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Golden Eagles earn fourth-straight trip to national tournament with win over Arizona Western.

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Red's loses its gun license

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

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The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has revoked the business's license to buy, trade or obtain guns after an ATF audit found Red's employees sold guns improperly numerous times between 1999 and 2004.

Red's manager, Ryan Horsley, admits when the business sold

guns it sometimes left blank required parts of a gun purchase form, omitted a background check on a special order, failed to log multiple handgun sales to the same customer in five working days, did not keep track of guns returned to manufacturers, threw away denied applications, dealers are required to keep for 20 years and failed to post a gun safety sign and pamphlets.

The ATF revoked Red's license March 5, shutting down 90 percent of the income that has sustained

the store through three generations of Horsleys.

"They are taking very minor things and blowing them out of proportion," said Terry Horsley, the shop's owner and Ryan's mother.

The shop, at 215 Shoshone St. South, can sell the 1,000 guns remaining in its inventory and can continue selling gun accessories and ammunition.

But accessories account for only 10 percent of its revenue.

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Ryan Horsley and his mother, Terry, stand in front of their gun shop, Red's Trading Post, in downtown Twin Falls. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has revoked the shop's license to sell guns. Photo by Cassidy Friedman

Body identified

Kim Ann Payton recently moved here from California

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

JEROME — The woman stabbed to death and dumped naked over the northwest railing of the Perrine Bridge has been identified as Kim Ann Payton.

Payton, 37, had recently moved to Twin Falls from California, said Nancy Howell, acting spokeswoman for the Jerome County Sheriff's Department.

Authorities have not identified a suspect.

Payton's body was dragged from a vehicle in a pull out area along U.S. 93 north of Twin Falls near the Perrine Bridge. She was dragged about 400 feet onto the pedestrian walkway and dumped either late Thursday night or early Friday morning. Payton's body landed on a grassy ledge 187 feet below the north edge of the bridge.

Tourists taking photographs from the north side of the bridge spotted her naked body at about 1 p.m. Friday.

Anyone with information about the crime should contact the Jerome County Sheriff's Office at 324-8913 or the Idaho State Police at 324-6000.

Cassidy Friedman, public safety reporter for the Times-News, can be reached at 735-3241 or cfriedman@magicvalley.com.



Payton

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN THIS 5TH GRADER?

Times-News posts challenge on Web site

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you think it's so easy, then why don't you try it?

The Times-News asked a group of fifth-graders at Perrine Elementary and their family members to answer a few "simple" math questions.

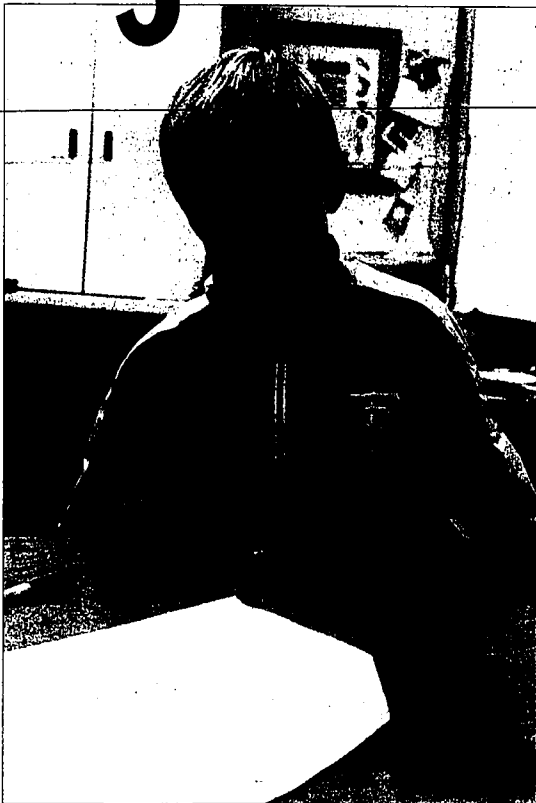
It was a challenge because these adults included a medical doctor and retired sixth-grade teacher.

But the students proved that they know what it takes to lead the game.

Based on the TV game show "Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?" we selected math questions from the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) and asked both groups to answer the same question.

Visit <http://www.magicvalley.com> to see how both sides did in the competition.

You might be surprised how well a fifth-grader can compete with a doctor and a retired teacher.



Seth Williams, a fifth-grader, smiles after correctly completing two ISAT math problems Tuesday at Perrine Elementary School in Twin Falls.

Simple questions?



How do fifth-graders at Perrine Elementary compare with their parents and grandparents? Find out at www.magicvalley.com

Idaho Senate reduces cost of House grocery tax plan

Otter may still veto it for high price tag

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

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Otter said he feared the Senate plan

could sap state budgets in coming years, even though it would cut less tax revenue than the plan that passed the House. Already, the state's general fund tax revenue since December has fallen about \$28 million short of expectations, according to preliminary tax revenues figures obtained by The Associated Press.

Lawmakers raised Idaho's sales tax to 6 percent from 5 percent in August to help recoup \$260 million in revenue the state lost when they earlier reduced property taxes.

Since then, the debate has swirled over how to offset the surcharge that state residents pay on food. Tax officials estimate the figure for the average Idaho resident at about \$90 per year.

Under the Senate plan, the existing \$20 credit that residents get on their state income taxes to offset the food tax would be doubled, to \$40 per year. Those over 65 would get a \$60 credit, up from \$35. The Senate plan would reduce revenues by about \$33 million.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Thursday Sunny skies Clear skies A few clouds High 57 Low 38 58 / 32

MINI-CASSIA Today: A few clouds with above average temperatures. Tonight: Scattered clouds to clear skies. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and staying dry.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Liz Allen's senior concert (at Magic Valley Christian School) with the theme "Music's Influence on Our Lives." ... Nell Simon's play "Lost in Yonkers," presented by the College of Southern Idaho Theater Department.

BUSINESS

Ribbon Cutting for Vinifera Wines, 4:30 p.m., 138 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls, 733-5047. The Welcome Mat monthly "meet and greet," with Bingo Night open to all new residents of the Magic Valley.

CLUBS

The American Legion Post 10 meeting, 7 p.m., at the Rupert Elks, Rupert, 436-1278.

EXHIBITS

The collected works of multi-media artist, Debra Featherston, featuring sculpture, pottery, mixed media and alternative black-and-white photography processes.

FAMILY

"Fam Jam," a family-value production that uses music, drama and storytelling for children in fifth grade and younger accompanied by their parents or guardians. ... Party Activities for all ages including dance, foosball, card games, board games, ping pong, beach ball volleyball and more.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. DeMay Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert, 533-3874. Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 201 Fourth Ave. N., 733-2964.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations.

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

WEB READER REACTION

On possible virus coming to Jerome County

"Lud Prudek gets paid nothing, comes from family of Magic Valley farmers and is an Ag. Hat of Fame person. Nearabout is a paid advocate for the Idaho Dairyman's Association. That sets the scene. The dairy industry has struggled to make cow numbers secret, testing by state agencies secret, measure disposal secret, air quality tests around dairies secret, testimony against dairies limited to residents within one mile but testimony for dairies is allowed by politically appoint state agencies and dairy hired 'experts' from all over the nation. etc. What is the dairy industry trying to hide with all of this secrecy? Why did the dairy lobby go to the masses of Jersey farmers in Rock County speaking at CSI — what do they have to hide? I took a walk along Deadman's Gulch in Twin Falls County from where it dumps into Rock Creek with a veterinarian one day. I have IDEQ testing documents that show E. coli counts of 2,300/100 ml and Fecal Coliform (Somex # 89216) of 3700/100 ml and Fecal Streptococci Soret #31679) of 870 E. coli/100 ml. California closes beaches with E. coli counts of only 80/100ml. Guess what we found when we walked up Rock Creek — you guessed it cow manure running off into Deadman's Gulch. All of the springs along the north side of the Snake River canyon are now certified contaminated by the IDEQ — this is where the community got its drinking water in years past. Lud Prudek is simply stating the overtly obvious. The only mistake Mr. Webby makes is that the disaster already exists today and has lasted for some time."

— Max Hatfield

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Burger contest narrows to four

From the heartache and triumph of tough competition, the Pinetrot Four emerge. Among the four contenders vying for a chance to play for the 2007 championship are three of the Burger Bracket's top seeds, but there's one surprise in the sentimental lineup.

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Romney visits Idaho on campaign tour

BOISE — State lawmakers, preparing to leave the Capitol next week, paused as they went for lunch Tuesday to listen to presidential hopeful Mitt Romney, who visited Boise for a fundraiser.

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Water summit to be held after session

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said Tuesday that a water summit between surface and groundwater users will not be held before the 2007 legislative session adjourns.

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Commissioners to review rezoning plans

FAIRFIELD — County commissioners will review today controversial plans to potentially rezzone the entire county — plans that some say will prevent cities from controlling growth.

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CORRECTIONS

Teacher says she was misquoted

Mary Castronova, a fourth-grade teacher at Perrine Elementary School, said she was misquoted in a story Sunday about students' transition to fourth grade.

"Kids are somewhat confused up to that point," Castronova said, describing how fourth-graders must do more work independently than in the younger grades. For instance, they must learn to read a passage on their own to find the needed information. The Times-News regrets the error.

IDAHO/WEST



Not your average spring break

LAMONT, Calif. — On a sunny day when her fellow college students were grabbing beach towels and beer, Nathalie Sanchez was knocking on the doors of farmworkers left jobless after a recent freeze killed much of the state's citrus crop.

It's not the first spring break she's spent doing service instead of shots. The senior art major has among 10 students from Loyola Marymount University who lived and worked with San Joaquin Valley farmworkers for a week in March, learning about the history of the rural labor movement and organizing a food and clothing drive for out-of-work field hands.

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NATION/WORLD



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Pace regrets voicing view on homosexuality

The Pentagon's top general said Tuesday he should not have voiced his personal view that homosexuality is immoral and should have just stated his support for the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy in an interview that has drawn criticism from lawmakers and gay-rights groups.

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Calderon to Bush: U.S. needs to do more.

MERIDA — President Bush sought to soothe strained ties with Mexico on Tuesday by promising to prod Congress to overhaul U.S. immigration policies. But Mexican President Felipe Calderon criticized U.S. plans for a 700-mile border fence and said Bush must do more to curb American drug appetites.

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SPORTS



Golden Eagles heading to nationals

SALT LAKE CITY — The south was unmistakable. With 8.6 seconds left, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team up 99-89 and hero of the day, Adris Detcon, putting the finishing touches on the game of his CSI career, a rumble was sent through Salt Lake City Community College's Lifetime Activity Center.

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CSI baseball splits with Treasure Valley

ONTARIO, Ore. — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team suffered a disappointing non-conference split at Treasure Valley Community College Tuesday. Coming off four straight scenic West Atlantic Conference wins at Colorado Northwest Community College, this past weekend, the Golden Eagles had hoped to keep rolling. But that dream died in a 5-4 Game 1 loss Tuesday. CSI did respond with a 7-1 win in the nightcap.

"We're a little bit disappointed in coming here and getting a split," said CSI coach Hooper Walker.

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Area baseball teams have title hopes

TWIN FALLS — Title hopes are aflame from Magic Valley high school baseball teams, from Twin Falls in Class 5A to Minico in Class 4A and Bluff in Class 3A, teams are poised for a run at some state championship hardware.

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Snowpack Levels

Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % of Avg., Peak. Rows include Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost, Little Lost, Henry's Fork/Teton, Upper Snake Basin, Oahey, Salmon Falls.

As of March 13

* A combination of snow, snowpack, on this day, with a 20-year average. ** An indicator of base snowpack for the winter snow season, which peaks in May.

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Red's

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 "I'm just sitting here going, 'What am I going to do?'" Ryan Horsley said.

The five-year audit found violations over a period in which 10,000 guns were sold, Horsley said.

"Mistakes happen. Stuff happens," Horsley said. "I think it's unreal expecting to have 100 percent non errors."

The bad news, which comes on the heels of record profits, could now close the store, Terry Horsley said.

Red's has paid \$20,000 in legal fees protesting the ATF's decision. On Feb. 23, Red's legal team filed a petition in federal court in Boise.

The judicial review will consider, among other things, whether Red's "willfully" violated the law.

"Not willful" is one of their petitions," said Deborah Ferguson, assistant U.S. attorney, representing the ATF's industry operations. "Willful has been defined by case law. I would expect the court to look at that legal authority."

Case law defines "willful" as an essential component of the

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— Ryan Horsley

allegations, as "they knew of the regulations and did not abide by them," Ferguson said.

Ryan Horsley said Red's was found responsible of several violations in an earlier audit. But he said the infractions are petty and do not justify a revoked license.

"There's no missing guns," he said. "There are errors but everyone has errors."

Walt Sinclair, a Boise co-counsel for Red's, said the errors were clerical, not intentional.

He said it's not the first time the ATF has revoked the license of a Twin Falls gun dealership.

"Blue Lakes Sporting Goods lost its license," Sinclair said. "They had been there forever. It was a family business. It was a real success story, but this type of petty, technical non-

compliance caused them to end up going out of business."

The ATF has 60 days from Feb. 23 to respond to Red's petition.

The ATF Seattle Field Office spokeswoman declined to comment on Red's case until after judicial review.

"If the individuals reapply, the focus from the revocation would be considered for any future licenses," said spokeswoman Julianne Marshall. "Industry Operations will consider their application."

However, they have an interest for public safety. This license was revoked for a reason."

A judge may still overturn ATF's decision.

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Grocery

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 That's less than the \$47.5 million prioritizing of the bill passed last month by the House. It would give a credit of \$50 per person, and \$70 for seniors.

Otter favors a proposal that would reduce revenues by just \$22 million.

Lis version would provide graduated tax relief of as much as \$30 a year to low-income residents earning \$26,000 a year, while eliminating the tax credit for those who make more than \$50,000.

"I sent a pretty strong signal," he said. "I do believe it should be means-tested."

After rejecting a state of amendments to the House bill last week, senators Tuesday finally agreed to an alternative they hope is expansive enough to give residents relief — but not too expensive to make Otter retrieve the veto stamp from his desk drawer.

"Some of us wanted to do a little bit more," said Sen. Russ Fulcher, R-Meridian. "They also realized there were constraints to the budget."

The Senate still must hold a formal vote on the amended plan. Then, it will return to the House, where GOP leaders say they will support the Senate changes.

House members said they still aim to strike a deal with Otter to allow the legislation to survive.


"I'm optimistic," said Rep. Cliff Bayer, R-Boise and sponsor of the original House bill.

"And I'm still hopeful he'll sign it. There's too many moving parts at the end of the session to predict what's

going to happen."

Senators had considered two competing amendments Tuesday.

Besides the one that passed, they dumped a plan from Democrats that would have created a sliding scale for the tax credit, but would have cost \$38 million a year in lost revenue — considerably more than Otter's plan. It would have boosted the maximum relief to \$30 for low-income residents, while keeping the existing \$20 income tax credit for those with higher incomes.



Jordana Rae Halmaker & Victor Manuel Vazquez

Friends and Family are invited to celebrate the marriage of Jordana and Victor.

The family is hosting an open house Saturday March 17 from 2 to 4

at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn in Jerome, the couple married in a Catholic ceremony December 23, in Cantabria, Michoacan, Mexico.

Halmaker is the daughter of Diane and the late David Halmaker of Mackay and formerly of Jerome. She is a 2005 Graduate of Butte High School in Arco.

Vazquez is the son of Alvaro and Marcela Vazquez of Richfield and is a 2005 graduate of Richfield High School.

Correspondence can be sent to the bride's mother at 6222 Barlett Point Road, Mackay, Idaho 83251

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Now, it awaits Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's signature.

Sen. Brent Hill, R-Rexburg, sponsored the original 2004 legislation to ban smoking from most of Idaho's public places, but created an exemption for bars and bowling alleys.

Hill cited the health problems associated with second-hand smoking — and its potential impact on kids who frequent bowling alleys with their families.

"There are 200 poisons" in tobacco smoke, Hill said. "What were talking about is children."

Hearings over the last two months, arguing a smoking ban will boost health and expand participation in the recreational pastime.

Though a similar bill died last year, this year's debate didn't include organized opposition from bowling alley owners.

Still, foes of the bill said such decisions should be left up to individuals.

Sen. Joyce Broadsword, R-Cocatalla, said she's personally allergic to smoke.

"But I have a lot of folks (in my district) who are very adamant about personal property rights," she said. "With reluctance, I will be voting no."

Some lawmakers say they eventually hope to extend the ban further, to target the 2004 law's remaining exceptions, including taverns.

"I'm looking forward to the day when we include bars as well," said Sen. Edgar Malpica, D-Pocatello.

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NATION

Corps knew they were installing faulty pumps in New Orleans after Katrina

By Cain Burdau
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — The Army Corps of Engineers, rushing to meet President Bush's promise to protect New Orleans by the start of the 2006 hurricane season, installed defective flood-control pumps last year despite warnings from its own expert that the equipment would fail during a storm, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The 2006 hurricane season turned out to be mild, and the new pumps were never pressed into action. But the Corps and the politically connected manufacturer of the equipment are still struggling to get the 34 heavy-duty pumps working properly.

The pumps are now being pulled out and overhauled because of excessive vibration, Corps officials said. Other problems have included over-extended engines, broken hoses and lower gaskets, according to the documents obtained by the AP.

Col. Jeffrey Beley, who is overseeing levee reconstruction, insisted the pumps would work last year and the city was never in danger, Beley gave assurances that the pumps should be ready for the coming hurricane season, which begins June 1.

The Corps said it decided to press ahead with installation, and then fix the machinery while it was in place, on the

theory that some pumping capacity was better than none. And it defended the manufacturer, which was under time pressure.

"Let me give you the scenario: You have four months to build something that probably has never been built before, and if you don't, the city floods and the Corps, which already has a black eye, could basically be dissolved. How many people would put up with a second flooding?" said Randy Persica, the Corps' resident engineer for New Orleans' three major drainage canals.

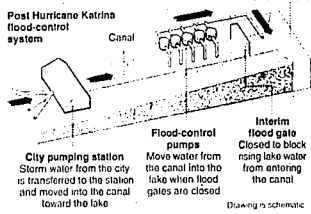
The 34 pumps — installed in the drainage canals that take water from this bowl-shaped, below-sea-level city and deposit it in Lake Pontchartrain — represented a new kind of protection that was added to New Orleans' flood defenses after Katrina. The city also relies on miles of levees and hundreds of other pumps in various locations.

The drainage-canals pumps were custom-designed and built under a \$26.6 million contract awarded after competitive bidding to Moving Water Industries Corp. of Deerfield Beach, Fla. It was founded in 1993 and supplies flood-control and irrigation pumps all over the world.

MWI is owned by J. David Eller and his sons. Eller was once a business partner of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush in a venture called Bush-Ell that marketed MWI pumps. And Eller has donated about

Pumping floodwater out of the city

The Army Corps of Engineers installed defective flood-control pumps in New Orleans last year that are now being removed and overhauled due to excessive vibration. The pumps, set up in drainage canals, transfer water into Lake Pontchartrain.



SOURCE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

\$120,000 to politicians, the vast majority of it to the Republican Party, since 1996, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

MWI has run into trouble before. The U.S. Justice Department sued the company in 2002, accusing it of fraudulently helping Nigeria obtain \$74 million in taxpayer-backed loans for overpriced and

unnecessary water-pump equipment. The case has yet to be resolved.

Because of the trouble with the New Orleans pumps, the Corps has withheld 20 percent of the MWI contract, including an incentive of up to \$4 million that the company could have collected if it delivered the equipment in time for the 2006 hurricane season.

Attorney General rejects calls for his resignation

By Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press writer

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"I acknowledge that mistakes were made here," Gonzales told reporters at a news briefing after he canceled an out-of-town trip. "I accept that responsibility." He promised changes "so that the mistakes that occurred in this instance do not occur again in

the future." He focused on his department's dealings with Congress concerning the firings rather than the actual dismissals — which Democrats have suggested were politically motivated — and the planning behind them.

"I believe very strongly in our obligation to ensure that when I provide information to the Congress that it's accurate and that it's complete. And I am very dismayed that that may not have occurred here," he said.

Gonzales also accepted the resignation of his chief of staff, Kyle Sampson. The aide, along with then-White House Counsel Harriet Miers, had begun discussing possible firings of U.S. attorneys in early 2005, according to e-mails released Tuesday.

It was the second time in as many weeks that Gonzales was under fire. Last week, the attorney general and FBI Director Robert S. Mueller admitted the FBI improperly, and at times illegally, used the USA Patriot Act to secretly pry out personal information about Americans in terrorism investigations.



Gonzales

States increasingly look to pre-kindergarten to help kids

By Nancy Zuckerbrod
Associated Press writer

ARLINGTON, Va. — Yasmine Carrizo has trouble pinpointing exactly what she likes best about pre-kindergarten at Carlin Springs Elementary.

"I like the toys, and playing house, and book time, and sleep-over (nap) time," the wide-eyed 4-year-old says one morning as she colors with markers at a table just her size. It's not hard to find such enthusiasm at the cheerful school, one of several hundred in Virginia that offer state-funded preschool to low-income 4-year-olds.

Nationwide, children typically enter school at around age 5, when they're ready for kindergarten. But research highlighting the importance of early learning is prompting more and more states to add pre-kindergarten programs. "Virtually every state has a very strong movement toward doing a better job with pre-K," said Arthur Tolnic, a senior vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and part of a group of business leaders calling for giving low-income kids earlier access to public school.

A report being released Wednesday finds states spent at least \$3.3 billion last year on pre-kindergarten. That doesn't include money from federal and local governments, which contribute to the state programs. The state funding is up from \$2.8 billion in 2005, according to the report by the National Institute for Early Education Research at New Jersey's Rutgers University.

In all, nearly 1 million children, or 29 percent of the country's 4-year-olds, were in state pre-kindergarten last year — up from 17 percent the previous year, the report found.

About two-thirds of 4-year-olds are in private preschool or child-care programs or at home, the study said.

About one in 10 is in Head Start, the federal pre-kindergarten program for poor chil-

Public schools have low pre-K attendance

About two-thirds of 4-year-olds were in private preschools, childcare programs or at home during the 2005-2006 school year, according to an early education research report.

School attendance, percentage of total population

3-year-olds
State public pre-K Head Start: 7.4
Total: 87.3%

4-year-olds
State public pre-K Head Start: 10.5
Total: 65.5%

Special ed.: 3.8% Other/home

Special ed.: 6.1% Other/home

* 1.3 percent overlaps with other programs
** 1.3 percent overlaps with other programs

NOTE: Other/home includes private preschools, childcare programs or staying at home

SOURCE: National Institute for Early Education Research

dren, the report said. The \$6.8 billion Head Start program covers only about half of all eligible children. About 7 percent of the nation's 3-year-olds also participate in Head Start.

As in Virginia, most state-funded programs are aimed at poor children. However, Florida, Georgia and Oklahoma offer pre-K to all 4-year-olds. Other states are considering going that route.

Illinois Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich won approval to extend preschool to all 3- and 4-year-olds by 2011 and is pushing for the money to do it.

"The federal No Child Left Behind education law probably has something to do with the trend, says Steven Barnett, who wrote the report on state pre-K spending.

"Schools are quite aware if we start off behind... we will have a very difficult time making this up by the time we're responsible for the test scores," Barnett said.

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Britain proposes bold environmental legislation

Law would set long-term limits for carbon emissions

By Jennifer Quinn Associated Press writer

LONDON — The British government proposed bold new environmental legislation Tuesday that would set legally binding, long-term limits on carbon emissions — a move it hopes will prompt the United States, China and India to follow suit.

The climate change bill would be the first legislation in an industrialized country to spell out such long-range goals, including a carbon budget set every five years that would cap CO2 levels and create an independent body to report on progress. The legislation also calls for binding targets as far ahead as 2050 for reducing carbon emissions.

Iraqi prime minister reaches out to Sunnis

By Kim Camel Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Iraq's Shiite prime minister traveled to the militant stronghold of Ramadi Tuesday to reach out to Sunni leaders at a time when U.S. officials are increasingly optimistic about their chances of undermining Sunni tribal support for the insurgency.

Nouri al-Maliki, making his first trip to Anbar province as Iraq's leader, met with influential clan chiefs who have found themselves caught between militant groups and the U.S.-backed government — and sometimes doing business with both.

"I am not saying that the challenges are over or will soon be over," al-Maliki told the meeting in remarks broadcast by government television. He applauded Sunni tribes and clans that had "risen up and countered terrorism."

The meetings were held in a Saddam Hussein-era palace on a U.S. base on the western outskirts of Ramadi, and al-Maliki did not venture into the dangerous heart of the city, one of the most violent in the country.

Al-Maliki flew to Ramadi for the one-day visit in a Black Hawk helicopter with Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, and strolled across the base surrounded by heavily armed bodyguards.

Maj. Jeff Pool, a U.S. military spokesman, said the personal outreach by al-Maliki was an important step in efforts to encourage Sunnis to break with al-Qaida and cooperate with the U.S. and Iraqi governments. The discussion with local Sunni leaders was heated at times, as they demanded more from the Iraqi government, but it ended "on an extremely positive note" with promises of renewed cooperation, Pool said.

While the violence in Baghdad pits majority Shiite Arabs against minority



Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair (right) speaks to Environment Secretary David Miliband Tuesday during a meeting to outline the government's blueprint for tackling climate change.

in confronting the threat of climate change. "Prime Minister Blair said. "It sets an example to the rest of the world."

Britain's political parties have jostled in recent weeks for the "green" vote, seeking to display their environmental credentials in hopes of securing a key battleground in the

next national election. Both Blair's Labour Party and the opposition Conservatives have seized on the issue — devoting more media time to the ozone layer than to British troops in Iraq.

Stung by bad news from Iraq, Blair's camp has worked to draw attention to issues in which he can seize the initia-

tive — such as the environment. With Blair planning to step down by September, success in brokering a global carbon pact would be seen as a significant achievement.

Blair hopes Germany — which holds both the European Union and the Group of Eight presidencies — and Britain can lead work on a new global pact to curb emissions. The next step is getting the United States, China and India to make similar commitments, he said.

The bill must be approved by both houses of Parliament to become law. The government hopes it will be enacted in the first half of next year.

EU leaders agreed last week that the bloc will produce 20 percent of its power through renewable energy, as opposed to its current average of 6 percent.

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EDITORIAL

Victory for Boise family reaffirms parental rights

When a young mother took her infant daughter into a Boise hospital for emergency care, only to have the infant taken into state custody for a controversial medical procedure, it produced a chilling effect for parental rights in regard to the care of their children.

Last week, a federal district judge made a statement reaffirming those important rights. Chief U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill of Boise defended at least portions of parental rights in a ruling released last week. Now a jury will ultimately decide how far those rights were violated.

Four years ago, Corrisa Mueller went to St. Luke's Hospital in Boise with her 5-week old daughter, Taige, who suffered a high fever and irritable behavior. The emergency doctor suspected symptoms of viral meningitis, and wanted to administer a spinal tap on the baby. Spinal taps are a risky procedure that can potentially cause paralysis, infection and severe headaches.

The doctor told Mueller that the probability of meningitis was 5 percent given the symptoms. Since the baby had already been given fluids and had a reduced temperature, Mueller didn't see the procedure as necessary.

But the doctor disagreed, and contacted hospital social workers, who then brought in the police. After consulting with the doctor and mother numerous times, the police officer declared the child in imminent danger and the officer told Mueller the state was taking custody. An emotional Mueller — who was separated from the baby — tried to get back into the exam room, but was physically restrained. The staff made no attempt to gain consent from the father, Eric Mueller, who was at home tending another child. The mother was also denied a chance to call her husband.

Eventually, the test results showed no meningitis and Taige Mueller suffered no damage from the spinal tap. The parents, however, sued St. Luke's, the doctors, the social workers, the police and even the city.

Winmill's ruling — while not a final decision on the matter — demonstrably proves how a parent's nightmare can come true against the power of the state.

The judge ruled that certain constitutional rights were violated by the defendants — primarily by not notifying the other parent both before and after the procedure. Other questions remain, however, of whether the doctors accurately conveyed the risks to police.

But Winmill ruled that with fit parents, the state normally has no reason to intervene into a parental decision concerning the rearing and care of the child.

"A difficult choice — a choice that poses risks either way — should never trigger intervention by the state. With no obvious safe alternative, the state has no parents' patriae interest, and hence loses all claim to make decisions for the child. It is now the grim duty of the parents to make the call."

The Mueller case earned attention from legislators four years ago, but health care, law enforcement, and welfare officials shot down proposals to tighten "imminent danger" custody cases.

Perhaps keeping those rules vital for instances of neglect and abuse where the state must take action and protect children. That clearly wasn't the case with Taige Mueller.

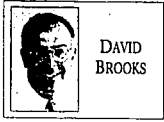
Winmill's ruling, and possibly another verdict in a civil case, should tell those authorities when they cannot cross the boundaries against parental rights.

Our view:
State officials should closely study parental rights issues after an emergency room visit gone awfully awry.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Too much, too late for White House

Three years ago, I said some pessimistic things on TV about the war in Iraq. Scooter Libby called the next day. Methodically, though with a touch of wryness in his voice, he ran down a list of the hopeful developments he thought I was ignoring. Then as we were signing off, he interrupted himself and said: "Anyway, that's the positive spin. I can do the negative spin just as well."



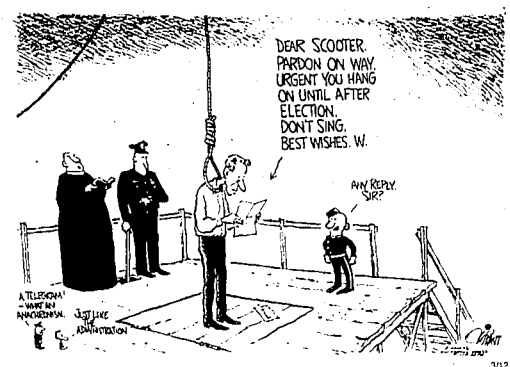
DAVID BROOKS

It was the only time I ever detected a crack in Libby's stoic front. Over the years, we had two lunches and about a half-dozen phone interviews, and he was more discreet each time. I would sit there — listening, nodding — and think, We know the flashies are not like us less because they're willing to appear less knowledgeable than they really are, but can Scooter Libby be like this, too?

Yet it was hard not to like the guy — for his intelligence, his loyalty and his meticulous attention to ethical niceties. (At lunch he wouldn't let me pick up the tab. He'd lay a \$20 bill on the table to cover his half.)

And so, like everybody who knows him, I greet his conviction with a profound sense of sadness. You can convince me that Libby is guilty, but I'll always believe he's a good man. Yet that doesn't help me get the sadness that this trial arouses, for the proceedings have revealed the arc of what the administration was and could have been.

When you think back to the White House of 2003, the period the trial explores, you will discover a White House consumed by a feverish sense of mission.



Staff members in those days went to work wondering whether this would be the day they would die. There was a sense that any day a bomb might wipe out downtown Washington.

Senior officials were greeted each morning by intense intelligence briefings. On June 14, 2003, for example, Libby received a briefing with 27 items and 11 pages of terrorist threats. Someone once told me that going from the president's daily briefing to the next event on Bush's schedule, which might be a photo-op with a sports team, was like leaving "23" and stepping into "Sesame Street." No wonder administration officials were corporate on the outside but frantic within.

The White House culture was also defined by the staff's passionate devotion to the president. Bush's speeches after 9/11 inspired a sense of intense conviction, and the emotional bonds were kept perpetually aroused by the onset of war, by the fierce rivalries with the State Department and the CIA, and by the administration's creed, that everything it does

must be transformational. It was a time, in short, of grand goals but also of discomfounding and repressed emotion.

Today, the White House culture is less intense. The staff's relationship to the president has shimmered down, from devotion to mere admiration. The president's failure to fire Donald Rumsfeld hurt the White House morale. "The president is not transparent with failure," was one of the first bits of criticism I heard from a top Bush aide. Katrina depressed many staffers. After the loss of Congress in 2006, even the most fervent Bush loyalists gave themselves psychological permission to think for themselves, and to examine their performance.

Today, the White House staff is less disciplined but more attractive. There is no party line in private conversations. The trick now is to figure out what administration policy really is, because you can't talk to three different people and get three different versions on any topic. There's more conversation and more modesty. The vice president has less gravitational pull, and

there has been a talent upgrade in post after post: Josh Bolton as chief of staff, Iken Holsen at Treasury. If Bob Gates had been the first defense secretary, the world would be a much better place today.

The administration has also lost its transformational mid-set. After cruel experience, there's a greater tendency to match ends to means, and to actually think about executing a policy before you embark upon it. There's much more tolerance for serious free thinkers — the John Hopkins scholar Eliot Cohen was not hired at the State. In short, this administration's capacities have waxed as its power has waned. And you can't help but feel that today's White House would have been less adept at handling the first stages of the war on terror. But that's the perpetual tragedy of life: The owl of Minerva flies at dusk. Wisdom comes from offering an error, and when the passions die, dust and observation begins.

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Ban on field burning helps all of Idaho

It's clear the air on the harm that field burning has caused in Idaho. Many doubt the serious health effects, but the record is clear. There is no harm more serious than death, and Idaho documents show field burning caused at least seven deaths since 1995 in two ways — first, from acute asthma episodes triggered by huffs and, secondly, from car crashes caused by agricultural burn smoke on highways.

The asthma deaths include Marsha Mason in 2000, detailed in the Sept. 3, 2001, issue of US News and World Report, with a copy of her death certificate. The coroner declared the cause of death to be acute status asthmaticus due to severe air pollution from field burning.

In a sworn court statement, Dr. Henry Covelli of Coeur d'Alene described his patient. "As Respiratory Care Medical Director at Kootenai Medical Center, I have witnessed the immediate death of at least one patient who was exposed to smoke from North Idaho grass field



READER COMMENT
Patti Gora

residue burning, experienced immediate respiratory difficulty, and expired as a result of an exacerbation to his respiratory disease. In my work at Kootenai Medical Center, I have also witnessed patients exposed to smoke from North Idaho grass residue burning experience life-threatening episodes of respiratory distress that required immediate medical intervention to avoid death." (Declaration of Dr. Covelli, U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho, Case No. 02-0241-IMJ)

A third victim, Sharon Buck of Sandpoint, camped in her backyard with her children when burning from the Rathdrum Prairie overcame her. She died in her husband's arms in 1996 after using her inhalers for an acute asthma episode. Her husband provided a sworn statement about her death.

Car crashes are another leading cause of deaths from field burning in Idaho. The most recent occurred in 2004, when Lyle Tanner was killed in a multi-car crash. The Post Register reported this story on Sept. 11, 2004. (Three others were injured).

Other car crashes, reported in local newspapers from ISP reports include Steven S. Mitchell, 18, of Clinton, Utah, killed near Rupert on Oct. 28, 2000. The Times-News reported two car crashes due to agricultural smoke. The first, on Oct. 20, 1995, said an Oakley man was killed near Burley in a four-vehicle accident due to smoke from a burning ditch. Secondly, on Oct. 12, 1996, a 16-year-old Rupert boy died after the car he was riding in ran into the back of a truck on a road obscured by smoke. And although no one was injured, on Sept. 6, 2001, a police car was rear-ended on Highway 95 near Moscow, due to field burning. Not even the police trying to keep the public safe are free from

the danger.

We are in the difficult situation of having all burns declared illegal this year because growers and state regulators have ignored public health for more than 30 years. Not only have they rejected reasonable regulation, they have passed legislation which guarantees that no alternatives to burning will be used (HB 741) and then immunized growers from the harm they do to the public (HB 331 passed in April 2003). They won't even tell us where we can run for safety (HB 568).

Human life is precious, and if reasonable and health-protective protocols for burning had been adopted, then Idaho farmers would still have the toll of burning this year. However, the agricultural community decided acknowledging harm to the public was unacceptable, and for that position, we have all paid dearly, some of us with our lives.

Patti Gora of Sandpoint is the executive director of Safe Air for Everyone (SAFE).

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Bush stands firm against terrorist threats

I just wanted to thank Marvin Makay for his letter. I realize that there are a lot of people who do not like our president and are so against his actions in these difficult times, but I praise him for doing what needs to be done. The people criticizing him forget 9/11 and what that did for the United States. He's a Christian, and there are more people in this country that really don't like that. He's not the best speaker around, but he's more real than most and all he wants is what's best for

this country. The president has limited power, so blame Congress if you want — it holds the purse strings. I am a proud Republican! And I think the president for doing what's right. Now there is a new Congress and the Republicans are going to be the bad guys. I just wanted to thank Mr. Makay for his letter. BARBARA SCHAEFFER Twin Falls

TV station used a lack of wisdom on victim
It is a tragedy that anyone should die a violent death.

This was the case over the weekend with the young woman who was found under the Perrine Bridge. I'm sure that the Jerome County Sheriff's Office and KMYT both felt that they were doing their job, but I felt that it was a total lack of respect for her as a person to go about their business in such a manner. I have no doubt that the sheriff's office has to conduct a full investigation, both to determine her identity and her cause of death. Would it have been too hard to put a tent around the lady in order to afford her some privacy?

I'm sure that the news agency will say it is the public's right to know. Well, this part of the public did not need to see the nude body on the 6 o'clock news. This body was once a living, breathing person and deserves better than what she got. SHERI WESTBROOK Twin Falls

Graffiti doesn't fall into category of art
I took a walk last week on the canyon rim and walked under the Perrine Bridge. I was going to compliment the city for keeping the graffiti

underneath the bridge covered over with neutral paint. I am sure this is an ongoing effort, and I do appreciate it. This morning I read the article about the Jerome graffiti and was disgusted to see the terms art and artists used in the headlines. Why would your newspaper attempt to dignify such nasty pieces of vandalism by calling it art? I do hope these criminals will be caught and punished. They should be required to perform community service by helping to erase future graffiti. BETTY BRYANT Twin Falls

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Pardon the real hero, not the scapegoat

King George will pardon the wrong person.

So Scooter Libby was convicted of perjury, but no one has been convicted of who leaked the name of CIA agent Valerie Plame.

I doubt Libby will spend more than a 1 1/2 years. If even that, once he is pardoned by Moe.

The people he should pardon are the border agents defending our borders against drug runners. They shot him in the butt when he fled back to Mexico.

Let's think, Libby defended Moe, Carly and Larry (Bush, Cheney, Howe) and these agents defended our border. Who should be pardoned?

At this time, the agents are

in prison and the drug runner is suing the United States for \$5 million.

HENRY P. CASTILLO
Halley

True adventures are denied to today's children

What a great story about Owl Rock, but did anyone happen to realize the freedom that Kathleen McKeivitt had growing up?

"Free to run all day, making up things to do and inventing escapades. Picking wild berries, building forts along the river."

That is how I grew up in Halley. That is how my kids grew up. We climbed Della and Carbonate mountains, nearly drowned in the Wood River, hunted ground squirrels and rock chucks and climbed

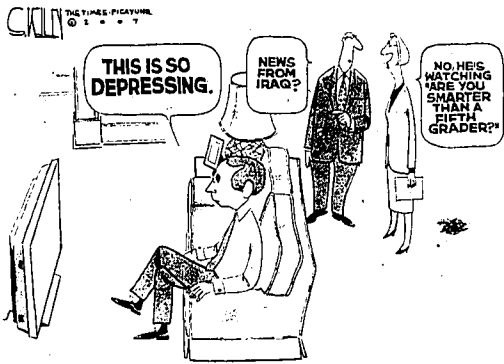
trees. The woods were our playground, the river our swimming pool.

Can you imagine how great it was and how terribly stifled the children of today have become? How sad!

We had great imaginations then and great fun. We learned by experience what not to do.

No wonder the kids nowadays are drugging and shooting classmates. No one is allowed to have an imagination. No one is allowed to experience real life. Kids now aren't even allowed to be left alone for 10 minutes. All activities have to be supervised constantly.

I'm sure glad I lived when we were free to be kids.
EDITH ROBERTSON
Wendell



Rev. Al Sharpton exposes his own magic act

Al Sharpton's desperation is showing.

His recent attacks on presidential candidate Barack Obama and his threat to withhold his support have exposed the frills behind Sharpton's magic act. His audience is leaving the tent and Sharpton is scrambling for relevancy.

Sharpton has been challenging Obama's credentials in the black community and saying that Obama is the darling of white leadership, according to Democratic sources.

Sharpton told CBS News that he is withholding his endorsement until after his National Action Network summit next month. Meanwhile, he's playing hard to get between the Obama and Hillary Clinton camps.

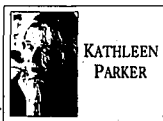
Sharpton is even declining to return calls from Obama's campaign.

Now, it is fair to ask, what is Sharpton really up to? What is his real objection to Obama?

That Obama has white supporters? That Obama has become the first serious black presidential candidate in U.S. history? That he lacks the civil rights bona fides that Sharpton claims for himself? Or is the real problem that Obama's biracial appeal has trumped Sharpton's race card?

For the past few decades, black votes have been promised and delivered by brokers like Sharpton. This isn't shocking in itself. Everybody does it.

On the Republican side, certain individuals also promise to deliver certain votes. Evangelicals, for instance. It's the business



KATHLEEN PARKER

of politics. Sometimes, as in Sharpton's case, a vote broker will run for office himself. He knows he can't win, but he can raise enough money to run and to collect federal matching funds.

Such a candidate can live for a while in a style to which he would like to become accustomed. Linos, bodyguards, room service.

In 2004, when Sharpton ran for president, he ran up the highest average hotel bills of any candidate, with an average stay at the Four Seasons running at a whopping \$3,598, according to Fundrace.org, a Web site that tracked campaign expenditures.

What happens when the money runs out and the campaign isn't doing so well? Ah, The constituency, so carefully cultivated, gets bartered. For a fair trade and a few perks: My votes are your votes.

Obama presents a particular problem for the Sharptons of the world because he doesn't need their help getting the black vote. Obama has mass appeal to both races. What happens to someone like Sharpton when his services are no longer needed?

Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy, perhaps. What we're witnessing now may be a variation on the psychiatric disorder — a new twist in psycho-politics. Munchausen is usually associated with mothers who fabricate diseases or harm their children so that they can then tend to

them and make them well.

In Sharpton's case, we might call it "Mighty Mouse Syndrome." His efforts to damage Obama suggest that Sharpton may be creating problems so that he can then solve them. Come to save the day, in other words.

Sharpton's Barack-bashing is more than politics as usual. It is also a historic watershed, the death throe of an old guard. Regardless of whether Obama wins, his candidacy has exposed Sharpton and other race peddlers for what they are — and threatened

their relevancy.

The trick for Sharpton now is how long to withhold his support. If he signs on with Obama too soon, his currency is less valuable. Next month's summit may still be too soon, but at least it gives him time to stall and rally his constituents. To build his product.

While Sharpton may believe that he is much desired by both front-runners, whippersnappers within some

Democratic quarters wouldn't be sorry to see Sharpton

attack himself to Clinton. They're banking on another syndrome — the Ned Lamont Syndrome.

When Lamont defeated Joe Lieberman in Connecticut for the Democratic Senate nomination last year, who joined him on the stage? Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, who also is being coy toward Obama — leaning toward but not yet endorsing him.

Who lost in the general election? Ned Lamont.

Likewise, Clinton may not benefit from being frozen in the frame with Sharpton. Which is to say, Sharpton's magic has become an empty top hat.

The rabbit is on the run, and the cat is out of the bag.

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Sharpton

Obama

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact for Republic of Singapore F-15SG Aircraft Beddown at Mountain Home Air Force Base

The U.S. Air Force completed the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to establish a foreign military training squadron within the 36th Fighter Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base (AFB), Idaho, to support agreements between the U.S. government and one of its foreign allies and to train as a team to perform in a multinational force structure. Under the proposed action, the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) would beddown 10 operational F-15SG aircraft, personnel, and equipment beginning in 2009 to operate the squadron. The intent is for the squadron to operate at Mountain Home AFB for 5 to 20 years.

A copy of the Final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact are available for review at the following libraries beginning March 14, 2006:

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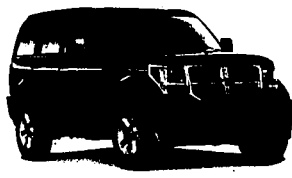
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SPORTS

Jerome jacks Buhl in lopsided doubleheader

Times-News

JEROME — It didn't take too long for Jerome to get the bats heated up.

The Class 4A Tigers swept the Class AA Buhl Indians 16-6 and 10-0 in a Tuesday doubleheader with Logan Parker and Justin Praeger picking up wins on the mound.

Jerome jumped out to a 10-2 lead after two innings during Game 1 and didn't look back. The Tigers scored in every inning during Game 2 and gave up only one hit for the nightcap win.

The Indians' Brent Sawtooth Central Idaho play at Filer on Thursday, while Jerome (4-0) plays a doubleheader at Middleton on Saturday.

Brandon Soderquist had RBIs in the opener.

In Game 2, Kimberly used a six-run second inning to go up 8-2. The Pilots got within 8-6 in the top of the inning, but the Bulldogs pulled away in the fourth. Nick Wright got the win. Offensively, Tucker Lierman went 2-for-3 for Kimberly and Cody Durrington finished 2-for-2 with a double for the Pilots (0-2).

Glenns Ferry travels to Filer on Friday.



Jerome catcher Tucker Thompson prepares to catch a pitch Tuesday afternoon during Jerome High School's doubleheader with Buhl in Jerome.

Ferry, Glenns, Declo

Golf Hagerman boys win at Clear Lake CC

BUHL — The Hagerman boys edged Magic Valley Christian at Clear Lake County Club Tuesday. Hagerman shot a team score of 204 as Morgan Steele fired a 43 to lead the way in the non-hole after play. Michael Billard shot a 47 for Hagerman. Zach DeKruy's 36 was the best score of the day as MVC shot a 206. Murtagh (249) was third and host Buhl (277) was fourth.

On the girls side, Buhl recorded the lone team score with a 296. The top three individual totals came from Kristin Helmsma of MVC with a 59, Cory Hill of Buhl with a 60 and Michelle Kostra of MVC with a 64.

Declo boys, girls win at Blue Lakes CC

TWIN FALLS — The Declo boys and girls took top honors in golf Tuesday at Blue Lake Country Club. Tuesday, Declo's shot a 179 to edge Filer (182). Kimberly was second with a 202. Lighthouse Christian third with a 206 and Gooding fourth with a 215.

Filer's Isaac Wright fired the low round with a 42, while teammate Adam Bueff fired a 43. Three players tied for third as Declo's Isaac Loveland and Jordan Liljenquist and Lighthouse Christian's Kody Graham all shot 44s.

On the girls side, Declo recorded a 252 to best Kimberly, which fired a 303. Declo's McKell Webb fired a 54, while Allison Ramsey of Declo shot a 57 and Sydney Christensen of Declo had a 63.

Wendell strong at own meet

GOODING — The Wendell Trojans boys and girls golf team took top team honors at a small meet at the Gooding County Club on Tuesday. Jaci Lancaster of Wendell — the defending 2A team champion — shot the second-best score of the day, 43, but was topped by five strokes by teammate Emma Aardema. For the boys, Wendell's Matt Luth shot 39 for the medal.

Results

Boys

Wendell 227, 4-3-2-1; Declo 234, 4-4-3-2; Blue Lakes 240, 5-5-4-3; Gooding 247, 6-6-5-4; Clear Lake 254, 7-7-6-5; Buhl 277, 9-9-8-7; Filer 296, 10-10-9-8; Declo 303, 11-11-10-9; Declo 303, 12-12-11-10; Declo 303, 13-13-12-11; Declo 303, 14-14-13-12; Declo 303, 15-15-14-13; Declo 303, 16-16-15-14; Declo 303, 17-17-16-15; Declo 303, 18-18-17-16; Declo 303, 19-19-18-17; Declo 303, 20-20-19-18; Declo 303, 21-21-20-19; Declo 303, 22-22-21-20; Declo 303, 23-23-22-21; Declo 303, 24-24-23-22; Declo 303, 25-25-24-23; Declo 303, 26-26-25-24; Declo 303, 27-27-26-25; Declo 303, 28-28-27-26; Declo 303, 29-29-28-27; Declo 303, 30-30-29-28; Declo 303, 31-31-30-29; Declo 303, 32-32-31-30; Declo 303, 33-33-32-31; Declo 303, 34-34-33-32; Declo 303, 35-35-34-33; Declo 303, 36-36-35-34; Declo 303, 37-37-36-35; Declo 303, 38-38-37-36; Declo 303, 39-39-38-37; Declo 303, 40-40-39-38; Declo 303, 41-41-40-39; Declo 303, 42-42-41-40; Declo 303, 43-43-42-41; Declo 303, 44-44-43-42; Declo 303, 45-45-44-43; Declo 303, 46-46-45-44; 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Team	W/L
St. Francis	10 19
St. George	15 14
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Police: Nevada coach was abusive and used profane language

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Nevada coach Fox yelled profanities and appeared ready to use force toward a police officer and game officials after the Wolf pack lost in the Western Athletic Conference tournament, according to a police report released Tuesday.

The report from New Mexico State University police details a confrontation inside the Pan American Center after Nevada lost 78-77 to Utah State in the WAC semifinals on Friday night.

MMSU officer Quentin Pirle said in the report he was escorting officials Bill Graczyk, Winston Smith and Larry Spaulding to their dressing room when he heard Fox using "loud, boisterous and profane language toward the officials."

"Fox was not arrested and no charges were filed, but WAC Commissioner Karl Benson said the league will investigate."

"It was a very emotional ending to the (WAC) semifinal game," Cary Groth, Nevada's director of athletics, said Tuesday. "We were in very crowded quarters and in the heat of the moment, coach Fox made inappropriate comments to the game officials while leaving the floor. He knows he shouldn't have made those comments and by doing so violated the WAC's sportsmanship policy."

Groth said Fox apologized to the officials, the conference, his team and the university and he and the university will meet fully with the conference. Groth said the school had instructed Fox not to comment further after the NCAA tournament.

Representatives of the Nevada athletic

department did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment Tuesday.

SPORTS SHORTS

Nevada (28-4) plays Creighton (22-10) in the first round of the NCAA tournament Friday in New Orleans. Coach Bill Graczyk said he does not prevent Fox from coaching the Wolf pack during the tournament.

Southern Utah hires Snow College's Roger Reid as head hoops coach
CEDAR CITY, Utah — Southern Utah hired former Brigham Young coach Roger Reid to lead the Thunderbirds.

Reid replaces Bill Evans, who was let go last week after 15 years at Southern Utah.

Reid, who has spent the past two seasons at Snow College in Utah, coaching BYU from 1989-1996, got 152-77. He reached 20 wins six times and took the Cougars to five NCAA tournaments.

"We want to build a winning program that competes for conference championships and the opportunity to play in the NCAA tournament," Reid said Tuesday.

"If there's a conference champion, and that conference champion advances to the NCAA tournament, it might as well be us," he said.

College Football
New Mexico bowl moved to Dec. 22
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The 2007 New Mexico Bowl, featuring teams from the Western

SPORTS SHORTS

National and Magic Valley briefs

Athletic and Mountain West conferences will be played on Dec. 22.

The game will kickoff at 2:30 p.m. MST at University Stadium on the University of New Mexico campus and will be televised by ESPN.

New Mexico and San Jose State played in the inaugural New Mexico Bowl last December. The Spartans beat New Mexico 20-12.

"We are extremely happy to hold this game on Saturday again," said Jeff Siebmieda, the bowl's executive director. "We want this game to become a holiday tradition in New Mexico and this is the perfect time for people to be able to enjoy it."

T.F. adult co-ed softball meeting today

TWIN FALLS — A meeting for anyone interested in playing in the Twin Falls adult co-ed softball league will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation building at 136 Alameda Ave. Registration and team formation contact Heather Bennett at 733-6899.

Flier Babe Ruth sign-ups today

FILER — Babe Ruth Baseball registration for players age 13-15 (as of 4/30/07) will be held at the Filer Middle School. The fee is \$65 and fundraiser participation is required. For more information, contact Ron Hobbins at 308-5029, Randall Jay at 308-395 or Libby Magee at 308-2731.

Buhl Babe Ruth sign-ups Thursday

BUHL — Buhl will hold Babe Ruth Baseball registration for boys ages 13-15 (as of April 30, 2007) from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Alameda Ave. Registration and team formation at 731-6396 with any questions.

MAGIC VALLEY

Tri-City soccer registration available

RUPERT — Registration for the Tri-City Youth Soccer League is available through March 19. The league is for boys and girls ages 5-16. The cost is \$16 prior to deadline. Late registration is \$22.

The league is open to all youth in Mini-Cassia and games are played Monday evenings in Rupert, Heyburn and Paul. Games will begin Monday, April 2. Sponsorships are available for

SPORTS

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

It's been a magical season at UNLV



Niagara forward Cliff Brown (33) runs upcourt after scoring against Florida A&M forward Darius Glover (4) in the second half of the NCAA play-in game, Tuesday, in Dayton, Ohio.

Niagara tops Florida A&M

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Cliff Brown's career night made the NCAA play-in game feel less like a consolation prize. For Niagara, it felt like history.

Senior forward with the gentle touch scored 32 points and made a career-high 5-3 pointers Tuesday night, leading the Purple Eagles to a 77-69 victory over Florida A&M in the play-in game.

Niagara (23-11) hadn't won an NCAA tournament game since 1970, even though it won one full year under the heading of play-in. It felt like a breakthrough.

"Our first NCAA tournament win in 37 years," coach Joe Mihalic said. "It's a little mark in the history book. No asterisk, as far as I'm concerned."

It was a start. The Purple Eagles will head to Chicago for a game Friday against Kansas, the top seed in the West Regional. No play-in winner has gone on to knock off a No. 1 team. In fact, no 16 seed has beaten a No. 1.

"We just look for the next task, keep moving, keep making history," said forward J.R. Duffey, who had six points.

Florida A&M (21-14) didn't bring a pep band or cheerleaders, and didn't have a way to stop Brown, who scored 24 points while the Purple Eagles pulled away in the second half. His big game — one shy of his career high for points — made up for Charron Fisher's rough night. Niagara's leading scorer spent much of the second half on the bench in foul trouble.

"Our team never knows who's going to be the guy," said Brown, who finished 10-of-18 from the field and 6-of-11 from behind the arc. "I hit a few shots in the first half and I was still feeling pretty good, so I took a few more and it turned out good."

The flatters couldn't even rally after Brown helped by accidentally tipping a rebound into the basket. "What Cliff did tonight was exceptional," Mihalic said. "There's always a chance he can do that. It shoots the ball well and he's hard to guard."

Fisher, known for his role in the attack of a Niagara baseball player last year, finished with 13 points. Darius Glover scored 15 points for Florida A&M, which went only 4-of-17 from behind the arc and 7-of-18 from the free-throw line.

Neither team particularly wanted to be here. Leading up to selection Sunday, Florida A&M coach Mike Gillespie lobbied for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champs to avoid the play-in game. Instead, he wound up booking arrangements to Dayton for the second time in four years.

LAS VEGAS — UNLV has had more than its share of issues with the NCAA over the years, so it wasn't surprising there was some grumbling when a team hotter than the clubs on the glittering Las Vegas Strip managed only a No. 7 seed in the Midwest Regional.



TIM DAHLBERG

The Hunnins' Rebels deserved better, but their diplomatic coach and his equally diplomatic point guard weren't going to cry about it in public. Not when their team still has a chance to do what no UNLV team has done in 16 years: win a game in the NCAA tournament.

Not on their skillful precocious time left. In a magical season for a father and his son.

"Just having him around every day has been a blessing," coach Lon Kruger said. Him, for those who haven't seen this year's version of the school Turk made famous, is Kevin Kruger, a coach's son if there ever was one. An extension of his father on the court, he's a big reason UNLV is 28-6 this year, the Mountain West tournament champ and winner of nine of its last 10 games.

It's a feel-good story in a town where not all stories end so well. A son with one year of college left left uses it to play for his father for the first time in his career, and together the two help resurrect a once-vaunted program.

If that's not good enough, it could get even better. UNLV may be the only team to make it to the NCAA selection committee, but it

has the kind of team that could cause problems in the tournament. These Rebels don't run like those in Jerry Tarkanian's day, but they play equally good pressure defense and are adept at taking other teams out of their game plans.

None of it would have happened, though, if not for an inadvertent gift from, of all people, the NCAA. The same guys who stalked Tarkanian to see if he was buying a recruit a soft drink gave the Krugers an unexpected opportunity to spend the season bonding — and winning.

"It's been a fun ride," Kevin Kruger said. "Being around my family and these guys has just been wonderful."

The younger Kruger was getting ready last summer to return to Arizona State, where he was an All-Pac-10 honorable mention the year before, when a friend told him about a player who had taken advantage of a new NCAA rule allowing transfers to another school.

The rule is no longer in place, lasting less than a year before being overturned a few months ago. It allowed an athlete who had

already graduated with a year's eligibility left, to use that eligibility at a different school.

"My first thought was I wanted to play for my dad," Kruger said. "I called him up and asked him if he had heard about it, and he explained it to me."

The decision wasn't easy. Kruger was comfortable at ASU, even with a new coach coming in, and his father hadn't exactly built a powerhouse in two years at UNLV, going 17-14 and 17-13.

But it was a chance to play for Dad, something that he had never done while growing up in different places with Lon Kruger coaching at Kansas State, Florida, Illinois, and with the Atlanta Hawks.

Kevin Kruger wasn't going to miss out on the opportunity. "It was something I felt I should do or I would look back on it and wonder what might have been," he said.

Kruger doesn't need to wonder anymore. Despite missing a stretch of midseason games with a deep thigh bruise, he made 74-3 pointers, had 30 steals, and averaged five assists a game.

He also took charge on the court for a team that plays better than the sum of its parts.

"Kevin loves to play and he loves to compete. The effort is never a problem with him," Lon Kruger said. "And we're always talking with him about the game plan."

With good reason. The son of a coach wants to be a coach himself, and Kruger studies opposing teams as closely as any member of

the coaching staff. He also studies how his father treats his players.

"He keeps his cool pretty much. He knows guys make mistakes," Kevin said. "He's not going to degrade you or say something in front of others. He knows we know when we mess up."

Lately, the Rebels haven't messed up much. They came back from being down 13 points early in the second half to beat BYU in the Mountain West title on Saturday, capping a season UNLV hadn't seen the likes of since the Tarkanian days.

Fans responded by coming out in numbers not seen since UNLV won the national title in 1990 and went undefeated in the regular season the next year. This city loves a winner, and nearly 18,000 people packed at the last home game to strains of "Viva Las Vegas."

It could all end, of course, when the Rebels play Georgia Tech on Friday in Chicago. No one is comparing this to the fateful 1997 UNLV team that dominated everyone before being upset in the national semifinals by Duke.

But this is a team peaking at just the right time. It has the tenacity to play with one foot on the rightmost more important, it has a father and son who would love nothing better than to spend a few more games together.

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That's Central Connecticut, not UConn, in NCAA's

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (AP) — Central Connecticut's players are used to the chants on the road: "Safety school! safety school!"

This is not UConn, the state's flagship university with its national championships, picturesque campus and Hall of Fame coach. This is CCSU, one of four campuses in the Connecticut state university system, located near the Stanley tool factory in blue-collar New Britain.

Only one of its players was recruited after Division I school.

But on Tuesday, Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Bell called to Central's 3,200-seat gym and handed coach Howie Dickman a state flag, telling the team to carry it proudly to Lexington, Ky., and Thursday's first-round NCAA tournament game against No. 1 Ohio State.

"The safety school is going to the NCAA tournament," senior captain Javier Mojica said. "All the private schools, and the much more expensive schools, they can sit back and have a fun spring break."

While UConn missed the postseason this year for the first time since 1997, it will be Central's third trip to the tournament in the last seven years. Not bad for a team that dresses just like nine players and starts nobody taller than 6-foot-7.

Led by Mojica, the Blue Devils (22-11) have caught the imagination of a campus that likes the underdog image.

After starting 3-5, they ran away with the Northeast Conference regular-season championship, going 16-2 in league play and 9-0 at home. They won the NEC tournament title on their home court over state rival Sacred Heart, becoming the only team in the state to qualify for the tournament.

Mojica is a walk-on from Auburn, Mass., who wasn't recruited after an arrest stemming from a high school fight. When he was 10, he found his mother trying to hang herself in their basement.



Central Connecticut's Jamino Sobers prepares to board a bus outside of Kaler Hall on the Central campus in New Britain, Conn., on Tuesday. Number 16 seed Central will face No. 1 seed Ohio State in the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament.

He pulled the rope from her neck and saved her life.

Dickman saw something in Mojica and invited him to come to Central. He worked his way into the starting lineup, earned a scholarship and this season became the conference player of the year.

"At one point I was nobody, and right now, the story of my life and to come here and become a senior and a captain and for people to look up to me, it's just a great feeling," he said.

Mojica averages about 10 points, as does Tristan Blackwood, a junior guard from Toronto. Obie Nwadike, the team's power forward, is listed as 6-4, but Dickman acknowledges he's

much closer to 6-2. He averages more than 14 points and 11 rebounds. He's the only player in the country under 6-6 ranked in the top 20 in rebounding.

"I think we have a bunch of overachievers," Dickman said. "The only player on this team that was recruited by anyone else is Nwadike. What accounts for their success? Determination, toughness, grit. The bumper stickers say: 'Character Counts.'"

His players say it also has a lot to do with Dickman, a former UConn assistant and a CCSU alum who has been the Blue Devils' coach for 11 years.

He is one of four former Husky assistants in the NCAA tournament, along with Virginia's Dave Leitao, George Washington's Karl Hobbs and Penn's Glen Miller.

"I saw his team this year. UConn coach Jim Calhoun said, 'You would have thought they were a Division II team, but their heart was a big as any team in Division I basketball, and that comes from Howie.'"

Dickman makes his players to wear blue to games. No red phones are allowed in the basketball facilities. Detrick Gynn, he says, is a work-place. He asks his recruits what they think of their high school coaches. If they say something disrespectful, the recruiting process is over.

"Coach works us to maximum of our abilities," and prepares us for life," Blackwood said. "The story of David and Goliath."

At practice Monday night, the team worked on zone defense and mimicking the shot clock on offense.

Michigan pulls away late for first-round win over Utah State

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Jerret Smith scored 15 points and freshman DeShawn Sims had a career-high 14 to lead Michigan to a 68-58 win over Utah State in the first round of the NIT on Tuesday night.

Jonae Carroll had 22 points and Kris Clark and Durrall Peterson added nine apiece for the Aggies (23-12), who were playing in their second NIT in four years.

Michigan (22-12) is making its third appearance in the NIT in the last four years. The Wolverines have advanced to the finals in their last two appearances, winning the title in 2004 and losing to South Carolina last season.

West Virginia 74, Delaware State 50

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Frank Young scored 17 points and Alex Ruoff added 14 as West Virginia advanced.

Ruoff also had nine assists. Jamie Smalligan added 15 points and Da'Sean Butler scored nine points for top-seeded West Virginia (23-9). The Mountaineers had a 16-0 run at the end of the first half and led 39-13 at the break.

Jahsha Bluntt led eighth-seeded Delaware State (21-1) with 19 points. Aaron Flowerwood added 14 points.

The Mountaineers will play either Massachusetts or Alabama on Thursday.

Florida State 77, Toledo 60

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Al Thornton scored 24 points to lead Florida State to a victory over Toledo.

The Seminoles (21-12) will host Michigan in a second-round game Thursday. The Wolverines (22-12) advanced with a 68-58 win Tuesday over Utah State.

Florida State led 39-23 at the half behind 15 points from Thornton, who went scoreless in the first 5:36 of the game before breaking loose.

In a span of just 2:33, Thornton scored four baskets, finished in another blocked shot, and grabbed a pair of rebounds as the Seminoles took a 20-13 lead midway through the first half. Thornton's first basket, a layup, gave Florida State the lead for good at 9-8.

North Carolina State 63, Drexel 56

PHILADELPHIA — Ben Ainsley scored 18 points and Engin Caturay had 16 to lead weary North Carolina State past Drexel.

off three higher seeds in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament before losing to North Carolina in the championship game Sunday.

Mississippi State 82, Mississippi Valley State 63

STARVILLE, Miss. — Charles Rhodes had 21 points and four blocks as Mississippi State beat Mississippi Valley State.

The win is a school-record 14th home victory for Mississippi State (19-13) and advances the Bulldogs into the second round, where they'll face the winner of Wednesday's Providence-Bradley game.

Jamont Gordon had 18 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, while freshman Ben Hansbrough added 15 points.

Massachusetts 89, Alabama 87, OT

AMHURST, Mass. (AP) — Chris Lewis' pull-up jumper with 1.6 seconds left in overtime gave Massachusetts an 89-87 victory over Alabama in the first round of the NIT on Tuesday night.

Stephane Lasme led UMass with 21 points and nine blocked shots, while

Lowie added 19 points. Mykel Riley had 24 points to lead Alabama, including a 3-pointer at the regulation buzzer to force overtime.

Alabama (20-12) took an 85-84 lead early in the extra session, but Gary Forbes converted a three-point play to put UMAs ahead 87-85 with 1:15 up. After both teams missed shots, Demeetrius Jamson scored inside to tie it before Lowie hit his game-winning shot.

Marist 67, Oklahoma State 64

STILLWATER, Okla. — Will Whitington scored 30 points and Marist upset Oklahoma State 67-64 on Tuesday night in the first round of the NIT.

Marist, seeded seventh in the East Regional, became only the third non-conference opponent to win the Gallagher-Ira Arena in the Cowboys' last 140 games against such teams: The Red Foxes (25-8) advanced to play North Carolina State in the second round.

It was Marist's first victory ever in the NCAA tournament or NIT. Second-seeded Oklahoma State, which opened 15-1 this season, finished with a 22-13 record.

— The Associated Press



Michigan forward Brent Petway, left, defends Utah State guard Jaycee Carroll, during the first half of a first-round NIT basketball game Tuesday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Brandon Costner's three-point play late in the game sealed the win for the Wolfpack (19-15), who advanced to play the winner of the Marist-Oklahoma State game.

The 10th-seeded Wolfpack knocked

Jazz blow 17-point second-half lead in loss to Heat

MIAMI — Anolene Walker hit a long 3-pointer in the final minutes that turned and urged the Miami Heat crowd to calm down.

"They get a little ansy sometimes," Walker said. "But it's cool, I like it. It's fun. Makes it more exciting."

In the end, Walker made sure those fans went home happy.

She scored all 13 of his points in the final 11 minutes, and the streaking Heat erased a 17-point second-half deficit to beat the Utah Jazz 89-86 on Tuesday night.

Miami was down 14 entering the fourth quarter before outscoring Utah 28-12 in the period to win their seventh straight game overall and 13th in a row at home. They moved within a half-court of title Washington for the Southeast Division lead.

"Anolene was great," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "When the game counted most, he made all his stuff work."

Walker was 0-for-6 entering the fourth, then shot 6-for-11 in the final quarter — doubling the total field-goal output in the last 12 minutes by the Jazz, who were 3-for-14 in the decisive period.

And still, Utah led in the final minute. Mehmet Okur's 3-pointer with 1:29 left put Utah up 86-85, before Eddie Jones hit a pair of free throws after a loose-ball foul with 52.2 seconds remaining to give Miami the lead for good. Udolis Haslem added a free throw with 2.7 seconds to play, and the defending NBA champions held on when Carlos Boozer missed



Miami Heat forward Udolis Haslem (40) prepares to shoot over Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer (5) in the first quarter in Miami, Tuesday.

from the left baseline at the buzzer.

"We choked, plain and simple," Jazz guard Deron Williams said. "We played good, aggressive basketball, but then we broke down and don't do a good job in the fourth quarter. They outplayed us and outthrew us."

Utah, which had its six-game winning streak snapped, was 14-0 in road games which it led entering the fourth.

Cavaliers 124, Kings 100

CLEVELAND — Sasha Pavlovic scored a career-high 25 points and Larry Hughes added 25 to lead

Cleveland, playing without LeBron James, to a season-high sixth straight victory.

James was a late scratch from the lineup because of back spasms. The Cavaliers are 3-0 this season without their superstar and 9-2 since he joined the team in 2004-05.

Boston, which missed two games last week following his arrest on suspicion of domestic violence, led the Kings with 19 points in his second game back. Sacramento has lost three straight.

Hawks 104, 76ers 92

ATLANTA — Josh Smith had 26 points and a career-high 17 rebounds in Atlanta's 104-92 victory over Philadelphia on Tuesday night, helping the Hawks to their fourth straight victory and ending the 76ers' seven-game winning streak.

Despite a .400 winning percentage that ranks 11th in the weak Eastern Conference, Atlanta moved a half-game ahead of Philadelphia and 3½ behind New York for the eighth and final playoff spot.

Spurs 93, Clippers 84

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored 25 points and San Antonio beat Los Angeles for its 13th straight victory, the longest current winning streak in the NBA.

Tim Duncan added 19 points. Manu Ginobili had 16 and Michael Finley

contributed 13 as the Spurs completed a sweep of their four meetings with the Clippers this season.

Corey Maggette led the Clippers with 17 points.

Nets 112, Hornets 108

OKLAHOMA CITY — Vince Carter hit the go-ahead free throw with 21 seconds left. Richard Jefferson had his best game since returning from ankle surgery, and New Jersey beat New Orleans.

Jefferson, in his fourth game back after six weeks out, had 26 points. Jason Kidd had 10 points and 12 assists. Mikki Moore added 14 points, and Eddie House and Boston Naclibar each scored 12 for the Nets.

Timberwolves 86, Pacers 81

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett had 30 points and nine rebounds, and Minnesota extended Indiana's losing streak to 10 games.

Jonah Tinsley had a career-high 37 points, six assists and six rebounds in his second game back from a one-game suspension for conduct detrimental to the team for Indiana. But after dominating the first three quarters, Tinsley and the Pacers fell apart under increasing pressure from Garnett.

Nuggets 107, Trail Blazers 99

DENVER — Allen Iverson had 31

points and 10 assists, and Carmelo Anthony added 29 points in Denver's victory over Portland.

Marcus Camby finished with 14 and 10 rebounds — his 23rd double-double this season — and Nate Robinson contributed 12 points. The Nuggets have won 14 of the last 15 games at home against the Blazers.

Bulls 95, Celtics 87

CHICAGO — Rookie Tyrus Thomas scored a career-high 23 points. Ben Wallace added 19 points, 16 rebounds and three blocked shots, and Chicago beat Boston.

Luol Deng scored 19 points and Kirk Hinrich finished with 15 for Chicago, which beat Boston for the eighth straight time. Wallace made nine of a career-high 21 field goal attempts and fell just short of his career best of 22 points.

Pistons 101, SuperSonics 97

SEATTLE — Chris Webber scored 29 points. Tayshaun Prince added 18, and Detroit held off a late rally to beat Seattle.

Detroit improved to 3-0 on its five-game West Coast road swing and remained two games up on Cleveland for the Central Division lead and best record in the Eastern Conference. Rasheed Wallace returned from his one-game suspension to add 15 points and Chauncey Billups added 14.

— The Associated Press

Suppan seeks to help Brewers pitching staff

PHOENIX (AP) — Jeff Suppan kissed the Pope's ring, hoisted the World Series trophy and signed the largest contract in Brewers history all in a 13-month span.

He called his meeting with Pope Benedict XVI in November 2005, during a Pontifical Council of Church and Sport, a life-changing experience.

"It was tremendous," Suppan said. "Meeting someone of that stature, just for a brief moment, was special. I could just see the sincerity in his eyes. I could feel the holiness of his presence. It kind of inspired me."

Now Suppan is getting ready for the much more mundane task of lead a pitching staff that has been hampered with injuries the past two seasons, a group that does include former All Stars Ben Sheets and Chris Capuano.

"I don't know what they were lacking last year, that's not for me to judge," Suppan said. "I thought they were a very good team but for whatever reason, maybe injuries, they weren't able to play where they wanted to play at."

Suppan, the NL championship series MVP with the St. Louis, will earn \$42 million during the next four years. He said he can't worry about the perception that he's being overpaid.

"The contract, has it sunk in? I really even haven't thought about that," he said. "However people perceive it, I mean, I have no control over that. The only thing I can do is control what I have control of, that's going out, making good pitch selections and trying to hit his location."

Suppan made at least 31 starts and pitched 188 innings



Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Jeff Suppan throws during a spring training baseball workout at the team's practice facility Feb. 18 in Phoenix, Ariz. Suppan, the NLCS MVP with the St. Louis, will earn \$42 million during the next four years as a mainstay in the Brewers rotation.

or more each of the last eight seasons. Sheets has made just 39 starts over the past two seasons — he went 6-7 with a 3.82 ERA in 17 starts last year and was hampered by shoulder problems that sent him to the disabled list twice.

When Sheets and last year's fourth starter, Tomo Ohka, missed their turns due to injuries, Milwaukee went 6-17. The rotation was 48-58 with a 4.73 ERA last season, mostly three-quarters of a point higher than in 2005.

"We've got more guys to choose from, more guys that are productive," manager Ned Yost said.

"There have been times when I write the lineup up and really hope that we can score a lot of runs today and win a baseball game. You put certain names down, and you just feel like you're going to be in this game, and you've got a great chance of winning it."

MLB: SPRING TRAINING

Plenty of attention for Matsuzaka

FOIT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Fans flock for his autograph. Cameras record his simplest moves. Batters flock for his mysterious "gyroball" — if it even exists. It's just one of hundreds of rookies at baseball spring training camps this year, but he's swooned over like a rock star.

Matsuzaka Mania slammed into spring training at full force and hasn't let up.

"I've never had a player generate this interest," said Boston's vice president of media relations, John Blake, who did the same job for the Texas Rangers when they had Alex Rodriguez and Nolan Ryan.

At one road game where Matsuzaka pitched, reporters had to sit on folding chairs in fan territory because the press boxes was too small. For his next start Friday at the Los Angeles Dodgers, a sign-up sheet for traveling media was posted Monday night. Within a half-hour, it had 50 names on it, 45 from Japanese owners.

Even fans have trouble getting into Matsuzaka's games.

"We were hoping he wouldn't pitch so we'd have a better chance of getting tickets," said Jenni Trout of Orlando as she waited in a box office line last Sunday with her husband and three sons.

She was third in line when a sign went up on the ticket window: "Today's game is SOLD OUT!"

Manager Terry Francona sees it all — Matsuzaka's outstanding pitching, the hour he spends signing autographs, the respectful rapport he's developed with teammates — and says simply, "It's got it."

And everyone seems to want a piece of it.

On Feb. 12 at Tampa International Airport, 17 photographers and 10 TV cameramen — nearly all from Japanese outlets and some waiting three hours — covered Matsuzaka's arrival in Florida. Last Sunday, his game was televised behind the bay in Japan.

When a team invests more than \$103 million in a pitcher — huge money even



Boston Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka smiles as he runs during a practice prior to a spring training baseball game in Fort Myers, Fla., Monday, Feb. 12. Cameras record his simplest moves. He's just one of hundreds of rookies at baseball spring training camps this year, but he's swooned over like a rock star.

in a sport that showers riches on run-of-the-mill players — people notice. Especially if that pitcher has been a star since high school in another baseball-crazy country.

Matsuzaka pitched Yokohama High to the national championship in 1998 with a no-hitter in the final game.

The next season, he was rookie of the year with the Seibu Lions and last year's World Baseball Classic in which he was MVP; he became a free agent.

Matsuzaka bid \$51.1 million just for the right to negotiate with him. Then, after talks went down to the wire, he agreed on a \$52 million, six-year contract.

Tourism officials have seen just a "sprinkling" of Japanese visitors, although two from Tokyo came specifi-

ly to see Matsuzaka pitch, said Nancy Hamilton, spokeswoman for the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau.

The bureau printed materials in Japanese and she expects their numbers to grow next year.

Matsuzaka has six outstanding pitches and, perhaps, a "gyroball" that adds to his allure. It is baseball's version of the Loch Ness Monster — it may or may not exist — about as the thought of it can be scary.

"The pitch that he throws that some might think is that pitch is his changeup," pitching coach John Farrell said. "It turns the ball over so it has some screwball action to it, but I think the gyroball is still somewhat of a legend."

Matsuzaka is very easy about it.

Asked if two homers he allowed in Sunday's 5-3 loss to the Baltimore Orioles came on gyroballs, Matsuzaka thought, grinned and replied through an interpreter, "Ask the batters."

About a month earlier, nine TV satellite trucks were parked in front of City of Palms Park where the Red Sox play — blocking the view of a Ted Williams statue — when the 26-year-old right-hander held his first formal news conference in Florida.

"The first year when I played professionally in Japan, the first spring training, many members of the media showed up," he said. "So I'm not surprised."

And, he said, "I honestly apologize" if teammates become disturbed by the media crush.

"There's 200 (media) people here just for him," Schilling said. "And he gives off the impression that he doesn't want to be an inconvenience to other people."

With so much focus on Matsuzaka, there will be less in the spotlight as overshadowed.

Schilling's request for a contract extension was rejected. Quirky left fielder Manny Ramirez reported late to camp. Dominant closer Jonathan Papelbon became a starter. Monday night's visit by the New York Yankees in their over-hyped rivalry with the Red Sox also took a back seat.

"Guys are kind of flying under the radar, which is OK," Francona said. "I also think the way Dice-K has handled it has also made it easier. He's endeared himself to his teammates."

Comeback kid: Sosa gets two more hits as Rangers fall to White Sox

SURPRISE: Ariz. — Sammy Sosa sounds a little annoyed that anyone ever doubted him.

The former slugger got two more hits Tuesday, and his comeback with the Texas Rangers is going exceedingly well — at least in exhibition games.

"Don't tell me this is spring training," Sosa said after a 1-2 loss to the Chicago White Sox in Surprise, Ariz. "I came here because I want to play and I've been playing good. Spring training or not, it doesn't matter to me. I could be playing in Mexico and it would be the same thing."

The 38-year-old Sosa went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI against Chicago. In nine games this spring, he's hitting .464 (13-for-28) with two homers, two doubles, a triple and six RBIs.

Sosa sat out last season after

batting only .221 with 14 homers in 102 games for Baltimore in 2005.

"I'm a good player. I may surprise other people but I never surprise myself. I know I was out for a year, but give me some credit. You're talking to me like I've never hit before," he said.

"I'm a positive thinker. I never think negative. If I show up for spring training it's for a reason — because I know I can make it. I'm not here for the money. I've got money. I'm not here because I'm struggling. I'm a gamer."

The 1998 NL MVP is 12 homers shy of becoming the fifth player in major league history to hit 600.

"I haven't taken a year off in 17 years since I started playing," Sosa said. "I feel hungry again."

Rangers manager Ron Washington said Sosa's work ethic and the time he's spent with hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo led little doubt in his mind about the former slugger's chance for success.

"I said from the beginning that I thought he was going to do what he's doing. "When you find a guy like him with the work ethic he has, you trust him until he proves you wrong. And he hasn't proven me wrong yet."

Rose sees reinstating him would please fans

CINCINNATI — Pete Rose said his fans would likely be

"elated" if baseball reinstated him.

"Everything should be for the fans," Rose said Tuesday before a preview party celebrating Saturday's opening of a special exhibit in his honor at the Cincinnati Reds' Hall of Fame.

"If they retired my number here, don't you think the fans would be elated?"

"They could send a hit man after Rose, and I would still be out there trying to sell baseball. My name's synonymous with baseball."

Several Rose-related artifacts have been on display at the Red Hall of Fame since it debuted in 2004, a year after Great American Ball Park opened. The new exhibit includes more than 300 items from the career of Rose, who finished playing in 1996 with a

career-high 4,256 hits. His total is reflected at the Reds' Hall in a three-story high wall of baseballs — one for each hit.

"I'm just happy having three stories of balls. That's a lot of balls," said Rose, who spent almost three more seasons as Cincinnati's manager before he agreed to a lifetime ban in 1989 after an investigation if his gambling in a 2004 autobiography. Rose admitted he had gambled on baseball.

Displayed at the new conference were the bat Rose used and the ball when he got hit 4,192 to pass Ty Cobb.

"You want to check and make sure there's no cork in that bat?" Rose joked.

Because of the ban, Rose is not eligible for induction into the Reds' or Baseball's Hall of Fame. He also is not allowed to

be involved in most on-field activities, which has prevented the Reds from retiring his uniform No. 14.

Major League Baseball did include him in two events — 1999's All-Century Team and 2002's 30th Anniversary Moments — that were sponsored by credit card company. He could, in fact, say whether he thought the current exhibit represented a softening of baseball's stance regarding his ban.

"I want to thank baseball for giving the permission to do this," he said about the exhibit.

"They wouldn't let me be on the field for the last game here at Fenway Field, the Reds' previous home. They wouldn't let me go to the last game in Philadelphia (at Veteran's Stadium) either."

— The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Abundant sunshine Highs, upper 50s
Tonight: Fair to clear skies Lows, upper 30s
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy Highs, upper 50s to near 60.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 6 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (High/Low).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A few clouds with above average temperatures Highs near 60
Tonight: Scattered clouds to clear skies Lows, lower 30s
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and staying dry High, upper 50s

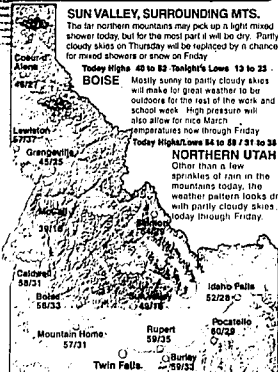
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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

The far northern mountains may pick up a light-mid snow shower today, but for the most part it will be dry.

BOISE Highly sunny to partly cloudy skies will make for great weather to be outdoors for the rest of the week and school week.

NORTHERN UTAH Other than a few sprinkles of rain on the mountains today, the weather pattern looks dry with partly cloudy skies today through Friday.



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Table with columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset. Includes historical and current data.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases: New Moon, First Qtr, Full Moon, Last Qtr.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for today and tomorrow.

U. V. INDEX

Table showing UV index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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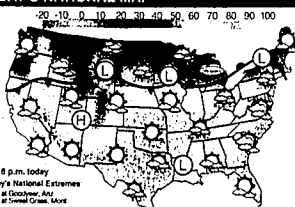
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various cities across the US.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities in other countries.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think of life like a play now as a wonderful play that I've written for myself... and so my purpose is to have the utmost fun playing my part."

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Canadian cities like Calgary, Edmonton, etc.

Montoya settling into life as a NASCAR driver

By Jenna Fryer Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — Juan Pablo Montoya had little time to celebrate his first NASCAR victory — the Busch Series race in Mexico City — before traveling to Las Vegas for the Nextel Cup race.

Most drivers flock to the Strip, settling into five-star hotels before hitting the party scene. But Montoya avoided all that and instead stayed at the track in his temporary motorhome.

His custom-ordered bus won't arrive until summer, but Montoya and his wife, Connie, feel right at home in the rental.

"I love motorhome living," she said from the kitchen area, where she sliced chicken breasts for a pre-race lunch. "I love the cooking and cleaning and having friends and family around. We've been to Monaco and Barcelona and done all the hotels and restaurants."

"We just want to feel like we are home."

The Montoyas are settling into the new world of NASCAR, which has embraced the former Formula One star since his defection to stock cars.

He dominated the headlines following his March 4 win in Mexico, where he came from 19th to first and bumped teammate Scott Pruett out of his way en route to the victory. The performance earned him praise in Vegas, where he saw

many Cup stars for the first time since the win.

"I knew that Juan Montoya was one of the greatest drivers in the world, but boy, did he show everybody," driver Mark Martin said. "The incident that he and Pruett had, it was an unfortunate incident. It was not something that needed to take place for him to win

the race. It certainly doesn't discredit the win, by any means.

"He certainly put on a driving clinic for everyone out there, and that was awesome."

Last week, Montoya tried to put Mexico in his rearview mirror and focus on Las Vegas. The challenges of the reconfigured race track were

tremendous even for the Nextel Cup regulars.

He qualified fourth but fell a lap down early and finished 22nd in what he said was his toughest NASCAR race to date. He's currently 22nd in the Nextel Cup points standings and trails David Ragan by seven points in the race for rookie of the year.



Juan Pablo Montoya takes off his helmet after his qualifying run for the NASCAR Nextel Cup UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 auto race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas last week. Montoya is in his first year as a NASCAR driver.

Q&A with Juan Pablo Montoya

Juan Pablo Montoya sat down for a Q&A with AP Auto Racing Writer Jenna Fryer:

Q: You won the Busch race in Mexico City, then came to Las Vegas for the Cup event. Did you receive any reception from the drivers once you got here?

JPM: "It's been really good. Everybody has been really happy for me, and it's been great to see that. But it's what I said about this business: It was great, but it was last week. For me, yeah, we got our first one out of the way. At the end of the day, it doesn't really matter anymore. We move on to a different race, and we just have to move on to the next one."

Q: Is it different for you that drivers took time to talk to you?

JPM: "Um, yeah. It is different. But it's like everything I said before, it's all just different."

Q: One of the feedback you did receive, was anyone critical?

JPM: "No, all positive. They are OK. I think it was one of those racing things. We both went for the same race line. Being my teammate, I tried to back off, and he still didn't give me any room. If he would have given me a foot or two,

we wouldn't have touched."

Q: You stayed in Mexico City an extra day, what did you do?

JPM: "I went to the pyramids in the morning and flew out in the afternoon."
Q: I heard you have a favorite taco place in Mexico City. Did you get to eat there?

JPM: "Yeah, I used to go there a lot when I raced in Mexico, and I went there quite a few times last week. It was really, really good."

Q: What's it called?

JPM: "I am not going to tell you. My taco place. Not yours."

Q: You golfed in J.J. Yeley's tournament. How was that?

JPM: "It was good, a lot of fun. We played pretty decent, didn't have a great group, but still had a blast. We shot like 5 under. This is the third tournament I have played in, one in Homestead and one in Daytona. I think it is really good, because when it is business, it is all down to business. But when you go out and do things like this, you respect each other a lot more."

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CONTEST NARROWS TO 4

From the heartache and triumph of tough competition, the Flavorful Four emerge. Among the four eateries vying for a chance to play for the 2007 championship are three of the Burger Bracket's top seeds: Ediths Cafe, Foothill Cafe and Beacon Burger & Brew earned the most nominations from *Times-News* readers. And in two rounds of testing, they beat down the competition in their respective regions.

But there's one surprise in the semifinal lineup. Going into the tournament, Crowley's Soda Fountain had a comparatively modest number of nominations. Yet it upset a couple of higher seeds for a run at the big game. The key is impressing our culinary refer-

ees. We dispatched employees from various areas of the newsroom, each one tasting burgers at a pair of Magic Valley restaurants. One favorite from each matchup now advances to the third round, to be evaluated by another journalist. Watch for results next week in Food & Home, with video stories on the Flavorful Four also appearing next Wednesday on *MagicValley.com*.

Make your pick
Our referees are judging the semifinal competition. But what if you were? Among the Flavorful Four, what's your favorite burger? Take our poll at magicvalley.com.

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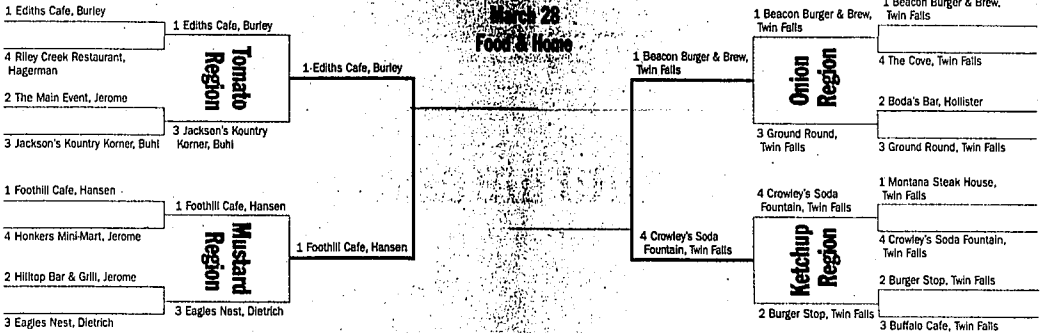


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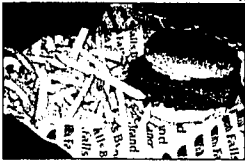
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Beacon Burger & Brew vs. Ground Round



Beacon takes the win from Ground Round

In a tight second-round matchup, Twin Falls burgers from Beacon Burger & Brew and the Ground Round were neck and neck for much of the match. The Ground Round's classic hamburger came complete with fresh lettuce, juicy tomatoes, crisp onions and a heap of hot fries. While I was pleased with the collaboration between the veggies and the thick, juicy meat, the bun was a little weighed down with extra grasse. However, taste is what matters most to me, and the spices and juices from the burger — cooked just right — scored big with my mouth and hungry stomach. And excellent, speedy service from the Ground Round (which caters only to the 21-

and-older crowd) did not go unnoticed. On that score, Beacon Burger & Brew ties the Ground Round with quick, friendly service. However, Beacon burgers do not come with tomato — a must for any burger I eat — so you have to make sure to let them know about extra veggies aside from lettuce and onion. Still, the cheeseburger at Beacon was cooked to perfection with plenty of juicy goodness and cheese melted just right. The restaurant offers a variety of bun choices, from which I was happy to choose wheat. Both burgers were great contenders, but in the end I went with the Beacon cheeseburger (with the assist by its fresh basket of french fries) for the win. — Megan Thompson, photographer

Foothill Cafe vs. Eagles Nest



Foothill overcomes judge's anti-veggie tastes

I don't do well with veggies on my burger. Never have. Give me a tower of beef patties so fresh off the grill that cheddar drips freely in puddles on the plate. So, you'd think the Cheesy Cheeseburger of Dietrich's Eagles Nest had the home field advantage in its second-round match against the signature burger at Hansen's Foothill Cafe. You see, the Foothill Burger not only has vegetables, it has fruit — avocado. But there is a reason you play the game. The beef in the Foothill Burger came out like William "The Fridge" Perry's waistline — bigger than hoped for, tender and thankfully under wraps, a cheese blanket in this case. The toppings that could have sunk the burger for me — lettuce, tomato and onions — were crisp or juicy where they should be. The avocado ... well ... there were three wedges there, daring me to bite them. With those toppings, plus four thick slices of bacon, the Foothill Burger almost rivaled my 3-month-old daughter's head in size. The taste surprised me. The beef fell apart in my mouth as it should, filled with slight saltiness from the cheffy bacon. But the veggies popped, adding a wet freshness that mingled with the slippery addition of avocado. The bun couldn't handle the veggies and my grip, however. It fell apart halfway through. The Cheesy Cheeseburger in Dietrich, though good enough that I had difficulty not just gobbling it down like an unsecured nose guard at a dessert buffet, could not match the Foothill Burger. It was average fare by comparison. — Chris Baldus, news editor

Ediths Cafe vs. Jackson's Kountry Korner



It's Ediths over Jackson's by a sliced onion's width

What's the difference between one great hamburger and another great hamburger? In the case of the burgers on offer at Jackson's Kountry Korner in Buhl and Ediths Cafe in Burley, not much. In an overtime decision, I gave the nod to Ediths on the basis of taste. The Ediths Burger is a beef patty piled high with tomato, onion, pickles, mustard and mayonnaise on a toasted bun, with a side of french fries made on the premises. Not unusual for \$7.50 perhaps, but unusually well made. Jackson's Double-Bacon Cheeseburger is a formidable contender — two beef patties, cheese and a pair of strips of crisp bacon with

pickles, lettuce and fries on the side. It's a whole day's worth of stick-to-your-ribs food for \$8.75. Ediths bills itself as the best burger in Burley, and it would be hard to argue with that. The cozy, well-scrubbed eatery on the city's east end boasts just two specialties of the house: burgers and fries. Jackson's, which shares its building with a convenience store on Buhl's west end, is just folks comfortable, a place with Formica on the table tops and a bottomless pot of coffee on the stove. I'll visit both places again. Can't wait for the rematch. — Steve Crump, columnist and features writer

Crowley's Soda Fountain vs. Burger Stop



Crowley's monster masters the competition

Remember those field trips where the class compared the densities of rocks? Everybody said "wow" when they picked up a huge lava rock because it seemed to float on our palms like Styrofoam. A smaller pebble that weighed a ton never drew the same praise. Maybe we were just young and restless. Or maybe scrunched-up little objects are not supposed to weigh that much. Bob's Big Burger at Crowley's Soda Fountain was a monster I enjoyed turning. Its two patties stretched my jaws. The taste of the grill left a perfect explosion all over the burger. The fresh tomato and let-

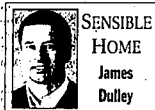
tuce stood prominently apart. I was delighted. Picking up the Burger Stop's mushroom Swiss double burger for my first bite, I found no bounce in the bun, no lightness in my mouth. And the whole ensemble weighed a ton. The more I ate, the more the burgers sweated into the bun — mainly the lower one. Three-quarters done, the sandwich had finally merged with the meat. I was finished. Had the service not been the smallest I can remember despite a frenetic lunch crowd, I might have stooped into a funk. — Cassidy Friedman, public safety reporter

FOOD & HOME

Escape repairs with the right siding

DEAR JIM: My house has old wood siding which I am tired of repairing and painting. Also, the house could use some additional insulation. Other than installing ordinary vinyl siding, what attractive options do I have?

— Don II.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dully

DEAR DON: There are many new no-maintenance types of siding available, and some actually have a layer of insulation already attached to the back. Adding insulation to the exterior is better than adding it inside the walls. Having more building materials and thermal mass inside the insulation envelope of your walls improves energy efficiency and comfort. Don't necessarily write off using vinyl siding on your home. Over the past decade, there have been tremendous improvements in vinyl siding. Both in quality and appearance. Vinyl siding with insulation backing is rigid, and the crisp lines and surface detail make it difficult to distinguish from real painted wood siding. You can completely change the appearance of your house by adding brick, stone or other masonry siding. All of these siding materials are maintenance-free. Many people choose to install rigid foam insulation panels under vinyl siding and use the masonry siding just as trim. If you prefer a brick appearance for your home, install thin-face brick siding. This is available as 1/2-inch thick real bricks which are set in thinset mortar similar to setting ceramic tiles. Using special insulation boards with ridges for perfect alignment eases installation.

These bricks are also ideal if you have added standard rigid foam insulation boards and sheathing.

Another brick siding option is installing 4-foot-long fiber



Fiber-cement siding is durable and relatively lightweight and simulates standard cedar lap siding.

panels with the thin real bricks already attached. The panels are interlocking and, once mortar is applied between the bricks, they look identical to a real full-brick wall. The panels can be attached to any sound walling base.

Another easy-to-install lightweight siding option uses polypropylene panels. These can be made to simulate hand-laid bricks, stone, cedar shakes and rough-sawn cedar. Edge detail pieces are available to finish the corners and ledges. Durable fiber-cement siding can also be molded to simulate many siding styles.

Synthetic stone is another attractive siding option. Models are made from real stones to create realistic shapes. They are made with a lightweight aggregate and cement and use natural stone colorants. They range from only one to three

inches deep with a flat back for easy installation over a flat surface.

No matter what style of stones you select, they are designed to fit together properly without huge gaps. When the mortar is finished in the gaps between the stones, they look authentic. Warranties range from about 20 to 50 years on these synthetic stones.

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DEAR JIM: I live in a small condo, and the electric water

heater is in the garage. It has an insulation jacket around it. During summer there is plenty of hot water, but not during winter. What is wrong with it?

— Peggy D.
DEAR PEGGY: Electric water heaters have an upper and a lower heating element, but they are not on at the same time. It sounds as though the lower element or its thermostat is not working. It is easy to replace.

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Willcox a modern home with classic look

Brick veneer and keystone arches give a classic look to the Willcox, but inside it is a truly contemporary home. Gathering spaces are not separated by walls, as they are in traditional dwellings, and vaulted ceilings in the core rooms add to the sense of spaciousness.

With the exception of the split recreation room over the garage, it's a single-level dwelling that could be made wheelchair accessible. The recreation room has a half bath, storage closet, narrow window, and two large skylights. It can be outfitted as a separate playroom for the kids, or a secluded workspace for a writer or anyone else who enjoys retreating from the normal hustle and bustle of everyday home life.

The large, open gathering space that fills the core comprises a vaulted living room, dining room and kitchen. Abundant natural light washes in through wide windows, front and rear.

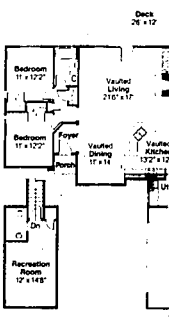
The living room's gas fireplace offers mess-free, stress-free warmth, and colorful flames. It's simple to fire up on chilly days or when darkness falls. Wide cabinetry, designed to house a home entertainment center, fills the space between the fireplace and the rear wall.

A long, three-sectioned eating bar is all that stands between the kitchen and the rest of the gathering space. The Willcox's pantry is exceptionally roomy, as is the nearby utility room. The latter is a pass-

through space that links with the garage, and makes an ideal mudroom to boot.

The plush owners' suite fills the right side of the home; secondary bedrooms are on the left, where they share the main bathroom. Owners' suite amenities include a spa tub, dual vanity, deep walk-in closet, and separately enclosed shower and toilet.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Willcox 30-232 and include a return address when ordering.



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1st Floor	1444 sq. ft.
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A run-of-the-mill tool for the well-equipped kitchen

By Russ Parsons
Los Angeles Times

Modern mechanics has brought any number of kitchen marvels — the electric mixer, the food processor and the blender. But sometimes progress doesn't offer the best answer. Consider the food mill. It may be mechanical and marvelous, but it is resolutely unmodern. It's not as basic as a mortar and pestle, but it's not far behind.

There are only three parts: a big bowl with a hole in the bottom, a perforated disk that fits into that hole (must come with three disks with perforations of different sizes), and a rotating blade attached to a handle that you turn to press the food through the perforations.

There is nothing to plug in; the food mill is powered by "elbow grease," as my dad used to say. Yet for a lot of kitchen jobs, it works better than newfangled contraptions.

Control is the biggest difference. Food is never mashed or over-processed. And with three sizes of disks, you can make a fairly fine to slightly coarse puree.

Boil potatoes, and run them through a food mill to make a silky mash. Try that in a food processor or a blender and you'll wind up with a potato-flavored glue.

Add celery root to the potatoes, and the food mill shows another advantage: You can choose the texture you want. Use the coarsest blade for a puree with little chunks of celery root. Use the finest blade and the puree will be light and silky.

Actually, "puree" is not the right word for what a food mill does. Because of the power and ease of electric gadgets, that word has come to mean the processing of ingredients to the texture of baby food.

A food mill breaks down the food but never smashes it to a paste. Soups-and-potatoes-beans soups with a food mill. Use the coarsest disk to puree winter squash, root vegetables or cooked beans; the resulting mix will be chunky.

It does a better job than a food processor because it's easier to control and because you don't have to do everything in batches. It's better than a blender because it doesn't froth in any air.

A food mill makes a great chunky fish soup. Puree cooked fish using the coarsest disk, and it will filter out all the small bones.

It's perfect for making spaetzle, the little German dumplings. Fit the mill over a pot of boiling water; then grind the dough straight in through the coarsest disk.

Saute the cooked dumplings in butter for a great accompaniment to steaks.

Speaking of steaks, use the medium or coarse disk to puree the bigging vegetables back into the meat and liquid, and the dish thickens itself.

In the summertime, when the tomato crop is going crazy, you can puree a ton at a time in a food mill — chopped raw tomatoes for canning the puree, cooked for making a sauce. The finest disk will



The food mill, which grinds food through a disk, offers more control over texture than a food processor.

Oxo's chic and cheap food mill

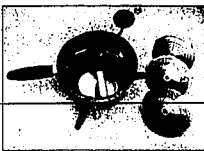
It's so retro, but so chic. Oxo International's new food mill looks good in stainless steel and white enamel and is easy to use.

The mill has a more-than-2-quart capacity, foldable legs to prop it over pots and bowls and a spring-loaded lever that makes it simple to change the three disks (fine, medium or coarse).

Recently arrived at Williams-Sonoma cookware stores and priced about \$50, the food mill should be more widely available in the future.

For mashed potatoes, creamy sauces, vegetable soups and purees, crank away.

—Betty Hallock



strain out seeds and bits of peel.

In the fall, do the same with apples: Cut them in chunks, cook until soft, then run them through the food mill to make big batches of applesauce.

Or use the fine disk to make hummus with an incomparably light texture.

Puree berries, and the fine disk sorts out the seeds, an otherwise impossible chore.

The French call the mill "moulin-beurre" and the Italians, "passatutto." You can spend the earth on a food mill these days — a shiny, modern, stainless-steel one from the high-end companies Rosle or Cuisipro can run about \$100 or more. Oxo International has just come out with one that is available for about \$50.

I've had my food mill for so long that I no longer know where it came from. It works like a champ. It's made of cheap, not metal. The wood knob on the handle is painted red, though it is flaking from use.

There are a couple of metal

knobs welded to the side so the mill rests securely in mixing bowls or saucetans. The disks are rough and coarse, to "grip" the food so it doesn't slide around when you turn the crank.

You can usually find old food mills like mine — or a Foley, the American equivalent — for less than \$20 on eBay.

The key things to look for are rough-textured perforations on the plates and an all-metal body. I've seen some food mills made in white plastic; can you imagine making tomato sauce with that? Also, be sure that the mechanism fits together tightly.

Using a food mill is straightforward. Choose your disk, fit it and the crank into the bowl. Place the food in the bowl and turn the crank. But there are a couple of tricks.

When you're pureeing foods that leave a residue, such as peels or seeds, that residue inevitably clogs the holes so no more food can pass through. When you notice the process starting to slow,

reverse the crank a couple of turns and the blade that was pressing the food through will become a scraper that will clear the holes.

Also, remember that the thinnest puree will flow through the plates the easiest; the thickest (and best) is apt to clog. When you've finished using the food mill, scrape the bottom of the grinding plate to get all the good stuff hiding underneath.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not about to get rid of my blender or food processor. Or my mortar and pestle. For that matter, each does certain jobs better than anything else.

Maybe that's the best definition of true progress: connecting every tool with the task it does best.

Peel celery root. Cut off knobly top and bottom. Set root upright on a cutting board and trim away the tough outer peel with a chef's knife. Cut into 1-inch cubes and place in a large saucetpan with cold water.

Peel and cube potatoes and add with garlic to the saucetpan. Season water liberally with salt and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until vegetables are tender enough to be crushed with a fork, 20 to 25 minutes.

Drain vegetables and empty them into a food mill fitted with a fine disk.

Turn the crank, pressing vegetables through the disk into a clean saucetpan underneath. Reverse the blade a time or two to clear any fibers

that are caught in the disk. Scrape the puree on the underside of the disk into the saucetpan.

Depending on the size of the food mill, puree vegetables in two batches.

Place saucetpan over medium heat and stir pureed vegetables with a wooden spoon until a smooth paste forms. Stop when a dry film begins to form on the bottom of the pan. Beat in butter and when thoroughly incorporated, beat in whipping cream to make a silky puree.

Season puree with more salt if necessary, white pepper and a pinch of nutmeg. Spoon it into a serving bowl.

Place a knob of butter on top to melt into the mixture, if desired.

Serves 6.



Use a food mill to puree celery root.

CELERY ROOT PUREE

There is nothing hard and fast about this recipe. If you prefer a milder celery root flavor, add more potatoes. As long as you wind up with about 3 pounds combined of peeled, cubed celery root and potatoes, it'll be fine.

Also, using a coarse disk rather than a fine disk will make a puree that is a little chunkier and less silky — more "smashed" than "mashed."

- 2 1/2 pounds celery root
- 1 pound baking potatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- Salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1/3 cup whipping cream
- Pinch white pepper
- Pinch freshly grated nutmeg

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FOOD & HOME

Beef up a winter vegetable soup without meat

By Russ Parsons
Los Angeles Times

Few things are easier to fix than a soup made from vegetables. No long simmering of meaty bones or tough cuts, no complicated stocks. Build a vegetable base and add water. That's basically it. You don't even need to use broth — as the vegetables simmer they'll release their own.

A well-made vegetable soup has just about everything you could want in a winter dish — balanced flavors, a soothing warmth, enough heft to sustain, and a surprising lightness despite its big taste.

These soups are a pleasure, not a penance. Serve them with good bread and cheese, and fruit and cookies for dessert, and you've got an incredibly satisfying meal.

They can be assembled with a fairly free hand, but nothing about the preparation of these soups should be haphazard. Like all good cooking, a pot of soup needs to be carefully thought out.

For meat-eaters, the hardest part of making vegetarian soups is coming up with a combination of ingredients that has enough substance to make you feel like you've eaten.

Throw a bunch of root vegetables in a pot and you'll get something that tastes pretty good — think of cauliflower soups made from pureed potatoes or carrots. But it will lack the body that can let a soup be the center of a meal.

Finding a substitute that doesn't involve meat takes creativity. The best solution is beans. Because they're naturally high in protein and have a dense, meaty texture, beans fill in nicely, giving the vegetables the balance they need.

Generally, the best soups are made by starting from scratch with dried beans. As the beans soften during cooking, they release starch that thickens the broth, giving it body and savor.

Starting with fresh beans is not as much bother as you might think. You don't need to soak them in advance; in fact, the texture of the broth will be infinitely better if you don't. They do take a little longer to cook this way, but usually less than three hours — and for almost all that time the pot is sitting by itself, bubbling merrily away in the oven or on the stove.

Lentils are even easier. They'll cook in less than an hour and have a pleasantly peppery, meaty flavor.

The most notable exception is dried garbanzo beans or chickpeas, which need to be soaked to get the cooking time down from days to hours. Canned chickpeas are a boon for soup and stew makers. Rinse them well to get rid of the tinny-tasting canning liquid, and you'll be hard-pressed to tell them apart from beans you took a couple of days preparing.

After that, though, vegetable soups are a breeze. The actual preparation isn't demanding, and it's leisurely paced. A half-hour's worth of chopping and slicing is usually plenty.

Exact shapes and sizes of cuts aren't critical. Chop the vegetables as neatly or sloppily as you wish. Just make sure that things with similar textures are cut in similar sizes so they'll cook evenly.

Almost all of the actual cooking is done over low enough

heat that you'd have to take a mighty long nap to risk burning anything.

The white bean and fennel soup has a thick, richly-flavored broth that comes mostly from the cooking liquid from the beans. What makes the soup sing, though, is three levels of fennel flavor — silky sweet from the stewed bulbs, aromatic and herbaceous from the chopped frontons, and nutty and caramelized from the quickly fried wedges that are added as a garnish.

In the soup with winter greens and chickpeas, it's the braised greens that give the dish its savor. The more kinds you use, the better the broth will be. Prop a couple of toasted baguette slices in the bottom of each soup bowl to soak it all up. Grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese ties the whole thing together.

If you've ever wondered just how sweet cabbages and root vegetables can be, try the "minestrata." Without the peppery flavor of the lentils, it would be over the top. But along with a healthy swing of vinegar cooked off at the end, they provide just the right balance.

Ladle it into a warm bowl. Sliver some good Gruyere onto slices of bread and toast until the cheese is browned and bubbling.



White bean and fennel soup. Photo by OCE BIRD/Los Angeles Times

When all of the greens have cooked, add 8 cups of water, 1/2 teaspoon salt, rosemary and chickpeas. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat; cover and lower flame to maintain a bowl of cheese to be added at the table. Serves 8. Total time: About 1 hour, 30 minutes

chop at least 1/3 cup of the frontons, wrap tightly and refrigerate. Quarter 1 bulb lengthwise and cut out the solid core. Dice and add to the soup pot. Set other bulbs aside. When vegetables in the soup pot are softened and aromatic, stir in garlic and cook until fragrant, 2 or 3 minutes. Add the beans, bay leaf and 8 cups of water. Cover and place in the oven to cook for 1 hour.

After 1 hour, remove the pot from the oven and stir in 1 1/2 teaspoons salt. Return to oven to finish cooking until the beans are tender, another 45 minutes to 1 hour, 15 minutes. Cooking time can vary depending on the condition of the beans, so begin checking after 30 minutes.

When beans are tender, remove pot from oven. If a few beans are slightly chalky, leave the pot covered for a while and they will finish cooking in the reserved heat. If the soup loses too much moisture in the oven, add water as needed to maintain a soup-like consistency.

In a small skillet, heat 1/4 cup olive oil over medium heat. Quarter the remaining fennel bulb lengthwise, but do not trim the core, so the fennel bulb will stay together. Fry the bulb until well browned on all three sides, covering tightly in between turns to avoid splattering. Remove the pan from the heat momentarily to carefully add the wine, replace the cover, and cook until the fennel is tender, about 10 minutes. When the fennel is tender,

WHITE-BEAN-AND-FENNEL SOUP

- Olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 fennel bulbs
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound dry Great Northern or cannellini beans
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 cup white wine
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons best-quality olive oil, divided, for garnish

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Warm 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a heavy soup pot over medium-low heat. Add onion and carrots, and cover and cook until they soften, about 20 minutes.

Trim branches and fronds from both bulbs of fennel;

SOUP WITH WINTER GREENS AND CHICKPEAS

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 carrots, diced
- 1 stalk celery, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 turnip, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound chopped mixed greens (mustard, kale, turnip, or others)
- Salt
- 1/2 teaspoon minced rosemary
- 1 (16-ounce) can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1/3 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, to taste, plus additional to pass at the table
- 16 slices baguette, toasted
- Freshly ground pepper

In a heavy soup pot, warm olive oil over medium-low heat. Add carrots, celery, onion and turnip, cover and cook until they are soft and aromatic, about 20 minutes. Stir in fennel and cook until fragrant, 2 or 3 minutes.

Add mixed greens, a big handful at a time, stirring and giving them time to soften and shrink before adding the next handful.



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remove from pan, sprinkle with salt and cut each quarter in half lengthwise. Add to the soup. (The dish can be prepared up to this point a day in advance and refrigerated, tightly covered.)

When ready to serve, warm soup over medium heat in a covered pot. Just before serving, stir in the reserved chopped fennel fronds. Add freshly ground black pepper to taste and more salt, if necessary. Ladle soup into warm, wide soup plates and finish each with a drizzle of the best-quality olive oil. Serve immediately. Serves 6. Total time: About 2 hours, 45 minutes.

MINSTRATA OF ROOT VEGETABLES

- 2 leeks
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 onion, coarsely chopped
- 2 carrots, coarsely chopped
- 2 parsnips, coarsely chopped
- 1 rutabaga, coarsely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 big sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 pound Savoy cabbage
- 2/3 cup French green lentils
- 2 teaspoons red wine vinegar, or more, to taste

Trim tough green tops of the leeks, leaving only the white stalk behind. Cut each stalk in quarters lengthwise, cutting down but not through the root end. Rinse well under cold running water, separating the layers of the leeks to get rid of any dirt that might be hiding there. Thinly slice both leeks crosswise.

Melt butter in a heavy 4- to 6-quart soup pot over medium-low heat. Add onions and carrot until softened, about 3 minutes. Add leeks, carrots, parsnips and rutabaga, cover tightly and cook gently until vegetables are bright in color, beginning to soften and aromatic, about 5 minutes. The vegetables do not need to be added all at once; you can

pepper or vinegar as needed, then ladle the soup into warm bowls. Serve immediately. Serves 6. Total time: About 2 hours

chop them one at a time (about the same size) and add to the pot as you go along. Add garlic and cook about 2 to 3 minutes, until fragrant.

Place thyme sprigs in the center of the bay leaf and fold the bay leaf around them. The stuff string to hold together in a packet. Or fold the bay leaf and thyme in a square of cheesecloth and tie it closed. Add the herb packet to the soup and cook for 1 or 2 minutes.

Add 8 cups of water, 2-teaspoons of salt and a generous grinding of black pepper. Raise heat and bring to a simmer. Partially cover pot, leaving the lid ajar, and reduce heat to maintain a sprightly simmer. The liquid should be bubbling quickly, but not boiling.

Cook until vegetables have softened and their flavors have married, about 1 hour. You should not taste any individual vegetable, but a complex combination of all of them.

Cut cabbage in lengthwise quarters and cut out solid core. Cut each quarter in half lengthwise and then slice it about 1/4- to 1/2-inch thick. When soup vegetables are cooked, add cabbage to the pot and gently stir it in. Continue to simmer until cabbage is silky and sweet, about 30 minutes.

While the soup is cooking, in a separate medium saucepan, bring 6 cups of water and 1 tablespoon salt to a rolling boil. Add lentils, reduce the heat to a simmer and, with the cover slightly ajar, cook until tender, about 45 minutes. Drain and set aside.

When ready to serve, remove bay leaf bundle from the soup. Raise heat under the soup to a faster simmer and add lentils. Stir gently to avoid breaking up the root vegetables. Stir in vinegar and set the soup cook another 1 or 2 minutes. Season with a generous grinding of black pepper. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt,

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As candle sales increase, so do safety concerns

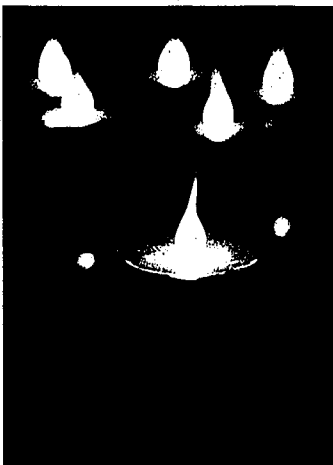
By Melissa Levine
Los Angeles Times

To most of us, candles are simply a finishing touch—a bit of wax and a wick to create the kind of mood enhancement that, until recently, electric light could not hope to equal.

But to the candle industry, which sold about \$2 billion worth of pillars, votives, tapers, floaters and other candle styles last year, the increased popularity of this ancient item raises safety issues. Consumers, eager to use candles as an integral part of their decor—a kind of jewelry for the home—sometimes forget that they are literally playing with fire.

This year, the big safety issue is the flammability of newly popular candle rings—those plastic garlands of flowers or leaves meant to sit at the base of the candle as a festive touch. New standards are being discussed by candle industry officials and independent safety experts.

Although candles have been around for about 5,000 years, it wasn't until 2000 that safety standards were formulated in the U.S. When sales of decorative candles surged in the mid-1990s, fire safety experts and the candle industry noted an accompanying rise in accidental fires resulting in damage, injuries and deaths. Voluntary standards were published in 2000 by ASTM International, a



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standards development organization.

Fire safety warning labels were suggested for all candles, telling consumers not to leave lit candles unattended, to

burn them away from combustibles and to keep children and pets away. These might sound like common-sense rules. But most accidents occur because consumers ignore

such basics, says Barbara Miller, spokeswoman for the National Candle Association in Washington, D.C. An adult leaves the room where a candle is burning, and another family member (often a child) tosses a towel or a T-shirt too close to the flame. Or the candle's glass container shatters from the heat, and no one notices until too late.

Since 2000, candle design has become even more creative, luring new groups of consumers to their flame. In 2001, more standards were published. These related to the optimum height of the flame (no higher than 3 inches) and stability (candles should not tip over when placed on a 10-degree incline).

And then there's the issue of what the industry calls "the end of useful life"—a euphemism for a near-dead candle, with little wax left to melt. When that stage is reached, the published standard calls for the wick to self-extinguish. But some candles, even today, don't have that feature, Miller says.

"We don't use the phrase 'self-extinguish' in our talks or literature, because we don't want consumers to get complacent and think they don't have to worry about putting out the flame," They should worry, she says.

None of the above manufacturing safety standards are mandatory, and there's no

enforcement mechanism against candle makers who don't adhere to the guidelines. Reputable manufacturers test rigorously to make sure their products perform at the highest level, she says.

But candles arrive from around the world, many from places where manufacturers might not know of the guidelines or don't care.

James Becker, ASTM's candle subcommittee chairman and president of Candle Solutions, a Kentucky technical consulting company for candle manufacturers, says there's no way a consumer can know how safe a candle is simply by looking at it. "The proof is in how the candle performs during the burn."

Miller says to make sure the printed safety warning label is on any candle you buy. "If the manufacturer hasn't adhered to that primary standard, it's a good bet they haven't adhered to any of the other rules, either."

Japanese method tenderizes meat for salad

By Bonnie S. Berwick
The Washington Post

Are you up for a little kitchen performance art—and some very rare meat?

The Japanese cooking method involved here is called tatakai, which means "slapped." In this adapted recipe from Kimiko Barber's new book, "Japanese Light" (DK

Publishing, 2007, \$25), the *Ata* cooking teacher explains that tatakai delivered with the palm of one's hand flattens and tenderizes thin slices of seared beef. Instead of shocking the meat with ice water to stop further cooking, a technique she says is traditional, Barber sprinkles it with rice vinegar before giving the piece a tuck.

Serve this salad after a bowl of hot miso soup.

SEARED BEEF SALAD WITH WATERDRESS AND GRAPEFRUIT

4 servings
1 large bunch watercress, trimmed
2 cups mixed baby lettuces
8- to 12-ounce piece rump or sirloin steak, at least 1 inch thick, at room temperature
1 teaspoon vegetable oil
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 large grapefruit (about 1 1/2 pounds)
3-inch piece ginger root, peeled
1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
1 teaspoon sugar
2 to 3 tablespoons rice vinegar

rinse and dry the watercress and lettuce, and place in a wide, shallow serving bowl. Set aside.

Lightly coat the meat with the vegetable oil and season both sides with salt and pepper to taste. Heat a griddle pan or cast-iron skillet over high heat; when it is hot, sear the meat on one side for 2 to 3 minutes or just until the meat releases from the pan. Turn over and sear the second side for about 3 minutes. Transfer to a cutting board and let the meat rest while you prep the

salad components.
Holding the grapefruit over a medium bowl to collect any juices, use a sharp knife to peel and cut the fruit into segments that are free of pith and membrane. Place the segments on top of the salad greens as you work.
Grate the ginger and squeeze its juice into the bowl with the grapefruit juice. Discard ginger root solids. Add the soy sauce and sugar, stirring to combine. Set aside.
Use a sharp knife to cut the meat into 1/4-inch slices, or as

thinly as possible, keeping the slices slightly overlapping. Sprinkle them with the rice vinegar. Use the knife to flip over 1 slice at a time so that it lies flat on the cutting board. Working in succession, deliver a quick hit with the palm of your hand to each slice of meat to flatten it, then transfer to the salad greens. Drizzle the dressing on top and lightly toss the salad. Serve immediately.

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HE ACTUALLY OUTLASTED A BOWL OF FRUIT IN A "STILL-LIFE CONTEST!"

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

WONDER IF THOSE CHIPS ARE STALE. I'D JUST LOVE TO CHECK.

CRUNCH! CRUNCH! CRUNCH!

HOPE THEY'RE FINE.

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

BALDO, WHERE DO THESE THING BELTS GO?

OVER THERE, BEHIND THE SHELF THAT SAYS "THING BELTS."

WHY DO YOU MUST GET TIRED OF ALL THE STUPID QUESTIONS... YES.

STUPID QUESTIONS... YES.

BEAUTIFUL QUESTIONS... NO.

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

DO YOU WANT ME TO WEAR THAT TONIGHT, OR DID A JEDI DIE HERE?

Dilbert By Scott Adams

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YOU'VE MADE A LOT OF MONEY AS A DEMOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER.

I RECOMMEND ALLOCATING 2% OF IT TO ME, AND 98% TO THINGS THAT SOUND GOOD IF YOU DON'T LOOK INTO THEM TOO CLOSELY.

HOW ABOUT A MANAGED STOCK FUND WITH HIGH CHURN AND A BIG FRONT-END LOAD?

SOUNDS GOOD.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

SO HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR MOTHER DID IT?

COULD THESE THINGS BE A PROTEIN SHIRT THAN MY BROTHER'S WINTER?

YES, THE SIGHT OF A FIELD OF BLUE STUBBLE POKING THROUGH THE SHIRT.

GET BLUE HAS A BLUE HOLE AT #17?

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE IT?

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Mr. Winters! I am most distressed! Why's that, ma'am?

Throwing a neighbor's Danjo in a trash can... now REALLY!!

THAT'S A LIE!!

You deny it? I do! Mah honor as a gentleman is impinged upon!

You lied to her, Dusty? She said Trash can. I put the Danjo in the recycling bin!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

HE'S BETTER THAN BEING CALLED "RETIARDED."

MY SISTER AND I ARE DOWN NOT GETTING ALONG. EAT THINGS SHE'S SO GREAT! THIS MORNING SHE CALLED ME "TUCKY" BECAUSE I WAS SOME KINDA... I'M GONNA GO AWAY.

I MEAN, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CALLED "TUCKY" FOR ME?

UM, OK, I GUESS.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

I'VE NEVER SEEN OCTOPI IN A SCHOOL.

THEY WERE ALL EXPELLED FOR MAKING ARMPI NOISES!

Luann By Greg Evans

I KNOW, SOMEONE ONCE SAID REVENGE IS THE FIRST STEP TO RENOVATION.

RENOVATION?

OH, FORGET REVENGE! TIME RESTORATION.

LET'S TALK RE-EXPLANATION.

WITHOUT THE PROCRASTINATION.

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

WORST CASE OF "BLACKBERRY TANNINS" I'VE SEEN ALL WEEK. MR. HADERSPERGER...

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

HOW'S YOUR STEP BY STEP RESEARCH GOING?

PRETTY GOOD. JUST FINE.

SWEEL! PENCHY.

SUDDENLY, I'M VERY AGAINST COINING.

OH, THAT'S NOT NICE. YOU FATHEAD.

Pickles By Brian Crane

MOM, THIS CUPBOARD IS JUST FULL OF OLD GIFT BOXES!

I KNOW, I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO THROW AWAY A GOOD BOX.

THERE MUST BE HUNDREDS OF BOXES IN THERE.

THE ONLY THING YOU SHOULD HAVE THAT MANY OF IS NOODLES.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

THERE'S NOT MUCH TO DO ON GROWN UP, EXCEPT GAZING OUT WINDOWS!

WHAT WE NEED IS A LITTLE ENTERTAINMENT!

I'LL GET ONE OF MY OLD JOURNALS AND READ IT ALONG TO YOU, PEEBLO!

DOGGH! MUST OPEN WINDOW! ESCAPE!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

TEXTING AT THE PINKER. THERE IS NO PLAN RULE!

IN YOUR OPINION.

THE WAY I SEE IT, I'M HAVING PINKER WITH MY FRIENDS AND CHANGING CONNECTED AT THE SAME TIME.

TEXTING IS THE WAY MY GENERATION SHARES URGENT NEWS AND EVENTS.

I'VE 2 MUCH 2 CHW.

SOME MORE URGENT THAN OTHERS.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

ON THE SCENE, FOR THE LED SCENE IN SUN FROM WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. TAMP!

TANNA, GARRY.

I'M WORK AT THE OFFICE OF THE LARVA QUALITY INSECT CONTROL BOARD. TRYING FOR SOME CELEBRITY TO DO SOMETHING STUPID. BACK TO YOU, GARRY.

OH, HE'S BEING VISITED BY HIS LINDA UNCLE TOM!

ALL RIGHT, BUT ABOUT HOW, SON?

NO, NOT BE ABLE TO TALK ONE OF THE BALLOON BROTHERS? ON IT, SURELY IT BE SPARKING.

OH, BUT THE OTHER BROTHERS HE'S CUCK!

OH, HE'S BEING VISITED BY HIS LINDA UNCLE TOM!

Strange Brew By John Deering

Yopon Test # 32

HEY, LOOK! A DEAD BIRD!

Gemini puts the past in perspective

HOROSCOPE
Jeralaine Saunders

IF MARCH 14 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Life might seem like a bowl of cherries during the coming months. Watch out for a few pits in June and July, when you must work a bit harder than usual and when you should sidestep, if at all possible, additional obligations such as a mortgage or credit card debt. During September and November you may be too sure of yourself or make errors because you forget to gather crucial information. Since you will tend to be philosophical about life and satisfied with whatever transpires, you won't cry over spilt milk even if you waste a few resources on minor extravagances.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Where your love life or a certain financial situation is concerned, it is better to maintain a steady pace than to make sudden, unnecessary changes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Although some people may only be momentarily dazzled by your talents and fade quickly from view, it is possible that one could become a lifelong friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Once you put the past into the proper perspective, it can act as a firm foundation for the future. New romances might come and go quickly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Cats chase their tails. Don't give in to feline fantasies and think that an alluring come-on is worth your time and effort. You will make more progress by being a friend than a lover.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Count on others to provide just what you need when you need it. To achieve career goals, find ways to contribute to the community. A loved one may be willing to experiment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Charitable donations to good causes make good business sense and can be deductible. Find ways to do some good for others and for your self at the same time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This is a good day to promote your wares in the marketplace, but let the buyers knock on your door. Interpersonal chemistry can be intoxicating with a certain special someone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Revenge might be a dish best served cold, but don't forget the risk of salmonella. Plots might backfire. Stop to consider what is the most fair and equitable solution for all concerned.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Vision is the art of seeing things invisible. Spiritual wrestling matches can help develop spiritual muscles. Don't be afraid to voice your expert opinion or to act on convictions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be glad there are only Ten Commandments. Concentrate on improving yourself and adhering to high moral standards, rather than imposing your will and opinions on others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look for ways to transform the old into something new, instead of starting from scratch. A love-'em-and-leave-'em attitude can disturb relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may receive publicity or standing ovations when you least expect it. Don't get distracted by a social event or let the lure of laziness interfere with success.

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By Mort Walker



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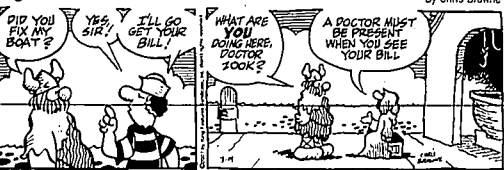
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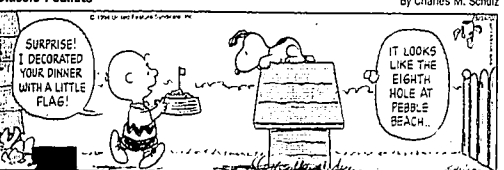
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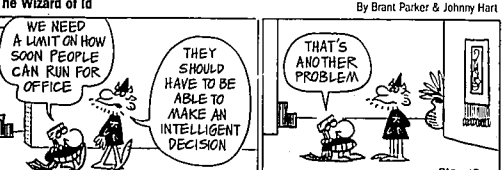
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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Stepdad is far too Persistent in trying to photograph girl



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 18 years old. I live with my girlfriend, and we live with her mother, 7-year-old sister and her stepdad.

When I first met her, she told me that her stepfather had tried to get her to take nude pictures "so she would trust him and won't be shy." He has asked her twice since we have been together. Each time he has asked, he has told her not to tell me, yet he tells her that he wants her to take the pictures so I will have something to look at when they leave on vacations.

Recently, because he wasn't able to get her to take the pictures, he told her that she and I need to have sex and be loud about it so he can hear — "so she will trust him." During the same conversation he told her he was thinking about making her take the pictures, but figured she would hate him forever, so he didn't.

Before that happened, we found a device that looked like a small hidden camera in her bedroom. We weren't sure what it was, so we waited until one day we pressed "Play" on the VCR and all you could hear was the radio in her room and everything that was going on — like the TV and us talking. He was trying to record us, and he tried to blame it on his 7-year-old daughter.

I'm not the kind of guy to get

into family problems, but I love my girlfriend, and I'm tired of hearing and seeing this. Please tell me what you think I should do.

—GETTING WORRIED IN FLORIDA

DEAR GETTING WORRIED IN FLORIDA: I'm glad you wrote to me because you have every right to be worried. Putting aside your unusual living situation, it is apparent from your letter that your girlfriend's stepfather has an unhealthy interest in her. He is at the very least a voyeur, and possibly a pedophile.

It is very important that you and your girlfriend discuss this with a trusted teacher or counselor at her school or with a clergyman, if you are reluctant to do this for yourselves. Then please do it for the 7-year-old girl in that household — because if this man is behaving this way with your girlfriend, it is only a matter of time until it happens to her (if it hasn't already).

DEAR ABBY: My parents come to visit about once every two months. My mother is very

nosy. She goes through my stuff when I am not at my home. She will do my laundry for me (which gives her access to my bedroom, my dresser, my closet, etc.). She uses the excuse that she is "cleaning" to snoop.

The last time she was here, she "did my laundry," and when Dad and I got home, my personal lubricant was stung on my microware! I was so embarrassed.

Abby, I am a grown woman. I am 33 years old, and I am tired of her leaving my personal stuff out to let me know she knows I have it. What do I do?

—MISS T. IN DACULA, GA. DEAR MISS T.: Well, your "secret" is out. Both your parents know you are sexually active. You should have had a frank talk with your mother and set some boundaries years ago.

You now have a choice: You can get a deadbolt lock for your bedroom door to prevent your mother from embarrassing you again. Or, you can take the bull by the horns and leave the personal lubricant next to her bed the next time your parents visit. When she brings it up, tell her that since you're all adults, you assumed she needed to use it during her last visit but had forgotten where it hid. It would be interesting to see how she handles it when the "hot potato" winds up back in her lap.

Serbia, Montenegro accord is 5 years old

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 14, 2007. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 14, 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his small hidden camera in her bedroom. We weren't sure what it was, so we waited until one day we pressed "Play" on the VCR and all you could hear was the radio in her room and everything that was going on — like the TV and us talking. He was trying to record us, and he tried to blame it on his 7-year-old daughter.

On this date: In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an executive order designed to prevent Japanese laborers from immigrating to the United States as part of a "gentlemen's agreement" with Japan.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation of Czech areas and the separation of Slovakia.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy.

In 1967, the godly of President Kennedy was moved from a temporary garage to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1980, a Polish airliner crashed while making an emergency landing near Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team.

In 1991, a British court reversed the convictions of the Birmingham 6, who had spent 16 years in prison for an Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released.

Ten years ago: Surgeons at Bethesda Naval Medical Center repaired a painful torn knee tendon in President Clinton's right leg; the injury had been caused by a freak middle-of-the-night stumble at the Florida home of golfer Greg Norman.

Five years ago: The government charged the Arthur Andersen accounting firm with obstruction of justice, securing its first indictment in the collapse of Enron. Serbia and Montenegro signed a historic accord to radically restructure their federation, dropping the name "Yugoslavia" and granting greater autonomy to prevent the country's final breakup.

One year ago: Iraqi author-

TODAY IN HISTORY

- is 73. Movie director Wolfgang Petersen is 66. Country singer Michael Martin Murphy is 62. Rock musician Walt Parazairder (Chicago) is 61. Comedian Billy Crystal is 59. Actor Adrian Zmed is 53. Prince Albert of Monaco is 49. Actress Penny Johnson Jerald is 46. Producer-director-writer Kevin Williamson is 42. Actress Megan Follows is 39. Rock musician Michael Bland is 38. Country singer Kristian Bush is 37. Rock musician Derrick (Himmlie) Chicken Shack is 35. Actor Jake Gygax is 28. Actor Chris Klein is 28. Actress Kate Maberly is 25. Singer-musician Taylor Hanson (Hanson) is 24.

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

THE ACES ON BRIDGE* Bobby Wolff
If it doesn't matter who wins or loses, then why do they keep score? — Vince Lombardi
Board-a-Match to contest in which two teams take on each other head to head but use pairs scoring does strange things to people. Look at the following deal from the evening qualifying session of the Open Board-a-Match Teams at Orlando.
The defender led two rounds of diamonds against four spades. Declarer, Dan Gerstman, ruffed the second and played the heart king. East took the ace and played a trump, so Gerstman won, drew a second round, then played on hearts, racking up 429 easily enough.
Four hearts would have been an easier contract. Because South has only three diamonds, the defense can't force declarer more than twice and thus can collect only two hearts and one diamond.
But the defense could have done better in four spades. East should buck the heart king — admittedly, not easy to do — and win the next heart and lead a third diamond. Declarer must ruff with the king, cash the spade ace, and cross to hand in clubs to lead the spade 10. West wins the spade queen and leads a third heart, ruffed by East with the seven to promote West's spade nine for the setting trick.
So after all that, how would you have scored for East? Compared to the minus 420 they actually achieved? It would still be a bad loss for them! At the other table East had overcalled one heart with an interrid one-no-trump to show 15-18 (well, near enough), allowing everyone and collecting plus 50.

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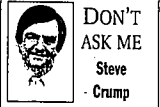
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I can't dance:
We haven't been formally introduced

My wife's Irish. I'm the opposite of Irish. I'm a Swede.
She has red hair. I don't have anything red. We don't Scandinavians don't entirely approve of that color. Too pushy.
One doesn't, after all, want to draw too much attention to oneself.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

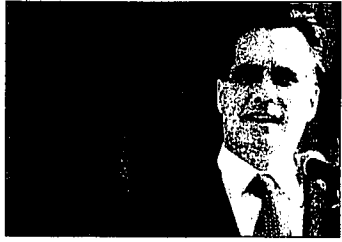
All of which is a problem come St. Patrick's Day. Victorians' tendencies toward irrational exuberance tend to exert themselves, leaving me a little uncomfortable.
Particularly when it's time to dance. She loves to *flirt* just as soon as sit in the car.
It's not that I'm antisocial, but dancing requires a certain amount of physical grace. When God handed that out, Scandinavians must have been sleeping off an aquavit hangover.
The concept of a Swede actually moving his feet in rhythm is nonsensical. We shuffle around the dance floor, all legs and size 12 feet. We boogie, until our dance partners require medical attention for their fractured toes.
Which, of course, draws all the attention to us. Then — and only then — do we turn bright red.
I've read accounts of Scandinavians actually dancing together, but I don't give them much credence. See, I've been to Midsommar. Midsommar, or midsommar, is a party the Swedes throw on June 21, the longest day of the year (that's a big deal in Sweden, which gets about 12 minutes of daylight between Christmas and Easter). My family and I were invited to Midsommar one year when I was a kid.
Everybody's supposed to collect flowers to festoon doorways, make wreaths to be worn or displayed, and create a maypole. The maypole is erected outdoors, where folks are invited to dance together around it.
It's been 45 years since I witnessed this spectacle, but my memories are still vivid. First problem is that Swedes don't especially like to be touched (we invented Personal Space, you know), so they're reluctant to join hands — an important first step if you're going to dance in a group around a maypole. So they dance separately — and I use the word "dance" loosely — until they start running into each other and fall down.
How much do Swedes have to be touched?
The Nobel Prizes are handed out in Stockholm every year, and by tradition the Swedish king presents them. The first Nobels were awarded in 1895 to King Oscar II, who didn't approve of giving honors to foreigners. When it came time for Wilhelm Röntgen of Germany to receive the physics prize that year, to the king's anger, Röntgen wanted to be the first to extend his hand for a handshake. They bowed to each other for five minutes until somebody ushered Röntgen offstage.
His Majesty finally grudgingly agreed to shake hands with the Nobel winners, but after he died in 1907 his even more upright son, King Gustav V, took over the giving of Nobels.
Then in 1909 an Italian, Guglielmo Marconi — the inventor of radio — won the Nobel Prize for physics. When he was presented to the king, Marconi did what Italians do — he tried to embrace the monarch.
The Nobel ceremony has been a particularly chilly event ever since.
I think I'll sit this dance out.

Presidential candidate Romney visits Boise

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — State lawmakers, preparing to leave the Capitol next week, paused as they went for lunch Tuesday to listen to a presidential hopeful.
Mitt Romney, traveling the nation to raise money for what has already become an expensive and crowded Republican primary race, spent the day in Boise for a fundraiser. It was his third visit in less than a year to the Gem State, and he is the first declared 2008 candidate to visit Idaho. Romney, who turned 60 on Monday, spent 25 years in the private sector, led the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City and, most recently, was governor of Massachusetts.
Romney, who spent a summer near Glenns Ferry when he was 15 years old, said he has friends in Idaho and told reporters Idaho could emerge as a key to winning the nomi-

"Idaho is an important state in the primary process."
— Mitt Romney
nation with topics like energy and health care being important when Idahoans head to the polls.
"Idaho is an important state in the primary process. I think they're going to have a pretty early primary," he said. "If this is a place where I can raise money, I'm going to come and do that, as well as try and strengthen my political base so that in the event you have an early primary, I can be one of the most successful contenders in that primary process."
His comments come as Idaho primaries receive statewide attention.
A hot legislative session issue has been



Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney talks during a news conference on the steps of the capitol building Tuesday in Boise. Romney was in town for a \$1,000-a-plate fundraiser at downtown Boise's Crystal Ballroom.

Bringing students and teachers together through Dodgeball

Tournament at O'Leary ends with a big bang

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Smack!
That was the sound of the last dodge ball thrown Tuesday afternoon at the Vera C. O'Leary Junior High dodge ball tournament.
The loosely organized event came to an end far more than a month of students blissing each other with multicolored dodge balls to earn bragging rights.
It was the first year the school held the tournament, and school staff said it will not be the last.
"This is because the tournament attracted more students than expected, even if they came for their own reasons."
Mark Christensen and his team, Geek Squad, joined the tournament because they were still waiting for football and track practice to start. Jeff Lords, the vice principal of O'Leary, said some kids took part in the tournament just to throw something at a teacher, and other students said it was the only thing to do this time of year.
"What's really interesting is that it's brought in all kinds of kids," Lords said. "We have some kids who are struggling in school and even a couple of kids I wouldn't ever see here if it wasn't for the tournament."
Almost 100 students from the middle school competed in the tournament, which was held each week in the school's gymnasium. The school's staff oversaw the competition, and even formed a team of their own.
"I think it has helped to see their teachers in a different setting," Lords said. "And, honestly, what student doesn't want to throw a ball at their teacher?"
Most of the students who competed Tuesday said they never participated in school sports, and some even said they rarely participated in school.
Others, such as Christensen, said they played in the tournament to bridge the divide between other school sports.
But both groups said it didn't matter who you were on the court.
"You go out there and the first thing you do is get the right people out."



Tyler Hawkins, 14, a junior high school student, jumps out of the path of a ball Tuesday during the dodge ball tournament at O'Leary Middle School.



Go to magvalley.com to see dodge ball action at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High.

Christensen said. "You dodge shots to the face and beat on them a little." But don't let the rhetoric fool you, Lords said.

"You would be surprised," he said. "They shake hands and stuff like that, and besides, you can't hurt anyone very bad with the balls we use."
However, there was one team that didn't make it to the last tournament of the year.
"Well, the staff isn't competing today because we got a few lame ducks," Lords said.

Controversy in Camas County: Commissioners could vote today on major rezoning plans

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

FAIRFIELD — County commissioners will review today controversial plans to potentially rezone the entire county — plans that some say will prevent cities from controlling growth.
Opponents to the proposals, including Fairfield resident George Martin, say commissioners are rushing a rezoning effort for the personal gain of several members of the county's planning and zoning commission. County officials say that's simply not true.

"They're trying to do all this in the back room," Martin said. "They're going to bastardize our county. This is the worst corruption I've ever seen."
Five of the seven members of the planning and zoning board work in construction or real estate-related occupations, including Chairman Ed Smith.
But Smith said neither he nor anyone else on the board will benefit more than anyone who might already own property in the proposed rezoned areas.
"There is no conflict of interest

here," he said. "There's nothing benefiting me more than anyone else."
Besides alleging corruption, Martin says the proposed rezoned would conflict with a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan — a recently drafted document that outlines safety hazards in the county — that indicates many of the potentially rezoned acres could fall within a flood plain.
Camas County Commission Chairman Ken Backstrom said those who oppose the county's plans are spreading lies and half-truths. Backstrom said the plans would con-

solidate growth near existing population centers within the county so that growth could be controlled.
Also, the plans would diversify the county's existing zoning codes. Currently, he said, the county essentially has two zones: ag and non-ag. The proposed plans include more than 10 zoning categories.
"We're just trying to bring our rules up-to-date," Backstrom said. "We're trying to get ahead and prepare for the future."

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Otter: Water summit to be held after session ends

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said Tuesday that a water summit between surface and groundwater users will be held before the 2007 legislative session adjourns.
Otter has promised to leave out attorneys and bring together interested parties — including lawmakers, water users and officials — to solve Idaho's water problems, but the meeting will come after the session, which is expected to finish next week.
A spokesman for Otter last week told the Times-News that meeting before legislators go home was a possibility.
Otter, speaking at a media event, said he hopes to have 20 "interest groups" attend the summit with "substitutes behind them," and that he plans to attend at least the first day.
"This is so important that we ought not rush," he said.
"What we're doing right now is we're trying to put together the interest groups that we think need to be at the table. That number just continues to grow every day and there are more and more folks wanting to get involved in it."

Last week, lawmakers allotted \$57,000 for continued management of water appropriation and \$850,000 to finish a study of aquifer management by a consulting firm.
Statehouse reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at (208) 343-0901 or jhopkins@magvalley.com.

OBITUARIES/MAGIC VALLEY

Harold 'Jack' M. Howard

BOISE — Harold "Jack" M. Howard, 87, passed away at home in Boise, Idaho, on March 10, 2007.



Born in Carey, Idaho, on Feb. 4, 1920, to John and Rachel Howard, Jack came from a long line of some of the original pioneers to settle Idaho. He was very proud of his heritage and often spoke of it to his children. As well as being a native Idahoan, he traveled extensively throughout the world in service of his country and in his work as a master mechanic and chief equipment supervisor for Morrison-Knudsen. He loved his job and traveling, but most of all, he loved meeting new people and conversing on a wide variety of subjects. Even in retirement, his love of people never waned. His wit and generosity will always be remembered

with fondness and deep gratitude.

A viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the funeral home in Boise. A service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 1st Ward Chapel, 2290 Warm Springs Ave. in Boise, with viewing one hour prior to service. Burial, with full honor guard, will follow at Morris Hill Cemetery. Please, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to a cancer charity of your choice.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, "Stu," "Doc" and Harris Howard; and sister, Violet. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Daley Howland; sons, James M. Howard; daughters, Kay Sparks and Kathie L. Howard; his sisters, Arlene Bryson and Margaret Garvink; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

SERVICES

Clara Belle Ott of Oakley, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Parkview Cemetery in New Plymouth (Hansen Mortuary Burial Chapel).

Donald R. Whitehead of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Richard Carl Wintler of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Hagerman Christian Center, 2750 S. 900 E. in Hagerman (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

R.C. "Rube" Mayer of Twin Falls, funeral at 10 a.m. Friday at Our Savior Lutheran Church; friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Lezara Kishiyama of Idaho Falls and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at Cherokee Memorial Chapel, 2065 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from noon until 2 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 1014 E. Main St. in Twin Falls. The family suggests memorials be given in Bonnie's name to the Kimberly Senior Citizens Center. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303. A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's newspaper.

DEATH NOTICES

Bonnie McCollum

HANSEN — Bonnie McCollum, 72, of Hansen, died Saturday, March 10, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 16, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 1014 E. Main St. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from noon until 2 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. The family suggests memorials be given in Bonnie's name to the Kimberly Senior Citizens Center. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303. A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's newspaper.

Donald E. Heller

TWIN FALLS — Donald "Don" Eugene Heller, 79, of Twin Falls, died Monday, March 12, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 17, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, with Pastor Lawrence Voldler officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent in Don's name to the Twin Falls Monarch Lions Club, the Twin Falls City Band or to the College of Southern Idaho Music Department. Memorials may be mailed or given to the funeral service staff at the service. Arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Amy M. Garner

BURLEY — Amy, Merilla Garner, 91, of Burley, died Monday, March 12, 2007, at the home of her granddaughter.

Camas

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 Backstory said Camas has been inundated with rezoning applications from people who want to build subdivisions scattered across the county. The proposed plans, he said, would promote subdivision growth in already existing residential areas.

In theory, that may sound like a fine plan, said Fairfield Mayor David Hanks. But the mayor worries his city could lose local control if the county regulates growth.

Linda Timmons, in Haysburn.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, at the Burley LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th wards chapel, 515 E. 16th St., with Bishop Sheldon Sorensen officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Lucille Roberts

TWIN FALLS — C. Lucille Roberts, 85, of Twin Falls and formerly of Burley, died Monday, March 12, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Constance M. Overturf

BUIH. — Constance Marie Overturf, of Camas, died Monday, March 12, 2007, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buih.

Frances E. Myers

TWIN FALLS — Frances E. Myers, 90, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at Bridgeview Estates.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

James 'Jim' C. Shawver

EDEN — James "Jim" C. Shawver, 73, of Eden, Idaho, died early Sunday morning, March 11, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Jim was born Jan. 26, 1934, in Boise, Idaho, the son of Ellis and Teresa Connaughton Shawver. He grew up and attended schools in Eden, graduating from Eden High School in 1952.

Mary Eva Stephens Roy

GOODING — Mary Eva Stephens Roy, formerly of Gooding and Burley, passed away March 11, 2007, at Capital Care Center in Boise, one month prior to service. Burial, with full honor guard, will follow at Morris Hill Cemetery. Please, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to a cancer charity of your choice.



When Mary was 7, the family moved to View, Idaho, a small community south of Burley. Her mother was away much of the time nursing the children. Mary lived in the small community of View. This left Mary, as the oldest girl, to do many of the household duties, including cooking meals for the large family.

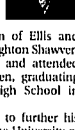
Mary and her future husband, John Roy, in the fall of 1929 just before she contracted typhoid. They were a courtship by mail, and they were married on May 9, 1930, and began their 72 years together. A life of "teenage and the Mormon girl" as their children laughingly called this union.

Mary and John had five children between 1932 and 1939 as they lived in Gooding, Burley, Idaho, and Arizona as he tried to support their growing family with a variety of jobs in those Depression years. The family moved to Gooding in July of 1943, where their sixth child was born. While raising her family, she always had a big garden with chickens and other small animals on their small acreage north of Gooding. She also worked as a nurse's aid at the old TB Hospital and cooked for shearing and harvest crews while always teaching her children and planting in them a love of food, reading and the world about them.

In 1956, John and Mary purchased a home in Eden, Idaho, where they lived until his death.

James 'Jim' C. Shawver

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Jim was born Jan. 26, 1934, in Boise, Idaho, the son of Ellis and Teresa Connaughton Shawver. He grew up and attended schools in Eden, graduating from Eden High School in 1952.

He went on to further his education at the University of Idaho, where he received his bachelor's degree in marketing in 1956. While at college, he was a member of the Sigma Beta fraternity and was manager of the Idaho Vandal basketball team.

Jim married Beverly Bowers in 1956, and to this union two children were born, Mike and Barry Shawver. They were later divorced in 1961.

Jim entered the U.S. Air Force, where he served his country proudly. He was a navigator on B-29 bombers and was honorably discharged on Oct. 25, 1966, with a rank of captain.

Following the service, Jim worked for Swift Meat Company in San Francisco, Calif., before returning to Idaho.

On Sept. 21, 1963, Jim married Bridget Josephine "Jo" Jordan in Elko, Nev. To this union, two children were added to the family, Susan and Ralph.

Jim returned to the Eden area, where he farmed with his father and brother, then eventually with his son, Ralph. Jim was also co-manager of Sweeney's Bar & Grill, along with his dear friends, Don McDonald and Rob Rogerson in Ketchum, Idaho, for a number of years. He enjoyed farming, especially with his family, until the day of his passing. Jim was on the Idaho Water Resource Board from 1979 until 1987 and on the Northside Canopy Company Board from 1973 until 1993. He was a 50-year member of the Elk Lodge #100 in Eden.

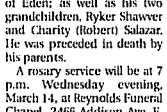
To say Jim loved to travel was an understatement. Jim and Jo traveled to Ireland, Australia and New Zealand more than 40 times. They love to visit with family and friends and always looked forward to their travels. Jim also enjoyed following the U of I and CSI sports teams whenever he had the chance. He was a member of St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

Jim is survived by his wife of 43 years, Bridget "Shawver" of Eden; his four children, Ralph (Cheryl) Shawver of Hazelton, Mike Shawver of California, Barry Shawver of California and Susan (Tim) Bondgard of Eagle, Idaho; his brother, Peter (Jean) Shawver of Idaho; as well as his two grandchildren, Ryker Shawver and Charity (Robert) Salzer. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A massy service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening, March 14, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Deacon Jello Vincent officiating. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, with Father Victor Manuel celebrating. Burial will follow at the Hazelton Cemetery. At the family's request, there will be no public viewing. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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chased Massacre Rocks, which they owned and operated for the next 11 years. Between 1968 and 1984, they lived in the Burley area, moving to Gooding to be near their daughter, Sharma, where they stayed until John's death in 2002. Following John's death, Mary moved to Boise, where she lived to be near her daughter, Sharline, and son, Darwin, until her death. Mary was always active in the LDS Church, holding positions in various organizations. Her great love was the Primary, and she was Primary president for several years. She also loved working in Relief Society and served on two different stake boards.

She is survived by her children, Byron (Pat) of Carlin, Nev., Jana (Paul) Clary of Littleton, Colo., Jack (Ruth) of Craigmont, Idaho, Sharline Award of Boise, Idaho, and Darwin (Char) of Boise.

Mary was also survived by 21 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and 33 great-great-grandchildren, 113 descendants. She also has one remaining sister, Bernice Burgess of Burley and many, many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her "daughter and son-in-law," Hope and Dave of Boise, Idaho.

Lillis Reichert

TWIN FALLS — Lillis Reichert, 86, a longtime Twin Falls resident, passed away March 12, 2007, at the Autumn Years facility in Boise.



Lillis was born April 26, 1920, in Pocatello, Idaho, to George Anthony and Mildred Fridenstein.

Lillis grew up in Filer, living on Yakima Street. Her fond childhood memories include riding the horse-driven ice delivery wagon, being the only female on the baseball team in elementary school, playing the piano for recitals and school performances, and graduating with 29 classmates who were known as the pranksters.

Lillis married Robert L. Reichert on Jan. 20, 1939, and she was thus initiated into farm life. With the aid of the Reichert clan, she laboriously learned how to cook for thrashers.

In the early '60s, they left the farm to pursue other careers. Opportunities to which Lillis labeled herself as the "camp follower" from becoming a farmer's wife to a politician

and diplomat. Lillis' personal goal was to receive advanced education. She replaced those energies by supporting her husband and family. She was employed by Agrrow Research of Filer, Consolidated Freightways of Twin Falls, the Department of Transportation and law offices of Chalfant in Boise.

Lillis was a member of the Buhl Country Club, DAR and numerous bridge groups. Lillis also was a voracious reader; many of her friends would only check out books she previously read. She also enjoyed entertaining family and friends with her culinary delights.

Survivors include her daughters, Patricia Johnson of Boise and Terry (Richard) Morris of Bellevue, Wash.; three grandchildren, Joanne (Tom) Holdridge, Barbara (Jim) DeMoss and Tanya Ellis; five great-grandchildren, three nieces, and her brother, George W. Anthony of Filer.

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Lillis' life at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at Jaker's, 1590 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Memorials may be made out to either Life's Doors Hospice, 420 S. Orchard, Boise, ID 83704, or to the Filer Library.

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Romney

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whether to implement closed primaries that prohibit non-party members from voting. About one-third of registered Idaho voters are independent.

Additionally, the state Democratic Party recently won its primary election to Feb. 5, while the Republican Party could move its primary from May.

"It depends upon who have the primary," he said of when he will return. "If you're going to wait until June 5, it's going to be a while."

Speaking in front of the Statehouse, Romney had just made an appearance with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who said he is waiting to outright support a candidate.

"I don't have a horse in that

race," Otter said. "I know that Mitt's got a lot going for him. I think he's a very attractive candidate in terms of charisma, in terms of his background."

Romney said wind and solar power are viable options to make American energy independent, but also touted liquefied and gasified coal, a controversial topic in the past year for Idahoans that could resurface with the possibility for a gasification plant in southeastern Idaho.

"Those technologies are going to be extraordinarily connected to our resources in the American West," he said. "I happen to be one of those that believes coal has a major role to play in the future of our energy policy."

Champlin named Miss Kimberly

KIMBERLY — Sadie Champlin captured top honors among the 16 contestants at the annual Miss Kimberly Pageant Saturday night. Champlin is the daughter of Gary and Cindy Champlin. Kelsey Jesser, daughter of John Jesser and Ann Trotter, was chosen first runner-up. Second runner-up was Jamie Thomas, daughter of Rick and Anna Marie Novacek. Other winners of the evening were Kelsey Nebeker, talent competition; Traci Batz, interview competition; Tausha Sutherland, Miss Congeniality; and Danielle Molisee, Spirit of Community. The pageant raised \$900 for Trooper Chris Glenn and his family.



Champlin



Jesser



Thomas

THREE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

March 16 — The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance, 8 p.m., the D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, SD donation, 734-5208.
March 18 — Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, SA, 734-5084.

SPORTS

March 18 — Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays shoot, start time 9 a.m., 11 miles north of junction of 84 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$20 for members (\$23 for non-members), 733-6045.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

March 15, 16 — A \$5 Jewelry Sale, sponsored by the Auxiliary at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the main hall across from the Cancer Center, St. Luke's MVRMC, Twin Falls, \$5 per item (profits benefit patients and staff at St. Luke's), 734-0477 or imo@think.com.
March 16 — Bingo, sponsored by the Gooding County Historical Society, 7 to 10 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, \$11 per packet (20 games), 934-4412.
March 16 — Health Benefit Auction and Dinner for Denise Bartlett, includes dinner and raffle for Remington Shotgun, 6 p.m. to midnight with raffle at 11 p.m., Blue building, Jerome Fairgrounds, Jerome, \$10 dinner and \$5 raffle ticket or five for \$20, 324-3386 or 308-1654.
March 18 — The Paul United Methodist Church annual Chicken Noodle Dinner, 5 to 7 p.m., at the church, 127 W. Clark St., Paul, free-will donation at the door, 438-5530.
March 18 — Knights of

Columbus St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, "all you can eat." 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Catholic Parish Hall, 1631 Poplar St., Buhl, \$8 adults, \$4 ages 6 to 12 and no cost under age 6, 543-4533.

BUSINESS

March 15 — Ribbon Cutting for Frame Hill, 10:30 a.m., 1111 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Ste. E, Twin Falls, 733-3134.
March 16 — Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Brennan's Carpet, 1 p.m., 2716 Town Lincoln Suite G, Jerome, 324-8131.
March 16 — Ribbon Cutting for Republic Mortgage, 2 p.m., 1111 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Ste. EE, Twin Falls, 734-1000.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

March 15 — Twin Falls High School Class of 1977 reunion meeting, plans for Aug. 10, 11 reunion; classmates encouraged to attend, 7:30 p.m., Perkins Family Restaurant, Twin Falls, 733-2585 or THSclass07@yahoo.com.
March 15 — SIR, Sons in Retirement, all retired men are invited to attend, 1 p.m., Wayside Café, Heyburn, no dues, 436-4916.
March 15 — LOASA CHAPTER, Idaho Native Plant Society meeting, "Relationship between Native Plants and Animals," 7 p.m., Taylor building, Rm. 256, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, no cost, public welcome, 735-1205.
March 16 — Members of the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 1947 luncheon, open to all 1947 classmates, 4 p.m., Jaker's on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, Twin Falls, cost of meal, 733-7410 or 420-9435.
March 17 — The Pioneer Button Club lunch meeting, with a lesson on ABS buttons by Marilyn Attebury, noon to 3

p.m., Addison West Restaurant, -348 Addison W., Twin Falls, 734-7622.
March 17 — American Legion Post #19, Fairfield, annual Legion Birthday Dinner, with installation of officers and awards, social hour 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m., Legion Hall, Fairfield, 539-2322.

EDUCATION

March 15 — An Idaho Pesticide License Training workshop, an assist to qualify for an Idaho Private Pesticide Applicators License, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Minidoka County Extension office, 85 E. Baseline Road, Rupert, no cost (unless printed materials - desired), 436-7184 prior to March 15.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

March 17 — AARP Driver Safety Class, for all ages, no membership required and insurance discount provided for participants age 55 and older, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m., Woodstone Assisted Living Center, 424 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls, \$10 (pre-registration required), 733-9680.
March 17 — AARP Driver Safety Class, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Health and Welfare building, 601 Poleline Rd., Twin Falls, \$10, 733-9680 or 733-1168 to pre-register.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

March 16 — LIFE GROUP: Learn How to Play Pinochle,

the basics, two hand and four hand (time permitting), 7 p.m., Clover Trinity Lutheran School Gym, 3552 N. 1825 E., Buhl, no cost (bring deck of pinochle cards and partner), 543-6815, 326-5198 or wally@pmt.org.

March 17 — Pinochle (Racehorses) for all ages and includes cash prizes, 7 p.m., Ageless Senior Center, 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, \$1 (bring treats to eat; coffee provided), 423-4338.

March 17 — Magic Valley Model Railroads group, public is invited to bring and run their trains (parental supervision for those under age 18), noon to 4 p.m., Railroad building, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Fiber, 404-2151.

March 17, 18 — Quilted Traditions, quilt show & merchant mall sponsored by Desert Sage Quilt Guild of Magic Valley, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (17) and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (18), Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Fiber, daily admission: \$5 adults, \$3 youth or weekend pass; \$7 adults, \$4 youth, 733-1934.

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Standard & Poor's 500	-1.377.95
Russell 2000	-18.88
	769.12

Stocks of local interest

Con Agra	24.33	▼ .80
Dell Inc.	21.79	▼ .56
Idacorp	32.23	▼ .83
Lithia Motors	26.91	▼ 1.39
Micron	11.26	▼ .14
Supervalu	37.79	▼ .13

Commodities

April Oil	57.93	▼ .98
Live cattle	100.10	▼ 1.93
April gold	649.4	▼ 0.9

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Viacom sues YouTube, Google

Accuses both of disregard for copyrighted shows and movies

By Thomas S. Muligan and Dawn C. Chmielewski
Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — Media giant Viacom Inc. on Tuesday sued online video site YouTube Inc. and its corporate parent, Google Inc., accusing both of "brazen disregard" for its copyrighted shows and movies.

The civil suit, filed in a federal court in Manhattan, alleged that YouTube had become a place where unauthorized copies of Viacom's television shows — including children's shows such as "SpongeBob SquarePants" and adult fare such as "South Park," "The Colbert Report" and "MTV Unplugged" — are regularly posted and watched.

The lawsuit also sought an injunction barring Google and YouTube from further copyright infringement. Viacom contended in its 27-page complaint that nearly 160,000 unauthorized video clips of Viacom's programming had been posted on YouTube and viewed more than 1.5 billion times.

The New York-based media company also said YouTube failed to take "reasonable precautions" to halt the rampant infringement on its site, which was created for people to share amateur videos but quickly became known for Hollywood programming, such as the "Saturday Night Live" skit "Lazy Sunday." Viacom accused YouTube of deliberately amassing a vast library of unlicensed works to draw traffic to its Web site.

"YouTube is a significant, for-profit organization that has built a lucrative business out of exploiting the devotion of fans to others' creative works in order to enrich itself and its corporate parent Google," Viacom said in a statement. "Their business model, which is based on building traffic and selling advertising off unlicensed content, is clearly illegal and in obvious conflict with copyright laws."

Viacom asked the court to find that YouTube's behavior constituted "willful" infringement, a finding that would allow Viacom to claim a maximum penalty of \$150,000 for each bootlegged copy of its television shows.

Stocks tumble more than 240 points

By Madien Reed
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Stocks plunged Tuesday, driving the Dow Jones Industrials down more than 240 points in their second-biggest drop in almost four years, as troubles piled up for subprime lenders.

Investors, bracing for a warring economy, fled the already deflated subprime mortgage sector on more news that lenders New Century Financial Corp., Accredited Home Lenders 2007, Home Depot, and General Motors Acceptance Corp.'s residential unit are facing financial problems. The Mortgage Bankers Association bolstered the belief that the struggles are widespread after it said new foreclosures surged to an all-time high in the last quarter of 2006.

All three major stock indexes were knocked down about 2 percent.

"The market's still jittery, and they're starting to get full-blown concerns over a bleed in the larger subprime mortgage market," said Matt Kelmon, portfolio manager of the Kelmcore Strategy Funds.

Subprime lenders provide mortgages to people with poor credit. Though they are a relatively small part of the U.S. economy, their difficulties raise larger concerns about the housing market, which until its slowdown in recent years was a big source of money for consumers. That, coupled with the Commerce Department's report Tuesday that U.S. retailers eked out a meager 0.1 percent rise in sales last month, led Wall Street to reconsider whether Americans' buying power will withstand an economic slowdown.

Tuesday's selloff was accentuated by ominous reports of a potential flu pandemic that has increased since the market's big plunge on Feb. 27 — a 416-point drop in the Dow that was caused partially by the escalating distress among subprime lenders.

The Dow fell 242.88, or 1.97 percent, to 12,075.96. On March 24, 2003, the index dropped 307 points when U.S. casualties began mounting in Iraq.

The blue chip index is now down



Specialist Thomas Greenhill rubs his eyes as he works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday afternoon. Stocks plunged again driving the Dow Jones Industrials down more than 240 points and erasing all the gains made last week as troubles for subprime lenders piled up.

about 710 points, more than 5 percent, from its recent close reached Feb. 20. Many market watchers suspect that the market's correction is not over.

The Dow is still above the low for the year of 12,050.41 reached March 5 and has yet to slip below the 12,000 level, which it reached for the first time last October.

Broader stock indicators also fell by their largest amounts in two weeks. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell

28.65, or 2.04 percent, to 1,377.95, and the Nasdaq composite index slid 51.72, or 2.15 percent, to 2,350.57.

Consolidated volume on the New York Stock Exchange, where declining issues outnumbered advances by 5 to 1, was high at 3.49 billion shares — more than the 2.62 billion shares traded a day earlier, but lower than the 4.56 billion shares traded on Feb. 27, when the Dow took its largest plunge since Sept. 17, 2001.

Not your typical spring break

California college students spend time with farmworkers

By Olivia Manoz
Associated Press writer

LAMONT, Calif. — On a sunny day when her fellow college students were grabbing beach towels and beer, Nathalie Sanchez was knocking on the doors of farmworkers left jobless after a recent freeze killed much of the state's citrus crop.

It's not the first spring break she's spent doing service instead of shops. The senior art major was among 10 students from Loyola Marymount University who lived and worked at San Joaquin Valley farmworkers for a week in March, learning about the history of the rural labor movement and organizing a food and clothing drive for out-of-work field hands.

The program, a partnership between Loyola Marymount and the Dolores Huerta Foundation, a Bakersfield nonprofit named for the co-founder of the United Farm Workers union, is among a growing number of "alternative" spring breaks in which students skip the boozey revelry in favor of volunteer work around the world.

In past years, Sanchez traveled to the Dominican Republic for a fair trade coffee effort and to Guatemala to help with community development in a Mayan village. This spring break, the art major from Cudahy stayed



Loyola Marymount University students Nathalie Sanchez, right, and Isabel Aranzeta talk to a person seeking assistance at a distribution center in Lamont, Calif., recently.

closer to home. Lamont, the farm community she visited, is about 110 miles north of her school's Los Angeles campus.

"We understand there are issues that affect communities that are in our own country," Sanchez said, "and here, in our own state." Several days of about 13,000, the everyday concerns include pesticide drift and organizing to fight for better wages. But these days the main topic of conversation is the cold snap.

Several days of subfreezing temperatures in January ruined more than \$1 billion worth of citrus and other crops, according to the state, making it the most devastating blow to the industry in more than a decade. As many as 28,000 farmworkers lost their jobs.

Sanchez and her fellow students sorted donated clothes and went door to door assess-

ing needs and telling workers about the food and clothing giveaway. At a local community center, they filled boxes with bread and canned food for displaced workers.

"It's nice to see people from outside of our city come here to help," said Guadalupe Flores, 59, a Mexican immigrant who stood in the clothes line after getting a box of food.

Flores had just finished the grape harvest and was getting ready to pick citrus when the cold snap hit. Now his family is getting by on his daughter's income from a grocery store cashier job.

This was the second year of the Loyola Marymount/Dolores Huerta Foundation program. The students live in the farm laborers' modest homes and apartments for a week and learn about current issues confronting agricultural workers and community organizing.

Homeowners foreclosing in record numbers

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske and Jess Sanchez
Los Angeles Times

A record number of homeowners entered foreclosure at the end of last year and more are making late mortgage payments, especially those with high-risk, subprime and government-financed loans, according to a quarterly survey released Tuesday by the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Meanwhile, problems mounted at two of Southern California's high-risk home lenders. New Century Financial Corp. on Tuesday said it was under investigation by federal securities regulators as the New York Stock Exchange suspended the Irvine, Calif.-based company from its stock listings. In San Diego, Accredited Home Lenders Holding Co. said it was laying off workers and looking at "strategic options" as its financial woes worsened.

The national survey showed that 4.95 percent of average mortgage loans had late payments, compared to 4.67 percent the previous quarter and 4.7 percent a year before. It was the worst showing since spring 2003.

The fraction of mortgages entering foreclosure during the fourth quarter of 2006 climbed to 0.54 percent, the highest since the association started reporting in 1972. The previous high of 0.50 percent occurred in the second quarter of 2002 as the country was recovering from a recession. The survey covered about

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Trading collars were triggered Tuesday afternoon when the New York Stock Exchange Composite index lost more than 150 points. Traders put a checkhold on certain orders, forbidding transactions that capitalize on discrepancies in prices.

Subprime lending jitters and sluggish retail sales drove up bond prices. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 4.50 percent from 4.56 percent late Monday.

Gold prices fell, and the dollar was lower against most major currencies. A drop in the dollar versus the yen renewed anxiety about traders unwinding their yen "carry trades" or taking money out of high-yielding dollar assets bought with the low-yielding yen.

The subprime worries have been mounting for weeks now, but came to a head when the New York Stock Exchange took steps to delist shares of New Century, which said Tuesday that the Securities and Exchange Commission would be "probing accounting errors that inflated its loan portfolio."

"Investors are poking around to see how much rotted wood there is here," said Jack Abhin, chief investment officer for Harris Private Bank. "It looks like the notion was subprime was contained, and now we're starting to see that maybe this problem has moved into other areas of the market. That's causing investors great concern."

Accredited Home contributed to the anxiety after it said it is in need of cash. Its shares plunged \$7.43, or 65 percent, to \$3.97.

Wall Street sold off further when the Mortgage Bankers Association quarterly report on the mortgage market seemed to confirm investors' worries that the entire sector is floundering, and could weaken further: not only did foreclosures hit a record high in the fourth quarter of last year, but late mortgage payments soared to a 3% year high.

80 percent of the mortgage market, more than 43.5 million loans, including 33.3 million prime loans, 6 million sub-prime loans and 4 million government loans.

The association's chief economist, Doug Duncan, said troubled sub-prime and Federal Housing Administration loans drove the increase in late mortgage payments. Late payments for FHA loans reached a historical high of 13.46 percent during the fourth quarter last year, up from 12.8 percent the previous quarter and 13.18 percent a year before, according to the survey.

Duncan predicted that home prices would remain flat in coming years — down 1 percent in 2007, up 1 percent in 2008 — and that the Federal Reserve would hold interest rates steady as growth remained a stable 3.1 percent in 2007 and unemployment climbed to 5 percent.

In a double dose of bad news for New Century, the lenders said in a regulatory filing that the Securities and Exchange Commission was conducting a "preliminary" investigation into the company and requested certain documents.

"The staff of the SEC had also previously requested a meeting with the company to discuss the events leading up to the company's previous announcement of the need to restate certain of its historical financial statements," New Century said. "The company intends to cooperate with the requests of the SEC."

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AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON

Pace regrets voicing view on homosexuality

The Pentagon's top general said Tuesday he should not have voiced his personal view that homosexuality is immoral and should have just stated his support for the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy in an interview that has drawn criticism from lawmakers and gay-rights groups.



Pace

The written statement by Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, did not apologize for his stance on homosexuality. In a newspaper interview Monday, Pace likened homosexual acts to adultery and said the military should not condone it by allowing gays to serve openly in the armed forces.

After a flurry of condemnation Tuesday, Pace issued a statement acknowledging that the Defense Department's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays is a sensitive subject and said: "I should have focused more on my support of the personnel and less on my personal moral views."

The military lets gay men and lesbians serve if they keep their sexual orientation private. Commanders may not ask, and service members may not tell. More than 10,000 troops, including more than 50 specialists in Arabia, have been discharged since President Clinton signed it into law in 1994.

S.D. Sen. Johnson issues first statement since illness struck

The first public photos of Sen. Tim Johnson since his December brain hemorrhage show him looking fine and standing in a wheelchair. According to a spokeswoman, he now has limited use of his right arm and leg.



Johnson

The South Dakota Democrat is not yet able to walk. In the photos, released by his office Tuesday, his right arm is propped up on a pillow. Johnson, who is right-handed, is learning to write with his left hand, said spokeswoman Julianne Fisher.

The senator is also working on standing and balance training.

Clinton: Vast right-wing conspiracy in N.H.

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton on Tuesday described past Republican political misfeasance in New Hampshire as evidence of a "vast, right-wing conspiracy."

Clinton's barbed comments revived a term she coined for the partisan plotting during her husband's presidential tenure and echoed remarks she made last weekend in New Hampshire, which holds the nation's first primary.

Her rhetorical red meat to a sympathetic audience of Democratic municipal officials comes as Clinton courts New Hampshire voters and solicits donors for dollars ahead of a March 31 fundraising report deadline. She also continues to face criticism from the party's liberal base for her failure to repudiate her vote authorizing military force in Iraq.

Clinton asserted on Tuesday that the conspiracy is alive and well, and cited as proof the Election Day 2002 case of phone jamming in New Hampshire, a case in which two Republican operatives pleaded guilty to criminal charges, and a third was convicted.

UNITED NATIONS

World population will reach 9.2 billion in 2050, report says

The world's population will likely reach 9.2 billion in 2050, with virtually all new growth occurring in the developing world, a U.N. report said

Tuesday. According to the U.N. Population Division's 2006 estimate, the world's population will likely increase by 2.5 billion people over the next 43 years from the current 6.7 billion — a rise equivalent to the number of people in the world in 1950.

Hania Zlotnik, the division's director, said an important change in the new population estimate is a decrease in expected deaths from AIDS because of the rising use of anti-retroviral drugs and a downward revision of the prevalence of the disease in some countries.

The new report estimates 32 million fewer deaths from AIDS during the 2005-2020 period in the 62 most affected countries, compared with the previous U.N. estimate in 2004.

This change contributed to the slightly higher world population estimate of 9.2 billion in 2050 than the 9.1 billion figure in the 2004 estimate, the report said.

MEXICO

Calderon tells Bush that U.S. needs to do more

MEXICO — President Bush sought to soothe strained ties with Mexico on Tuesday by promising to prod Congress to overhaul U.S. immigration policies. But Mexican President Felipe Calderon criticized U.S. plans for a 700-mile border fence and said Bush must do more to curb American drug appetites.



Bush

Mexico was the last stop on Bush's five-nation Latin American tour, and the one where the political stakes seemed the highest.

Bush walked a high wire: He wants to improve frayed ties over immigration and drug trafficking and the Iraq war, but without alienating supporters in the conservative-leaning Republican lawmakers advocating stiff penalties against undocumented workers.

The president also was distracted by problems at home. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales acknowledged mistakes were made in the firing of eight federal prosecutors, and that the White House was involved in discussions of who would be dismissed and when.

NEW YORK

Attack on 101-year-old woman draws ire of NYC

Here's a tip for the guy who beat up a 101-year-old woman on a walker and took off with her purse: Get out of New York. The vicious mugging, caught on surveillance tape, has sparked outrage in a city where people are accustomed to hearing about strange and violent crimes. Police have launched an all-out manhunt, but it's not just the cops who want the villain's head.

"I could hold him, and let the woman beat him up," said Joe Sarju, 59, who lives in the Queens neighborhood where the attack occurred. "I'd love to beat him, but then they would lock me up."

The heartlessness of the March 4 attack is clearly conveyed on the grainy, black-and-white videotape, which has now been broadcast well beyond New York.

In it, 101-year-old Rose Morat is trying to leave her apartment building to go to church. The mugger, a man who looms over the senior citizen and is holding onto a bicycle, pretends to help her get through the vestibule.

Then, he turns to grab Morat's head and delivers three hard punches to her face, and swipes her purse. The dazed victim tries to reach for her purse when the mugger hits her again, pushing her and her walker to the ground.

NASA

Possible seas spotted on Saturn moon Titan

NASA's Cassini spacecraft has found evidence of the long-sought seas of Titan, planetary scientists announced Tuesday.

Several instruments aboard the craft, which has been

orbiting Saturn and its largest moon for the past two years, have identified large dark features at the moon's north polar region. The new areas are flat and undifferentiated, several hundred miles across and have sharp, shoreline-type features.

Cassini scientists said the latest images are still short of "smoking gun" proof but represent the best evidence so far that there are large bodies of liquid, probably methane and ethane, on the surface of the solar system's second-largest moon.

Large seas "are the simplest explanation that fits the data we've seen so far," said Jonathan Lunine, an astronomer and Cassini scientist at the University of Arizona.

ZIMBABWE

Lawyer: Opposition activists released into custody of attorneys

HARARE — Police released dozens of bruised and bloodied opposition activists to the custody of their attorneys late Tuesday, while the country's main opposition leader was treated at a hospital for injuries his lawyer said were the result of savage police beatings.

Beatrice Mtwema, a lawyer for the group, said about 12 of the 50 activists who had been arrested Sunday remained at a hospital, including main opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai.

Tsvangirai, 54, and the other opposition figures were arrested at a prayer meeting in the latest crackdown on dissent by President Robert Mugabe's security forces and political supporters.

Mtwema said police forced Tsvangirai and many of her other clients to lay face down and then beat them savagely and repeatedly with truncheons both in the scenes of the arrests and at police stations.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 0021578430 T.S. No. 07-6782-12 On 7/27/2007 at 11:00 AM (Recognized local time), in the lobby of First American Title 260 Third Avenue North Twin Falls, ID 83303, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company as Trustee on behalf of Option One Mortgage Corporation, A California Corporation will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, payable the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Parcel 14, south, range 20 east, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. Section 7: A parcel of land located in the SW 1/4 of 14 described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of said SW 1/4 of 14 of said section 7; Thence north along the east line of said SW 1/4 of 14, a distance of 280 feet; thence west a distance of 77.5 feet; thence south a distance of 280 feet to the south line thereof; thence east a distance of 77.5 feet to the point of beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for the purposes of compliance with section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 23780 HWY 30 Murgham, ID 83314 contains a commercial building on the said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances and the obligor is obligated to defend and pursue to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: Luella Toland, a single person, as Grantors; To: First American Title Insurance Company as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 5/16/2006, recorded 05/23/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-012402, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is due to pay when due under the Deed of Trust and Note dated 5/16/2006. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$66.55 per month from 10/12/2006 through 7/27/2007, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is \$62,256.93, plus accrued interest at the rate of 10.25% per annum from 9/12/2006 All contingent payments are now in arrears and subject to late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amount due to the lender or the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the sale of the property to satisfy the obligation. Dated: 3/12/07 By: First American Title Insurance Company By: Almatrae Daulton, Beneficiary, to: Dorey Merrill Agent 4665 MacArthur Court Boise, Idaho 83721 92660 949-252-2800 Xerox Notary, Trustee Sale Official #273983

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. 07-02323 Doc No. 042262005N Title Order No. W730104 Parcel No. RP10517E272390A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Ave East, Suite 115, Twin Falls, ID 83303, on 07/27/2007 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust, recorded 02/20/05 as Instrument Number 2005-022017, and executed by Kenneth Reilly and Sandra Reilly, husband and wife, as mortgagors, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, to ReconTrust Company, N.A., the Current Beneficiary of record. The above referenced real property located in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho: The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for the purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 3551 North 3100 East, Twin Falls, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the time in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust, the Default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 11/01/2006 of principal, interest and impounds on all subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 7.840% per annum; together with any other amounts advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$163,504.02, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations hereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, trustee's fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust; Therefore the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. Notice is hereby given that this firm is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose, and that the debt may be disputed. The above grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. Dated: 3/9/07 Name and Address of Current Trustee is: ReconTrust Company, N.A., 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SW-88 SIMS VALLEY, ID 83009-1821 Phone: (208) 231-8340. Beneficiary Trust Company, N.A. Successor Trustee Chase Ave, Assistant Secretary ASAP# 830877

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on MARCH 28, 2007, from 12:00 noon to 8:00 PM at the Hagerman City Office for election of three members to serve on the Lower Snake River Aquifer Recharge District Board of Directors. The elected members shall be a water user or representative of a water user within the District. One (1) member shall be a member of a lateral ditch water user's association. One (1) member shall be a member of the city council of a municipality within the district. One (1) member shall be generally representative of the interests of water users within the district. Term of office for which each was elected shall be for two years. Deloris D. Jones, Secretary

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AD FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Division of Public Works, State of Idaho, at 502 N. 4th St. Boise, Idaho, until 2:00 PM, local time on March 28, 2007, for: DPW Project 06112, Upgrade Pipeline, Contract Code, Idaho School for the Deaf & Blind, Gooding, Idaho. Further information, including information regarding Request for Proposal documents, is available for review and bid requirements, is at <http://adm.idaho.gov/pubworks/dpwrconspjects.htm> or contact Hutchison Smith Architects PH: (208) 338-1121.

Estimated Cost: \$84,000.00

Jan P. Frew, Deputy Administrator, Division of Public Works

PUBLISH: March 14, 15 and 16, 2007

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PETITION FOR ABANDONMENT AND VACATION OF ROADWAYS, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
The TWIN FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT has received a petition from Armand Eckert, Inc. to vacate a 50 foot wide roadway easement located on the section line between Section 2 and 11 of lot 4 and 10, Township 13 East, Range 18 North, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. The right-of-way to be abandoned exists on, over, and under the roadway strip of land more particularly described as: The South 25.0 feet of Section 2, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho; and The North 25.0 feet of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Twin Falls Highway District located at 2820 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho will accept written comment on the petitioned vacation of right-of-way until 2:00 pm, on March 21, 2007 at which time, the hearing on the petition to vacate said right-of-way will be held.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

CONCERNING FISCAL YEAR 2008 WATER QUALITY AND DRINKING WATER LOAN PRIORITY LISTS AND ASSOCIATED USE PLANS (IUP) FOR WATER QUALITY AND DRINKING WATER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER PLANNING GRANTS LISTS
This notice is given to fulfill the public information requirements of Idaho's rules for administration of drinking water and wastewater construction grant and loan programs. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has scheduled a comment period concerning the following documents:
1. The Draft Fiscal Year 2008 State Drinking Water Loan Intended Use Plan (IUP) which contains the Loan Project Priority List.
2. The Draft Fiscal Year 2008 State Wastewater Loan Intended Use Plan (IUP) which contains the Loan Project Priority List.
3. The Draft Fiscal Year 2008 State Wastewater Planning Grant Priority List.
4. The Draft Fiscal Year 2008 State Drinking Water Loan Intended Use Plan.
DEQ will award grants and loans from these four lists in priority order, to the highest ranked projects that are ready to proceed. Awards will be made to fully utilize all available funding. The purpose of the comment period will be to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the grant and loan lists. Copies of the lists and IUPs are available for public review at the following locations:
DEQ State Office-Loan Program 1410 N. Hilton St. 2nd Floor (208) 374-0502
Contact: Nancy Bowser
Twin Falls Regional Office Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 (208) 738-2190
Contact: Greg Mabach
The four priority lists and two IUPs can also be viewed on DEQ WEB Site at: http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water/sawater_citizen_comm.htm
Anyone may submit comments regarding the proposed lists. Written comments can be sent by regular mail or by e-mail to Nancy Bowser at the above address. Comments will be accepted and data concerning the Priority Lists and IUPs must be received on or before March 28, 2007.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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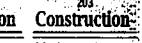
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DRIVER Driver wanted for week- ly dedicated route to California. Company paid retirement, health/life insurance, vacation, 2 yrs OTR experience required. Apply in person at Dennis L. Clark Inc. 1200 Lana & Birch St. Buhl, ID. 208-341-5473

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209 General

209 AUTOMOTIVE Part-time job washing trucks, evenings. Must be 18 years or older. 208-731-0304

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209 General

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209 General

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209 General

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DRIVER Garner Milk Transportation is looking for OTR Drivers. For our vans and reefers. Starting pay is \$35 a mile with full benefits and 401k after 90 days. Please call 877-324-3515 between 9am-5pm ask for Tim or Dave.

CLASSIFIEDS It pays to run a print ad. Call The Times-News to place your ad. 208-733-0931 ext. 2

FACTORY Longview Fibre is accepting applications for Full-time Factory Employment. Some welding experience required. Must be able to work any shift. It is desirable that factory applicants have mechanical and mathematical aptitude. We offer competitive salary/benefits. An aptitude test will be required. Applications accepted through March 20. Must apply in person at 148 South Park Ave W Twin Falls, 8am-5pm EOE M/F/V/D

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Please call 438-7500 or 312-4982

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Mechanic Needed. Apply in person only 401 Main Ave S Twin Falls

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213 COMPUTERS

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218 Trades

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