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House, Senate pass \$250 million roads plan

By Shannon Dineley
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Legislature passed a \$250 million installment for the "Connecting Idaho" roads plan on Friday, allowing lawmakers to go home after the controversial project delayed the end of the session for a week. House lawmakers voted 48-17 in favor of the bond sale to pay for six

projects in the fiscal year that begins July 1. The Senate followed with a 27-7 vote, and both chambers adjourned the 2007 session.

For a third year, this plan to finance improvements to state highways with bond sales delayed the end of the session.

The plan calls for spending the money on projects stretching from southeastern Idaho to the state's north-

'Connecting Idaho' fractured Legislature — again.

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ern reaches. Advocates said the compromise hammered out Friday afternoon allayed their concerns that politics was determining which projects received money and how much.

"We were at an impasse because we

were at a point where politics was deciding the projects and the amount of money," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. "This bill solves that."

Former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne proposed Connecting Idaho in 2005, arguing that selling bonds to finance the state's biggest road construction project would help avoid inflation.

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"I've been here for a while and we've had some easy sessions and we've had some tough ones. This isn't the toughest but it's up there."

— Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert

Legislature adjourns

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — The 70 rough and rugged members in the state House ended the 2007 legislative session Friday with little emotional farewell and even less sentiment for spending an extra week in the Capitol.

There were a few laughs, some smiles and then likely a couple drinks.

Meanwhile, the formal and dignified state Senate closed its session with tearful goodbyes by the leaders of both parties, praise for temporarily leaving a building built in 1905 and a commemorative finish in memory for those who served before them.

Yet the two unique chambers in the Idaho legislature came together Friday, putting aside philosophical differences, conflicting personalities and, to an extent, loud and insulting voices, to come

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And the race is on

Fairfield woman skating for title at U.S. National Cross Country Ski Championships

By Julia Barry
For the Times-News

PRESTON ISLE, Maine — Morgan Arritola found herself on the wrong side of a group of fallen skiers early on Friday in the women's pursuit race at the U.S. National Cross Country Ski Championships.

"Two skiers were skiing close together and they went down right in front of me," said Arritola, 20, of Fairfield after finishing 7th among the 26 skiers in the 15-kilometer race. "It was a big pile up and the leaders got away."

The crash occurred 2.5 km into the race, which Arritola finished in 42:09.7, just over a minute off first-place finisher Brittany Webster of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

"I just got back up and kept going," Arritola said. "You really can't do anything about it when it happens like that."

A back-to-back junior champion in 2004 and 2005, Arritola has also raced on two junior world championship teams and is a member of the U.S. Cross Country Ski Team.

"I haven't had a great season," she said. "I've been training a lot and it can be hard to train heavy and race in the same year."

Arritola is just back from Europe where she has spent two months racing.

Friday's pursuit was run as a duathlon, combining the two racing styles of classic and skate.

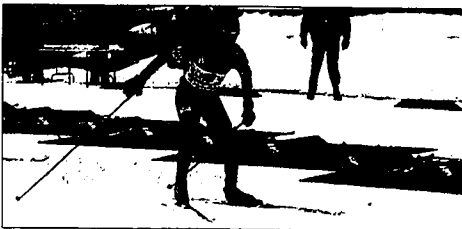
A relatively new form of distance racing, the duathlon appeared on the circuit about three years ago.

Before that, pursuits were often run in two days with a classic race followed by a separate skate race. In a duathlon, both techniques are used in the same race.

On Friday, racers skied the first 7.5 km in a traditional track with waxed skis. At the end of the lap, they entered a special transition area where their skate skis, boots and poles were laid out on designated mats for the exchange.

In seconds, racers had stepped out of their skis, changed boots, clipped into the new skis and were back on the course to

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Morgan Arritola charges out of the transition area after exchanging her traditional skis for skate skis for part two of Friday's USA Women's Cross Country 15 km Pursuit.

"It's an exciting way to race. It makes for a nice change of pace because if you are not skiing strong at first, once you switch to skate skis, you get a second chance."

— Morgan Arritola, of the duathlon race



Morgan Arritola rounds a bend in the course during the USA Women's Cross Country 15 km Pursuit race on Friday. Run as a duathlon, competitors skied half the race with traditional skis and skated the second half.

Woman, son plead guilty to murder plot

The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE — A 57-year-old woman and her 40-year-old son have pleaded guilty to attempting to hire a hit man to kill a teenage relative to prevent her from testifying against her son, who was charged with raping the girl.

Myra Caldwell and William Caldwell, both of Pleshurst, entered Alford pleas on Thursday in 1st District Court. Under an Alford plea, a defendant admits no wrongdoing, but concedes he or she would be convicted by a jury if the case went to trial.

Myra Caldwell pleaded guilty to solicitation to commit first-degree murder and faces up to 15 years in prison.

William Caldwell pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit murder and to raping the girl. He faces a minimum of 10

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By Jennifer Lovan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush apologized Friday for the shoddy conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and promised during a visit to the facility for war veterans that "we're going to fix the problem."

Critics questioned the timing of Bush's visit six weeks after poor conditions and neglect of veterans were exposed there. Bush toured the main hospital and Abrams Hall, where soldiers were transferred after they were vacated from the facilities

"The system failed you and it failed our troops and we're going to fix it"

— President Bush

Building 18, the site of moldy walls, rodent infestation and other problems that went unchecked until reported by the media.

"The problems at Walter Reed were caused by bureaucratic and administrative failures," the president told about 100 medical workers and patients at the hospital. "The system failed you and it failed our troops and

we're going to fix it."

On the tour, he awarded 10 Purple Hearts to soldiers recovering from serious wounds suffered in Afghanistan and Iraq. "It is not right to have someone volunteer to wear the uniform and not get the best possible care," the president said at the end of his visit. "I apologize for what they went through and we're going to fix the problem."



President Bush, right, shakes hands with the prosthetic arm of Lt. Lt. Scott Quilty during a visit with patients at the physical therapy wing of Walter Reed.

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Sunday
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MINI-CASSIA

Today: Increasing clouds and becoming breezy in the afternoon. Highs near 60.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, and breezy with a few widely scattered showers. Lows in the middle to upper 30s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Area IV Square and Round Dance Association "Shamrock Shuffle" with guest caller Boyd Murdoch (squares) and Clare Gill (rounds). 7 p.m. Irish Stew and 8 p.m. dancing, Gill's Hall on Hwy. 25 (across from Rupert Elks). Rupert, bring salad or dessert, 733-1792.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

March of Dimes-Save the Babies Campaign, Ambassador family collecting donations and Bishes RV supplying trailers, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Kmart parking lot, 2258 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, (208)734-5400.

St. Catherine's Catholic Church Annual Basque Dinner, with auction, door prizes and raffle to raise funds for St. Catherine's parish and provide financial support for Hagerman American Legion and Hagerman Quick Response Unit, 5 to 8 p.m., American Legion Hall, corner of State and Lake streets, Hagerman, \$12 adults and \$4 for children age 10 and under, 837-6113.

The third annual National Wild Turkey Federation Couples Banquet, with live and silent auctions, raffles, games, prizes, Sponsor Table and dinner by Chef Kirt Martin of Snake River Grill, 5 p.m. no-host cocktails and 6:30 p.m. dinner, Radio Rondevo, 241 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, limited seating, 734-9116, 420-4881 or jhoward@sportsman-warehouse.com.

The 10th annual Mini-Cassia Friends of NRA banquet and auction for a pair of 110 CC 4-wheelers and the Gun of the Year, a Smith & Wesson .460 Magnum Revolver, doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m., Rupert Elks Lodge, Rupert, 431-8526 or 219-0526.

BUSINESS

Monthly Indoor Filer Fee Market, over 25 vendors with community service booth for the local Girl Scout Troops, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, 50 cents admission, 312-4900.

EXHIBITS

"Dimensions," an exhibit exploring the interface between art and mathematics, 1 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

Final day of the collected works of multi-media artist, Debra Featherston, featuring sculpture, pottery, mixed media and alternative black-and-white photography processes, noon to 3 p.m., Magic Valley Arts Council's Galeria Pequena, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls, no cost, (208)734-ARTS(2787).

HEALTH

Bone marrow donor registry drive, critical need for medically eligible individuals of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Gymnasium, Twin Falls, 734-5806.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

The Mini-Cassia Craft Fair spring show, with lunch available and door prizes, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Minico High School, 292 W. 100 S., Rupert, \$1 general admission, or \$3 early bird special (8 to 10 a.m.), 678-0744 or 670-0660.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, "How to Build a Plane" at 2 p.m.; "Star Signs" at 4 p.m.; "Far Out Space Places" at 7 p.m.; and "Led Zeppelin Maximum Volume 1" at 8:15 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 12 not admitted), 732-6655.

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

WEB READER REACTION

On 'Idaho looks to Montana example in fight against meth'...

Barb Guymon said: "I get so angry that we are all focusing on one specific drug! Meth is not the problem people! Addiction and that disease is! There is a very good program out there that does not focus on one drug. It focuses on the disease of addiction and that 12-step program is Narotics Anonymous! All I can do is share my experience and yes I have used meth, and the thing is that a chemical is chemical to the brain and my brain cells did not differentiate between drugs...only highs. I never hear about NA only other 12 step programs who focus on the symptoms not the disease. I do believe that NA should be a part of this "Meth War."

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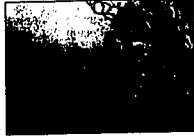
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DIVING OR GOLF?

A guide for choosing the Caribbean island for you.

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Fish on Fridays

Buhl Catholics continue their long tradition of eating fish — and not meat — on Fridays, 39 years after the church stopped making the process mandatory.

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Crash bumpy hampers cross country ski race

PRESQUE ISLE, Maine — Morgan Arriola of Fairfield found herself on the wrong side of a foot of fallen skiers early on Friday in the women's pursuit race at the US National Cross Country Ski Championships.

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Second best: Kimberly's city drinking water

KIMBERLY — Want tasty water? Head to Kimberly. The Idaho Rural Water Association named Kimberly's drinking water the second best in Idaho earlier this month, and most of the credit should go to Rob Wright, the city's public works director, say his peers. He was also named administrator of the year by the association devoted to rural water treatment.

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Supplemental school levy postponed in Buhl

BUHL — A building used as the former Buhl Middle School will remain standing, for now. Trustees decided during Tuesday's school board meeting to postpone a supplemental levy that would have asked voters to pay for the building's demolition.

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Former attorney Pena charged with assault

BURLEY — Former Rupert attorney Raymond Pena, 49, has been charged with aggravated assault and injury to a child after taking his 11-year-old daughter away from her uncle at gunpoint in Jerome County Wednesday.

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OBITUARIES

Thelma Nadine Gauger, 89 Bessie Mae Holland, 86

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CORRECTIONS

Misspelled name A family's name was misspelled in the Stork Report printed March 25 due to incorrect information from the hospital. Jacob Maxfield Tharp, born March 14, 2007, is the son of Karen Maree and James Edward Tharp of Burley. The Times-News regrets the error.

IDAHO/WEST



Insatiable squids signal a return to California

The Humboldt, or jumbo, squid shows up briefly off California every four or five years. There is a deepening concern among scientists that Humboldt squid are encroaching themselves off California, and may expand northward, eating their way through fisheries as they go.

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Mormons reopen Tabernacle today

SALT LAKE CITY — In his opening address to the 174th Semiannual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Oct. 2, 2004, Mormon president Gordon B. Hinckley announced that the church would close the historic Salt Lake Tabernacle on Temple Square for two years.

It reopens this weekend during the church's 177th semi-annual conference.

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Colorado towns clean up after twister

HOLLY, Colo. — The beep-beep-beep of heavy equipment rang out across piles of debris and wrecked homes on Friday as residents began cleaning up after a powerful twister swept through town, killing a 28-year-old mother.

The tornado struck Wednesday night, snapping trees and lifting homes off their foundations with winds estimated at up to 200 mph.

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Firefighters battle brush fire in California

LOS ANGELES — A fast-moving brush fire erupted in southern California Friday, sending smoke seeping into the Warner Bros. studios and towering high in the sky behind the famous Hollywood sign before losing intensity.

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NATION/WORLD



Captive apologizes for being in Iran's waters

TEHRAN, Iran — A captive, squid shows up briefly off California every four or five years. There is a deepening concern among scientists that Humboldt squid are encroaching themselves off California, and may expand northward, eating their way through fisheries as they go.

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FDA finds chemical in recalled pet foods

WASHINGTON — Federal testing of recalled pet foods turned up a chemical used to make plastics but failed to confirm the presence of a cancer drug also used as rat poison. The recall expanded Friday to include the first dry pet food.

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AG Alberto Gonzalez says he won't quit

WASHINGTON — Embattled Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez said Friday he is "fighting for the truth" at the Justice Department even as lawmakers expressed concern they haven't gotten it from him about the firings of eight federal prosecutors.

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Nun's recovery may signal a papal miracle

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, France — Parkinson's — the same disease beloved by Pope John Paul II suffered — r o b b e d Sister Marie S i m o n - Pierre of her ability to walk, drive or even write. Then, in one night of prayer and mystery the Vatican may accept as a miracle it needs to beatify the pope, the French nun's symptoms vanished.

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SPORTS



Bruin boys take Jerome track meet

JEROME — Call it a run-away. The Twin Falls High School boys track team was in rare form during Friday night's Jerome Invitational track meet as the Bruins rolled to 182 team points to finish 75 points ahead of second-place Jerome. Roles were slightly reversed on the girls' side, as the host Tigers scored 177 team points to top Twin Falls' score of 163.

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The real worst person in the world

Want a look at the real worst person in the world? Try a mirror. If you're one of the people who subscribed to this whole shaven or unshaven deal, watched Keith Olbermann on MSNBC's "Countdown," made Friday's story one of the most-read in the Times-News and most viewed on the Idaho Statesman's Web site, or flooded the Web site cletdpsn.com with hits, that worst person in the world may just be you.

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CSI baseball splits at Salt Lake CC

SALT LAKE CITY — The streak is over. Long live the streak? The College of Southern Idaho baseball team will have to work on starting a new win streak today after Friday's two-game Scenic West Athletic Conference split with Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City. Zac Swasey's two-out RBI single in the bottom of the seventh gave the Bruins a 4-3 Game 1 win, while CSI starter Adam Urmberg held the lead in Game 2. The Bruins' victory was the Golden Eagles' second game, 4-1.

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Roads

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Going into debt would let lawmakers begin quickly to spend while boosting jobs and avoiding escalating costs of asphalt, concrete and labor.

Lawmakers said selling bonds to finance road construction is just a temporary fix. Eventually, tax and fee increases will have to be considered to keep up with demands, lawmakers said.

"For too long, we have not aggressively addressed our revenue stream," said Rep. Frank Henderson, R-Post Falls.

The new "Connecting Idaho" proposal was at least the third to be considered by lawmakers in the past year.

It calls for selling bonds worth \$250 million to build, repair and expand roads and bridges in the coming year.

Opponents of the plan said it would wind up costing

Idaho's children money, in the form of debt payments to be completed over the next 20 years.

"It looks to me like my grandson is going to help pay for this," said Rep. Dick Harwood, R-St. Maries. "We should be looking out for the posterity of our children, not putting them into debt."

Just how to divvy up the money had been a sticking point between the House and Senate.

Under the bill that finally passed, the Legislature specified the six projects to be funded this year, but the Idaho Transportation Board will decide how to distribute the money.

Beginning next year, the board will have sole authority both for allocating future money and choosing the projects.

U.S. Interstate 84 between

Caldwell and Meridian in southwestern Idaho could receive between \$50 million and \$125 million; Interstate 84 in Boise would get between \$28 million and \$30 million; and work on State Highway 16 between Interstate 84 and Emmett would get between \$4.3 million and \$17 million.

Meanwhile, in northern Idaho, U.S. Highway 95 between Garwood and Sagle could get from \$23 million to \$77 million; Highway 25 near Warley in Kootenai County would be between \$11 million and \$12 million.

And in eastern Idaho, a project on U.S. Highway 30 to build Topaz and Portneuf River bridges and 2.6 miles of four-lane highway would get between \$38 million and \$40 million.

State highway officials won't be allowed to expand these projects.

**By John Miller
Associated Press writer**

BOISE — Mistrued over the largest construction project in state history, the 2007 Idaho Legislature, forcing lawmakers to delay adjournment for a third straight year.

Though a compromise solution was eventually hammered out Friday, the divide between backers and foes of the "Connecting Idaho" road-building plan remains and may disrupt the 2008 Legislature, as well.

Former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne envisioned "Connecting Idaho" as a way to improve highway safety, speed commerce and boost the construction industry by selling bonds to finance 13 highway projects stretching across Idaho. The idea was that the state would go into debt, but projects would proceed quickly and cheaply, avoiding inflation.

Instead, it's bred suspicion and intrigue, perhaps contributed to the former transportation director's departure, sparked a furor over an illegally awarded private contract and — once again — brought the Idaho Capitol to a standstill.

"It's about trust," said Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley and a member of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, which had two plans rejected by the Senate before the final agreement. "And it's about what went on in the past."

As in past years, the disagreement centered on money.

The House wanted lawmakers to determine which projects get money, because some of its members don't trust the Idaho Transportation Department. The Senate insisted funding for the six projects be left up to the Idaho Transportation Board, arguing that to do otherwise put Connecting Idaho at the mercy of politics.

The compromise: \$250 million

plan reached Friday with help from Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who did a little of both. He prohibited the Transportation Board from expanding projects. But instead of specifying specific dollar amounts for the projects, it instead gave a broad range, allowing the board leeway to decide where money will go.

Despite this late harmony Kempthorne's grand highway project has been mired in controversy and allegations of dishonesty from its inception. It was set at \$1.6 billion originally, but is now down to less than \$1 billion.

The dispersion of projects in every region was calculated to win support of lawmakers eager to bring home projects.

"It was a Christmas-tree approach," said Rep. George

Esckridge, R-Dover. "It was political from the very beginning."

Kempthorne vetoed eight bills in 2005 to pressure the House Transportation Committee into passing the plan. It did, but just a few months later, Connecting Idaho was back in the news.

In late 2005, a lawsuit by a company bidding on what became a \$50 million management contract forced the state to rebid the contract.

"Connecting Idaho is now the window through which the Legislature is looking at its Transportation Department," said Michael Gifford, director of the Associated General Contractors of Idaho, who supports the project.

The Legislature took a look under the hood, and some of them didn't like what they see.

Adjourns

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together on highway funding and return to what they have most in common — being Idahoans.

By evening, the state Capitol felt like a scared, yet proud war zone, a paradigm of a skewed battlefield of diplomacy where both sides somehow emerged as victors. With offices empty and hallway walls bare, members in both chambers were ready to just go home after compromising personalities and polities.

"I've taken a lot of Advtl to get through the day," said Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls. "Thankfully, I'm just relieved."

The 82-day 2007 legislative session — the 101th-longest ever — was delayed a week due to disagreements between the state House and Senate leadership over funding for Connecting Idaho, a \$250-million highway improvement plan.

The two sides agreed to keep the six projects named in legislation but to allow the Idaho Transportation Board to speci-

fy and price them in the future, with legislative approval.

"If this is winning it doesn't feel much like that," said House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Beuke, R-Oakley.

Like most years, a single issue bogged down the legislators' exit — last year was water. Lawmakers expected to leave Thursday and many had cars packed and suitcases scheduled for airports: Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, missed an 11 p.m. dinner party through by his wife.

"Sitting around is the most tiring thing we've done all day," said Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls, as he left for home. "I'm ready to get going."

The buildup was tense, so much so that the joint budget committee — which had already approved two GARVEE bills the Senate disliked — met sporadically Friday to avoid conflict.

"There are certain relationships — and I don't mean leadership — that need to heal as we are on a break," said GOP Caucus Chair Ken Roberts, R-Donnelly.

But once the bill got out of committee for a full vote, the House chamber felt like a weight was lifted; suddenly the serious lawmakers were cheerful and smiling like children minutes before ending a school year.

Meanwhile, in the Senate, emotions and tears ran high over the recent GARVEE brouhaha and having to spend at least two sessions in temporary buildings because of the Capitol's renovation.


Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, the co-chair of the joint budgeting panel, broke down as he thanked senators for sticking it out until coming to a good compromise.

"It's too much emotion for me," he told colleagues, many of them equally choked up. "I've been here for a while and we've had some easy sessions and some tough ones. This isn't the toughest but it's up there."

Statehouse reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at 735-3204 or jhopkins@magiclevel.com.

Marie McFarland

will be celebrating her **95th** birthday on April 3, 2007.



Marie resides at Alterra Wynwood in Twin Falls. She has lived in the Twin Falls area since she was 4 years old. Marie has three sons and daughters-in-law, with seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

She is an avid reader and bird watcher. Marie enjoys living at Alterra, and is an inspiration to other residents there as well as her family.

Happy Birthday Marie McFarland!

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Murder

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years in prison and possibly a life sentence.

At the time of the murder plot the girl, who lives out of state, was 15.

Both Caldwell's have sentencing hearings set for May 24.

According to court documents, William Caldwell has previously served time in prison for robbery and drug offenses, which is likely to factor into the sentence he receives.

"With his record, it's a life sentence," Kootenai County Deputy Prosecutor Art Verharen told the Coeur d'Alene Press.

Myra Caldwell, under terms of her plea agreement, will spend six months in prison and then be evaluated by the Idaho Department of Correction for early release on probation. Before the plea deal, she had been charged with the more serious conspiracy to commit first-degree murder.

"It was ruled for obvious reasons — specifically, the evidence or lack thereof," said her

attorney, Stuart Nunley.

According to a detective's report, a jailhouse informant imprisoned with William Caldwell tipped authorities that Caldwell was planning to luvve the girl killed, and that Myra Caldwell was going to provide the girl's picture and where she lived.

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Race

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skate the second 7.5 km.

"It's an exciting way to race," Arritola said. "It's a nice change of pace because if you are not skiing strong at first, once you switch to skate skis, you get a second chance."

Arritola skied the classic portion of the race in 22:07.17 and skated the second lap in 19:39.0. She spent a total of 23 seconds in the transition area changing her skis.

Warmer temperatures in northern Maine at the start of the race melted some of the snow pack, but things had cooled down by Friday, making conditions near perfect.

"It was a fast course," Arritola said. "It was great."

Participantes have a day off before the women's 30 km marathon on Sunday.

"I'm just going to relax between now and then," Arritola said. "This will be the last race of the season and it's going to be fun."

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NATION

Gonzales won't quit: 'I am fighting for the truth'

By Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Embattled Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said Friday he is "fighting for the truth" at the Department of Justice even as lawmakers expressed concern they haven't gotten it from him about the firings of eight federal prosecutors.

For weeks, Gonzales has been dogged by demands for his own resignation due to stultifying stories on how involved he was in planning the dismissals. He still hasn't explained himself to Capitol Hill despite orders to do so by President Bush and crumbling support among Republican lawmakers.

accountability and every step that I've taken is consistent with that principle," Gonzales said when questioned at a Boston event about preventing child sex abuse. "At the end of the day, I know what I did. And I know that the motivations for the decisions that I made were not based upon improper reasons."

Asked why he had not resigned, as demanded by some Democrats and Republicans, Gonzales said: "I am fighting for the truth."

At the Boston event, Gonzales again said he was drawing up plans for the firings but he wasn't closely involved in them and did not recall taking part in discussions over which people would actually be told



U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales listens to a reporter's question during a news conference at U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, Michael Seltzer, looks on in Boston Friday.

to go. His remarks came a day after the Senate testimony of his former chief of staff, Kyle Sampson, who said the attorney general was regularly briefed about plans to fire the prosecutors and was involved with discussions about "this

process of asking certain U.S. attorneys to resign." Lawmakers impatient to blame the differences between Gonzales' side of the story said the attorney general must explain himself quickly — or risk more damage to his department.

"The quicker that can happen the better it will be," said Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., adding that he would wait until hearing from Gonzales to decide whether the attorney general should resign. Gonzales is to testify on Capitol Hill on April 17, more than two weeks from now.

If lawmakers don't fully believe Gonzales' explanation, his ability to run the department "would be very difficult," Isakson said.

One senior justice aide who helped plan the firings, Michael Elston, spent Friday in a closed-door session explaining his role to House and Senate investigators. The White House said it continued to back Gonzales "100 percent."

President Bush "has confidence that the attorney general can overcome these challenges," said spokeswoman Dana Perino. "And I think that you can have full confidence in somebody and believe that they still have work to do, and believe that they're going to get that work done."

Support for Gonzales on Capitol Hill appears lukewarm at best, said Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., noting that no one offered a strong defense for him when House Republicans met this week with Bush.

Even before the firings furor erupted, Gonzales was facing heavy criticism over the FBI's improper and, in some cases, illegal use of the USA Patriot Act to secretly obtain personal information about people in the United States.

Constipation drug Zelnorm taken off market

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A widely prescribed drug for severe constipation is being taken off the market after it was linked to a risk of heart attacks and strokes, federal regulators said Friday.

Doctors said the voluntary withdrawal of Zelnorm by its manufacturer will leave few options for patients who suffer from a type of irritable bowel syndrome that affects about 12 million Americans — mostly women.

"This is really a sort of one-of-a-kind drug," said Dr. Bennett Ito, chief of gastroenterology at the University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center. "It doesn't work for everybody, but in those for

whom it works, it gets pretty good results. There are going to be a lot of unhappy patients." The Food and Drug Administration asked for the withdrawal of Zelnorm after an analysis of 29 studies involving more than 10,000 patients found that those who took the drug had significantly higher rates of cardiac problems than those who were given a sugar pill.

Patients taking Zelnorm should call their doctors to discuss alternative treatments, the agency said. Options include other types of laxatives. Any patients who experience chest pain, sudden weakness or other symptoms of heart attack or stroke should go to the emergency room immediately.

The drug's maker, Novartis,

said it is complying with the FDA request, although it does not believe that the drug is to blame. A consultant who reviewed the data for the company said the rates of heart problems in patients taking Zelnorm roughly correspond with the expected rates in the population.

But John Jenkins, head of the FDA's office of new drugs, said the differences between patients on Zelnorm and those given a sugar pill were significant.

Jenkins said 13 patients taking Zelnorm suffered heart attacks, chest pain or strokes, and one died.

Cherry blossoms set to bloom in nation's capital

WASHINGTON (AP) — They have been lovingly groomed for the past three months and next week all eyes will be on Washington's treasured cherry trees in anticipation of the few days when they burst into a sea of pink blossoms.

But as the trees perform the famous ritual that has drawn visitors for decades, officials are issuing friendly reminders about the harmful effects of snapping branches, climbing limbs and trampling the roots.

"It's a challenge — they're here so people can come and see them," says Glenn Eugster, director of the National Park Service's cherry tree replacement fund program. "But the challenge is how do you sustain the trees so we can continue to sustain the festival?"

The two-week National Cherry Blossom Festival, which begins today, honors the anniversary of 3,000 cherry trees gifted from Japan to the United States in 1912. It has become Washington's signature tourist event, drawing 1

million visitors annually. And officials are warning that the lush affair depends on the whole canopies of pink and white blossoms staying in pristine condition.

But not all visitors know that seemingly innocuous actions can take a toll on the trees that line the Tidal Basin.

Each year, thousands of visitors spill off the paths and onto the dirt that houses the trees' life-giving roots, causing damage. Some climb the trees, or place their kids on the limbs for photos — another no-no. And last year, a misdirected romantic display — a young man who snipped off a branch of blossoms and presented it to his beau — likely had the trees' tenders cringing.

"We want these trees to be around for our kids," says Diana Mayhew, the festival's executive director. "Some people are just not educated or informed. It's not that they're being mean, it's just that some people don't understand how special these trees are."

Contractor evaluating much-criticized reading program that it helped set up

By Nancy Zacharow
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A billion-dollar-a-year federal reading program that ran into scathing criticism over conflicts of interest now has a new one: The government contractor that set up the program for the Education Department is also part of the team hired to evaluate it.

Reading First — part of President Bush's signature No Child Left Behind education law — has been under scrutiny following a string of federal reports that found it rife with conflicts of interest and mismanagement. The program provides intense reading help to low-income children in the early elementary grades.

RMC Research Corp. was the contractor hired to establish and implement the program starting in 2002, under three contracts worth about \$40 million.

Recently, the Department of Education inspector general reported that RMC failed to keep the program free of conflicts of interest. For example, RMC did not screen subcontractors for relationships with publishers of reading programs.

Now, Reading First is in the midst of a five-year evaluation under a 2003 contract with a team that includes RMC, which is based in Portsmouth, N.H.

Congress required the review, spelling out that it must be an "independent evaluation."

"That didn't mean for the contractor that set up the program to have any role in reviewing it," said Massachusetts Democratic Sen. Edward Kennedy, who chairs the education committee.

"It's a classic case of the fox guarding the chicken coop," Kennedy said Friday.

Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., chairman of the House education committee, raised similar concerns when notified Friday

of RMC's role in the evaluation. RMC played a significant role in the implementation of Reading First and, according to the inspector general, a sometimes flawed role. If it's true that RMC was also hired to evaluate the effectiveness of the very program it was hired to help implement, then the conflict of interest could not be any clearer, Miller said.

Both lawmakers have been investigating Reading First, and Miller announced Friday he would hold a hearing on the issue April 20.

Reading First also has been the subject of investigations by the inspector general and the Government Accountability Office, Congress' investigative arm.

The inspector general found that federal officials intervened to influence state and local decisions about reading programs, a potential violation of the law. The GAO reported states received suggestions from federal officials or contractors to adopt or eliminate certain programs or tests.

The inspector general also reported that a consultant to

the program, working under RMC, may have inappropriately pushed a particular brand of reading assessment when dealing with states.

Expert panels that reviewed state applications for Reading First grants were stacked with people who shared the program director's views, according to the inspector general. In general, favored programs were highly structured and centered around phonics, a technique that relies on sounding out words.

The investigations have raised questions about whether Reading First should be reformed, or even abandoned, when No Child Left Behind comes up for renewal in Congress this year.

The job of evaluating how well the program has performed is being led by ABI Associates, a contractor based in Cambridge, Mass. The company hired RMC as a subcontractor.

According to RMC's Web site, the company helped design and implement a method of evaluating how reading is taught in classrooms. Federal

officials said RMC assisted in deciding what measures to use to collect information for the evaluation on reading instruction. They said RMC also trained classroom observers.

RMC's share of the \$31 million evaluation contract, signed in 2003, is about \$1.5 million, said Education Department officials.

The department declined to immediately provide a copy of the contract.

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General sought to warn Bush not to say Tillman died in an enemy ambush

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Just seven days after Pat Tillman's death, a top general warned there were strong indications that it was friendly fire and President Bush might embarrass himself if he said the NFL star-turned-soldier died in an ambush, according to a memo obtained by The Associated Press.

It was not until a month afterward that the Pentagon told the public and grieving family members the truth — that Tillman was mistakenly killed in Afghanistan by his comrades.

The memo reinforces suspicions that the Pentagon was more concerned with sparing officials from embarrassment than with leveling with Tillman's family.

In a memo sent to a four-star general a week after Tillman's April 22, 2004, death, then-Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal warned that it was "highly possible" the Army Ranger was killed by friendly fire.

"I felt that it was essential that you received this information as soon as we detected it in order to preclude any unwelcome statements by our country's leaders which might cause public embarrassment if the circumstances of Cpl. Tillman's death become public," McChrystal wrote.

Blain Rehmeier, a White House spokesman, said Friday that a review of records turned up no indication that the president had received McChrystal's warning. Bush made no reference to the way Tillman died in a speech delivered two days after the memo was written. But Rehmeier emphasized that Bush often pays tribute to fallen soldiers without mentioning the exact circumstances of their deaths.

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Political highway projects meet roadblock

CHEERS to Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, for rooting out a corrupt process in the final days of the legislative session.

The Idaho Senate on Thursday voted 23-12 to kill a \$246 million Connecting Idaho road bonding plan that was pieced together by legislators — not the appointed experts on the state Transportation Department and its respective board members.

House Speaker Lawrence Denney, R-Midvale, says the Transportation Department can't be trusted with road projects. "They put in two projects that were not on the list last year," he said.

But that's kids play compared to legislators' new antics. On Thursday, the plan that went to the Senate had one road project dropped. That project just happened to fall in a district represented by Democrats. And Cameron was quick to criticize the political tactics.

"That's wrong," Cameron said. "It's time for us to step back."

Cameron may have broken protocol by opposing a bill that came out of the Joint Finance-Appropriation Committee that he co-chairs. But he also saw how political strong-arming threatens that same committee. He took the right stand on the bill.

JEERS to Minidoka County prosecuting attorney Jason Walker.

Walker was appointed to investigate criminal rape charges against a former Jerome County deputy. Joe Hawk Hawk faces charges he raped a Jerome city police officer with a knife last May, in the bedroom of her home. To avoid a conflict of interest, Walker was tabbed by Jerome County officials to lead the case.

Walker never arrested the suspect, choosing instead to issue a summons to court. Few rape suspects get that kind of treatment when they're tagged with that violent crime. Even Walker admits as much, saying he issues arrest warrants for 99 percent of his rape charges.

But Walker didn't issue a warrant

in this case because he thought Hawk might volunteer for a polygraph. Hawk refused. Walker also said arresting Hawk, who may require a kidney transplant, may have compelled Jerome County taxpayers to pay for that surgery. "That was a huge factor," he said in deciding not to arrest Hawk.

Financial concerns are one thing, but applying the law evenly in criminal cases is another. Walker, who will become Camas County's new judicial magistrate in June, should see the difference.

JEERS to Keith Obermann, the MSNBC cable anchor for a cheap

shot on the College of Southern Idaho.

The host of MSNBC's "Countdown with Keith Obermann" included the CSI sports information department for his "Worst Person in the World" segment Wednesday night. That stink is usually reserved for conservative leaders he likes to eviscerate. But Wednesday's raspberry went to the sports information room for its item in the women's softball team media guide.

Obermann specifically heckled the CSI softball profiles asking players their likes and dislikes. One question asked if they preferred "shaven or unshaven." It was meant to be about boyfriends' beards.

Instead Obermann pitched the line as a lewd pun. His ribbed delivery, however, missed the plate.

"All of us who profited didn't read it any different," said CSI athletic director Joel Bate about the media guide. "It's unfortunate that people took it out of context."

Worst persons in the world?

Maybe Obermann should save his beanballs for those who actually deserve them.

CHEERS to the Treasure Valley's push for a new community college district.

Civic and elected leaders around Ada and Canyon counties caught the vision for new college bang. But now the foresight has resulted in action.

On Monday, the state Board of Education approved a plan to create a community college district in Canyon County for the College of Western Idaho Community College District. Community college supporters gathered 3,200 signatures on a petition seeking to create the community college district in southwest Idaho.

Canyon County commissioners are expected to make a date for the election. If passed the new school would be similar in its local control and tax support to the two current community colleges in Idaho.



LETTERS

Safety demands face long odds with nuclear plant

It's disheartening to see factories that churn out the most hellacious waste in the world plopped down into Idaho fields, set up high-paying jobs, then become integrated into the area via churches, splintered Little League ball teams and 4-H clubs.

When something dreadful occurs at a nuclear site, often the culture covers up.

Whistleblowers are terrified of reprisals, being shunned by society and worse. Few want to be known as killing the goose with the golden eggs, even if they are speckled with plutonium.

Two years ago, there was a news splash at the Los Alamos, N.M., lab. The highly carcinogenic FV-239 was detected in five workers' noses. It took several days before this information came out to the public. Then it was through the Project on Government Oversight that co-workers cupped this up, rather than their own trusted government and contractor.

Ironically, all of the jobs I've labored on, the rules insisted that every accident, no matter how small, be reported — even if it's a cut from a piece of paper as tiny and insignificant as America's Constitution. It's not right that our best men judging the most dangerous element under the sun should be skittish about reporting disasters that hold far-reaching ramifications. After all, would not the open reporting of near catastrophes aid in preventing similar events?

Recently some Department of Energy spokespersons drove over to Sun Valley, claiming they care about the environment and their grandchildren. If this is true, why aren't they sending aspiring scientists to join a contest designing foolproof double blind whistle-blower systems. A Rubie Goldberg category could be included to generate interest among the gifted high-schoolers who seem to have more open dialogues than the highest levels of our own government. The winner could receive a lifetime subscription to PCO magazine. **IM BANHOZLER**
Halley

New locals had their say on Wal-Mart

The Tuesday, March 27, planning and zoning meeting was interesting, humorous, sad and, at times, prophetic.

Citizens who spoke in favor of or who were indifferent to the Wal-Mart's planned unit development modification request were respected. Some, who were against Wal-Mart and chose to preface their remarks with, "I moved here from California," drew murmurs, choked laughter and snide remarks that aspirated throughout the chamber.

Heaven help us, folks.

When this type of statement is no longer laughed at...

Great overtone and no admission change; you should've been there.

RON YATES
Twin Falls

Dixie Chicks, death threats and democracy

I recently rented — and will soon buy (along with all their CDs) — a superb documentary about The Dixie Chicks' "Shut Up & Sing."

Directed by two-time Oscar winner Barbara Kopple ("American Dream," "WMM: Whispers of Mass Deception") and Cecelia Peck from 2003 to 2006, the film does a remarkably powerful and moving job of depicting the hysteria-driven nonsense that surrounded "paratroopers" during the onset of the Iraq war.

Singer Natalie Maines told a London audience she was "ashamed to be from the same state as the president," and the subsequent fallout from those comments led to widespread U.S. boycotts and blacklists, CD and concert-ticket burnings, an increasingly ugly showdown with country singer Toby Keith — all fueled primarily by the ultra right-wing www.FreeRepublic.com — and even death threats, all vivid examples of just how fast "fans" who say they "love" a particular entertainer can turn on them in instant and also how a country that claims it's all about "freedom of speech," etc., is sometimes anything but.

One of the film's best moments came when Republican Sen. John McCain grills the president of one of the U.S. radio networks about how he can seriously talk about there not being an organized boycott of the Chicks' music when he himself has just said "all" the company's stations "roll into line" (where the radio boycott was concerned).

Ericsson, infuriating and enlightening, the movie is also a terrific example of how genuine friendships can go through a lot, and how standing up for what you believe in is, arguably, the most important aspect of a "democracy."

And since when does threatening the life of a pregnant woman ever qualify as "paratroopers"?

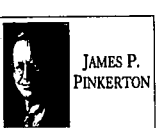
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Keep America full of Americans

The same bad idea that is ruining Europe threatens to ruin the United States. No, indeed, the news that Uncle Sam can't find more than 600,000 of what the government calls "fugitive aliens," those who have been ordered out of the country but slipped past the enforcement system, reminds us, yet again, that border enforcement and maintenance of sovereignty are low priorities for Washington.



JAMES P. PINKERTON

The bad idea threatening both America and Europe is this: Borders don't matter. Why not? Because patriotism is deemed some sort of infantile disease to be grown out of. Therefore, a conglomerated government is the only way to assure docility and passivity for the masses — oops, make that peace and prosperity that has been held by elites for a long time. Karl Marx, still a hero to many policy-minded intellectuals, was an early prophet of a borderless world. But don't take my word for it: It's Thomas Friedman of The New York Times, praising Marx in his 2005 best-seller "The World is Flat": "Reading 'The Communist Manifesto' today, I am in awe at how incisively Marx detected the forces that

were flattening the world during the rise of the Industrial Revolution, and how much he foresaw about the way these same forces would keep flattening the world right up to the present." Isn't that neat? Friedman surely thinks so; he reprints most of a page of Marx's purple prose.

Friedman is No Communist. But he is a globalist. And so, if Marx's motto was "Workers of the world, unite," Friedman's seems to be "Globalists of the world, unite." And, in the end, the effect is similar: Nations, and national traditions, are plowed under.

In the past, some have dreamed that the League of Nations, or the United Nations, could foster a kind of world federalism. But that dream cracked up on the hard rocks of national reality — not every-one wants to share a fate with Russia, Iran or Zimbabwe. So the flatteners and federalizers

downsized, at least for a while: only continents would be unified.

Hence the European Union, stretching now from Iceland to Bulgaria, includes some 500 million people. That all sounds great — for an empire. Indeed, Brussels, capital of the European Union, has become an imperial city, its palaces, bulging with Eurocrats, some foggy declarations about the "idea of Europe." But here's a sharp truth: Europe is not an idea; it's a place, a place for Europeans. These folks have a shared history and a shared religious tradition. Judeo-Christianity — or at least they did until the European Idealists, eager to flatten their own local customs in the name of politico-economic unification, opened the border to millions of Muslim immigrants.

Unfortunately, the globalizing plan hasn't produced harmonious odes to joy. Instead, big cities have been searfully divided into ethnic and religious combat zones. Muslims were happy to cross flattened frontiers into Europe, but they never had any intention of flattening their own adherence to rigid Shariah law. No wonder, then, that 58 percent of Europeans, finally waking up

to the change that's been foisted upon them, believe that the Union "does not represent ordinary people." Now back to America, where our elites maintain the same faith in continent-flattening.

"Visionaries," Democratic and Republican alike, have long advocated a "free trade zone" to include all of North America, and then all of South America. And along with free trade, of course, comes the free movement of peoples.

So of course 623,229 nannies facing deportation orders couldn't be found in the United States as of last year — a 16 percent increase over the previous year — according to a recent report from the inspector general of the Department of Homeland Security.

Can this erosion of sovereignty be reversed? It might be too late to save Europe from Brussels-ization, followed by Islamization.

But surely it's not too late to save America — if we can all agree, despite our other divisions, to keep being uniquely American.

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Kids can be still kids, outside the house

One sunny afternoon as our children played nearby, I asked a neighbor at what age she would allow her son to bicycle around the block by himself.

"I don't think I would ever do that," she replied. "The world is a very different place now than it was when we were growing up."

At a PTA meeting, during a discussion of traffic problems around the school campus, I asked what we could do to encourage families to walk or bike to school. Other parents looked at me as if I suggested we strew children into barrels and roll them into the nearest active volcano. One teacher looked at me in shock. "I wouldn't let my children walk to school alone... would you?"



L.J. WILLIAMSON

Did she really think the number of child molesters and kidnapers in the world had increased in the past 20 or 30 years, I asked? "Oh, yes, I think it is increasing. Because of the Internet."

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"Have you heard about all of the predators in this area?" asked a father.

"No, I haven't," I said. "I think this is a pretty safe neighborhood."

"You'd be surprised," he replied, lowering his eyebrows. "You should read the Megan's Law Web site." He continued: "You know how to solve the traffic problem around this school? Get rid of all the predators. Then you won't have any more traffic."

Huh?

Our hyper-anxiety about the safety of children is creating a

society in which any outdoor activity that doesn't take place under the supervision of a coach or a "psychomotor activities" mandate from the state is too risky to attempt.

An example: My son's school has a written rule that students in grades K-4 may not ride their bicycles to school. My son and I cheerfully ignore this restriction; I think school rules belong on campus, not off. As we walk together each day, I remember the Huffy Sweet 'N' Sassy 10rd to school when I was a kid. Hot pink, with a flowered wicker basket, it stood out among the other bikes parked in the crowded racks, its tall orange safety flag flapping in the breeze.

Now, my son's bike stands alone, always the sole occupant of the school's tucked-in-a-faraway-corner bike rack. When we arrive, other kids look at us in amazement and ask questions like "Why do you ride a bike?" and "Don't you have a car?"

Although statistics show that rates of child abduction and sexual abuse have marched steadily downward since the early 1980s, fear of these crimes is at an all-time high. Even the panic-inducing Megan's Law Web site says stranger abduction is rare and that 90 percent of child sexual-abuse cases are committed by someone known to the child.

Yet we still suffer a crucial disconnect between perception

of crime and its statistical reality. A child is almost as likely to be struck by lightning as kidnapped by a stranger, but it's not fear of lightning strikes that parents cite as the reason for keeping children indoors watching television instead of out on the sidewalk skipping rope.

And when a child is parked on the living room floor, he or she may be safe, but is safety the sole objective of parenting? The ultimate goal is independence, and independence is best fostered by handing it out a little at a time, not by withholding it in a trembling fist that remains clenched until it's time to move into the dorms.

Meanwhile, as rates of child abduction and abuse move down, rates of Type II diabetes, hypertension and other obesity-related ailments in children move up. That means not all the candy is coming from strangers. Which scenario should provoke more panic: the possibility that your child

might become one of the approximately 100 children who are kidnapped by strangers each year, or one of the country's 58 million overweight adults?

In 1972, 87 percent of children who lived within a mile of school walked or biked daily; today, just 13 percent of children get to school under their own power, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In a significant parallel, before 1980, only 5 percent of children were obese; today that figure has tripled, says the CDC.

The next generation of grandparents won't even need to harangue their progeny with tales of walking seven miles to school in the snow; it'll be impressive enough to say that they walked at all. My neighbor was right — the world is a very different place.

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FDA finds chemical, but no rat poison, in recalled pet foods

By Andrew Bridges
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal testing of recalled pet foods turned up a chemical used to make plastics but failed to confirm the presence of a cancer-causing chemical also used in plastics. The recall expanded Friday to include the first dry pet food.

The Food and Drug Administration said Friday it found melamine in samples of the Menu Foods pet food involved in the original recall and in imported wheat gluten used as an ingredient in the company's wet-style products. Cornell University scientists also found melamine in the urine of sick cats, as well as in the kidney of one cat

that died after eating some of the recalled food.

Meanwhile, Hill's Pet Nutrition recalled its Prescription Diet m/d Feline dry cat food. The food included wheat gluten from the same supplier that Menu Foods used. The recall also involves any other Prescription Diet or Science Diet products, said the company, a division of Colgate-Palmolive Co. FDA was working to rule out the possibility that the contaminated wheat gluten could have made it into any human food. However, melamine is toxic only in high doses, experts said, leaving its role in the pet deaths unclear.

Menu Foods recalled 60 million containers of cat and dog food, sold throughout North

America under nearly 100 brands, earlier this month after animals died of kidney failure after eating the Canadian company's products. It is not clear how many pets may have been poisoned by the apparently contaminated food, although anecdotal reports suggest hundreds if not thousands have died. The FDA alone has received more than 8,000 complaints; the company, more than 300,000.

Company officials on Friday would not provide updated numbers of pets sickened or killed by its contaminated product. Pet owners would be compensated for veterinary bills and the deaths of any dogs and cats linked to the company's products, the company said.

The melamine finding came a week after scientists at the New York State Food Laboratory identified a cancer drug and rat poison called aminopterin as the likely culprit in the pet food. But the FDA said it could not confirm that finding, nor have researchers at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey when they looked at tissue samples taken from dead cats. And experts at the University of Guelph detected aminopterin in some samples of the recalled pet food, but only in the parts per billion or trillion range.

"Biologically that means nothing. It wouldn't do anything," said Grant Wagle, a veterinary pathologist at the Canadian university.

"This is a puzzle." Meanwhile, New York officials stuck to their aminopterin finding and pointed out that it was unlikely that melamine could have poisoned any of the animals thought to have died after eating

the contaminated pet food. Melamine is used to make plastic kitchen ware and is used as a fertilizer in Asia. An FDA official allowed that it wasn't immediately clear whether the melamine was the culprit.

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Muslims threaten to sue over their removal from airliner

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Six Muslim men removed from a plane last fall after being accused of suspicious behavior are suing the airline and threatening to sue the passengers who complained — a move some fear could discourage travelers from speaking up when they see something unusual.

The lawsuit, filed earlier this month, has so alarmed some lawyers that they are offering to defend the unnamed "John Doe" passengers listed as "possible defendants" free of charge. They say it is vital that the flying public be able to report suspicious behavior without fear of being dragged into court.

"When you drive up the road towards the airport, there's a big red sign that says, 'Report suspicious behavior,'" said Gerry Nolting, a Minneapolis lawyer. "There's no disclaimer that adds, 'But beware if you do that, you might get sued.'"

The six Muslims were taken off a Phoenix-bound US Airways flight on Nov. 20 while returning home from a conference of Islamic clerics in Minneapolis.

Other passengers had gotten nervous when the men were seen praying and chanting in Arabic as they waited to board.

Some passengers also said they saw the man spike of Saddam Hussein and cursed the United States; that they requested seat belt extenders with heavy buckles and stowed them under their seats; that they were moving about and conferring with each other during boarding; and that they sat separately in

seats around the cabin. The plane was cleared for a security sweep, nothing was found, and the jet took off without the Muslims.

The Muslim clerics say they were humiliated, and are seeking unspecified damages from the airline, the Minneapolis airport and, potentially, the John Does.

Omar Mohammed, the New York City attorney for the imams, said the intent is not to go after passengers who raise valid concerns about security. But he suggested some imams' fears may have been in bad faith out of prejudice.

"As an attorney, I have seen a lot of abuse by the general public when it comes to members of the community creating stories that do not exist," Mohammed said.

He denied the imams were talking about Saddam, and said that their seats were assigned and that they requested extenders because their seats belts didn't fit.

Some fear such lawsuits could weaken what has become the first line of defense against terrorism since Sept. 11 — an alert public. At airports and train and subway stations around the country, travelers are routinely warned to watch for unattended bags and suspicious activity and to notify authorities.

Ellen Howe, spokeswoman for the Transportation Security Administration, said the agency oversees security at all U.S. airports, would not comment specifically on the imams' lawsuit, but she said

the TSA counts on passengers to help the agency do its job. "See something, say something" is certainly a common

mantra in this day and age," Howe said. "We would always remind passengers to be both vigilant and thoughtful."

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Paul McCartney's daughter?

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Sean Lennon is accused to be the person recognizing him because of his famous parents, but one incident really caught him off-guard.

"When I was 15, a cabdriver asked me if I was Paul McCartney's daughter," Sean Lennon said in a recent interview. "That really blew my mind." Lennon said he usually finds himself unfazed by his fame and gets as the son of Yoko Ono and former Beatle John Lennon, who was killed in New York City in 1980.

"I don't have any perspective on a life without people freakin' out about my parents, so I don't know what it would be like for that not to happen," he said.

"People only have glimpses of like you know, who I might be and I don't think people have a real sense of what I'm like necessarily," he said. "I got the spoiled-rich-kid thing a lot and I get the serious-thing a lot, but I think people are misunderstanding me."

Lennon, who is on tour in support of his latest album, "Friendly Fire," prefers to be on the road.

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Insatiable squids signal a return

By Pete Thomas
Los Angeles Times

ABOARD THE NEW DEL MAR—A long night scouring a cove dark ocean is proving uneventful—until the luminous red dots begin drifting across the sonar screen.

Banter in the wheelhouse suddenly stops, and grubby fingers point to the dots clustered along the bottom, as if trying to locate the enemy.

On deck, a fisherman lurches forward as his rod dips seaward. Another fisherman is jerked against the rail, then another.

"What else can it be?" says Ricky Carbajal, captain of the vessel New Del Mar, which is pitching in a brisk wind, five miles beyond California's Palos Verdes Peninsula.

It can only be the same bizarre denizen that has been turning up in large numbers throughout Southern California waters: Dositheles gigas, a.k.a. Humboldt, or jumbo squid.

It is a colossal cephalopod that reaches 7 feet long, can weigh more than 100 pounds and jets through the water at speeds reaching 25 mph.

It has probing arms and tooth-lined tentacles, a raptor-like beak and an insatiable craving for flesh—any kind of flesh, even that of humans.

It shows up briefly off California every four or five years, spurred by a warm current or some other anomaly, providing a boon for sportfishing businesses.

But amid this latest influx, to point as far north as Bodega Bay, there is a deepening concern among scientists that Humboldt squid are entrenching themselves off California, and may expand northward, eating their way through fisheries as they go. The same thing is happening in the Southern Hemisphere, where squid are being blamed for depleting the hake fishery off Chile.

The first verified capture off Alaska occurred three years ago. A year later, mass strandings made news in British Columbia, where wolves on outer island beaches were seen gnawing on rubbery squid carcasses.

Strandings and the subsequent deaths of squid, such as those along Orange County, Calif., beaches in March 2005, have historically preceded infestations of local waters. In other words, these peculiar beings, which have a life span of less than two years, seem on their way to establishing residence along the length of the eastern Pacific.

The reasons for the phenomenon have not been pinned down, although gradual ocean warming, pollution and overfishing of large predators are suspected factors.

Nor is it known what the ramifications might be. But there is already proof that the squid are ingesting small rockfish, anchovies, sardines and much smaller market squid, which is the type prized as calamari.

In fact, very little is known about Humboldt squid, because they spend most of their lives at depths of 650 to 3,000 feet.

But when they rise, they can provide some big surprises.

Four divers found that out when they tried to document the squid's behavior in the Sea of Cortez 17 years ago. While a nondescript passenger battled to land a 14-foot thresher shark on rod-and-reel, Alex Kerstitch of Arizona and three friends submerged in the nighttime sea, carrying cameras.

The divers settled near the dim fringes of the boat's lights. They could see the weary shark being pulled toward the boat. Below, dozens of squid began flashing iridescently red-white-red.

The flashing is carried out via millions of chromatophores within the skin, opened to reveal red, closed to reveal white; it is believed by some scientists to be a means of communication.

A 5-foot squid flung itself onto the shark and tore an orange-sized chunk from its head. Another squid zoomed forth, tentacles clasped before its beak, and snatched a long needlefish, leaving in its wake a trail of blood and scales.

The frenzy built, and Kerstitch, as the lone diver

shooting still photographs, with no bright movie lights to deter the predators, was set upon.

A squid grabbed his right swim fin and pulled downward. He kicked it away but another grabbed his head. The caraculic tentacles found his neck, the only part of his body not covered with neoprene.

He bashed the squid with his

dive light, far less bright than the movie lights, and it let go, but it swiped both the light and the gold chain he'd been wearing.

Another squid wrapped its tentacles around his face and chest. Kerstitch dug his fingers into its clammy body.

It slid down and around his waist and pulled him downward in pulsing bursts. Then it

suddenly let go, but made off with his compression meter. For whatever reason, the attack ceased, and Kerstitch got to the surface dazed and oozing blood from neck wounds, thankful to be alive.

The incident became legendary among divers, the first of many painful but, so far, nonfatal encounters by divers with Humboldt squid.

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Bruin boys take Jerome meet

Tigers girls win, boys finish second

Times-News

JEROME — Call it a runaway. The Twin Falls High School boys track team was in rare form during Friday night's Jerome Dunne/Andrew Invitational track meet...

The Bruins boys received solid performances by senior high jumper Brandon McNew, who cleared 6 feet, 4 inches to win the event. Twin Falls hurdler Austin Nay finished first in the 300-meter hurdles...

Flyer's Casey Dabney nearly swept the sprints, but was narrowly edged by Wildcats teammate Ricky Fernandez in the 100-meter dash.

The Jerome girls were led by pole vaulter Alexis Folkling, who cleared 8 feet, 6 inches in the event. While Molly Reid won the long jump and the 100-meter dash for the Tigers...



Flyer's Ricky Fernandez crosses the finish line first Friday in the boys' 100-meter dash during the Jerome Dunne/Andrew Invitational track meet at Jerome High School.

Jerome Dunne/Andrew Invitational Friday's results. Table with columns for Boys and Girls, and rows for various events like 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1600m, 3200m, 5000m, 10000m, 1500m, 2000m, 3000m, 5000m, 10000m, 15000m, 20000m, 30000m, 40000m, 50000m, 60000m, 80000m, 100000m, 120000m, 150000m, 200000m, 250000m, 300000m, 400000m, 500000m, 600000m, 800000m, 1000000m.



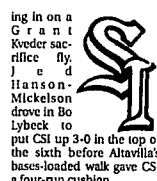
Runners prepare to start the girls 800-meter dash Friday during the Jerome Dunne/Andrew Invitational track meet at Jerome High School.

CSI baseball splits, softball sweeps Bruins at Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY — The streak is over. Long live the streak!

The College of Southern Idaho baseball team will have to work on starting a new win streak today after Friday's two-game Scenic West Athletic Conference split with Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City.

Jordan Latham was saddled with only his second loss of the season in the first game, while Bruins reliever David McNight picked up the win for the 17-17 (11-11 SWAC) Bruins.



Friday's first game. Belinda Turley provided the Game 2 fireworks with a two-run home run in the top of the sixth as Desiree Thomson threw a lockdown performance in relief as the Golden Eagles earned the sweep with a 4-3 win in Salt Lake City.

The 19-21 Golden Eagles improved to 12-10 in SWAC play by pounding out seven games, including Sorrell's homer and Katelynn Warren's two-RBI double. Zillner went the distance, scattering 10 hits through seven innings.

Stephanie Holmes led CSI at the plate, finishing 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI. A two-run bottom of the fifth put the 19-14 (12-10 SWAC) Bruins ahead 3-2, but they just lacked the energy to open home run. Thomson improved to 4-8 on the season by allowing only one hit and one walk in three innings pitched.

Jelena Williams went 2-for-4 with a double and a run, while Turley finished 2-for-2 with two runs scored and two RBIs on the home run.

The Golden Eagles will have to put past experiences into play during today's sweep doubleheader. CSI won't see the front-end of a road game.

Jerome girls win Mower Invite

Spartans boys take second

JEROME — Two is enough. The Jerome High School girls golf team finished two strokes lower than second-place Hillcrest to win Friday's Dale Mower/Subway Jerome Invitational at Blue Lakes Country Club in Twin Falls.

The Tigers finished in 428 strokes as top golfer Jordan Burkhardt led the team to a second in the individual standings. Blackfoot's Abbie Archibald finished in 83 strokes to finish first, but a round of 97 by Jerome No. 2 golfer Christina Paulos kept the Tigers ahead of both Blackfoot and Hillcrest.

The Minico Spartans finished second in Class 4A boys competition at the Jerome Country Club. The Spartans finished with a 322 team score. Just two strokes back of first-place Skyview.

The real worst person in the world

Want a look at the real worst person in the world? Try a mirror. If you're one of the people who subscribed to this whole shaven or unshaven deal, watched Keith Olbermann on MSNBC's "Countdown," made Friday's story one of the most-read in the Times-News and most viewed on the Idaho Statesman's Web site...



One person it isn't — College of Southern Idaho sports information director Karen Baunert, who has come under national media scrutiny for her inaugural Golden Eagles softball media guide. For at least the past two years, the CSI media guides "This or That" question section has included the question whether male athletes like to be clean shaven or not...

SPORTS

Bruins sweep Bucks Bags Day 2

Times-News

BOISE — The Twin Falls Bruins baseball team kept rolling with a pair of wins at the Bucks Bag Tournament in Boise on Friday.

Twin Falls run-runned Columbia 16-5 in an early-afternoon game before pounding Eagle 9-1 later in the evening. Both games were highlighted by stout hitting, sound defense and good pitching. Nick Yergenson and Casey Leroux remained perfect for the season from the mound.

"Just a gem," Bruins head coach Mike Federico said of Leroux. The junior recorded three RBIs at the plate on the game he walked only one batter and threw just 72 pitches.

Yergenson struggled during the first game at times, but was backed up by his fielders. The No. 1 seed from the Eagle High school team will face the No. 1 seed of the Capital High pod at 3 p.m. today at Eagle High School.

Twin Falls 16, Columbia 5, 6-0
Twin Falls 9, Eagle 1, 9-1

Boise 18, Twin Falls 2, 1-1

BOISE — Minico took a 2-1 record after two days of play at the Bucks Bag Tournament in Boise.

The Spartans won their first two games, beating Middleton 6-0 on Thursday and Baker City, Ore., 6-3 on Friday. Minico dropped its third game to Centennial 12-1 in six innings.

Minico (8-3) plays Nampa today at 3 p.m.

Minico 6, Middleton 2
Baker City 6, Minico 3

Centennial 12, Minico 1, six innings
Middleton 6, Baker City 0

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Boise: Tim Fales, Mike Bick, Mike Mullen, 11-0; Bradenton, 11-0; ...

Larsen

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CSL's "Field of Dreams" campaign to build a new softball facility where a corn field on the northwest corner of campus currently stands, and the question of "shawn or ushawn," which for some reason wasn't such a big deal when it appeared in this year's men's basketball media guide or this year's baseball guide.

What the national media is talking about is something my editors don't want directly mentioned in a family newspaper. While nobody has the right — or lack of decency — to come out and say exactly

Kimberly sweeps Wendell

WENDELL — Kimberly picked up a pair of nonconference wins on the road as the Bulldogs defeated Wendell 11-1 and 7-3 on Friday.

In Game 1, Kimberly junior Nick Wright tossed a one-hitter. Kimberly hosts Filer on Tuesday, while Wendell plays at Glenns Ferry on Thursday.

Game 1
Kimberly 11, Wendell 1
Wendell 7, Kimberly 3

Game 2
Kimberly 7, Wendell 3
Wendell 2, Kimberly 1

Administration
Arrossa retires as Kimberly AD

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly School District announced the retirement of Kimberly High School athletic director George Arrossa on Friday.

Arrossa, who has been with the district for more than 30 years, will step down on July 1. Brian Willford, Kimberly varsity golf coach, will assume the duties as athletic director. He brings 18 years' worth of experience in the Kimberly system as an educator and a coach.

Softball

Buhl sinks Glenns Ferry

BUHL — The Buhl Indians knocked out two wins over Glenns Ferry, 4-1 and 14-4. The first game was dominated by Buhl pitcher Miranda Jucker. Jucker went the full seven innings, allowing only one run on four hits. Jucker walked no one and struck out five, as her record improves to 3-1 on the year.

Buhl's Leslie Hunter assisted her pitcher offensively by adding 3 RBIs to the Tribe's total. Jucker was 3-3 in the nightcap.

Buhl (7-1, 4-2) will travel to Declo on Wednesday, for a doubleheader.

Game 1

Boise 18, Twin Falls 2, 1-1
Twin Falls 9, Eagle 1, 9-1

Game 2

Boise 18, Twin Falls 2, 1-1
Twin Falls 9, Eagle 1, 9-1

Twin Falls takes two in Boise

BOISE — Twin Falls pitched their way to consecutive wins in Boise, defeating Timberline 8-0, and Borah 8-1. Katelyn Field shutout Timberline, allowing only two hits in seven innings. Field had 12 strikeouts, and ran her record to 3-0.

Notas and Brunson were 3-for-4 at the plate, and Dusty Ester was 3-5 with three doubles for the Bruins.

Twin Falls wins 7-1 on the year, and plays two more in Boise today. The first game, at noon, will be against defending State champion Couer d'Alene, and the 2 p.m. game will be against Emmet.

Game 1

Twin Falls 7, Timberline 0
Emmett 2, Twin Falls 1

Game 2

Twin Falls 7, Borah 1
Borah 1, Twin Falls 8

Wendell, Kimberly JV split

WENDELL — The Kimberly junior varsity bested Wendell in Game 1, 8-6. Wendell held a 6-2 advantage, before Kimberly JV put up five runs in their half of the sixth inning.

Wendell (3-3) will face conference rival Glenns Ferry on Thursday. The doubleheader will take place in Glenns Ferry.

Game 1

Wendell 6, Kimberly JV 8
Kimberly JV 5, Wendell 3

Game 2

Wendell 3, Kimberly JV 1

Blackfoot sweeps Minico

RUPERT — Blackfoot dominated a nonconference doubleheader with Minico Friday, winning 15-3 and 18-1.

A dreadful fourth inning hurt Minico in the first game as the Broncos scattered five hits and scored 12 runs — five of which came on passed balls. Minico never could recover.

Game 1

Blackfoot 15, Minico 3
Blackfoot 18, Minico 1

Game 2

Blackfoot 18, Minico 1

Tennis

Madison 10, Twin Falls 2

HEXBURG — The Madison tennis team returned the courts Friday and cruised to an easy 10-2 win over the Twin Falls Bruins at Madison High School.

The Bobcats swept all six doubles matches in Friday's matches.

Late Thursday

Tennis

Jerome 9, Minico 3

JEROME — The Jerome Tigers came away with a key Great Basin Conference West tennis win, defeating the rival Minico Spartans 9-3 Thursday afternoon in Jerome. Tigers No. 1 girls' single player Dorothy Lopez came away with a hard-fought 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 win over Minico's Karec Jungensmeier, while Jerome swept the boys' singles matches.

Game 1

Jerome 9, Minico 3

Game 2

Jerome 9, Minico 3

Nowitzki leads Mavs past Knicks

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki took care of the personal milestone with his first shot.

After his final surge, the Dallas Mavericks got their record. Nowitzki scored 17 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter, with nine straight in the final 1:56, as the Mavericks beat the New York Knicks 105-103 Friday night for their franchise-record 61st victory.

The Mavericks, the top court in the NBA, have won nine straight games. Stephen Marbury had his season-high 43 points, but a final shot was blocked by Josh Howard and rebounded by Deven George as the game ended. Marbury had twice put the Knicks ahead in the closing stretch, but also had a huge mistake.

Spurs 102, Jazz 93

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili scored 25 points, and San Antonio beat Utah for its sixth straight victory. Tony Parker added 23 points and 11 assists. Tim Duncan had 20 points and 14 rebounds, and Michael Finley had 12 points as San Antonio snapped Utah's three-game winning streak. The Spurs have won 16 straight at home against the Jazz.

Raptors 123, Wizards 118

WASHINGTON — Chris Bosh scored eight of his 37 points in overtime, and Toronto remained in the third spot in the Eastern Conference playoff race by beating Washington. The Wizards appeared to have a victory secured until Michael Ruffin's celebratory heave toward the rafters landed in the hands of Raptors guard Morris Peterson, who set the net from 31 feet but fell on at 109 as the horn sounded ending regulation.

Pistons 110, Nets 105

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chauncey Billups had 32 points and 14 assists. Lindsey Hunter and Antonio McDyeys keyed a fourth-quarter rally, and Detroit beat New Jersey.

Rashed Wallace scored 22 points, but it was the two reserves who led Detroit's fourth-quarter comeback. Hunter and McDyeys connected.

CSU

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series at North Idaho College earlier this year, only to drop both of Saturday's games.

"It'll be interesting to see if we learned anything in how we approach tomorrow," Baumer said. "But I think we're playing a lot more confident right now."

Game 1

CSU 6, BSC 3
BSC 3, CSU 6

Game 2

CSU 6, BSC 3
BSC 3, CSU 6

Heat 92, Timberwolves 77

MINNAPOLIS — Udonis Haslem had 19 points and 14 rebounds, and all five starters scored at least 15 points for Miami, which led from start to finish and beat Minnesota; Shaquille O'Neal was relatively quiet with 15 points and nine rebounds, perhaps a bit worn out from moving more than usual on defense while Minnesota's Mark Bryant — who plays almost more than inside — scored 18 points.

But Eddie Jones scored 18 points, James Posey added 16 and Jason Williams had 15 for the Heat, who are fighting for playoff positioning with a handful of teams in the Eastern Conference.

Bobcats 97, Bucks 81

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace scored 24 points and Walter Herrmann had a career-high 23 to lead Charlotte to its first victory over Milwaukee in 10 meetings.

Emeka Okafor added 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Bobcats, who pulled away in the third quarter by dominating the inside against the injury-plagued Bucks.

76ers 88, Celtics 82

PHILADELPHIA — Kyle Korver scored 26 points, helping Philadelphia avoid a second-half collapse and beat Boston.

Korver made four 3-pointers, his final one snapping a 73-all tie with 5:06 left after the Celtics had rallied from a 15-point second-half deficit.

Magic 95, Pacers 87

ORLANDO, Fla. — Grant Hill scored 11 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, and Trevor Ariza added 17 for Orlando.

The win was Orlando's third in 10 games against the three teams fighting the Magic for the last two post-season spots in the East. Indiana continues to struggle mightily, losing its 17th in the last 19 games.

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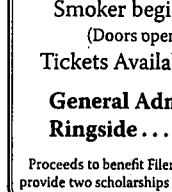
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Sports Shorts

National and Magic Valley briefs. yard sale today and tomorrow at the Jerome County Fairgrounds. A variety of free seminars will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. each day, while a mini horse show and Gymkhana will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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Georgetown vs. Ohio State

CBS, 4 p.m.



UCLA vs. Florida

CBS, following Georgetown-Ohio State



Georgetown's Roy Hibbert (55) shoots during practice for a Final Four semifinal basketball game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Friday.



Ohio State center Greg Oden (20) begins his practice session for his Final Four semifinal basketball game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Friday.



UCLA's Arron Afflalo (4) smiles during practice for his Final Four semifinal basketball game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Friday.



Florida's Taurian Green passes the ball during his practice for his Final Four semifinal basketball game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Friday.

Georgetown, Ohio State learn about the big time

ATLANTA (AP) — Greg Oden stood at center court, checking out clips of Ohio State games on the Jumbotron while fellow freshmen Daquan Cook and Mike Conley stole glances around the cavernous Georgia Dome.

"This whole season has been one new experience after another for the Hoopies, and they're managed to handle them all with poise and maturity. But the Final Four, well, there's nothing that can quite prepare them for this circus."

When the top-seeded Buckeyes (34-3) play second-seeded Georgetown (30-6) on Saturday night, it's going to be loud, more crowded and more intense than anything they've ever seen.

"We haven't told them too much, just keep playing like they've been playing," Ivan Harris, one of only two seniors on the Ohio State roster, said Friday. "We don't want them to change up too much right now because it's crunch time."

Not that Georgetown is any more stressed at this. The Hoyas start a freshman and a sophomore, and the two seniors on their roster barely play. The only road to the Final Four that they know is memory lane with John Thompson and Patrick Ewing — the fathers, not the sons.

While UCLA and Florida know the ins and outs of this weekend so well they could be tour guides, Georgetown and Ohio State will have to figure it out on the fly. And whoever does it best will likely be the team that's playing for the title Monday night.

"We've got some guys that are pretty experienced as far as tournament play, but at the same time, we're kind of both new to this stage, this level of the tournament," Georgetown guard Jonathan Wallace said.

"At this point, Xs and Os don't really make that much of a difference any more," Wallace said. "It's going to be who plays with the most intensity, the most heart."

Still, some of the lessons learned along the way have got to come in handy.

For Georgetown, it was last year's loss to eventual champion Florida in the regional semifinal. The Hoyas were in the game until the final seconds, when they fouled Corey Brewer on a twisting, falling-down shot. Brewer converted the three-point play, and Al Horford sealed the 57-53 win with a pair of free throws.

Season over for the Hoyas.

"We learned how to close out games better," Jeff Green said. "We allowed them to get the three-point play which pretty much sealed the deal for them winning that game. We learned from those mistakes, which made our team better. We instilled that early on with the freshmen that came in."

Indeed, Georgetown got to Atlanta thanks to its cool. Trailing by a point to Vanderbilt in the

regional semifinal, Green banked in the game-winner with less than three seconds left. Two days later, the Hoyas rallied from 11 points down, then bulldozed North Carolina in overtime to earn their spot in the Final Four.

"One of the strengths of our team has been our understanding that we are a team," Thompson said. "One of the strengths of our team is the belief that the guys have in each other, the belief that the guys have in what we are doing and how we are doing it."

Ohio State got its biggest test back in June, when Oden had surgery on his right wrist. The 7-footer has been called the best American-born big man since Shaquille O'Neal, and he's gotten LeBron-like pub since he got to high school.

But the surgery would sideline him for the first seven games of the season, and it's only been within the last few weeks that he's been able to fully use his right hand and show off those skills that have the NBA folks drooling.

"It's just so young, and he's able to lead his team to the Final Four," said Roy Hibbert, whose matchup with Oden is one of the most highly anticipated of the entire tournament.

"When I was a freshman, I wouldn't have been able to do that. When Jeff Green was a freshman, he wouldn't have been able to do that. So he's doing his part. His skills are developing every day. He's getting better and better."

But he's still a freshman.

Though Oden, Conley, Cook and the rest of the "Thud Five" have been successful at every level so far, there's something different about doing it in front of 50,000 people with the rest of the country watching at home. And the Buckeyes haven't been immune to cases of nerves.

When they went to Gainesville in December to play Florida, they fared about as well as an AAU team would against the Lakers. Granted, it was only Oden's fifth game back, but the rest of the Buckeyes didn't have an excuse.

In the second round, Xavier dominated the Buckeyes for almost the entire game and was so pesky that Oden fouled out. It was up to senior Ion Lewis to avert the stunning upset with a long 3 with two seconds left.

But then Conley took over, scoring 11 points in overtime. He did it again against Tennessee, sealing the win on a free throw with 10 seconds left. Oden needed only 24 minutes in the regional final to score 17 points on 7-of-8 shooting and grab nine rebounds.

"Each bracket that we've gone through the last two weeks, we've kind of made it like a Final Four," Ohio State coach Thad Mattes said. "As I told them before the Memphis game, I'd be an idiot to stand up here and talk about magnitude of this game because they know."

There's still plenty the Buckeyes and Hoyas don't know. But they're about to find out.

Kentucky talk shadows Florida coach Donovan

ATLANTA (AP) — The question came out of the stands, as direct and on-target as a Lec Humphrey jumper.

"Hey, Jeremy, is Billy going to Kentucky?" the fan yelled at the Florida athletic director, Jeremy Foley.

"Yeah, sure," Foley replied. "He's got his bags packed there in the back."

Touche.

If only it were a laughing matter.

Florida coach Billy Donovan's future is the subject of intense speculation at this Final Four, a topic as interesting to many basketball fans as the UCLA-Florida semifinal Saturday that's a rematch of Florida's win in the final last year.

For the record, Donovan used Friday's thinking session to once again deny he's interested about any of it.

"The minute I get on the road, I give my phone to my secretary," Donovan said, parroting a quote he's given since the speculation began. "I've talked to nobody. All I've done, to be honest with you, is I got a lot of bloodshot eyes right now from watching a lot of tape. That's all I do."

No one can deny he's the hottest commodity in the business right now.

It's easy to see why.

Eleven years ago, Donovan took over a program that nobody thought could win consistently. He guided it to the national finals in 2006, a championship just year ago. In maybe his best coaching coup yet, he has the Gators (33-5) within two wins of another title despite a huge target on the team's back wherever it went.

These days, the whole idea of leaving Florida for Kentucky doesn't seem like the slam dunk it would have been only a few years back.

"I love the University of Florida," Donovan said. "I love my experiences. I love everything about it. I love coaching my team. I love my administration. It's been great. I mean, I'm very, very happy here right now."

Of course, "right now" in the coaching business is exactly that. Next week could be different. After all, Tubby Smith said after Kentucky was ousted from the tournament that he expected to be back next year; a few days later, he was gone to Minnesota.

The man Donovan is coaching against, Ben Howland, knows what that's like.

He resurrected Pittsburgh from nothingness to a perennial tournament team. He had leaving Pitt and all the relationships he'd built with the players, the community, the fans. But UCLA (30-5) was his dream job.

"There's no way I could pass it up," the southern California native said of the job offer he got four years ago. "I would have been very happy to have stayed at Pitt the rest of my coaching career had it not worked out. I loved the people there."

The solace he took was that he knew he left

the program on "very solid ground," and left his job to longtime assistant and friend Jamie Dixon.

"I'm very proud to have been a part of helping that," Howland said.

If Donovan leaves next week for the most storied Wilton program — maybe not his dream job, but certainly in his mind over time — he worked as Rick Pitino's assistant in Lexington — he could say the exact same thing about his time with the Gators.

This was a program that languished for decades under the shadows of scandal, Steve Spurrier and a general sense of disinterest on campus.

Now, basketball shares the spotlight with Urban Meyer's championship football team at the school with the most successful athletic program in the country.

The mere fact that Florida's coach is in demand shows how far hoops has come in Gainesville.

"I don't think about stuff like that," Foley said. "It is a surprise he's successful? Is it a surprise he's a national championship coach? That's not a surprise to me at all."

Donovan's next — or first — act at Florida will depend mainly on the five starters he coached the last two years.

There's Humphrey, the 3-point specialist, who keyed Florida's win over George Mason in the semifinals last year, making three straight 3s to start the second half and put the game out of reach.

There's Corey Brewer, who shut down UCLA's Arron Afflalo during the final, leaving Afflalo humbled as he watched the other team soak in the confetti that could have been for him.

"It's just a little different to watch other people celebrate against you," Afflalo said. "It brings about some different feelings."

There's Joakim Noah, arguably the biggest star on the Gators and the focal point of every opponent's defense.

Taurian Green and Al Horford round out the lineup that will have to stop Lec Richard Mbah a Moute, Lorenzo Mata and Josh Shipp, who was injured last year but averages 13 points a game this season. Some think Shipp is the X-factor, the biggest difference between UCLA of '06 and '07.

As Donovan prepares for UCLA, his players insist the coach hasn't said a word about Kentucky.

"He really hasn't addressed it to us because we don't think it's a concern," reserve forward Chris Richard said. "If it came down to it, he'd probably talk about it after the season is over. We don't really see that happening."

And Donovan insists he's so focused on UCLA that the questions about Kentucky don't even bother him.

"You're just doing your jobs," he said. "And I've got to do mine, too."

Associated Press names Durant player of year, Bennett as coach

ATLANTA (AP) — A couple of rookies swept the national college basketball awards.

Freshman Kevin Durant of Texas and first-year coach Tony Bennett of Washington State were named player and coach of the year Friday by The Associated Press.

Durant, the smooth 6-foot-9 swingman who finished fourth in the country in scoring (25.8) and rebounding (11.1), is the

first freshman to win the award since it was created in 1957.

Bennett, who succeeded his father at Washington State for his first head coaching job, led the Cougars to a 26-8 record, matching the most wins in school history, and to their first NCAA tournament bid since 1994.

"I just hope I'm paving the way for other freshmen, to let them know you can compete,"

Durant said. Longhorns in steals and blocked shots. He had 20 double-doubles and scored at least 30 points a Big 12-record 11 times.

In Texas' five postseason games, he averaged 28.5 points and 9.6 rebounds.

The 37-year-old Bennett laughed when asked what it meant to be selected coach of the year after his first season in

that position.

"What do you do from here?" he asked. "Having grown up with a father who was a coach and spending my life in this game, I know how fleeting things can be. So I will enjoy this and remember that it is a privilege to coach."

Bennett is the second coach to win the award after his first season as a head coach, join-

ing Bill Hodges of Indiana State in 1979. The award was first presented in 1967.

"When they picked Kevin for the award, maybe they're sorry for me and decided to give it to another freshman," Bennett said. "It is such a tremendous honor to win this with so many guys who are deserving of it, and to share this with another first-year guy is neat."



Cuba bats Alfonso Soriano watches his two-run home run against the Colorado Rockies in the third inning of their spring training baseball game at Hialeah Park, Wednesday in Mesa, Ariz.

Cubs try to erase years of futility

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — The Cubs are on the clock. Ninety-eight seasons and counting since their last World Series championship. Remember 1908? Just a mere 35 years before Lou Piniella was born.

Behind the pitching of Mordecai "Three Finger" Brown and Orval Overall, the Cubs beat the Tigers 4-1 in the Series.

If it seems like a long time ago, well, it was. Teddy Roosevelt was in the White House, a first-class stamp cost 2 cents and Jack Norworth wrote the song "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," a tune that has become a staple for seventh-inning stretches in ballparks across the country.

The Cubs have returned to the World Series seven times since the triumph of the 1908 team, which featured the well-known double play trio of Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance. Their last appearance in 1945 is when — legend has it — local bar owner William Sianis put a hex on the Cubs because his goat was bared from Game 4 of the World Series.

"No, no, no. There are no curses. Come on. It makes for good copy," Piniella said nearly six months ago when he was introduced as the manager, replacing Dusty Baker, who four years earlier had come to town with similar optimism and hopes.

What's really cursed the Cubs through the decades has been a rash of bad baseball and — especially over the last several years — a numbing run of injuries and lousy luck. But after an offseason spending spree that brought an influx of major league players, the Wrigley faithful hope for

a run at that elusive championship.

They nearly made it back to the World Series in 2003, Baker's first season. Five outs away and leading Florida 3-0 in Game 6 of the NLCS with Mark Prior pitching, the Cubs collapsed after a fan interfered with a foul ball. The Marlins rallied to victory, then won Game 7 against Kerry Wood the next night.

Wood and Prior haven't been the same since.

That year they combined for 32 victories. In the ensuing three seasons with injuries of all kinds forcing them to the sidelines, they've combined to win 30.

They've totaled 18 trips to the disabled list entering this year. Prior will start the season in the minor leagues, and Wood is headed back to the DL.

After missing the playoffs with a final-week collapse in 2004 — although it marked the first time in 32 years they had back-to-back winning seasons — the Cubs reverted to their losing ways. They went 66-96 a year ago, finishing in last place.

Chief executive officer Andy MacPhail resigned following a 12-year run in which the team made only two postseason appearances. A day later, Baker's contract was not renewed.

Chicago then rapidly committed more than \$300 million on salaries for the new and the old. General manager Jim Hendry even worked on one deal at the

winter meetings while hooked up to an EKG machine at a Florida hospital, where he later underwent an angioplasty.

Alfonso Soriano, one of the game's most exciting players and sought-after free agents, got a \$136-million deal, the fifth-largest baseball history.

Piniella also decided to send Soriano to center field, a new position. Last year with the Washington Nationals, Soriano initially balked at moving from second base to left field. This time, the change has not been as big a deal, although he's still a little rough at times in his new spot.

With a contract that could make anybody smile, Soriano seems happy with his new position and manager.

"Lou, he's a winner, too. He won a World Series," Soriano said. "He wants to put everybody together to make this team a winner. That's the most important part of this team, having a manager like Lou. He's kind of like (Joe) Torre. He lets them play, the guys."

"Lou, he's a healthy year from star first baseman Derrek Lee, who played only 50 games last season because of a wrist injury — plus new additions second baseman Mark DeRosa (\$13 million for three years) and outfielder Cliff Floyd (\$3 million) — and the Cubs have the making of a potent lineup.

Sheffield suited up, ready to star for Tigers

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Gary Sheffield stood in front of his locker, quietly dressing before his first workout with the Detroit Tigers.

Nearly former Tiger great Lou Whitaker blurted out a request.

"Put your jersey on," Whitaker said. "I want to see it on you."

Sheffield obliged, slipping his arms through the sleeves of a crisp, white jersey with an old English "D" over his heart and No. 3 on his back.

"For you, I'll put it on," he said with a grin.

A month later, Sheffield fondly recalled the moment that first saw in the clubhouse.

"Sweet Lou broke the ice that day," Sheffield said in an interview with The Associated Press. "That will always stick with me, remembering how excited he was to see me put on my jersey."

Whitaker isn't the only one fired up about Sheffield playing for the AL champion Tigers.

Everyone from Hall of Famer Al Kaline to manager Jim Leyland to fans are looking forward to seeing the impact Sheffield will have on a team whose only weakness last season was the lack of a designated hitter.

"His swing is vicious," said Kaline, who helped Detroit win the 1968 World Series and is a special assistant to team president Dave Dombrowski. "It's like he's mad at the baseball and he swings like he's



Detroit Tigers Gary Sheffield walks to the dugout during an exhibition spring training baseball game, Feb. 27, in Lakeland, Fla.

ing to hurt it."

The nine-time All-Star has a career .297 batting average with 455 homers and 1,501 RBIs. Unlike many players with impressive power numbers, Sheffield also is patient at the plate. He isn't afraid to draw a walk as evidenced by his 398 on-base percentage.

Sheffield received MVP votes each season from 2002-2005 — finishing second just three years ago in New York, and third in Atlanta four years ago.

Sheffield was available via trade in the offseason because he wanted a new contract and was averse to playing first base again.

The New York Yankees, who had Sheffield in the lineup for just 39 games last year because of wrist problems, were not willing to meet his demands and needed pitch-

ing Sheffield said his reputation for being selfish and difficult to deal with is unfounded and points toward the latest change he's about to make.

"How many players of my caliber would change positions to accommodate other people?" he asked. "I've done it from short to third; third to right; right field to left; left to right; right to first. And now to DH."

"I could've said, 'I'm staying at shortstop to be a Hall of Fame shortstop with 300, 400 (homers). I would be an automatic Hall of Famer.'"

The seventh stop of Sheffield's career reunites him with Leyland and Dombrowski, his manager and general manager in 1997 when the Marlins won the World Series.

"When you have the track record he's got, you fit in anywhere," Leyland said. "He's a real interesting guy, and he's one of the best guys I've ever had in the clubhouse."

He also knows his career, which began in 1988 with the Milwaukee Brewers, is winding down.

The 38-year-old Sheffield said he thinks he'll retire in three years and hopes his new venture will help him enjoy the next phase of his life.

Rogers has surgery to remove blood clot, out until July

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Kenny Rogers had surgery Friday to remove a blood clot from his left shoulder and repair arteries, and the Detroit Tigers pitcher likely will be sidelined for the first half of the season.

The 42-year-old left-hander had the operation in Dallas. He is expected to start throwing in six-to-eight weeks, and Tigers president Dave Dombrowski said the earliest Rogers would return to the rotation is July.

Detroit placed Rogers on the 15-day disabled list on Thursday. Chad Durbin, who made the team as a reliever, will move into the Tigers' rotation.

Rogers is on the DL for the first time since 2001.

The Tigers lost Rogers from a hard-throwing pitcher to a

cranky one during a career that began in 1989 with the Texas Rangers and included stops with Oakland, Minnesota and both teams in New York.

He won 17 All-Star games and ERA last year during his first season with the Tigers, then gained notoriety during the postseason when he had a patch of dirt on his pitching hand. He won all three of his postseason starts and didn't allow a run in 23 innings.

Rogers was 2-0 with a 2.05 ERA in five exhibition starts. With Rogers out of the rotation, Nate Robertson will pitch on Thursday. Rogers will pitch Wednesday in Detroit's second game. Jeremy Bonderman starts Monday's opener against Toronto. Justin Verlander goes to third in the rotation, followed by Mike Maroth and Durbin.

Braves eager to return to playoffs

ATLANTA (AP) — For as long as almost anyone in an Atlanta uniform can remember, the Braves always entered the season as defending division champs.

Not anymore.

The Braves finished 18 games behind the first-place New York Mets in the NL East last season and six back of second-place Philadelphia, ending one of 14 consecutive division titles.

Now, most experts don't seem to think Atlanta can catch those two teams this year.

They've got us finishing third," Andrew Jones said with a snarl. "We're just in the underdogs. Like that."

Even though they fell below .500 last season, the Braves are confident they fixed their biggest problem.

Wickman aged to a \$6.5 million deal to return as the closer — and general manager John Schuerholz didn't stop there. First baseman Adam LaRoche was traded to Pittsburgh for reliever Mike Gonzalez after starting pitcher Horacio Ramirez was dealt to Seattle for another setup man, Rafael Soriano.

But the Braves did more than add two highly respected relievers. Soriano and Gonzalez are both hard throwers who could be potential successors to Wickman as the closer.

"We did a lot of hitting, we scored a lot of runs, and we still finished third," Jones said. "I think that we feel that last year we didn't have enough pitching. We lost as a team. When we lost 14 straight games, it was the team, not just one part of the team. But now we have great pitching."

Wickman converted 18 of 19 save chances with Atlanta, Gonzalez was 24-for-24 with the Pirates. Soriano looked sharp in the spring, proving he has recovered from being hit in the head by a line drive last season.

The new-look bullpen could affect more than just the late innings, too. Manager Bobby Cox shouldn't have to hesitate about going to his relievers in the middle innings when a starter is string or has a high pitch count.

The revamped bullpen should be good news for ace John Smoltz, who was 16-9 with a 4.45 ERA last season. The bullpen blew saves opposite him in six of his 10 no-decisions. In 2005, the bullpen blew six saves in his starts, including four in his final seven outings.

After 18 major league seasons, Smoltz hasn't stopped tinkering with his pitches. He worked on his changeup for a

second consecutive spring and vows to make it a fifth pitch he can throw

"at any time."

Smoltz will turn 40 in May, but he's still the leader of the staff. The right-hander, who made his first of seven All-Star teams in 1989, is the only player with the Braves for all 14 straight division titles.

He applauded the additions of Soriano and Gonzalez, and said he likes the chemistry he's seen this spring.

Assuming the bullpen is as strong as the Braves' pitching success will depend on the starters behind Smoltz.

Tim Lincecum most rebound from his career-worst 13-12 record and 4.96 ERA. Left-hander Clayton Kershaw needs to prove his 11-4 rookie season was no fluke. And newly acquired Mark Redman must fill a spot at the back of the rotation.

At least until Mike Houston returns from a strained muscle on his left side. Hampton, who missed last season following Tommy John surgery, could be back by May.

Another key is the right side of the infield. The Braves made a cost-cutting move by letting second baseman Marcus Giles go. Kelly Johnson, who began his pro career as an infielder but most recently played in the outfield, takes over at second. Johnson also succeeds Giles as the leadoff hitter.

Rookie first baseman Scott Thorman has strong power potential but hit only .234 in 128 at-bats with Atlanta last season. Johnson and Thorman probably are defensive downgrade from Giles and LaRoche.

Craig Wilson could begin the season in a platoon with the left-handed hitting Thorman. Martin Prado might be the top option, but he struggles in second base, while Ryan Langerhans and Matt Diaz could get most of the playing time in left field — especially if Wilson stays at first base.

The middle of the lineup should be solid again with Chipper Jones, Andrew Jones, Jeff Francoeur and All-Star catcher Brian McCann, who got a \$26.8 million, six-year contract this spring. It was an expensive signing commitment by Atlanta to a player with less than two years of service. It also was notable because the Braves are in the process of being sold by Time Warner to Liberty Media.

Smoltz and Andrew Jones can become free agents after the season. Andrew Jones, who has 92 homers the past two years and nine straight Gold Gloves, might be the most difficult to re-sign — but he says he's not looking past this season.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Mild but very breezy to windy at times. There may also be a late day shower. Highs lower 60s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and widely scattered showers. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and breezy with widely scattered showers. Highs in the upper 50s, lows upper 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

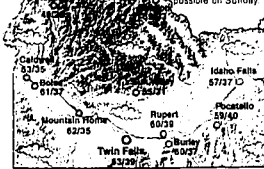
Today: Increasing clouds and becoming breezy in the afternoon. Highs near 60.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a few widely scattered showers. Lows in the middle to upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and breezy with widely scattered showers. Highs middle 50s, lows lower to middle 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Mostly cloudy skies today with developing afternoon rain and snow showers. Today's showers will be light. Scattered snow showers are possible overnight with scattered rain and snow showers on Sunday.

BOISE
Today Highs: 48 to 54. Tonight's Lows: 48 to 51.
Boise: Increasing clouds today in the Boise area but conditions will be mild and mostly dry. A chance of scattered showers or snow showers is possible overnight with scattered rain and snow showers on Sunday.

NORTHERN UTAH
Today Highs/Lows 88 to 64 / 38 to 40.
Bonneville Basin: Breezy to windy at times today and mid. Mostly cloudy tonight with a small chance of showers. A few showers are again possible on Sunday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 69 at Lowell. Low: 0 at Carey.
Weather Key: 1st digit is county; 2nd is city; 3rd is elevation; 4th is hours; 5th is time; 6th is direction; 7th is wind speed.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"The clearest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness."
Source: Monique, 10/2/94, France

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast table for Twin Falls with columns for Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac section containing Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count.

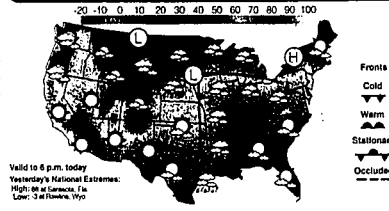
REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table listing weather for various Idaho cities like Boise, Burley, and Rupert.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table listing weather for various states and cities across the US.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table listing weather for various Canadian cities.

Canas, Djokovic to meet in Key Biscayne final

KEY BISCAINE, Fla. (AP) — Best known as Roger Federer's new nemesis, Guillermo Canas may soon have another honorific: Sorey Ericsson Open champion.
The Argentine advanced to the final with another hustling, blue-collar performance Friday night, beating Ivan Ljubicic 7-5, 6-2.

South Florida's large Latin poplar, roared when Ljubicic sailed a forehand loop on match point. Canas celebrated with a hup and a skip.
Playing on a windy night, he committed only 12 unforced errors in 121 points, while Ljubicic had 27.

59 percent of his first serve, and hit only one winner in the first set.
There were whistles from the crowd when he double-faulted to fall behind 5-0 in the second set, and jeers mixed with applause when he headed for the dressing room after barely an hour.



Guillermo Canas, of Argentina, follows through on a return to Ivan Ljubicic, of Croatia, during a semifinal at the Sorey Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Fla., Friday, Canas won 7-5, 6-2.

Each is enjoying a recent resurgence. Henin skipped the Australian Open because she was going through a divorce, and Williams is playing only her seventh tournament in 18 months.
"We've had some tough matches in the past," Williams said. "It's good to see her on tour again."
Said Henin: "It's great for her. It's great for the tour. It looks like she's back at her best level."
Canas is back too. Once ranked eighth in the world, he began the year 143rd after returning in September from a 15-month doping suspension. On Tuesday he beat the top-ranked Federer for the second time this month, and he'll move back into the top 35 next week.

Snow.com advertisement featuring a skier and text: 'Snow Reports: Snowboard, downhill and Cross Country Ski Reports', '5-day Snow Forecast', 'Mountain Cams', 'Resort Profile and Event Information', 'Trail Maps, Travel deals and more...'. Includes Schwab Tires logo.

Meth. Not Even Once. Magic Valley Speaks Out! Debbie Field Office of Drug Control Policy will speak at a special Town Hall Meeting Tuesday, April 3, 2007 7:00-9:00 pm Fine Arts Auditorium College of Southern Idaho. Youth Volunteer Recognition Awards will be presented by Mrs. Lori Otter and the Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition. This meeting is FREE and open to the public.



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Pena charged

Former attorney in custody for assault, injury to a child

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Former Rupert attorney Raymundo Pena, 49, has been charged with aggravated assault and injury to a child after taking his 11-year-old daughter away from her uncle at gunpoint in Jerome County Wednesday.

The incident occurred at about 5:30 p.m. Pena was apprehended by Jerome County officers and Idaho State Police shortly afterwards on Interstate 84 at milepost 188, according to a report released by Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver on Thursday.

Pena was taken into custody and is being held in the Jerome County Correctional Facility.

Pena's brother, David Pena, was driving southbound on Idaho 93 in Jerome County with his 11-year-old niece, Raymundo Pena's daughter, when Raymundo Pena tried to run his vehicle off the roadway, the report said.

David Pena pulled his vehicle to the side of the road and Raymundo Pena approached him pointing a .357 magnum revolver.

Raymundo Pena ordered his daughter to get into his car and then left in the vehicle at a high rate of speed, the report said.

An ISP officer spotted the vehicle on the interstate and with the help of Jerome County officers Pena was stopped and placed under arrest without further incident.

His daughter was returned to her uncle unharmed.

Raymundo Pena was disbarred from practicing law in Idaho in December 2006 after he admitted to 31 counts of professional misconduct in dealings with numerous clients, the court and the Idaho Bar Association.

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.

The investigation into Wednesday's event is ongoing.

Anyone with information about the case should call investigator Blas Martinez of the Jerome County Sheriff's Office at (208) 324-5845.

Wendell man dies in I-84 accident near Jerome Thursday

JEROME — Emanuel Belem, 26, of Wendell was killed at 11 p.m. Thursday in a crash on the entrance to westbound Interstate 84 at milepost 165 near Jerome, the Idaho State Police said Friday.

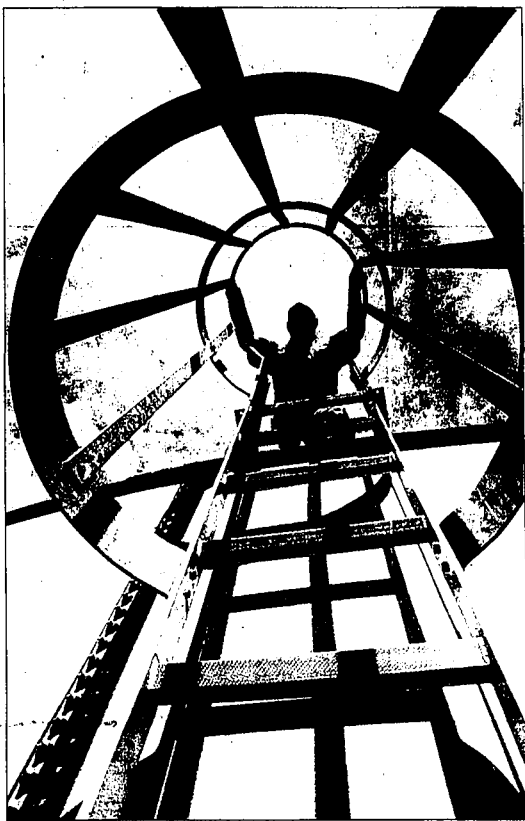
Belem was on the entrance ramp in a 1999 Mercury Cougar when, for unknown reasons, he drifted off the left shoulder of the road, overcorrected his steering and lost control.

The car rolled onto, police said.

They said Belem was not wearing his seat belt, was thrown from the car, and died at the scene.

It was not immediately known whether alcohol was a factor in the crash, which, police said, is still being investigated.

It's in the water



Rob Wright, public works director for Kimberly, stands on top of a water holding tank Friday afternoon. Wright was named Administrator of the Year by the Idaho Rural Water Association earlier this month.

Kimberly drinking water sweeter than most

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Want tasty water? Head to Kimberly.

The Idaho Rural Water Association named Kimberly's drinking water the second best in Idaho earlier this month, and most of the credit should go to Rob Wright, the city's public works director, say his peers. He was also named administrator of the year by the association devoted to rural water treatment.

Wright, who's been with the city for 21 years, has spearheaded projects over his tenure that have made Kimberly's water system one of the most technologically advanced in the valley.

"Yeah, we're up on technology," Wright said. "He's not kidding. The entire city's drinking water system is computer-operated. Wright can deploy a robotic camera that tunnels through a pipe to find a leak. Most of the system Wright controls by the touch of a but-

ton on his laptop computer.

He's lobbied for millions of dollars in upgrades over the past 10 years, including a \$1.5 million water-improvement project in 2001 and a million dollar sewer upgrade about three years ago.

The result is water that's cleaner than water in communities 10 times the size of Kimberly — a town of about 2,700.

"Rob has been doing a great job making sure water quality meets all the standards," said Chad Chorm, regional drinking water program coordinator with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Kimberly skirts arsenic and nitrate problems common in surrounding towns.

Most credit Wright and his aggressive approach.

"They're very proactive in getting things done, I'll say that," said Brian Reed, an engineer with DEQ.

Mayor Jim Sorenson said he can sleep soundly knowing Wright's on water watch.

"Being recognized by his peers says everything about Rob," the mayor said. "But his is one department I don't worry about much."

Most in Kimberly will drink to that.

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

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— Kimberly Mayor Jim Sorenson

Supplemental school levy postponed

Buhl officials delay asking voters to pay for demolition of middle school

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — A building used as the former Buhl Middle School will remain standing, for now.

Trustees decided during Tuesday's school board meeting to postpone a supplemental levy that would have asked voters to pay for the building's demolition.

Rising project costs, a change in district administration, and new legislative requirements calling for districts to allocate funds for maintenance and to develop a 10-year facilities plan are some of the reasons for postponing the levy.

"Part of the problem is that it is going to cost more than we thought to build a supporting wall at the front of the building to keep it from collapsing," said Grant Loveless, one of the trustees.

"We are going to need more money to complete the project. (We) also need more time to educate voters about why we need it."

No date has been given when the supplemental levy will be put to district voters.

Explaining the implications of House Bill 743, which became law last year, the district this year must allocate \$394,002 toward facilities maintenance and repairs, said Brian Bridwell, a district business manager.

It also must set aside similar funding on a yearly basis. School districts must submit additional information to the State Department of Education no later than Dec. 1.

The facilities plan "should provide a physical description of the school district,

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WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Olivia Kathleen Schultz
Age: 36
Description: 5 feet, 165 pounds, black hair, blue eyes

Wanted for: Probation, Violation
Original charge: Grand theft, bond \$10,000

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Schultz's whereabouts to call 735-1911, or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where tips can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a reward.



Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Salmon	71%	67%
Big Wood	59%	56%
Little Wood	40%	39%
Big Lost	56%	54%
Little Lost	66%	62%
Henry's Fork/Teton	67%	65%
Upper Snake Basin	55%	52%
Oakley	71%	77%
Salmon Falls	71%	69%

As of March 30

* A comparison of basin snowpack on this date with a 30-year average.
** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.



Jerome cheer squad represented at state

By Karl Matthews
Times-News Correspondent

JEROME — Following the Idaho State Dance and Cheer Championships in Nampa earlier this month, Jerome High School sent its cheer squad to represent Idaho at the U.S. Championships in Las Vegas. The U.S. Championships were held March 23-24. The 14-member varsity squad placed first in its divi-

sion at state and second in its division in Las Vegas, said Jerome coach Sarah Robinson.

Other teams from Magic Valley also ranked high in the state competition, including Kimberly and Burley. Each placed first in their divisions, according to coaches and the sponsor's Web site, giving Magic Valley students, parents and coaches much to smile about.

Declo and Hagerman also competed in the March 17 tournament, though they did not place first.

Robinson said she is pleased with how her squad did in both competitions, saying "it's pretty amazing for Jerome High School." After only three years of competing the team has "come a long way," she said.

Robinson said her team practices three to four days a week in addition to attend-

ing the school's sporting events.

It was great, she said, to be able to represent the Magic Valley on a national level and help bring recognition to the area.

To see how other teams placed, visit <http://www.idahodanceandcheer.com>.

Times-News correspondent Karl Matthews can be reached at karl.matthews@hotmail.com or 420-2751.

OBITUARIES/MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Levy

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 building and land statistics, mission and purpose of the school district facilities, district enrollment projections, building capacities, building condition assessments and budget cost estimation," Bridwell said.
 Because the district will be prioritizing needs, members said they felt it best to incorporate a building demolition and ask voters for money later.
 Rick Martin, Buhl Historical Preservation Committee chairman, said his committee is pleased to see the building's demolition is put on hold.
 "We felt that, with our opposition to the levy, it would fail," Martin said. "Our goal is to not only save

the old school but see that other historic buildings in Buhl are saved."
 Trustees, however, say they are still committed to seeing that the building is eventually demolished.
 "It is my position that it should come down," said board President Ken McDonald. "There is a lot more here than saving our old school building. I know that it is tied to the history of Buhl, but it has served its purpose and it is now time to tear it down and to move on."

Times-News correspondent Blair Koch covers the Buhl School Board and can be reached at blairkoch@gmail.com or 316-2607.

Classroom mini-society teaches economic lessons to grade school students

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An Idaho State University program designed to create mini-societies in grade schools is becoming more popular and helping students learn how to handle finances, instructors said.
 "The kids get fired up," said Kathy West, who teaches third-graders at Falls Valley Elementary School.
 West is enrolled in the ISU program that explains how teachers can use the mini-society curriculum.
 The program is taught through the schools' Center for Economic Education and is free to teachers.
 Tyler Telford, a graduate assistant at ISU, said the mini-society curriculum is being used more often, and has been taught by teachers the last four years.
 "One of the main things that they try to teach the students through the program is how the economy works, how city and national governments and business run as a whole," Telford told the Post Register.
 In West's third-grade class, students on Thursday mornings become citizens of Pleasanton Valley, spending Paradise Pieces that come in \$1, \$10, \$50 and \$100 valuations.

"Ms. West tells us to buy low and sell high," said student Brendan Tighe.
 Some of the students set up shops that sell pop, candy bars and doughnuts. Some sell their artwork, and others old books or clothing. One student set up a photo studio with a digital camera and charged customers to have their picture taken.
 West said she tells parents to not spend more than \$10 to help stock their child's shop.
 Besides opening businesses, students set up a democratic government, designed a flag, created currency, and hired civil servants.
 Students can earn additional Paradise Pieces by turning homework in on time.
 Fines can be imposed for breaking rules, which West said has helped improve the behavior of the students.
 "The class had been difficult to rein in," she said.
 There are five student paymasters and two treasurers. The treasury is located in the closet.
 West said parents have told her that their children are excited to go to school to take part in the mini-society, and that some children have opened savings accounts.

For obituary rates and information

Call 735-3268. Now by through Saturday, December 31, 3 p.m. for next day publication. The email address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 1 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries"

Thelma Nadine Gauger

GOODING — Thelma Nadine Gauger, 89, of Gooding, died Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at the home of her son in Gooding.
 Thelma adopted Gooding as her home in 1980. She found joy and God's love in everyday life and in her garden. She married Leroy Gauger in Oklahoma in 1939, moved to California, where they raised two children and had a Bike and Lock Shop, and then retired to Idaho. After Leroy's death in 1989, she stayed in Gooding, focusing her love and attention on her children and grandchildren. She leaves a very grateful family; as a mother, grandma, and great-grandma, she taught us how to live and how to die, putting God and family first.
 Her legacy includes a daughter, Shirley (Roger J) Neal and their family, Erin (Theresa) Neal, Nancy (Kraig) Kestie and their children, Kolton and Savannah, Glen Neal and Tammy; also a son, Larry (Mary) Gauger and their family, Lorne Gauger, Dean Gauger, Kirk (Jennifer) Tull-Gauger

and their children, Griffin and Phoenix, Jeremy (Cecilia) Gauger, Army Gauger and Adam.
 Special thanks to Dr. Douglas Smith and Dr. Reid Lofgran and the staff of Gooding Family Practice for their care of our mother through her years in Gooding. Thanks also to the staffs of Gooding County Memorial Hospital, St. Luke's in Boise and First Choice Hospice for their care of Nadine and all of us.
 Memorial donations may be made to First Choice Hospice in care of Mary Gauger, 1972 S. State Highway 46, Gooding, ID 83330, or the Gooding First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 543, Gooding, ID 83350.
 It is with grateful hearts and this legacy of her love that will bring us together in a celebration of Nadine's life at 2 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the Gooding First Baptist Church, with a reception to follow at Larry and Mary Gauger's residence. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Bessie Mae Holland

BUHL — Bessie Mae Holland, 86, of Buhl, passed away Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at Woodland Estates in Buhl.
 Bessie was born Jan. 31, 1921, in Waterbury, Vt., to Eugene and Mertie Ashline. She grew up in Vermont and graduated from high school in Waterbury. She married Jack E. Donovan in 1944; they were blessed with three children. Jack passed away in 1953. In 1957, Bessie married Fred Holland; they lived several years in Seattle, eventually moving to Buhl. Bessie worked for many years as a waitress at the Ramona Restaurant. Her husband, Fred, was sick for many years, and Bessie spent much of her free time caring for him until his passing in 1996. Bessie was a faithful member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. She enjoyed being at home

spending time with her family. She was a caring, giving person who always thought of others before herself. She will be greatly missed by her friends and family.
 She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; and sister, Melissa. Bessie is survived by her daughter, O'Malley Stuart of Buhl; sons, Patrick Donovan of Florida and John Donovan of Seattle; brother, Eugene Ashline of Vermont; grandchildren, John Harrison of Burley, Dan Donovan of Seattle and Jennifer Donovan of North Carolina.
 A special thanks to the wonderful and caring people at Woodland Estates.
 A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth in Buhl, with the Rev. John Hurley officiating.

DEATH NOTICES

Ernest J. Giraud

RUPERT — Ernest Julian Giraud, 83, of Rupert, died March 29, 2007, in Salt Lake City, Utah, due to complications from an extended illness.
 A rosary will be conducted at 7 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with visitation from 6 to 7 p.m.
 Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 E. St. in Rupert, with Father Mike St. Marie as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery, with military graveside honors provided by the Mini-Cassia Veterans.

Bonnie R. Mahannah

BUHL — Bonnie R. Mahannah, 93, of Buhl, died Friday, March 30, 2007, at Woodland Estates in Buhl.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Doris Davis

WENDELL — Doris Davis, 77, of Wendell, died Friday, March 30, 2007, at St. Luke's

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

Emanuel Belem

WENDELL — Emanuel Belem, 26, of Wendell, died Thursday, March 29, 2007, in Jerome.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

J. Kenneth Straughn

TWIN FALLS — J. Kenneth Straughn, 86, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 30, 2007, at his home.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Gordon C. Egbert

MUKTAUGH — Gordon C. Egbert, 53, of Muktaugh, died Friday, March 30, 2007, at his home.
 Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

SERVICES

Sebastian "Tano" Vaquera of Declo, funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. today at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 E. St. in Rupert; friends may one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Douglas Alan Rice of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 6 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Orson Edgar "Ed" Hatch of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Martha Gunderson Grow of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends and family may call from 9 a.m. to noon today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Betty Ann Johnson of Hagaman, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.
 Betty Brookshire of Boise,

memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City; private committal service will be held at a later date.

Patricia Ann Johnson-Reicher of Boise, funeral at 2:30 p.m. today at Summers Funeral Chapel, 1205 W. Bannock in Boise; celebration of life will follow at the home of her daughter, Barbara DeMoss, 17402 N. Chouteau Ave. in Nampa.

William Henry August Potthast of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1128 Poplar in Buhl; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and one hour before the funeral Monday at the church.

James Kennedy Sullivan of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

Raymond (Ray) Roy Boots Sr. of Dixie, Wash., and formerly of the Magic Valley, funeral 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.

Firefighters battle brush fire in southern California

By Peter Pregraman
 Associated Press writer
 LOS ANGELES — A fast-moving brush fire erupted in southern California Friday, sending smoke seeping into the Warner Bros. studios and towering high in the sky behind the famous Hollywood sign before losing intensity.
 The 150-acre blaze started near a corporate housing complex east of Universal City, south of the Warner Bros. studios, complex in Burbank.
 "The studio is fairly filled with smoke at the moment," said Scott Rowe, vice president of corporate communications for Warner Bros. Entertainment. "It's at our back door. I think a couple of our entrances have been closed at this point and we're operating normally but that could change any minute."
 The fire was burning on the back side of the hill that sits atop the giant white Hollywood lettering but was not expected to cross the crest, and by late afternoon the landmark appeared to be well out of any danger. Nonetheless, dozens of people gathered at the foot of the hills to take pictures of the sign and smoke.



A wildfire burns in the Hollywood Hills area of Los Angeles on Friday. The 24-acre fire started next to the Oakwood Terrace Hills, a corporate housing complex northwest of downtown, and spread up the north face of the hills.

"If it burns, we would be losing an icon," said Russ Mitchell, a Los Angeles resident.
 Some 200 firefighters with five helicopters battled the flames. Fire Department spokesman Ron Myers said. There were no reports of structural damage, he said.

The region had an extremely dry winter with little rainfall, leaving much of the area parched and highly susceptible to fires.
 "I don't know the exact last date we've seen a fire in this particular area but the hills are

prone to fires throughout the year," Myers said. "This is just a little bit earlier than what we normally see."
 The Hollywood Hills blazes Los Angeles, forming the southern side of the San Fernando Valley.

ISU enrollment numbers better than first reported

POCATELLO (AP) — A timing mistake in counting students led officials at Idaho State University to erroneously report in September that enrollment had dropped an alarming 9 percent.
 More recent numbers show the decline is only 3 percent.

"The slight dip we had is not a great thing, but it was certainly a wake-up call," said Provost Robert Wharton. "In that respect it was a positive event. We are focusing on recruitment and retention in a much more rigorous and thorough way."

Last fall, the school reported student numbers had dropped from 14,361 in 2005-2006 to 12,676 for 2006-2007.
 But Wharton said the count was based on numbers collected 10 days after the fall semester had started and before all departments had

counted students.
 The new enrollment numbers show that 13,679 students are attending classes this school year.
 That's still a drop in enrollment, which Wharton said was likely due to rising tuition and fees.

Kimberly schools holding conferences

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly School District will hold parent/teacher conferences.
 The elementary school will schedule appointments with parents from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Middle school teachers will be available from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in the gymnasium.
 Report cards can be picked

up in the office.
 High school teachers will be in the commons area from 5:30 to 8:30 Monday and Wednesday.
 Parents can visit with the teachers and pick up their child's report card.
 A parent meeting for seniors will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school media center.

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Colorado town cleans up after twister

By Colleen Slavin
Associated Press writer

HOLLY, Colo. — The beep-beep-beep of heavy equipment rang out across piles of debris and wrecked houses on Friday as residents began cleaning up after a powerful tornado swept through town, killing a 28-year-old mother.

"Come back in a year. You won't believe it," said Mayor Tom Crum, who was overseeing a bulldozer that was demolishing his heavily damaged home.



Francisca Magallanes helps salvage clothing outside her family home in Holly, Colo., Thursday afternoon. A tornado damaged and destroyed countless homes Wednesday evening in the eastern Colorado town.

The tornado struck Wednesday night, snapping trees and lifting houses off their foundations with winds estimated at up to 200 mph.

State emergency officials said 53 homes were destroyed and 32 were heavily damaged in Holly, a town of 1,000 people about 235 miles southeast of Denver and six miles from the Kansas border.

Rosemary Rosales, 28, died of massive injuries after the tornado threw her from her home into a tree. Her 3-year-old daughter, Noelin, and husband, Gustavo Puga, were among seven people who were hospitalized.

Gustavo Puga Jr., the couple's 7-year-old son, was staying with his grandparents and was not injured.

Cleanup work began almost immediately, and dump trucks had hauled 250 loads to a landfill by 6 p.m. Thursday, said Chris Sorenson, a spokesman for the emergency response team.

The fleet of trucks — some owned by Frowers County and others from private contractors — was back at work Friday.

Under sunny skies, residents shoveled debris and saved up fallen trees while utility crews replaced power and telephone poles.

A Red Cross truck circulated through the town, offering coffee to the workers.

LeeAnna Murray, a Holly native who now lives in Baton Rouge, N.M., rushed back after hearing about the tornado. She

helped cook and serve meals from a catering wagon Thursday night.

"Holly is home," she said. Hovering around the wagon or inside a nearby store, residents laughed or teared up while talking over burgers and bread.

Curt Rushton, part-owner of the catering company, said all food had been donated.

He said he would be back to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner "until we get caught up."

Gov. Bill Ritter visited Holly on Thursday and said federal

agencies were assessing the damage and the town's needs. "We're going to do everything we can to help the people of this town," Ritter said. "They had just rolled up their sleeves and began the hard work."

Sixty-five tornadoes were reported in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska on Wednesday, the National Weather Service said.

At least four people died, including one each in Colorado and Texas and two in Oklahoma.

Federal judge tosses out rules governing national forests

By Paul Ekas
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge tossed out Bush administration rules Friday that gave national forest managers more discretion to approve logging and other commercial projects without lengthy environmental reviews.

U.S. District Court Judge Phyllis Hamilton ruled that the administration failed to adequately consider the environmental effects the new rules would have and neglected to properly gather public comment on the issue.

Hamilton said in her writing ruling that the government "appears to have charted a new path and adopted a new policy approach regarding programmatic changes to environmental regulations."

Hamilton ruled that the government couldn't institute the new rules until proper environmental reviews were conducted, but she declined to specify how the nation's 155 national forests should be managed until then.

The ruling overturns a key administration environmental rule that governs all 192

million acres of national parks and steps pro-business plans in the parks under way for more than two years.

"These regulations were designed by a former timber industry lobbyist," said Sean Cosgrove of the Sierra Club, one of the 15 environmental groups who sued. "They would have silenced the voices of citizens in local forest planning and allowed destructive projects to move forward with little oversight."

The Bush administration environmental setback came the day after an internal Interior Department investigation found that deputy assistant secretary Julie MacDonald released information that was not supposed to be made public to organizations such as the California Farm Bureau Federation and Pacific Legal Foundation.

"I think people who love wildlife and care for our public forest should be elated by this decision," said Peter Frost, an attorney with the Western Environmental Law Center, one of the environmental groups that brought a pair of lawsuits challenging the new rules.

Otter: Boat fees unfair; other Idaho watercraft should pay, too

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Gov. CL "Butch" Otter says boat owners who have to register their vessels are being unfairly singled out to bear the state's boat-related costs, and he wants to discuss extending the burden to others, such as kayakers, canoeists, rafters and even windsurfers.

"These boaters now don't pay such state fees, which are used to pay for rescue operations, parking, water access and boating facilities maintenance. One immediately planned Otter's idea, saying similar proposals in Idaho have gotten nowhere as recently as 2004 due to fierce opposition.

Otter made the announcement Thursday, accompanying a new law that raises registration fees on sailboats and motorboats. The measure, which takes effect July 1, raises registration fees to \$20 per year for craft up to 12 feet long.

The same \$20 base fee will apply to larger boats, also up from \$13, with a \$2 surcharge for each additional foot.

The governor said he plans to assemble a committee of watercraft users to discuss changes. It will be made up of all potential stakeholders, said Otter spokesman Mark Warbis, adding the panel could include everyone from windsurfers to rafters who now don't fall under registration requirements.

"My office will work with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and user groups to identify a more fair and equitable way of addressing such recreational watercraft costs as facilities maintenance, rescue operations, rules compliance, parking and

access," Otter wrote.

"While the financial responsibility for active management has fallen most directly on motorized watercraft users who own themselves of our state facilities, all recreational watercraft users have a role to play in ensuring that our state's waterways receive the care they need for generations to come."

Much of the fees goes to counties to cover their boating-related costs.

Nearly 86,000 boats registered in Idaho in 2006, according to the state Parks and Recreation Department.

The agency estimates there are more than 100,000 non-motorized boaters in Idaho.

Rep. Eric Anderson, R-Priest Lake, sponsored the legislation to raise the fees, arguing they

hadn't been adjusted since 1994 — even as the cost of providing services and facilities had risen significantly.

Still, non-motorized boat users such as canoeists, kayakers and rafters say they already shoulder much of the burden for their sports, such as in the form of parking fees along the Payette River that go to the U.S. Forest Service, as well as a \$5 per person fee for boaters who float world-famous rapids on the Salmon, Snake and Selway rivers.

Stan Kolby, an owner of Idaho River Sports in Boise, said he's seen similar efforts before.

Under a bill proposed by the Kootenai County sheriff's department in 2004, every canoe, kayak and raft over 7 feet long in the state would

have had to register for a \$13 fee. At the time, whitewater enthusiasts beat back the effort, saying it would add to red tape and was unfair to owners of multiple boats, such as kayak and raft rental operations, that could face thousands of dollars in increased costs from their stables of vessels.

"There will be huge opposition to this," Kolby said, arguing kayakers and rafters account for few state-funded rescues. "Within two or three days, there were about 100,000 e-mails sent to our senators and representatives voicing their opinions that they don't want to pay."

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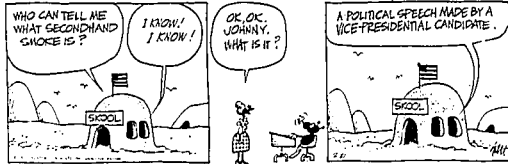
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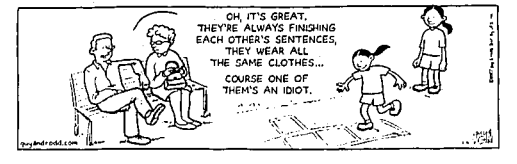
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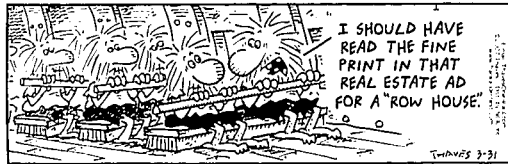
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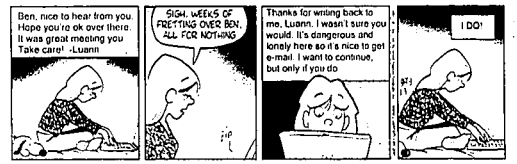
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Peace is worth the price, Cancer

IF MARCH 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your reputation for being a savvy businessperson is currently enhanced. Don't waste time or valuable assets in June by pursuing a get-rich scheme or being mesmerized by a less-than-worshipful interest. In July and August, the world is your oyster and your prayers will be answered. Any genuine relationship will thrive and opportunities to improve your life might come knocking. Launch important plans or projects during those months for the best chance of success. Then rest easy, as the rest of year unfolds without a hitch and next January an unexpected change for the better could top the year's best. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your inspiration fuel tanks are filled to the brim. It is a good time to write down objectives, goals and dreams. Start any project that depends upon the appreciative regard of the general public. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Earn respect. People might be talking behind your back but everything they say is favorable. It is a good day to make introductions or to bring that special someone home to meet mom. GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

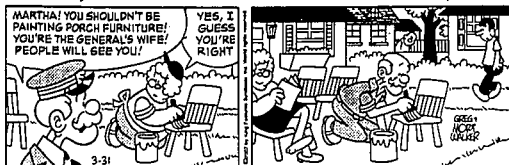
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Backward to err on the side of generosity whenever possible. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be clear about what you are committed to completing. You will save yourself from embarrassment and misunderstandings if you truly enjoy your interests. Pursue small economies. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): No regrets. Yesterday's treats and indulgences may mean you must sacrifice a few of today's pleasures. Focus on what brings true joy and let the little annoyances fade to the background. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be frisky and frivolous. Any attempt to save money or cut corners might be viewed with suspicion. Mixing business with pleasure at this point could create a serious mix up. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your best foot forward. Create an aura of success and people will think you are successful. A certain someone is likely to glow with affection and find ways to light up your life. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Social activities are the center of attention. Spend time with family members or bring a friend home to dinner. Make sensible financial decisions about certain financial commitments.

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. Stay on top of current events, take a shot at continuing education classes, or get involved with online learning experiences. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Peace at any price is a wise investment. Enjoy the good things in life and relax in pleasant surroundings. A hostile warmth can withstand the warmth of your intentions. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Popular opinion puts you on top of the heap. Because you radiate sincerity, you will receive the same treatment. Keep your money in your wallet and zip the coin purse. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Creative interests may take up more time than expected. You may receive unexpected reactions from others or there could be a small crisis that shifts the mood. Maintain harmony. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer. Hold off on making proposals or asking for commitments. Bend over

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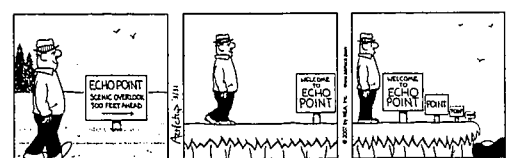
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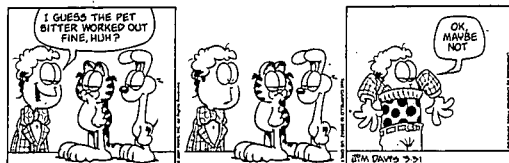
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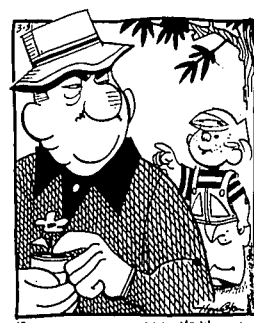
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Drug addiction affects more people than just the abuser



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I just went through a horrible experience — a drug intervention with my sister, who is now in rehab. When I returned from the rehab center the other day, my precious niece handed me a letter to give to her mother. If anyone reading this is “dabbling” in drugs, thinking it will only hurt him or herself, read on.

“Dear Mom, these are questions I need answers to. “Why are you doing this to us?” “What were you thinking about?” “Will you get the help you need?” “Will you come back?” “When are you going to stop running away?” “Do you know how worried we are?” “ES. Please come back! We all love you.”

That was her letter, verbatim. By the way, my niece is 9. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FOIT PAYNE, ALA. DEAR SISTER: From the mouths of babes ... I'm sure that most individuals who “dabble” in drugs do so thinking they won't become dependent. However, your niece's letter is a reminder that many people do, and I hope it has the desired effect on your sister. That sad little girl is

clearly in pain, and her letter highlights the fact that addiction is never just one person's problem. It affects not only the users, but also everyone who cares about them.

DEAR ABBY: For the entire seven years that I have been married to “Chris,” I have been the stay-at-home parent — which would be all right if we had kids. Chris has worked only two months since our wedding. He always has one reason or another why he can't look for a job. Instead, he stays at home all day and does a few things around the house. Then he makes it sound like it took him all day and expects praise for it.

If that weren't enough, his parents live with us, and they don't do anything either. Sometimes I want to leave Chris, but then I get scared because he tells me he will make sure I would have to pay him since I have “accustomed him to a lifestyle” where

money is involved. Abby, I have worked extremely hard to educate myself so that I could make the most of every opportunity available to me, and now I'm almost regretting that I made that choice. I have a great job that affords me the lifestyle I want, but I don't want a life where my parents — three able-bodied adults! And when you point out the unfairness of the situation, he threatens you with spousal support in perpetuity! Outrageous.

The time has come to make an appointment with an attorney and discuss your options. Please do not put it off, because in some states the length of a marriage determines how long spousal support is in effect. In other words, you might have to pay Chris for a while — but not nearly as long as you fear, nor as long as he would have you believe.

Wabash, Ind., lit up in 1880

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, March 31, the 90th day of 2007. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 31, 1889, French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

On this date: In 1880, Wabash, Ind., became the first town in the world to be illuminated by electrical lighting. In 1917, the U.S. took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark. In 1933, Congress approved, and President Roosevelt signed, the Emergency

TODAY IN HISTORY

Conservation Work Act, which created the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1943, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical “Oklahoma!” opened on Broadway. In 1945, the Tennessee Williams play “The Glass Menagerie” opened on Broadway. In 1949, Newfoundland entered confederation as Canada's 10th province. In 1957, the original version of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella,” starring Julie Andrews, aired live in color on CBS.

In 1968, President Johnson stunned the country by announcing he would not seek another term in office. In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that Karen Ann Quinlan, who was in a persistent vegetative state, could be disconnected from her respirator. (Quinlan, who remained unconscious, died in 1985.) In 2005, Terri Schiavo, 41, died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla. 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute.

Ten years ago: Jury selection began in Denver in the trial of accused Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh. The Supreme Court ruled the government can force cable television systems to carry local broadcast stations.

Five years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon vowed to smash Palestinian militants in a broadcast speech that came the same day as a suicide bombing in Haifa that killed 15 Israelis. Pope John Paul II used his Easter message to call for an end to violence in the Holy Land. Connecticut beat Oklahoma 62-70 to conclude its second unbeaten season with a third women's national championship.

One year ago: Auto parts supplier Delphi Corp. unveiled a broad restructuring plan that would cut 8,500 salaried jobs and shut or sell a third of its plants worldwide. Seventy deaths were reported after three strong earthquakes struck western Iran. A Brazilian oil rig crashed, killing all 19 people on board.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Peggy Lee is 86. Actor William Daniels is 80. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Gordie Howe is 78. Actor Richard Chamberlain is 73. Actress Shirley Jones is 73. Country singer-songwriter John D. Loudermilk is 73. Senator Herb Alpert is 72. Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) is 67. Actor Christopher Walken is 64. Comedian Gabe Kaplan is 62. Former Vice President Al Gore is 59. David Eisenhower is 59. Actress Thera Perleman is 59. Actor Ed Markey is 57. Rock musician Angus Young (AC/DC) is 52. Actor Marc McClure is 50. Actor William McNamara is 42. Actor Ewan McGregor is 46.

Thought for Today: “The world is a funny paper read backward. And that way it isn't so funny.” — Tennessee Williams, American playwright (1911-1983).

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

“The children in Holland take pleasure in making What the children in England take pleasure in breaking.” —Aron

“Mastricht Challenge Bridge Quiz” by Tim Bourke is a compilation of the quizzes specially devised for the Web site of the 200 World Championships, and the hands are just that — challenging. The spade-nine lead against your six-heart slam appears to be the top of a doubleton, and 12 tricks are there for the taking, unless West has a club trick. The problem is to find a route home if he does. After you take the lead with dummy's ace, both defenders follow to the heart 10.

If East has six spades, as the lead suggests, and at least two diamonds — including the ace — meaning that the bidding has marked him with — he is unlikely to hold four clubs as well. The route to success lies in employing him, and dummy's spade pips and diamond honors are the key.

Another round of trumps is drawn with the nine, then the spade jack played from dummy. East must cover, so the spade queen is ruffed high and the last trump drawn, on which a low club is discarded from dummy. Now one top club in hand is cashed to extract East's exit card, then a diamond to dummy's jack brings about an endplay. If East had a club to lead, the suit would be splitting. As it is, he must play a spade or diamond, and whether he leads a high or low one in either suit, it establishes a winner in dummy to take care of the club loser.

NORTH ♠ 13 1 A
 A J 8 3
 10 9
 Q J 3
 K 5 4 3

WEST ♠ 9 2
 5 3
 9 7 6 5 4 2
 J 9 8 6

EAST ♠ K Q 7 6 5 4
 8 4 3
 A K 10
 2

SOUTH ♠ 10
 A K Q J 7 6 2
 A Q 10 7

Vulnerable: Neither
 Dealer: East
 The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ 1♥ 1♠ 1♠
 2♦ 2NT Pass
 6♥ All pass

Opening lead: Spade nine
 BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
 ♠ K Q 7 6 5 4
 8 4 3
 ♠ K 10
 ♠ 2

South West North East
 1♠ 2♦ 3♥ Pass
 4♠ Pass 5♠ Pass

ANSWER: Partner's five-spade call asks you to bid on with a diamond control. You should not bid six spades, but six diamonds — partner may be looking for a grand slam and you have a suitable hand in the context of your jump to four spades. That call showed some extras, but no special slam interest.

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Wall Street deals still going strong

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Blue chip stocks might have just sufficed their worst quarter in two years, but that didn't stop Wall Street's army of investment bankers from putting together deals at a record pace.

High-profile transactions like the \$31.8 billion takeover of energy company TXU Corp. and ongoing bids to buy the Chicago Board of Trade have helped U.S. acquisitions surge 21 percent from last year. That shows private equity firms and expansion-minded companies have not lost their taste for mergers and acquisitions despite stock market volatility. In the first quarter of 2007, there were \$428.69 billion worth of deals, according to research firm Dealogic. Globally, that number surged 15 percent to \$1.13 trillion — and is on track to surpass last year's \$1 trillion record.

The market is saying we may have a slowdown, but not a great recession or bear market," said Steven Bernard, director of M&A market analysis for investment bank Robert W. Baird & Co. "And short-term volatility really isn't enough to derail M&A activity. In fact, those are the times companies pay less for their targets."

The five biggest Wall Street investment banks have reported in recent weeks that their pipeline of deals has not diminished, even as global stock markets went south. The bull market was derailed on Feb. 27 when Asian exchanges suffered a one-day plunge that spread globally.

Even though Wall Street has recovered somewhat, the equity market realignment has left volatility in its wake. And that might be one of the reasons why acquisition activity has continued to heat up — valuations of many companies have declined, making them more attractive buys for cash-rich corporate raiders.

Times of global risk present untapped potential for those looking to put deals together, said Goldman Sachs Group Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive Lloyd Blankfein.

"Risk proliferation has gone up, but so has our profit," Blankfein said during the investment bank's annual meeting on Tuesday. "Risk is not so much targeted as it is a consequence of our strategy."

He said that if the company wants to remain the world's top M&A adviser, "one of the consequences of that is we will have to do more financing in addition to the advice we give."

Indeed, investment banks like Goldman Sachs have made more out of less during the first quarter.

The number of deals has weakened year over year, with the amount falling to 1,397 from 2,012 in 2006.

China target of U.S. trade sanctions

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, facing increasing anger over soaring trade deficits, announced Friday it would impose sanctions against Chinese paper imports, opening up a new avenue for beleaguered American manufacturers to seek government protection.

The action, announced by Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez, reverses 23 years of U.S. trade policy by treating China, which is classified as a nonmarket economy, in the same way other U.S. trading partners are treated — by imposing government subsidies.



Bush

Chinese companies receiving improper subsidies from the Chinese government. Commerce imposed penalty tariffs ranging from 10.9 percent to 20.4 percent on imports of glossy paper from China. The tariffs will take effect next

week on a preliminary basis and will become final after a further Commerce review is completed in June.

The action was being closely watched by many other American companies, from steel to furniture, that were battered in recent years as Chinese imports flooded into the country.

U.S. companies have always been allowed to file antidumping cases, seeking penalty tariffs on the grounds that the Chinese products were being sold in the United States below cost.

But with Friday's action, they will also be able to seek penalty tariffs, known as countervailing duties, on the basis of improper government subsidies —

everything from favorable loans from state-owned Chinese banks to direct government support.

"The United States today is demonstrating its continued commitment to leveling the playing field for American manufacturers, workers and farmers," Gutierrez said in announcing the decision.

The Chinese government criticized the administration decision.

"This action of the U.S. side goes against the consensus reached by the leaders of both countries to resolve disputes through dialogue," said Wang Zinpei, a spokesman for China's Ministry of Commerce, quoted by the Xinhua News Agency.

Economy posts good numbers

Consumer spending and incomes rise

By Martin Cutsinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Consumers' spending and income showed bigger-than-expected gains in February, and construction posted the first increase in nearly a year, hopeful signs that the economic slowdown will not worsen.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that consumer spending, bolstered by strong income gains, was up 0.6 percent last month, while consumer income rose a similar 0.6 percent. Both figures were double what analysts had expected.

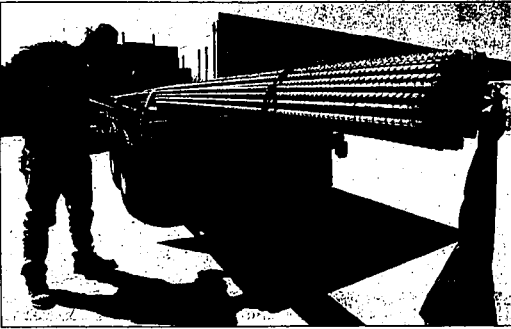
Separately, the department said construction spending rose by 0.3 percent last month, the first increase in 11 months, since a 1 percent jump in March 2006.

Since then, construction has either fallen or been flat each month as the industry was jolted by a sharp slowdown in housing activity.

For February, strong gains in construction of hotels, shopping centers and state and local government projects offset the 11th consecutive decline in residential construction.

Analysts, who had been forecasting another drop in the overall construction figure, said the February performance was good news, especially in light of February's colder-than-normal weather, which had been expected to hold back activity.

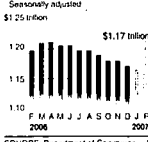
The strength in consumer spending and construction helped to alleviate fears that the country could be headed into a recession. Those worries were elevated by a string of weaker-than-expected reports in recent weeks and by turmoil



Driver Tyrone Williams lies down rebar at Glendale Builders Supply in Glendale, Calif., March 23 for delivery to a nearby job site. Consumers spent more in February while construction spending rose by the largest amount in 11 months, the government said Friday.

Construction spending

Monthly construction spending for the past 13 months: Seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: Department of Commerce, AP

In financial markets, including a 416-point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average on Feb. 27.

Wall Street ended the day Friday up 5.60 points to 12,354.35. For the quarter, the Dow was down about 0.8 percent, suffering its first losing quarter since falling by more than 2 percent in the second quarter of 2005.

Analysts cautioned that they still believe the economy has slowed further in the January-

March period, continuing a yearlong trend of lackluster growth as the country was hit first by soaring energy prices, followed by a slumping home market and troubles in auto manufacturing.

Stephen Stanley, chief economist at RBS Greenwich Capital, said he believed the economy grew at a weak 2.1 percent annual rate in the January-March period, down from a lackluster 2.5 percent rate in the final three months of 2006.

Analysts noted that much of the strength in consumer spending last month reflected greater spending on energy, which reflected higher costs and increased demand because of the colder weather.

After adjusting for price increases, consumer spending rose by a much more sedate 0.2 percent in February.

Jan Shepherdson, chief economist at High Frequency Economics, a private consulting firm, said consumer spending likely slowed to a 3.25 percent growth rate in the

January-March quarter, down from a 4.2 percent rate of increase in the final three months of last year. Consumer spending is watched closely because it accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity.

The spending report showed a worrisome increase in inflation, which shot up by 0.3 percent in February, the biggest increase since a similar rise last August.

That left core inflation rising by 2.4 percent over the past 12 months, significantly higher than the Federal Reserve's 1 percent to 2 percent comfort zone. The year-over-year increase has not been exceeded since a 2.5 percent jump in April 1995.

"The news on inflation was not comforting," said Nigel Gault, an economist at Global Insight, a private forecasting firm. "So despite poor recent news on the housing market and business investment spending, the Fed cannot yet contemplate cutting interest rates."

Amway sellers dispute P&G award

By Paul Foy
Associated Press writer

SALF LAKE CITY — A jury decided Procter & Gamble Co. suffered no damages from devil-worshipping rumors but nonetheless awarded the consumer-products giant \$19.25 million by counting the number of company lawyers in the courtroom, three jurors said in affidavits filed in federal court.

Lawyers for four Amway distributors who were ordered to pay the sum are trying to get the verdict thrown out because of improper deliberations. In their first step, they asked a federal judge this week to investigate misconduct on the 11-member jury.

The Lanham Act, which governs marketplace competition, only judges the discretion to award attorney fees, lawyers said.

P&G was unaware of the allegations and filed its own motion this week asking the judge to triple the damages, lawyers' independent distributors were accused of using a company voice mail system to spread an oft-repeated but false rumor that P&G's logo — a bearded, crescent moon-in-moon looking over a field of 13 stars — was a symbol of Satanism.

In sworn statements, three members of the Utah jury said the full panel unanimously concluded the Cincinnati-based company had failed to show any lack of sales from the recurring rumors since the 1970s.

But the panel wanted to compensate P&G for "out-of-pocket" legal expenses, the three jurors said.

So they counted the number of lawyers at P&G's courtroom table and guessed how many hours they worked over a decade of litigation, the jurors said.

The jury disagreed only on how much lawyers typically charge.

"I had heard no evidence of attorneys fees so I stuck with zero," one juror, Bryan Tuttle, said in his affidavit. "After soliciting numbers from everybody and averaging them, we knew what a general ballpark figure would be."

Totals offered by each juror ranged from zero to \$50 million and averaged out at \$19.25 million, he said.

Juror Tanya Platt said two others on the panel "did not want Procter & Gamble to get anything," raising questions about whether the verdict for P&G was unanimous, as it was supposed to be.

Lawyers for the Amway distributors were stunned to learn of the details, which surfaced when Tuttle wrote to confirm what the one juror claimed. One juror, Joe strongly she wrote a letter to the court about the deliberations."

Effort to shield kids from porn hits dead end, again

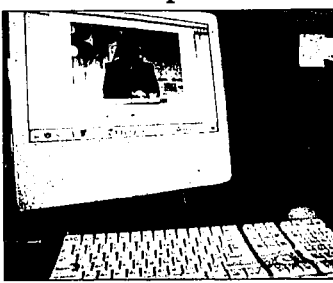
By Matt Moore
Associated Press writer

LISBON, Portugal — For nearly seven years Stuart Lawley has tried to build a red-light district on the Internet, one that could help, at least nominally, keep pornographic Web sites away from curious underage eyes.

There came to a halt for a third and possibly final time Friday when a key Internet oversight agency rejected his proposed "xxx" address amid concerns the adult-entertainment industry that Lawley had courted was not unified in its support.

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers also feared that "xxx" could force ICANN into a new, unwanted role as content regulator, even though the proposed domain name would be voluntary.

ICANN voted 9-5 to reject the application that Lawley and his company, ICM Registry LLC, had written and revised twice before since 2000.



Stuart Lawley sits in his Jupiter, Fla., home on March 22. For nearly seven years Lawley has tried to get a "xxx" internet address approved, a move that would create a virtual red light district online and even help, at least nominally, keep adult content away from prying underage eyes.

"We are extremely disappointed by the board's action today," said Lawley, ICM's president and chief executive. "It is not supportable for any of the reasons articulated by the board. Ignoring the rules ICANN itself adopted for (new domains) and makes a mockery of ICANN bylaws' prohibi-

tion of unjustifiable discriminatory treatment."

ICANN Chairman Vinton Cerf said the decision closes the ICM bid, meaning ICANN won't let ICM come back with a revised proposal as it had before. However, a new proposal could be offered in the next round of domain name applications.

"There was a substantial disagreement within the adult content community to this proposal," he said.

ICANN's board also was spooked by warnings from its Governmental Advisory Committee that such a domain would leave the agency in the business of regulating content, or the type of material that would find itself in the voluntary domain.

"I believe we have to guard very carefully against ICANN ever becoming a regulator in that sense," board member Steve Goldstein said. "It is for that reason alone that I would cast my vote against the proposed agreement."

Lawley, however, said that job would have gone to ICM and not ICANN.

The proposal would have required ICM to develop mechanisms for promoting child safety and preventing child pornography and require porn sites using "xxx" to be themselves based on such criteria as the presence of nudity and whether it is in an artistic or educational context.

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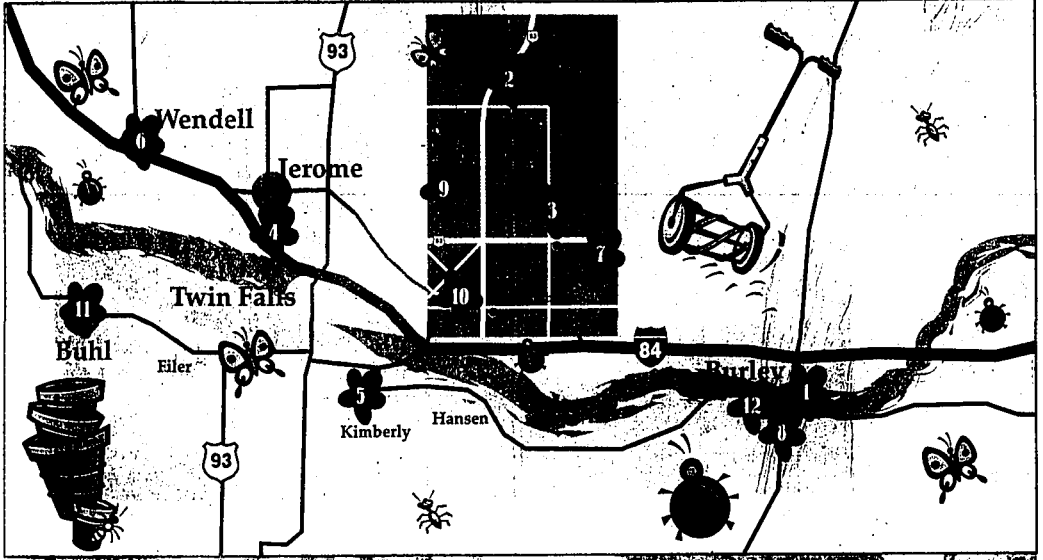
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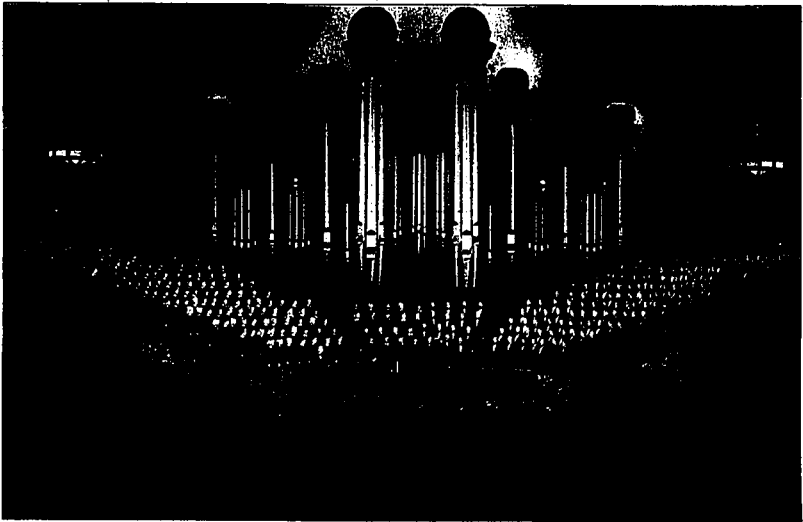
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An old friend returns



The Mormon church's official photo of the Salt Lake Tabernacle and its famous choir. The Tabernacle has been remodeled over the past two years.

Mormons reopen renovated Tabernacle this weekend

By Cody Clark
For the Times-News

SALT LAKE CITY — In his opening address to the 174th Semiannual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Oct. 2, 2004, Mormon president Gordon B. Hinckley announced that the church would close the historic Salt Lake Tabernacle on Temple Square for two years.

"We must do extensive work on the Salt Lake Tabernacle to make it seismically safe," Hinckley said. "This marvelous structure has been used for 137 years this month. The time has come when we must do something to preserve it. It is one of the unique architectural masterpieces in the entire world and a building of immense historical interest."

Now it's time to welcome back the familiar structure with the distinctive turtleneck roof. Mormon church publicist Rob Howell said the Salt Lake Tabernacle will be rededicated during this weekend's general conference here.

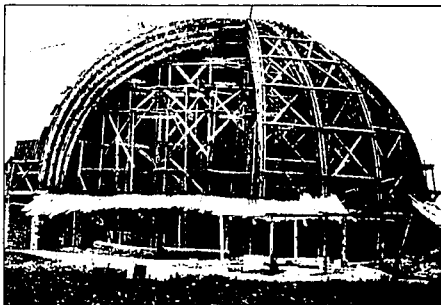
The renovation was done to reinforce the 44 pillars that support the "adapted bridge-work" roof of the Tabernacle, and to attach the roof and pillars more securely.

At the time of his announcement, Hinckley assured church members that the building would be carefully protected throughout its refurbishment. "Its historical qualities will be carefully preserved," he said. "while its utility, comfort and safety will be increased."

The Salt Lake Tabernacle was originally built over a period of three years, starting on July 26, 1864. The first meetings were held inside Oct. 6, 1867.

The famous roof, designed by LDS engineer Henry Groves, was constructed of timbers pinned together with wooden pegs and reinforced by rawhide strips (the limited availability of nails necessitated the use of alternative fasteners).

During the renovation, the functions normally conducted in the Tabernacle, including the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's performances and its weekly broadcast of "Music and the Spoken Word," were relocated to the nearby Conference Center.



The Salt Lake Tabernacle is shown under construction in this updated photo, probably taken in 1866. The LDS renovated the building to make it more earthquake-safe.

LDS faithful gather this weekend

The 177th Annual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in five sessions today and Sunday at the Conference Center. More than 100,000 church members, friends and invited guests are expected to attend the conference, and millions will watch or listen to conference proceedings via television, radio, satellite and Internet broadcasts. Speakers will be members of the First Presidency and other leaders and representatives of church auxiliaries and organizations. Music will be provided by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and special church choral groups.

General sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. today and Sunday. All general sessions can be viewed on KSL-TV (Cablecore Channel 5), KTVU (UHF Channel 58 and Cablecore Channel 6), KBYU-TV (DirectV Channel 374 and DISH Network Channel 9402), and on the Internet through the church's Web site at <http://www.lds.org>. These sessions will also be aired live on KART 1400 AM radio. The four general sessions and the fifth priesthood session this evening will be broadcast via satellite to church buildings worldwide with satellite equipment.

A series of concerts welcoming the choir and other Mormon church performing groups back to their traditional venue are planned for Friday and April 7 with a two-night choir concert event.

Finally, Mormon Tabernacle Choir back in... the Tabernacle

By Kerl Tisoco
For the Times-News

SALT LAKE CITY — Twice or more a week, Orem, Utah, resident Gaye Beeson lights traffic as she makes her way here for rehearsal with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

She parks her car, walks to the Tabernacle basement, gathers her music, clothing and other essentials, and strolls across the street to the Conference Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

For about 2 1/2 years during the remodeling of the Salt Lake Tabernacle, members of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir have relocated to the nearby Conference Center for rehearsals and weekly broadcasts of "Music and the Spoken Word."

"It has been quite the hike for us," Beeson said. "We've been out of our home for what seems like an eternity."

Soon this will all change. On Friday and April 7, choir members will return to their newly refurbished home for dedicatory concerts performed with the Mormon

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FISH ON FRIDAYS

For Buhl Catholics, the tradition lives on

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — For at least 15 years, parishioners in immaculate Conception Catholic Church have been enjoying Friday fish dinners during Lent.

Some say the Buhl Council of Catholic Women has been preparing the meals for much longer, but all agree the event is important — to those giving up meat — as a reminder of Christ's crucifixion and to

those who use the occasion just to meet friends and enjoy a spring evening.

Buhl's Peggy DeHaas, the council's treasurer, explained that the women aspire to serve 300 dinners every Friday during Lent, except for Good Friday.

"It's always a growth experience to see people who come and enjoy the dinner," she said. "If nothing else, it is a community thing. I think about community. I think going without meat is different

for everyone."

Lent, the 40-day season beginning on Ash Wednesday, ends on Easter Sunday. Christianity's most important holiday. During Lent, believers are called upon to focus on self-examination and penitence.

For Catholics, the practice of giving up meat on Fridays was mandated by the church until 1966.

"That was just the way we were raised, so it's still tradition."

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James

Christianity spared violence over succession

Sunn and Shiite Muslims slaughter one another in Iraq in theory because of an ancient religious disagreement.

Christians barely escaped a similar fate. Muslims differ about the manner of succession to leadership. Save for the death of Jesus, the brother of Jesus, Christians could be at one another's throats today over the same question that divides Islam.



JAMES GUSHEE

The issue between Sunni and Shiite, the two main branches of Islam, is a matter of who has power and property, but they frame the crisis in a religious context. When the Prophet Muhammad died in 632, he had not established a method for passing on leadership of the rapidly growing faith. Muslims who came to be known as Sunnis, the majority party, insisted on choosing whom they considered the best leader available.

Those who became Shiite insisted that bloodlines tell. The successor to the prophet must be related to him. All the prophet's son-in-law, and his heirs alone could lead the faith. Therein lies the fundamental difference in the two sects. Women, not surprisingly, were not eligible.

Christianity might have faced the same dilemma. James was the head of the church in Jerusalem. He was recognized by Peter and Paul as their leader, no doubt because he was the brother of Jesus. Peter specifically notifies James that he has escaped prison (Acts 12:17). Paul goes up to Jerusalem to clear his message and ministry with James who, in the young faith, was the decider (Acts 15).

Roman Catholics insist that Jesus was an only child and pass off his siblings as cousins and other relatives. Brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas are named as such in Matthew 13:55 and Mark 6:3.

Some Orthodox Christians suggest that his brothers were step-brothers, sons of Joseph not Mary. The evangelist's intent is to maintain the perpetual virginity of Mary, an important theological nicety for some traditions.

In any event, these men were relatives of Jesus, even if not brothers, and would have enjoyed that advantage in the early church based in Jerusalem.

The Romans, however, killed James. They dispersed the church in Jerusalem with the destruction of the city in 70 A.D.

The book of Acts tells the story of the church's transfer of place and power from Jerusalem to Rome and from James to Peter and Paul.

That probably spared Christianity from an internecine struggle over succession.

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Travis Brewer of Buhl prepares for his Clear Springs Trust Company fillets for the luncheon. Catholic Church's weekly Fish on Friday dinner.



BY BLAIR KOCH

RELIGION

Catholic women hold convention in Jerome

JEROME — Idaho Council of Catholic Women will hold its biennial convention here May 4-6.

Speakers will include National Council of Catholic Women president Ellen Bachman; Region 1 Vice-President Barbara Erickson; Province Director Betty Koch; Marilyn Scott, director of the Pregnancy Crisis Center; Trish Borresen from 5th District Youth Court, and Patty Clark of the Magic Valley Crisis Center.

A Fun Night is planned on May 4, including food and a chocolate buffet. On May 5, the Most Rev. Michael Driscoll, bishop of the Diocese of Boise, will say Mass, followed by the announcement of ICJCV Mayor of the Year and Cineo de Mayo festivities. Registration deadline is April 15. For more information, call Anita Barrels at 324-7242 or email her at abarrels@msn.com.

Presbyterians celebrate Palm Sunday in Jerome

JEROME — The First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A, will celebrate Palm Sunday with children parading in with the palms and Pastor Ronald Matheny conducting his Beatles series with "Blessed are the Meek."

The choir will sing "All Glory, Laud and Honor," and the service will close with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

A special service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday (Maundy Thursday). The choir will sing "The Mystery" and "One Lonely Night," and Holy Communion will be observed.

The Jerome interfaith Association will present a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday (April 8) at the First Baptist Church. At 9 a.m., the Presbyterian Women will host a continental breakfast for members and friends at the Presbyterian Church. Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. The children will not have Sunday school as they will be excused from worship after the children's sermon for a special party. A dramatic Easter reading, special music and Holy Communion will be part of the service.

All are welcome. For more information, stop by the church or call 324-2972. HANSEN — Celebration services will be held at 7 p.m. today and 4 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Baptist Fellowship, 304 Main St. (old city hall building).

Mark Keith, evangelism director of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention, will be the speaker. "The Gallileans," (Karen and T. J. Calvin) will present the music. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 423-6937.

Mendelson presents musical pilgrimage

JACKPOT — Susan Mendelson will present a musical pilgrimage to the birthplace of the Christian faith at 7 p.m. today at the Jackpot Baptist Church.

Mendelson is with the Jews for Jesus traveling ministry team, the Liberated Walling Wall. As music director, she has toured the United States singing Jewish gospel music and doing evangelism. She created the vocal arrangements for the team's 1994 album, "David's Hope." Her presentations feature an array of Jewish gospel music and glimpses into the Jewish roots of the Christian faith.

Admission is free. For more information, call Pastor Dean Grindsstaff at (775) 753-2226.

Amazing Grace Fellowship slates Eggstravaganza

TWIN FALLS — Amazing Grace Fellowship will hold its annual Eggstravaganza from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the church, 1061 Eastland Drive N.

The event features an Easter egg hunt for children under 12 and a carnival. Give-aways will be held during the 10:30 a.m. service. Free hot dogs, pop and ice cream will be available.

KING'S WITNESSES



The King's Witnesses from Nampa will present concerts at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Assembly of God Church, 319 Second St. E. (corner of Maple and Second) in Hansen. This will be the 14th year the group has ministered on Palm Sunday in Hansen. Pictured from left are Dwayne "Dudley" Esley, Sherry Esley, Deborah Wynkoop, Ray Sherwin and Cindy Sherwin. The public is invited; admission is free.

Church news

Everyone is welcome.

Services, activities

TWIN FALLS — The First Presbyterian Church, 205 Fifth Avenue North, will celebrate the Easter season with several services and activities.

Palm Sunday and Communion service worship begins at 10 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is asked to gather in fellowship hall before worship to participate in the Palm Sunday Processional to the sanctuary. The processional music is "Hosanna Processional." The handbell ringers will be in the upper loft to accompany the congregation as they sing and enter the sanctuary. Mary Visteril will serve as the greeter, and Terry Fletcher will read the scripture, Isaiah 50:4-9a.

The Rev. Phil Price will speak on "Elvis and the King of Kings." The Hallelujah Handbells, led by Barbara Mix, will ring "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High," and the Chancel Choir, led by Jerry Chan, will sing "God So Loved the World."

Price will lead adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. In the fellowship hall, with the topic, "The Significance of Palm Sunday," by Luke 19:28-40.

A nursery attendant is available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sundays so adults can attend choir practice and Sunday school. Everyone is welcome to fellowship after worship.

Orders for Easter Lilies in thanksgiving or blessing of memory of loved ones are due in the church office by noon on Wednesday.

A Good Friday Communion and Tenbrene service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday in the church. The choir will sing "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," with brass and organ accompaniment, and the Hallelujah Handbells will ring "I Lift Mine Eyes to the Hills."

A sunrise service will be held at 6:30 a.m. April 8 at AJ and Jo Smunty's home, 3350 N. 3200 E. Worship service starts at 10 a.m. at the church, with the Rev. Phil Price speaking on "Bringing God Things to Life."

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 733-7023.

Palm fronds take stage of Agape church

TWIN FALLS — Palm fronds will decorate the sanctuary Sunday in honor of Palm fronds at the Agape Fellowship Church, 181 Morrison St. Pastor Gerald Nielsen will speak on "Great Expectations" for worship at 10:30 a.m.

The church will host its annual "Eggs" potluck at 6 p.m. Thursday. The public is invited, but RSVP is required. Anyone who plans to attend should call the church at 733-6255.

Lutherans celebrate 'Friends in Christ' project

JEROME — The St. Paul's Lutheran Church Board of Evangelism has just completed its "Friends in Christ" project with every member or friend visited.

Fellowship Sunday will be celebrated Sunday with refreshments served. Worship starts at 10:30 a.m., and

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Lent sermon series continues in Jerome

JEROME — The Rev. Laura Ann Rockwell continues her Lent sermon series this week with discussion about "stones" in people's lives.

Worship starts at 11 a.m., and Sunday school for all ages begins at 10 a.m. Child care is available. Coffee and cookie fellowship time follows worship.

Morning prayer will be held at 9 a.m. during Holy Week. A lamb supper and worship service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the church parlor.

The Good Friday service will be at 7 p.m. Friday. The Procession of the Palms will be the focus for worship.

Easter Sunday worship will be at 11 a.m. April 8. Nursery care is available for all services. An Easter egg hunt will be held at 10 a.m. April 8 on the church lawn. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 211 S. Buchanan.

Reverend Fry a new pastor at Burley church

BURLEY — The Rev. Al Fry is the new pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.

Fry will be in the pulpit on Palm Sunday with the sermon, "Brand New Beginnings." Worship starts at 10:45 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. A reception for the Frys will be held after worship.

Maundy Thursday Palestinian dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. It will feature a special message and music. All are welcome. Call 678-5131 between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Hollister church hears about 'Silencing Witnesses'

HOLLISTER — Palm Sunday worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church, 2461 Central Ave. The Rev. Bruce Stephens of Twin Falls will speak on "Silencing the Witnesses." The scripture is Luke 19:28-40.

The "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering will be received. Refreshments will be served after worship.

Elder Charles Upton of Ivin Falls will conduct a Communion service at 7 p.m. Friday (Good Friday). His sermon will be "Trust, Serve, Redeem." Scripture reading

will be Romans 12:9-19 and Matthew 25:28. A dessert and coffee social will follow the service. Visitors are welcome.

Woman will speak on 'Be a Christopher'

BUHL — Darlene Matheny of Jerome will speak on "Be a Christopher" at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Buhl First Presbyterian Church. Scripture reading will be Zachariah 9:9 and Matthew 21:1-11. Sunday school for all ages starts at 10 a.m.

Nursery care is provided during worship. A coffee hour will follow.

The Women's Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the fellowship hall for study on Genesis 38. "Perspective on Righteousness."

Wendell Methodists will serve ham, potatoes

WENDELL — A ham and potatoes dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Wendell United Methodist Church, 175 E. Main St.

Everyone is welcome to come for a visit with friends, family and neighbors.

Freewill offerings will be accepted.

Church schedules Annual Mission Auction and Dinner

TWIN FALLS — The Annual Mission Auction and Dinner will begin at noon Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E.

Proceeds will benefit two community agencies located in Twin Falls, a Church World Service project in Kenya and the church bus repair fund.

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Magic Valley provides non-medical volunteer assistance to the disabled and elderly and their home-bound caregivers. The Crisis Center of Magic Valley has provided supportive services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for 25 years. Thomas Arbaugh will serve as auctioneer. Donated items range from private dinners for four to paintings donated by Ralph Lehrman.

The First Sunday Food Drive will benefit LaPasad Ministries.

Worship will be at 8:30 a.m. in the Wesley Chapel and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary, with Sunday school for all ages. Nursery care is provided, and refreshments are available after each service.

Holy Week services include a Maundy Thursday worship at 7 p.m. Thursday, with prayer, reflection and Holy Communion. An Easter sunrise service will be held at 7:15 a.m. at Shoshone Falls. An Easter breakfast will follow at the church.

The public is invited to all services.

Video addresses finding hope in mental illness

FILER — The Filer Mennonite Church will show the video, "Shadow Voices: Finding Hope in Mental Illness," at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church, 4515 Fifth St.

The video is targeted for teens and adults and is an hour-long documentary dealing with stigma, recovery and hope regarding mental illness. It offers a look inside what it is like to have a mental illness and how individuals and their families find their way through a morass of

medical, governmental, societal and spiritual issues. The program probes the history of mental health care, issues of stigma and insurance parity, rehab and recovery, issues related to the criminal justice system, the role of the church and faith, and finding hope. All are welcome.

Member of Jews for Jesus will present program

TWIN FALLS — Susan Mendelson of the Jews for Jesus traveling ministry, the Liberated Walling Wall, will present a program at 7 p.m. Wednesday, at 259 Main Ave. E.

Mendelson started a career in country music but is now singing a different tune with an array of Jewish gospel music and glimpses into the Jewish roots of the Christian faith.

The public is invited. Admission is free. For more information, call Pastor Greg Faddess at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship at 737-4667.

Centering Prayer set for Wednesday in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — Centering Prayer will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N.

March's topic is "Psychological Aspects of Centering Prayer." Changes Over Time." A video by Father Thomas Keating will explain how the practice of centering prayer evolves and deepens as the practice matures. A centering prayer session is included.

Anyone with an interest in centering prayer is invited. For more information, call Jamie Kelley at 734-9499 or Joyce Ballard at 733-8881.

Buhl church will show 'The Passion of Christ'

BUHL — "The Passion of Christ" will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday at the Buhl First Christian Church, located at Broadway and Poplar.

Child care will be provided. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Gooding Church prepares special events for Easter

GOODING — The Gooding First Christian Church will celebrate the Easter season with four special events.

A Good Friday service hosted by the church will begin at 7 p.m. Friday.

Services on Easter Sunday (April 8) include a sunrise service at 6:45 a.m. at the Gooding Community Church grounds. Early worship at 8 a.m. will be followed by a breakfast prepared by the Men's Ministry. Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m., with the second worship at 10:55 a.m.

The public is invited to any or all of the services. For more information, call the church office at 934-4542.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or Trena Tigan, South Idaho Press office, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83418. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

RELIGION LETTER

Belief in a God necessitates strange beliefs

Believing in a God of any description necessitates ancillary beliefs, some of which could be quite bizarre, perhaps even dangerous, and often shockingly repugnant.

Here's a few gleaned from a long list learned from area Christians: all sexual acts should be completed and open to a conceptus; all conceptions are "stained" with Adam's and Eve's sin; even though it is only rarely murder to kill a human, it is always murder to kill a conceptus, no matter how microscopic it might be; badly deformed babies (especially aprocotus and dimidiata babies) were conceived during menses; medical care should be refused for ourselves and our children;

tsumamis, floods, earthquakes and some diseases (especially sexually transmitted diseases) are punishments from an angry, vengeful God; and while heterosexual marriage is the most consistent choice, homosexuality always is. All of them, scarcely indistinguishable from madness.

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Lutheran leader condemns prosperity gospel

LUND, Sweden (AP) — The president of the Lutheran World Federation urged evangelists to resist U.S. fundamentalists who preach that following Christianity can bring wealth and success.

The Rev. Mark Hanson, who is also presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, said Lutherans must challenge what he called a heresy being spread in their countries.

"We are now exporting not only products," Hanson said about the United States, "we are exporting prosperity-gospel preaching evangelists to your countries who are beckoning Lutherans away from their Lutheran churches."

He said the federation must teach true Christianity "rather than some other distortion of the Gospel that we so now export and is pure heresy."

Hanson spoke at a federation assembly, which ended Tuesday.

It marked the 60th anniversary of the Lutheran world, which has 140 member churches in 78 countries, representing more than 66 million Christians.

Hanson noted it was difficult to remain in fellowship considering the diversity of viewpoints and beliefs of member churches, but called their global connection a "sheer gift."

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Mormon president keeps on going

By Cozy Clark
For the Times-News

Calling all LDS cultural trivia whizzes!

Here's a pop quiz for you: Who's the oldest man ever to serve as president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

There's a new answer now that Gordon B. Hinckley has passed David O. McKay to become the oldest man ever to hold the office of church president.

McKay, who served as church president for almost 19 years, died on Jan. 18, 1970, at the age of 96 years and 132 days.

According to a release issued in November by LDS Church publicists, Hinckley, who became church president in 1995 following the death of Howard W. Hunter, hit 96 years and 133 days on Nov. 3.

Hinckley will turn 97 on June 23. The next-oldest member of the First Presidency (including Hinckley and counselors Thomas S. Monson and James E. Faust) and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles is apostle Joseph B. Wirthlin, 81.

Hinckley's age was on his mind when he spoke at general conference in October. "The Lord has permitted me to live, I do not know for how long," Hinckley said. "But whatever the time, I shall continue to give my best to the task at hand."

The still-active Hinckley was briefly hospitalized in January 2006 so that doctors could remove a cancerous portion of his large intestine. Additional treatment of the condition hasn't prevented him from



Gordon B. Hinckley, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, arrives for the church's semi-annual general conference last September in Salt Lake City. In 2007, Hinckley marks the 177th anniversary of the church's founding as the oldest-ever president of the church. Known for his wit, warmth and delight in surprises, Hinckley also is described as a pragmatic and insightful leader.

maintaining his typically rigorous schedule of travel and public appearances.

Hinckley was on hand in December, showed at the ready when the First Presidency broke ground at the site of the planned Oquirrh Mountain Temple in South Jordan.

Some observers have speculated that the redoubtable leader will keep right on going past his 100th birthday, but Hinckley himself isn't part of

that camp. On the occasion of his 95th birthday, in 2005, he said of hitting the century mark that, "I'm not counting on it."

Hinckley was born June 23, 1910, and has worked for the LDS church since returning from a proselytizing mission to England at the age of 25. His years of church employment were briefly interrupted during World War II by a stint as a supervisor with the Denver &

Rio Grande Railroad.)

The hallmarks of his presidency are many, but Hinckley has been especially noted for building temples (including speeding up the church's temple-building agenda in 1997 by launching a program to build small temples in areas of numerically minimal church membership), issuing the Proclamation on the Family, and starting up the Perpetual Education Fund.

Choir

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Tabernacle Choir Orchestra at Temple Square. These will be the first of a series of 10 concerts and broadcasts in celebration of the Tabernacle's renovation and reopening.

While rehearsing and broadcasting from the Conference Center has been a memorable experience for Beeson, so far it was just not the same.

"The Tabernacle was built for natural sound," she said. "I can be on the back row of the balcony and clearly hear what someone else is saying on the opposite end. Acoustically, you can't get any better than that."

Although most of the choir's members have not seen the inside of the Tabernacle since its renovation, Beeson says the

early pictures she has seen have shown some beautiful changes, including a moveable stage comparable to that in a professional theater.

Scott Barrick, the choir's general manager, said the Tabernacle will reclaim the various groups that have so often performed there.

Concerts planned for the upcoming months will highlight groups including the Bells on Temple Square, which will perform in the Tabernacle for the first time, and the Utah Symphony.

"The main thing for us was to allow each of the choir family groups to have an opportunity to perform this summer," Barrick said.

From the dedicatory concerts and an Easter Sunday broadcast of "Music and the

Spoken Word" to organ recitals and Mendelssohn's "Elijah" with Bryn Terfel (who will also be a part of "Music and the Spoken Word" on May 15), the vocal and instrumental talents of many will be showcased, Barrick says.

The choir's associate director, Mack Willberg, wrote a "Requiem," which will make its debut on April 27-28 alongside Mozart's "Requiem."

"We are so lucky to have such talented leaders as Willberg and Craig Jessop," said choir member Ann Sweeney of Alpine, Utah. "You really can't get any better than them."

Sweeney, who dedicates about 30 hours per week to the choir, says that while the choir's directors are much

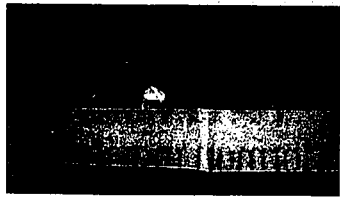
admired by the singers, there is definitely discipline involved — more so than when she was Relief Society president years ago.

"There's no time to sit and chat," she said. "You put your shoulder to the wheel and you work hard."

But the hard work has paid off. The 360-member chorale has won a Grammy Award and an Emmy Award, and has produced multiple gold and platinum records.

In February, the choir released its latest CD, "Showtime!" featuring music from Broadway and Hollywood.

This story originally appeared in the Provo, Utah, Daily Herald, a newspaper affiliated with the Times-News.



Members of a drama team from the Rupert United Methodist Church are shown in practice for a presentation of "The Living Last Supper" to be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church, 605 H St.

Methodists to dramatize 'Living Last Supper'

Times-News

RUPELT — "The Living Last Supper," a dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece of the same name, will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church, 605 H St.

Da Vinci was commissioned in 1494 to decorate the dining room of the convent church in Milan, Italy. His painting depicted the moment after the Lord said, "One of you will betray me." The 12 apostles became men of 12 different moods, with Jesus the only composed person. In this presentation, the apostles speak their minds to themselves, to each other and to the Lord.

Drama directors are Claud Bowman and Pastor Jerry Steele, and the narrator is Rob Newmair. Jesus is portrayed by Brian Williams; the 12 apostles are played by John Paulson, Gary Schorzman, Jess Hess, Cliff Hieb, Tim Gregersen, Rob Jonston, Jean Layton, Doug Jones, Bryan Bruns, Jerod Skaggs, Nick Hallet and Steve Leback. Costumes are by Sherry Maloney, Ila Hied, Joyce Bowman, Cathy Jarolimek and Ginny Newcomb. The sound system is by John Johnson, and the scenery is by Jeff Hare. The spotlight is by Don Billings, and music is by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Stan Bruns, with accompaniment by Peggy Gullbranson.

Fish

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said Pat Sude of Buhl. "During Lent, as kids, we would also give up candy as a sacrifice of something we liked. As children you think it is the hardest six weeks of your life, but as adults the sacrifices give you perspective and remind you that no matter what you give up it doesn't come close to Christ's sacrifice on the cross."

Some Catholics continue the tradition on their own.

"There are several benefits of eating fish on Friday and I won't even go into all of the health benefits," said the Rev. Kenneth Hein, interim pastor at the church. "First it is a reminder that Christ died for us, gave up his body and by giving up meat we are reminded of that."

Forgoing meat — which is often an unattainable luxury for the poor — humbles believers and draws them closer to the unfortunate, Hein says.

"Part of the idea is to unite people, and by giving up meat you can better donate to the cause to help those less fortunate," he said. "Although the church does not require us, so to speak, to give up meat on Fridays we are still encouraged to do so. The symbolic nature of eating fish is that fish is a strong symbol for Christ throughout Christianity and so by partaking in the practice we are reminded of him."

The Buhl council's dinners, served for a nominal fee, are used as a fundraiser. Men in the parish also lead a hand.

Wayne Iversen of Buhl, a familiar face in the kitchen and says he enjoys clipping in.

"It is very satisfying to support the women and community of Buhl. Plus it's doing good fish."

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RELIGION

'Too safe'

Mormon moviemaker critical of LDS films

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Richard Dutcher, the so-called "godfather of modern LDS cinema," has lately become one of the genre's harshest critics. And his criticisms even extend to his own work.

"No one else takes me to task quite like I do," Dutcher told the *Deseret Morning News*. "I'm never satisfied with anything, which may be why it takes me so long to get my movies done."

Dutcher appeared headed for next Big Thing status after the success of his 2000 drama "God's Army." However, his follow-up films the 2001 mystery-thriller "Highland Cove" and the 2005 "God's Army" sequel "States of Grace" did not fare as well.

Speaking from the Provo, Utah, offices of his Main Street Movie Co., the 42-year-old filmmaker said both movies "did get good reviews, but apparently there weren't too many people outside of the critics who wanted to see them."

"At one time he also planned to make a movie biography of Joseph Smith, with Val Kilmer playing the LDS Church founder. But the funding and support for that project collapsed. Since then, he's been distancing himself from the genre he helped popularize."

In the outspoken writer, director and actor's opinion, "Mormon cinema has gotten too safe for its own good. There's nothing new being said in these films, which is pretty sad. It's as if they're too afraid to upset the target audience."

Dutcher has been working on a couple of new film projects but has experienced a series of setbacks, including a fire at his Mapleton, Utah, offices last March.

Although he's been busy digging out, Dutcher says he is in the post-production process for "Falling," a drama that was shot around the same time as "States of Grace." Notoriously tightlipped about his movie's plots, Dutcher did reveal that one character in the film is a former Latter-day Saint who questions some of his beliefs.

As controversial as that sounds, it's nothing compared to a horror-thriller he recently shot locally, which is titled "Hell Angel."

"That film has also been subject to all sorts of wild speculation," Dutcher said. "Apparently it's the movie that's going to get me thrown out of this state," he said with a laugh, referring to rumors that the film might get an NC-17 rating. "You never really know what the MPAA is going to do with ratings, but I think this one could go either way that means a PG-13 or it, not NC-17. I guess we'll see."

Still, at this point in his career, he isn't afraid to challenge audiences, especially those in Utah. "I've never really worried about that. At the end of the day if I have a film that at least I can be happy with, well, I can live with that."

Dutcher's disappointment in LDS cinema hasn't prevented other filmmakers from trying to pick up the torch. This year has already brought the release of "Beauty and the Beast: A Latter-day Tale," which is in theaters now, and "The Dance," which opened Friday.

The latter film comes from actor-turned-producer Michael Flynn, who also spearheaded the well-regarded 2003 LDS missionary drama "The Best Two Years."

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Power of LDS Web sites is expanding

By Cody Clark For the Times-News

There hasn't always been very much to see or do at LDS.org, the official Web site of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In the beginning, said Larry Richman, director of the faith's Internet coordination group, LDS.org was "pretty simple — just four or five static pages."

Not any more. The amount of church content available online has exploded since 2000, the first year that LDS.org was given a major overhaul. That's why on Jan. 30, the church rolled out an entirely new home page, the first step in a far-reaching redesign of all church sites that is expected to continue for the rest of 2007 and into 2008.

The old home page design, with site navigation links listed down the left sidebar, couldn't keep up with the rapid proliferation of content categories. "The old site had about 25 different categories in the left nav bar," Richman said. "That was growing at a rate of about two or three a month."

It hasn't always been that way. The first version of LDS.org, Richman's "four or five static pages," went up in 1994, when the World Wide Web was only just beginning to creep into the public consciousness.

The site was largely unchanged until 1998, when a number of small, mostly cosmetic tweaks were applied. The boom began in 1999, when church members had the option of listening to general conference online via streaming audio for the first time. The version of LDS.org familiar (until recently) to most church members and other visitors appeared the following year.

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Anti-Mormon group gives away DVDs in effort to sway members

PHOENIX (AP) — An anti-Mormon group distributed in Arizona 18,000 copies of a film designed to sway church members to quit.

About 15,000 DVDs of the film "Jesus Christ/Joseph Smith" were dropped off at homes in Mesa, Gilbert and Tempe last week-end, said Jim Robertson, executive director of Concerned Christians, an organization largely made up of former Mormons. Another 2,000 copies were handed out in Snowflake and Taylor and

1,000 in Tucson.

The film, which the group says contrasts the teachings of Jesus Christ and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints founder Joseph Smith, was given away as part of effort to persuade members to leave the church.

"We've found this works very well. We need to step out in faith to do it," said Robertson, a former Mormon who founded the organization 35 years ago. "We're not against the Mormon people. If we hated

the Mormons, we'd let them stew in their own juices."

Don Evans, an LDS spokesman in Arizona, said Robertson is on a lifetime crusade to attack the church. "It won't faze members of our church one iota," Evans said. "They're strong enough in their own beliefs. It's water off their backs."

Former church spokesman Dave Udall said Concerned Christians was denounced in the early 1980s by the National Conference of Christians and

Jews and by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith after showing the film "The God Makers at the Mesa Convention Center."

"I'm disappointed. We need tolerance in our community, and religious tolerance is one of those things we need to do," said Udall, a Mesa lawyer.

The DVD distribution was timed for the weekend before the LDS church holds its general conference in Salt Lake City.

Five N.C. colleges, universities plan to sever Baptist links

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The last five colleges and universities with ties to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina are preparing to split with the group.

Some schools fear conservative Southern Baptist views could limit academic freedom. The North Carolina convention voted last year to ban gay-friendly churches from their organization.

The denominations continue to set boundaries that are ever-changing, and it makes it difficult for universi-

ties to negotiate," said Bill Leonard, Divinity School dean at Wake Forest University, which broke from the state Baptist convention years ago.

Advocates of separation also said the schools are increasingly attracting students with no Baptist ties. College administrators also want the freedom to pick trustees from other denominations and states.

About a dozen Baptist-affiliated college and universities nationwide cited similar reasons when they split with their

own state Baptist groups over the past two decades.

The five North Carolina schools moving toward a break are Campbell University in Buies Creek; Chowan University in Murfreesboro; Gardner-Webb University in Bolling Springs; Mars Hill College in Mars Hill and Wingate University in Wingate.

A plan unanimously approved this month by the executive committee of the state convention allows the universities and colleges to start choosing their own trustees in 2009. The convention would end its monetary contributions by 2013.

The plan must also be approved by the convention board of directors and by the entire state convention at two consecutive annual meetings.

A split would cost each school about \$1.2 million a year in donations from the state convention. School presidents have said that some of that money be used as scholarships for Baptist students.

The biggest benefit to users of FamilySearch.org may not be the first thing that visitors notice, but Richman hopes they'll figure it out

quickly. "The church's Web developers have made a major effort to beef up the site's search engine."

"The search is much more advanced," Richman said. "It's got a lot of power behind it." The previous search function only covered materials in the church's Gospel Library — primarily magazine articles, lesson manuals and general conference addresses (a separate search/look in the LDS "standard works," the Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants and the Pearl of Great Price).

The new search finds content on every church site, and presents results with a list of filtering options to instantly narrow down your choices. (For example, if you type "Zarahemla, a Book of Mormon place," the search then you get 269 results. If you click the filter options "Scriptures" and "Book of Mormon," however, the list of results is instantly shrank to 139.)

Matzoh, matzoh men

Passover is serious business at plant



Rabbi Yaakov Horowitz, who oversees matzoh production at the Manischewitz factory in Jersey City, N.J., talks about matzoh in his office at the plant on March 5. Matzoh is the unleavened bread product eaten by Jews around the world during the eight-day Passover holiday.

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — Except for a poster of grains from around the world, the office of Yaakov Horowitz at Manischewitz looks like a typical rabbi's study.

Heavy books with Hebrew script are stacked on the shelves, portraits of other rabbis adorn the walls, and Horowitz displays a shofar, or ram's horn, that he blows on his company's production floor before the Jewish High Holy Days.

As chief rabbi at the kosher food company Manischewitz, the world leader in matzoh production, Horowitz is the matzoh maven. Grain used to produce matzoh is a big part of his life.

unleavened bread eaten by Jews around the world during the eight-day Passover holiday and the centerpiece of the seder.

The seder, or Passover dinner, begins Monday night as Jews commemorate the biblical account of their ancestors' liberation from slavery in ancient Egypt. They eat matzoh on Passover to remember the hasty departure, which didn't leave enough time for bread to rise.

The fourth-generation Hasidic rabbi has traveled around the world to consult about matzoh production at factories in Mexico, Moscow, Kiev, England, and Israel and is now embarking on a new task: designing the first new matzoh ovens for Manischewitz in nearly 70 years.

The company is moving operations to Newark, leaving behind its historic ovens in Jersey City, where mass-produced matzoh was revolutionized.

Manischewitz's parent company, R.A.B. Food Group of Secaucus, N.J., recently acquired other kosher food companies and is consolidating production of both wet food such as soup and gefilte fish and dry goods such as cake mixes, crackers and matzoh.

The new \$10 million oven will improve the company's matzoh production because daily cleaning during the Passover season can be done in less than a quarter of the time, Horowitz said.

And when the company makes its once-a-year conversion to Passover goods, it'll take less than a week instead of a month, said Jeremy Fingerman, president and chief executive officer of the privately held R.A.B., which acquired the Manischewitz brand in 1998.

Matzoh is still the most important product Manischewitz produces, said Horowitz, who dons a yarmulke, hair net and another net to protect his bushy salt-and-pepper beard when he's on a factory floor.

Rabbi Dov Behr Manischewitz founded his company in Cincinnati in 1896 to produce matzoh. By 1914, the company registered more than 50 patents for matzoh baking and, six years later, it had created a machine that could produce matzoh on a massive scale — 1.25 million sheets per day.

In 1939, the company moved its matzoh operations to Jersey City, which closed its plant this month.

The introduction of a machine is still debatable among some Orthodox Jews, said Horowitz, whose e-mail user name is "matzohmail."

Matzohs were historically made by hand and sold by synagogues as a source of income from the 1700s until the latter part of the 19th century.

"Since the 1850s, people involved in machine matzoh have been forever trying to improve on the design, to be able to break it down better to clean it more efficiently and quicker," Horowitz said.

Mormon gardener sues state to stop bug spraying

OREM, Utah (AP) — A man who contends his Mormon faith requires him to grow a garden has threatened to sue the state agriculture department to stop it from spraying insecticide to kill the invasive Japanese beetle.

An attorney for Orem resident Tim Lawson filed a notice of intent to sue the state of Utah Department of Agriculture continues with plans to spray a 12-block area in Orem in hopes of stopping an infestation.

Lawson lives less than a block outside the spray zone, but he contends groundwater from that area will reach his garden, which he said he is compelled by his faith to plant.

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are encouraged to grow plants in their property over a three-year period, beginning in June.

The spray is considered, safe for humans and animals, but people in the area are being asked not to grow vegetable gardens or harvest fruit during the next three years.

While the spray itself is not considered toxic, it is not approved for application on food, said Larry Lewis, a spokesman for the agriculture department.

organs. Lawson said he is very ill and contends the insecticide will trigger the same autoimmune response.

"These type of chemicals are literally lethal to me," he said. "It will activate the autoimmune disease in my body."

This summer is likely the state's first and last chance to kill the beetle population before it increases to a size that can't be eradicated, Leonard Blackham, Utah commissioner of agriculture, said after a public meeting Thursday.

It was the final of three meetings hosted by the state about the Japanese beetle infestation. Officials have asked about 4,000 families to sign permission forms allowing the state to spray insecticide on their property over a three-year period, beginning in June.

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Father sues Mormon church for ordaining his sons

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A father has sued The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for ordaining his two teenage sons without his permission.

Michael Gulbraa is seeking court order forcing the church from performing similar actions in the future. Gulbraa said church leaders breached a secular agreement in 2001 by performing religious ordinances without his consent, usurping parental authority.

The church allows males 12 and older to be ordained to the priesthood.

A 3rd District judge dismissed Gulbraa's suit, but the Utah Court of Appeals heard his case Wednesday.

Gulbraa's lawyer, Kevin Bond, said Gulbraa has sole custody of his children.

"Mr. Gulbraa has the legal right to decide his children's religious upbringing," Bond argued.

Richardson said the dispute is between Gulbraa and his former wife, Etsuko Tanizaki Alred, who lives in Japan. She was not available for comment. Richardson said it was Alred who asked church leaders to perform the ordinance in Japan. Gulbraa's younger son, Chris, 16, said his mother and stepfather forced him to be ordained.

"They pretty much decided everything," he said. "It wasn't my choice."

Cities see rise in black Muslims in wake of 9-11

By Ramit Pishchack-Masti Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH — Allahu Akbar, the Muslim call for prayer, rings but on a recent Friday and a group of black men and women gather to celebrate the Islamic day of rest.

The wooden house in Pittsburgh's rundown Homewood neighborhood looks like any other on the block. But the sign at the door, Masjid Mumin, and the rows of shoes lined up inside on gray plastic shelves hint of the brand of Sunni Islam its members practice.



Muslim men gather at Masjid al-Mumin mosque for Friday prayers in Pittsburgh, March 9. Following what appears to be a trend in cities nationwide, religious leaders in Pittsburgh say there has been a rise in black conversions to Sunni Islam since the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The mosque is one of seven in Pittsburgh, home to a vibrant community of about 8,000 to 10,000 Sunni Muslims — some 30 percent of them black.

Following what appears to be a trend in cities nationwide, religious leaders in Pittsburgh say there has been a rise in black conversions to Sunni Islam since the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

No national surveys have been taken to confirm the increase, but Islamic religious leaders in Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit have also reported growth, said Lawrence Mamiya, a professor of religion and African studies at New York's Vassar College. Experts estimate that 30 percent of the 6 to 7 million Muslims in the U.S. are black, with only South Asians making up a larger number at 33 percent.

The Sept. 11 attacks have "set both ways, positively and negatively," Mamiya said.

Richard Turner, coordinator of the African-American studies program and an expert on Islam among blacks at the University of Iowa, said since Sept. 11, Muslims have been attempting to "disseminate positive information about the

religion, so the obvious outcome of that would be more conversions."

Sunni Islam is the world's most prominent branch of Islam. The Nation of Islam and the Moorish Science Temple, other Muslim groups that attract many blacks, believe in prophets after Muhammad, making them anathema to Sunni Islam.

Rashad Byrdson, an elder in Pittsburgh's black Muslim community, hopes the rise in interest in Sunni Islam will help money to expand their small house of worship into a larger community gathering place.

The new mosque, still in the planning stages, will look more like a community center than a traditional minaret-topped

Muslim place of worship found in the Arab world.

The expanded Homewood mosque will have a daycare facility, a re-entry program for released inmates, a health clinic and a program for entrepreneurs, features that are in great need in the downtown neighborhood.

"First, the spiritual aspects, the dawa, but also basic, physical, fundamental needs," Byrdson said.

In the fourth year of its seven-year expansion plan, Pittsburgh's tight-knit Muslim community has raised much of the \$1.5 million needed in the project's first phase through book sales, telephone fundraisers, auctions and banquets. It has purchased all but two lots it will need, and already has the

sketches for the future mosque complex.

"Building the mosque has always been a goal, idea, vision," said Yusuf Ali, 63, emir of the Mumin Mosque. "But as a community grows ... it's (become) a solid goal with strategic objectives."

A growing number of Muslims in America, especially blacks, are building mosques that offer a variety of community services, partly because the federal and state governments do not answer to many of their social needs, Islamic experts say.

These complexes take the religion back to its roots before the modern-day state began providing services to the population.

"What you have here is the creation of a true American Islam," said Edward Curtis, a religious studies professor who specializes in African-American Islam at the University of Utah. "Islam has been a part of this country from its beginning, and the forms of Islam that are successful here are indigenous forms."

The Homewood mosque, though unique, follows a model similar to other black mosques in the United States, Mamiya said.

In Harlem, the Malcolm Shabazz Mosque has built apartment buildings and townhouses, offers social services and even owns a sanitation company used to provide jobs to former prisoners, Mamiya said.

"The African-American mosque has made itself different in this way from other mosques around the world," Mamiya said. "Religious institutions in the black community have always been their strongest institutions and they always done more than religious functions."

Is doctrine of 'mental reservation' protecting pedophile priests?

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — An elderly nun, under questioning by a lawyer, recently said she could remember almost nothing about his client, a child who had been sexually molested by a Roman Catholic priest.

Lawyer Irvin Zalkin was puzzled because church records showed she had heard several complaints about the San Diego priest, and the file noted that she had reported them to higher authority.

Finally, Zalkin asked whether she was familiar with "mental reservation" — a 16th-century doctrine by which clerics can avoid telling the truth to protect the Catholic Church.

"She explained in her own way that it is to protect the church from scandal. She said she subscribed to the doctrine," Zalkin said. "What are you going to do?"

Mental reservation is not sanctioned in canon law, experts say, and is infre-

quently invoked. But in litigation arising from clergy sex-abuse cases, the Los Angeles Archdiocese, at least half a dozen lawyers representing victims report having encountered it.


The idea goes back to times when there were no court systems, ecclesiastical or church courts, and civil courts run by the state. Today, all disputes are settled in civil courts.

The doctrine has been used in modern times to "claim that it is morally justifiable to lie in order to protect the reputation of the institutional church," said Thomas P. Doyle, a Virginia priest who is an expert in canon law and has been widely consulted by lawyers for people who say they were victims of abuse.


It has been misused "to justify lying," Doyle said Friday.

The doctrine is "an accepted church teaching" but has been widely discussed by scholars and moral theologians, Doyle said.

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British captive apologizes for being in Iran's waters

By Nasser Karimi
Associated Press writer

TEHRAN, Iran — A captive Royal Marine was shown in new TV footage Friday apologizing for being in Iranian waters, and Tehran made public a third letter supposedly written by the only woman prisoner among 15 Britons seized by Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

Britain sharply denounced Iran over the treatment of the captives — a clear sign both sides were hardening their stance as the crisis entered its second week.

Iran appeared intent on sending a message of strength as it faces mounting U.N. Nations sanctions over its uranium enrichment program, which the U.S. and other nations suspect the Islamic Republic is using to develop nuclear weapons.

Underlining Iran's hardline sentiment, some 60,000 soccer fans chanted "Death to Britain" at a match in Tehran, while 700 people rallying near Tehran University yelled "We condemn the British invasion!" A Muslim cleric told worshippers during Friday prayers that "Britain is an aggressor and Iran has confronted it."

In the latest video broadcast by Iranian state television, Royal Marine rifleman Nathan Thomas Summers was pictured while sitting with another male captive, both in fatigues, and female British sailor Faye Turney in a blue jumpsuit and a black head scarf.

The three were among 15 British sailors and marines detained by Iranian naval units March 23 while patrolling for smugglers near the mouth of the Shatt al-Arab, a waterway that has long been a disputed dividing line between

Iraq and Iran.

"We repassed without permission," Summers said in the video shown on Iran's Arabic-language channel Al-Alam. "I deeply apologize for entering your waters."

The video, the second broadcast of the detainees in three days, drew indignation from British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who accused Tehran of manipulating the prisoners.

"All it does is enhance people's sense of disgust. Captured personnel being pampered and manipulated in this way doesn't help anyone," Blair said. "What the Iranians have to realize is that if they continue in this way, they will face increasing isolation."

It was not known whether the marine spoke under pressure from his captors, but Summers said in the broadcast that "our treatment has been very friendly."



An image taken from Iranian television Friday shows three British service personnel being held by Iran (from left): a serviceman whose name was given in Farsi as Nathan Thomas Summers; Faye Turney, 26, the only woman among the British navy personnel; and a man believed to be Adam Sperry.

Iran also released a third letter supposedly written by the sole female detainee in which she says she has been "sacrificed" by Britain. She said she

British servicewoman who has been sent to Iraq, sacrificed due to the intervening policies of the Bush and Blair governments," the letter said, using even more stilted language than the previous letters.

The European Union warned Iran of "undecided" "appropriate measures" if the British naval team remained in captivity and called on Iran to inform the British government of their whereabouts and give British diplomats access — a British request that Iran so far has denied.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mohammad Ali Hosseini, condemned the warning, saying Europeans should not take a collective stance in support of Britain. He said statements by some EU officials were "unreasonable, illogical" and Iran considered them "interference in its internal affairs."

Terror suspect says he was tortured into confessions

By Lolita C. Bakor
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A Saudi terror suspect says U.S. interrogators tortured him for five years and he confessed to involvement in the bombing of the USS Cole just to satisfy them and "make the people happy," according to a Pentagon transcript of a military hearing at Guantanamo Bay.

Abd al-Bahim al-Nashiri, a Saudi citizen named as the second "high value" detainee to contend he was tortured while being held in secret CIA prisons prior to transfer to the detention site in Cuba last September.

In a transcript released Friday by the Pentagon, he said he made up the stories linking him to the Cole attack, which left 17 U.S. sailors dead and nearly sank the \$1 billion cruiser in Aden harbor in 2000.

"From the time I was arrested five years ago, they have been torturing me. It happened during interviews. One time they tortured me one way, and another time they tortured me in a different way," al-Nashiri said, according to the transcript of a hearing at the Guantanamo detention center on March 21.

He said that al-Nashiri said he did things to make the people happy. They were very happy when I told them those things.

The hearing transcript does not include any details of the torture that al-Nashiri said took place. Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said any allegations would be investigated and that portions of the 36-page transcript were blacked out because of national security concerns. Those details can include interrogation techniques and information about confinement.

Avi Cover, senior counsel at Human Rights First, said concealing such details hurts U.S. credibility. He said "revealing the allegations of abuse and examining them in a transparent and thorough investigation won't make America weaker — it will make the U.S. stronger."



A shackled detainee is escorted while being transported inside the detention center at Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base, Cuba, in this Dec. 6, 2006, file photo. Detainee David Hicks, an Australian held for five years at Guantanamo, pled guilty earlier in the week and was found guilty Friday of providing material support for terrorism, marking the first conviction in a U.S. war-crimes trial since World War II.

Australian's guilty plea at Guantanamo trial requires him to stay silent on any alleged abuse

By Michael Melea
Associated Press writer

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — A military judge accepted an Australian's guilty plea Friday under a deal that will send the Guantanamo detainee to jail at home for less than seven years, but requires silence about any alleged abuse while in custody.

In the first conviction at a U.S. war-crimes trial since World War II, David Hicks, a 31-year-old kangaroo skinner and confessed Taliban-aided gunman, told Marine Col. Ralph Kohnmann that he agreed to plead guilty because prosecutors had enough evidence to convict him.

Speaking in a deep voice, Hicks said he faced especially damning evidence taken from "notes by interrogators" that he had been shown.

The former outback cowboy, who acknowledged aiding al-Qaida during the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan, showed little emotion as he confirmed to the judge that he conducted surveillance on the former U.S. Embassy in Kabul.

Hicks also stipulated under his plea deal that he has "never been illegally treated by a person or persons while in the custody of the U.S. government," Kohnmann said.

Furthermore, the judge said, the agreement bars Hicks from suing the U.S. government for alleged abuse, forfeits any right to appeal his conviction and imposes a gag order that prevents him speaking with news media for a year from his sentencing date.

Hicks previously reported being beaten and deprived of sleep during his more than five years at the prison erected for terrorism suspects held at this U.S. Navy base.

Shayana Kaddil, an attorney with the Center for Constitutional Rights, which

represents hundred of Guantanamo detainees, said the provisions appeared "filmed" at preventing abuse allegations from emerging and politically damaging the Bush administration.

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Iraqi government says it's in race to save citizens from 'despair'

By Steven R. Hurst
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Suicide bombers and militiamen fought back ferociously in the seventh week of the Baghdad security crackdown, killing at least 560 people in the past six days, but the government vowed Friday it would win the race against terrorism and despair.

As the deadly week drew to an end on the Muslim day of rest and prayer, radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr blamed the United States for the violence and called for a huge anti-American demonstration April 4, the fourth anniversary of the fall of Baghdad.

Marketplaces in Baghdad, Tal Afar and Khalis stood in ruins. Clean up crews shoveled broken glass and debris into wheelbarrows in bloodstained streets. Bomb victims in wooden coffins were hoisted atop cars and vans for the trip south for burial in the Shiite holy city of Najaf.

In a sign of how deeply officials were shaken by the carnage, a top aide to Prime Minister Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, Sami al-Asqari, pledged that the government would not relent in efforts to curb violence.

"There is a race between the government and the terrorists who are trying to make people reach the level of despair," al-Asqari said. "But the government is doing its best to defeat terrorists and it definitely will not be affected by these bombings."

The new U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, issued a statement blaming al-

Qaida in Iraq for the week's first major suicide attack, a twin truck bombing that killed 80 people and wounded 185 at markets in Tal Afar in the far northwest of the country.

He said al-Qaida leaders "once again displayed their total disregard for human life, carrying out barbaric actions against innocent Iraqi citizens in an effort to re-ignite sectarian violence and to undermine recent Iraqi and coalition successes in improving security in Baghdad."

The Pentagon ratcheted up its rhetoric against Iraq's Sunni Arab insurgents as well, condemning the recent use of chlorine gas as a weapon. It called that the first use of a poison gas against Iraqis since Saddam Hussein ordered mustard gas attacks on ethnic Kurds in northern Iraq nearly 20 years ago.

Maj. Gen. Michael Barbero, a deputy operations director on the Joint Staff, said he was not implying the insurgents were following Saddam's pursuit of weapons of mass destruction. But his comments recalled a key U.S. argument for invading Iraq — Saddam's history of using chemical weapons against his own people.

Insurgents in their Anbar province stronghold have carried out or unsuccessfully launched at least eight attacks using toxic chlorine gas since Jan. 28, when 16 people were killed in Ramadi, the provincial capital. Al-Qaida-linked insurgents were believed to have turned to the weapon to strike terror among fellow Sunnis who have sided with U.S. forces.

Russian lawmakers want a third term for Putin

By David Holmes
Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — The head of Russia's upper house of parliament, speaking immediately after reelection to that post, declared that the country's constitution should be revised to allow a third consecutive term.

President Vladimir V. Putin to serve a third consecutive term.

Putin, whose public support ratings are consistently above 70 percent, has repeatedly stated that he does not favor revising the constitution and that he plans to step down next spring. But he has never absolutely ruled out the possibility that he might allow the constitution to be changed and then run for a third term in an election scheduled for March 2008.

Changing the constitution, which currently limits the president to two consecutive four-

year terms, could be achieved through approval by sufficiently large majorities of both houses of parliament and two-thirds of the country's regional legislatures.

Sergei Mironov urged parliament to "consider amending the relevant constitutional provisions" and said that regional legislatures should discuss the issue during the coming two months. In addition to allowing a third consecutive term, Mironov proposed that the length of a term be extended to five, six or seven years.

"I think they have time to quietly legally change the constitution before the election campaign and open an opportunity for the president to run for a third term," said Sergei Pushkin, a professor of law at the Moscow Institute of Economy, Politics and Law. "Whether it is good for Russia is a political issue."

The Kremlin news service said there was no shift in Putin's stance.

The Russian president has repeatedly commented on the issue, and his position remains unchanged. It said.

In one night of prayer and mystery, a nun's life is changed

By Elaine Casley
Associated Press writer

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, France — Parkinson's — the same disease that bedeviled Pope John Paul II — suffered — robbed Sister Marie Simon-Pierre of her ability to walk, drive or even write.

Then, in one night of prayer and mystery the Vatican may decide the miracle it needs to beatify the pope, the French nun's symptoms vanished.

"John Paul II cured me," the 48-year-old nun said Friday, smiling serenely as she spoke for the first time in public about her experience.

"It is difficult for me to explain to you in words ... it was too strong, too big. A mystery."

Described as a gentle, reserved woman who had hoped to keep her identity secret, the nun coped well with the media spotlight. She

looked a little bemused as journalists huddled around her, putting microphones in her left hand, which she said, had hung limply at her side before her recovery.

Only momentarily, when describing her symptoms worsened after the pope's death on April 2, 2005, did she lose a little of her poise.

"Please excuse me, I'm a little emotional," she said.

But many questions remained unanswered — not least whether she herself considers her experience to be miraculous.

"That 'is for the church to say," came her firm reply. "All I

can tell you is that I was sick and now I am cured."

The nun said she comes from a family of practicing Catholics in the Cambrai region of northern France.

John Paul's courage in the face of Parkinson's inspired her — but she couldn't bear to watch him on TV. Seeing him frail and hunched by the disease was a top-stare foretaste of her own future.

"I saw myself in the years to come, to be honest, in a wheelchair," she said. When he died, "I felt as if I had lost a friend."

"He was extraordinary," she added. "I wish only to pay homage to him."

Exactly two months after his death, on June 2, 2005, the nun said she could bear her worsening illness no more. She told her mother superior that she could no longer do her job at a maternity ward near Aix-en-Provence in southern France.

The mother superior's reac-

tion was somewhat surprising. She told the nun to write down John Paul's name on a piece of paper. She did — and it was practically illegible, the sister said.

The Little Sisters of Catholic Motherhood, the nun's community, all prayed together to the late pontiff. After evening prayers, she went to her room.

There, she said, an inner voice urged her to write again.

"I wrote a little bit and, upon seeing my handwriting, I said to myself, 'That's strange. Your writing is very readable,'" she said.

She went to sleep and woke at about 4:30 in the morning.

"I bounded out of bed, and I felt completely transformed. I was no longer the same inside," she said. To a fellow nun, she said, "Look, my hand is no longer shaking. John Paul II has cured me."

She said she has been medication-free since that day.



Sister Marie Simon-Pierre

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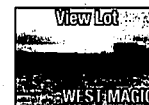
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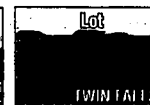
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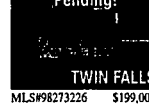
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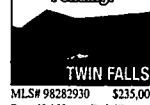
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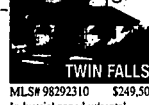
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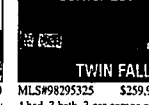
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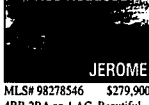
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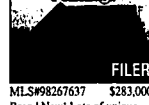
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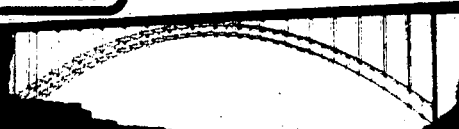
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36 Nervous
37 Rugged range
38 Ran naked
39 Hidden
40 Chinese philosophy
41 Calf meat
42 Packing a
43 walking
44 Sellout letters
45 Agatha's contemporary
46 DOWN
47 John and Maureen
48 Shrink back
49 Cereal grass

17x17 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-49.

Friday's Puzzle Solved
DAMP THUGS JEDI
IDOL HENRY AXIS
NORA ARBOR MINI
GRATIN AGITATES
ONLOOKER ARIORN
JOHN OPEN LATHORN
KARMA NAIL BOAT
ELECTED POOR
NAN REQUIRES
MAHARAJA URGENT
AXEL MATTE ALDA
ZEAL ODEON DAUB
EDDY RESET EXES

- 4 Ruin
5 Nabokov novel
6 Places
7 Ponselle and Parks
8 Depth charges
9 Tzu
10 Coniferous trees
11 Thoroughly
12 Not a throwaway
13 Concentrated extracts
14 Fit in
15 22 Affirmative
16 Seller's \$\$ equivocation
17 Abdul Aziz
18 Saud
19 Well-ruled
20 Palindromic sibling
21 Drunkard
22 Halfway, briefly
23 Switches on
24 Italian ewe-milk cheese
25 Most shabby
26 Distress signal
27 Filled with happiness
28 Shakespearian contraction
29 Black goo
30 Trick pitch
31 Remove shrink wrap
32 Razz
33 Shopaholic's outing
34 Outshines
35 Be off
36 Small songbird
37 Deneb or Vega
38 One of Pooh's pals

602 Unfurnished Homes
TWIN FALLS nice, 2 bdrm mobile home.
604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex
KIMBERLY 2 bedroom apartment.
604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex
TWIN FALLS large 3 bdrm.
604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex
TWIN FALLS LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE!

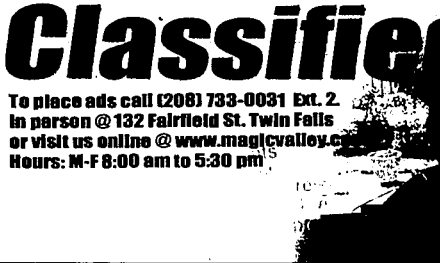
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101-101 Lost and Found FOUND chocolate Lab female approx 2 year old. By MorningSide School in Twin Falls. Call 208-538-5507

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trustworthy, refer,
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GENERAL
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Looking for hard
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people for the
position of
Cooks
Days & Nights
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Place to Work!
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interview.

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Exp & references req.
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Delivery Driver.
Must be able to lift
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Twin Falls, Idaho

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Start at \$7/hr DOE.
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not constitute final
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advertiser, not the
newspaper,
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responsibility for
the truthful content
of their advertising
message.

211 Medical
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Hospital
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needed to oversee the purchasing
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healthcare setting or with medical
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Must be mechanically
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MEDICAL
TWIN FALLS
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•Blair Dr.
•Eric Ct.
•Twin Falls
•Twin Parks
•Park Meadows
•Parkway Cn.
•Cedar Park Ct.
•South A Hwy.

211 Medical
MEDICAL
TWIN FALLS
•Harrison St.
•Van Buren St.
•Twin Falls
•Falls Ave. E.
•Eastland Ave.
•Capitol Dr.
•Twin Falls

211 Medical
MEDICAL
TWIN FALLS
•Park Ave.
•Pickabo Dr.
•Blue Bell Ave.
•Twin Falls
•Oleary Jr.
High Area
•Twin Falls

211 Medical
MEDICAL
TWIN FALLS
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•Carriage Ln.
•Indian Trail
•Twin Falls
•11th Ave. E.
•Addison Ave. E.
•Maple Ave.

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MEDICAL
TWIN FALLS
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The Farmhouse
Collection, a high-end
furniture manufacturer,
is looking to hire a
skilled artlnt who is
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about finishes and
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to help create
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This position offers a
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a retirement plan with
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reimbursement plan
as well as other
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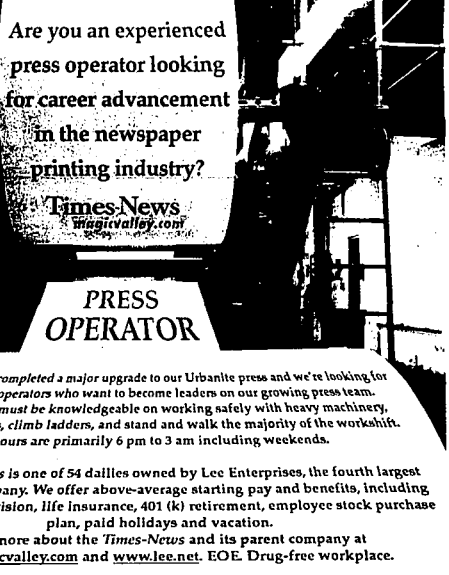
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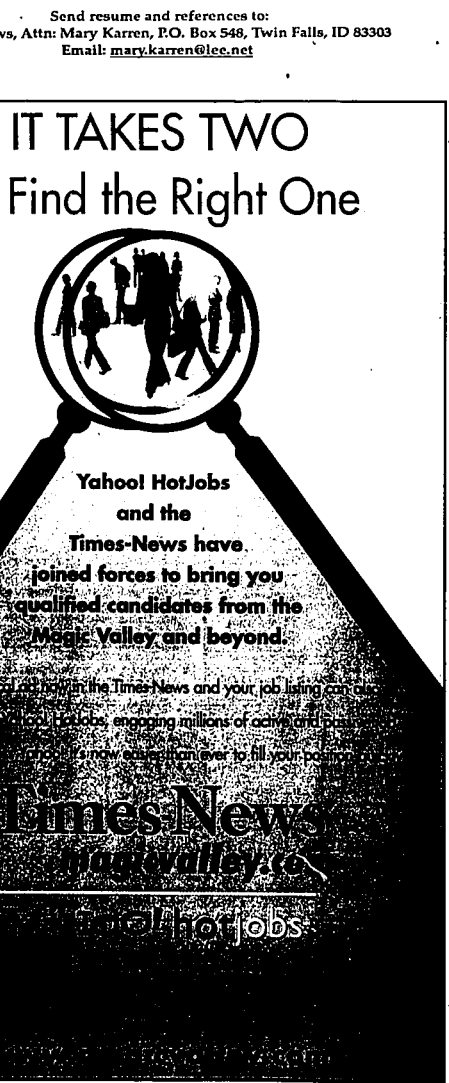
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