component attachment, along with front/rear stabilizer bars and



real-time damping for better stability and control.

The passenger cabin was designed with an all-new interior that represents significant new levels of refinement, comfort, quality and convenience. Displays, controls and switchgear were all updated for a modern, sophisticated look and operation. The interior of the 2007 EXT is airy, thanks to a lower instrument panel and deeper windshield that improve outward visibility. Passenger space is increased too, including more shoulder space for rear occupants.

For 2007, the Escalade EXT

will highlight OnStar's new generation of in-vehicle software with the availability of Turn-by-Turn Navigation. As the first factory-installed, fully integrated GPS navigation system, OnStar's Turn-by-Turn navigation system is part of the Directions and Connections OnStar service package—standard on the EXT. The new navigation system offers safe, simple interactions, with no data entry or touch screen to distract drivers from the road.

To activate the system, the driver presses the OnStar blue button, gives the address or address or point-of-interest

destination and directions are sent to the vehicle. The instructions are voice-guided, delivered through the radio speakers to guide drivers turn-by-turn to their destination.

Of course, it is the industry-exclusive Midgate panel that makes the Escalade EXT so unique. When the split rear passenger seat is folded, the Midgate can be folded down to allow longer and larger cargo. This allows the 63.3 inch standard length bed to convert to a full 97.6 inches—long enough to carry the proverbial 4 ft. by 8 ft. sheet of plywood—with the lock-

able tailgate closed and cargo safely secured. This is just the start of its versatility.

The EXT's rear window can be removed and stored on the Midgate. Keeping the midgate upright with the window removed creates an open air feel without the inherent wind noise associated with a convertible. In addition, the midgate can be lowered to create a larger open space. This allows the truck to accommodate taller cargo like a quad-wheel ATV or motorcycle. Securing big cargo is facilitated by the availability of eight multipurpose tie-downs.

### 2007 Cadillac Escalade EXT by the Numbers

**PRICE:**  
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2007 Cadillac Escalade EXT starts from \$53,975. Destination charge, \$600.

**WHOLESALE:**  
230.0 overall length: 222.4; width: 79.1; height: 77.6—measurements in inches.

**ENGINE:**  
6.2L V8—403 hp @ 5,700 rpm and 417 lbs-ft torque @ 4,400 rpm.

**TRANSMISSION:**  
six-speed automatic.

**PAYLOAD CAPACITY:**  
3,226 lbs.

**TOWING CAPACITY:**  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Idaho Housing and Finance Association ("IHFA") is considering comments to amendments to its rules to increase the product qualification requirements for qualified borrowers carrying up to 140% of median income and an increase in existing and new rules to increase the product qualification requirements and procedures for single family mortgage loans, to incorporate and revise the rules to incorporate the new amendments. The IHFA is hereby requesting comments to clarify the application of the Internal Revenue Code to the origination of such loans (the "Rule Amendment") by the IHFA Single Family Loan Program. The said Rule Amendment is being amended in accordance with Section 67-6202(g), Idaho Code, as amended.

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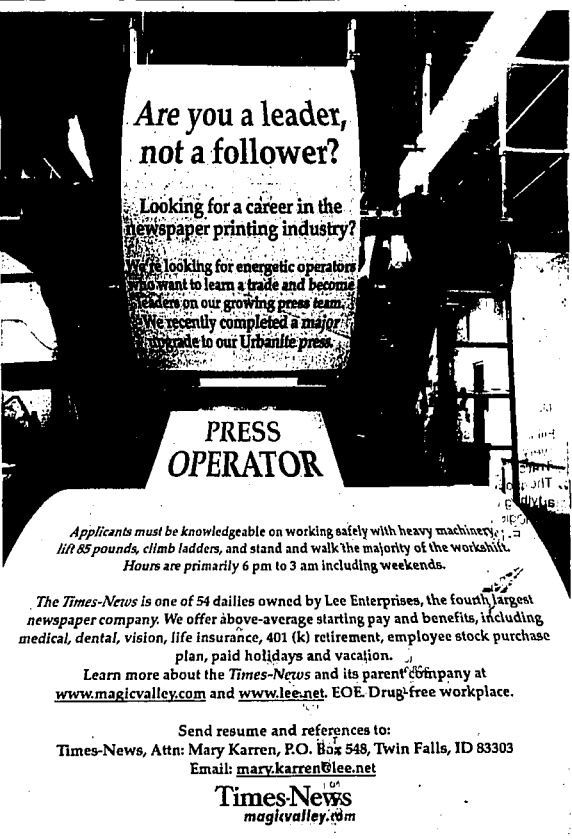
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