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Decisions, decisions

Committee discusses color options for new TF high school

TWIN FALLS — Hook 'em Horns works for the University of Texas. But Texas Orange might not work for the Canyon Ridge High School Riverhawks.

The Twin Falls School District Planning Committee discussed concerns Thursday afternoon about the color combinations that student leaders selected for the new high school.

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Senate rejects GARVEE funding

Bill keeps lawmakers from going home

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — The 2007 legislative session has dragged on due to a philosophical clash between the state House and Senate on how to spend \$246 million to improve Idaho roads.

But Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, already having seen one veto overturned but determined for lawmakers to continue "Connecting Idaho," has sought

the assistance of an unlikely lawmaker.

Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, whose rocky session with conservative leadership has been defined by having his bill to revamp the highway project never get a hearing, met with Otter on Thursday to cut and paste his bill with one rejected by the Senate earlier in the day.



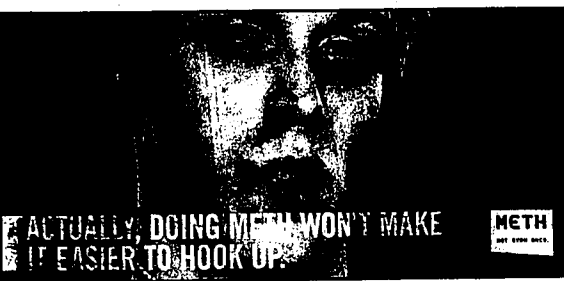
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Smith, an attorney and former head of the Idaho Transportation Board.

The project hatched by then Gov. Dirk Kempthorne two years ago is based on the idea that Idaho borrows federal money and pays it back later to avoid inflation problems, but it has evolved into a cloud of controversy. It received \$200 million last year, but many of the projects are behind schedule amid accusations of ITD mismanagement.

Smith's bill has four dummies and he said Otter is interested in, at least, limiting indebtedness

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In your face

Idaho looks to Montana example in fight against meth

Town hall meeting planned Tuesday at CSI; movie to be shown Wednesday

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Face it. Methamphetamine has sunk its teeth into the Magic Valley.

The Magic Valley will bite back at a town hall meeting organized for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium.

The question citizens face today is not why to participate, said Heidi Pulsifer, a treatment provider at Positive Connections who sits on the media committee for South Idaho Partners Against Drugs.

The partnership is sponsoring the event, along with iHealthNet, the Times-News and magicvalley.com.

"I don't know why any business in the Magic Valley wouldn't be involved in SIPAD," Pulsifer said. "We are trying to be part of the solution."

The meeting will bring the Gem state's first lady, Lori Otter, Debby Field, head of the Governor's office of Drug Control Policy, and Tom Donahoe, whose daughter was killed by meth-related complications.

If meetings such as this, which will serve also as a fundraiser for the governor's multi-million dollar Idaho Meth Project, present the solution, here's the gist of the problem, according to the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission:

- 80 percent of children that Health and Welfare seize are from homes plagued by meth addiction.
- 52 percent of Idahoans sitting in jail were incarcerated for meth-related crimes.

- About 75 percent of drug-court participants were charged with meth possession.
- In 2005, Idaho was ranked one of the states with the steepest rise in meth-related arrests, up 90 percent from 2004.

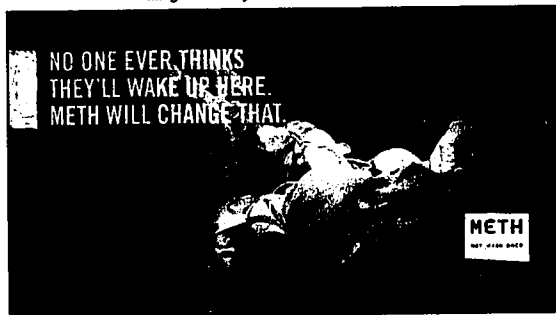
"We are all fighting the same thing," said Pam Green, the head mother at Mad Mothers Against Methamphetamine and also a SIPAD board member. "This is about trying to get things going so people know about meth."

SIPAD's members include a vast and growing cross-section of the Magic Valley. By bridging law enforcement, ministry, the courts, Health and Welfare, and health care programs, Chairman George Brown, former general manager of KMYT, is building a monster force.

"Part of the meeting is just awareness," Pulsifer said. "Getting the Magic Valley to become aware of the extent of the problem. We'll expose them to law enforcers and to the people that control the purse strings. It takes everything: treatment, prevention, advocacy, funding — it's all related."



Images courtesy of www.montanameth.org



Watch a sample of the television ad and radio commercials from Montana Meth Project.



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Movie on meth

What: The film "The High is a Lie"
When: 7 p.m., Wednesday
Where: Twin Cinema
New movie free
Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

"I would suggest every parent and every teenager go see that movie."

— Pam Green, the head mother at Mad Mothers Against Methamphetamine and a SIPAD board member

Get involved

What: Town Hall Meeting
When: 7 p.m., Tuesday
Where: College of Southern Idaho (Fine Arts Auditorium)
Open to everyone

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— Heidi Pulsifer, a treatment provider at Positive Connections who sits on the media committee for SIPAD

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter was scheduled to speak at the meeting about the need to raise funds for the Idaho Meth Project. He will be unable to attend, however.

The Idaho project involves replicating a massive media campaign in Montana. By projecting real voices and stories of actual meth users, the campaign managed to overcome the stigma latched to traditionally unrealistic or metaphorical anti-drug propaganda.

Instead, Field's will now be presenting the Idaho Project.

On Wednesday, Mad Mothers Against Methamphetamine will offer a free showing of "The High is a Lie," a 40-minute documentary produced by MMAM's founder and director, Dr. Mary E. Holley. The film, which will be shown at Twin Cinema, focuses on Holley's meth-addicted brother who, six months after filming, killed himself.

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Dems vote to begin troop withdrawal

By David Esso
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A defiant, Democratic-controlled Senate approved legislation Thursday calling for the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq within a year, propelling Congress closer to an epic, wartime veto confrontation with President Bush.

The 61-37 vote was largely along party lines, and like House passage of a separate, more sweeping challenge to the administration's war policies a week ago, fell far short of the two-thirds margin needed to overturn the president's threatened veto. It came not long after Bush and House Republicans made a show of

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The waiting game

Some things we're willing to be patient for, others not so much

By Greg Morago
The Hartford Courant

They say that good things come to those who wait.

But we live in a world wired for instant access. That need for speed has perhaps made us the world's most impatient society. Take a look around. We groan if the lines for the supermarket checkout are long. We huff and puff if the fast-food drive-through isn't fast enough. We agonize over the line for a bank teller and, God forbid, the lines at the DMV. Ever been 2 seconds late at a red light that has turned green? You'll get a honk from behind from an impatient

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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Today Tonight Saturday



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A nice night for a stroll Low 36
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Today: Mostly sunny and breezy at times. High 50s.
Tonight: Still breezy with a few passing clouds. Lows low 30s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with a returning afternoon breeze. Highs upper 50s.

Complete weather report: See page b6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Enlie Sites in concert, a Bull Arts Council presentation with trick roping, cowboy poetry and singing, 7 p.m., Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl, \$10, 543-2888.
Celtic Tenors, featuring soprano Dierra Shannon, 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, \$70 for adults and \$15 for children, 732-6288.
The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance, 8 p.m., the V. Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, \$2 donation, 734-5208.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Twin Falls Optimist Club Lost Wages Night annual fundraiser, Blackjack and Texas Hold'em with furniture, jewelry and an LCD HD Color TV for prizes; no-host bar; and pizza and hotdogs, 7 to 10 p.m., The Turf Club, Twin Falls, \$1 for pizza or hot dogs; raffle tickets: \$15 each or two for \$25, 733-6093 or 734-9076.

EDUCATION

Brown Bag Lecture Series, a Magic Valley Arts Council presentation with Kelly Florence Jones on her first novel "The Seventh Unicorn," her latest novel, "The Lost Madonna" and writing fiction based on fact, noon, Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, open to the public, no cost (bring lunch), 734-2787.

FAMILY

O'Leary Jr. High School Pre-registration for Incoming 7th, 8th, and 9th graders, 8 to 11 a.m., at the school, Twin Falls, no appointment necessary; parent must be there, 733-2155 ext. 3503.
Date Night, bring a date and enjoy a musical movie classic and popcorn, 7 p.m., at The Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., Burley, no cost, 878-7708.
"Youth Options," activities for young people ages 13-19, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8720.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4066.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym and Blaine County Campus Gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-8475.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight loss support group, 4 p.m., the Jerome Public Library, 100 1st Ave. E., Jerome, 420-3823.
"Overcoming Co-dependency," 6:30 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603.
"Abuse in the Training for Addiction," Dr. Sharon Custer, 6:30 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603.
Al-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hotline: 1-866-592-3198.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Bookbinding by author and lifelong Idaho resident Pamela (Smith) Tucker for her book "Tender Waters," 12:30 to 3 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, 934-4412.

MUSEUMS

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.

COMING TOMORROW

GRAND RE-OPENING

Refurbished Salt Lake Tabernacle will be unveiled at this weekend's Mormon conference.

SATURDAY IN RELIGION

OPINION

MINI EDITORIAL

A perfectly good term gone to waste

In the wake of panda poop and elephant dung being turned into paper in the Far East, and Midwestern farmers making beaucoup bucks selling their manure as fertilizer, the term "useless crap" might never be used again.
— BILL WAMBEKE, copy editor

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YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Celebration Park is a marvelous find

Tucked away in Canyon County's southeast corner along the banks of the Snake River, Celebration Park makes for a marvelous find. Heralded as Idaho's only archaeological park, this recreational area offers discovery and education to visitors ranging from children to professional archaeologists.

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Magic Valley bites back at meth

TWIN FALLS — Face it. Methamphetamine has stunk its teeth into the Magic Valley. The Magic Valley will bite back at a town hall meeting organized for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium.

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New school's color combos spark debate

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School District Planning Committee discussed concerns Thursday afternoon about the color combinations that student leaders selected for the new high school. At issue is the likelihood that students will choose school colors that could be costly and difficult to regiment in Canyon Ridge High School.

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School district says projects are on track

TWIN FALLS — So far, so good. That was how the Twin Falls School District described its progress on the \$49.7 million long-range facilities upgrades, which include a new high school and renovations to most of its existing school buildings.

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BLM crews to stay busy before fire season

TWIN FALLS — With 77,000 bitterbrush seedlings to plant, more than 5,000 acres to burn and about 395,000 acres to treat for noxious weeds, the Bureau of Land Management's Twin Falls office will be plenty busy between now and June, when fire season begins.

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Man suffering paranoia moves closer to trial

GOODING — A man with a history of paranoia has moved one step closer to trial or, according to his attorney, absolution on charges that he fired five rounds from a semi-automatic handgun at a tri-county SWAT team stomping his home. Which theory will prevail? That's what the aggravated battery case of Troy Wayne Wolf hinges upon.

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OBITUARIES

Raymond (Ray) Roy Boots Sr., 71
James Kennedy Sullivan, 84
William Henry August Pothstarr, 89
Douglas Alan Rice, 57

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CORRECTION

Concert date was wrong in headline
A headline in Thursday's TNT section incorrectly reported the date of the Four Freshmen concert in Burley. The concert was Thursday. The Times-News regrets the error.

IDAHO/WEST



Spring storm spawns tornados that kill four

OKLAHOMA CITY — A tornado as wide as two football fields carved a devastating path through an eastern Colorado town as a massive spring storm swept from the Rockies into the Plains, killing at least four people in three states, authorities said Thursday.

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Senate rejects GARVEE funding for roads plan

BOISE — The 2007 legislative session has dragged on due to a philosophical clash between the state House and Senate on how to spend \$246 million to improve Idaho roads. But Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, already embattled, has sought the assistance of an unlikely lawmaker.

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E. Idaho park likely dead after Otter veto

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter used his line-item veto Thursday to kill funding for a new \$3 million eastern Idaho state park in a wetland along 4.5-mile miles of Snake River shoreline. It was his sixth veto.

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Judge denies Rhoades death penalty appeals

BOISE — Several appeals from death row inmate Paul Ezra Rhoades were denied Thursday in U.S. District Court. U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge dismissed with prejudice Rhoades' claims in connection with the 1987 rape, kidnapping and murder of Idaho Falls teacher Susan Mitchell-Boyer.

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Former aide: Gonzales had key role in firing

WASHINGTON — Contrary to his public statements, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales was deeply involved in the firing of eight federal prosecutors, his former top aide said Thursday, adding that the final decision on who was to be dismissed was made by Gonzales and President Bush's former counsel.

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U.N. calls for Iran to free British sailors

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council expressed "grave concern" Thursday over the capture of 15 British sailors and marines and called for an early resolution of the problem, including their release. Britain failed to win support for a stronger statement deploping weeklong Iran's detention of the Britons and calling for their immediate freedom, primarily because of Russian opposition.

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Heart care called into doubt after stem study

Patients, doctors question heart care after big study finds drugs as good as stents for some.

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Telecoms win biggest government deal ever

The government awarded the largest-ever federal telecommunications contract — a 10-year deal worth up to \$48 billion — to AT&T, Qwest Communications and Verizon.

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SPORTS



CSI baseball puts its streak on the line

TWIN FALLS — Whether it's wearing the same socks, eating the same pregame meal or whatever superstition they subscribe to, the College of Southern Idaho baseball players and coaches aren't about to change a thing anytime soon.

Cold-weather baseball hasn't hindered the Golden Eagles from becoming the hottest team in the nation as 25-9 CSI rolls into Salt Lake City on a 16-game win streak.

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CSI softball takes on Salt Lake CC

TWIN FALLS — So far, the experiment is working. At the midway point of its conference season the first-year College of Southern Idaho softball squad has figured its way to a 17-21 overall record and a 10-10 Scenic West Athletic Conference mark. Through all the historic first benchmarks and blunders, the Golden Eagles have found a way to stay striking distance for a regular-season SWAC title, only four games out of first place.

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Williams to meet Henin in Florida final

KEY BISCAWNE, Fla. — Serena Williams beat the best Israel's military had to offer. Shahar Peer, a 19-year-old corporal in the Israeli Army, kept things close for an hour before Williams pulled away, winning 7-6 (4), 6-1 Thursday night for a berth in the Sony Ericsson Open final.

One test remains this week for the rejuvenated Williams: a revival Saturday of her long-dormant rivalry with Justine Henin. The Belgian reached the Key Biscayne final for the first time by beating Anna Chakvetadze 6-2, 6-3.

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Newscaster pokes fun at CSI softball guide

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TWIN FALLS — Move aside Bill O'Reilly, Ann Coulter and Rush Limbaugh. Make room for Karen Baumert, sports information director at the College of Southern Idaho. Her department Wednesday night was named Worst Person in the World, a daily feature on "Countdown with Keith Olbermann," a cable-television news program on MSNBC. It can be seen in Twin Falls at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. weekdays on Cable One channel 26.
Conservative commentators O'Reilly, Coulter and Limbaugh are frequently chosen by Olbermann, whose show competes with "The O'Reilly Factor" on Fox News, as Worst Person in the World.
So what did Baumert and CSI do to achieve such notoriety? Athletic Director Joel Bate said Thursday the school published a biographies of its women's softball team in this year's media guide that asked if the players preferred their boyfriends to be bearded or clean-shaven.
"All of us who proofed it didn't read it any differently," Bate said.
"It has a smirk, Olbermann, who could not immediately be reached for comment, implied the members of the team were talking about something else when they responded to the question: Shaven or unshaven?
"He has a good time with it," Bate said. "It's Olbermann's job to find humor in things."
The joke, he said, was at the expense of the young women on the softball team and the CSI athletic department. "It unfortunately made it people took it out of context," Bate said.

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and leaving bonding issues up to the Idaho Transportation Department.
Besides a possible symbolic ending for Smith, his intervention could alleviate a struggle between the two chambers. The House prefers the six projects should have dollar amounts attached but the Senate wants oversight by the Legislature — not the Idaho Transportation Department.

Ching concern that a proposed plan for \$246 million that favored the Treasure Valley and that politics would further muddy the plan, the state Senate Thursday voted 23-12 to kill a proposal drafted

by members in the House. Senators from North Idaho said the plan was regionalized and pointed to the \$126 million — 70 percent of the funding — for Interstate 84 from Caldwell to Meridian. ITD had requested \$56.1 million.
Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Boise, who co-chairs the joint budgeting panel, gave an emotional plea during a more than two-hour floor debate, alleging that politics had already muddled the waters.

"There was one of the six projects that was removed altogether. Why? Because the senator and representative from that district were from the wrong political party," he

said, referring to a stretch of I-84 in Ada County in District 17. "But the rest of it said, 'you can't do that. That's wrong. That's inappropriate. That's the wrong thing to do.'"
But supporters said the cost of road maintenance is rising and the projects were selected by the ITD, not lawmakers.
"If you put it off one year it's going to make it easier to put it off another year," said Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell, who chairs the senate transportation committee. "A vote against GARVEE bonding right now could potentially kill it forever."
The failed plan came out of the Joint-Finance Appropriations Committee

on Wednesday with a 12-8 vote.
Still, the fate of GARVEE remains unknown. Negotiations are scheduled for Friday morning, but some lawmakers have now ruled out returning Monday.
"The Senate feels comfortable without the dollar amounts," said House Speaker Lawrence E. Donney. "We really don't trust the transportation board."
"The Senate feels comfortable with the dollar amounts of Smith's bill, which would not have affected GARVEE for a year anyway, will likely be added, said Senate Caucus Chair Brad Little, R-Emmett.
"You don't want to blink until it's over," he said.

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unity at the White House.
"With passage of this bill, the Senate sends a clear message to the president that we must take the war in Iraq in a new direction. Setting a goal for getting most of our troops out of Iraq is not — not not — cutting and running," said Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., shortly before the vote. Passage cleared the

way for negotiations on a compromise with the House.
Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky rebuffed quickly. "Nothing good can come from this bill," he said. "It's loaded with pork that has no relation to our efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and it includes a deadline for evacuation that amounts to sending a 'Save the Date' card

to al-Qaida."
Several blocks away, the commander in chief stood with Republican House members and told reporters they were united. "We expect there to be no strings on our commanders and that we expect the Congress to be wise about how they spend the people's money," he said.
In private, Bush was at least

as emphatic, according to participants at a closed-door session in the White House East Room with the GOP rank and file. "He said he will veto a bill that comes to his desk with too many strings attached or too much spending," said one official in attendance, speaking on condition of anonymity because the meeting was closed to the press.

Waiting

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light switched to Go.
There are any number of examples that come to mind about our gotta-have-it-now culture. And there also are any number of examples of things we don't mind waiting for. We exist in a waiting dichotomy:
• We fume waiting for computer files to download, but we don't mind waiting for the new iPhone (announced in January, Apple's most talked-about new gadget is not even scheduled to hit the market until June).
• We don't like waiting through commercials at the movie theater, but we're happy

to wait months, even years, for the next installment of our favorite movie franchises ("Spider-Man 3" and the next "Pirates of the Caribbean," both coming in May; or "Indiana Jones 4," its working title, in May 2008).
• We might jump to the end of a book we're reading to see if the author did it, but we resist in the slow agony of the next release date of a "Harry Potter" book (the seventh and last book of J.K. Rowling's series, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," bows July 21 — a week after the movie "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" hits theaters).

• We're all happy the endless candidate commercials from the November election are over, but we're already clamping in at the bit over the next presidential election, which is 20 months away.
Clearly, there are some things we don't mind waiting for. Clearly, there are things we wait for that drive us bonkers.
"It's the yin and yang of waiting. Sometimes the waiting is the pleasure," said trend spotter Marfan Salzman, co-author of "Next Now: Trends for the Future" (Palgrave Macmillan, \$26.95). "The wait can be part of the experience, like the wait for the new 'Harry

Potter" book. The anticipation is part of the climax building."
Waiting is something we don't do. The waiting game, however, is something we'll indulge in. There's a difference.
"One of the lessons we've learned from hours and hours of monitoring consumer behavior is that it's about choice," said Mike Webster, vice president for the self-service solutions division of NCR Corp., a leader in self-service technologies, including self-checkout kiosks and automated tellers. "A consumer's most precious asset is time."

Meth

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"I would suggest every parent and every teenager go see that movie," Green said.
Following the film, a panel will answer questions.
The panel features Pulsifer, Green, a second mother from MMAM who denied the problem while her children rolled from meth addiction, Green's daughter, Desiree, who used meth for 11 years, and John Hathaway, Region V director of Health and Welfare.
"We want the whole community to be involved," Green said.
In Fall 2003, Chairman Brown made a phone call to John Hathaway, director of the Region V Department of Health and Welfare.
"I wanted to do something for the communities addressing the problems of illegal drug use and underage drinking," Brown said. "We started holding meetings at the Chamber of Commerce office in Jerome."
Today, SIPAD is blossoming into a 72-member, four-person board agency that has applied to become a non-profit, sanctioned by the United Way.
"We want to raise aware-

ness about the problems of meth use," Brown said, "that it is the most addictive drug that is available right now."

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by e-mail at cfriedman@mag-levell.com.

Join South Idaho Partners Against Drugs board, including:

- Chairman George Brown
 - Co-chair Lt. Det. Dan Thornton, Idaho State Police
 - Advisor John Hathaway, director of Region V Department of Health and Welfare
 - Secretary-Treasurer Launa Noble, Hathaway's assistant
- Some of the 72 partners:
- Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousley and Dave Benefiel
 - Twin Falls Police Chief Jim Munn and Terry Thueson, supervisor of narcotics unit
 - Melanie Shouse, HealthNet
 - Positive Connections, Heidi Pulsifer (media committee)
 - Sharon Custer, Miracle Valley Ministry Center
 - Brent Evans, Drug-Free Workplace Coordinator at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center
 - Pam Green (media committee), chair of Mad Mothers Against Methamphetamine
 - Bev Ashton, Department of Juvenile Corrections
 - Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls
 - Bill Brockman, retired Twin Falls County commissioner
 - Don Hall, director of the Magic Valley Boys & Girls Club
 - Julie Klein, treatment provider at Walker Center
 - Linda Molina, treatment provider at Strain Inc.
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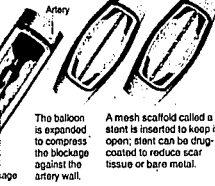
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Drugs as effective as angioplasty

Medications may work as well as angioplasty for treating chest pain caused by clogged arteries, a study suggests. Many people may be getting unnecessary angioplasty procedures.

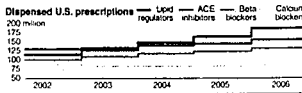
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Patients, doctors question heart care after big study finds drugs as good as stents

By Marilyn Marchoise
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Heart patients around the country are calling their doctors to question plans to treat clogged arteries with stents. It is the early fallout from a big study that showed drugs work just as well in non-emergency cases to prevent heart attacks, deaths, and over the long run, chest pain.

But Americans love a quick fix, and some doctors make a lot of money providing it. Many experts predict the study will not drastically cut the number of angioplasties that are done unless insurers balk at the \$10,000 cost and force patients to try drugs first.

"People want their chest pain to go away right away. They don't care about three years, they want it gone tomorrow," said Dr. Christopher Kramer, a University of Virginia heart specialist.

At issue is angioplasty, in which a tiny balloon is snaked through an artery and inflated to flatten a blockage. Mesh tubes called stents are usually placed to keep the vessel open. It is the gold standard for treating heart attacks and worsening symptoms that land people in the hospital. Doctors say no one who has chest pains should delay seeing a doctor.

But in recent years, angioplasty also has become popular for treating patients with chest pain who aren't in imminent danger — despite the fact that no big studies ever proved it better than medications alone.

This week at a cardiology conference in New Orleans, doctors presented results of the first big study to test this. It found that drugs were just as good for preventing heart attacks and death in these elective cases. Angioplasty was better for chest pain early on, but that waned over time.

At the start of the study, 80 percent had chest pain. Three years into it, 72 percent of the angioplasty group was free of it as was 67 percent of the drug group. By five years, there was no difference.

Critics immediately attacked. A doctor who consults for stent makers called the study "rigged to fail." Others shifted their rationale to quick symptom relief rather than preventing heart attacks.

Some quibbled over how widely the results apply. Others said patients will not give drugs a chance. A stent maker said results would have been better if more people in the study had received newer drug-coated stents.

"And if we had more women with blond hair and blue eyes, we would have had a different outcome as well," scoffed the study's leader, Dr. William Boden of Buffalo General Hospital.

Word spread through the meeting that from Texas to New York, patients were calling to cancel or question procedures.

Tom Elghanayan, a 61-year-old real estate developer, read

about the study on Tuesday as he waited for a heart test, and became alarmed. A week earlier, his doctor had referred him to a specialist, warning that he might need angioplasty on the spot. The test showed the clog to be less severe, so he left with prescriptions for aspirin and cholesterol-lowering statin drugs.

Had it been worse, "A week ago, I might have offered a stent," said the specialist. Dr. Kirk Garratt of Lenox Hill Hospital in New York.

So many people are unwilling to accept results that go against their beliefs and business interests that the study seems destined to have less impact than many believe it should.

"There are huge vested interests that are going to push back on these results, and they have already begun to do so," Dr. Salim Yusuf of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, said at the meeting.

For years, smaller studies have shown angioplasty has little to offer over other treatments, he said.

"Medicine here has gone wrong," he declared to his applause. "We're going to have a helluva tough time putting the genie back in the bottle."

Tuskegee airmen receive a nation's salute

By Ais Thomas-Lester
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — They flew in from across the country, dinner elderly gentlemen converging on the nation's capital for a long-overdue tribute. There was Lee Archer from New York, the only African American to be designated a flying ace in World War II. There was William "Bill" Terry of Los Angeles, the war hero who later went to law school but was prohibited from practicing because he had protested segregation in military facilities.

There were also the widows: Janie Cohen Ware, of Long Beach, Calif., whose husband died working in intelligence. There were grandchildren: Tara and

Raphael Wall of Northwest Washington, who stood in for the ailing Willard Miller, a World War II pilot and engineer.

They gathered Thursday to

watch the Tuskegee Airmen, more than 60 years after distinguishing themselves in war, receive the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor that Congress can bestow on

civilians. President Bush gave the keynote address, and former secretary of state and retired Army Gen. Colin Powell lauded the airmen for paving the way for him.

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EDITORIAL

High nitrates in Idaho won't recede so quickly

For decades, the land of southern Idaho has been home to thousands of farms—and loads of nitrates.

Magic Valley soil and groundwater have consistently recorded some of the highest nitrate levels in the state due to a number of factors.

Now, almost suddenly, that trend may be declining. We hope it's true, but hope may not be enough.

New studies by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture show nitrate levels in drinking water from domestic wells and dairy wells, have stayed well below federal limits.

A 10-year monitoring project indicates stable overall groundwater quality in the region for domestic wells in Lincoln, Gooding and Jerome counties.

If the studies are true, it's definitely good news for clean drinking water. But a healthy dose of skepticism may be warranted.

Nitrates are combination of nitrogen and oxygen. They pose a high health risk to infants, as well as to adults, with their links to baby blue syndrome and forms of cancer, including non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

The abundance of nitrates in Magic Valley is tied heavily to agricultural uses of land, water and livestock. In 1997, the U.S. Geological Survey identified the principal sources of nitrates in southern Idaho's groundwater as inorganic fertilizers (45 percent), livestock manure (29 percent) and legume crops (19 percent).

In 2002, Idaho began requiring dairies to use waste-management plans to outline how manure is removed or applied on farmland. But the number of cattle has grown in the area to around 409,000 head as of 2005.

Those figures still shouldn't point to dairies as the major culprit for nitrate growth. Application of nitrogen remains a greater source for nitrates, than the manure production of a livestock operation.

The ISDA has also tested wells on dairies, showing they too fall under the Environmental Protection Agency's threshold for excessive nitrates. Of 516 dairy wells tested in Jerome County since 1999, just one tested above the federal standard of 10 milligrams per liter. In Gooding County, just 12 wells tested above the limit.

Why the sudden turn? Dairy advocates say the state's nutrient management plan policies have helped. But the drop of nitrates in drinking water from wells may also be another sign of the transition to new irrigation methods. More irrigators are moving away from gravity irrigation to central pivot sprinklers. That creates less seepage of water back into the aquifer, and perhaps less filtering of nitrates.

With less water seeping into the aquifer — both through drought and irrigation changes — that could also be a key factor with some nitrates in the groundwater.

It's worth noting that this data does not include Twin Falls County. Five years ago state officials identified the county has having the state's second-highest nitrate level. ISDA is making additional studies for that region's drinking water.

The state's data reflects positive steps in the right direction, especially for cleaner drinking water. But nitrate levels are a problem decades in the making for Magic Valley. It will take more than one study to show that the trend is in complete reversal.

Our view: Studies showing low nitrates in drinking water are only a first step to removing the contaminant. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



LETTERS

Citizenship should come with English requirement

This is one tired American that is tired of our flag being flown upside down underneath another country's flag. I'm tired of the immigrants celebrating their Independence Day in the United States.

We forced the Native Americans to speak English, and we forced the African-Americans into slavery and into learning English.

If these immigrants don't want to speak our language, they should be denied all welfare after two years, and if they still don't want to learn our language at retirement, they should lose 25 percent of their Social Security for one year.

For immigrants to get a driver's license, they should speak and write our language. I can't know I am safe on the highway because I'm tired of my taxes paying their way.

Immigrants should respect Americans and speak the American language if they want their citizenship in the United States.

Will be contacting my governor, senators and representatives to get some of these laws passed. WAYNE LEE Twin Falls

Evolution begins with a solid question

I can agree with only one of Greg Hegman's arguments in his recent letter: nobody really knows how the first bit of life started on Earth. That, however, is no reason to trash the theory of evolution.

Evolutionary thought asks the question of how life became so diverse. Intelligent design, on the other hand, is just a pseudoscientific rehash of creationism, which is based on a religious doctrine. Notice the order of reasoning: evolution starts with a question it, while intelligent design starts with the answer and tries to silence any questions.

Also, the argument that evolution violates the laws of thermodynamics is a smoke-screen. It is used to distract the debate away from the primary idea that species evolve through tiny genetic changes that take place over vast amounts of time. (I suspect that the question of time is just a red herring for creationists, but it too is supported by solid work in astronomy, geology and paleontology.)

Mr. Hegman says there is no evidence. One very simple piece of evidence is the human appendix. It serves no useful purpose at all. Why would an intelligent designer make such a thing? It makes sense if we consider that it might have helped our hominid ancestors digest their rough diet.

Another example is the layers of complexity in our brains. The cerebral cortex is a marvel, but below it lie neural systems like those of lower animals. Why would a designer build on an old chassis, so to speak? It makes sense if we evolved.

For more examples, try reading Oliver Sacks on neurology and David Quammen on the bigsography. I honor for science teachers who marvel at our world and teach our kids to think and ask questions about it! STEPHEN POPPINO Twin Falls

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Mortgage defaults litter the American landscape

Remember the bank crisis of 1907? Probably not. But revisiting it is one way to clarify the differences between the old financial order and the new — and the challenges posed to the new order by the subprime mortgage mess.

Higher defaults on these loans to weaker borrowers raise a question: Is the new order better than the old? For the U.S. economy, the stakes are huge.

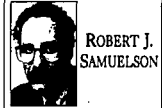
Consider the financial upheaval. Since the early 1800s, banks had dominated the system. People and businesses deposited their cash in banks; then the banks made loans. Now, much money bypasses banks. In 1975, banks and savings and loan associations — close cousins — made 73 percent of all home mortgages. By 2006, their share of the \$10 trillion mortgage market was 29 percent. Almost 60 percent had been "securitized": bundled into bonds and sold to investors (pensions, mutual funds, foreign investors).

The old system had defects. Periodic panics were one. In 1907, rumors of bad loans triggered a bank run. People wanted their money; no one knew which banks were safe.

Although legendary banker J.P. Morgan ultimately organized a rescue of many banks, it was too late. Some banks failed; savers lost funds. A recession worsened.

The panic of 1907 inspired Congress to create the Federal Reserve in 1913. The Fed was supposed to prevent panics by making loans to solvent but threatened banks. The Fed flourished in the Great Depression; two-fifths of U.S. banks failed. In 1933, Congress created deposit insurance; that ended traditional bank runs, because depositors knew they'd get their money back.

Still, the economy depended heavily on bank credit. High losses in one area might curtail loans elsewhere, because losses could deplete bank reserves and capital. In the 1980s, banks suffered big losses on commercial real estate and Third World



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loans. Between 1989 and 1993, 1,148 banks and S&Ls closed. Lending slowed. A recession began in 1990. Recovery was sluggish.

Considering all this, the subprime fiasco might vindicate the new order. Yes, mistakes have occurred — and they're devastating for anyone who lives in a home. About 14 percent of mortgages are subprime, and 13 percent of these are at least 30 days overdue. But subprime loans haven't yet depressed overall lending. Arguably, the reason is "risk diversification." Because mortgages are spread among many investors, so are losses. Banks seem financially healthy. For 2006, profits totaled \$146 billion.

In the overall scheme of things, this is going to be relatively minor," says economist Richard Green of George Washington University. Some mortgage companies that relaxed loan standards into down payment, flimsy documentation) are going bankrupt. Markets work.

Maybe, but the subprime mess could be the first chapter in a larger horror story. For starters, the housing slump could worsen. More foreclosures put more homes on the market. Tighter lending standards shrink the number of buyers. More supply and less demand further depress home prices. A drop of 20 percent over a decade is possible, Yale economist Robert Shiller tells Barron's. Shaken homeowners feel poorer and spend less.

Subprime losses also might feed back into the rest of the new securities. Some of these bundle other loans: auto loans, credit card loans, business loans. In 2006, issuance of all these "asset-backed securities" totaled \$748

billion, says Moody's Investors Service. Other securities perform more exotic tasks. "Credit default swaps" in effect provide insurance against losses on loans (one party pays the other to cover specific losses if they occur).

In theory, all this diversifies risk in practice, it may disguise risk. Companies that approve loans ("originators") often don't hold them.

Loan standards may slip, because originators get paid on volume. "The originator has less reason to worry about loan performance down the line," says economist Joseph Mason of Drexel University. Rating agencies such as Moody's and Standard & Poor's evaluate creditworthiness. But the task is gargantuan and global in scale. Moody's rates 100 million, 12,000 companies, 29,000 governmental units and more than 96,000 debt securities. Economist Charles Calomiris of Columbia University worries that agencies may subtly relax ratings to ease the more securities that are issued, the more rating agencies make.

The verdict on the new order is unsettled. No one really understands it as Byzantine says, "It is too complex and so arcane," former Fed chairman Alan Greenspan said recently, that it's "swampy" governments' regulatory controls. Yet, it "seemingly works because there is an invisible hand which creates... smoothness." Most markets, he said, self-regulate. That's reassuring — up to a point.

Greed and fear are not always self-correcting. If foreign and domestic investors lose confidence, who knows what might happen? Credit might become scarcer as they retreat to safe securities. Interest rates might rise. A panic is conceivable. The biggest upsets "come out of left field," Greenspan noted. "We never anticipate."

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Delicate family matters for the Edwardses

Elizabeth Edwards won me over when she announced that she looked like a bag lady.

It was a few weeks before the Iowa caucuses in 2004, and Edwards and I were on the same flight from Des Moines to Washington. Edwards offered that self-deprecating assessment when I admitted the woeen she'd had wrapped around her.

Bag lady was going too far, but, as she struggled through the ticket line, then submitted to the extra scrutiny inflicted on those who purchase one-way tickets, Edwards did have more the air of bedraggled staffer than cosseted, coiffed spouse. We talked about her husband's newly rattled stump speech, and juggling young kids (her little one is a few years old — to mine) and campaign travel.

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In short, she seemed like the political spouse you'd most like to go out with for coffee, maybe ask to join your book group. How can you not like a woman who, taking her morning shower two weeks before the 2004 election, feels a plum-sized lump in her breast and decides to press on — with a speed-shopping expedition to an outlet mall? It is, I think, this very quality of normalcy that makes the story of Elizabeth Edwards' illness so compelling. Every mother, working or not, deals with the question of how much — how much privacy, how much independence, how much time — to hoard for herself vs. how much

to give her children. Every wife, working or not, grapples with how to calibrate her needs and desires with those of her husband.

Yes, fathers and husbands balance and sacrifice, too, though not quite as much. It is hard to imagine this story playing out the same way if the genders were reversed. If nothing else, voters would be kindlier to a wife who'd dropped out to care for her sick husband.

I am, as I think many mesmerized by the Edwardses are, conflicted about Elizabeth's choice — and I do believe this is firmly her choice. I respect her drive "to do next week all the things I did last week" — not to let her life be defined by cancer.

And yet, to venture into treacherous territory: her misgivings about the hierarchy

of values embedded in the decision to remain in the race.

There can be no questioning Edwards' fierce love for her children. When her son Wade died at 16 in an auto accident, she visited his grave every day for two years, often reading aloud the books he would have been assigned in school. Afterward, she underwent fertility treatment to have Emma Claire, now 8, and Jack, 6.

I have a hard time reconciling that devotion with the decision to forego ahead with the presidential campaign. If he loses, was racing to the funeral really worth it? If he wins — well, if she is gravely ill, or worse, is having a father occupied with being president — their children?

The Edwardses have had more reason than most of us

can imagine to contemplate life's fragility; their choice about how to proceed now was obviously shaped by that sad experience. Yet their reluctance to consider a middle ground — to continue the work they've been doing, but step back from the rigors of a presidential campaign — is mystifying. After all, becoming a parent is all about relinquishing some freedom of action for the joy — and the responsibility — of raising a family.

That is why I can't help but wonder: Don't children who've been told that "Mommy's cancer is back" need more involvement in a coming next, and less of a push into the terrifying open air?

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Both sides dig in their heels over Iraq war

The tragedy in the escalating confrontation between President Bush and the Democratic Congress over Iraq is that each has something the other needs. Bush has the authority to engineer a change of direction in the war. But he lacks the credibility with the public to re-establish consent for his course.

Congressional Democrats, even after their seismic Senate victory Tuesday, ultimately lack the leverage to mandate a new course in Iraq. But they offer Bush his only possibility of rebuilding a public consensus over America's role in the war.

Because neither side can set a sustainable course on its own, their choice is either to continue colliding in polarized confrontations like Tuesday's Senate vote narrowly rejecting a time limit for withdrawal, or to seek agreement on a strategy for Iraq that a broader coalition in Congress and the country might support.

While Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., called Tuesday for such negotiations, Bush is approaching this intensifying debate with what appears to be utter denial about his political situation.

In Gallup polls, Bush's approval rating has languished below 40 percent for most of the past year, a record of futility unmatched by any president since Jimmy Carter in 1980. In a Gallup survey released Tuesday, just 28 percent of Americans said they approved of Bush's handling of the war. In that same poll, three-fifths of Americans said Congress should approve a

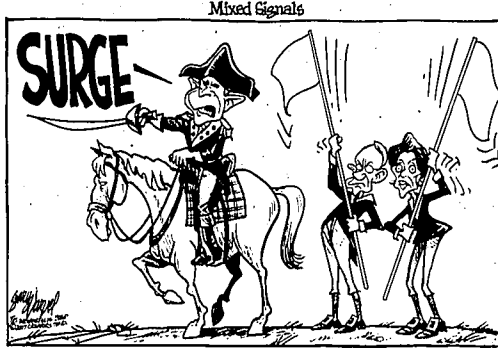
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timetable mandating the withdrawal of all troops from Iraq by fall 2008, a finding echoed in another national survey released Monday. In a country so closely divided between the parties, that's about as close to a national consensus as we get.

In that climate, it's delusional for the White House to imagine that it can restore public support for its Iraq plans without validation from the Democratic Congress. Yet Bush, in a second flight of fancy, appears convinced that he can still impose his will on Congress through sheer resolve, even though Democrats control both chambers.

Increasingly, the White House is demonstrating not only defiance but disdain in its dealings with Congress. On Iraq, Bush has rejected an role for Congress other than approving his demands for more funding. He's been equally confrontational in ignoring the ample precedent of public congressional testimony by White House aides and insisting that his advisers will provide only unsworn, untranscribed, private testi-



mony on the U.S. attorneys controversy.

On both fronts, Bush has approached Congress with the attitude of a teacher determined to discipline unruly kindergartners, not as the head of a co-equal branch of government. The White House last week asserted that Congress has no oversight authority over the executive branch. Dan Bartlett, the White House counselor, declared that Bush would not negotiate over testimony on the U.S. attorney issue with "members of Congress who seem intent on having a political trial." As far as legal scholars can tell, the Constitution does not limit congressional authority "to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper" solely to those members whose motives the presi-

dent considers pure.

Tuesday's dramatic Senate vote on Iraq might finally have sent the message to Bush that he cannot deal with Congress. But congressional Democrats cannot force Bush to accept their terms either, even though both chambers have attached a 2007 troop withdrawal requirement to the legislation funding the war. Bush has indicated that he would veto any mandated withdrawal, and the past week's vote shows that House and Senate Democrats are far from the two-thirds support they would need to override him.

The two sides thus appear on track for a standoff reminiscent of the 1995 government shutdown, with Bush demanding the money for Iraq and

Democrats agreeing to provide it only if he commits to ending the American mission. And even that might be only the next round in a lengthy struggle that will continue with the debate over funding the Defense Department for 2008.

Such sustained conflict over Iraq could endanger congressional Republicans in 2008 by lashing them tightly to an unpopular president and war. But this road is perilous for Democrats too. Although public opinion has turned decisively against the war, Congress' job approval rating already is falling amid the sharpening conflict with Bush on Iraq and other fronts.

A negotiated legislative agreement that links a trial for Bush's troop surge (which is showing some promise) with a concrete agreement from the administration to begin withdrawing forces if the strategy doesn't produce substantial, tangible progress in a reasonable period might serve the political interests of both parties. More important, if American leaders can resolve their differences to set a common course on the war, it would increase the pressure on Iraqi leaders to do the same.

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For 2008: An American Themistocles

Leonidas led the Spartans at Thermopylae, and as somebody who can tell you, he had all the qualities of a perfect movie hero. He was brave, straightforward and self-sacrificing.

But for worth pointing out that Leonidas didn't win the Persian Wars. Themistocles did, and Themistocles had an altogether different set of qualities. He was not straightforward; in fact, he could be deceptive and manipulative. He was not self-sacrificing; there was an air of corruption and fierce ambition about him. He was not charming or cultured; historians from Herodotus on down have had trouble warming to him.

But he was cunning and effective. After the defeat at Thermopylae he manipulated the demoralized Greek city-states into making a stand against the Persians at Salamis. He understood Persian impatience, and maneuvered the empire into a battle on waters most favorable to the heavier and slower Greek warships. He apparently lied to the Persian king, Xerxes, by promising to commit treason, and so tricked the Persians into a hasty attack.

The Athenians valued Themistocles, but they never really loved him. He was pushed from power mere months after his epic victory. As Plutarch later reported, the Athenians "treated him like a plane tree; when it was stormy, they ran under his branches for shelter, but as soon as it was fine, they plucked his leaves and topped his branches."

When we Americans pick a leader, we usually look for the



DAVID BROOKS

Leonidas type: direct, faithful and upright. We usually pick someone we hope is uplifting. Especially since Watergate, Americans have sought presidents uncorrupted by capital intrigue.

From Carter to Reagan to Clinton to Bush, we've favored Washington outsiders, people who seemed to offer freshness or authenticity, whose claim to leadership flowed from some inner light, rather than rugged expertise in the tough and nasty business of national politics.

But I wonder if this will be the election in which voters seek out a Themistocles, an election in which they put aside dreams of finding somebody pure and good, and select somebody they think will be wily and effective.

For over the past few years, America's enemies have been more cunning than we have. Whether it was Mohamed Atta with the box cutters, Osama bin Laden escaping at Tora Bora, the Baathists with their insurgency, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi inciting an Iraqi civil war, or Mahmoud Ahmadinejad maneuvering his way toward a nuclear bomb, America's enemies seem to have been rendered clever by their relative weakness while we've been rendered stupid by our might.

And the tasks ahead require cleverness more than Gary

Cooper simplicity and virtue. The next leader will have to build a coalition of autoerotics against the extremists, not grow apocryphically rigid in the face of their barbarism. The next leader will have to manipulate the self-interest of other countries and factions, not bully them with ultimatums. The next leader will have to have an intimate knowledge of the apparatus of government and the limits and capacities of what it can do.

In other words, the what country needs is somebody who understands power, and the subtlety of its use, and who has had direct experience with friends and foes, foreign and domestic.

And this person must have all these world-weary qualities with a thick stripe of American idealism too. Or as Reinhold Niebuhr put it a few decades ago: "The prescription of a democratic civilization requires the wisdom of the serpent and the harmlessness of the dove. The children of light must be armed with the wisdom of the children of

darkness but remain free from their malice. They must know the power of self-interest in human society without giving it moral justification. They must have this wisdom in order that they may beguile, deflect, harness and restrain self-interest, individual and collective, for the sake of the community."

This is a unique set of qualities — more Themistocles than Leonidas, more Bismarck and Sharon than Gandhi, Havel and Mandela. People who have this mixture of idealism and williness are usually experienced and tainted by scandal.

But I suspect the voters will go to the polling places with a colder eye this time. In any case, before we get too lost in the tactics and personalities of the campaign, it might be a good idea to actually figure out what kind of leader we are seeking to hire, what qualities the times require. Is it those of Themistocles or those of Leonidas, or someone else?

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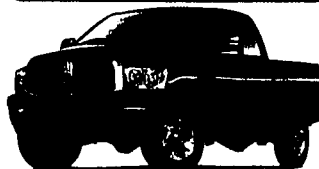
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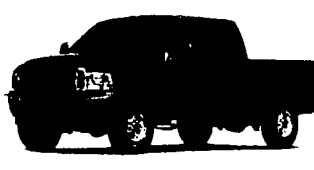
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Streaking CSI plays Salt Lake Community College

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Whether it's wearing the same socks, eating the same pregame meal or whatever superstition they subscribe to, the College of Southern Idaho baseball players and coaches aren't about to change a thing anytime soon.

Cold-weather baseball hasn't hindered the Golden Eagles from becoming the hottest team in the nation as 25-8 CSI rolls into Salt Lake City on a 16-game win streak.

Standing in the way between 16 and 20 straight wins are the ever-dangerous Salt Lake Community College Bruins and a four-game Scenic West Athletic Conference series at the Astorurf-Iaden Cent Field. The Golden Eagles are hoping

that their wave of momentum will carry them through the weekend against a team they are currently 2-2 against on the season.

"You don't want to talk about it and you almost don't want to think about it, but we've got a lot of things going for us right now," CSI head coach Boomer Walker said after Monday's sweep of Treasure Valley Community College.

One of the biggest reasons for CSI's string of success has been that the Golden Eagles finally have a clutch offensive attack to go hand-in-hand with its deep and talented pitching staff. The Golden Eagles are hitting a SWAC-best 262 in league play and are averaging six runs per game during their win streak. The extra runs have equalled extra



College of Southern Idaho's Willie Pratt, center, celebrates with teammates Shay Coolester after scoring a run during Game 2 with TVCC Monday in Twin Falls.

wins as CSI averaged just over four runs per game as the Golden Eagles posted a 9-8 record in their first 17 contests.

"A lot of young guys are really stepping up," sophomore Please see **STREAK**, Page B2

Eagle Eyes

Today: CSI (25-8, 15-5 SWAC) at Salt Lake CC (16-16, 10-10 SWAC), DH, 1 p.m.
Last time they met: The Golden Eagles and Bruins split a four-game series during the first week of SWAC play with CSI winning 3-1 and 7-2, while the Bruins took a pair of games by scores of 4-1 and 6-3.
On the horizon: The Golden Eagles and Bruins meet for a noon doubleheader on Saturday. The Golden Eagles are back home next Friday and Saturday for a four-game SWAC series against Western Nevada Community College.
On the radio: This weekend's games will be broadcast live on 1270 AM KTFI.

CSI season leaders
Batting: Average — Nik Gumeson .364, Bo Lybeck .363, Runs — Gumeson 30, Cory Atavilla 25, RBI — Gumeson 23, Brad Mady 17, Hits — Atavilla 37, Gumeson 36, 2B — Atavilla 13, Lybeck 9, 3B — Grant Kweider 4, five with 1, HR — Gumeson 4, SB — Kweider 20, Gumeson 12.
Pitching: Record — Jordan Latham 6-1, Jason Oatman 5-1, SV — Brent Johnson 5, Oatman 3, ERA — Justin Smith 0.00 (16 IP), Oatman 0.92 (29.1 IP). Innings pitched — Latham 44.1, Adam Umbrich 38.1, 50 — Latham 42, James Wallace 39. Opponents' average — Smith .125, Wallace .135.

SAWTOOTH CENTRAL IDAHO CONFERENCE SOFTBALL



Filer's Jill Haney tags Declo's Kealie Peterson as she is called safe at second base Thursday afternoon during their Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference game in Filer.

Declo dents Filer

Times-News

FILER — Seven errors proved too much for the Filer defense to overcome, and it cost them a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference game as the Declo Hornets defeated the Wildcats 11-3 on Tuesday.

Declo got on the board with four runs during the first three innings and put up another five in the fourth. Filer tried to rally in the bottom of the fourth, putting up three runs, however, it would be too little and too late.

Declo pitcher Jayme Manning picked up the conference win, pitching a complete game and hitting a double. Filer junior Lea Williams hit 2-for-2 with a run, and Jill Haney hit 1-for-3 with a run scored. While the Wildcats had trouble getting on base at times, they made the most of base running and stolen bases for their runs.

The Hornets also won Game 2 of the doubleheader, 11-9 in five innings, but the second game did not count in the conference standings.

Declo hosts Marsh Valley on Saturday, while Filer (0-6, 0-2) travels to Kimberly for another conference showdown on Tuesday.

Game 1
Declo 11, Filer 3
Date: 2/1/07
Time: 6:00 PM
Score: Manning, Hill and 2 Hornets, 1 Hill (0-4)
Errors: Manning, Hill, Manning, Hill and 2 Hornets, 1 Hill (0-4)
Extra-base hits: 2B, Dick, 1 Manning, Emily Harris.

Game 2
Declo 11, Filer 3, five innings
No base runs available.

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Stuck, stuck, shoot! UCLA's offense sputters along

By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — Ben Howland shouts out a pick-and-roll play, stomping his foot for emphasis. Not open. His assistant coach holds up a flash card, calling a backdoor cut. Nothing there.

Quick, throw it outside to Arron Affalo — and hope.

Hardly the most fluid offense in the Final Four is this hurry-up, beat-the-shot-clock style that UCLA plays. Then again, the Bruins are here at the Georgia Dome while Kansas, North Carolina, Louisville and other smooth operators are back home.

"Sometimes the execution doesn't work," Affalo admitted.

And that's on good days.

At their worst, the Bruins bunch up in the middle, force passes and take brutal shots. Basically, exactly what happened last April when Florida dominated them 73-57 for the NCAA championship.

The Bruins (30-5) spent a lot of time tralling this season. Many fans think it'll be a repeat performance when they again play Florida (33-5) in Saturday night's semifinal.

Without a single senior among their 15 players, and lacking the supporting cast that the Gators, Ohio State and Georgetown boast, the Bruins will count on Affalo.

"If I'm fortunate enough to make shots" the first team All-American said, "just keep shooting, keep shooting, keep shooting. There has to be a scorer's mentality."

There sure wasn't much flow in last weekend's West Regional final victory over



More Final Four Coverage

See Page B4 for a closer look at how the power conferences rule the men's Final Four.

Kansas, when UCLA often got jammed up and stuck with the ball. That's when Affalo was left with little choice but to hoist shots right before the buzzer.

Somewhat, they kept going in. His exasperated coach quickly became enthused.

"Those are backbreakers," Howland said. "You're playing great defense, playing great defense, then a guy hits an unbelievable shot from 25 feet. That is tough."

That may not be the way Howland draws it up. Then again, when he maps out plays, they often lead to nothing. No wonder UCLA relies so heavily on its active, athletic defense.

The Bruins are hurt by the lack of a big threat inside, with 6-foot-9 center Lorenzo Mata and 6-foot forward Luc Richard Mbah a Moute hardly stirring images of the great post players from UCLA's past.

Frequently during the Bruins' four wins in this NCAA tournament, they would

throw the ball down low, only to see time and scoring opportunities slip away, leaving no option except to frantically look for someone open on the perimeter.

Affalo scores 17 points per game, with Josh Shipp and Darren Colison each averaging about 13.

Affalo was no factor against the Gators last year. He keeps a picture in his room from that game, showing him sitting on the bench with his head down in the final seconds.

That serves as a reminder, so Howland's hollering in practice. They know Joakim Noah and Florida love to swat shots, and Affalo hopes sudden fakes can draw fouls, and easy looks.

"Coach Howland yells at me every day ... because guys are constantly jumping at my jump shot," Affalo said after the win over Kansas. "Just got to do a better job of reading it next time because there's a possibility you can face those type of defenders once again."

The last time they played Florida, the Bruins trailed 36-25 at halftime. Only three UCLA players scored in that first half — Jordan Farmar, Ryan Hollins and Cedric Bozeman — and they're all gone now.

That will really leave it up to Affalo. A junior, he pulled back from the NBA draft last year a day before the deadline. The prevailing thought is that he will go pro after the Final Four.

"He was the first recruit that I recruited as the new head coach at UCLA. It's really been special to have him," Howland said. "Aaron's a big-time player. Big-time players make important shots in big games."



College of Southern Idaho's Desiree Thomson pitches against Salt Lake Community College earlier this season in Twin Falls.

CSI opens second half at Salt Lake

Golden Eagles look to climb above .500 in SWAC play

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — So far, the experiment is working.

At the midway point of its conference season the first-year College of Southern Idaho softball squad has figured its way to a 17-21 overall record and a 10-10 Scenic West Athletic Conference mark. Through all the historic high benchmarks and blunders, the Golden Eagles have found a way to stay within striking distance for a regular-season SWAC title, only four games out of first place.

Now as CSI makes its way around the SWAC horn for the second time, it's all about winning. Today and tomorrow, the Golden Eagles will look to climb back above .500 in the conference standings with a strong showing against the host Salt Lake Community College Bruins in Salt Lake City.

While still feeling out their place in the world of JUCO softball, the Golden Eagles

split an early-season series with the Bruins during their March 3-4 home-opening weekend, winning a pair of Saturday games after the Bruins narrowly swept Friday's play. Starting with today's 1 p.m. first pitch, CSI head coach Nick Baumert hopes his hot-hitting squad will find its comfort zone against the 19-12 (12-8 SWAC) Bruins.

"I think a lot of times, familiarity breeds confidence," Baumert said. "So I think as we go the second time through, we'll be a lot more familiar with the S's eating and the conference and everything that goes with a SWAC weekend. Hopefully we can build on that familiarity."

The Golden Eagles have become increasingly familiar with both SWAC pitching and the 200-foot home-run fence of most conference ballparks. The Golden Eagles are hitting a league-best .336 as a team in conference play and are second only to North Idaho College's 23 conference home runs with 21.

First-year seasoning hasn't equated to first-year results, as five CSI players are hitting better than .300 on the season. Rachel Evans is hitting .364 on the season, including a 444 mark in SWAC play, while no player has scored more runs in conference play

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Eagle Eyes

Today: CSI (17-21, 10-10 SWAC) at Salt Lake CC (19-12, 12-8 SWAC), DH, 1 p.m.
Last time they met: The Golden Eagles and Bruins split an earlier SWAC series this season in Twin Falls, with SLCC winning Friday's games 3-1 and 6-5, while CSI rebounded to sweep Saturday play 7-8 and 9-2.
On the horizon: CSI and SLCC meet again for Saturday's noon doubleheader. CSI is back in action on Tuesday, hosting Treasure Valley Community College (Or.) for a 2 p.m. doubleheader. The Golden Eagles are back on the road next Friday and Saturday for a four-game series against the Snow College Badgers in

Ephraim, Utah.
CSI season leaders
Batting: Average — Rochelle Noren .411, Rachel Evans .384, Runs — Noren 34, Evans 29, RBI — Jalena Williams 30, Evens, Area Savett 27, Hills — Noren 44, Evans 43, 2B — Evens, Stephanie Holmes 10, Williams 7, 3B — Katelyn Warren 4, Williams 3, HR — Holmes 7, Sorrell 6, SB — Noren 8, All Spear 7.
Pitching: Record — Holmes 6-5, Jody Zillner 9-6, SV — Holmes 2, ERA — Lacey Bowman 2.58, Zillner 2.75, Innings pitched — Zillner 76.1, Holmes Thomas 78.0, SO — Deshine 58, Zillner 57, Opponents' average — Bowman .218, Zillner .248.

SPORTS

Mountaineers take NIT title

NEW YORK (AP) — West Virginia has a championship to help lessen the disappointment of missing the NCAA tournament.

Frank Young and the Mountaineers shot past Clemson to their first NIT title in 65 years.

Young scored 24 points, including six 3-pointers, and De'Sean Butler added 20 points to help West Virginia beat Clemson 78-73 in the National Invitation Tournament final Thursday night.

The Mountaineers thought they had a good case to receive an NCAA bid, with a 9-7 mark in the tough Big East and a victory over UCLA. But they didn't make the cut.

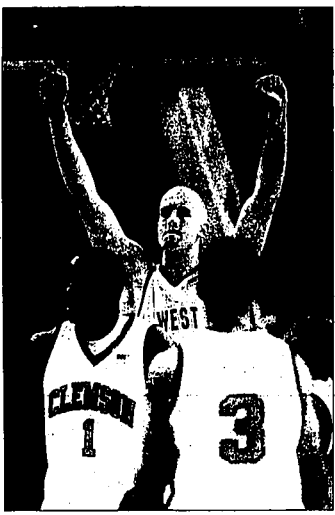
"It's been a lot of fun to play in this tournament and all the emotions just built up as it went along," Young said. "Of course we wanted to be in the NCAA tournament, but to win this tournament, all the joy is still there. We're still happy about finishing our season with a win."

Young averaged over 22 points in the five games of the NIT and was named the tournament's most outstanding player.

"It was gratifying just to see how far I've come as a player," Young said. "The trophy signifies that I did a pretty good job leading this team."

Young has stepped up in March. He averaged over 20 points in the Big East tournament. The senior followed that up with a stellar NIT to cap off his college career.

"That is as impressive a



West Virginia's Jamie Smallman, center, celebrates a turnover while Clemson's K.C. Rivers, left, and Vernon Hamilton look on during the first half of Thursday's National Invitation Tournament championship at Madison Square Garden in New York.

run as I've seen," West Virginia coach John Beilein said of his star. "He's just a better player. He goes on and they just go to him. It just feeds off itself."

It was the Mountaineers' first NIT title since 1942 when Rudy Baric led West Virginia over Western Kentucky.

West Virginia (27-9) had advanced to the champi-

onship game by edging Mississippi State 63-62 on Darris Nichols' buzzer-beating 3-pointer. Nichols finished with 13 points and nine assists in the championship game.

The Mountaineers, who came off 14 down in the second half in the semifinal, didn't need a late-game rally this time, using a 12-2 to run at the end of the first half to take control of the game. The Tigers (25-11) trailed by double digits for the entire second half before a late 11-0 spurt cut it to the final margin.

K.C. Rivers scored 18 points and Vernon Hamilton added 16 for Clemson, which completed one of the most up-and-down seasons in school history. The Tigers started out 17-0 before losing nine of their next 11 games. They turned things around in late February winning five of six before falling to Florida State in the first round of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Clemson finished tied with the 1986-87 Tigers — led by Horace Grant — for most victories in school history. The Tigers were trying to become the third straight team from South Carolina to win the NIT. The University of South Carolina had won the last two titles.

"We had a good year," Clemson coach Oliver Purnell said. "We had a school record for wins, we advanced to the first of the NIT. It was a successful season."

Williams, Henin to meet in Key Biscayne final

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Serena Williams beat the best Israel's military had to offer.

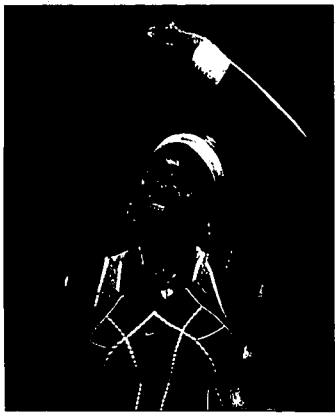
Shahar Pe'er, a 19-year-old recruit in the Israeli Army, kept things close for an hour before Williams pulled away, winning 7-6 (4), 6-1 Thursday night for a berth in the Sony Ericsson Open final.

One test remains this week for the rejuvenated Williams: a revival Saturday of her long-dormant rivalry with Justine Henin. The Belgian reached the Key Biscayne final for the first time by beating Anna Chakvetadze 6-2, 6-3.

Henin versus Williams was once a fierce rivalry, but they haven't met since the 2003 Wimbledon semifinals.

The 14th-seeded Pe'er, who came within two points of upsetting Williams at the Australian Open in January, was the more consistent player early. Williams returned poorly, struggled with her backhand and failed to break serve in the first set.

But she won 12 consecutive points with her serve to stay even, took a 4-1 lead in the tiebreaker and closed out the set with a service winner and a shout. "C'mon!" Williams earned her first break early in the second set, took a 3-0 lead and punctuated the victory with her seventh ace. Playing her first tournament since winning the Australian title, she's seeking her fourth Key



Serena Williams celebrates after defeating Shahar Pe'er at the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament Sunday in Key Biscayne, Fla.

Biscayne title. The top-ranked Henin is a five-time Grand Slam champion, but until this year she had never advanced beyond the quarterfinals at Key Biscayne. She says she dislikes the island's windy weather and tends to play poorly in March because it's the anniversary of her moth-

er's death.

"It is a challenge for me," Henin said. "I just live for now. I'm not in the past anymore. I just try to enjoy every moment, not try to project myself too far in the future and forget a little bit of what happened in the past."

Qualifier Guillermo Canas and No. 7 Ivan Ljubicvic will

meet in the men's semifinals Friday night. Canas, who upset top-ranked Roger Federer for the second time this month in the fourth round, advanced by beating No. 6 Tommy Robredo 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Canas became the first qualifier ever to reach the men's semifinals at Key Biscayne. Ranked 143rd at start of year after returning from a doping suspension, the Argentine will climb back into the top 40 next week.

Ljubicvic, last year's runner-up to Federer, the highest-seeded man in the final four. He defeated No. 23 Juan Ignacio Chela 6-3, 7-5.

The other semifinal will be between 20 19-year-olds, No. 10 Novak Djokovic and No. 12 Andy Murray.

Henin said she has been hindered during the tournament by a breathing problem, possibly allergies, and is taking medication. She barely survived the third round, overcoming a 5-1 deficit in the third set, to beat Virginie Razzano.

But against the ninth-seeded Chakvetadze, Henin cut charge from the start.

The latest Russian to crack the women's top 10, Chakvetadze played tentatively early and lost the first set in 33 minutes. In the second set, serving to 40-0, she lost five consecutive points to fall behind 2-0.

Bulls edge Pistons on Hinrich free-throw

CHICAGO (AP) — Kirk Hinrich hit two of three free throws with 2.8 seconds left, and the Chicago Bulls clinched their third straight playoff berth, pulling out an 83-81 victory over the Detroit Pistons after blowing a 12-point lead in the fourth quarter on Thursday night.



After Tyshawn Prince tied it with a put-back with 8.9 seconds left, Hinrich caught a pass at the top of the key and got fouled by Carlos Delfino on a 3-point attempt.

Hinrich missed the first free throw but hit the next two.

After a 20-second timeout, Prince caught the inbound pass and launched a short pull-up jumper over Luol Deng as time expired.

It was the fourth straight win for the Bulls and their 11th in 14 games. Chicago trails Eastern Conference leader Detroit by three games and second-place Cleveland by a half game, with the Cavaliers visiting the United Center on Saturday.

Ben Gordon led the Bulls with 25 points, and Ben Wallace grabbed 19 rebounds against his former team.

Prince scored 26 points for Detroit.

With a 77-65 lead and about five minutes remaining, the Bulls appeared to be in control. But the Pistons were within 81-79 with 48 seconds left after Chauncey Billups drove by Hinrich.

Wallace then stole the ball from rookie Tyrus Thomas with 35 seconds left, and Prince put back Delfino's missed jumper to tie it at 81.

Thomas had arguably his best game, finishing with 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Hinrich scored 15.

Softball

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Pilots pick up two wins

GLENN'S FERRY — A few days made all the difference as the Glenns Ferry Pilots again faced Mountain Home, but picked up wins this time.

The Pilots defeated the Tigers varsity squad 5-4, then beat the junior varsity 12-8. Pitcher Rachel Anchestegui won both, recording nine strikeouts in the first game. Jacquyn Ferry started Game 2 and recorded six strikeouts.

At the plate, Glenns Ferry hit 12 times in the double header. Ashlea Gramkov had four RBIs for the day with a double and inside-the-park home run, and Anchestegui batted in three.

The Pilots (4-5) failed to

the game. Judd Olmstead picked up his second win at the mound with the help of relievers David Lish and Kasey Jeroue.

"I like how we started," Twin Falls head coach Mike Anderson said. "Judd gave us three really good innings. We played five of seven innings of baseball, but we went seven of seven of course. But it's a start to where we want to be."

So Forkings had the only extra-base hit with a double, and Rem Pullin put together some solid base hits as well.

The 5-3 Bruins continue tournament play today at 1 p.m. against the first-year Columbia High club of Nampa and at 7 p.m. against host Eagle High.

Twain Falls 10, Mountain Home 5

Glenns Ferry 5, Mountain Home 4

Glenns Ferry 5, Filer 4

Game 1
Glenns Ferry 5, Mountain Home 4
Mountain Home 200 210 - 4-9-1
Pitcher: Tyshawn Prince, 33; Ben Gordon, 25; Carlos Delfino, 10; Kirk Hinrich, 15; Ben Wallace, 19; Chauncey Billups, 23; Tyrus Thomas, 13; Ben Gordon, 25; Carlos Delfino, 10; Kirk Hinrich, 15; Ben Wallace, 19; Chauncey Billups, 23; Tyrus Thomas, 13.

Game 2
Glenns Ferry 12, Mountain Home 7
Mountain Home 200 210 - 4-9-1
Pitcher: Tyshawn Prince, 33; Ben Gordon, 25; Carlos Delfino, 10; Kirk Hinrich, 15; Ben Wallace, 19; Chauncey Billups, 23; Tyrus Thomas, 13; Ben Gordon, 25; Carlos Delfino, 10; Kirk Hinrich, 15; Ben Wallace, 19; Chauncey Billups, 23; Tyrus Thomas, 13.

Game 3
Glenns Ferry 5, Mountain Home 4
Mountain Home 200 210 - 4-9-1
Pitcher: Tyshawn Prince, 33; Ben Gordon, 25; Carlos Delfino, 10; Kirk Hinrich, 15; Ben Wallace, 19; Chauncey Billups, 23; Tyrus Thomas, 13; Ben Gordon, 25; Carlos Delfino, 10; Kirk Hinrich, 15; Ben Wallace, 19; Chauncey Billups, 23; Tyrus Thomas, 13.

Game 4
Glenns Ferry 5, Filer 4
Filer 200 210 - 4-9-1
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No room for the little guys

Major powers battle in men's Final Four

ATLANTA (AP) — There won't be any warm and fuzzy scenes like when Jim Valvano spritzed across the court looking for somebody to hug. You won't see any blubbering moldowns a la Rollic Massimino, either.

And the next George Mason? That dream got squashed two weeks ago.

Nope, this year's Final Four is all about the power conferences. There may as well be a sign: "No Underdogs Allowed."

"What we did last year as a group was pretty amazing," George Mason coach Jim Larranaga said. "This year it's what the high-major teams have been able to do, which is survive some incredible second-round advances."

"I just think what makes March Madness so special is its unpredictability."

Not this season. A year after George Mason delighted the country with its improbable run to the Final Four and the mid-majors elevated themselves with eight of the 34 at-large bids, the power has shifted back to, well, the powers.

For the first time since 1993 — and only the second time since the NCAA began seeding the field in 1979 — a 2 is the "highest" seed in the Final Four. Each game Saturday night features a No. 1 vs. a No. 2 — Florida vs. UCLA and Ohio State vs. Georgetown.

Some underdogs, those Bruins and Hoyas. UCLA remains almost the entire last year and was ranked No. 1 for six weeks this season. Georgetown has one of the biggest guys in college basketball and has won 19 of its last 20.

"Last year, everyone was talking about the mid-majors. This year, everyone's excited about four of the top teams in the country — who were in probably every-body's mind at the beginning of the year," Larranaga said.

"It's a battle of Goliaths. There is no David."

That takes some of the fun out of it. Part of the tournament's charm is that there always seems to be some high seed that knocks off a team it should have no business beating — Valparaiso stunning Mississippi on Bryce Drew's shot from just across the half-court line in 1998. Princeton beating defending champ UCLA in 1995.

Valvano's N.C. State was hardly a mid-major, being from the ACC. But the Wolfpack were a sixth-seed in 1983, and



Georgetown's Roy Hibbert towers over a group of reporters as he is interviewed before basketball practice in Washington, Tuesday.

they beat two No. 2 seeds and two No. 1s. Including Houston and the Phi Slama Jama boys in the championship game.

Villanova wasn't an unknown, either. In 1985, coming out of the Big East. But the Wildcats were a lowly eighth seed when they upset Patrick Ewing and mighty Georgetown.

Last year, the mid-majors ran amok. Besides George Mason, Bradley, Gonzaga and Wichita State all made the round of 16.

"The parity in college basketball is just so close now," UCLA coach Ben Howland said. "Anybody can beat anybody on a given day. I mean, I really believe that we can beat anybody on a given day. I still believe we can be beaten by anybody on a given day."

That the Final Four wound up this way isn't really a surprise, though. While the regular season was a model of equality — a record-tying 48 schools were ranked at some point — the big schools have dominated the NCAA tournament.

It started with the selection committee, which gave the mid-majors two fewer at-large bids than they had last year. While that made for plenty of howling, it looks now as if the committee got it right.

Sure, teary Winthrop knocked off Notre Dame. But that was in the first round, and the 11th-seeded Eagles were headed back to Rock Hill, S.C., by the time the first weekend was over.

"Winthrop wasn't exactly a typical underdog either, having been ranked the final two weeks of the season."

Only one other double-digit seed won its first-round game, and neither Winthrop nor Virginia Commonwealth were around after the first weekend. It's the first time since 1995 that no double-

digit seeds have advanced to at least the third round.

There was such a dearth of underdogs that the Oregon players were asked last weekend if they felt like this year's George Mason.

"We take it personally," Oregon's Bryce Taylor said. "We just use it as extra motivation to prove that we deserve being here."

Mind you, the Ducks were seeded third. Third! There's nothing underdog about that!

Not that there weren't chances for upsets.

"Top-seeded Ohio State was two seconds away from losing to ninth-seeded Xavier before Ren Lewis hit a 3-pointer from several feet beyond the arc to force overtime in the second round. The Buckeyes then dominated overtime."

Kansas struggled with Southern Illinois' grind-it-out defense in the regional semifinals and barely prevailed. Granted, the Salukis were a No. 4 seed. But a Missouri Valley team is always going to be an underdog against a Big 12 school — or anyone from the top seven conferences.

"Last year, there were quite a few mid-major programs that had the perfect ingredients for pulling off some big upsets," Larranaga said. "This year, some of those teams also got very, very close to doing it and, for one reason or another, fell slightly short."

"It's always been difficult (for underdogs). It'll continue to be difficult," he added. "But it's what makes the tournament so good and unpredictable. In any given year, somebody can get hot at the right time and do some amazing things." Just not this year.

The thinking man's coach gets his due

It's hard to imagine the son of Georgetown legend John Thompson ever being somebody else "Coach."

John Thompson III does it all the time. He means no disrespect toward the man he affectionately calls "Pops" who taught him plenty about life, much of what he knows about basketball and almost single-handedly built the Hoyas program he son inherited three years ago and guided all the way to this Final Four.

But make no mistake. When JTHI starts a sentence with "Coach taught me this" or "There's not a decision that I made where I don't hear Coach in my ear," the man he's referring to is former Princeton and NBA guru Pete Carril. And the deeper Georgetown advanced in the tournament, in no small part because of the intricate offense Carril mastered as both player and assistant under Carril, the more the younger Thompson felt compelled to repay the debt.

"I'm honored, of course," Carril said over the phone Thursday afternoon. "But it may be less about respect or what he actually learned from me than a story John Jr. told me a while back."

"The son was a pretty fair high school player, maybe not ready for North Carolina or Duke, but he could pass the ball with smarts and speed. When we started recruiting him, I sent a letter and said 'I'd like to see him shoot more.'"

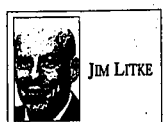
"What I later found out from his dad," Carril added, "is that I was apparently the first and only coach who ever told his son that."

Most fans, if they remember Carril at all, remember the rumped, Yoda-like presence on the bench for all those scrappy Princeton teams that every powerhouse program dreaded drawing in the NCAA bracket. Members of the coaching fraternity, meanwhile, remember him as a dean of the profession whose teams might have been unbearable if the '83 and '85 seasons hadn't been so life were as consistently big, strong and fast as the ones they played against.

"I remember a couple of years ago, when Pete was coaching at a sports festival and he had a squad full of the best kids from the Big East and elsewhere," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said during a break from the annual meeting of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. "Five minutes into the game, Pete was tearing his hair out ..."

"One of the basic rules of the profession is that the less talent you have, the more you have to do as a coach. Pete spent so much time on the wrong side of that line that as he watched these kids run up and down the floor, just free-lancing because, individually, they were all so good, he just stood there, sputtering."

Carril does less of that these days, because after 53 years of coaching in college and the pros, he spends his days looking in on TV and collecting. The occasional honor. Before the East Regional final against North Carolina, JTHI pleaded with Carril to exchange his ticket for a seat near the rafters at the Meadowlands to



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somewhere close to the Georgetown bench.

Carril wouldn't budge, so Thompson the father told his son the best way to win, better win this game on your own."

JTHI will have to do that again come Saturday, when the Hoyas meet Ohio State in the semifinals Carril, now 76, is being inducted that evening into the Berks County (Pa.) Hall of Fame, where a dozen players from the high school team he coached will be on hand.

"I hate missing it, but John doesn't need me," Carril said. "And don't get me wrong, the attention is nice, but what he runs is his. It's the 'Georgetown offense, not the 'Princeton offense,' and I didn't invent anything, anyway. There's been so much 'Princeton offense' this or that lately I'm thinking about going back to the school with a few good players, throw the whole thing in a deep hole and bury it ..."

"I stole one play from watching the Celtics run a low-post play through Bill Russell decades ago, added six or seven variations because the goal was to get a shot we could make and we didn't have cutters as good as Sam Jones," Carril said. "Then I borrowed another play from the Boston Celtics from Bill Bradley and added up a few more twists, because we didn't have guys that could shoot like that, either."

At the risk of oversimplification, the Carril system places a premium on passing. Incentive movement without the ball and a series of backdoor cuts by those without the ball toward the basket. Because of that repetitive motion, scouting Princeton was easy. Much harder was persuading defenders to stay alert as the Tigers ran it time after time after time after time.

"The first 15 seconds of every Princeton possession," Boeheim said, "usually involved a lot of faking. The moment your guy takes a breath off and doesn't go with their guy — boom! — layup."

Three minutes over the final seven minutes against North Carolina, the younger Thompson squaddied try to make their offensive breaks in the flow of the game and instead run to near-perfection the Carril system. Carril drew up all these years ago.

It looked different in all kinds of ways. The cuts were faster and more intricate. The pass that found the open man in a crowded lane had plenty of mustard on it, and even though the final product was a layup, the finish required more power and athleticism than just about any Princeton player ever possessed.

But there was no mistaking the fingerprints all over them.

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Ohio State hopes Oden is difference

ATLANTA (AP) — One year ago, it was painfully easy for Thad Matta to understand why his Ohio State team couldn't keep pace with Georgetown.

Georgetown's inside duo of Roy Hibbert and Jeff Green made the Buckeyes look underzoned and overworked.

The 7-foot-2 Hibbert and 6-9 Green combined for 39 points, 22 rebounds and four blocked shots in the Hoyas' 70-52 runaway win over Ohio State in the second round of last year's NCAA tournament. Overall, Georgetown outperformed Ohio State 37-24.

After the game, Matta made a prophetic look ahead as he considered the arrival of his celebrated signee, 7-foot center Greg Oden.

"Next year, we won't have that problem," Matta said, referring to the size disadvantage.

Matta couldn't know then that he would have a rematch with Georgetown this season, especially in the spotlight of Saturday night's Final Four.

The Ohio State-Georgetown game will produce one finalist for the title of best team in the nation. For added glamour, the game also may determine who's the better center — Oden or Hibbert.

"It's going to be a big challenge," Oden



Ohio State's Greg Oden, center, is surrounded by members of the media during an interview Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio.

said. "He's a great player. We are similar players. We both play really strong and block a lot of shots. It's going to be difficult, for sure."

Oden, a first-team All-America, has

overcome surgery on his right wrist to post team-leading averages of 15.4 points and 9.5 rebounds. He is viewed as a possible first pick in this year's NBA draft.

Hibbert is rated by NBA draft net as the second-best center in the draft, but a strong game against Oden could boost his status.

"It's not too often we have two low-post centers going against each other, particularly this late in the tournament," said Georgetown coach John Thompson III.

"I think they're both very good players. It's something that people are talking about."

Oden's wrist injury forced him to spend more time developing the ability to shoot with his left hand. But even with that added skill he was held back by the black brace on his right wrist.

Matta said the injury held Oden back more than they admitted at the time.

"The seven months that his hand was immobilized obviously set him back," Matta said. "Even when he came back, the hand didn't work. We disguised it. We didn't tell anybody his right hand couldn't move. But I think he's really made a lot of progress."

Oden made 63.6 percent of his free-throw attempts overall, including about 67 percent in Big Ten games.

Summitt believes she has ingredients for championship team

Volunteers are the early national title favorite

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Nine years have passed since Tennessee last won a national championship. Coach Pat Summitt believes she has found what's been missing since 1998.

After winning three national championships, Summitt kept recruiting talented players and returned to the Final Four five times — coming home empty-handed after each one.

The Lady Vols, holders of six national titles, are back in the semifinals this year for the 17th time overall and face North Carolina on Sunday. Rutgers and LSU will play in the other game in Cleveland with the winners advancing to the championship game Tuesday night.

What's different about Tennessee this season starts with All-American Candace Parker, who some believe is

even more versatile than Chamique Holdsdale, star when Tennessee won its last three national crowns.

"I think that in the previous years, I would say we've had some very fine teams, but we also played against some of our competitors that had better go-to-players, players that could make plays," Summitt said. "You have to have that, and we didn't have a Candace Parker."

Teams with a go-to player, including arch-nemesis Connecticut, have gotten the better of Tennessee since 1998.

The Huskies won three straight national titles from

2002-2004, twice beating the Lady Vols in the finals, with star Diana Taurasi.

UConn coach Geno Auriemma also has learned what it's like without the go-to player. The Huskies haven't been in the Final Four since Taurasi left.

"I know Geno said many times, 'We have Diana and nobody else does,' and it does make a difference," Summitt said.

"Look at what Sylvia Fowles means to the LSU program, and it's just — it is what it is in this game. And it's true for the men's game and it's true at the pro level. If you have Kobe Bryant playing the way he is right

now, they are going to win more times than not." Parker, a redshirt sophomore, has spent most of her time in the post but is listed as a guard, center and forward on the roster. She is averaging 19.9 points and 9.8 rebounds.

She put on a show in the regional final, a 98-52 win over Mississippi, finishing with 24 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks. She also had to assist the other three stars. The only thing Parker hasn't done in the postseason this year is dunk like she did a year ago.

She has taken over the reins since the Southeastern Conference tournament.

The Lady Vols lost to LSU in the semifinals when Parker was held to four points on 2-of-11 shooting from the field.

Parker doesn't believe she's good enough to be the star with players like Holdsdale until she wins a national championship.

"I know this is my first Final Four because my freshman year I wasn't able to play. So, I just wanted to be able to assist the team. I could for my team and whether it was energy on the defensive end or the offensive end, that was my goal," she said after being named the Dayton Regional most outstanding player.

Cort시오 MLB's first female ump

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Rita Cort시오 hustled all over the infield and made her calls with an emphatic fist pump. Always in the right position, she did what every umpire hopes to do during a ballgame: She blended in.

Cort시오 became the first female umpire to work a major league exhibition game since Pam Trepania in 1985 as she made calls on the bases Thursday as the Chicago Cubs beat an Arizona Diamondbacks split squad 7-4.

Her performance before a HoloKam Park record crowd of 12,917 was pretty much like the sunny 64-degree day: It was flawless.

"It was pretty uneventful. I didn't have much," Cort시오 said.

At least not on the field. Her phone started ringing early Thursday morning as the hype surrounding her assignment began to build.

"When I found out I had this game, my plan was to sneak in, work the game and sneak out and hope no one noticed," she said. "That didn't happen."

Working with major league umpire Mike Winters on the bases while another minor league ump, Jason Kiser, handled the plate, Cort시오 was at first base for the first two innings before she switched across the diamond to third and then back again a couple of times. The moving around from side to side is standard for spring training games.

With a dark blue hat, light blue short-sleeved shirt and gray slacks, Cort시오 looked very much like the other two ump — just a bit thinner.

Cort시오 knew several players in the game because they were also in the minor leagues where she worked.

"I got a lot of 'Hey Rita where are you going to this year?' That's the question. As of right now, I'm going back to the Southern League, but that's subject to change at any minute. As soon as you opens up at Triple-A, it's mine," she said.

Early in the game, she reached down to tie her shoe and minutes later was in action when Donnie Sadler dropped down a bunt and raced to first. She signaled safe as the throw from Chicago's Mark DeRosa sailed past first for an error.

Later on, positioned between first and second, she hurried across the basepath to call Mark Reynolds out at first on a grounder. There were only three ump



Umpire Rita Cort시오, left, calls out Arizona Diamondbacks Dee Brown, as first base coach Joel Youngblood looks on, during the fifth inning of their spring training baseball game against the Chicago Cubs, Thursday in Mesa, Ariz.

Instead of the usual four, so Cort시오 was forced to cover more ground in the infield.

When Kiser ran from home to third base in case there was a play there, Cort시오 alertly raced to the plate to cover for him.

She had one close call in the third inning when she signaled Chicago's Ryan Theriot safe at second on a steal attempt as the ball and runner arrived almost simultaneously.

Cort시오 is the only female umpire in professional baseball. At 30, she is starting her ninth year overall and fifth in Double-A.

Once she makes it to Triple-A, she'll be evaluated by major league umpire supervisors.

If she's judged good enough, she would be invited to the Fall League, then to a full schedule of major league spring training games and finally to a spot as a fill-in in the majors.

No female umpire has ever worked a regular-season game in the majors. Cort시오 obviously hopes to be the first. That's her plan.

"Absolute best-case scenario, we're looking at 2009 to get a couple of games," she said.

Prior suggests Futures Game in near future

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Mark Prior reacted to his demotion to the minors with disappointment, humor and sarcasm.

"I'm just an employee," the former 18-game winner said Thursday. "The goal now is to go down and help that team win and try to make the Triple-A All-Star team. Maybe I can get invited to the Futures Game or something. I'm still 25."

Just four years ago, Prior was selected to the NL All-Star game, but injuries have sidetracked his career.

Prior, optioned to Iowa on Wednesday, was slated to pitch only 10 1-3 innings in spring training after being limited a year ago to just nine regular-season appearances because of shoulder problems.

"It's part of the business. That's the way I look at it. There's not much I can say. I'm a controlled player. I do what I'm told," Prior said.

Considered one of the top young pitchers in the game not so long ago, Prior now has to work his way back. Wade Miller went the No. 5 spot in the rotation, so there was no place for Prior to pitch with the major league team, at least not for this time. He got together with manager Lou Piniella.

"It was more of a one-way meeting. Lou said his piece. He was positive. He thought his idea was the way I should see the last couple of times," Prior said. "I was fine with everything he said. When you're an employee, you don't really have a whole lot of say, so there wasn't much for me to say. I'm not a guy who's going to get all bothered and start yelling. The decision's made. You accept it. You move on."

As Prior talked Thursday, the Cubs' clubhouse was busy as the major league team got ready to play one more Arizona exhibition game before leaving town. The Cubs open the season in Cincinnati on Monday.

Asked if he would consider asking for a trade, Prior didn't budge.

"I'm not even going down that road. I'm under their control until I'm not under their



Chicago Cubs pitcher Mark Prior throws against the Colorado Rockies in the second inning of a spring training baseball game at HoloKam Park Wednesday in Mesa, Ariz.

control, so it's up to them, if they want me. I'm just an employee," he said. "Until you get in a position where you have any kind of leverage, then you can argue and find out what other options are. When there are no other options, and they've made their decision, you accept it. I'm going to play 'ball.'"

Prior signed a one-year deal worth \$3,575,000 and avoided an arbitration hearing. Prior has 4 years, 131 days of major league service and needs 1 year, 41 days to be eligible for free agency.

Both Piniella and general manager Jim Hendry said they expect Prior to be with the Cubs some time this season.

Prior said Thursday he's convinced he can get hitters out at the major league level right now. But he needs to get deeper into games and get back into a routine of pitching.

So which way will his career go from here?

"You don't know where your crossover is in your career and you don't probably after your career is done. Again, you just show up," he said.

"You show up every day and go to work, whether it's here or in Des Moines or wherever. Part of the plan is to just keep grinding out, grinding out through the good times and the bad times. Just show up and play. That's what I'll do."

Bluffton starts season after crash

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Bluffton University baseball players will return to the field Friday wearing black jerseys instead of purple and white to honor teammates killed when their bus overturned on a highway overpass.

"For the players, it will be a marker that allowed them to move on in some ways, but never forget that part of their team isn't with them anymore," Bluffton President James Harder said in a telephone interview. "I think it's the right thing to do."

The team is to begin its season in Bluffton, about 80 miles northeast of Dayton, with a crowd that is sure to swell beyond the 100-seat bleachers.

The team was headed to Florida for spring training when its bus plunged off an overpass March 2 in Atlanta. Investigators say the driver apparently mistook an exit ramp for a highway lane.

The crash killed the driver, his wife and four players that day, and a fifth player died the following week. One player remains hospitalized.

The Beavers will be without coach James Grandey, who is still recovering from breaking bones in his face and injuring his right leg. Up to six players could miss all or part of the season because of injuries.

The team resumed practices March 19 and hopes to make up the four games it has missed in the Heartland Collegiate Conference. Bluffton coaches and players have not been available to speak to reporters.

Athletic Director Phil Talavania said the players seem excited about the game.

"I've enjoyed — when I'm sitting in my office — hearing the pling of that bat again," he said of practice, which has been held indoors sometimes because of rain.

The coach of the team's first oppo-



In this March 2 file photo, a charter bus carrying the Bluffton University baseball team from Ohio is seen after it plunged off a highway ramp in Atlanta. Bluffton University players will wear black today instead of their purple-and-white team colors in honor of teammates killed on the way to Florida when their bus plunged off an overpass.

nent said going on with the season will help Bluffton's players begin to heal.

"I'm really happy that despite this tragedy that they are able to get back on the field," said Chuck Murray of the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati. "It's heartbreaking. I pray for them every night."

Students and teachers at Bluffton, a 1,200-student, Mennonite-affiliated school about 55 miles south of Toledo, were encouraged to wear the school

colors during the day Friday, and then black at the game. There will be a prayer and moment of silence before the national anthem.

Bluffton and Mount St. Joseph are familiar rivals, and Murray said Friday's game will be emotional for both sides.

"We're still going to play hard. We will do everything within the rules to win the game," Murray said. "But if we have to lose a game this year, that would be the one we'd want to lose."

Only 8.4 percent of MLB players were black last season

NEW YORK (AP) — Only 8.4 percent of major league players last season were black, the lowest level in at least two decades.

As recently as 1995, 19 percent of big leaguers were black, according to Richard Lapchick, director of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports. Nine percent were black in both 2004 and 2005, and the current figure is the lowest since at least the mid-1980s, he said.

Just 3 percent of pitchers were black in 2006, Lapchick said Thursday in his annual study, the same

as the previous year. Lapchick gave baseball a B+ for racial diversity, the same as last year, and a C+ for gender, up from a C. Its overall grade improved from C+ to B.

"Jackie Robinson's dream was to increase the percentage of African-American players as well as coaches and front-office personnel," Lapchick said. "While MLB has achieved these new distinctions regarding who runs the game, the percentage of African-Americans playing the game reached a new low."

Baseball is holding its first "Civil Rights Game" exhibition in Memphis, Tenn., this

weekend and is planning a celebration on April 15 to mark the 60th anniversary of Robinson breaking the sport's color barrier.

Cleveland pitcher C.C. Sabathia said this month that baseball must do more to promote the game in inner cities.

"It's not just a problem — it's a crisis," he said.

Lapchick gave baseball a B+ for race and a C for gender for its senior administrator hiring. When it came to team vice presidents, he gave a B for race and an F for gender. He gave a D for general managers — Kenny Williams of the Chicago White Sox is the only black GM and Omar

Rangers' Gagne will start season on DL

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Eric Gagne will start the season on the disabled list for the Texas Rangers, a move the team is making to give the closer more time to come back from elbow and back operations.

The Rangers said Gagne hasn't had any health setbacks. The 2003 NL Cy Young Award winner pitched only 15 1-3 innings over the past two seasons.

"I feel pretty good, but I think this is going to help the team," Gagne said after throwing 15 pitches in a minor league game Thursday. "We are here to have a successful season and make the playoffs."

This is the third straight season since his dominating run as the Los Angeles Dodgers' closer that Gagne will be on the disabled list before pitching.

Gagne had elbow surgery in 2005, and another operation last April to remove a nerve from his pitching elbow. He had pitches in July to repair a herniated disc in his lower back.

Akinori Otsuka, who converted 32 of 36 saves last season, will handle the closing duties until Gagne returns.

The move will be reactive to Wednesday, meaning Gagne could rejoin the Rangers on April 13 for the start of a series in Seattle. Gagne will pitch for Double-A Frisco and Triple-A Oklahoma until then, and will

make back-to-back appearances before joining the Rangers.

"It's the right thing to do, not only for him, but for us," pitching coach Mark Connor said.

In his third and last "A" game appearance Tuesday, Gagne allowed four runs and five hits in one inning against San Diego. That was the same game, played in gusty winds, that No. 1 starter Kevin Millwood allowed 10 runs in 4 2-3 innings of a 2-7 Padres' victory.

For spring training, Gagne had a 15.00 ERA (five earned runs in three innings) with six strikeouts and six walks. He pitched a home run on the first pitch he threw.

Gagne had 152 saves from 2002-04, including all 55 chances in 2003, when he had a 1.20 ERA and won the Cy Young. He converted a major-league record 84 consecutive saves from August 2002 to July 2004.

The hard-throwing right-hander started 2005 on the DL, and last year he went to the DL, without pitching a game less than a week after starting the season on the Dodgers roster.

After Los Angeles didn't exercise Gagne's \$12 million option for 2007, the Rangers gave him a \$6 million, one-year deal with the chance to make \$5 more in performance bonuses.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny and pleasant. Highs 60s.
Tonight: A nice night for a stroll. Lows 30s.
Tomorrow: Becoming partly cloudy. Highs near 60.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

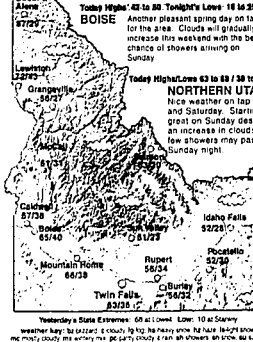
Today: Mostly sunny and breezy at times. Highs 50s.
Tonight: Still breezy with a few passing clouds. Lows low 30s.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with a returning afternoon breeze. Highs upper 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
The week will come to a pleasant end. Sunshine and dry weather is expected. Clouds will increase ahead of a rain storm on Saturday. Look for a chance of rain and snow on Sunday.

BOISE Another pleasant spring day on tap for the area. Clouds will gradually increase with the best chance of showers arriving on Sunday night.

Twin Falls High: 62 to 64. Low: 32 to 34.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny and pleasant	A nice night for a stroll	Becoming partly cloudy	Chance of showers	Isolated showers possible	Increasing sunshine, mostly 60s
High 63	Low 36	60/38	55/38	54/35	58/37

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Today: High 62, Low 36	0.00"	60%	30.02 in	Sunrise: 7:28 AM, Sunset: 6:03 PM	Low
Yesterday: High 60, Low 34	0.00"	65%	30.01 in	Sunrise: 7:30 AM, Sunset: 6:01 PM	Low
Next 5 days: High 60-64, Low 32-38	0.00-0.10"	60-70%	30.00-30.03 in	Sunrise: 7:28 AM, Sunset: 6:03 PM	Low

Yesterday's Weather

City	High	Low	Wind	Clouds	Precip.
Boise	52	31	0-10	100	0.00
Burley	50	29	0-10	100	0.00
Idaho Falls	50	29	0-10	100	0.00
Shoshone	50	29	0-10	100	0.00
Twin Falls	50	29	0-10	100	0.00

MOON PHASES

Phase	Date	Time
Full Moon	Apr 10	10:08 PM
First Quarter	Apr 17	10:08 PM
Full Moon	Apr 24	10:08 PM

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Phase	Time
Moonrise	6:22 PM
Moonset	6:16 AM

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Index	Level
1-2	Low
3-5	Moderate
6-7	High
8-10	Very High
11-12	Extreme

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Sunday
Boise	62-40	58-38	52-38
Idaho Falls	52-27	50-28	45-24
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Disbarred attorney may face kidnapping charge

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Former Rupert attorney Raymundo Pena was arrested on Interstate 84 between Twin Falls and Burley Wednesday after he reportedly took his child away from her uncle

in Jerome County. Idaho State Police Lt. Rob Storm said an ISP trooper spotted Pena on the interstate after an attempt to locate Pena on a possible kidnapping charge. State Police, in conjunction with the Jerome County Sheriff's depart-

ment, stopped Pena at 5:30 p.m. at Milepost 188. "He was taken out of the car during a modified felony stop," Storm said. "The girl was fine and returned to her uncle." Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said he was not ready to release the

details of the report and efforts to contact Pena's brother, Burley attorney David Pena, were unsuccessful. Raymundo Pena was disbarred from practicing law in Idaho in December after he admitted to 31 counts of professional misconduct in dealings with numerous clients,

the court and the Idaho Bar Association (IBA). Six other counts were dismissed by the IBA and are being criminally charged in Minidoka County. Several of the counts allege Raymundo Pena bartered or attempted to barter legal services for sex.

WALKING TO DENTAL SCHOOL



Dental assistant students at the College of Southern Idaho head back to class Thursday after eating lunch in sunshine at a barbecue on campus.

TWIN FALLS SCHOOLS

When team colors bleed

Concerns discussed about possible color combinations for Canyon Ridge High

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

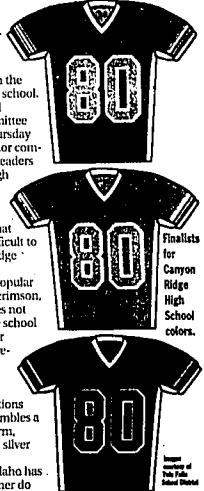
TWIN FALLS — Students, read the fine print before you vote on the colors of your new high school. The Twin Falls School District Planning Committee discussed concerns Thursday afternoon about the color combinations that student leaders selected for the new high school.

At issue is the likelihood that students will choose school colors that could be costly and difficult to regiment in Canyon Ridge High School. Although the most popular color combination — crimson, silver and white — does not pose a problem for the school district, two other color combinations could create problems for the new high school's athletic department.

One of the combinations of concern, which resembles a Texas-Longhorn uniform, includes Texas Orange, silver and white.

No other school in Idaho has similar colors, but neither do most uniform manufacturers.

"There are some things like warm-ups that are not mass-produced, and Texas Orange is one of them," said Scot



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Man accused of battery might stand trial

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

GOODING — A man with a history of paranoia has moved one step closer to trial on, according to his attorney, absolute on charges that he fired five rounds from a semiautomatic handgun at a tri-county SWAT team storming his home. Which theory will prevail?

That's what the aggravated battery case of Troy Wayne Wolf hinges upon.

Greg Fuller, a Twin Falls attorney, failed to convince a magistrate judge that his client, Troy Wayne Wolf, 30, is not competent to stand trial.

By waiving his client's preliminary hearing Thursday — a chance to challenge the legitimacy of the state's case —

Fuller will press a district judge to allow Wolf to be evaluated for developmental disabilities. A confirmed diagnosis could mean Wolf is not competent to stand trial.

But a mental health expert who found Wolf's thought processes were "infected by paranoid thinking" said that could be controlled during a trial.

"The defense may need to bring in an expert," Gooding County Prosecuting Attorney Calvin Campbell said.

A police affidavit says that on Nov. 30, an officer tried to serve Wolf a misdemeanor arrest warrant for battery, false imprisonment and telephone harassment at his mother's 630

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BLM busy between fire seasons

Volunteers needed for several projects

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With 77,000 bitterbrush seedlings to plant, more than 5,000 acres to burn and about 395,000 acres to treat for noxious weeds, the Bureau of Land Management's Twin Falls office will be plenty busy between now and June, when fire season begins.

These projects, funded by taxpayer dollars, help minimize fire damage, provide habitat for wildlife and preserve Idaho's native plants, said Sky Buffat, a spokeswoman for the bureau.

The bitterbrush initiative provides forage for mule deer that rely on the BLM's efforts to survive Magic Valley winters.

In addition to bureau staff, hundreds of volunteers, including many area high school students, will pull on their planting gloves in the next few weeks to bury the seedlings.

The BLM's fire crews are scheduled to complete pre-emptive controlled burns throughout the district, especially in areas prone to fire.

The bureau will also burn

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A Bureau of Land Management fire engine moves into position to fight a 10,000-acre fire east of Woodell last June.

Construction begins

Despite minor setbacks, school district's projects are on schedule

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — So far, so good.

That was how the Twin Falls School District described its progress on the \$49.7 million long-range facilities upgrades, which include a new high school and renovations to most of its existing school buildings.

"Most of the public might not be aware of it yet, but our first construction projects are

already taking place," said Dale Thornberry, plant and facilities director for the Twin Falls School District. "We have built the access road to the Canyon Ridge High School site, and we will begin construction on the addition of an elevator at Lincoln (Elementary School) next week."

The school district will begin renovating all but two of its existing school buildings

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YOUR WEEKEND

Lifting voices

What: Magic Valley Arts on Tour will present the Celtic Tenors.

Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
When: Today, 7:30 p.m.
How much: Tickets, which are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy &



Haltmark, the Magic Valley Arts Council, Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl, Ariene's Flowers in Jerome and CSI Outreach Centers in Gooding, Burley and Halley, or by phoning 732-6288.

Food for thought

What: The Magic Valley Arts Council and the Twin Falls Public Library will sponsor a talk by Twin Falls native and author Kelly Florence, part of its Brown Bag Lecture Series. Florence is the author of "The Seventh Unicorn" and, most recently, "The Lost Madonna." Those who attend are invited to bring their lunches, or lunches are available by phoning 734-2787. The first 25 people at the lecture will receive a free signed copy of "The Lost Madonna."

Where: Program Room, Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E.
When: Today, noon.
How much: It's free.

Games people play

What: The Twin Falls Optimist Club will hold Lost Wages Night, an annual fundraiser for community projects. The event includes blackjack, Texas hold 'em poker and a no-host bar. Prizes include a furniture package, diamond earrings and a 32-inch LCD



HD color TV.
Where: Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.
When: Today, 7:10 p.m.
How much: Tickets are \$15 each or 2 for \$25, available at the door. For information, call Kevin Fossanan at 733-6093 or Tony Brand at 734-9076.

Gone cowboy

What: Buhl Arts Council will present Ernie Sites in concert, with trick roping, cowboy poetry and singing.
Where: Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl
When: Today, 7 p.m.
How much: Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door or by phoning the arts council at 543-2888.

Country-fried blues

What: '38 Special will perform in Jackpot.
Where: Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
When: Saturday and Sunday, 8 and 10 p.m.
How much: Tickets, which are \$35, \$40 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.



OBITUARIES

Former lawmaker Elaine Hofman dies

POCATELLO (AP) — Former Idaho lawmaker Elaine Venna Hofman died at her Pocatello home Wednesday evening after a long illness. She was 69.

Hofman, a Democrat, served in the Idaho House of Representatives from 1991 through 1996.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Manning Funeral Chapel in Pocatello; a service has been planned for Monday.

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James Kennedy Sullivan

TWIN FALLS — James Kennedy Sullivan, 84, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

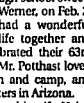
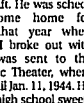
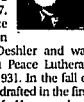
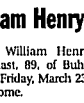
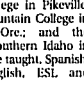
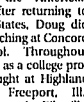
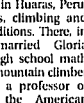
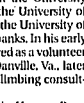
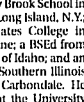
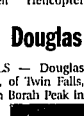
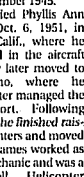
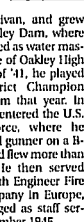
James was born Dec. 2, 1922, at Oakley, Idaho, the third of seven children born to John and Joha Scharling Sullivan, and grew up at the Oakley Dam, where his father served as water master. A graduate of Oakley High School Class of '41, he played on the District Champion Basketball team that year. In May 1940, he entered the U.S. Army Air Force, where he served as a tail gunner on a B-25 Mitchell and flew more than 400 sorties. He then served with the 3214th Engineer Fire Fighting Company in Europe, being discharged as staff sergeant in September 1945.

James married Phyllis Ann Ludlum on Oct. 6, 1951, in Englewood, Calif., where he was employed in the aircraft industry. They later moved to Jerome, Idaho, where he farmed and later managed the Jerome Airport. Following Phyllis' death, he finished raising their daughters and moved to Twin Falls. James worked as an aircraft mechanic and was a certified Bell Helicopter mechanic. He worked for Reeder Flying Service near Twin Falls for many years prior to 1982.

In 1982, he married Bernice Wilson in Twin Falls. Jim enjoyed traveling, so he and Bernice traveled throughout the United States until Alaska in their RV, seeking out old friends and good fishing holes. He was a member of the Blue Bird Good Sam Club. He was also an avid dancer, spending at least three nights a week dancing with Bernice at various locations. In 1982, he especially enjoyed Roseland Crystal Ballroom in Filer.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice of Twin Falls; daughters, Leslie (Larry) Dickelson, Jennifer (Dick) Sullivan Helsley and Laura (Tom) Sullivan Taddieken; brothers, Gary (Betty) Sullivan of South Carolina and Hal (Nancy) Sullivan of Waco, Texas; a sister, Pauline, in Lipolis of Milwaukee, Ore.; and three grandchildren, Eric, Jeff and Denise. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Phyllis; daughter, Helen; son, Larry; and three brothers, Jack, Bill and Grant.

A memorial service for Jim will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 2, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." Inurnment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at White Mortuary.



In addition to his wife, Helen

Raymond (Ray) Roy Boots Sr.

DIXIE, Wash. — Raymond (Ray) Roy Boots Sr., 71, of Dixie, Wash., and formerly of the Magic Valley, passed away Wednesday, March 21, 2007, of a massive heart attack.

Ray was born May 13, 1935, in Prescott, Wash., to Samuel and Velma Raymond Boots. He served in the Army from April 1954 to May 1962 and was stationed in Germany for a year. He started logging as a young age with his dad doing horse logging. Later, he drove log trucks on the Oregon Coast, in Idaho and Alaska. He drove long-haul truck from 1982 until his retirement in 2000. He enjoyed camping, sitting around campfires and NASAs.

Survivors are his two ex-wives, Pat Boots of Eugene, Ore., and Mary Jo Prince of Bliss; sons, Jeff Boots of Seaside, Ore., and R. Roy

Boots Jr. of Bliss; stepsons, Vince Prince (Mollie) of Alghonates and Lela, Utah, and Shane Prince (Delta) of Gooding; daughters, Barbara Gough and Donna (Jay) Deprel, all of Springfield, Ore.; stepdaughter, Shanna Prince of Bliss; grandsons, Andrew Prince of Oregon, and Justin Prince and Andrew Prince, both of Idaho; granddaughters, Laci of Idaho, Kim, Amberlee, Rachel and Karen, all of Oregon, and Cynara and Justice, both of Idaho; brothers, Bob; and sisters, Dorothy, Norma, Marilyn (Jim) and Sue (Ken). He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Connie; and daughter, Bernice.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 8, in Dixie, Wash. Scattering of ashes will be at a later date at the family cabin in Idaho.

Howard Arrington, 'real' White House plumber, dies at age 79

By Frederick N. Rasmussen, The Baltimore Sun

Howard Bernard "Heds" Arrington, the former White House plumber who for more than three decades kept the plumbing humming and the fountain geyser flowing through seven presidential administrations, died of cancer Saturday at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Md. He was 79.

Arrington, who enlisted in the Navy in 1944, served as a gunner aboard a carrier vessel escort in the Pacific. Two days after being discharged in 1946, he went to work in the White House.

"He had an uncle who worked in the White House, and he got reds in a job in the Bouquet room working with flowers. He then became a plumber's helper and wanted his training and working there," said his wife of 58 years, the former Margaret Meredith.

Arrington, who was virtually on call around the clock, was chief plumbing functionary at the White House for 19 years. He retired in 1979.

"I did all kinds of things. I

got a call once that Mrs. Truman's toilet wasn't flushing right. So I went over there, and all of a sudden up comes these false teeth. They weren't Mrs. Truman's, they were her maid's," Arrington told Life magazine in a 1992 story on the White House. "I was used to drive golf balls down the South Lawn right into the fountain. The water was so deep, he would give me his waders and a ball retriever."

The one president who took his plumbing far too seriously, perhaps, was Lyndon B. Johnson.

"The almost sacred Reds to have hours. One night, we were out dining in an Annapolis restaurant when we were paged. 'White House calling Howard Arrington,'" Mrs. Arrington recalled. They wanted the Reds to come right over because President Johnson wanted his commode turned so it sat eadily cornered in his bathroom."

When the existence of the White House Plumbers became known during the Watergate scandal, Arrington lied to tell people, "I'm the real White House plumber."

Deaths getting noticed on an increased level

By Nick Madigan, The Baltimore Sun

In the film "Venus," a vain, egotistical actor played by Peter Onofri makes a "daily ritual of reading the obituaries in the morning paper, looking for his fallen fellow thespians and deducing their relative importance to the world by how much space they were given in death."

Such musings are increasingly common in the real world, where obituaries have become an obsession to people who revel in the tales of other histories, of lives both well led and wasted.

Driven largely by the Internet, interest in obituaries is booming, with a slew of Web sites and blogs dedicated to the craft, as well as a rise in the emerging field of commissioned obits, in written and video form, made to order by people who want a say over how their legacy is described.

At least five books about obituaries and obituary writers have been published recently, adding to the lore of mortality.

"What's different now is people reading obituaries of people they've never heard of and loving it," said Marilyn Johnson, author of "The Dead Beat: Lost Souls, Lucky Stiffs, and the Perverse Passions of Obituaries" (HarperCollins, 2006). "Because of the Internet, people can e-mail copies of each other, and they can gather in these creepy little news groups and read them from around the world."

Such is the interest in the field that Orchard Films, a New York company that produced the documentaries "In the Company of Women" and "Miss America," is working on a film about the culture of obituaries, tentatively titled "The Last Word."

Johnson, who wrote about the passings of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Diana, princess of Wales for Life magazine, said that in the obituaries, "the death happens in a phrase or a sentence — the rest of it is the story of a life."

And there are more such stories to be told. According to U.S. Census projections,

there will be slightly more than 40 million Americans age 65 or older by 2010, leading, inevitably, to a greater focus on the journey to the hereafter.

"There's more openness now about end-of-life issues," said Carolyn Gilbert, founder of the International Association of Obituaries, editor of obitpage.com, an organizer of the annual Great Obituary Writers' National Conference, to be held in June in Alfred, N.Y. "People no longer hide from death. It's something you can talk about, fascinating."

To capitalize on that interest, a husband-and-wife team from Princeton, N.J., plan later this year to launch a magazine, Obit, dedicated to stories of dead, gene and, and how fascinating.

The inspiration for the magazine came to Bob Hillier in 2004 as he was flying back east from a business trip to Dallas. Near him on the plane was a woman who was reading an obituary in People magazine or actor Bob Keeshan, who played Captain Kangaroo on television for more than 30 years.

"She started to cry," Hillier said recently, impressed still with the obituary's effect on the woman. "I realized that when someone who you've connected to dies, a little bit of their life is lost."

The Hilliers' chief occupation is architecture, but five years ago they bought Twin Topics, a 60-year-old weekly in Princeton with a circulation of about 14,000. With Obit, whose subtitle is "Revealing Lives, they hope for a national audience.

The Hilliers and their editor, Krishna Andavolu, said they have taken cues from established obituary writers like Jim Sheeler, a reporter with Denver's Rocky Mountain News who won a Pulitzer Prize last year for his report "Final Salute," which looked at how U.S. Marines honor comrades who have died in battle. Sheeler also writes with fellow obit writers Alana Baranick and Stephen Miller, "Life on the Death Beat: A Handbook for Obituary Writers" (Marion Street Press, 2006).

Douglas Alan Rice

TWIN FALLS — Douglas Alan Rice, 57, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died on Borah Peak in eastern Idaho on March 16, 2007.

Born in Concord, N.H., he was the son of Donald N. and M. I. Rice of Concord, N.H. He graduated from the University of Connecticut. His education included a high school diploma from Stony Brook School in Stony Brook, Long Island, N.Y.; a BA from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine; a BS in Education from the University of Idaho; and an MA from the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He also studied at the University of Louisville, the University of Montana and the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. In his early 20s, Doug served as a volunteer for VISTA in Danville, Va., later working as a climbing consultant for REI.

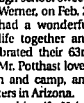
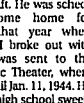
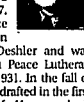
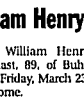
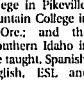
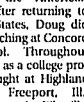
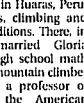
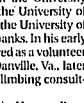
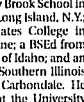
Doug lived in Lunenburg, Peru, before his climbing and guiding expeditions. There, in 1983, he married Gloria Caceres, a high school math teacher and mountain climber and became a professor of English at the American University. After returning to the United States, Doug did substitute teaching at Concord High School. Throughout Doug's career as a college professor, he taught at Highland College in Freeport, Ill.; Pikeville College in Pikeville, Ky.; the Mountain College in Pendleton, Ore.; and the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. He taught, Spanish, French, English, ESL and astronomy.

Doug's two greatest passions in life were mountain climbing and astronomy. He traveled to Peru to climb Huascaran Mountain, one of the highest in South America. He has also climbed in Mexico, Canada, in the states of Hawaii, Alaska and others in the United States.

In childhood, he had developed an interest in astronomy. He built a telescope for the help of his fellow teachers, he built a giant telescope. He introduced and taught a course in astronomy and traveled to several parts of the United States and other countries, including Africa, to view eclipses. He was intrigued by words and dialects and studied dictionaries, which became the subject of his lectures. He also lectured on the County for the Humanities on Spanish coins and also astronomy.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; one son, Neal Patrick; his parents; two sisters, Joanne Bossert of Kennewash, Ga., and Janice Gustafson of Courty, N.H.; two nieces; three nephews; an aunt; and cousins.

A celebration of Doug's life will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2468 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. At the family's request, there will be no public viewing. Services and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. The family suggests memorials be given in Doug's name to the Sierra Club. Contributions may be given to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83403.



In addition to his wife, Helen

SERVICES

David Lee Robertson Sr. of Twin Falls, funeral at 10:30 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; memorial service at 4 p.m. today at the LDS Church, 3155 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls.

Antonio Castro of Rupert, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 E. St. in Rupert; friends and family may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Doris E. Howard of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Roper Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth in Buhl.

N. Christin G. Bossert of Rupert, funeral at noon today at the Rupert First Christian Church, 110 Eighth St. in Rupert; friends may call from 11:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

James Walter Dodds of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E.; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Elizabeth "Betty" (Kurth) Wagner Hanson of Cut Bank, Mont., memorial celebration at 2 p.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A in Jerome; a reception will follow (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls).

Margie Gunderson Grow of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 4 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends and family may call from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2468 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Jesus Rodriguez of Jerome, funeral Mass at 7 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome.

Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Betty Ann Johnson of Hagerman, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Eva Annie Stander of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the LDS Church on Main Street in Buhl; visitation one hour from the funeral today at the church (Roper Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Donald Ganguet of Eden, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Jerome Cemetery (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Robert Ray "Bob" Luttrell of Wendell, reception and celebration of life from 4 to 6 p.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Sebastian "Tano" Vaquera of Declo, funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F. St. in Rupert; rosary at 7 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Orson Edgar "Ed" Hatch of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Patricia Ann Johnson-Reichert of Boise, funeral at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park, 1205 W. Bannock in Boise; celebration of life will follow at the home of her daughter, Barbara DeMoss, 17402 N. Choueau Ave. in Nampa.

DEATH NOTICES

Betty Brookshire

BOISE — Betty Brookshire, 48, of Boise, died Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at a Boise nursing home. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Bommal Funeral Parlor in Garden City. A private cremation service will be held at a later date.

Mary E. Flavel

SHOSHONE — Mary E. Flavel, 87, of Shoshone, died Thursday, March 29, 2007, at her residence. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel.

Ernest J. Giraud

RUPERT — Ernest J. Giraud, 83, of Rupert, died Thursday, March 29, 2007, at Brighton Gardens in Salt Lake City, Utah. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

Thelma N. Gauger

GOODING — Thelma N. Gauger, 89, of Gooding, died Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at the home of her son in Gooding. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

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Colors

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McNeley, who is overseeing the selection of colors. "So the problem you run into now is that kids are having to buy those accessories, which will most likely be black, and now you're adding a fourth color to the uniform."
Schools usually purchase athletic uniforms and accessories in bulk from manufacturers that mass-produce common color combinations. However, most uniform manu-

facturers do not mass-produce athletic accessories in Texas Orange.
But the color combination that worried committee members the most was the third option — maroon, black and white.
Although maroon would be the primary color on the uniforms, committee members say the growing popularity of black uniforms could make it difficult to ensure that the maroon uniforms don't fade to black.

"I think it began when Duke (University) started using the black uniforms, and from that point on, a lot of schools started to jump on the black uniform bandwagon," McNeley said. "It really caused a lot of concern in communities where they felt like they were losing their school colors."
Committee members are concerned that junior high students might jump on that bandwagon when they vote for the school's colors.

Committee members will organize a campaign to inform students about the challenges associated with the color combinations.
Students from Robert Stuart and Vern C. O'Leary junior high schools will have an opportunity to choose the colors for the new high school, but ultimately it will be the school board that makes the final decision — just to ensure that the black doesn't bleed in to the red.

School

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as soon as students leave for the summer. Most of the upgrades will include additional classrooms, multi-purpose rooms and improved accessibility for students with disabilities.
However, most of the district's energy is focused on the construction of Canyon Ridge High School on Washington Street North.
Thornberry said the district's construction manager reported that the project is on schedule and within budget.

He also said the design phase is more than 60 percent complete.
But the district did experience some setbacks. The project's first construction project — the addition of an elevator at Lincoln — will cost the district about 10 percent more than it originally estimated. The district also is struggling to find where it will store 690 computers until the new high school is completed. And then there is the issue with the school colors.
Although most of the discus-

sion about school colors were regarding the best combination for athletic uniforms, Willey Dobbs, superintendent of the Twin Falls School District, said there were planning and design issues waiting on the approval of the school's colors.
"It's a decision that we need to make, so we can get started on things in the school," Dobbs said.
But the district's primary concern was how it would keep the community informed about progress on the facilities construction.

"We are dealing with a lot of money here, and people are going to want to make sure we're using it wisely," Thornberry said. "I think it's going to be extremely important that we keep people informed about construction, changing (school) boundaries and all the other things we are doing."
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ONGOING MONTHLY EVENTS

(1st and 3rd SUNDAY) — Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, 54, 734-5084.
(1st WEDNESDAY) — American Mothers, Inc. of Magic Valley monthly potluck meeting, noon, Bridgeview Retirement Center Great Room, Bridgeview Drive, Twin Falls, new members welcome, 734-9397.
(1st THURSDAY) — The Idaho Outdoor Fielders Association (OIFA) District 6B meeting, jamming at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:45 p.m. and jamming afterward, meeting locations may vary, 735-1580.

(1st FRIDAY) — "First Fridays," Live Bluegrass with Strings Attached and Eric Etneswood in Rudy's live kitchen, food tasting and beverages sold by the glass, 6 to 9 p.m., Rudy's A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, 733-5477.
(1st FRIDAY) — "First Friday Dinner," a buffet-style, traditional Basque meal sponsored by the Gooding Basque Association, 6 to 8:30 p.m., the Basque Cultural Center at the intersection of Highways 26 and 46 in Gooding, general donation of \$14 (seniors eat for \$12), 208-352-4266 or 308-5051.
(1st and 3rd FRIDAY) — Bingo,

sponsored by the Gooding County Historical Society, 7 to 10 p.m., Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St., Gooding, \$11 per packet (20 tickets), 934-4412.
(2nd MONDAY) — The Mini-Cassia Retired Educators meeting, 11 a.m., More's, Burley, 438-5917.
(2nd and 4th TUESDAY) — Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass focus (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick Lodge, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208) 670-4858 or robcurtis2@gmail.com.
(2nd SATURDAY) — Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., Silver and Gold Senior Center,

Eden, \$3.50 for seniors, \$5 for non-seniors, 825-5662.
(3rd TUESDAY) — Amputee Support Group, 7 p.m., Bridgeview Retirement Center, Twin Falls, 423-4421.
(3rd WEDNESDAY) — The Women's Board, a mentoring program/organization to promote dignity, grace, charm, civility and potential of young womanhood for young women at Burley High School, 3:30 p.m., at the school, Burley, 870-6266.
(3rd THURSDAY) — SIR, Sons in Retirement, at retired men are invited to attend, 1 p.m., Wayside Café, Heyburn, no dues, 438-4918.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Benefit for Tim Sites to be held in Wendell

WENDELL — A benefit concert and silent auction will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell Elementary School to help cover cancer treatment costs for Tim Sites.
The concert will include performers Ernie Sites, Johnny U. Andy Sites, Gary and Bev Stone, Dyrk Godby and Joe and Jacie Sites.

Several items will be available for silent auction and there will be a raffle for a 1920s doctor's buggy.
Cost for the concert is a \$20 suggested donation and raffle tickets are \$10 each.
For more information, call Ernie Sites at 404-1157. Donations can also be made at any D.L. Evans Bank.

Free family fair planned for Saturday in Burley

BUHLEY — The Free Annual Family Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Burley High School.
A variety of classes will be offered for adults including, Cost of Entering College and Finding Aid, Domestic and Date Violence, Meth-Devil's Drug in our Community, Survival Skills in Today's World, Love and Logic Parenting, Effects on Children Witnessing Violence, Taekwondo and Physical Fitness, Recognizing Symptoms of Mental Illness, Guiding Against Identity Theft, Personal Fitness and Yoga, Helping and Understanding your Teenager and Suicide Prevention. Children four and older can participate in a magic

and puppet show in the Little Theatre and make-it and take-it rooms in the rooms behind the stage. There will also be several booth displays by various organizations.
Those attending will receive a free tote bag and poster and there will be a drawing for bicycles and other prizes. Hot dogs, nachos, tortillas and cotton candy will be available for purchase. Following the fair will be a free Family Matters Concert at 4 p.m. in the King Fine Arts Center. The concert will feature award-winning performer Steve James and guest artists. The events are sponsored by the Cassia County School District and the Mini-Cassia Child Protection Team.

Gooding woman to celebrate 90th

GOODING — Vera Wilson will celebrate her 90th birthday at an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at DeSano Place, 545 Nevada St.
Wilson was born April 1, 1917, in Gooding.
She married Earl Wilson in 1942 in Fairfield and has lived in the Camas County area all of her life.
She has been active in the Rebekah Lodge and has been a

4-H leader for more than 20 years.
Children include Lee (Mary) Wilson of Boise and Anne (Larry) Pullan of Twin Falls.
She has one grandchild and one great-grandchild.



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Wolf

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Montana St. home. Wolf peered through the window curtains several times, armed himself and remained barricaded there for a five-hour standoff with law enforcement, according to a Gooding County Sheriff's affidavit.
When SWAT burst through the backdoor, Wolf fired five times and missed, before SWAT subdued him with a non-lethal electrical charge.
In 1982, the year John Hinckley was found crazy and therefore not guilty of trying to assassinate President Reagan, Idaho junked the insanity defense.
Today, being insane or developmentally disabled cannot shield a defendant from charges. They may only

soften a judge's sentence.
If Wolf is found incompetent to understand the charges against him, as Fuller keeps pressing, a district judge will have to reconsider his prosecution.
Fuller's law office declined to comment Thursday.
A doctor who testified at an earlier competency hearing in magistrate court said keeping Wolf competent will require controlling his stress levels and keeping him medicated.
Wolf's next hearing has not yet been scheduled.

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Fire

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44,500 acres scorching by last season's fires. Crews also sown grass seeds from the sky on over 97,000 acres.
Buffall said these routine projects are essential to maintain and improve the health of public lands. To volunteer in these efforts, contact the BLM at 308-4198.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers the environment. He welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@ec.net.

These projects come on the heels of winter-long seeding efforts when bureau and contracted crews drilled-planted grass, forbs and shrub seeds on

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E. Idaho state park likely dead after Otter's veto

By John Miller
Associated Press writer
BOISE — Gov. CL "Butch" Otter used his line-item veto Thursday to kill funding for a new \$3 million state park along the Snake River in eastern Idaho.

It was his sixth veto of the legislative session, though one — a ban on smoking in bowling alleys — was overridden.
Known as Rising River, the site near Blackfoot includes wetlands along 4.5 miles of shoreline. It was chosen last year by a panel that included lawmakers, county officials and eastern Idaho business and



civil leaders.
The park was part of former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposed "Experience Idaho" plan to improve and expand the 30 parks currently overseen by the state Department of Parks and Recreation. Kempthorne said growing eastern Idaho didn't have enough state parks, compared with other regions.
But Otter said the new park

was problematic for several reasons. The cost of developing it was prohibitive, at a time when the state already had a multimillion-dollar repair backlog at its existing parks, he said.

In addition, Rising River includes a stand of black cottonwoods that requires regular flooding for the trees to survive. Improvements could endanger the trees, which are one of the site's chief attractions.

"We're not doing a good enough job of taking care of the parks we have," Otter told The Associated Press. "All the area we're buying is in the flood plain. If you do anything to stop

the flooding, then the cottonwoods die. Then the eagles go away."

In his veto, Otter killed a \$760,000 line item meant to purchase the property, from the total \$12.5 million Parks and Recreation budget. He also told Parks and Recreation Director Bob Meinen not to spend an additional \$2.14 million that budget writers set aside.

Meinen said the state has a parks maintenance and repair backlog of about \$20 million.

"The governor would like to see us buy that down, and I think that's a good idea," Meinen said, adding he thought a new park in the

region may be considered again.

"The question was raised, 'Was there a need for another park in eastern Idaho?'" he said. "If the support is not there, and it doesn't happen, I still think the area will grow. Sometime in the future, maybe it's something we'll consider again."

Otter didn't touch \$3 million set aside for a bridge at Eagle Island State Park west of Boise, also part of Kempthorne's "Experience Idaho" plan. Parks officials said the bridge is needed to help mine millions of dollars worth of gravel.

The state wants to sell the gravel to create "water features"

and to fund additional improvements at Eagle Island, on the Boise River.

Though he didn't originally recommend that money in his budget, Otter on Thursday raised the gravel scheme as an "innovative plan" that could be copied by other state parks.

Rep. Elaine Smith, D-Pocatello and a member of the park selection committee who supported the Rising River project, said she was disappointed by Otter's veto. The purchase of the land would have protected an important stretch of riverfront that is under pressure from private vacation home development, she said.

Teens to be tried as adults on rape charges

BOISE (AP) — Two 14-year-old boys will be tried as adults after an Ada County grand jury indicted them on felony rape and sexual assault charges.

Ramon Baeza and Nathan Whitney are accused of rape and forcible penetration with a foreign object in an alleged attack on a 14-year-old girl earlier this month. If convicted, they face a maximum penalty of life in prison.

They were indicted Tuesday, and are scheduled to enter pleas before 10th District Court Judge Cheri Copey on April 4. They are being held in the Ada County Jail on \$500,000 bond.

According to court documents, Meridian police said the two Meridian High School students confessed to sexually assaulting the girl, also a student at the high school. Prosecutors said Whitney told the girl was too intoxicated to consent when he had sex with her.

Authorities say at least six students from the school went to Baeza's home on March 9 where they drank alcohol, the Idaho Statesman reported.

Prosecutors said the victim passed out, and the boys allegedly raped her and while others came into the room, laughed and took photos and videos with their cell phones.

When the girl failed to wake up, Whitney and several other students allegedly put the teen in a car and left her at a park. She was found there that afternoon on the sidewalk, partially clothed.

The teen was treated at a local hospital, where her blood-alcohol level was nearly twice the legal limit, according to court records.

Two other boys and a girl, also 14-year-olds, Meridian High students, are charged with felony injury to a child in connection with leaving the unconscious girl at the park.

Search for mountain lion comes up empty

PLEASANTON, Calif. (AP) — Wildlife officials found no sign of a mountain lion under a house that police surrounded Thursday in this San Francisco Bay area suburb after residents reported seeing the animal.

Trappers climbed into the crawl space beneath the house and found no evidence that a mountain lion had been there, said Department of Fish and Game spokesman Kyle Orr.

Residents had been told to stay inside and teachers were instructed not to let children out for recess at an elementary school two blocks away. In recent weeks, neighbors reported several mountain lion sightings in the area, which borders the rural hill country about 30 miles east of San Francisco.

Searchers found no sign of a mountain lion near the house or the surrounding neighborhood, said police Lt. Tom Fenner. Tracks spotted around the house likely belonged to a raccoon or a domestic cat, Orr said.

Federal judge dismisses Paul Rhoades' death penalty appeals

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Several appeals from death row inmate Paul Rhoades have been denied in federal court.

U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge on Wednesday dismissed with prejudice Rhoades' claims in connection with the 1987 rape, kidnapping and murder of Idaho Falls teacher Susan Michelbacher. The ruling means that Rhoades may not seek review by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals or petition the U.S. Supreme Court to take up his case.

Rhoades was sentenced to death four times over — twice for the murder, kidnapping and rape of Michelbacher and twice for the murder and kidnapping of Blackfoot convenience store clerk Susan Baldwin. He has also been given two life sentences for the murder of Blackfoot convenience store clerk Nolan Haddon, in exchange for his

guilty plea. All the crimes happened in eastern Idaho during a three-week spree in February and March 1987, and all three murders were tried separately.

Lodge's ruling concerns only the Michelbacher case. Rhoades argued his sentence on several fronts, claiming in part that prosecutors violated his right against self-incrimination when they referred to the fact that he hadn't testified. Rhoades also claimed that prosecutors withheld some evidence from the defense, that instructions given to the jury lowered the constitutional standard of proof needed to convict him, and that the victim impact statement in his case was inadmissible, in addition to several other claims.

Lodge dismissed all of them, saying that in many instances there was no error and in others any error was so slight that it wouldn't have changed the outcome. "In short, the state's evi-

dence placed the murder weapon in Pettifoner's (Rhoades') hands, put him in the Michelbacher van, included him within a small pool of potential sources for the semen that was found in the victim's body, dropped an unexplained roll of cash in his pocket, and, arguably, had him taking responsibility for the crimes from his own mouth." Lodge wrote in his ruling.

Rhoades' attorney Oliver Winston Loewy with the Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho, said he was still reviewing the ruling and could not comment.

Monty Anderson, an attorney with the Idaho attorney general's office, said he was pleased.

"Oh yes, we're always happy to win in a capital case," Anderson said. "More than that, I'm just glad these cases are moving forward. It's important that we get these cases resolved as quickly as we can, and they've kind of dragged on for a while."

Idaho prison inmate pleads guilty to 1992 rape, kidnapping

COLUMBUS, Mont. (AP) — An Idaho prison inmate has pleaded guilty to kidnapping a Livingston woman from a highway rest stop in August 1992 and raping her.

William L. Bryant, 38, entered his pleas Wednesday in District Court. A sentencing date has not been set.

The plea ends a case that the victim prompted investigators to reopen nearly a decade after the attack. "I'm actually very happy for the victim," said Mori Woods, who was a Columbus police officer when the attack took place. "It's taken all these years, but now she doesn't have to look over her shoulder and wonder."

The woman did not attend the plea hearing. Information filed in District Court in Stillwater County said the woman, then 27, left Billings to drive to her home in Livingston at about 10:30 p.m. on Aug. 28, 1992. She stopped at an

Interstate 90 rest area near Park City to use the restroom.

The woman was walking back to her car when she saw a man walking toward a tow truck. As she unlocked her car, the man ran up to her with a gun in his hand, forced her into her car and then he forced her to perform a sex act on him while he drove, court documents said.

He left the highway near Columbus and headed north on a county road, where he told the woman to get out of the car and not to move for 20 minutes.

The woman flagged down a car and was taken to the Stillwater County sheriff's office. From there, she went to the Stillwater Hospital in Columbus, where she was examined and bodily fluids were taken as evidence.

At the time, only limited testing could be done on the evidence. The woman's description of her abductor didn't lead to an arrest.

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Arizona travel agency accused of helping illegal immigrants

By Jacques Billard
Associated Press writer

PHOENIX — Fourteen travel agency owners or employees were indicted on human smuggling and other charges for allegedly selling airline tickets they thought would be used by illegal immigrants, officials said Thursday.

While the charges against the employees were connected only to the sale of tickets to undercover officers conducting a sting, authorities said their analysis of records shows that the six travel agencies sold tickets to an estimated 6,800 illegal immigrants since mid-2005.

The undercover officers made it clear they were arranging travel for illegal immigrants and paid cash for dozens of one-way tickets across the nation. The travel agencies offered advice on being discreet at airports, authorities said.

"They were so blatant about it, because they hadn't been touched," said Lt. Vince PIANO of the Phoenix Police Department. "They would say: 'OK, you need to dress them like this. You need to walk them in through this. Does he have an ID?'"

Hart Graves, a spokesman for the Arizona Department of Public Safety, said the travel agency employees were working independently of one another when they sold the tickets.

The bust marked another example of authorities trying to chip away at businesses that help smugglers transport their immigrant customers.

More than two years ago, nearly two dozen used-car workers were indicted on charges of faking documents and committing other crimes to help sell vehicles to smugglers, known as "coyotes." Authorities said the vehicles were used to ferry drugs and illegal immigrants from Mexico.

"First the used car dealers, now the travel agencies who make it possible for the coyotes to do their work," said Attorney General Terry Goddard. "These are the critical facilitators, without whom it would be impossible to

move large numbers of people around the country."

Phoenix, located 180 miles from the Mexican border, serves as a hub for transporting illegal immigrants across the country.

Smugglers sneak immigrants across the border, bring them to stash houses in Phoenix and make their travel arrangements.

If immigrants are to be

blown to their final destinations, smugglers buy tickets for their customers and, in many cases, drive them to McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, investigators said.

The traffickers are drawn to the Las Vegas airport because of tighter immigration security at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, said Roger Vanderpool, director of

the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

The 14 travel agency employees were charged with the state crime of human smuggling because they were aiding in immigrant trafficking, authorities said. Some faced charges of money laundering, conspiracy, racketeering and participating in fraudulent schemes.

"I am speechless," said 38-

year-old Carmen Cortez of Phoenix, who is charged with human smuggling and illegally conducting an enterprise.


"That's all I have to say."

At another agency, 44-year-old Nicholas Toronto of Scottsdale said he didn't know anything about similar charges against him.

"I have no idea what you are talking about," Toronto said when told of the charges.


Goddard said the initial tip that led to the investigation came from a money laundering case that tracked the wire transfers of suspected immigrant smuggling proceeds. The tip led police to a stash house where they found 30 illegal immigrants, plane tickets and itineraries.

Goddard said investigators found the names of travel agencies in the stash house.



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Rancher gets jail after fatal car-cow crash

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — A rancher blamed for a loose cow that caused a fatal car wreck was sent to jail for 30 days during an emotional court hearing that included references to John Wayne and a Wild West gun duel.

Kimberly Johnson's relatives pleaded with 1st District Judge Gordon Low to order the maximum one-year jail sentence for Darrell Kunzler, 71.

"Unless you've lost a child you cannot imagine how it feels," her father, Milton Tucker, said. "One year in jail is a very short time compared to Kim's family spending a lifetime without her because of his actions."

Johnson, 40, of Auburn, Wash., died in November 2004 when her Subaru Legacy crashed into a Black Angus cow on State Road 30, west of Logan. Two children, 14 and 10, survived. They were visiting family members during Thanksgiving.

In December, Kunzler of Benson pleaded no contest to reckless endangerment, a misdemeanor.


The judge received 126 letters supporting the rancher, and many allies filled the northern Utah courtroom Wednesday.

During a court hearing in 2005, police described Kunzler as a careless rancher who had a history of failing to keep his fences in good shape.

His attorney, Greg Skordas, called it unfair and said Kunzler often helped neighbors round up their wayward cattle.

"He, in another day, would have been John Wayne. In the '70s and '80s, they gave you a trophy for that," Skordas said. "In this day of political correctness, they give you a misdemeanor."

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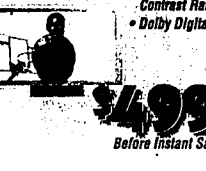


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WEST

Spring storms spawn twisters that kill at least 4 people

By Colleen Stevin
Associated Press writer

HOLLY, Colo. — A woman flung into a tree by a tornado that plowed through a southeastern Colorado farm town died of her injuries Thursday after a spring storm sprawling from the Rockies to the Plains spawned dozens of twisters that killed at least four people, authorities said.

Sixty-five tornadoes were reported in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska on Wednesday, the National Weather Service said. The 28-year-old woman, identified as Rosemary Rosales, was found critically injured in a tree after a tornado as wide as two football fields destroyed several homes and damaged dozens of others in Holly, a town of 1,000 people some 235 miles southeast of Denver and six miles from the Kansas state line.

She died after being airlifted to a Colorado Springs hospital, Coroner Joe Gladstone said. At least seven people in Holly were hurt when the tornado skipped for a mile-and-a-half through town and surrounding areas late Wednesday.

"All they heard was this big ugly noise, and they didn't have no time to run," said Victoria Rosales, the victim's sister.

She said the woman and her husband, Gustavo Puga, were in the kitchen and their 3-year-old daughter, Noelia, was sleeping in a front room when the tornado hit. Puga was holding onto Noelia when they

were found, said Oscar Puga, his brother.

Puga and Noelia were in fair condition at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, hospital spokesman Mark Goldberg said.

Five other people were taken to hospitals as far away as Denver. One was listed in fair condition and another was described as stable. No other information was available.

Rescuers said they believed everyone had been accounted for in the town.

Five buildings were destroyed and more than 50 were damaged, said Chris Sorensen, a spokesman for the emergency response team.

Snapped utility poles, downed power lines, tree limbs and debris littered streets and pieces of metal and insulation were wrapped around trees as residents sifted through their belongings under sunny skies Thursday.

Using chain saws, rakes and in some cases earth-moving equipment, they began the long cleanup process as utility crews tried to restore power.

One woman whose house was destroyed wept as she searched for a wedding ring.

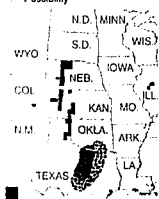
The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Small Business Administration were sending personnel to assess damage and the town's needs. Gov. Bill Ritter said after surveying the damage, fired Cross workers, meanwhile, distributed food and clothing from a Holly school being used as a shelter.

Tornadoes slam the Midwest

At least four deaths were attributed to sixty-five tornadoes that struck in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska on Wednesday.

Tornado forecast for 3 p.m. Thurs. through 12:01 a.m. Fri.

- Highest probability of severe weather
- Moderate probability
- Possibility



Confirmed tornadoes from 6 p.m. Wednesday to 12:01 a.m. Thursday

SOURCE: Weather Underground AP

"We're going to do everything we can to help the people of this town," Ritter said, praising residents' can-do spirit. "They had just rolled up their sleeves and began the hard work."

Paul Wolyn, science operations officer for the National Weather Service in Pueblo, said a severe thunderstorm warning for the area had expired about 15 minutes before the



A man stands in U.S. 270 while a driver slows as a tornado crosses the highway east of the Northern Natural Gas Plant in Beaver County, Okla., Wednesday.

tornado hit. The weather service issued a tornado warning at 7:57 p.m. Wednesday, "after we first heard of the tornado hitting," Wolyn said.

"We obviously will review the case to improve our forecasts," he said.

The NWS previously had said it had issued a tornado warning at 8:02 p.m. and that the twister was spotted nine minutes later.



Church leader's health good as Mormons gather for semi-annual conference

By Jennifer Deboer
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — When Gordon B. Hinckley, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, fell ill last year, church convert Nora Healey prayed.

"Every morning and every night," said Healey, of Fillmore, who, with her husband, is on a service mission for the church at its Family History Library here.

In January 2006, Hinckley, then 95, had surgery to remove a cancerous growth from his colon but little was said about his condition or recovery. Then at the spring installment of the religion's biannual conference, Hinckley said he was "in the sunset of his life," prompting speculation about his future at the head of the church.

Mormons gather twice yearly to hear faith-promoting, inspirational words from church leaders. This year's event begins Saturday, with Hinckley expected to take the podium in the first of five conference sessions.

"President Hinckley's doing great," church spokeswoman Kim Farah said Thursday.

The two-day conference draws more than 100,000 to the church conference center in downtown Salt Lake City and the proceedings are broadcast on television, radio and the Internet in 89 languages.

The April gathering last year



Gordon B. Hinckley, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, arrives for the church's semi-annual general conference Sept. 30, 2006, in Salt Lake City.

was underscored by concern for Hinckley, who skipped giving an opening address to members for the first time in his presidency.

By October, however, a more robust, energetic Hinckley said doctors called his recovery miraculous.

"I know that the favorable results come from my many prayers on my behalf," Hinckley said.

Praying for the church president, whom Mormons revere as "prophet, seer and revelator" isn't unusual, said Don Nelson, who helps manage and train missionaries at the library.

Most Mormons will include Hinckley, his counselors and other church leaders in daily prayers.

"But when he was ill, well then of course you include a special mention that he will be comforted and blessed and healed," said Nelson, of West Richland, Wash.

This year, Hinckley marks the 177th anniversary of the church's founding as the oldest-ever president of the church. He hit that mark in December, at the age of 96 years, 133 days, passing David O. McKay, president of the church between 1951 and 1970.

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Democratic budget plan gets through House — assuming tax cuts expire

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — House Democrats pushed their budget blueprint to passage Thursday, promising a big surplus in five years by allowing tax cuts passed in President Bush's first term to expire.

The plan would award spending increases next year to both the Pentagon and domestic programs, but defers difficult decisions about unsustainable growth in federal benefit programs such as Medicare.

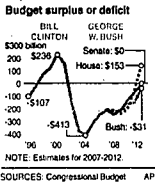
The 216-210 vote sets up negotiations with the Senate, which last week passed a budget blueprint with spending increases similar to the House plan. The Senate plan would not generate surpluses since it assumes lawmakers will renew the most popular of the tax cuts due to expire at the end of 2010.

Twelve Democrats, mostly from GOP-leaning states such as Indiana, opposed the budget plan.

Democrats said the \$2.9 trillion plan for next year would point the way to a surplus after years of red ink under Bush and a GOP-controlled Congress. Republicans con-

Blueprint for budget

The House Democrats' budget blueprint promises a \$153 billion surplus in 2012.



likely be decided after the 2008 presidential election, with their fate depending on the balance of power after the election and on the fiscal outlook at that time. Republicans said increased spending now would put reversal of the tax cuts at a disadvantage when they are considered.

Republicans had hoped for permanent tax cuts when originally fashioning them in 2001, but an obscure Senate rule prevented that. They never held subsequent votes to make all of them permanent, despite Bush's annual calls to do so.

The 2001 and 2003 tax cuts have lowered rates on income, investments and large estates, and contained tax breaks for married couples and people with children, among others.

Congress' annual debate on the budget is guided by an arcane process of adopting a binding budget resolution sets the stage for subsequent bills affecting taxes and benefit programs such as Medicare, as well as the annual appropriations bills.

In most years, Congress leaves alone difficult budget issues and simply focuses on the 12 annual bills funding the budgets of Cabinet agencies such as Defense, Education

and Agriculture.

This year is likely to be such a stand-pat year.

The House plan would award domestic agencies, on average, budget increases of 6 percent over current levels, far less than the under 1 percent increases Bush recommended. Increases under the companion Senate measure are about 4 percent.

Extending the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts would cost about \$250 billion in 2012 alone, which would halloon to \$390 billion after accounting for extending other tax cuts and adjusting the alternative minimum tax so it does not ensnare over 20 million more middle-class taxpayers.

Democratic leaders view passing a congressional budget plan as a key test of their ability to govern. The GOP-controlled Congress failed to pass a budget last year, which fouled up passage of the annual spending bills lawmakers need to pass each year.

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U.S. official says Russian espionage at Cold War levels

By Desmond Bacher
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Russia has fully restored its espionage capabilities against the United States after a period of decline following the Cold War, a senior U.S. counterintelligence official said Thursday.

John Brenner, the head of the Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive, said the United States is concerned that Russia is continuing to ramp up its operations.

"The Russians are now back at Cold War levels in their efforts against the United States," he said at an event held by the American Bar Association. "They are sending over an increasing and troubling number of intelligence agents."

The comments come at a time of greater tension between the two countries, as Russian officials have expressed frustration at what they see as U.S. foreign policy unrestrained by consultation with other world powers, including Russia. They have also criticized the expansion of NATO into the former Soviet sphere of influence.

Data theft from at least 45.7 million cards believed to be biggest hack

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — A hacker or hackers stole data from at least 45.7 million credit and debit cards of shoppers at off-price retailers including T.J. Maxx and Marshalls in a case believed to be the largest such breach of consumer information.

For the first time since disclosing the theft more than two months ago, the parent company of nearly 2,500 discount stores put a number on how much card data was compromised — and it's a number T.J. Maxx acknowledges could go still higher.

Experts say T.J.'s disclosures in a regulatory filing late Wednesday revealed security holes that persist at many firms entrusted with consumer data: failure to promptly delete data on customer transactions, and to guard secrets about how such data is protected through encryption.

"It's not clear when information was deleted, it's not clear who had access to what, and it's not clear whether the data kept in all these files was encrypted, so it's very hard to know how big this was," said Deepak Taneja, chief executive of Aveksa, a Waltham, Mass.-based firm that advises companies on information security.

The case has led banks to reissue cards to customers as a precaution against further fraud, and was detected as far away as Sweden and Hong Kong, according to the Massachusetts Bankers Association, which is tracking fraud reports linked to Framingham, Mass.-based T.J. Maxx, parent company of stores across North America and the United Kingdom.

The only arrests believed tied to the case involve a gift scam in which 10 people are suspected of buying data from the T.J. Maxx cards to purchase Wal-Mart gift cards in northern Florida. The group — who aren't believed to have committed the T.J. Maxx breach — used the cards to buy \$1 million worth of electronics and jewelry at Wal-Mart's Sam's Club stores, according to Gainesville, Fla., police.

Information from 45.7 million cards was stolen from

transactions beginning in January 2003 and ending Nov. 23 of that year, T.J. said in the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission after business hours Wednesday. T.J. did not estimate the number of cards from which information was stolen for transactions occurring from Nov. 24, 2003, to June 28, 2004.

T.J. said about three-quarters of the 45.7 million cards had either expired at the time of the theft, or the stolen information didn't include security code data from the cards' magnetic strips. Starting in September 2003, T.J. began masking the codes by storing them in computers as asterisks rather than numbers, the company said.

The filing also said another 455,000 customers who returned merchandise without receipts had their data stolen, including drivers license numbers.

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Discovery at Celebration Park



The historic Guffey Railroad Bridge now only provides foot traffic access for adventuresome hikers.

Photos by MIKE COBURN for the Times-News

Idaho's only archeological park in Canyon County

By Mike Coburn
Times-News correspondent

Tucked away in Canyon County's southeast corner along the banks of the Snake River, Celebration Park makes for a marvelous find.

Heralded as Idaho's only archaeological park, this recreational area offers discovery and education to visitors rang-

ing from children to professional archaeologists.

While without the promotion and funding that supports the state park system, this attraction has plenty to brag about, as evidenced by the 65,000 visitors who saw it last year. Included in those numbers, points out Tom Blizak, director of county parks, were approximately 15,000 youngsters who were part of school

field visits. And this year won't be any less busy — the 2007 calendar for public and private school trips is booked solid.

Celebration Park's main draw certainly is its numerous petroglyphs, inscribed by those who roamed the landscape between 100 to 10,000 years ago. With a couple hundred boulders bearing some form of rock art, one might

assume that finding them should be easy.

The area's plain is littered with thousands of boulders from the Bonneville Flood. But the finding can be somewhat challenging when searching solo.

A brochure for those on their own offers help; look also for well-traveled pathways through the stone maze leading to exciting discoveries.

Once found, the etchings offer an almost magical quality, in part because exactly what they may resemble and why they were created is often in the eye of the beholder. Many obviously look like animals, humans, or objects; others are more obscure, escaping a clear consensus of understanding even by trained eyes.

In addition to the artwork, the park impresses with other features from more recent chapters of the region's history book. The most obvious of these is the Guffey Railroad Bridge, with construction beginning in 1894, to bring silver ore back from the nearby Owyhee Mountains. This majestic span has been refurbished to allow foot traffic access to public lands across the Snake River.

Several miles upstream, hikers can claim that they've been near the spot where the first cattle entered Idaho when it was known only as a territory. Also upstream lie remnants of a gold camp at Halverson Bar, with origins to the late 1800s. Here miners sought out flour gold deposited over the eons by the mighty Snake.

In addition to guided tours highlighting the petroglyphs and bridge, or independent hikes up either side of the river, the park provides many other means to experience the area. Programs offered between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily and exhibits help educate about the area's past human inhabitants, as well as present wildlife. For those

If you go ...

Celebration Park can be accessed best by driving south from Nampa through Malba to the intersection of Sinker Road and Warren Spur Road.

From there travel 3 miles south on Sinker Road, which follows the old railroad grade to the river.

The park has a visitor center, picnic areas, overnight camping (no RV hook-ups), and a boat ramp.

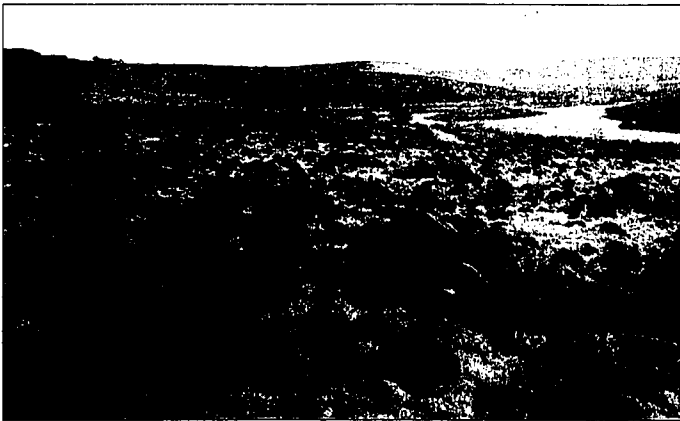
For information on programs and other activities call 495-2745 or go to the Web site www.canyoncounty.org/parks_recreation.php.

wanting a more hands-on activity, an all-terrain vehicle gives visitors a chance to throw spear-like projectiles, called darts, using ancient methods.

For anyone thinking of visiting in May, the destination will provide special events that tie in with Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month. Also on the horizon this spring, the park will break ground on a museum that will offer a wide variety of benefits to recreation, research, and education.

But whether you go now, or delay a trip to take advantage of upcoming extras, the main thing is — go! And as director Blizak adds, for visitors new to the region wanting a taste of what the "West" was all about, there might be no better place than Celebration Park.

THE LANDSCAPE

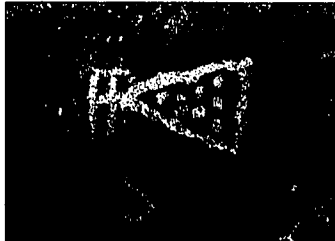


Bonneville Flood boulders set the scene at Celebration Park.

THE FINDS YOU MAY SPOT



Some boulders contain an incredibly rich mix of etchings.



All petroglyphs can be viewed up close, such as this six-inch wide symbol.

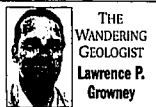


Many engravings defy easy explanation.

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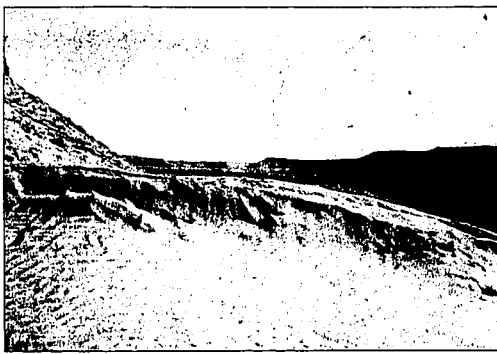
The ideal earth science fieldtrip

The beauty of basic geology is that it provides a window to nearly all of the physical science and engineering disciplines. I have always felt that the more a student has an opportunity to experience the spectrum of career possibilities, the happier and more productive he or she will be later in life. But to be most effective, this education needs to be made no later than the junior high level so that the student still has the time to take the classes needed to succeed at the college level.



THE WANDERING GEOLOGIST
Lawrence P. Grouney

In this vein, then, I devote this episode to a location where teachers can take children to experience almost the entire range of geology found in the Snake River Plain in a very small area that is easily accessible to school buses and where the ground is not muddy even when wet. I refer to the Snake River Canyon from the Bliss Dam downstream for one mile along a sandy road. To reach this area, take I-84 exit 129 or 131 and follow off Highway 20 to the sign at the intersection directing one to the Bliss Power Plant. Drive beyond the buildings through a roadcut to a large turnaround and park here. The sandy road begins at this turn around and continues downstream. This road sits on the terrace created by the Bonneville Flood of 15,000



Dune formation occurring on the Bonneville Flood terrace above the Snake River one mile downstream from the Bliss powerplant.

years ago. The sand which makes the surface and extends uphill to the basalt in the cliff was deposited by the flood. Notice that the winds that blow through the canyon have formed some small sand dunes. This would be the perfect opportunity to talk about dune formation. Across the river, you will note a similar terrace. The higher plateau beyond the terrace on the south side consists of 2- to 4-million-year-old Lake Idaho deposits which contain many fossils. Some of these can be seen at the Hagerman Fossil Beds museum in downtown Hagerman. The Bonneville Flood terrace was created when the flood stripped the softer lake sediments off the top of the Banbury Basalt. This basalt is visible across the river and

around the dam. It extends from the terrace to below the river level. You can get a closer look at this basalt in the roadcut you drove through to reach the turnaround. This is the oldest geological unit visible with an age in this area of between 4 and 8 million years. Notice that it looks different than the 50,000 year old McKinley Basalt flows of the canyon wall. Sand finally, there is a tiny landslide in the terrace on the south side of the river about one mile beyond the turnaround. Look for two wide cracks on the terrace just above a stretch of rapids. The rapids are a result of the rocks left in the stream after the soft material was washed away. What is causing this failure? So let's see if I can provide

you with a succinct geological chronology that is more helpful than confusing. From oldest to youngest: Rhyolite (not visible) — Banbury Basalt (somewhere between 4-8 million years) — Lake Idaho sediments (2-4 million years) — McKinley Basalt (50,000 years) — Bonneville Flood (15,000 years) — Sand Dunes (less than 13,000) — Landslide (very recent and still moving). Children love to be outdoors, so combine fun and learning by including a visit to this location as a part of your science curriculum. Lawrence Grouney is the past president of the Idaho Association of Professional Geologists. He welcomes e-mail at larrygrouney@aol.com.

Will work for access

Fish and Game offers to fix fences for admittance to private lands

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

JEROME — Have huntable land and need your fence mended?

Access Yes!, an Idaho Department of Fish and Game program designed to expand hunting opportunities to private lands, could provide the repair for nearly no cost. The program compensates landowners who open their property to hunters. But in Magic Valley this year, Access Yes! isn't about the money. Fish and Game may offer to repair fences, develop wildlife habitat, hand over a big game tag — payment method is open to negotiation.

The department is short on cash and hopes landowners are receptive to alternate forms of compensation. If landowners bite, the program could be expanded to the rest of the state, said Kelton Hatch, a regional conservation educator with the department.

"The new Access Yes! pilot program is going to be a lot more user friendly," said Steve Elam, Fish and Game biologist. "In the past, we have always been limited by the amount of money available. Now we have several options

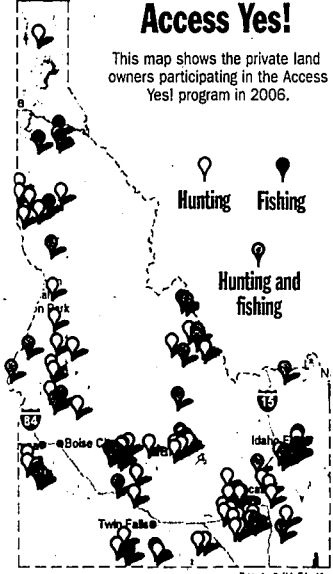
so we can customize a program for nearly any landowner and hopefully be able to acquire more sportsmen's access to private lands."

A five-person committee reviews the bids and recommends to the department the properties that best fit the program. Last year, 38 landowners enrolled 164,000 acres of private land in Magic Valley, where hunters bagged big and small game, waterfowl and fish.

Landowners may still set rules for hunters, including how many hunters can be on the property at a given time, when they're allowed to hunt and how they may travel on the land.

To bid your private acre, visit the department's Magic Valley headquarters at 319 S. 417 E. in Jerome, check out the Fish and Game Web site at <http://www.fishandgame.idaho.gov> or call Elam at 324-4359. Property owners have until the end of this month to sign up.

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Access Yes!

This map shows the private land owners participating in the Access Yes! program in 2006.

Fish and Game releases regional fish reports

For the Times-News

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has launched a weekly from-the-bank kind of view of fishing around Idaho on the agency's Website.

Information for this report is gathered weekly from local Fish and Game fishery managers, tackle shops, outfitters and anglers. The feature focuses on where the fish are biting, what anglers are catching and what they're using to catch them. It also includes ice conditions, and any runoff and other potential hazards.

"In my opinion, Idaho has the best fishing anywhere," Fish and Game Director Cal Groen said. "With Fish and Game's weekly fishing

reports, anglers are just a click away from knowing where the fish are biting pretty much anywhere in the state. This is the first of many new customer oriented features we are working on for the Fish and Game Website to bring more timely information to anyone interested in Idaho's outdoors."

Idaho has more than 10 world-class blue-ribbon wild trout streams, including the Hells Fork, Silver Creek and the St. Joe River scattered throughout the state. Many other high-quality trout streams exist, and the new reports will help anglers find these spots.

Idaho's rugged mountains contain more than 1,500 high mountain lakes with good trout fishing. And the many

large lakes and reservoirs provide a wide variety of fishing for warm- and cold-water species. Perhaps best of all, most of these fishing waters are on public lands and are open to the public — access is free.

In addition, Idaho is the only inland western state with ocean-run salmon and steelhead. When conditions are right, the hatchery part of these runs provide some exciting fishing. State records are 54 pounds for salmon and 30 pounds, 2 ounces for steelhead.

Learn where to catch these hunks. The fishing reports are found on the regional report section of the Fishing page on the Fish and Game Website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>

/vms/fish/reports/. These weekly fishing reports are listed by Fish and Game's state regions — Panhandle, Clearwater, the McCall and Nampa subregions, Magic Valley, Southeast, Upper Snake and Salmon.

Below each region's weekly fishing report is additional regional and other general fishing information that pertains to that region. The regional reports also include links to Family Fishing Waters, with family-oriented fishing opportunities and simplified rules. In these areas the seasons are year-around, a general six-fish limit for trout, bass, walleye and pike and no bag limit on other species. There are no length limits or tackle requirements.

Idaho's early season hikers have choices

By Pete Zimowski
The Idaho Statesman

BOISE — It's early morning and the sun is cutting its way across the jagged cliffs on the other side of the Snake River in Hells Canyon. Coffee's brewing in the French press, and backpackers are crawling out of their tents after a heavy sleep in the canyon.

Backpacking in March? Yes that's the beauty of Idaho and its diverse elevations. Idaho's topography varies from around 1,000 feet in Hells Canyon to 12,655 feet on Borah Peak in the Lost River Range.

But forget anything 5,000 feet and higher because it's under snow at this time of year. Early spring is the time to hike Idaho's deep canyons and high desert. You get to escape the snow and see the canyons before scorching summer temperatures set in.

A hawk glides on the air currents over Bruneau Canyon, gently lifting and diving with the wind. The muffled roar of the Bruneau River echoes through the 1,000-foot volcanic canyon about 80 miles southeast of Boise. The high desert plateau still has a nip in the air. Wildflowers haven't started to bloom quite yet. But that doesn't matter.

The weather's perfect for a desert hike and a picnic at the rim of this rugged canyon.

A jackrabbit blasts out of the sagebrush as hikers walk along. Eight pronghorns run across the sage-grassland horizon.

Look closely and you'll also see a bald eagle on a fence post. Birds of prey take any high spot they can get. It's flat and rolling for as far as the eyes can see, so the fence post will have to do.

Early spring is a great time to lace up the hiking boots and head out in Idaho's canyons or high desert for a trek, whether it's a backpacking trip or a day hike. Bruneau Dunes State Park is a natural choice for spring hiking. You can hike the state park's sand dunes or take the 5-mile trail. Whatever you do, climbing the dunes is pretty strenuous.

The 5-mile trail goes up and down and around the dunes and will test your stamina. Whether you're hiking or sitting at a picnic table, the 12,000-year-old dunes are shifting right before your eyes. Any evidence of visitors is erased each time the wind blows.

You'll also find a campground with full hookups or a day-use area for a picnic. The

motorized vehicle entry fee is \$14.

The area supports all kinds of wildlife, from the Western white-tailed lizard to Canada geese. You also might see swans on the nearby Snake River.

The more strenuous Hells Canyon area offers one of the earliest backpacking trips in Idaho. It's also a good day hike if you prefer to car camp at the trailhead. The Snake River Trail in Hells Canyon can offer pleasant hiking as early as late February.

You can do a day hike into the U.S. Forest Service's Kirkwood Historic Ranch or make it a weekend backpacking trip. It's just under 7 miles long, so it will be about 14 miles round trip in a day.

The area near the ranch has picnic tables, a museum and even flush toilets, which make it one of the most cushy backpack trips in the state.

If you prefer to go farther on a backpack trip, it's about 9 miles to Suicide Point, an impressive overlook; 15 miles to Sheep Creek Ranch; 21 miles to Bernard Creek Cabin; 20 miles to Granite Creek; or 30 miles to Butler Bar, the end of a developed trail on the Idaho side of the river.

You'll find developed camping at Lower Pittsburg

Landing Campground. It has 28 units with a parking space, tent pad, campfire grill, picnic table and shade screen. Take your own water. Restrooms available. Fee: \$6.

Undeveloped camping with rest rooms is available at Upper Pittsburg Landing, where the trailhead for the Snake River National Recreation Trail is located.

There are six walk-in tent camping sites available near the river and trailhead. It also has picnic tables. Take your own water.

The Bruneau River has been cutting a path through a 1,000-foot canyon in the Owyhee Desert for 2 million years. Here's your chance to just walk up to the Bruneau Canyon rim and look over the side. Don't get dizzy.

This incredible canyon is only a 2-hour drive from Boise and can be an easy day hike. It's the perfect place for a picnic.

But what's even better is that the Idaho Centennial Trail, which goes from Nevada to Canada, is right next to the overlook.

It's an easy hike if you only take a stroll for a couple hundred yards and take in the smell of sagebrush and the sounds of the wind and birds. Of course, if you want to hike about 50 miles to the Nevada line, go for it.

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Yellowstone snowmobile proposal calls for 720 a day

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press writer

LIVINGSTON, Mont. — Snowmobiles would become a permanent winter fixture in Yellowstone National Park under a proposal released Tuesday that would allow up to 720 lower-polluting machines in the park each day.

That would continue interim rules in place for the past three winters, although actual snowmobile use never reached the cap and averaged about 250 machines per day.

The proposal represents a setback for conservation groups and some former park employees who had sought an outright ban on snowmobiles in the park.

The National Park Service tried to impose such a ban in 2000 but it was never enacted due to a string of legal challenges. In the 1990s, as many as 1,400 snowmobiles a day visited Yellowstone, contributing noise and air pollution that critics in Congress and elsewhere said was inappropriate for the country's first national park.

Park administrators said Tuesday that changing technologies in the snowmobile industry — particularly the introduction of quieter, less-polluting four-stroke engines — allowed them to back off a ban and still reduce pollution. "It's a night and day change between the way it used to be and the way it is now," said John Sacklin of Yellowstone, who headed the team that drafted Tuesday's proposal.

But critics said snowmobiles in any significant numbers degrade the park and that visitors should be limited to bus-like snowcoaches. Seventy-

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— Yellowstone Superintendent Suzanne Lewis

eight snowcoaches per day would be allowed into the park under the park's proposal.

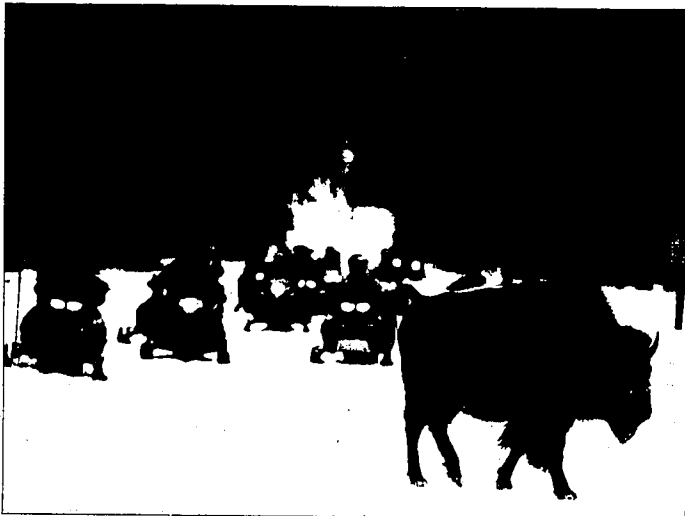
Denis Galvin, former deputy director of the National Park Service, said those snowcoaches "render snowmobiles as obsolete as stagecoaches."

"Their time has come and gone," he said.

Carbon monoxide pollution from snowmobiles, at 4,000 pounds a day under the current proposal, would be four times higher than the snow-coach-only alternative, the park service said.

Yet that represents just 6 percent of the 68,000 pounds of carbon monoxide released in 1999, when snowmobiles were still unregulated. Similar decreases versus historical levels were projected for hydrocarbon and particulate pollution.

Snowmobile advocates welcomed a proposal that brings the debate "full circle" since the proposed ban in 2000. "We've gone from being completely out of the park to sort of out of the park to in the park for sure," said Jack Welch, president of the pro-snowmobile



A lone bison crosses a road ahead of a group of snowmobilers in Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., Jan. 3, 2003. Snowmobiles would become a permanent winter fixture in Yellowstone National Park under a proposal released Tuesday that would allow up to 720 of the machines in the park daily.

BlueRibbon Coalition.

Others criticized the park service's proposal to force all snowmobile users to join guided trips, and to prohibit snowmobile travel through Yellowstone's east entrance due to perceived avalanche danger over a high-elevation mountain crossing, Sylvan Pass.

Snowshoers and skiers still

could access the park through the east gate under the proposal.

In neighboring Grand Teton National Park and along the Rockefeller Parkway, up to 140 snowmobiles would be allowed daily.

The new rules still face public review but are expected to be in place for the 2007-08 winter season, said Yellowstone

spokesman Al Nash.

Tuesday's proposal came out of an environmental study of winter activity in Yellowstone that considered options ranging from eliminating all motorized travel in the park to allowing 1,025 snowmobiles a day.

The impact statement concluded that the "environmentally preferable alternative" for the park would be no snowmo-

biles at all.

But Yellowstone Superintendent Suzanne Lewis said that does not meet other priorities of the park service such as allowing public access.

"The environment in which we live and manage the park within is much broader than the confines of an environmentally preferable alternative," she said.

Doing things the hard way

Author traces river runner's life and love for the Colorado River

By Bert Prellman
The Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY — Bert Loper had two loves in his sparse life: the Colorado River and his wife, Beulah. Just short of his 80th birthday the legendary river runner died in the arms of one of those loves: the muddy and turbid waters of the Colorado in Grand Canyon.

His death while running the river was, says Brad Dimock, the way the man "who did everything the very hard way" would have wanted it. It was, perhaps, the way he even would have planned his final moments.

"He fell in love with the river. It was a main part of his life and, in the end, the river is where Bert Loper most wanted to be," said Dimock, author of the recently released "The Very Hard Way: Bert Loper and the Colorado River." "He died with his mistress, not with his wife."

Less than a month from his 80th birthday, during a 1949 trip down the Grand Canyon, Loper suffered an apparent heart attack while rowing his homemade boat through a rapid. It was the last of an amazing run for Loper that represented the most comprehensive coverage of the Colorado River system by a single person.

"He ran more continuous miles of the Colorado than anyone," Dimock says. "There are people who have more overall miles, but they are missing huge chunks and they will never cover the places Bert did because of dams. Bert made a point of it when he was 70 to hit the chunks he missed, and he didn't write a book about it or go around beating his chest."

Some knew him as a lazy curmudgeon and others as one of the strongest human beings they ever met, but regardless of opinion, Loper made an impression on everyone.

"He was a salt-of-the-earth, homegrown, very poor, very hardworking American who, in spite of poverty, no educa-

tion and no family, found what he wanted and followed his dream," Dimock said. "Bert knew people from (Major John Wesley) Powell's trip to those who became the great motorboatmen of the '50s and '60s. He is a part of everyone's story and everyone is a part of his."

Born in Missouri in 1869, Loper, an orphan who was abused as a child, fled to Colorado in 1885 to work on an uncle's farm near Cortez. When his uncle no longer needed him, Loper found employment as a mule skinner, coal miner and silver miner.

With the silver mining boom slowing, Loper decided to pursue another precious metal, hearing of the gold that had been discovered on the San Juan River of southeastern Utah.

He arrived in Bluff in 1893, and while the gold panning turned out to be a bust, Loper found the love of his life on the muddy rivers of the desert southwest.

"He found the river and it spoke to him," Dimock said. "Loper started spending much of his time in a boat, on the San Juan, traveling up and down the river in search of likely placer gold deposits. He loved the part of the river and found a thrill in the river's sand waves and rapids."

Dimock postulates Loper began using a style of rowing — facing downstream while pulling the oars upstream to avoid obstacles — on the San Juan. Nathaniel Galloway is credited for the technique, but when Loper led an expedition through Cataract Canyon of the Colorado in 1907, he did so facing downstream, not ever having known Galloway and not having received news of his rowing style.

Loper liked the Colorado so much he lived along its banks for eight years, near Red Canyon in Glen Canyon. In a small cabin known as the Hermitage, which is now deep below the waters of Lake Powell.

His love for the Colorado grew, and his desire to see more of it led to his first

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— Brad Dimock, author of "The Very Hard Way: Bert Loper and the Colorado River"

planned expedition of Grand Canyon, in 1907. Loper was called a coward, however, when he was separated from two companions in the winter of 1907-08. They finished the adventure: Loper returned to his home in Glen Canyon.

Other planned expeditions for 1914 and 1923 never happened. Loper, however, only grew to love the West's great river even more.

He explored the tributaries of the Colorado, then was married in 1916, to Rachel Jamieson, of Torrey, who was more than 20 years his junior, and headed north to Idaho for a boat on the Salmon.

On that trip in Idaho, Loper began to again entertain the thought of floating the Grand Canyon. With the help of Don Harris, who in the book is painted more as a son than a friend, Loper finally made his long-dreamed-of trip through the Grand Canyon, in 1939.

He was 69 years old, and already a recognized icon of the river-running community. The 1939 trip elevated Loper to a legend and made newspaper headlines across the country, where he was called the "Grand Old Man of the Colorado."

At the end of the trip, Loper was reflective and proud. "And to think of the many years that I have wended my lonely way along some part of the Colorado water shed and with my blankets unrolled on some sand bar with the stary canopy of heaven over me have I dreamed not only of making this trip but of making it as we did make it with every one of those ferocious rapids in a conquered and to think I had to wait until I rounded out my three score and ten before the dream came true," Loper wrote, in his journals.

Before they had even left the water, he half-jokingly sug-

gested they do it again in another 10 years.

After heading scientific and government trips on the rivers for years, Loper became a tour guide in the 1940s, leading Boy Scouts and other paying customers on expeditions. The trips wore him out, but kept alive his new goal of floating the Colorado through Grand Canyon twice in his life.

Harris realized his mentor and old friend expected the trip to go on as planned a decade before, and on July 7, 1949, Loper was at the oars when the boat he built, Grand Canyon, was launched at Lees Ferry.

Harris had pleaded with Loper to ride on someone else's boat and, when that failed, made arrangements to have a skilled rower on Grand Canyon in case Loper needed to be spelled. Loper told them he would rather die than let another man take his oars.

On that first night around

the campfire Loper told the others he had been advised by numerous doctors to stay home, that his heart couldn't take the exertions of rowing a boat down the Colorado River. He asked, should he die, that they not allow his body to be taken from the canyon and that they promise to sign an affidavit of his death so his wife could get his pension money from his time served in the Spanish-American War.

Loper wrote about his idea of death not long before it came to pass.

"If I knew that on a certain day I was to pass on I would get in my boat and would land in Grand Canyon on that day for it seems to me that it would be such a nice place to pass on to one that loves the whole set up as I do."

Dimock, a river guide for 35 years and an author of other historical books on river running, felt a connection to Loper, who made significant sacrifices to spend time on his beloved river.

"He lived in poverty for a chance to live on the river," Dimock said. "He is respected by boatmen of today because he, like many of them, lived for the river and day to day because of it."

OUTDOORS BRIEFS

Turkey seminar to be held Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Hunter's Specialties Inc. is sponsoring a turkey seminar from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Sportsman's Warehouse, 1940 Bridgeview Blvd.

The seminar will feature JR Keller, a four-time Colorado State Turkey Calling champion. Topics include gear selection, game calling and game tactics.

Admission is free.

Late season ski rates available Saturday

SUNVALLEY — Late season rates will go into effect Saturday and will continue through the remainder of the ski season.

As much terrain as possible will remain open on both Dollar and Baldy mountains through Easter Sunday, April 8.

All skier services will continue to operate with the exception of Roundhouse which will close Saturday, as will the food service at Lookout. Restroom facilities will remain open.

Skiers are encouraged to check ski conditions daily for updated information regarding lift operations and open terrain. Please visit www.sunvalley.com or call 800-635-4150.

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Qwest, AT&T, Verizon win government telecom contract worth up to \$48B

Three companies have to compete for business of agencies; Sprint left out

By Dibya Sarkar
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Dealing a significant blow to Sprint, the government on Thursday awarded the largest-ever federal telecommunications contract — a 10-year deal worth up to \$48 billion — to its rivals AT&T, Qwest Communications and Verizon.

The three contract winners will split \$525 million, but beyond that they will have to

compete with each other for the business of dozens of federal agencies needing to enhance the quality and security of voice, video and data technologies, the General Services Administration announced.

Among the products federal agencies will choose from are Internet-based voice and video systems, wireless and satellite communications services and updated network infrastructure.

Several major departments, including Homeland Security and Treasury, have already signed onto the contract, though no specific deals are anticipated before summer.

While AT&T Inc., Qwest Communications International Inc. and Verizon

Inc. gained an important and deep-pocketed client, the announcement was a serious loss to Sprint Nextel Corp., analysts said, not least because the Houston, Va.-based company has been providing telecom services to the federal government for nearly 20 years.

Earlier this year, Sprint announced thousands of job cuts amid service troubles, a dwindling customer base and difficulty assimilating Nextel Communications, which it acquired in December 2004. Sprint shares are down roughly 20 percent from a year ago and the company is forecasting near-flat operating revenue and earnings this year.

"It's terrible for Sprint," said technology consultant Warren

"It's terrible for Sprint. The federal government was Sprint's first major customer since the company started."

— Technology consultant Warren Suss of Jenkintown, Pa. on Sprint not being awarded a government contract

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While current GSA officials would not say why Sprint lost out, Bob Woods, a former official at the agency who now works as a consultant, surmised that Sprint could not meet the low prices of its competitors. Woods estimated that Sprint could lose roughly \$200 million to \$250 million annual-

ly in existing government business.

Executives from Sprint plan to meet with GSA officials next week to discuss why their contract proposal fell short, and the company will decide afterward whether to file a protest, spokeswoman Sukhi Sahni said in an e-mail.

For the winners, Thursday's announcement was perhaps most significant for Qwest, the smallest among them. Suss

said Qwest can now leverage its government business to gain more corporate clients.

Qwest senior vice president Diana Gove conceded that the Denver-based company has its work cut out for it going up against AT&T and Verizon, but said Qwest's smaller size would make it more agile. "If you want to make it the David and Goliath story, we'll be the David and slay the dragon," she said.

Don Herring, president of AT&T's government business, said getting on the contract is "a really important first step," adding that it will be several months before the companies start bidding on specific agency projects. AT&T is based in San Antonio.

Chrysler unveils 'cable cars'

Car company, Sirius to offer satellite TV in some vehicles

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — Coming soon to a minivan near your Satellite television.

DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group on Thursday announced limited satellite TV service for its 2008 Dodge and Chrysler minivans and several other models, continuing its plan to turn the family cruiser into a living room on wheels.

The company, which invented with Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. to bring three channels — Nickelodeon, Disney Channel and Cartoon Network — to the next generation of minivans, as well as the 2008 Chrysler 300, Dodge Charger, Dodge Magnum, Jeep Commander and Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Chrysler said it has the channels exclusively through the 2008 model year, after which Sirius can offer it to other partners.

The feature comes with a price tag, though. It costs \$174 and will be packaged with Chrysler's rear seat entertainment system and Sirius Satellite Radio. The cost includes the first year of service, after which the TV channels will cost \$7 per month, plus the satellite radio fee of \$12.95 per month.

It's possible that in the future, more channels and even full satellite service could become available. But for now, it's limited by bandwidth allocated to satellite radio, said Frank Klegon, executive vice president of product development for Chrysler.

Sirius, he said, has figured out how to send a limited TV signal within the airwaves allocated to satellite radio.



Willis Morris, 8, left, and Hannah Fowler, 10, sit in a 2008 Chrysler Town and Country minivan during a demonstration of Sirius Backseat TV on Thursday in New York. Chrysler, which invented the minivan, is teaming with Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. to bring three channels, Nickelodeon, Disney Channel and Cartoon Network, to the next generation of select 2008 model vehicles. The driver's TV screen, for safety reasons, operates only while the car is in park.

"I think there's certainly some potential in the future for expansion of additional channels," he said.

Klegon also said satellite TV is the latest step in a continuation of information technology moving from home to vehicle.

But Tom Libby, J.D. Power and Associates' senior director of industry analysis, questioned whether people would be willing to pay for it.

His company recently found that the average new vehicle price has passed \$20,000. With the initial cost plus the monthly bills, he wonders whether the feature might only appeal

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— Sirius spokesman Patrick Reilly

to high-end customers.

Still, he said the feature would be attractive for people who travel with children, and it will help Chrysler differentiate its minivans in an extremely competitive market.

"Any advantage they can get, they'll try to use," he said.

Sirius spokesman Patrick Reilly said the new TV service would have no effect on the company's audio program-

ming. However, he declined to say how many more channels, if any, Sirius would have the capacity to transmit.

"We've got the three channels we want there," Reilly said. "We're programming it for the demographic of the back seat, which is children, and in the cars that will carry it."

The TV service has been in the works for several years, and Sirius has demonstrated it at trade shows in the past.

Sirius' satellite radio rival, XM, is exploring backseat video with its automotive partners but has no plans for an announcement, spokesman Chance Patterson said.

"As soon as there is a market opportunity, we will take it under consideration," Patterson said.

Oppenheimer & Co. analyst Thomas Engan said the video should help Sirius grow its subscriber list, but could have the potential of causing a glitch in Sirius' plans to combine with its rival XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc.

Post Office announces new stamps as prices rise

New 41-cent rate takes effect May 14

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Blooming flowers, Air Force One, wildlife, landscapes and furious women will grace new postage stamps this year as the price of mailing a letter goes up.

The U.S. Postal Service announced the stamps Thursday to cover the new rates that take effect May 14, including a 2-cent rise in first-class mail to 41 cents.

The new stamps are what the agency used to call definitives, meaning they will be the standard stamp for that price. The post office also issues commemorative stamps which remain in circulation for



These images provided by the U.S. Postal Service show 10 various flowers, part of the Beautiful Blooms series, that go on sale Aug. 10.

limited periods of time.

An American flag, this time rippling in the wind and attached to a flagpole, will carry the new 41-cent rate and will be sold in coils starting May 6.

"Beautiful Blooms," a set of 10 41-cent stamps goes on sale August 10 and includes flowers such as the coneflower, dahlia, chrysanthemum, gerbera daisy, tulip, and iris.

On sale Aug. 17 will be the new 41-cent special occasion stamp, a colorful pattern incorporating the word "Celebrate."

And a 41-cent stamped envelope bearing an image of galloping horses will be available May 12.

Other new stamps announced Thursday were:

- Margaret Chase Smith, 58 cents (the two-ounce rate) on sale June 13 commemorates the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress. This is the latest in the Distinguished Americans stamp series.

- Air Force One, \$4.60 (Priority Mail) on sale June 13, illustrating the jumbo jet that serves as the president's travel-

ing marine.

- Marine One, \$16.25 (Express Mail) on sale June 13. This stamp illustrates the helicopter used by the president.

- Florida Panther, 26 cents (post card rate) on sale May 12, illustrates a Florida panther, also known as a Puma concolor or cory.

- Pineapple, 26 cents (stamped card), on sale May 12, features a pineapple, a symbol of hospitality since early colonial times.

- Hagata Bay, 90 cents (international price), on sale June 1 shows a scenic land-

scape in Guam.

- Okefenokee Swamp, 69 cents (Canada/Mexico price), on sale June 1, shows a photograph taken in the Okefenokee Swamp.

- Big Horn Sheep, 17 cents (2nd ounce price) on sale May 23, has a stylized drawing of a bighorn sheep, found in southwestern Canada to northern Mexico.

- Harriet Beecher Stowe, 75 cents (3rd ounce price), on sale June 13 honors the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," one of the most influential novels in American history.

Rates on 30-year mortgages near low for the year

By Martia Crutinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Rates on 30-year mortgages were unchanged this week, staying near the lowest levels for the year.

Mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported Thursday that 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 6.16 percent, the same as last week.

That rate compared to the low for the year of 6.14 percent, set during the first two weeks of March. That was the lowest point for 30-year mortgages since they averaged 6.13 percent the week of Dec. 21.

Analysts said financial markets are trying to process mixed data about whether the slowdown in housing is in danger of deepening and dragging overall economic growth down further.

Frank Nothaft, chief economist for Freddie Mac, said the troubles in the subprime real estate market, which provides loans to borrowers with weak credit, did not seem to be having an impact on mortgage rates so far.

"Despite concerns about possible spillovers from the troubles in the subprime market, rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages remained stable," he said.

Rates on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular choice for refinancing, dipped slightly this week to 5.86 percent, down from 5.96 percent.

Five-year adjustable rate mortgages averaged 5.89 percent, down from 5.91 percent last week.

Market Watch

March 29, 2007

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Standard & Poor's 500	+8.90	1,422.53
Russell 2000	+1.54	798.94

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AAA	24.50	▲ 0.02
Dell Inc.	23.39	▲ 0.04
Libra Motors	27.23	▲ 0.37
Supervalu	38.68	▼ 0.78

Commodities

May Oil	66.03	▲ 1.95
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
May gold	684.5	▼ 5.3

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WORLD

Bombs kill more than 100 around Baghdad

By Joshua Partlow
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Bombs tore through crowds of after-work shoppers in Baghdad and a town north of the capital on Thursday in an onslaught of violence that killed more than 100 people, according to Iraqi government and hospital officials.

Both areas — a bazaar in the eastern Baghdad neighborhood of Shaab and the farming town of Khalis in Diyala province — are populated predominantly by Shiites, and Iraqi government officials quickly blamed the Sunni insurgent group al-Qaida in Iraq. The attacks followed two violent days of bombings and reprisal killings in the northern city of Tal Afar and threatened to increase the likelihood of a resurgence of open sectarian warfare despite the heightened U.S. military presence in Iraq.

The bombing in Shaab, which police said killed at least 60 people, took aim at the six-week-old Baghdad security plan, under which U.S. and Iraqi officials have sought to protect public marketplaces from such cata-

strophic attacks.

The area is patrolled by the 2nd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division, the first additional U.S. brigade to arrive in the capital as part of the security effort. The neighborhood was part of an initial security sweep by thousands of American troops at the start of the plan in mid-February.

But Thursday evening, as shoppers stocked up on supplies before the weekend, at least one suicide bomber snuck into the area and exploded amid the bustling crowd of the Shaal market. Residents in the area said the market is barricaded on both ends to prevent vehicles from entering, but the attacker walked in wearing a belt of explosives, according to police. Soldiers from the brigade rushed to the warden of stalls to assist in recovery, U.S. military officials said.

"We consider this as a violation of the security plan and it should be evaluated and studied to determine how those terrorists could have infiltrated this area," said Hassan Sameid, a prominent Shiite lawmaker close to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. "The terrorists are attacking those

areas to embarrass the government, to prove to the people that the government is not able to protect those people, so those people will call for the militia to come back to help them."

The death toll in the bombing rose quickly and by late evening, Iraqi television reports said at least 75 people died in the attack.

U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Scott Bleichweil said it was "too early to say who's responsible or the extent of it."

Earlier in the day, at least three car bombs exploded in the town of Khalis, set amid orange and pomegranate farms north of Baghdad. Timed to explode in quick succession, the bombs struck near a mosque, at a police checkpoint near a courthouse, and near a marketplace, according to police.

The car bombs killed about 50 people and wounded 90 others, many in critical condition, said Dr. Adnan Khadum, the director of the Khalis hospital.

"This is the biggest mass killing operation in Khalis since the fall of the regime," said the mayor, Uday al-Khadran.



Iraqi children look at the hole made by a mortar round on a school roof in eastern part of Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday. There were no students injured in the attack.

Alleged Sept. 11 financier tells tribunal he knew little of plot

The Washington Post

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba — An alleged senior financier of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the United States acknowledged he had a role in helping the hijackers but said he is not a member of al-Qaida and denied having much prior knowledge of the plot, according to a transcript released by the Defense Department on Thursday.

Mustafa Ahmed al-Hawsawi, a Saudi national who allegedly played a key role in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, told a Combatant Status Review Tribunal last week that he was in contact with four of the Sept. 11 hijackers and that he received a series of money transfers from the men in the days before the plot was carried out, according to the trans-

cript. He also told the tribunal that he spoke with Mohammed Atta but was unaware of what was going to unfold.

"On September 11, I knew there was an operation," al-Hawsawi said. He later went to Pakistan and Afghanistan before his arrest in 2003. The detainees arrived in Cuba in September along with 13 other high-value detainees who had been in secret CIA custody.

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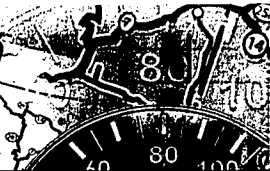
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2007 HYUNDAI ENTOURAGE MINIVAN

Comfort, security & versatility

Report by
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

Hyundai enters the minivan market with an impressive new vehicle — the 2007 Hyundai Entourage. Sharing an all-new platform with the Kia Sedona which was completely redesigned for the 2006 model year, the front-drive Entourage builds on the Hyundai themes of quality, value, safety and functionality. Tasteful, sophisticated and balanced, the Entourage is a worthy alternative to those motorists considering a Japanese minivan option.

Notable features found on the all-new Entourage include a standard fold-in-the-floor third-row seat and available power-sliding doors and liftgate. An impressive roster of standard safety equipment includes four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, electronic brake force distribution, tire pressure monitoring system, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags and full-length side curtain airbags for all three seating rows. Electronic stability program and traction control are also standard.

Available in GLS, SE and Limited trim levels, power for the Hyundai minivan is generated by a completely new aluminum 3.8L DOHC 24-valve V6 engine mated to a five-speed Sportronic automatic transmission. Underway, the all-new Entourage is fast, silent and liquid. The five-speed auto-



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2007 Hyundai Entourage by the Numbers

PRICING:
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2007 Hyundai Entourage minivan starts from \$23,995 for the GLS, \$26,295 for the SE and \$28,795 for the Limited. Destination charges add \$700.

WHEELBASE:
118.9; overall length: 202.0; width: 78.4; height: 71.5 — measurements in inches.

ENGINE:
3.8L V6 — 242 hp at 6,000 rpm and 251 lbs-ft of torque at 3,500 rpm.

TRANSMISSION:
electronically controlled five-speed automatic with overdrive.

EPA fuel economy:
18 city/25 hwy.

CARGO CAPACITY:
141.5 cu. ft.

TOWING CAPACITY:
3,500 lbs.

SAFETY FEATURES:
Dual front airbags, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags, roof-mounted side-curtain airbags, traction control, electronic stability control, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, the pressure monitoring system, remote keyless entry and windshield wiper de-icer. SE adds fog lights and automatic headlamps. Limited adds HomeLink Universal Transceiver and power lift gate. Optional safety features include power adjustable pedals and rear parking sensors.

WARRANTY:
Basic: 5-year/60,000 mile; bumper-to-bumper. Powertrain: 10-year/100,000 mile. Corrosion: 7-year/unlimited. Roadside assistance: 5-year/unlimited.

matic transmission works seamlessly with the large displacement V6 engine to deliver world class performance under a variety of conditions. Solid and sure at speed, the Entourage inspires driver confidence.

The Hyundai minivan rides on a four-wheel independent suspension that features MacPherson struts, coil springs and a stabilizer bar in the front; a multi-link suspension with coil springs and stabilizer bar for the rear.

With regard to interior amenities, Hyundai designed in a collection of the best of almost everything to be found in a minivan. The all-new Entourage offers buyers a generous list of standard features and amenities.

The base GLS model comes standard with stability control, tri-zone air conditioning, sliding door power windows, cruise control, AM/FM/CD player, captain's chairs for the second row, Hyundai Hideaway third-row 60/40 split fold-down seats and remote keyless

entry with alarm. SE adds fog lights, eight-way power-adjustable driver's seat with power lumbar, heated power side mirrors, leather-wrapped steering wheel with shift knob, steering wheel mounted audio controls, power rear quarter glass, compass, automatic headlamps and trim computer. The Limited adds an auto-dimming rear view mirror with HomeLink, heated front leather seating and a power liftgate.

Inside the cabin, the driver enjoys an excellent view

of the road. Interior appointments are tasteful and upscale — not "import cheap" looking. Displays and controls are well laid out. They are very user-friendly for short drivers. The roomy interior has versatile seating configurations to allow any number of passenger/cargo hauling possibilities. Seating throughout the cabin is comfortable with armrests, nooks, crannies and plenty of cupholders and four power points for portable electrical appliances.

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205 Dairy
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, to form four to each square, to one four ordinary words.

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What did I face when I bought a balloon?

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: _____

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General

FEEDLOT
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GENERAL
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 Wanted Feeder-Mechanics. Someone who can load cows, mix grain, run front end loader, deliver feed to pens with tractor and wagon, arc weld, grease equip., many skills, speak English, watch for sick cows, and manage the feed amounts desired. Send Resume And Doe Gaining work environment Great for first time job or career!
 970 E. 3700 N. Castletown, ID, 83321

209 Farm

FARM
 Wanted Farm Laborer. Pick stock, set pens, & wheel line. Housing avail. Call 420-1983

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209 Childcare

CHILD CARE
 Looking for dependable patient, creative people for full & part-time positions. Call 208-324-3142

209 Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS
 Twin Falls Care Center is looking for Help in the Kitchen. Prefer someone that has experience in therapeutic diets, and familiar with the Idaho Food code. Willing to train the right person. If you are a quick learner, fast paced, and dependable fill out an application at 874 Eastland Dr. or Call Cindy at 208-733-4254. We are a Drug Free Workplace. EOE

209 Food Production

FOOD PRODUCTION
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GENERAL
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209 Production

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GENERAL
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JANITORIAL
 Jerome County has an opening for a Janitorial Position. Part-time evenings. Start at 57hr DOE. For Applications & job description apply at 300 N Lincoln, Room 301 in Jerome.

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MAINTENANCE
 (2) Seasonal Workers for Maintenance with Public Works. Starting wage \$10/hr DOE. Valid drivers license & good driving record. Closing date is 4/1/07. Contact Wendell City Hall at 208-538-6161 for application.

MAINTENANCE
 Maintenance Person paid vacation, health insurance, free RV hook up. Call 208-788-4626 for application. South of Bellevue.

RESTAURANT
 Counter Position Mornings & afternoons. Moly's Bagel Bakery 1239 Pololine Rd. E.

RESTAURANT
 Exp Server needed. Lunch & dinner shifts. Apply in person at Moly's Bagel Bakery 428 2nd Ave East.

RESTAURANT
 Grill Cook, in Gooding. Tue-Sat 4pm-10pm. Exp & references req. Please call 934-8202 between 9am-11am.

GENERAL
 The City of Twin Falls is accepting applications for a WATER OPERATOR. Beginning monthly salary is \$2160 plus a comprehensive benefit package. Under supervision performs heavy physical labor and, as needed, operates various vehicles and equipment involved in the installation, maintenance and repair of city water lines. High school diploma or GED required. Must have, or be able to obtain, a Class A C.D.L. with tanker endorsement within 30 days of employment; live within 15 miles of the city limits; and be able to obtain a Class A water license. A City employment application and job description are available at www.tfd.org. For additional information contact the Human Resource Office located in City Hall, 321 2nd Avenue East or phone (208) 735-7268. Closing date is 04/06/07. The City of Twin Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Drug Free Workplace.

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RESTAURANT
Looking for hard working, motivated people for the position of Cooks, Dish & Nights with opportunities for advancement.

CHILD CARE
Childcare/Preschool Teacher, FT/PT Monday-Friday, 7:30-2:00
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MEDICAL
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TWIN FALLS Care Center
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Evenings, Full-time
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Nights, Full-time
RN
Evening shifts & Night shifts, Full-time

MEDICAL
SunBridge
Dietary Aide
Full-time
Dietary Manager
Assistant Full-time

PROFESSIONAL
Masters level Psychologist
PROFESSIONAL
PSR needed. Start \$17-18/hr. Call 208-478-3350

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501 Open House
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511 Out-Of-Area Homes

MEDICAL
Gooding County
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SunBridge
Dietary Aide
Full-time
Dietary Manager
Assistant Full-time

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Full-time
Dietary Manager
Assistant Full-time

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MEDICAL
SunBridge
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Part-time
Competitive wages & benefits

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PROFESSIONAL
Construction Equipment distributor seeking Counter Person.
SALES
Construction Equipment distributor has an immediate opening for a full-time Sales & Purchasing position.

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604 Commercial Property

JEROME New office and warehouse building available soon. www.doughertyinc.com 208-6187 / 404-4345

Offices, Shop, Warehouse 277-12300 sq. ft. 733-4534

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TWIN FALLS Commercial office space avail. On Eastland, \$990 Call 208-420-8651 or 208-420-8887

610 Storage/Warehouse

TWIN FALLS 1-New and avail. for lease. \$3,600 Square Feet Next to Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course 733-7175 for more info. After 6pm 734-5951

616 Roommates Wanted

FILER Roommates wanted, honest, no smoking, no pets, lots of trees. Polkshire ok. Call 208-328-8860.

AGRICULTURE

701 Livestock & Poultry Open 24/7 Dairy Cattle & Supplies 705 H&T Farm 208-733-8860

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1 Clammy
5 Obi-Wan, for one
14 Object of devotion
15 Ford or Clay
16 WWII losers
17 Writer Ephron
18 Shady bower
19 Pocket-sized
20 Cheesy crust
22 Discomposes
24 Spectator
26 Jackie's second
27 Cameo stone
28 Horse with a horn
32 Denver or Ireland
35 Make the first bid
37 Machine shop machine
38 Raw mineral
39 Spat
41 Country singer
42 Williams
43 Destiny, in Delhi
44 Catch dead to rights
45 Gray holder
46 Put in office
48 Desitute
50 Bobby twin
51 Has need of
55 Indian prince
59 Needing fast attention
60 Skater's jump
61 Dull surface
63 Alan of "The West Wing"
64 Gusto, also ad-?
68 Amateurish
69 Pairing
67 Small vortex
68 Remote button
69 Alimony recipients

DOWN
1 Wild dog of Australia
2 Beautiful

3 Lesson from Aesop
4 Oliver Stone Oscar-winner
5 Words of gratitude
6 Of a female
7 Lift the latch
8 Sailor's rum drink
9 Damascus resident
10 West Indies republic
11 Way out
12 Enjoy a repast
13 Nile goddess
21 Charged atom
23 Vocal quaver
25 Spread out
28 Still green
29 Milanese eight
30 Periman of "Cheers"
31 Audition call
32 PUNCH line antecedent
33 For the mouth
34 Roll-call call

36 Time period
37 Doha's land
40 Silver-tongued
43 Playwright
45 Terrence
45 Military unit
47 Fill with love
49 "Town"
51 Hotel charges

52 Take five
53 Provide with a quality
54 Knives
55 Labyrinth
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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MEDIUM #37

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page E16.

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GERMAN ROTTWEILER stud, 3 year, pure bred male, NOT REGISTERED. Needs VERY loving family good with kids. Only serious buyers call after 5:30-7:59:59.

GERMAN SHEPHERD AKC registered pup, 400-1-1776 female. Call 208-312-4773 or 208-312-4772.

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POMERANIAN pups, CXC reg. (3) lit. lit. gips, \$400 (1) little boy, \$300, misc. color. born 3/20/07-29/07

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SHIH TZU Puppies, 2 females and 2 males, born on 2/27/07, pictures available on www.myspace.com/gusandkiki, 670-1124

SHIH TZU puppies, dewclaws removed, 1st shots, \$300. Ready to go! 208-438-4350

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GOLDEN RETRIEVER AKC registered, good 4 month old puppy. Has all shots, dewormed and dew-claws removed. \$200. Call (254) 465-5864 or (208) 423-4893

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POODLES AKC standard poodle puppies \$300-\$350/offer. Call 208-670-2893 or 208-438-4350

POODLES Toy AKC pet 6 months, bad shots, silver male \$300, 1st female \$500. Call 208-737-9294 or 208-404-4725

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PODHUANA puppies, cute, smart, tiny \$250-\$300, cash only. Call 208-737-9294 or 208-404-4725

RABBITS Netherlands dwarf, all colors/ sizes, weights, good pets or gifts for Easter. 4H, \$7. 431-2281

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MINI AUSTRALIANS, reg. assorted colors, 3 litters at 2 1/2 mos. & new litter at 3 weeks old. 208-539-1755.

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PENKORRE WELSH CORGI for sale. Red and white, 1 year old. AKC registered. Call 208-352-4332

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TRACTOR 8^{1/2} Steiger C1250, 4 row with press wheels. Needs repair, \$200. '84 Dodge 4x4, short bed, pick up, 5 speed V6, \$1,300. Utility Trailer, 6x4, 10' x 12', 15 inch tires. ATVs, call 208-324-5858 hobbytownretract.com

Garage Sales

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826 Garage Sales

IEROME Friday and Saturday 9am to 5pm. cbr, car seats, furniture, gerbil cage with maze, household misc., 23 W 300 S 3 miles S & 1/2 mile W

IEROME Saturday March 31, 7 am to 4 pm. Huge Estate Sale. Everything must sell. Cash only. 386 Oliveview Place North on Hwy 83 past Flynnville to 400 S, left on 400 S, go west 810 mile to Oiler (house of Oiler, turn right.)

826 Garage Sales

TWIN FALLS Blaw 50% off. Fastening 50% off. During Indoor Flea Market. Last Market Only Fall.

TWIN FALLS Friday March 30th and Saturday March 31st from 8am-3pm. Moving - everything must go. Handmade antique dresser, RV items, household items, lawn and garden, misc. tools and hardware. 2504 Carriage Way Off Addison & Carriage Lane

826 Garage Sales

TWIN FALLS Sat 3:01 7:30 am - 1pm. OT's, 6" x 8" x 30", 145 cbr. lights, garden hose, gas cans, fabric, sleeping bags, 469 Pierce St.

TWIN FALLS Sat 7-4pm and Sun 7-1pm. Baby clothes, toys, VCR, all metal, set, DVDs, video, and much more!

826 Garage Sales

UPERTY Friday and Sat, 8:30-10:00. Early birds pay double! Collectables, baby, totes, computer repair, appliances, kitchen, bath, linens, furniture, yard, miscellaneous. 917 15th Drive

DWIN FALLS Friday 9am to 7pm and Saturday 9am to 3pm. Moving! Great Antiques, wicker set, pool table, yarnery and dresser, desk and computer, 1/2-Hex gym, wood working tools: planer, jointer, table saw, drill press and more. Wedding dress, and lot of misc. items. 2896 Polatline Rd E

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TWIN FALLS Sat and Sun 7-4pm. Huge Sale benefiting Lighthouse Christian School's Class of 2007! Gem State Realty Locust & Addison

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802 Appliances

STOVE Frigidaire 3 years old, white glass top. Excellent condition. \$350. Call 208-326-0058

WASHER/DRYER Kenmore Elite, top of the line, gas, catalytic, stainless steel, king size capacity, in-graphic, works perfectly. \$550/each. Call 208-732-8282

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BOOFCASE antique style, glass doors, 8550. Lg round oak table/coffee table. Orange/varnished chair, \$25. Carpet shampooer, \$30. Call 208-733-9193

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COUCH Sectional, curved, 2 years old, 12' x 9' heavy duty, in box. List \$699, sell \$248. Can deliver. Call 208-326-0058

SOFA & LOVESEAT exc. cond., \$700. Dinette set 6 chairs, \$200. 4104-5358

TABLE solid oak, 4 chairs, 1 leaf, \$225. Excellent condition. Call 208-738-3319.

TEAK ARMCHAIR 76" high, 40" deep, 29" wide. Call 208-404-2113.

812 Auctions/Auctioneers

DOWNSTATE (208) 467-1712

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813 Jewelry

RING 31 carat round tension set in 14k gold. \$600. Best of offer. Appraisal available. 208-404-3820

814 Lawn Gardening

CHAINSAW STIHL MS 290. 2nd extra chains w/ case. Used, but very, very sharp. \$100. Call 208-734-5785.

MATRESS & BOX \$99 Twin set. Brand new in plastic. 420-550. Can deliver. Call 208-420-6350.

MATRESS SET \$119 full or queen size in plastic. Can deliver. Call 208-420-6350.

801 Antiques and Collectibles

CHINA CLOSET exc. condition. \$1,700. Call 208-734-5209.

TWIN FALLS Indoor Flea Market. March 31st 9-5. All items for sale. Call 208-324-7148

801 Antiques and Collectibles

ALFALFA & HYBRID corn and 70% genetic alfalfa (1.89/bu). (w/ov) Com \$58/bag. Round Up ready \$85. Many grasses available. 208-465-8200 or 1-800-910-4101

ALFALFA SEED Grand Valley Com Seed. 100% Pure. Mixes & Grasses. Bob Hamilton Seed. 735-2102 420-4803

802 Building Materials

CHAINLINK FENCE 1200 ft., 5 and 6 foot tall, 9 gauge chain link, 1200 ft. top rail, 6 gates, post caps, all in good condition. \$3,000 for all. 308-1850

SUPPLIES Chainsaw, Rotoator, lawnmower, all sizes from small to large. 208-420-4728

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POOL Call above ground, 12' x 6' deep. Filter, pump and gas heater, \$1,400. \$1,000 if you dismantle. 208-733-2278 after 5pm or 539-1830 days

WEDDING DRESS size 14-16, very elaborate, 6 foot train, \$300 or best offer. Call 208-404-9941

802 Computers

GAMING SYSTEM Alien 64 3400 EVGA 7500W power supply, 19" wide screen LCD monitor, \$750/offer or without monitor, \$575/offer. 404-3595

INSPIRON 6000 Laptop w/printers, \$800/offer. Apple iPod 30GB w/iPod & transmitter case, arm band \$350/offer. Canon Digital Camera, 5 megapixels, zoom, 20 shooting modes, 2 memory cards \$300/offer. Call 208-734-0714.

802 Computers

QUITTING BUSINESS Computers, fax, laser & color printer, lots of extras. Take all for \$1000. Call OJ at 208-732-8296

Furniture & Carpet

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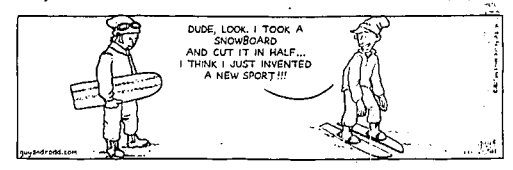
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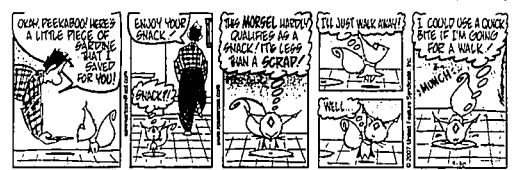
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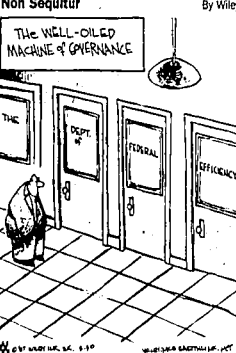
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Be flattered when singled out, Taurus

IF MARCH 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Launch plans for the next 12 months during these next six weeks and your upcoming year will be peaceful and serene. Those who are attracted to you now are likely to give you excellent advice, introduce you to powerful connections and give you no material advantages. You must be prepared to pay your own way and pay back in kind. Next January is your month to receive well-deserved rewards for past performances. Because others hold you in high regard, it is a good time to ask for favors or make a change with your career or business.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Promise her (or him) anything. A love affair that has been flickering may now burn with a steady heat. Show your tact and discrimination by buying the best baubles or furnishings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be flattered when singled out. Get kudos for your accomplishments in public places or in private embraces. A new romantic prospect might be the real thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Cooperation is the path to harmony. Do your fair share and expect others to do so, as well.

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Jeraldine Saunders

Purchase items that require good taste under these stars and you will be pleased with the results.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can win hearts by being generous and outmaneuver enemies by being humble and down to earth. Willingness to compromise will unlock closed doors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It is a perfect time to ask for a romantic commitment. Take advantage of harmonious celestial conditions. Intimate relationships or career aspirations can reach a milestone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Trust that all will be well. There may be miles to go before you sleep and many promises to make and keep. Promises or guarantees that are given now will be fulfilled and exceed expectations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Disarm with charm. Accept apologies with the polished poise of royalty or go out of your way to patch up a quarrel. All's fair in love and war, but love sometimes means saying

you are sorry.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There is no reason to have money unless you use it wisely. Buy beautiful things or make a donation to a favorite charity. You and a special someone can make beautiful music together this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The news may might hide behind a mask like the Lone Ranger — and will meet you more than halfway if you ask for assistance. Move forward with romantic plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Kindness and generosity might not make front-page news, but somewhere along the line there is a reward. Be prepared to follow through on promises.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will find it easy to obtain your convictions and to gain favors from those who appreciate your charm. Lovebirds will be all twitler under these favorable stars.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make your bed, (of roses, that is) and lie in it. The commitments, promises, and agreements you make this weekend might make your future a bit fluffier. Gain ground in intimate relationships.

Sudoku Answers:

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823 Medical Supplies

BENCHER Bath Transfer, Bath Mat, Bath Rug, Bath Towel, Bath Linen, Bath Mat, Bath Rug, Bath Towel, Bath Linen.

824 Guns & Rifles

SAW MAP AR15 tactical, 5.56, Browning 1885 Highway 45-70, Remington-Union City, Winchester S&W 300 win mag.

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