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Bush urges patience

Modest protests held across country to mark Iraq war's anniversary

By Jennifer Leven
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Iraq war lumbered into its fifth year Monday with President Bush pleading for patience to let his revised battle plan work and Congress' new Democratic leaders retorting that no patience remains.

The new strategy will need more time to take effect," Bush said in remarks televised from the White House to mark the four years since he ordered the invasion. He challenged Congress to send him a war funding bill "without strings and without delay."



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Saddam deputy reported hanged in Iraq.

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He got a swift response from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. "The American people have lost confidence in President Bush's plan for a war without end in Iraq," said Pelosi, D-Calif. "That failed approach has been rejected by the voters in our nation and it will be rejected by the Congress."

Four years in, the war has claimed the lives of more than 3,200 members of the U.S. military. Predictions about the cost and length of the war have been far surpassed. The public overwhelmingly opposes the war and Bush's approval rating stands near his all-time low. Trying to halt spiraling security and bloodshed, Bush has ordered nearly 30,000 more combat and support troops to Iraq, mostly to stabilize Baghdad.



Local anti-war demonstrators hold vigil at City Park

Gary Forsabell (left) lights a candle for his wife, Rosemary, Monday evening at City Park in Twin Falls. Around 30 people gathered at the band shell to mark the fourth anniversary of the war in Iraq.

Photos by Ashley Smith
Times-News

democratic society." From Capitol Hill, House Democratic Whip James Clyburn of South Carolina said Democrats were intent on "ending the blank check for the president's war and setting a timeline for the phased redeployment of our U.S. military." The House will vote this week on legislation that would effectively require the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq by next

year, while providing funding for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan for the year. "By August 2008 at the latest, U.S. combat troops will be redeployed from Iraq," said Clyburn. A new poll reflected the stress and hopelessness that are the result of the unrelenting violence and uncertain political situation. The poll, by ABC News, USA Today, the

BBC and ARD German TV, found only 18 percent of Iraqis have confidence in U.S. and coalition troops. 86 percent are concerned that someone in their household will be a victim of violence and 51 percent say violence against American forces is acceptable. There were modest anti-war demonstrations in cities from

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Jerome kills one-mile rule

Move allows all public comment at feedlot hearings

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — It's finally official: Anyone who wants to testify at a livestock-permit hearing in Jerome County can now be heard.

After months of consideration, commissioners unanimously voted Monday to pass a resolution that expands testimony at livestock-permit hearings to anyone who wishes to speak — regardless of proximity to the proposed feedlot.

"Sure, I'm very relieved this is an over," said Commissioner Charlie Howell, who for weeks heard residents blast the rule at commission meetings. "I think it's great."

A previous law restricted testimony to those whose primary residence was within one mile of the site.

The controversy over what's been dubbed the one-mile rule began when county residents and the National Park Service, among other groups, learned they would not be allowed to testify at a hearing for a livestock operation slated to be built near the Minidoka Internment

National Monument. The American Civil Liberties Union and several members of the Idaho Legislature voiced opposition to the county's one-mile rule, even though Idaho law grants counties the authority to impose such testimony restrictions.

Legislators have said that Jerome County was the only county in Idaho that restricts public testimony at livestock hearings. Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, proposed a bill this session that would grant testimony rights to "affected parties" to those within the one-mile limit. But a draft of the ordinance change has yet to be written by commission attorney Mike Selb and planning and zoning administrator Art Brown.

They told commissioners Monday that they're working on a draft, which will be presented to the county's planning board before being reviewed by commissioners.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@lec.net.

Irrigation district makes water call

Case is battle over water rights and future of aquifer

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

RUPERT — It was 1994 when the Idaho Department of Water Resources promised to manage the aquifer, and with no management plan in place today, a group of groundwater pumpers say they're fed up.

An attorney for the A & B Irrigation District filed a call for water Friday in a case that will pit groundwater pumper against pumper. It's a battle over the seniority of water rights and the future of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.

Roger Ling, an attorney for the irrigation district, said the water department has failed to satisfy an agreement reached in 1994 that said the department would manage the aquifer from which A & B pumps. Ling said that 13 years later, the department has reneged on its promise, while his clients have less and less water each year.

The call means that state water director Dave Tuthill may have to force groundwater pumpers with less senior rights to shut down their wells. If that happens, some close to the issue say that Magic Valley's economy could take a major hit.

There's potential for major economic effects on commu-

nities if curtailment happens," said Lynn Tomlinson, executive director of Idaho Ground Water Appropriators. A & B holds a 1948 groundwater right senior to most other groundwater rights. The water department has traditionally respected the seniority of water rights in times of drought, granting water to those with older rights.

Due to declining levels in the aquifer, groundwater pumpers and surface water users alike have had to cope with unfilled rights, especially in recent dry years.

Meanwhile, there is no management plan in place to slow the declining levels. "Nobody wants to be the bad guy," Ling said. "But this just can't continue. We waited 13 years, and we still don't have anything to manage the aquifer."

The water call comes on the heels of an announcement by Gov. Butch Otter that he'll host a water summit soon that could address the shortage.

Also, a plan was presented this session to the Legislature for a water management strategy, but lawmakers have yet to show major support or fully fund the plan. Ling said the call isn't meant to shut other pumpers down. The district, he said, simply wants the water department to address the aquifer problem — soon.

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— Roger Ling, attorney for A&B Irrigation District.

Lawmakers pass new driving rules for teens

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Idaho House voted Monday to require young drivers to get more instruction before sliding behind the wheel on their own.

The vote, which follows a fatal accident last month that killed five children near Emmet, was 55-12. The bill already cleared the Senate, 31-4.

Drivers may still be licensed at 15 in Idaho. If Gov. C.L.



"Butch" Otter signs the measure, it will extend a supervised instruction permit to six months, from four months now. Teens can get a supervised instruction permit once they turn 14½, after completing driver's training.

Such permit holders can drive only when a person older than 21 with a valid driver's license occupies the front passenger seat.

Having two months more instruction will boost responsible behavior, said Rep. James Ruchti, D-Pocatello.

"They'll come out of parking lots, with kids hanging out the window, screaming at friends," Ruchti said. "It's distracting to drivers. This bill provides a couple more months ... for parents to be in the vehicle

with the child."

In late February, a 1989 Ford Tempo driven by a 15-year-old girl with four passengers on their way to school slid off an icy winding highway north of Boise and into a pond. All the occupants, from two families in rural Sweet, were killed.

The bill would allow only one passenger in a car driven by someone under 17 during the first six months after he or she gets a valid driver's license. Family members wouldn't fall under that limit.

Men and women in power rarely hear a discouraging word, psychology experts say

By Shankar Vedantam
The Washington Post

In Shakespeare's "King Lear," a powerful man comes to a tragic end because he surrounds himself with flatterers and banishes the friends who will not varnish the truth to please him.

Several controversies in the past six years of the Bush administration — including two in the news last week — bring Lear to mind. From dis-

crediting a covert CIA officer whose husband had criticized the invasion of Iraq to hiring the Justice Department find out which U.S. attorneys were "loyal Bushies," from sidelining a general who said more troops would be needed in Iraq to silencing government scientists who advocated acting against global warming from sniping at an actuary whose numbers didn't square with the administration's health-care cost projections to belittling

those who warned against using inhumane techniques against detainees, the Bush administration has regularly evinced a with-me-or-against-me attitude to criticism. Psychological experiments show that nearly everyone tends to ignore criticism. We are innately drawn to those who admire us and agree with us, and inclined to dislike the people who criticize us.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Wednesday



Possible afternoon showers and thunderstorms. High 60. Scattered rain showers. Low 38. A few early showers, then very breezy. High 47/32.

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Today: Mostly cloudy and mild with possible afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. Highs upper 50s. Tonight: Breezy and mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Lows in the lower 30s. Tomorrow: Isolated morning showers, then breezy with cooler temperatures. Highs middle 40s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Sarah Youman Camp of the Cassia Company of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers meeting, 7 p.m., at the home of Fern Bronson, 353 E. 600 S., Burley, (any woman over age 18 with ancestors that came to the Utah Territory before completion of railroad, May 10, 1869, is eligible to join), (678) 678-7087 or 678-8587. Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club for all dancers, 7 p.m. potluck dinner and 8 p.m. dance, El Sombrero Restaurant, Jerome, 734-4647.

EDUCATION

"Let's Talk About It" adult book discussion group, "Confessions of an Advertising Man" by David Ogilvy, Filr Public Library, 219 Main St., Filr, books available for checkout, 326-4143. Discussion of "Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro, led by Cindy Bjorneberg, Buhl Public Library, Buhl, no cost, 543-6500.

GOVERNMENT

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-9500. Buhl School Board, 6:30 a.m., district office, 920 Main, 543-6436. Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 678-2224. Castleford School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main, 537-6511. Filr City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers, 300 Main, 326-5000. Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave., A, 324-8189. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St., 436-9600. Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2320. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main, 536-6318.

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 Filr Elementary, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Hugeman High School Gym and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School, no cost, 732-6475. Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 737-5946. Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977. Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, (208) 498-9987. "Godly Financial Budgeting," taught by Rocky Hanney by appointment only, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (fee will be offered accepted), 734-9603 for appointment. (THIRD TUESDAY) Amputee Support Group, 7 p.m., the Great Room, Bridgeway Retirement Center, Twin Falls, 423-4421 or 736-3933. Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., next to Goodye Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank, Burley, 607-2578. Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

MUSEUMS

"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest, Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655. Faulkner Planetarium, "Far Out Space Places" 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655. To list an event (including on-going ones) in the April monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon March 22 to Suzanne Browne by email: sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax: 734-5538; or by mail: Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0548. To list events in the daily calendar, submit the event's name, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number using the contact information above. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

OPINION MINI EDITORIAL

Duncan trial: Time is of the essence

Shasta Greene lost two brothers and her mother to confessed killer Joseph Duncan in 2005. Now she could lose her dad Steve to a terminal cancer. Do you know Shasta from having to testify before Duncan. Steve wants a speedy trial. Time isn't on his side. Let's hope justice is. — DAVID COOPER, Opinion editor

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YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Fiber fanciers spin wool, weave tales

JEROME — Any car driving Chris Ward's lane draws the unabashed scrutiny of her llama. Their ears erect and gaze directed, On this snowy March morning, the nine llamas will have plenty of company to excite their curiosity. Motivated by llama love and a stack of wool, Chris took up spinning, joined the Magic Valley Spinners and invited the ladies to hold their craft-and-chat sessions at her studio. SEE PAGE D1

4-H raises money with stallion service auction

FILER — Put a handful of stallions under one roof in the spring and what do you get? For one, a lot of whinnying and hoof stomping. They're stallions after all and having so many rivals nearby brings out their competitive side. The other thing you get is a win-win fundraiser, put on by the Rock Creek Hebebs horse 4-H club. SEE PAGE D1

Jerome expands CAFO testimony limit

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Group of groundwater pumpers files call

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City grants speedway lease extension

TWIN FALLS — The city added 10 years Monday to the lease of Magic Valley Speedway, contingent on the speedway's sale to a new owner. SEE PAGE A6

ID thief sentenced in Twin Falls case

TWIN FALLS — It just goes to show that crime doesn't pay. On Wednesday, Starr Uscola was sent to prison for the misappropriation of personal identification information and possession of a controlled substance. SEE PAGE A6

Wildlife photographers teach bear truth

HAILY — Sixteen years ago Buck Wildle walked into the middle of 50 Kodiak brown bears and began photographing a sow with her two cubs. Suddenly, the mother barged out of the river and charged him. SEE PAGE A6

ON THE NET

At magicvalley.com

Watch a video of the Magic Valley Spinners at work in a Jerome studio.

OBITUARIES

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Largest airliner makes maiden voyage

LOS ANGELES — The Airbus A380, the largest passenger plane in history, lumbered out of the fog Monday morning, landing at Los Angeles International Airport on a maiden voyage to the United States. The eight-story-tall Airbus touched down at 9:30 a.m. PDT and taxied toward the specially designed gate built to accommodate the 1.2-million-pound jet. The airplane, which can carry 555 passengers and has a 261-foot wingspan, was making its inaugural test flight from the Idaho headquarters in Toulouse, France. SEE PAGE A4

House OKs English as official language

BOISE — The state House approved a bill Monday to designate English as Idaho's official language, making it the latest state to mandate that its business be conducted in English. SEE PAGE A6

Trial begins of former Qwest chief Nacchio

DENVER — Former Qwest Communications chief Lee Nacchio, looking fit and upbeat, watched prospective jurors with interest and actively consulted with attorneys as jury selection began Monday in his \$101 million insider trading trial. U.S. District Judge Edward Nottingham kept the mood in the courtroom light and laced with humor as the prospects were asked about news coverage of the case, whether they knew any of the potential witnesses, had contact with law enforcement agencies and other questions. SEE PAGE C1

Saddam's former deputy hanged

BAGHDAD — The former deputy in Saddam Hussein's government was hanged before dawn Tuesday for the killings of 148 Shiites, an official with the prime minister's office said. Jaha Yassin Ramadan, who was Saddam's vice president when the regime was executed nearly four years ago, was the fourth man to be executed in the killings of 148 Shiites following a 1982 assassination attempt against the former leader in the town of Duflaj north of Baghdad. SEE PAGE A4

Marist stuns Middle Tennessee State

STANFORD, Calif. — Allisa Kresge and the Marist Red Foxes are crushing the program packed Dayton Regional. Kresge dished out nine assists, handed Middle Tennessee's vaunted press with aplomb and helped hold Chrissy Givens in check as Marist became the third No. 13 seed ever to make it to the round of 16 with a 73-59 victory Monday night. Nikki Flores scored 21 points to lead Marist. Julianne Viani and Meg Dahlman added 13 apiece and freshman Lynzee Johnson scored all seven of her points during a key 15-2 run late. SEE PAGE B2

COMING TOMORROW

Burger Bracket THE FINALISTS See who will battle it out for the championship of the Magic Valley. WEDNESDAY IN FOOD & HOME

NATION/WORLD



Bush cites progress in Baghdad

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USS Cole and embassy bomber confesses

WASHINGTON — A Yemeni portrayed as a Qaeda operative and a member of a terrorist family confessed to plotting the bombings of the USS Cole and two U.S. embassies in Africa, killing hundreds, according to a Pentagon transcript of a Guantanamo Bay hearing. The transcript released Monday was the fourth from the hearings the military is holding in private for 14 "high-value" terror suspects who were kept in secret CIA prisons before they were sent to the U.S. facility in Cuba last fall. SEE PAGE A9

Peery balances needs of coaching, family

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — At three days old, Crew Peery experienced an integral part of being a coach's son: saying goodbye to Dad. College of Southern Idaho head men's basketball coach Barrett Peery, his wife, Tracy, and daughter Kennedy welcomed the newest member of their family into the world last Wednesday, only one day after Peery's CSI year qualified for this year's NCAA Division I National Championship tournament with a 69-61 victory over Arizona Western College in Salt Lake City. SEE PAGE B1

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SPORTS



CSI sets sights on NJCAA championship

Today, as the Golden Eagles begin tournament play at 9 a.m., MDT, against Vincennes University of Indiana, that one number — No. 1 — that's not to be thrown out will be all-important. This is not about the three coaches and 13 players that got on the bus bound for Hutchinson, Kan., four days ago. This is about a singular unit, a CSI basketball team bent on winning the third national title in program history. SEE PAGE B1

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Melting snowpack raising concerns

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — The heavy weather sending Idahoans outside to enjoy the sunshine is also melting snow in the mountains, raising concerns about spring flooding, summer wildfires and water availability for irrigators and fish later this year.

The snowpack in Idaho's river basins has dropped roughly 10 percent since March 1 — and March is a month when Idaho still supposed to be getting snow.

Peak snowpack is usually around April 1. Current forecasts aren't predicting much snow.

"We just might be in a little lull here, and it'll kick back in at the end of March," said Jeff Anderson, hydrologist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. "In February, we got the whole

month's precipitation in one week. That could certainly happen in March. It just depends on what the weather brings us."

State hydrologists recorded snowpack in the upper Snake River basin at 78 percent of average on March 1. That has fallen to 75 percent of average.

The Boise River basin declined from 76 percent to 67 percent of average, and the Owyhee River basin fell from 61 percent to 47 percent of average.

"It's a lot less optimistic picture than we were putting out in our bulletin two weeks ago," said Phil Morrissey, another NRCS hydrologist.

Mountain snowpack acts as a frozen reservoir that melts for months, providing crucial water for crops, livestock, fish and people. It causes all sorts of problems when it starts to melt early.

Iraq

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coast to coast to mark the anniversary. Monday, protesters tried to block the New York Stock Exchange and several were detained. In Trenton, N.J., Bruce Tonari, a Vietnam veteran, said, "We lost our moral authority and we have to get it back."

A joint security crackdown by U.S. and Iraqi forces in Baghdad and the troubled Anbar Province began Feb. 14. Bush said "success will take months, not days or weeks" — in part because less than half of the U.S. troop reinforcements have arrived in the capital.

"There will be good days, and there will be bad days ahead as the security plan unfolds," the president said.

Still, he reported positive news, some delivered during a briefing on the war with his National Security Council and a later secure videoconference call with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki from Baghdad.

Bush credited Iraqis with deploying 10 army brigades and nine national police brigades to the capital, and al-

Maliki's Shiite-led government for allowing U.S. troops to go after Shiite militias as well as Sunni insurgents. He said the security push had already uncovered large caches of weapons and destroyed two major car bomb factories on the outskirts of Baghdad.

He also praised al-Maliki's government for making progress on a law establishing how oil revenue would be shared among the Iraqi people and on a promise of \$10 billion in Iraqi money spent on reconstruction.


What he didn't say was that Iraq missed the Dec. 31 target dates to enact the oil law, as well as laws establishing provincial elections and covering measures that have excluded many Sunnis from jobs and government positions because they belonged to Saddam's Baath party. The U.S. is also pushing for constitutional amendments to remove articles that the Sunnis believe discriminate in favor of the Shiites and Kurds.

Democrats challenged Bush's strategy.

al-Qaida and stretching our troops to the breaking point, the Iraq war has made America less safe, not more," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "The war can only be won politically and by forcing Iraq's political factions to resolve their differences."

To this end, Democrats are pushing a war spending bill that includes a troop withdrawal deadline of Sept. 1, 2008.

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Criticism

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There are two important differences, however, between ordinary people and the powerful. Kings, presidents and CEOs get to decide who surrounds them and what they will hear. Even those leaders who invite critics into their circle may not hear contrary views because the bravest of employees can find it difficult to tell their bosses things they do not wish to hear.

"People in high-power positions are flattered a lot; so they don't get realistic feedback from others," said Dutch social psychologist Roos Vonk, who has conducted experiments into how ingratiation works. "That happens a lot with politicians because they are surrounded by people who support them. They get a very unrealistic image of themselves."

"They find it difficult to tolerate people who disagree with them, and they don't need to tolerate them, because they have high power — they can always find people who will agree with them."

Vonk cited a Dutch proverb that summed up the phenomenon: Powerful men and beautiful women never get to hear the truth.

In a series of experiments, the psychologist found that people tend to believe flattery directed at them, even though they recognize such praise is fake when directed at a third party.


Vonk said the error arises because people generally believe they are better than others recognize. When someone says nice things about us, this assessment "fits better" than our intuitive sense of ourselves, making flattery feel more accurate than criticism.

Vonk said this means leaders and managers who want honest feedback must go to extraordinary lengths to solicit criticism — which is difficult to do because leaders also seek to project decisiveness.

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Official: Saddam Hussein's former deputy hanged in Iraq

By Kim Ganel
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — The former deputy in Saddam Hussein's government was hanged before dawn Tuesday for the killings of 148 Shiites, an official with the prime minister's office said. Isha Yassin Ramadan, who was Saddam's vice president when the regime was ousted nearly four years ago, was the fourth man to be executed in the killings of 148 Shiites following a 1982 assassination attempt against the former

leader in the town of Dujail north of Baghdad.

The execution took place at an army and police base in a mostly Shiite district in northern Baghdad on Tuesday, the fourth anniversary of the start of the U.S.-led war in Iraq. Ramadan had been in U.S. custody but was handed over to the Iraqis



Ramadan

before the hanging, the official said. The official, who witnessed the hanging but spoke on condition of anonymity because an official announcement had not been made, said precautions had been taken to prevent a repeat of what happened to Saddam's half brother and co-defendant Barzan Ibrahim, who was inadvertently decapitated on the gallows. Ramadan, who was nearly 70, was weighed before the hanging and the length of the rope was chosen accordingly.

The prosecutor read out the verdict of the appeals court upholding the death sentence along with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's decision to carry it out, the official said, adding that a defense lawyer received Ramadan's written will. Ramadan appeared frightened and said words that indicated he was remorseful, the official said, although he was not more specific. "He recited the two shahadats. The execution was

flawless," the official said, adding that the hanging was videotaped for official purposes. The two shahadats are the declaration of faith repeated by Muslims — "There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his Prophet." Ramadan, who became vice president in March 1991 and was a Revolutionary Command Council member — Iraq's highest political body under Saddam — had maintained his innocence, saying his duties were limited to economic affairs, not security issues.

Around Iraq, meanwhile, bombs tore through a Shiite mosque during prayers in Baghdad and struck several targets in the oil-rich city of Kirkuk on Monday, killing at least 25 people. The latest attacks highlighted the challenges facing U.S. and Iraqi forces in their bid to curb sectarian bloodshed with the month-old security crackdown. Execution-style killings usually blamed on Shiite militias have fallen dramatically but bombings have not kept pace in the downward trend.

Airbus A380 arrives in United States

By Jennifer Oldham and Ashley Surdin
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The Airbus A380, the largest passenger plane in history, lumbered out of the fog Monday morning, landing at Los Angeles International Airport on a maiden voyage to the United States.

The eight-story-tall Airbus touched down at 9:30 a.m. PDT and taxied toward the specially designed gate built to accommodate the 2.2-million-pound jet. The airplane, which can carry 555 passengers and has a 261-foot wingspan, was making its inaugural test flight from the Airbus headquarters in Toulouse, France.

An identical A380 landed in New York within minutes of the Los Angeles touchdown. The New York flight was the luxury version, filled with company executives, guests and the news media. The Airbus that landed in Los Angeles was virtually empty of people, with 22 crew members, but full of added instrumentation for the test flight.

Los Angeles had fought to host the pivotal moment in U.S. aviation history. LAX was promised the first flight if \$49 million in improvements were made at the airport. Airbus then announced this year that it planned to land the jumbo jet in New York instead. LAX officials sent a strongly worded letter to company executives in Toulouse and Airbus relented three weeks ago.

Airplane buffs gathered near LAX in the predawn hours to claim prime viewing spots for the A380's arrival — a plane Airbus is banking on as the future of aviation with its huge passenger capacity and 9,300-mile range. Several hundred spectators gathered atop an airport parking structure for the occasion.

"Oh, that is gorgeous," said Gregg Atherton, 38, of Santa Monica, as the plane dropped out of the sky and landed at the airport's northernmost runway.

The Airbus glided over the crowd, which turned as the plane did and touched down, its engines rumbling. The landing was the end of a long wait for many who had arrived before first light to see the A380.

Among those settled in under the dark cloud of the early morning fog were Chris Luceak, 49, of Cypress, and Dave Glaubach, 58, of Santa Monica, who cramped out in their cars near the airport's northern boundary.

The two friends, with close ties to Airbus' main rival, Boeing, brought digital cameras and wide-angle lenses to mark the moment.

"We want to see what this big pile of aluminum looks like," said Glaubach, a retired Boeing employee, his arms crossed over his blue sweatshirt to ward off the chill.

Luceak, who took the day off from his job as a Boeing assembly mechanic, was prepared for the more than four-hour wait. He said he took a 30-minute "power nap" in the back seat of his Oldsmobile, in which he carried a portable foldout chair, sandwiches, granola and hot coffee.

"I was here 30 years ago, when the (sonorous jet) Concorde made its visit," he said, thumbing through an album of airplane photos he had snapped over the years. "I want to be here when the largest plane in the world flies in."

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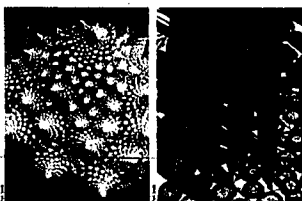
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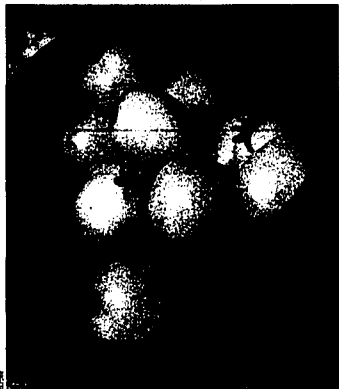
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YOUR GARDEN



Safe to eat: Not a science project, this purple, yellow-green object is, in fact, a vegetable: a Romanesco variety cauliflower. **Purple reign:** Purple haze carrots are a sure bet to make any salad sing, just be sure to serve them raw — the color fades with cooking.

In Search of the Weird and Wonderful: Why We Love Fresh Vegetables



By Chuck Ross
CTW Features

Squash that look like smiling human faces. Eighty-pound pumpkins. Square tomatoes. They've been around forever in seed-company ads that run in the back of Sunday newspaper supplements and in "Gee Whiz" photos on the front pages of supermarket tabloids. Oddly formed and colored vegetables have long fascinated us as the freak shows of the garden.

Now, though, it seems, home gardeners are turning to odd, offbeat and exotic vegetables by the bushel. Instead of gawking at the impossibility of a 4-pound tomato or a cauliflower the color of a block of processed cheese food, we're growing them ourselves. In fact, the wealth of new varieties is helping to boost vegetable seed sales, and turning even city dwellers into modern-day farmers.

'I GREW IT MYSELF'

Several factors seem to be contributing to an increase in the number of people opting to grow at least some of their own produce — even as interest in flower gardening has waned a bit in the last year or two. Recent bacteria scares involving packaged vegetables have raised fears among even strictly organic shoppers. And sophisticated home cooks, limited by supermarkets that can't always keep pace with the latest culinary trends, are growing their own exotic vegetables to meet the needs of demanding recipes.

There's newfound status to be found in growing your own — and not just the same Big Boy or 'burpless' as the guy down the block.

"The pendulum seems to be swinging back," says Nona Koivila, executive director of the National Garden Bureau, an association of companies that market flower and plant seeds. "These companies are seeing an increasing popularity in seed vegetables. The fact is, they're easy to grow. Many vegetables tie into the container trend."

Those whose growing areas are restricted to pots and window boxes will be glad to learn that new-variety developers aren't just focusing on Paul Bunyan-sized vegetables, such as the new 2- to 4-pound Porterhouse beefsteak tomato. Some of the new miniature varieties are perfect for urban decks and rooftops. The Black Pearl ornamental pepper plant, a 2006 winner in the All-America Selections competition sponsored by the National Garden Bureau, tops out at 10 to 20 inches tall. Its eye-catching black foliage and clusters of black, extra-hot peppers would make a great focal point on even the smallest deck or patio.

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL. Smaller produce also is a goal with some of the advanced breeding. As our households get smaller, bumper harvests can overwhelm even the heartiest appetite.

"Our customers have always appreciated the huge veggie," notes Stephanie Turner, seed director for Greenwood, S.C.-based Park Seeds.

Screaming yellow tomatoes: Unlike its predecessors, Golden Mama produces brilliant yellow paste and sauces.

Seeds. Now, though, the company is seeing increased interest in plants like the "twinkle" eggplant, with fruit that reaches perfection at 2-1/2 inches long, and "Mirai" corn, with cobs a plate-friendly 5 inches long.

Technicolor veggies also are attracting gardening fans. In some cases, these orange, purple and even chartreuse specialties are pushing standard varieties from the top of the sales charts.

"We're seeing that, in several different categories of vegetables, some of them our actually outselling traditional varieties," says Stephanie Turner, seed director for Greenwood, S.C.-based Park Seeds.

For example, Turner notes that seeds for the "cheddar" hybrid cauliflower — which looks like a surprisingly lumpy head of cheddar cheese — now sell better than those for the standard white variety. (You also can grow a chartreuse-colored variety called "tommesca," which features fractal-shaped florets that look like something out of a child's crystal-growing science project.)

The odd coloration in many of today's unusual offerings derives from different combinations of vitamins and minerals than those the vegetable typically features. So, cheddar cauliflower gets its orange coloring from high doses of beta carotene — the stuff that makes carrots look like carrots. In fact, only carrots have more beta carotene than this new cauliflower variety.

Unless, of course, those carrots are purple. "Purple haze" carrots, another AAS winner, sport a brilliant purple hue that draws on the same ingredients that make blueberries blue, Turner says. The color only penetrates a bit beneath the skin, leaving the carrot core a bright orange. It's not a color combination you might choose for your next evening out, but it does make for a striking salad — the color dials with cooking, so serve it raw for best effect.

GROWING YOUR OWN

Though their appearance may be unusual, these new varieties should pose no

added challenge to even inexperienced gardeners, experts say. In fact, some could have even greater harvest rates than tried-and-true versions because of the added research attention they've received.

"Usually newer varieties are easier to grow, because there's constant improvement in breeding," Turner says. "And hybrids have increased vigor. Home gardeners can pretty much guarantee success with that."

The one downside to hybrid planting, however, is that seeds from this year's crop can't be used to duplicate success next year. Instead, with these varieties, gardeners will have to buy new seed packets when planting future crops.

For new, non-hybridized varieties, some seed sellers are looking overseas, discovering long-successful crops that are still exotic to U.S. growers. Frank Mangano, a University of Massachusetts assistant professor, is leading efforts to introduce such vegetables as "aioliya" squash and a cucumber called "max-idi" familiar to the state's many Brazilian immigrants.

"They're going to want to start growing things that are popular in their cuisines," he says of the importance of new immigrants to expanding U.S. produce options. "With some of these crops, I think there's definite possibility for crossover."

And crossover is definitely behind the success of Johnny's Selected Seeds, The Winslow, Maine-based seed producer and merchant has seen success in marketing seeds for Asian vegetables, including greens such as Chinese bok choy and slender Suyo Long cucumbers, Ired Giant Japanese mustard and Thai Kermit eggplant. As U.S. taste buds open to more international cuisine, home cooks are seeking fresh sources for sometimes hard-to-find ingredients.

"I think there's more interest, especially in the Asian greens," says T.J. Vinci, vegetable products manager at Johnny's Seeds. "Our greens section is one of our best-sellers."

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House OK's English as official language

By Shannon Dinsley Associated Press writer

BOISE — The state House approved a bill Monday to designate English as Idaho's official language...

The House vote was 46-20. Already OK'd by the state Senate, the measure now goes to the governor.

The bill spells out some exceptions for education, public health and public safety.

Critics argued the measure is divisive and unnecessary, saying it would alienate immigrants who come to the

United States — and Idaho — but don't speak English.

Supporters countered that the bill would do exactly the opposite. Rather, it will better draw non-English speakers into the community while clarifying when languages other than English can be used.

For example, some school officials may be unknowingly breaking state law by communicating in languages other than English, because there is no provision in state law to allow that, said Rep. Dell Raybould, R-Boise, sponsor of the bill. The bill now allows provisions for schools to do so, he said.

"This is the opposite of an



English-only bill," Raybould said. "It is setting up a process by which languages other than English can be used in the official business of our state."

Nearly all Idaho affairs are conducted in English in areas where the population is 95 percent white.

The measure offers nothing constructive from a policy standpoint, said Rep. Les Lock, D-Boise.

"It is a poke in the eye of a

group of people," he said. "You've got to set aside your fears today. This is a body that should not legislate on the basis of fear."

Rep. Nicole Letourneau, D-Boise, said the bill encourages people to learn English but offers no resources toward that end and removes money for translating documents and other materials.

"I have a really hard time believing that this legislation is wholly to allow for other languages," she said.

But rather than divide Idahobans, the bill unites them, said Rep. Thomas Loertscher, R-Idaho.

Loertscher counted 30 months he spent traveling

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— Rep. Les Bock, D-Boise

through Germany when he was a young man and having to fill out documents in German. The experience proved that if residents of a country don't at least have a language in common, they are in real trouble, he said.

"Guess what? I never had to fill out a form that was in English. It was all in German, the official language of Germany," he said. "If I had asked for a form in English, I would have been laughed at

and told to leave the country probably."

Rep. Mack Shirley, R-Boise, said he tried to look at the bill as a positive step.

"We should encourage all the people who live here to get all the benefits of living here," he said. "And one of those is knowing English."

According to Boise State University's recent public policy survey, 70 percent of 513 people polled favor an English-only policy for the state. In addition, in Canyon County in southwestern Idaho, local government officials in July passed a ban on issuing new reports, forms, brochures and signs in languages other than English.

Identity thief sentenced

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — It just goes to show that crime doesn't pay. On Wednesday, Starr Uscola was given time in prison for the misappropriation of personal identifying information and possession of a controlled substance.

The identity she stole belonged to Linda Mortenson of Twin Falls.

Last week's sentencing marked the end of a nightmare that began for Mortenson last fall when her bank denied payment on a bill.

"Someone had taken money out of my account and created a joint account in both of our names using my personal information that was stolen," Mortenson said.

"Uscola used to live with Mortenson's son, and got her personal information that way."

Twin Falls County Deputy Prosecutor Rosemary Emery said Uscola will spend 180 days at the Pocatello Women's Correctional Center.

If she fails at making strides to rehabilitate while incarcerated, Uscola will serve the three-and-a-half year fixed sentence, with another year and half indeterminate time imposed by 5th District Judge Richard Bevan.

Mortenson is glad that the person responsible for stealing her identity will get at least a little prison time.

"At least she can't hurt any more innocent people," Mortenson said. "But she still has taken no responsibility for her actions and has never yet apologized for stealing my identity."

"There has been no apology to the victim. Just excuses."

— 5th District Judge Richard Bevan to Starr Uscola

Uscola's lack of remorse wasn't for lack of opportunity to show it. During the sentencing hearing she did make a statement on her own behalf but failed to even mention her identity theft crime.

She did, however, tell the judge that she was a good candidate for probation and that she was trying to free herself from an addiction to methamphetamine.

"I know I can successfully complete probation. I have done it before and can do it again," Uscola said.

Bevan said her statement was full of excuses and chided her for failing at complying with court-ordered check-ins between court proceedings and said given her background of theft and fraud, her word wasn't worth much.

"All I've found is excuses," Bevan said. "There has been no apology to the victim. Just excuses."

In addition to time behind bars, Uscola was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine.

Mortenson is just glad to get on with her life.

"They say this is as good as it gets. I don't think I will ever get an apology but I am smarter now and protect my information better. I wouldn't want anyone to have to go through what I did. It was a lesson learned the hard way," she said.

CITIZENS ACADEMY OPEN TO EVERYONE



Lois Hudson, 83, dons a 30-pound bulletproof vest rated for high-powered rifles. She is one of 12 people participating in the six-week Citizens Academy sponsored by the Twin Falls Police Department...

Magic Valley Speedway gets 10 years added to lease

By Linda Brittain Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The city added 10 years Monday to the lease of Magic Valley Speedway, contingent on the speedway's sale to a new owner.

The City Council voted unanimously

for the extension.

The city owns the property west of Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport and leases it to Steve York, who owns the grandstands and improvements on the land. He is seeking to sell the speedway to Edly and Lynne McKean. The lease extension was one of the McKean's

pre-sale conditions.

However, the sale is not final, York said, if it falls through, the 10-year extension would be void and the speedway lease would expire in 2021.

Regardless of who the owner is, Magic Valley Speedway is scheduled to begin its 22nd season on April 14.

Some Cassia County residents trying to incorporate Jackson

By Renee Wells For the Times-News

RUPERT — Soon this date-line might read "Jackson."

It is not yet an official community, but it is getting closer, according to residents.

Things have been quiet for some time, but only because the wheels of government turn slowly, said Paul

Duncan, one of a group of residents proposing incorporation of the area.

The Jackson area lies north of Interstate 84 and south of the Snake River in eastern Cassia County. Residents have vigorously opposed efforts by the county to impose address changes.

Petitions are circulating among residents, and the

group plans to approach every person before going to the county with its request.

"We're getting the petitions signed now," Duncan said. "I don't know if they will be ready by the next county commission meeting or if it will take another week."

Duncan said residents are aware of the responsibility that would be placed on

them as taxpayers to provide services if the community goes ahead with incorporation.

While petitioning for incorporation would move the community one step closer to having control of addresses, it is not the final step. Area residents would still need to get the approval of county officials to incorporate.

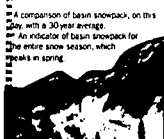
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Snowpack Levels

Table with 2 columns: Location and % of season snowpack. Locations include Blaine, Big Lost, etc.

As of March 19, 2007. A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.



Bear truth: Couple teaches how to survive wildlife encounters

By Karen Bossick For the Times-News

HAILY — Sixteen years ago Buck Wilde walked into the middle of 50 Kodiak brown bears and began photographing a sow with her two cubs. Suddenly, the mother barged out of the river and charged him.

"She covered the 150 feet between us in two seconds — so fast I couldn't even take a breath," recalls the Haily man. "She was roaring over me with her hot breath resonating on my torso. I had my first out-of-body experience right then."

That was Wilde's first encounter with a bear. Since then, he has had many while filming wildlife for a dozen BBC documentaries and the Discovery Channel. Over time, he says, he has learned to read their body language

and communicate with them.

On Sunday evening "the bear whisperer," as David Attenborough calls him, presented a slide show exploring the four instincts that are necessary to have safe encounters with wild animals.

In addition, he and his wife, Diana, showed how to apply some of the principles they use with wild animals toward pets — and even other humans.

"There's a real subliminal dialogue that goes on between people and pets," said Buck, who has written several natural history books for McGraw-Hill. "It's important to learn to interpret movements, posture and facial expressions. If, for instance, a dog's ears are forward, it indicates interest. If they're backwards, fear. If they approach you in a zigzag manner, it's something to be

"I've been bluff charged 23 times with the bears getting right in my face. And I've never been touched. I'm here to tell that story because I obey the golden rule, which is never run."

— Buck Wilde, wildlife filmmaker

self-defense. Buck says, when all they're doing is mounting a bluff charge.

"I've been bluff charged 23 times with the bears getting right in my face. And I've never been touched," he says. "I'm here to tell that story because, I obey the golden rule, which is never run." In addition, Buck says, "We never go to wildlife. We let them come to us. And, if we feel we're intruding, we leave."

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OBITUARIES

Jay J. Strode

JEROME — Jay J. Strode was born March 9, 1917, in Flagler, Colo., to William Henry Strode and Marie Elmer Huff. He passed away March 18, 2007, in Jerome, Idaho, after being treated with the West Nile virus.



He was born into a livestock family with four brothers, Clive, Clyde, Stephen and Stephen Stanley, and five sisters, Alta Verita, Beth Rose, Elmon Marium, Thelma Leora and Faye Leota. Jay attended school through the eighth grade and then worked on the outfalls on the eastern slope of Colorado. To find work, he rode the rails and readily admitted to being a "hobo" during the tough Depression times. He followed one of his brothers to western Colorado, working for a cow outfit on Piceance Creek. There he was told he could find work in Nevada, and he went to the O'Neil Basin in Elko County, where he went to work for Ore Nails in 1939.

The boss' daughter, a young Nevada Boies, set a snare for his good-looking Colorado cowboy's heart, and by the time he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, they made plans to marry after the war. He had fought for 36 months in the Pacific when he was wounded on Iwo Jima when a hand grenade exploded on his side. He led a charge against machine gun emplacement. His servicemen received the Congressional Medal of Honor such heroism in Iwo Jima. He received the Silver Star and the Purple Heart for his service

to his country. Discharged but still recuperating, Jay and Nevada were married on June 20, 1945, at the O'Neil home ranch.

The Strodes owned and operated ranches in Nevada, then Idaho and then in Arizona. They raised quality cattle and registered calves and adopted children. Downey and Tammy. Many children stayed with the Strodes over the years and were greatly influenced by these two generous people. They were truly religious in their beliefs and in the way they lived their lives. Jay loved the Bible, good horses and most of all, his family. He played the guitar with better-than-average skill. In later years, he wrote seven unpublished novels, a surprising feat for a person with no more than eight years of formal education. Jay really enjoyed his yard and garden. He was cared for by Carl and Jessy Salas until his illness, which allowed both of them to enjoy their lives to the fullest.

Jay is survived by his son, Downey Strode, of Carey, Idaho, and daughter, Tammy Gafford of Clarkston, Wash. Also surviving him are his grandchildren, Cl Spencer (Jamie), Chris Spencer (Jenny), Chaille Molyneux (Dan) and the late Cayen Chae Molyneux (Emerald), Brandy Warren, Mandi Warren, Zach Warren, Joe Warren and many great-grand.

A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at the Word of Life Church, 126 First Ave. W. in Jerome, with Pastor Steve Bartlett officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Elizabeth C. (Sparks) Holmquist

TWIN FALLS — Elizabeth C. Holmquist, 84, returned "with honor" to reunite with her eternal companion on March 18, 2007, at her home in Twin Falls.



Elizabeth was born Aug. 8, 1922, in Chadron, Neb., to Walter and Ethel Sparks. Elizabeth was later sealed to her beloved stepfather, Wendell Glenn. She was married to her eternal companion and sweetheart, Donald W. Holmquist on Jan. 20, 1942. They were blessed with five wonderful children, Karen Lynn Cole (who preceded her in death in 1995), Donald W. Holmquist, Jr., Larry E. Holmquist, Susanne Shatto and Virginia Hanks; 23 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Jim Glenn of Twin Falls. She was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter, one brother and one sister.

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able daughter of God, she had a profound impact on everyone who came in contact with her. She refused to make negative comments about anyone she knew and would only say something positive as she felt everyone had something good in them. Survivors include her children, Donald W. Holmquist Jr., Larry Holmquist, Susanne Shatto and Virginia Hanks; 23 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Jim Glenn of Twin Falls. She was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter, one brother and one sister.

A service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at the LDS Church, 421 Maurice St. N. in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," and one hour prior to service Wednesday at the church.

Opal Cameron

BELLEVUE — Opal Cameron, 86, of Bellevue, died Sunday, March 18, 2007, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Calvary Bible Church in the Calvary in Halley with interment following at the Bellevue Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley.

Lila J. Carlson

TWIN FALLS — Lila June Carlson, 80, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 17, 2007, at her home in Twin Falls.

A celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Burial

will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A full obituary will appear in a later edition of the Times-News.

Clara C. Fisher

GLENN'S FERRY — Clara C. Fisher, 92, of Glenn's Ferry, died Monday, March 19, 2007, at a Gooding care center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Glens Robertson Funeral Chapel in Mountain Home.

Elsie M. Scarrow

JEROME — Elsie Male Scarrow, 89, died Monday, March 19, 2007, at the Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Glens Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

SERVICES

Road in Twin Falls.

Chase Michael Coates of Filer, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Filer LDS Ward Chapel (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Mona Re Kenner of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Robert Allen Gramsick of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly

Wednesday at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E. in Kimberly; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Hilltop Memorial Cemetery in Nysa, Ore.

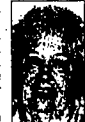
Bernice Irene Hagler of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls).

Edna Rozina Green of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m.

Pearl Arlene Stapleton

TWIN FALLS — Pearl Arlene Stapleton, age 89, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2007, at Twin Falls Care Center.

She was a third-generation native of Ketchum, Idaho, and the wife of Wood River Valley resident, Pearl Stewart, who died Feb. 24, 1917.



She was born in Ketchum, Idaho, the first child of Arthur and the first wife of Ernest. Her parents lived in Bonanza and Custer, working the mines, and her father's parents homesteaded what is now the Ketchum Ranch south of Ketchum. She grew up in Ketchum but attended Rupert High School while working for family friends, caring for their twin daughters. She graduated from Rupert High School in 1934. While in Rupert, she met the love of her life, Owen Stapleton. They were married on June 1, 1940, in Jerome and made their home in Halley for most of their 58 years of marriage. They had two daughters, Arlene and Marilyn.

Pearl worked for the U.S. Forest Service and Sawtooth Recreation Area for many years, retiring in 1978. Pearl

and Owen moved to Twin Falls in 1950 to meet the needs of their third- and son-in-law. Pearl received the Idaho Pioneer certificate from the Idaho State Historical Society, certifying her grandparents lived in Idaho prior to Idaho. The Bannine Cabin is now preserved and located in Ketchum near the Ore Wagons Building.

Pearl was a loving homemaker, always making family and visitors welcome. She was always cheerful, optimistic and supportive of her daughters, granddaughters and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed fixing a great meal and was known for her pie and bread-making skills. Family gatherings and activities, playing pinochle, Scrabble and cribbage, fishing and enjoying the Sawtooth Mountains and Wood River Valley were very special to her.

Surviving Pearl is her daughter, Arlene (Jim) Schmidt of Twin Falls; four granddaughters, Joanna (Jim) Sweetland of Boise, Margie (Tom) Arzenz of Spokane, Wash., Shirley (Kurtis) Bryant of Boise, and Julie (John) Arnold of Great Falls, Mont. Also surviving her are 10 great-grandchildren, Mandi, J.J. and Joshua Sweetland, Grady

Rachel and Sydney Arzenz, Kayla Arzenz and Kendra Bryant, and Adair Arnold. Her sister, Betty Anderson of Twin Falls, and a very special nephew and two nieces, Leonard (Alice) Anderson and Kelly (Paul) Stover of Twin Falls, and Miller (Tom) Allen of Boise, Idaho, also survive. Her husband of 58 years, Owen; and daughter, Marilyn, preceded her in death.

The funeral service for Pearl will be held Thursday, March 22, at 11 a.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Interment will be at 4 p.m. in the Ketchum Cemetery in Ketchum, Idaho. Friends may call Wednesday, March 21, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in Pearl's name to the Shriners Hospital for Children, Fairfax Road at Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

The family wishes to thank the staff of the Twin Falls Care Center and Dr. Ron Miclak and staff for their compassion and the excellent care they gave Pearl.

"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure" (author unknown).

Helen Kathryn Whitmore

TWIN FALLS — Helen Kathryn Whitmore, 77, of Twin Falls, died early Sunday morning, March 18, 2007, at her home in Twin Falls.

Helen Kathryn was born on June 17, 1929, in Soddy, Tenn., the daughter of Charles A. Jones and Gussie Harmaning-Jones. She married Harry Whitmore, her husband of 61 years, on Jan. 14, 1946, in

Twin Falls.

Surviving are her husband, Harry Whitmore; two sons, Steve and Eric Whitmore; and daughter-in-law, Renee Whitmore; all of Twin Falls; her brother, George "Jeep" Jones of Oakdale, Calif.; and two granddaughters, Christa Whitmore of Buhl and Amy Whitmore of Twin Falls.

A graveside funeral service for Helen will be held Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 3 p.m. at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, with the Rev. Clayton Bonar officiating. Interment following the service at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Idaho. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

for Helen will be held Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 3 p.m. at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, with the Rev. Clayton Bonar officiating. Interment following the service at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Idaho. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

A graveside funeral service for Helen will be held Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 3 p.m. at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, with the Rev. Clayton Bonar officiating. Interment following the service at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Idaho. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

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Gooding Bridge announces results

GOODING — Gooding Duplicate Bridge released results for:

Feb. 9, Section A: First, Sam Smutny and Adelaide Gerard; second, Max Thompson and Henry Robinson; third, Marg Pierson and Susan Faulkner; and fourth, Mary Steele and Kathy Rooney. Section B: First, Susan Faulkner and Marg Pierson; second, Mary Steele and Kathy Rooney; and third, Jodi Faulkner and Louise Smith.

third, Jodi Faulkner and Claire Major; and fourth, Marg Pierson and Susan Faulkner. Section B: First, Henry Robinson and Al Anglin; second, Claire Major and Jodi Faulkner; and third, Susan Faulkner and Marg Pierson. March 2, Section A: First, Max Thompson and Mary Kienlen; second, Susan Faulkner and Mary Steele; third, Riley Burton and Rueben Tschackofsky; and fourth, Sam Smutny and Adelaide Gerard. Section B: First, Mary Steele and Susan Faulkner; second, Don and

Lorna Bard. March 9, Section A: First, Mary Steele and Kathy Rooney; second, Susan Faulkner and Marg Pierson; third, Max Thompson and Mary Kienlen; and fourth, David Stoker and Adelaide Gerard. Section B: First, Mary Steele and Kathy Rooney; second, Marg Pierson and Susan Faulkner. Duplicate Bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. For partnership information or directions call Kathy Rooney at 934-9732.

EDITORIAL

Delay on CAFO bill hits conservative credentials

You can call Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis, many things. Timid isn't one of them. Idaho may be the most conservative state in the nation to many. To Barrett, it isn't conservative enough. When bold legislation rises in the Legislature, Barrett is among those ready to kick it back to the curb.

Easy-care reform? Not in Idaho, comrade! "In the old Russia, the state owned the children for all intents and purposes and directed their education," said Barrett earlier this session. "This is not the proper role of the government."
How about an Internet sales tax consortium? No again, said Barrett, who likened it unto, ahem, "crawling into bed with other states."

Barrett, an eight-term veteran of the House, voices similar sentiments on other issues. Whether they're found in a human rights bill, a community college tax plan, or last year's coal-fired energy moratorium — Barrett's opposed them all. And she usually makes at least a half-compelling argument to explain her vote.

Not so with her latest action, or better yet, inaction. As chairwoman for the House Local Education Committee, Barrett has little interest in a measure allowing affected citizens their day of free speech.

SB 1056, which allows citizens living beyond a one-mile radius of a proposed livestock operation to testify at public hearings, passed 30-4 in the Senate last month. But the bill, sponsored by Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, has sat dormant in her committee since then.

Last week, Barrett indicated it could be introduced this week — and then again, maybe not. "No decision has been made at this point in time," she said.

Loosely translated from the Barrett brogue, what she really means is "stuck a fork in it."

Even if Barrett finds time to weigh the bill, she'd be likely to oppose it. Forcing local counties to lift limitations would be an infringement by the state on the local government's authority (even though it was the state that passed this restrictive law). Apparently when a power from above usurps rights closest to the people, it constitutes a violation of democracy.

We couldn't agree more, which is why Barrett needs to lobby for this bill. Under existing law, county officials can shut out the testimony of county residents who may be affected by proposed livestock operations.

There's a name for that in the conservative playbook. It's called infringement of private property rights, and even Barrett has to agree. Speaking at a Boise conference in December, the chairwoman herself called it not just a liberty, but a sacred one at that. She included it in her "10 Commandments for Local Government" telling the audience in so many words, "Thou shalt protect private property rights."

Amen to that. Unfortunately, conservative leaders such as Barrett are the ones losing their faith.

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LETTER

Bedke gives teachers short end of incentives

I would like to congratulate Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, for his ability to make things happen in the school budget.

He has fought the best state school officials we have had — Marilyn Howard and Jerry Evans — and supported the worst — Ms. Fox. Now that the State Department of Education is solidly under the control of the Republican Party, he is, suddenly a supporter of education.

The one thing he continues to forget about is the teachers. He thinks things are more important than people. In this time of budget surpluses, he is telling the teachers that they are worth less than they were last year. The budget did not give the teachers a raise in real dollars (inflation-adjusted dollars).

Even the Social Security cost of living adjustment (in a system that is struggling to pay ahead) was a percent. Rep. Bedke's percent

does not even keep up with inflation. The salary schedule is more than 10 percent behind inflation over the past five years.

I am not comparing us with other states. This is Idaho information. The average salary in Idaho for the same period has outpaced inflation by more than 60 percent.

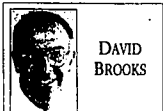
Some of those years were tight budget years, and the teachers did not even ask for a cost of living adjustment. However, during a time of budget surpluses, it is in order to at least keep up with inflation.

I used to think Mr. Bedke was just anti-education. Now we can see that he is really just anti-teacher and Marilyn Howard who was a teacher and knows how important it is to treat people and teachers like they are worth something.

This attitude makes his motives very suspicious in his attempt to get rid of the fair employment practices in which he refers to as the continuing contract law.
STEPHEN ASTON
Rupert

Dems' foreign policy narcissism

Sen. Carl Levin has always been one of the most serious participants in the Iraq debate. It's one of those politicians who could actually pass a test of Middle East cultural literacy — who could tell you what the Mahdi Army is or whether al-Qaida is a Sunni or Shiite organization. It's one of the Democrats who generally hasn't formed his Iraq position with an eye to Iowa primary voters or the party's donor base.



DAVID BROOKS

Our view:
By shunning a bill that widens public-utility testimony, lawmakers are ignoring property-right protections. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Which is why it's significant that his speeches during Wednesday's Senate war debate were so utterly unconvincing.

The essential Levin argument was that the Iraq leaders have been shirking their duties and it's time to force upon them the incentives they need to make tough choices. The Democratic (timetable) resolution, Levin concluded, "will deliver a cold dose of reality to Iraq leaders."

But does anybody think that Iraq leaders, many of whom have seen their brothers and children gunned down, need a cold dose of reality delivered from the U.S. Congress? Does anybody buy the Levin model of reality, which holds that Iraq leaders are rational game theorists who just need to have their incentives rearranged in order to make peace? Does anybody believe the riffs in Iraqi society could be bridged by a few "tough choices" made by the largely reviled Green Zone politicians?

The Democrats spent three years attacking the Bush



administration for ignoring intelligence, but now they're making the Republicans look like pikers. In this debate, they have rigorously ignored the latest intelligence estimates, which take a much deeper, more organic view of Iraq, and reality that the technocratic, top-down approach Levin was articulating Wednesday afternoon.

The intelligence agencies paint a portrait of a society riven at its base with sectarian passion. They describe a society not of rational game theorists but of human beings beset by trauma — of Sunnis failing to acknowledge their minority status, of Shiites bent on winner-take-all domination, of self-perpetuating animosities, disintegrating bonds and a complex weave of conflicts.

The intelligence agencies see chaos if the United States withdraws. Levin, based on phantom intelligence, sees newly incentivized Iraqis according to reason and moderation.

The fact is there are two serious approaches to U.S. policy in Iraq, and the Democratic leaders, for purely political reasons, are caught in

the middle, and even people like Levin are beginning to sound silly.

One serious position is heard on the left: that there's nothing more we can effectively do in Iraq. We've spent four years there and have not been able to quell the violence. If the place is headed for civil war, there's nothing we can do to stop it, and we certainly don't want to get caught in the middle. The only reasonable option is to get out now before more Americans die.

The second serious option is heard on the right: We have to do everything we can to head off catastrophe, and it's too soon to give up hope. The surge is already producing some results. Bombing deaths are down by at least a third. Execution-style slayings have been cut in half. An oil agreement has been reached, tribes in Anbar Province are chasing al-Qaida, cross-sectarian political blocs are emerging. We should perhaps build on the promise of the surge with regional diplomacy or a soft partition, but we certainly should not set timetables for withdrawal.

The Democratic leaders

don't want to be for immediate withdrawal because it might alienate the centrists, and they don't want to see out the surge because that would alienate the base. What they want to do is be against Bush without accepting responsibility for any real policy, so they have concocted a vaporous policy of distant withdrawal that is divorced from realities on the ground.

Say what you will about President Bush, when he thinks a policy is right, like the surge, he supports it, even if it's going to be unpopular. The Democratic leaders, accused of the irresponsibility of opposition, show no such guts.

As a result, nobody loves them. Liberals recognize the cynicism of it all. Republicans know the difference between principled opposition and unprincipled posturing. Independents see just another group of politicians behaving like politicians.

What we get is foreign policy narcissism. The Democrats call it an Iraq policy, but it's really all about us.

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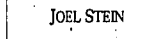
Pardons are snub to justice and democracy

It's not that I care if "Scooter" Libby gets pardoned. Sure, he obstructed justice, but putting someone named Scooter in jail seems a little harsh. Putting someone named Scooter in elementary school seems a little harsh.

I object to the idea of the pardon itself. I might have dropped my political science major, but I know that giving anyone the right to get pursued out of jail without any reason might lead to abuse of power. This is why we don't give one person the right to put people in jail without any reason.

At the time the pardon leads to corruption because if I were President Bush, I'd pardon the hell out of Libby. If a guy working for me got arrested for essentially protecting my No. 1 employee, and I had an unlimited stack of get-out-of-jail-free cards, I'd slip him one for sure. But first I'd make him agree to go on "Dancing With the Stars." With just a little power, I turn into a jerk.

The pardon, which had been the right of the monarch since Henry VIII, was put into Article II, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution by Alexander Hamilton, who argued in the Federalist Papers that without it, "Justice would wear a countenance too sanguinary and



JOEL STEIN

cruel." Hamilton did not realize that in the future, judges would cry about Anna Nicole Smith. He also didn't realize that challenging Aaron Burr to a duel might kill him. So maybe we shouldn't be taking advice from an idiot.

It turns out that despite Hamilton's expectations, not many poor people without political connections got spared the cruelty of justice. In fact, almost all presidential pardoning has been bad policy. The first one was used by George Washington to forgive members of the Whiskey Rebellion. I don't know all that much about the Whiskey Rebellion, but I'm guessing from the words "whiskey" and "rebellion" that these might not be the first guys you'd want to let out of San Quentin. Unless the only other people there were members of the Mohave Bunch.

To unite the country, Andrew Johnson kept pardoning Southerners for fighting in the Civil War, thus emboldening that culture so much that we get Confederate flag decorations, Stone Mountain and the Iraq war. Jimmy Carter

forgave Vietnam draft dodgers, which took away all their edge, leading directly to yuppiedom, David E. Kelley TV shows and the Iraq war.

Most other pardons went to powerful friends of the president. Richard Nixon pardoned longtime supporter Jimmy Hoffa; Gerald R. Ford pardoned Nixon; Carter, in the most 1970s pardon possible, granted one to Lee Harvey Oswald. Ford and Mary for taking off his clothes and hitting on two teenage sisters. Ronald Reagan, in the most '80s pardon possible, let campaign contributor George Stenographer off. George H.W. Bush let Nixon campaign donor Armand Hammer and all his fellow Iran-Contra friends go; Bill Clinton handed pardons out to anyone who told him he was pretty.

Pardoning subversives justice, snubbing the democratic concept of being judged by your peers. If Nixon had stood trial, the truth would have headed the country far more than trying to ignore Watergate, and the presidency might have been taken down a peg. If Caspar Weinberger had gone to jail, perhaps future presidents — and their benchmen — might have tread more carefully on our laws. If

Steinbreiber had gotten time in the slammer, Chuck Knoblauch might still be playing.

The only way to fix this is a constitutional amendment. It's not like those should be reserved only for superimportant things such as flag burning and keeping men from marrying each other. The last amendment, passed in 1992, had to do with congressional pay raises. The next amendment, if not about pardoning, may well involve our right to party.

Not only would removing the pardon be fair, it would show more by eliminating the job of Pardon Attorney, which, outside of Guantanamo Bay, is the easiest prosecutorial job in the world. And even more important, it would finally put an end to the "pardoning the Thanksgiving turkey" crap.

Even that part of the pardon has been corrupted: Since 1995, in the strangest cross-promotional deal ever, the turkeys are sent to live every day of the rest of their lives at Disneyland. How you get a pardon from that fate, I don't know. But I'm all for it.

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LETTER

Dairy testimony limits work both ways

Some thoughts concerning confined animal feeding operations and the dairy industry.

I was wondering how many actual CAFO owners would be able to speak if the one-mile rule is in effect? There are only a small handful of owners that actually build their million-dollar homes on the

dairy and live there. I quote Jack Tuls when I asked him when he was going to build on his dairy: "Never, I would never be able to sell it."

Growing up, I remember all of my classmates that had farms actually lived on the family farm, not on a golf course in Buhl or miles away.

When the conversation turns to the economy and how favorable the CAFOs are, I have to ask how the econo-

my will be affected when doctors are put out of work? According to all the marketing millions that are pushed at us on television, we won't break bones, we won't get sick and we won't die. We'll lose our fat armies if we would only consume this wonderful dairy product. Also on television is the beautiful scene with cows in a green pasture munching away on grass. The only cows I have seen are laying in mud

or knee deep in their own waste with no tails.

And to Ms. Brannon, I would like to suggest we also should just "let it be" to the Holocaust, Pearl Harbor and our history. Even as you suggest we do concerning the Hunt Camp.

It is often easier to forget things rather than remember and learn from our history.
BOB LPMAN
Twin Falls

Gonzales' hold on job tenuous with rough week

By Laurie Kellman
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' hold on his job grew more uncertain Monday as the Senate debated removing his authority to unilaterally name U.S. attorneys and the White House said it merely hoped he could survive the tumult.

Asked if Gonzales had contained the political damage from the firing of eight federal prosecutors, White House spokesman Tony Snow said, "I don't know." Snow declined to predict

how long Gonzales would stay in his job but reiterated President Bush's support of him. "No one's prophetic enough to know what the next 21 months hold," Snow said. "We hope he stays."

The Justice Department also planned to turn over to Congress late Monday a couple of thousand pages of

new documents related to the firings.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett said that Bush had "full confidence" in Gonzales and that the attorney general had not offered to resign.

But Gonzales faces a tough week. The Senate was voting Monday and Tuesday to

rescind his authority to appoint replacement U.S. attorneys without Senate confirmation.

"We need to close the loophole exploited by the White House and the Department of Justice that facilitated this abuse," Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said opening the debate.

In other trouble for the administration, the Justice Department's Inspector General is to testify Tuesday and Wednesday before House and Senate committees on what he says was Justice's misuse of its power to secretly go through people's financial, Internet and other records in terrorism cases.

Pentagon: Planner of USS Cole, embassy bombings confesses

By Pauline Jelnik
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A Yemeni portrayed as an al-Qaida operative and a member of a terrorist family confessed to plotting the bombings of the USS Cole and two U.S. embassies in Africa, killing hundreds, according to a Pentagon transcript of a Guantanamo Bay hearing.

The transcript released Monday was the fourth from the hearings the military is holding in prison for 14 "high-value" terror suspects who were kept in secret CIA prisons before they were sent to the U.S. facility in Cuba last fall.

Last week, Walid bin Attash said he helped plan the 1998 embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania that killed more than 200, according to the transcript. He also said he helped organize the 2000 attack on the USS Cole in which suicide bombers steered an explosive-laden boat into the guided-missile destroyer, killing 17 sailors.

"I participated in the buying or purchasing of the explosives," bin Attash said when asked what his role was in the attacks.

"I put together the plan for the operation a year and a half prior to the operation, buying the boat and recruiting the members that did the operation."

Also alleged to have been Osama bin Laden's bodyguard at one time, Ibtih Attash is in his late 20s and is a Yemeni who was born and raised in Saudi Arabia, authorities have said.

Said to be an al-Qaida operational chief, bin Attash is known as "Ibtih" bin Attash or Tasfiq bin Attash al-Khalidi or simply Khalidi.

U.S. intelligence documents allege that bin Attash is a "scion of a prominent terrorist family" that includes his father, Mohammed, who was close to bin Laden, and

younger brother Hassou, who has been held at Guantanamo since 2004.

Several others attended al-Qaida training camps in Afghanistan in the 1990s and two have been killed, one in a 2001 U.S. airstrike in Afghanistan, the U.S. says.

Bin Attash told a March 12 hearing that he met with the man who did the embassy bombings just a few hours before the operation took place, according to the transcript released by the Defense Department.

"I was the link between Osama bin Laden and his deputy Sheikh Abu Jafar al-Masri," who took over the leadership of al-Qaida in Iraq after the leader, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was killed in a U.S. airstrike last June.

Bin Attash also said he was with bin Laden when the Cole was attacked.

Legal experts have criticized the U.S. decision to bar independent observers from the hearings. Carl Tobias, a University of Richmond law professor, said "legitimate criticisms can be raised" about the confessions coming out of the hearings.

"Of course, no one's there to know other than what we see from the transcripts and what the hearing officers hear," Tobias said.

"The claim is that some of the confessions were extracted by torture or other activities that are inappropriate and (there are) doubts about whether the detainees are telling the truth," he said.

Many have questioned the confession of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, also known as KSM, who claimed responsibility or partial responsibility for near three dozen plots including the 9/11 attacks on the U.S., according to transcripts of his March 10 hearing released last week.

Bruce Hoffman, a terrorism

expert at Georgetown University, said he has been surprised by the skepticism over the transcripts released so far.

"It dovetails with what we know," Hoffman said of the reported confessions. "With KSM, this guy was the evil genius he describes... In terrorism, it's a matter of keeping

lots of irons in the fire and it's whichever ones are coming to fruition that you go with."

The hearings are being held to determine whether the suspects should be declared "enemy combatants" who can be held indefinitely and prosecuted by military tribunals.

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Study casts doubt on duct tape treatment for warts

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Duct tape's success at curing warts may have been overstated, according to a new study that raises doubts about the tape's effectiveness as a cheap, painless treatment.

The tape supposedly works by irritating the skin and stimulating the body's immune system to attack the virus that causes warts. It earned a place in the medicine cabinet in 2002, when a small study showed it to be effective on children and young adults.

This time, a study among older adults found duct tape helped only 21 percent of the time and was no more better than moleskin, a cotton-tape bandage used to protect the skin.

But researchers used transparent duct tape. Only later did they learn that the transparent variety does not contain rubber, unlike the better-known, gray duct tape that appeared to be effective in the 2002 study.

"Whether or not the standard type of duct tape is effective is up in the air," said co-author Dr. Rachel Wenner of the University of Minnesota, who started the new study as a medical student.

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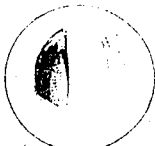
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Unbreakable?



LEFT: College of Southern Idaho sophomore guard Kevin Davis lays the ball up during Sunday's practice in Hutchinson High School. The Golden Eagles open NJCAA Division I National Championships play today at 9 a.m., MDT in Hutchinson, Kan. CENTER: College of Southern Idaho sophomore post Brandon Stores shoots past the defense of teammate Kevin Ford during Monday's practice for the 2007 NJCAA Division I National Championships in Hutchinson, Kan. RIGHT: CSI freshman post Art Parakhouski shoots over the defense of fellow freshman Bocar Ba during Monday's practice in Hutchinson, Kan.

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Chaos versus control

Storyed programs meet in first round

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Today, history becomes two things.

First, history is what the 9 a.m. MDT NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship first-round game between the College of Southern Idaho and Vincennes University (Ind.) is rich in. Second, it's exactly what the Golden Eagles hope to make of the Trailblazers' national appearances and two national championships, but with a record-tying 26 trips to Hutchinson, Kan., and three titles won, Vincennes can go toe-to-toe with CSI in the tradition department. The question of the day is just how they'll fare in the basketball department in today's opening-round game, which promises to be a study of contrasts. CSI pits the top scoring offense in the nation against the controlled, guard-oriented Vincennes attack. While the way the two teams gets the job done differ, the results have been very similar as the No. 9 Golden Eagles (28-5) put their championship hopes on the line against the 25-8 Trailblazers.

"Our main advantage is, I think, we have a few more guys we can throw the ball to in the post," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said. "For them, I think they have Please see MATCHUP, Page B2

Unified CSI team sets sights on NJCAA title

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Forget the numbers, the rankings, the statistics. Only one number matters to the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team now: No. 1.

Five days, four games and one opportunity to win a national championship are all that are left for this team of destiny that has had it sights firmly set on this year's NJCAA Division I National Championship tournament since the start of summer shoot-

Today, as the Golden Eagles begin tournament play at 9 a.m., MDT, against Vincennes University of Indiana, that one number — No. 1 — that's not to be thrown out will be all-important. This is not about the three coaches and 13 players that got on the bus bound for Hutchinson, Kan., four days ago. This is about a singular unit — a CSI basketball team bent on winning the third national title in program history.

"We have all the pieces. So if everybody sticks together, I don't think we can be broken," CSI sophomore post Brandon Stores said.

The Golden Eagles will have to be unbreakable during a week that is custom-built to tear apart team unity. With all the scouts and NCAA Division I coaches in the stands looking for their next big recruit, the national tournament can be a make-or-break time for JUCO players looking to land at a major four-year program. It's an easy time for the talented to be selfish, and the unneeded to force their games at the expense of solid team basketball. But as CSI head coach Barrett Peery knows, it's team basketball that wins championships and keeps players out in front of those scouts for the duration of the tournament.

"First and foremost, people want to see kids that come from winning

teams," Peery said. "Winning cures a lot of sicknesses and illnesses. Everybody's going to go through that same situation here. But if you're willing to be together and share the basketball and play as a team, then you've got a great chance to be in that final four. Then you never know what's going to happen."

What the Golden Eagles hope will happen is that superior depth and talent will make them nearly invincible in what will be a taxing but winnable run to the tournament semifinals. Aside from a possible semifinal matchup against No. 3 Chipola College of Florida, the Golden Eagles will not meet a team ranked in the top 10 of the season's final NJCAA Division I Poll before Saturday's championship game. After knocking off No. 10 Arizona Western College in last week's tournament play-in game, this talented CSI squad proved that it can win against theoretically better competition than it will face today or Wednesday. Today, it's all about taking the workmanlike approach that has earned CSI a 28-5 season record and applying it on the biggest stage of NJCAA competition.

"It's a little more exciting. You anticipate it a little more. But other than that, we're just at work, you know?" sophomore forward Travis Bunker said. "Doing our business and trying to

achieve something we've worked for all year."

Especially key to the business of CSI basketball is having all the Golden Eagles players not only on the same page, but in good playing condition.

While small injuries and illnesses have plagued this team early, Peery has a squad that is as healthy as it's been all year. Aside from a few painful but ultimately minor ankle tweaks to Bunker and Paul Wayne, the Golden Eagles escaped pre-tournament practices with no additional injuries.

"The big thing is that we've got all of our guys right now," Peery said. "No one's sick, no one's hurt, no one's suspended, no one's in the dog house. I think we're in a good position right now."

Graduation and transfers will eventually break this team apart. However, before what now is one becomes many, CSI will look to finish the job it started with four more wins.

"I don't think anybody wants to leave without the championship," Stores said. "I think everybody will come together for our one common goal, and that's to win it all."

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A father's journey

Peery balancing growing family, coaching duties

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — At three days old, Crew Peery experienced an integral part of being a coach's son: saying goodbye to Dad.

College of Southern Idaho head men's basketball coach Barrett Peery, his wife, Tracy, and daughter Kennedy welcomed the newest member of their family into the world last Wednesday, only one day after Peery's CSI squad qualified for this year's NJCAA Division I National Championship tournament with a 59-88 victory over Arizona Western College in Salt Lake City.

Two days after the birth of his first son, Peery was noticeably absent as his team boarded the bus that would carry it from Twin Falls to Hutchinson, Kan., and the national tournament. Call it an excused absence. Peery, a dedicated family man, was busy bringing his wife and son home from the hospital, trying to squeeze out every last second of family time he could before leaving for the most important business trip of his coaching career.

"Well, it was tough," Peery said. "We had the baby on Wednesday afternoon. Then I took them Please see PEERY, Page B2



Peery

Eagle Eyes

2007 NJCAA Division I National Championship
Today, No. 9 CSI (28-5) vs. Vincennes University (25-6), Hutchinson, Kan., 9 a.m., MDT On the horizon: If the Golden Eagles win today, they will move on to play the winner of the Southwest Tennessee CC/Lon Morris College game during Wednesday's championship semifinal round at 8 p.m. If CSI loses, it will play the SW Tennessee/Lon Morris loser at 3 p.m., Wednesday.
On the radio: All games will be broadcast live on 1270 AM KTR.

CSI season leaders
Points per game — Brad Garrett 16.2, Kevin Davis 15.5.
Rebounds per game — Juan Pattillo 7.4, Brandon Stores 6.9.
Assists per game — Paul Wayne 4.5, Adris DeLeon 4.0.
Steals per game — Davis 2.4, DeCarlos Riley 2.0. **Blocks per game** — Stores 1.6, Pattillo 1.2. **Field goal percentage** — Art Parakhouski .591 (68-115), Kevin Ford .583 (74-127). **3-point percentage** — Garrett .410 (69-217), Davis .404 (44-109). **Free-throw percentage** — Travis Bunker .760 (19-25), Parakhouski .740 (37-50).

SPORTS

MEN'S NIT Clemson sends Rebels home

CLEMSON, S.C. — Freshman Trevor Booker had a career-high 21 points and Cliff Hammonds added 18 as Clemson won its eighth straight NIT home game, 89-80 over Mississippi on Monday night.

The Tigers (23-10), the South region's No. 1 seed, get the chance to extend that streak — which coincidentally began after an Ole Miss victory here in the 1992 NIT — when it takes on Syracuse in the most Orange of tournament quarterfinals on Wednesday.

Syracuse 80, San Diego State 64

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Demetris Nichols had 20 points and Andy Rautins added 15 for the Orange's 80-64 win over San Diego State.

An orange-clad crowd of 26,752, the largest in NIT history, gave the game a championship atmosphere, and Syracuse (24-10) didn't disappoint, hitting nine 3-pointers.

Air Force 83, Georgia 52

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Jacob Buttschlich scored 21 points and Air Force won its school record 25th game.

The Falcons (25-8), whose NCAA bubble bust led to four straight losses to end the season, surpassed last year's win total in surprisingly easy fashion against a more athletic Bulldogs team that was bolstered by both the altitude and Air Force's relentless zone defense.

DePaul 76, Kansas State 65

MANIATTAN, Kan. — Sammy Mejia and Wilson Chandler had 18 points each, and Draeton Barnes added 17 for third-seeded DePaul.

The Blue Demons (20-13) reached the 20-win mark for the third time in the last four seasons.

— The Associated Press

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT



Marist head coach Brian Giorgis, left, shakes hands with guard Lynzee Johnson, center, and guard Julianne Viani, right, late in their second-round game against Middle Tennessee in the NCAA women's basketball tournament in Stanford, Calif., Monday. Marist upset Middle Tennessee 73-59.

Marist outfoxes Middle Tennessee

STANFORD, Calif. — Alisa Kresge and the Marist Red Foxes are crashing the power-packed Dayton Regional.

Kresge dished out nine assists, handled Middle Tennessee's vaunted press with aplomb and helped hold Chrissy Givens in check as Marist became the third No. 13 seed ever to make it to the round of 16 with a 73-59 victory Monday night.

Nikki Flores scored 21 points to lead Marist. Julianne Viani and Meg Dahlman added 13 apiece, and freshman Lynzee Johnson scored all seven of her points during a key 15-2 run late in the second half.

The Red Foxes (29-5) snuffed fifth-seeded Middle Tennessee's 27-game winning streak, the longest in the nation.

Oklahoma 78, Marquette 47

AUSTIN, Texas — Courtney Paris got her 60th consecutive double-double with 24 points and 10 rebounds despite spending almost 12 minutes of the first half on the bench, and sister Ashley Paris clipped in eight points and 10 boards for the Sooners.

Oklahoma (28-4), the No. 3 seed in the Dayton Regional, moves on to the round of 16 for the second consecutive year.

Krystal Ellis scored 12 points to lead Marquette (26-7), which set a season-low 19 first-half points and struggled through a miserable shooting night.

Fresno Regional
LSU 49, W. Virginia 43

AUSTIN, Texas — Sylvia Fowles scored 14 of her 21 points in the second half, and the Lady Tigers rallied from an 11-point deficit to keep its run to a fourth consecutive Final Four alive.

Playing without former head coach Pokey Chatman, who abruptly resigned March 7 amid allegations of improper conduct with a former player, third-seeded LSU (28-7) trailed by 11 in the second half, but Fowles scored six points in a 12-0 run that saw the Lady Tigers rally to take the lead 36-35 on her layup with 7:58 to play.

Dallas Regional Georgia 76, Iowa St. 56

MINNEAPOLIS — Cori Chambers scored all 18 of

her points in a perfect first-half performance, and Georgia advanced to the school's 17th regional semifinal and fifth in a row.

Purdue 70, Georgia Tech 63

MINNEAPOLIS — Katie Goehls scored 26 points and Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton added 18 points and 10 rebounds for Purdue.

Stephanie Higgs scored 27 points and Julie Mitchell had 16 points for the Yellow Jackets (21-12), who trailed by at least 15 points for a stretch of nearly 29 minutes until a late basket by Higgs.

George Washington 59, Texas A&M 47

LOS ANGELES — Kimberly Beck scored 18 points and made a 3-pointer that put the game away with 1:40 to play and fellow guard Sarah-Lo Lawrence added 12 points for the Colonials.

George Washington (28-3) will face either No. 1 seed North Carolina or ninth-seeded Notre Dame, which play Tuesday night, next weekend. It will be the Colonials' first trip to the round of 16 since 1997.

CSI baseball team hosts Malaspina

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — It's a mid-week warmup for the College of Southern Idaho baseball team as they face Malaspina University-College for a doubleheader today.

The 17-8 (11-5 SWAC) Golden Eagles will host the Mariners of Kamania, British Columbia, Canada (CSI catcher Grant Vickers' hometown) prior to this weekend's four-game home stand against Community College of Southern Nevada. CSI hosted Malaspina during March 2006 for the CSI Tournament and defeated the Mariners 10-2 and 9-6.

A couple of wins to add to the eight-game conference win streak is exactly the kind of momentum CSI needs headed into an important pair of doubleheaders as the Golden



Eagles sit three games out of first place.

The pitching will have to remain at the high level that was seen from the likes of Jason Oatman and Josh Darnewood, who both relieved during tense situations last weekend and walked away with wins. Oatman's ERA as of March 12 was 0.98. The same goes for the woodwork at the plate. Nik Gumson hit 4-for-9 against College of Eastern Utah, Bo Lybeck 5-for-10 and Grant Kveder 4-for-9. As of March 12, Kveder is fourth in conference batting averages at .333. Tony Altavilla followed closely at .320. Cummings' slugging percentage clocked in at .543.

First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Hornets crush Celtics

OKLAHOMA CITY — Byron Scott wanted his Hornets to play like they weren't in the middle of a playoff race.

The result was the team's second biggest blowout of the season.

Tyson Chandler scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and the Hornets looked back after Boston's quick start to overwhelm the Celtics 106-88 on Monday night.

"They looked focused more than anything. I didn't sense any tension or anything like that, New Orleans' coach said. "I just sensed a team that looked pretty focused from the start."

The Celtics couldn't miss at the beginning, but then had only nine points in the second quarter. They're lowest total in a quarter since 2001 — as the Hornets took control.

Jannero Pargo hit a 3-pointer to break a 34-34 tie, and Rasual Butler and Devin Brown followed with 38 to spark New Orleans' 21-4 second-quarter comeback.

"I think we picked up the defense somewhat, but at the same time I think that we were fortunate that they missed shots," Hornets point guard Chris Paul said. "They got a lot of the same shots they did in the first quarter. They just cooled off a little bit, and that played in our favor."

Hawks 99, Kings 76

ATLANTA — Josh Childress wishes the Atlanta Hawks could flip some proverbial switch and turn their season around.

"We really need to try to duplicate this the next game," Childress said. "We had 32 assists, which was amazing. It made us so hard to guard."

Childress scored a season-high 25 points and Zaza Pachulia had 23 to help the Atlanta Hawks to their biggest romp this season, 99-76 over the Sacramento Kings on Monday.

Atlanta extended its home winning streak to five games, Sacramento, led by Corliss Williamson's 14 points, dropped to 1-6 since ending a four-game winning streak on March 6 against the Kings.

"The Hawks played with great energy tonight," Kings coach Eric Musselmann said. "They did a good job in transition. Zaza got them off to a great start and we didn't shoot the ball very well, obviously."

The Kings led 13-12 on Mike Bibby's 3-pointer midway through the first quarter, but they faded quickly when Sacramento trailed by 28 late in the third quarter, failing to score a third-quarter field goal until Ronnie Price's jumper with 2:33 left.

— The Associated Press

Matchup

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really good guards. They can score the ball and get to the basket. Their guards are excellent rebounders too."

The backcourt tandem of D'Ante Harris and Rashad Reed has led Vincennes' 80.6 point-per-game offense, along with regular starting forward Sean Smith.

The slashing Harris is averaging a team-high 14.3 points per game, while the 6-foot Reed is a 3-point specialist, averaging 11.8 points per game. While Vincennes prefers to create its offense off dribble penetration, Smith is a capable low-post scorer who is averaging 12.7 points and a team-high 6.7 rebounds per game.

The 6-foot-6 Smith and 6-9 Croatian post Zvonko Buljan are the team's top rebounders, but Vincennes is averaging 38.5 rebounds per game on the strength of its overall team effort on the glass.

"Watching the film last night, everybody one through five, goes to the rim," CSI sophomore post Brandon Stores said. "Each of their guards averages four rebounds, so we really have to get our guards in there and box out."

The Golden Eagles will look to dictate the game's tempo with its chaotic full-court press, which is something Peery and his players hope will take the Trailblazers out of the measured halfcourt game they prefer to play. The Trailblazers are averaging 80.6 per game, while well under CSI's frenetic 107.2-point scoring average.

"We don't know if they've played against a press much," CSI sophomore forward Travis Bunker said. "They like to walk



CSI sophomore point guard Adis Daleon looks for a passing lane around teammate Paul Wayne during Monday's practice. Golden Eagles assistant coach Jeff Renegar looks on in the background.

it up and play half-court. So hopefully we can change the pace on them and get them a little uncomfortable."

CSI's main advantage aside from the post play of Stores, Juan Patillo and Art Parakhouski, may be its overall level of aggression. CSI's attacking offense has equated to 995 trips to the free-throw line on the season, while Vincennes has shot only 572 times from the charity stripe this year. If the Golden Eagles can get the Trailblazers frustrated and in foul trouble, CSI will have a clear advantage.

Rebounding will also be of huge importance as CSI will need to grab somewhere around the 49 boards it averages per game and minimize Vincennes' second-chance opportunities.

	CSI	Vincennes
Record	28-5	25-6
National ranking	9	Unranked
Current win streak	5	4
Tournament appearances	20	25
National championships	2	3
Points per game	107.2	80.6
PPG allowed	83.2	62.6
Top scorer	Brad Garrett (16.2 ppg)	D'Ante Harris (14.3 ppg)
Top rebounder	Juan Patillo (7.4 rpg)	Sean Smith (8.7 rpg)
Post presence	Brandon Stores (13.9 ppg)	Smith (12.7 ppg)
Sharpshooter	Garrett (89 3-pointers)	Rashad Reed (65 3-pointers)
Setup man	Paul Wayne (4.5 avg)	DeAndre Byrd (5.7 avg)

If the Golden Eagles win, they will play at 6 p.m. Wednesday against the winner of today's game between 26-5 Southwest Tennessee Community College and 19-13 Lon Morris College (Texas).

"It's going to be just whoever wants it more and whoever can play their style of game for 40 minutes," Bunker said. "Whoever's toughest and has the most heart. I think that's what it comes down to."

Peery

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home Friday afternoon, got in the car and caught up with the team in Denver on Saturday. It was challenging."

Welcome to the demanding world of collegiate coaching and the time crunch that continually pushes husbands and wives away from their families, sometimes for weeks at a time. While an intense gaze and caged-tiger pace up and down the sideline illustrate a seemingly single-minded focus, while Peery is coaching, the truth is that family is always on his mind. Need proof?

Just listen to a post-game radio interview. Just see who Peery talks to and hugs before any home game.

Of course, for every dedicated coach/husband out there, there is an exceedingly understanding and supportive wife.

"In this profession, guys have a real problem being successful if their wives aren't real supportive at home," Peery said. "And my wife, obviously, is second to none as far as that goes. Really supportive and understands the challenges and the sacrifices that need to be made in order to be successful."

"She does that at a real high level. She's a high-level talent that way."

For what? Tracy Peery did the hardest part: CSI's head coach experienced the difficulty of leaving the love and excitement of a new child for the long commute to work this week. While being away from his wife Peery, he'll miss Golden Eagles' home play on an 11-day trip is difficult, it's made easier by the support of family and friends back home.

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Barret Peery

"It's comforting," Peery said. "If my wife was in a place that I didn't feel we had a lot of love and support, then it would be worrisome to me. But I really can come out here and concentrate on basketball."

While there may not be a lot of time on this pressure-filled trip for Peery to buy some homecoming presents for his family this week, he's hoping to bring something big to his wife. Shopping time for toys and flowers may be hard to come by.

Maybe a cut-down net and a national championship trophy would work?

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6. Tim Lincecum
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NBA

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3. Steve Nash
4. Chris Paul
5. Dwight Howard
6. Dwyane Wade
7. Paul Pierce
8. Carmelo Anthony
9. Kevin Durant
10. Dirk Nowitzki

NFL

1. Peyton Manning
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5. Drew Brees
6. Russell Wilson
7. Cam Newton
8. Lamar Jackson
9. Deshaun Watson
10. Josh Allen

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

Men's College Basketball

8 p.m. ESPN - NYU, quarterfinals, N.Y. State vs. Mississippi State

7 p.m. ESPN - NYU, quarterfinals, N.Y. State vs. Mississippi State

8:35 p.m. TNT - Denver of New Jersey (7.30 a.m.)

7 p.m. TNT - Indiana at Houston

8 p.m. NHL Hockey

7 p.m. Versus - Phoenix at Minnesota

7 p.m. Women's College Basketball

3 p.m. ESPN2 - NCAA Division I tournament, second round, at Pittsburgh vs. Maryland, at Hartford, Conn.; Michigan vs. Rutgers, at East Lansing, Mich.; Mississippi State vs. Tennessee, at Pittsburgh; and Baylor vs. N.C. State, at Raleigh, N.C.

Champions Tour Money Leaders

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2. Loren Roberts
3. Fred Couples
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Betting

Vegeta Line

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3. Loren Roberts
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GOLF

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3. Matt Kuchar
4. Bubba Watson
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Boise State senior Karl to have surgery for cancerous lymph node

BOISE — Boise State's Coby Karl, who just completed his senior season and is the son of NBA coach George Karl, will have surgery to remove cancerous lymph nodes next month, the school said Monday.

It will be the second surgery in 13 months for Karl, who had his thyroid removed last March after being diagnosed with thyroid cancer, a form of treatable cancer. He also underwent chemotherapy to try to kill off any remaining cancer cells shortly after his surgery.

Karl is scheduled to play in the NABC All-Star game in Atlanta on March 31, then return to Boise to have the lymph nodes removed April 2. The lymph node cancer was discovered in mid-January before the Broncos played at Utah State. Karl kept the diagnosis private from his teammates until after Boise State lost to New Mexico State in the Western Athletic Conference tournament semifinals, ending his season.

The diagnosis didn't bother Karl on court. He led the Broncos with 14.8 points per game and was the team leader in minutes played, assists and 3-pointers. Karl finished his career third on Boise State's career scoring list with 1,698 points and the school's all-time leader in games played, and 3-pointers made.

police said the players exchanged trash talk at a casino blackjack table.

Porter was issued a summons on a misdemeanor battery charge after the Sunday altercation that began inside the Palms Hotel-casino. Las Vegas police Officer Martin Wright said.

"They went outside. In the valet area, one struck the other causing a small laceration above the eye," Wright said Monday, causing the injury minor.

Porter could face up to a year in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine, Wright said, but no court date was immediately available.

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Sports Shorts

National and Magic Valley briefs

Sunday at Canyon Springs Golf Course

Sunday at Canyon Springs Golf Course. Sunday is open until Wednesday evening and is available at the pro shop. Call 734-7609 for more information.

Kimberly holds youth sign-ups

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Youth Association will hold registration for summer baseball, softball and T-ball from 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 2, and Wednesday, April 4, at the old gym. Sign-ups are for girls ages 5-16 and boys ages 5-12. Contact Jamie at 423-0173 or 731-8063 for more information.

Tryouts for U14 softball team planned

KIMBERLY — Tryouts for the defending state champion U14 traveling softball team, the Sooners, will be from 6-7:30 p.m. March 26-27 at the Kimberly softball fields behind Kimberly Middle School. The Sooners were the Northwest Region champions in 2006. Contact Jamie at 423-6173 or 731-8063 for more information.

Boys & Girls Club offers sign-ups

TWIN FALLS — The Eighth Annual Boys and

Girls Club Basketball Tournament will be April 6-7. The tournament is open to boys and girls grades 5-12 and the entry fee is \$200 per team with a three-game minimum. Entry deadline is 5 p.m. on March 30. Games will be played at gymnasiums in the Twin Falls area and prizes will be awarded for the top finishers in each age group.

Entries are being accepted at the Boys and Girls Club (999 Frontier Road) in Twin Falls. Contact Wanda Luna at 733-0704 or 280-2499, or Graydon Stanton at 326-4100 with any questions.

Semi-pro baseball league needs players, coaches

TWIN FALLS — The North West Triple B baseball league needs players and coaches for the upcoming season. Anyone interested in playing, coaching, managing or owning a team should call Carlos at 212-4044. The season starts April 1, 2007. The league will hold a meeting for managers and coaches at 8 p.m. Saturday at O'Connor Restaurant in Burley.

T.F. Muni Ladies brunch news

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association will hold a Spring Opener Brunch at 10:30 a.m. on March 29. Following the brunch will be a scramble, weather permitting. All ladies interested please call Mike's Tro Shop (733-3260) to sign up.

offensive coordinator and receiver coach, has reported to become playing coach. He will be the offensive coordinator for the Boise State football team. The offensive coordinator will be Mike's Tro Shop (733-3260) to sign up.

MAGIC VALLEY

Canyon Springs Amateur news

TWIN FALLS — The Canyon Springs Amateur golf tournament will be held Saturday and

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

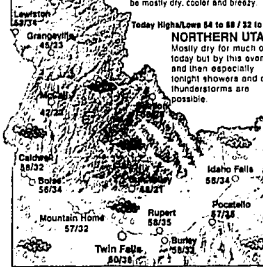
Today: Mostly cloudy and mild, with possible afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 60. Tonight: Breezy to windy at times and scattered rain showers. Lows in the upper 30s. Tomorrow: A chance of a m. showers, then partially clearing skies and a stiff breeze. Highs cool and in the 40s.

BURLEIGH/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and mild with possible afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. Highs upper 50s. Tonight: Breezy and mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Lows in the lower 30s. Tomorrow: Isolated morning showers, then breezy with cooler temperatures. Highs middle 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Mountain rain and snow showers will be developing throughout the day with rain and snow showers likely tonight. Lower elevations will have daytime rain showers with overnight m. showers.



Boise: Today Highs 38 to 48. Tonight Lows 16 to 27. Tomorrow Highs 40 to 50. Twin Falls: Today Highs 38 to 48. Tonight Lows 16 to 27. Tomorrow Highs 40 to 50.

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Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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WORLD FORECAST

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CANADIAN FORECAST

Table listing weather forecasts for various Canadian cities including Toronto and Vancouver.

Gregg Middlekauff's quote of the day: "You can conquer almost any fear if you make up your mind to do so. For remember, fear doesn't exist anywhere except in the mind."

MLB: SPRING TRAINING

Wedge shot: Indians manager entering pivotal 2007 season

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — As batting practice wrapped up the other day, Eric Wedge received a phone call from his wife, Kate, who had great news. Their 11-month-old daughter, Ava, took her first steps.



Cleveland Indians manager Eric Wedge, left, and Los Angeles Dodgers manager Grady Little talk prior to a Grapefruit League spring training baseball game in Winter Haven, Fla., Sunday.

Wedge was by the crawling stage or making small strides. Just like his wife, Ava, they have to take that next step. Better yet, it's time for them to run — fast. The Indians can't afford another year like 2006, with high expectations gone away to major disappointment. A 93-win season in 2005 dissolved into 78 victories and a fourth-place finish in the AL Central last year.

Wedge downplays his uncertain situation, saying he's not concerned about anything other than preparing the Indians for the grind of the upcoming season. He's proud of the progress they've made. "Every year is important, that goes without saying," he said. "I don't believe in putting any emphasis on one year more than another. It all goes back to these guys being comfortable and going out and playing."

It is beginning his final season under contract, with the team holding a two-year option for 2008 and 2009. General manager Mark Shapiro, who signed a five-year contract extension last week, said Wedge's status will be addressed soon.

Wedge came to the Indians with the reputation as a fiery, no-nonsense manager equally capable of chewing out a problematic player or giving an earful to an umpire who didn't give his team a fair break. He's tough. This is a guy who lists his favorite movie as "Anything with John Wayne in it."

Chipper Jones misses fourth straight game

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Chipper Jones missed his fourth straight game with a sore muscle in his right side and might try to return to the lineup on Wednesday. "He'll want to play and I don't know if I'll let him," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said Monday after the Braves' 6-0 win over the Cleveland Indians.

Griffey to play RF in opener if ready. SARASOTA, Fla. — If Ken Griffey Jr. is ready to play on opening day, he will be in right field. Cincinnati Reds manager Jerry Narron said Monday he expects to start Ryan Freel in center because Griffey is still working his way back from a broken left hand.

Padres pitcher Wells diagnosed at diabetic. PHOENIX, Ariz. — Padres left-hander David Wells has Type 2 diabetes, which the team says is controllable. "It's something he'll have to manage and something we'll have to help him manage," chief executive officer Sandy Alderson said Monday.

Wells was diagnosed two weeks ago, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported in Monday's edition. "I'm not saying he's not ready to play on opening day, but he's not ready to play on opening day," Griffey's agent, Brian Goldberg, said his client had known the Reds' plans. "I'm not saying he's not ready to play on opening day, but he's not ready to play on opening day."

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Dixon, Howland in the matchup both knew was inevitable

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Howland and Jamie Dixon promised to never schedule this game, even though they always secretly hoped it would happen. "This is inevitable," Dixon said Monday on a conference call.

Howland and Dixon were looking forward to playing, but I know all of us were. Howland was hired by Pitt in 1999 and, in four years, rebuilt a long-declining program into a national power. But his hasty departure for the one job he always coveted, UCLA, stunned and disappointed many at Pitt, including forward LeVon Kendall, the only remaining Pitt player who played for Howland.

Howland and Dixon are so close they talk almost daily, and they did so Sunday and Monday even after knowing their teams would play. One game, no matter who wins, won't divide a friendship that dates back to the 41-year-old Dixon's high school days in Los Angeles. "If you're working, until midnight every day with someone, you'll better be friends," said Dixon, a former UCLA player who also coached with Howland at Northern Arizona and Cal-Santa Barbara.

Both coaches dismiss the idea the NCAA selection committee intentionally set up this matchup — even though it possibly could have occurred last season, too, if Pitt hadn't been upset in the second round by Bradley.

Kendall also was eager for the game because it matched both of his college coaches. Last summer, Kendall dropped by UCLA's basketball office during an unplanned visit to talk to Howland, but the coach was out of town.

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Market Watch

March 19, 2007

Dow Jones Industrials	12,226.17
Nasdaq composite	2,394.41
Standard & Poor's 500	1,402.06
Russell 2000	787.05

Stocks of local interest

Symbol	Change
Dell Inc.	22.46 ▼ .04
Ulta Hair	25.92 ▼ .27
Supervalu	38.14 ▲ .55

Commodities

Commodity	Price	Change
April Oil	56.59	▼ .52
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
April gold	654.30	▲ .40

For more, see page C2

Chiquita pleads guilty in terrorism probe

By Matt Aporo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Banana company Chiquita Brands International admitted in federal court Monday that for years it paid Colombian terrorists to protect its most profitable banana-growing operation.

The company pleaded guilty to one count of doing business with a terrorist organization. The plea is part of a deal with prosecutors that calls for a \$25 million fine and does not identify the several senior executives who approved the illegal protection payments.

The agreement ends a lengthy Justice Department investigation into the company's financial dealings with right-wing paramilitaries and leftist rebels the U.S. government deems terrorist groups.

Prosecutors say the Cincinnati-based company agreed to pay about \$1.7 million between 1997 and 2004 to the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, known as AUC for its Spanish initials.

The AUC has been responsible for

some of the worst massacres in Colombia's civil conflict and for a sizable percentage of the country's cocaine exports. The U.S. government designated the AUC a terrorist group in September 2001.

Chiquita has said it was forced to make the payments and was acting only to ensure the safety of its workers. But federal prosecutors noted in court Monday that from 2001 to 2004, when Chiquita made \$825,000 in illegal payments, the Colombian banana operation earned \$49.4 million and was the company's most profitable unit.

"Funding a terrorist organization can never be treated as a cost of doing business," U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Taylor said. Chiquita sold Banadex, its Colombian subsidiary, in June 2004 for around \$43.5 million.

In addition to paying the AUC, prosecutors said, Chiquita made payments to the National Liberation Army, or ELN, and the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, as control of the company's banana-growing area shifted.

Leftist rebels and far-right paramilitaries have fought viciously over Colombia's banana-growing region, though the victims are most often non-combatants. Most companies in the area have extensive security operations to protect employees.

Court documents listed 10 unidentified company employees who participated in the illegal deals and helped conceal them on company books. Prosecutors would not identify them or say whether they remain with Chiquita.

They assured U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth, however, that two executives who approved the plea deal — CEO Fernando Aguirre and Senior Vice President James Thompson — were not among those in court documents.

The company is set to be sentenced June 1. By law, it faces up to nearly \$100 million in fines if Lamberth does not accept the \$25 million deal with prosecutors.

Chiquita stock has risen sharply since the deal was announced last week but company shares closed down 17 cents at \$13.55 Monday on the New York Stock Exchange.



Chiquita bananas are piled on display as Kyle Koresak unloads a cart of tomatoes at the Helen's grocery store in Bainbridge, Ohio in August 2005. Banana company Chiquita Brands International was charged March 14 with doing business with a terrorist organization.

Where credit is due

New film looks at primary source of debt in America

By Eileen Ambrose
The Baltimore Sun

Near the beginning of the newly released documentary "Maxed Out," we meet Mr. Money. He's a character in a black-and-white 1960 educational film who explains to two teenagers the necessary "three Cs" to obtain credit: capital, capacity and character.

He seems ridiculously old-fashioned. The audience laughs.

An hour and half later, Mr. Money seems to make a lot of sense. And you wonder, how did the credit card industry veer so far from its business model?

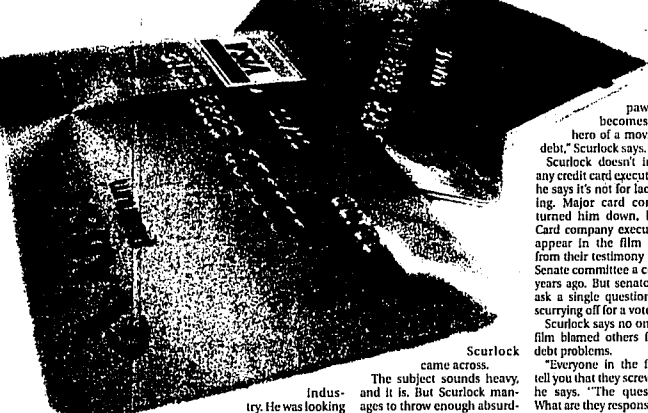
Today, it's so easy — maybe too easy — to get credit cards. A jobless college student can have a wad full of plastic.

"I would like people to understand how this industry transformed itself," director James Scurlock says. "People should come away with being a little angry that the system has become so stacked against them and no one has really been there to advocate for them."

"The release of 'Maxed Out' probably couldn't have come at a better time for the director. The movie arrives in theaters just days after a Senate subcommittee held a hearing into the credit card industry's practices. More hearings might follow.

With so many of us carrying plastic, it's about time for a serious look at whether the card industry's policies are fair.

Granted, no one forces consumers to take out a credit card, and card companies take a risk by essentially giving consumers an unsecured loan. And if you borrow money, you should repay it. Plenty of peo-



ple regularly pay off balances each month with no problem.

But is it fair that a card issuer can double or triple the interest rate on your credit card if you mail your car payment in late? Or, is it right that you could pay interest on money you don't owe anymore? Is \$39 a reasonable fee if your card payment arrives at 5 p.m. on the due date instead of, say, 3 p.m.?

How does it help consumers to have card terms — which the issuer is free to change — spelled out in exasperatingly small print? And is it really healthy that card companies target unemployed college students armed with little or no financial education?

Scurlock, 35, didn't start out to criticize the credit card

industry. He was looking to make an amusing film about debt.

"It's the universal problem in this country, not just as individuals, but as a country. I was really curious why we can't do better," he says. "I remember I was trying to do something very funny, a riff on our consumer culture."

"Suicide never entered my mind." Scurlock's first interview changed the course of the documentary. He talked to an Indiana family whose mother had disappeared after the father ordered the couple's credit reports. The mother apparently used her credit cards to support a gambling addiction, and her daughter feared — rightly so — that the mother had taken her own life.

It wasn't the only suicide

pawnbroker becomes the hero of a movie about debt," Scurlock says.

Scurlock doesn't interview any credit card executives, but he says it's not for lack of trying. Major card companies turned him down, he says. Card company executives do appear in the film in clips from their testimony before a Senate committee a couple of years ago. But senators don't ask a single question before scurrying off for a vote.

Scurlock says no one in the film blamed others for their debt problems.

"Everyone in the film will tell you that they screwed up," he says. "The question is: What are they responsible for? Are they responsible for making a mistake and incurring a debt that they should repay plus interest? Or, are they responsible for paying back four times what they borrowed or five times or twice?"

After leaving the theater, casually whipping out a credit card for the most minor of purchases doesn't seem like such a good idea.

It is a good idea, though, for parents whose children are headed to college this year to take their kids to see the movie. Teens will be barraged by credit card offers as soon as they set foot on campus even if they don't have the capacity (one of the three Cs) to pay.

Sure, Scurlock uses some extreme cases. But the film might be an eye-opener for parents and teens for what they could be up against.

With tax deadline looming, it's not too late to get the ball rolling

By Kathleen Day
The Washington Post

The deadline for filing taxes is 28 days away, a countdown that's costing many veteran and novice taxpayers a good night's sleep.

"I know the deadline, but I don't know what I'm required to submit," said Jennifer Ash, 22, who graduated from George Mason University in May and will pay taxes for the first time on a full-time job. "All the forms are in different places. I'm afraid of leaving something out. I don't want the IRS coming back years later saying I owe them thousands

of dollars." Ash at least has collected her paperwork in one place — W-2 forms stating her wages for the year, college-loan payment stubs and totals paid in interest, receipts for charitable giving and for the Three smart-phone she uses mostly for work. Being organized is more essential than ever: The Internal Revenue Service has

cracked down on receipts, requiring one for even tiny claims.

"If I had to give one piece of advice to anyone, keep receipts and keep them for three good years past when you file your return," said Stef Tucker, an attorney with Venable.

But being organized won't necessarily make the rules easier to fathom — if you can find out about them in the first place. Many taxpayers simply won't take advantage of breaks, experts say.

As of mid-February, 10 million taxpayers, or about 30 percent of those who had filed, did not request a one-time refund

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of a telephone excise tax that ranges from \$30 to \$60 and that nearly everyone can claim.

And while most folks know the peril of filing late if they owe the government money — penalties, interest charges, scary letters and potential visits from IRS agents — many may not know that filing too early can also have drawbacks. The 1099 form summarizing dividends and interest pay-

ments that banks, brokerages and other financial firms send clients in January often is revised in February or March, requiring taxpayers to amend returns.

Not until Feb. 3 could IRS computers handle 2006 returns claiming breaks Congress extended at the last minute last year, including deductions for state and local sales taxes, higher-education tuition and fees, and teacher

expenses. Electronic forms filed before Feb. 3 that claimed any of these breaks must be resubmitted, while paper versions were set aside to process after that date.

As always, taxpayers need to remember the distinction between tax deductions or exemptions, which reduce the amount of income that is taxable, and tax credits, which reduce the actual amount of tax owed.



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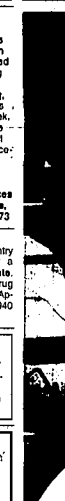
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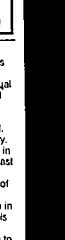
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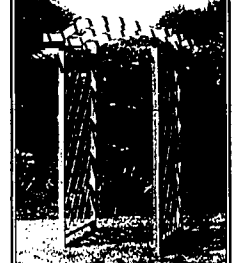
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902 Motorcycles SUZUKI '93 RM125 completely rebuilt...

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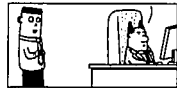
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Chris Ward spins llama wool at her Jerome home, while she hosts a gathering of other craftswomen. She has made her garage-turned-studio into a haven for spinners, weavers, knitters and traditional wool rug hookers.

Friends spin wool and weave tales

JEROME—Any car driving Chris Ward's lane draws the unabashed scrutiny of her llamas, their cars erect and gaze direct.

On this snowy March morning, the nine llamas will have plenty of company to exercise their curiosity. Motivated by llama love and a stock of wool, Chris took up spinning.

Joined the Magic Valley Spinners and invited the ladies to hold their craft-and-chat sessions at her studio.

Chris' Studio 8 sits just across the driveway from her llama pasture at the edge of town. Studio and pasture are a natural pair.

The former, warmed by a wood stove and Chris' coffee, is a garage entirely given over to artful arrangement of crafts and antiques, colorful threads, hooked rugs, piles of used wool clothing recycled for more rugs, baskets of soft strips, fib looms and bins of llama fiber, labeled by animal. Show ribbons and photographs document the career of Shalom Royal El Rico, whose straight back and legs, correct proportions and perfect grooming brought the stud fourth-in-the-nation honors from the Alpaca and Llama Show Association.

These days, El Rico is gelded and retired from reproduction, like his pasture companions, Chris and her husband, Bob, with 20 years of raising llamas, moved to Jerome from Colorado in October 2005 and no longer breed animals for sale.

Now it's all about fiber. And fiber, she says, is the first of the spinners to arrive this Friday morning, returning borrowed craft magazines and a rug-strip cutter.

"Is this mine? Oo-oo!" Judy exclaims, spotting a beginner's hooking hoop on an adjustable stand that Chris — her rug-hooking teacher — made for her. Chris helps haul Judy's spinning wheel into the studio, then admires her newly assembled notebook of hand exercises and rug patterns.

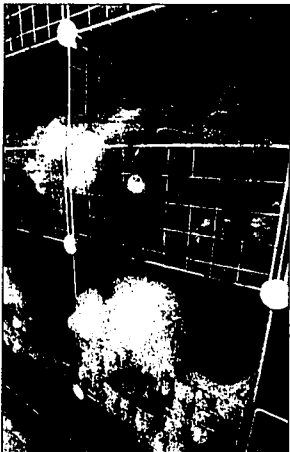
"I made a hooker notebook," white-haired Judy says. "I thought a red one would be appropriate."

The two talk thrift store shopping (yesterday Judy found four wool Pendleton skirts for \$16), hooking techniques (Chris advises Judy to opt for a narrower cut), certain premier looms (the maker is retiring and selling out, a fact Judy spotted in a magazine) and names for their new rug club (Judy likes "Happy Hookers" but defers to Chris).

"They're spinning something here, but so far it's not wool."



WEST WIND
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Fiber from Chris Ward's llamas is stored in her Jerome studio, in bins labeled by animal.

The funny and expressive Ilse Hyton of Twin Falls arrives with her shaggy dog, her German accent, her bag of knitting (today, a sweater from homespun yarn) and her show-and-tell stack of lovely woven scarves. Ilse giggles to see Mop, her bearded collie, take a sniff-tour of the driveway, oblivious to the crowd of llamas shadowing Mop's steps on the other side of the fence.

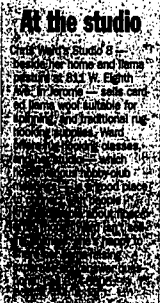
Sue Carter of Hagerman, a beginning spinner, brings her spinning wheel but is, quite naturally, delighted to admire Judy's hooked-rug footstool pattern before getting started. These sessions are as



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At the studio

Chris Ward's Studio 8 is located in her home and llama pasture on 824 W. Eighth Street in Jerome. It is a great place for spinners, weavers, knitters and traditional rug hookers to gather. Ward is a member of the Magic Valley Spinners. Photos by Virginia S. Hutchins



A few of Chris Ward's nine llamas greet a visitor in their Jerome pasture. Chris and her husband have raised llamas for 20 years, but they're no longer breeding the animals.

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Kelsey Leonard, 11, left, and Allison Simmons, 10, lug a bag of feed around the auction arena March 10 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

4-H club raises money with annual stallion service auction

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

FILER — Put a handful of stallions under one roof in the spring and what do you get?

For one, a lot of whinnying and hoof stomping. They're stallions after all, and having so many rivals nearby brings out their competitive side.

The other thing you get is a win-win fundraiser, put on by the Rock Creek Rebels horse 4-H club. On March 10, the club held its sixth annual stallion service auction at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. The proceeds will offset the expenses of keeping and showing their horses through the rest of the year.

"All the money that's raised by this auction, 100 percent goes straight back to the kids," said Duane Broner of Hansen, a club dad who helps put on the auction each year.

Organizing the auction is a lot of work, Broner said, and club members do much of it themselves. They clean the beef barn at the fairgrounds to prepare it for both horses and auction bidders, help solicit stallion owners to donate stud services and tend the concession stand.

"It gives them an opportunity to be involved in the fundraising," said Suzanne Broner, a club mom. "There is work involved, as opposed to mom and dad writing a check."

These values of hard work and dedication are part of what 4-H teaches, along with skills related to the animal each club specializes in.

"The effect it has long-term on kids, it teaches them a lot of discipline, consistency, being firm but not mean to your horse," Duane Broner said. "These are skills that translate to raising a family."

As a bonus, he said, being in horse 4-H can distract the members (who are mostly girls) from less desirable activities.

"If they get involved with a horse, they leave them boys alone," Duane Broner said with a laugh.

Auctioneer Ron Rogge, who has donated his time at five of the six annual auctions, said these values are one reason he spends half a Saturday each year chatting for charity.

"I like to see the 4-H, it needs to do well. There's too many things kids can get into," Rogge said. "I don't have a lot of money to donate, but I can donate my time."

The club is a good cause, agreed the

Get in touch

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Katie Schenkel, 13, participates in the 4-H fundraiser March 10. This is her fourth year with the Rock Creek Rebels club.

stallion owners. Good enough that most come back year after year with their horses.

This year, the auction reached a milestone. Rebecca and Rocky Matthews of Murtaugh have been coming to the auction since it started, winning the bids on as many as five stud services each year — often at less than full price. One of those breedings produced a palomino foal four years ago. This year, they donated the now-stallions stud services to the auction.

"The Matthews said they'll keep coming back to the auction every year, and they'll keep offering their stallions to give back to the club."

"It's for the kids, and you can't go wrong that way," Rebecca Matthews said.

The auction also brings a variety of stallions under one roof, allowing mare owners to shop for a breeding pedigree quickly and conveniently. Without a stud auction, owners looking to breed their mares would have to visit farms throughout the area, taking time and money.

"It gets you lots of diversification, lots of bloodlines," Rocky Matthews said. "This is ideal for building a good foal."

For the stallion owners, there's a benefit beyond donating to the club.

"You get your horse advertised and out in the public a little bit," said

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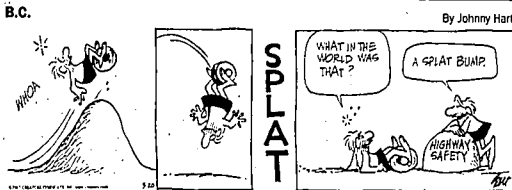
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Duane Broner of Hansen looks on as 4-Hers parade around the auction arena with fundraiser Hanes at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Broner's wife and children participated in the club event.

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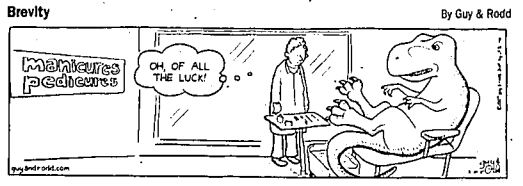
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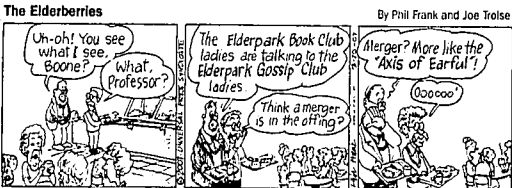


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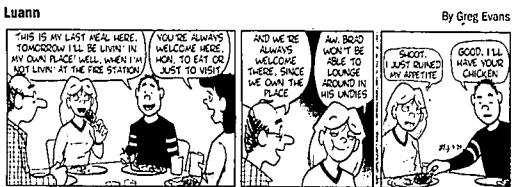


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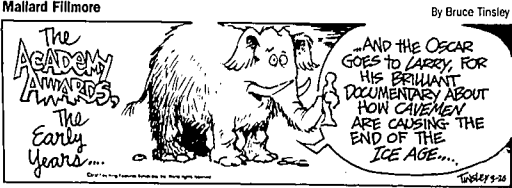


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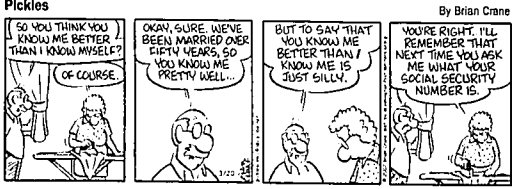


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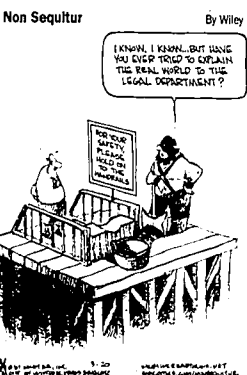


Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Strange Brew

By John Deering

Chivalry really isn't dead, Capricorn

IF MARCH 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, You've got it all together for the next two months. Start exercising or take action to improve your physical surroundings. Make concrete plans for the future while your business acumen is at a high point — and then stick to the plan during July and August when alluring amorous entanglements could distract you. Those are also months when you should burn the midnight oil to meet deadlines and avoid taking on extra debt loads. In January your ambitions get a boost, but it isn't the right time to start anything new like a business or major investment.

ARIES (Mar. 21-April 19): The first day of spring might be the day for spring cleaning. Dust away the cobwebs and put your energies to good use. To be successful, find ways to be organized and efficient.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Austerity and stoniness work fine in small doses. You may want everyone to know you are professional and efficient, but you shouldn't be overbearing or rigid where career is concerned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Build a cocoon with a significant other. Frustrating situa-

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

tions might try your patience, but you can relax within the warmth of a trusted relationship. Head off an infidelity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The Spring equinox means the days get longer. You might need those extra minutes to perform additional tasks or meet deadlines to meet deadlines and avoid lend cash to friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Possession is nine tenths of the law. You may be forced to work hard to keep that other one tenth. Be responsible, but don't be critical of others who aren't as passionate about ownership as you are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Beat the clock. It may not be possible to kibitz around the water cooler when your desk is piled high with things to do. Push social matters aside until you complete maneuvers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Everyone seems to be in a rush. In spring a young man's fancy might turn to thoughts of love, but this week there might not be enough time for it. Don't be frustrated by unavoidable

delays.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Neat as a pin is your motto for the day. You will be more efficient if you make a list or organize the filing cabinet. Take care of jobs and responsibilities that you have been putting off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Choose to do the right thing and you can't go wrong. Being straightforward and honest will help maintain the peace. A hobby or interest could distract you from an important matter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Chivalry isn't dead. It's just in hiding. When you are under the gun with extra responsibilities, it is easy to forget to say "please" and "thank you." Make an effort to be polite.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Now you see it, now you don't. Love sometimes flickers like fireflies in the dusk. Just because things seem temporarily tense does not mean there is not a great deal of affection.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't stir the pot. You might resent the fact that some people don't do their fair share, but a confrontation will not solve the problem. If you are in a hurry, you might make avoidable mistakes.

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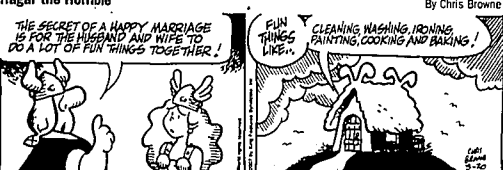
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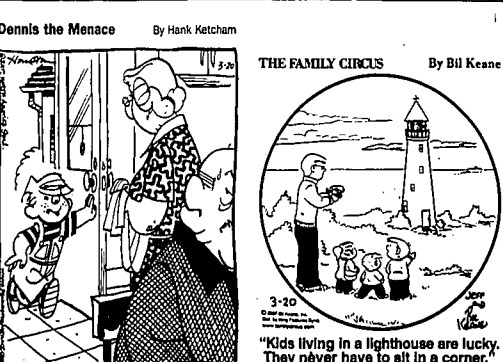
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Stigma of illness prevents parents from seeking help

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DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

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—STEVE IN ONTARIO, CANADA

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Napoleon escaped to Paris in 1815

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 20, the 74th day of 2007. There are 296 days left in the year. Spring arrives at 6:07 p.m. EDT. Today's highlight in history:

On March 20, 1815, Napoleon returned to Paris after escaping his exile on Elba, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule. On this date: In 1413, England's King Henry IV died; he was succeeded by Henry V. In 1727, physicist, mathematician and astronomer Sir Isaac Newton died in London. In 1828, poet-dramatist Henrik Ibsen was born in Skien, Norway. In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was first published. In 1956, union workers ended a 156-day strike at Westinghouse Electric Corp. In 1969, John Lennon married Yoko Ono in Gibraltar. In 1977, voters in Paris chose former French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac to be the French capital's first mayor in more than a century. In 1985, Libby Ridenty of Teller, Alaska, became the first woman to win the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race. In 1997, the Food and Drug Administration approved the sale of AZT, a drug shown to prolong the lives of some AIDS patients. In 1995, in Tokyo, 12 people were killed and more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the poisonous gas sarin were leaked on five separate subway trains by Aum Shinrikyo cult members.

Ten years ago: President Clinton and Boris Yeltsin opened talks in Helsinki, Finland, on the issue of NATO expansion. Liggett Group, the maker of Chesterfield cigarettes, settled 22 state lawsuits by agreeing to warn on every pack that smoking is addictive and admitting the industry markets cigarettes to teenagers. Five years ago: Three days after a visit by President Bush, a car bomb exploded outside the U.S. Embassy in Lima, killing 10 people. Seven Israelis died when an Islamic militant blew himself up in a packed bus. Congress approved the most far-reaching changes to the nation's campaign finance system since the Watergate era. Accounting firm Arthur Andersen pleaded not guilty to charges it had shredded documents and deleted computer files related to Enron. (Andersen was later found guilty of obstruction of justice; it received probation and was fined \$500,000.) One year ago: Beginning the fourth year of an unpopular war, President Bush defended his Iraq record against skeptical questioning at the City Club in Cleveland. Anti-war activists marked the third anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq with a "Bring 'Em Home Now!" concert to benefit groups campaigning against the war. Paul Tagliabue announced he would step down as NFL commissioner after 16 years. Japan beat Cuba

TODAY IN HISTORY

10-6 in the title game of the inaugural World Baseball Classic. Today's Birthdays: Producer-director-comedian Carl Reiner is 85. Actor Hal Linden is 76. Singer Jerry Lee Lewis is 70. Country singer Don Edwards is 68. TV producer Paul Junger-Friedman, Grammy singer-musician Luther Dickinson (titlers in the Sky) is 61. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Orr is 59. Actor William Hurt is 57. Rock musician Carl Palmer (Emerson, Lake and Palmer) is 57. Actor Tim Allen (The Sandlot) is 56. Country musician Jimmy Stiles (Shenanando) is 53. Movie director Spike Lee is 50. Actress Holly Hunter is 49. Actress-novelist Kathy Ireland is 44. Actor James Van Der Beek (The Young and the Restless) is 43. Rock musician Adrian Oxaal (Fanny) is 42. Actress Liza Snyder is 39. Actor Michael Rapaport is 37. Actor Alexander Chaplin is 36. Rock singer Chester Bennington (Linkin Park) is 31.

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

"Though every prospect pleases, And only mine is vile." *Disraeli/Holwer*

Today's deal centers on the black-suit finesses. If you reach six diamonds, you have seven top tricks in the red suits, so need five tricks from the black suits. With four top winners there, you must avoid losing a trick in each suit. What is the best strategy? The answer is that unless trumps are 2-2, you may not be able to achieve anything much better than the spade finesse. But if trumps do split, the possibility exists for an endplay, forcing the opponents to lead something that they would rather not. To take advantage of the trump break on a diamond lead, the right approach is to draw trumps, then immediately exit for an endplay, forcing the opponents to lead something that they would rather not. To take advantage of the trump break on a diamond lead, the right approach is to draw trumps, then immediately exit for an endplay, forcing the opponents to lead something that they would rather not. To take advantage of the trump break on a diamond lead, the right approach is to draw trumps, then immediately exit for an endplay, forcing the opponents to lead something that they would rather not.

ANSWER: Fourth suit is normally artificial and forcing, but this is an exception. Since partner could jump to three clubs with a good three-suit hand, or rebid one of his suits (or raise yours) with the appropriate hand with extra values, sequences should be natural and nonforcing. You certainly have no reason to bid on, so should pass.

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COUNTRY ROADS

Spin

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 much about friendship as fiber.
 Judy seems to have forgotten her spinning wheel oil. Can she borrow from Sue? "I think that's probably your oil that you gave me," Sue replies.
 By the time Joan Holloway of Filer joins the group — and explains the stitches in her newly knitted dickey, and tries a partially made sock on her daughter's foot, and talks technique with Ise — Judy still isn't satisfied with her spinning. She appeals to Joan, the group's virtuoso at the wheel.

"There's something rubbing, and then it's not pulling in," Judy says. "It should pull in fairly freely, without jerks."
 Joan takes Judy's seat, fiddles with the tension and starts a steady rhythm with her feet.
 "See? She's smooth," Judy tells me.

Joan, who has built looms and spinning wheels, clearly appreciates the handmade, the new skill, the problem solved with what you've got. But her life isn't quite complete. Joan longs for llamas, but her husband won't let her keep any more.

"Maybe we should sign a petition," Judy suggests.
 Joan figures a baby llama could win the affections of a certain friend of mine who unwittingly became a llama mama. In my friend's case, the husband insisted on (adult) llamas.

"If you are ever kissed by a baby llama, you fall in love with them," Joan says, still spinning steadily — even as she expounds on how much handspan, handwoven fiber it took to launch Christopher Columbus' ship.

The spinning wheel's problem has vanished. I observe to Judy, who stands quietly to the side. "It's OK, she's doing a much better job than I was," Judy assures me.
 "Is this adjusted enough?" Joan says with a laugh, str-rendering Judy's seat.

But conversation soon turns to the mysterious click in Sue's wheel, and Joan has another chance.
 "This time, she advises adding a nylon washer on the crank, switching to a heavier-weight oil and oiling more parts.

Soon Joan is seated at Sue's wheel, pumping away.
 "Merino really should be done with a long draw," she tells Sue, demonstrating how to catch more air into the fiber. The result is a looser, stretchier yarn for a warmer sweater — and one that doesn't use more expensive wool than necessary.
 "Do that long draw for me again," Judy says.

Joan does, of course. And I notice that Judy has abandoned her wheel to chat with Ise.
 "All spinning and no visiting," Judy says, "makes someone very dull."

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Auction

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 Shelley Fredrickson of High Hopes Farm in Bliss, who brought two stallions to the auction. She's had people come to her farm later in the year to pay full price for a stud they saw at the auction. As a bonus, she gives bidders who didn't win at the auction a discount on her regular stud prices.
 "Through the club members don't handle the stallions, they do participate in the auction itself. Before the stud services are auctioned, the kids display tack and other farm items for bidding. Walking in a circle around the arena, hands held high in the air, they show off colored lead ropes, hoof picks, saddle pads and stall forks.

Although all the 4-H'ers were quick to say that the auction is a lot of work, they also unanimously agreed it is a lot of fun to put on.
 "You get to see all these stallions and how beautiful they are," said Kelsie Schenkel, 13, who has been a club member for four years. "You get to meet a lot of people."

It's a chance to get together with pals, and some of the kids enjoy spurring their parents to bid up their friends' parents, said Kelsey Leonard, 11. "It's really fun to go out there and show in the arena."
 Some even realize what



Onlookers view a stallion at the March 10 auction in Filer.

they're gaining from the 4-H experience and from putting now. "Like in school, I'm doing



Rocky Matthews, left, talks about the stallion he brought to the Rock Creek Rebels 4-H stud service auction March 10. Matthews, who has bid on stud services since the auction started in 2002, said this stallion is the product of a breeding he did on five years ago. He donated the stallion's service back to the 4-H club.

better in my presentations," he said.

This year, the auction earned the Rock Creek Rebels \$2,500. This represents about 65 percent of the club's annual budget, Suzanne Broner said. The money goes toward club members' entry fees into shows and the county fair, pays for the club's share of trophies for those shows, and funds educational programs for both club members and other youth.
 Ultimately, the money raised helps all the club members,

including those who might otherwise not be able to afford to keep or ride a horse. This allows the Rock Creek Rebels and their parents to share the rural values that 4-H champions.
 "You pass on what you learn and you love," Duane Broner said. "This is part of our heritage, horses."
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Fighting ficus tree pests

By Scott Aker
 Special to The Washington Post

Question: I have an old tree that always has a wonderful growth spurt in the spring and, of course, loses its leaves indoors in the winter. I have an ongoing battle with some type of tiny white insect that affixes itself to the underside of the leaves, eventually replaced by brown dots. I have swabbed the leaves with alcohol, sprayed the plant and added a bit of dish detergent when watering. This year, I see more brown marks

on the underside of the leaves, and new growth shrivels and drops. What can I do?

Answer: Your ficus is suffering from an insect infestation; it might be mealybugs or a species of scale insect. Treating either pest is difficult at best, and there is no single product that will assure total success in beating it.

Both mealybugs and scale may live on the roots of the plant, so you may need to drench the ficus with a material that will kill them. Horticultural oil is an option for the pests on the leaves and

stems and will work well if you are prepared to treat the plant thoroughly and frequently until the problem is resolved. If the pests are present on the root system, you may need to replot the plant in Bayer Advanced All-in-One Potting Mix, which contains a systemic pesticide. It is best to do the replotting in spring just before the growth spurt. Meanwhile, keep it with the cotton swab, rubbing alcohol and magnifying glass.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

RANCH RENDEZVOUS



While gathering together near a barn, a pygmy goat looks skyward toward a group of llamas as rain falls at a ranch on the southern edge of Redmond, Ore., Jan. 3

Treating for termites

By Scott Aker
 Special to The Washington Post

Question: We had our house treated for termites earlier this year.

The termite company said it was safe to plant a vegetable garden within three feet of the treated areas, but my neighbor advised against any edible plants near the house at all. The sunniest spot in the yard is against the house, but we want pesticide-free veggies. What do you think?

Answer: It all depends on the material used, but it is likely to be safe to grow vegetables near the treated area. Insecticide treatments form a long-term protective barrier and are thus stable.

They are not easily taken up into a water solution, which is the way they would enter your vegetables.

The pesticide band generally covers a narrow area next to the house. There is probably little, if any, risk of ill effects from eating the produce.

Find out what material was used and do some research. You can obtain the label and material safety data sheet on the Internet by searching the trade name of the product. These documents will specify any risks associated with the pesticide your exterminator used.

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Some fragrant lions in winter

By Scott Aker
 Special to The Washington Post

Question: What is the best winter flower for a small garden, and one that deer will not eat?

Answer: Hellebores, or Lenten roses, come to mind. They bloom in late winter or early spring, and have become available in a wide array of colors and flower types in recent years.

If you want fragrance, consider sweet box. It is an evergreen ground cover with attractive, deep blue-green leaves.

The white flowers are not highly conspicuous, but when they bloom in late winter or early spring, they produce a potentially sweet perfume.

It has a long Latin name, useful for ensuring you have the right plant — *Sarcococca hookeriana var. humilis*.

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Times-News
 We loved your winter photography.
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 Then in Country Roads, we'll showcase some of our favorite spring-photo submissions from readers, along with our judges' comments. (Sorry, we aren't offering prizes — just publication.)
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 • Stick to recent photos, please. In this cast, that means images of spring 2006 or spring 2007.
 • For our ease of judging,

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