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## JEROME COUNTY

# 'Not a conflict'

### Idaho Association of Counties chief says commissioners can't restructure themselves

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

JEROME — When children argue about playground games — how to keep score in dodgeball, for example — it is not uncommon for the teacher or babysitter to come in and swiftly settle the dispute.

Dan Chadwick, executive director of the Idaho Association of Counties, has assumed such a role in the latest Jerome County controversy, providing an answer to at least one legal question that county commissioners had been discussing.

Chadwick, an attorney, said Commissioners Charlie Howell and Joe Davidson cannot restructure themselves from voting on a matter pertaining to former county commissioners simply because they once were colleagues.

Two weeks ago Davidson and Howell abstained from a vote, for the commission to pursue recovering nearly \$70,000 in illegal overtime pay that these former county commissioners received for four years. Veronica Lierman, the creator of the pay system, took in more than \$51,000.

"The fact that they are former colleagues is totally irrelevant," Chadwick told the Times-News this week. "That is not a conflict, plain and simple."

The former public officials were paid overtime from 2001 to 2005, but the matter has resurfaced amid a recent report from the state's attorney general and the possibility of a lawsuit from a citizen.

Davidson and Howell cited conflicts because they worked with Lierman, as well as the likelihood that a court case would be expensive.

The third Jerome County commissioner, Diana Obenauer, wants to pursue

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# 11 arrested for dealing meth, cocaine

## Year-long Blaine County investigation ends with raids on houses in Hailey, Ketchum

By Kelly Jackson  
For the Times-News

HAILEY — The Blaine County Narcotics Enforcement Team announced the conclusion of an investigation nearly a year in the making that led to the arrest of 11 people early Wednesday morning, charged mainly with dealing methamphetamine and cocaine.

Blaine County Lt. Jay Davis announced Thursday morning in a press release that multiple area agen-

cies, U.S. Immigration Customs & Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation raided two homes in Hailey and one in Ketchum.

Agencies served the three search warrants simultaneously, beginning at about 5 a.m. Wednesday. Davis said 3750 Glenbrook Drive and 101 McKenzie Lane in Hailey and 106 Rember St. in the Bavarian Village Condos in Ketchum were targeted in the raid.

According to the Blaine County Assessor's office, Jose A. and Irene

Hurtado own the house at 3750 Glenbrook Drive, and no property records are available of the McKenzie Lane address.

The three search warrants yielded cocaine, a weapon and more than \$10,000 in cash, although specific amounts of cocaine and details regarding the weapon were unavailable.

A large amount of methamphetamine and cocaine was obtained during this investigation, according to Davis. Some of these substances were sold within 1,000 feet of schools, although exactly how much meth was uncovered throughout the investigation and how much of it was sold near schools was unavailable.

Three vehicles were seized and civil

forfeiture proceedings will be pursued," Davis added.

Davis said he could not release information about how the investigation of two people who were also charged on Wednesday was part of the investigation.

Refugio Regalado-Gil, 22, of Bellevue and Ramero Snow Hernandez, 20, of Hailey, were arrested at the end of March when they were stopped by Blaine County officers at River and Galena streets and charged with intent to deliver methamphetamine.

At the time, Davis could provide little information regarding the arrest because it was part of the larger

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Bliss girl and step-grandmother build a bond — as well as a business

## Bliss girl and step-grandmother build a bond — as well as a business

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

BLISS — Eleven-year-old Cora Isaacs is honest — maybe too honest.

"Sometimes she says things that really make me blush," said Rhonda Isaacs, Cora's step-grandmother, who raised the girl from birth.

"One thing is for sure: She's not shy. She's a go-getter."

Besides making her step-grandmother a little uncomfortable at times, Cora's sincerity and outgoing personality have helped her deal with a deadly illness and create her own business in the process.

Cora was born with hyperinsulinism, a rare disease. Her body produces deadly amounts of insulin. Although doctors told Isaacs the newborn could have a 15-minute life span, Cora defied the odds to become a vibrant 11-year-old with a keen business sense.

She now operates her own business, selling natural, handmade soaps and spa treatments.

From the Isaacs home in Bliss, Cora and her step-grandmother produce handmade soaps from goat milk, natural oils from locally grown lavender, and even natural mosquito repellent that also keeps bugs



Cora Isaacs, 11, examines a sample of Queen's Gold, a beauty product in her Blissfully Natural Products line. Cora and her step-grandmother, Rhonda Isaacs, created the soap for a 4-H project that led to Cora's business.



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Watch 11-year-old Cora Isaacs and her step-grandmother describe Cora's all-natural product line.

off horses. "The business started as an accident," Cora said. "My 'mom' (step-grandmother) and me started out by throwing stuff from our cupboards

into a pan to make soap for a 4-H project."

In the family kitchen Wednesday afternoon, Cora paused frequently to drink a mixture of cornstarch and



water — something she does every hour to prevent her body from accumulating dangerously high levels of insulin. She tried to hide a grimace

after every sip. "Yuk, sorry, I have to drink this, or else I will get really sick and my 'mom' will have

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# Light up somewhere else

## Twin Falls hospital going tobacco-free on-campus in 2008

By Ariel Haxson  
Times-News reporter

TWIN FALLS — They've already been relegated to a booth in the corner of the parking lot, but soon, smokers at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will have to leave the property entirely to light up.

Effective Jan. 1, 2008, the hospital will implement a tobacco-free campus, it announced Thursday. No smoking or other use of tobacco products will be allowed by anyone — patients, visitors, employees, volunteers or con-



This smoking area at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will soon be no more, as the hospital will implement an entirely tobacco-free campus starting Jan. 1, 2008.

tractors — anywhere the hospital owns or rents property. That means the parking lot

and grounds, too. Please see HOSPITAL, Page A4

## Long-lost cousins?

### New discovery adds to theory on dino link to birds

By Rick Weiss  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Unleashing a new highly sensitive medical analyzer on fossilized bones from Tyrannosaurus rex, scientists have for the first time determined the precise molecular code of a dinosaur protein.

The feat, long presumed impossible because so little protein is present in dinosaur remains, opens the door to a reworking of the evolutionary tree — one based on molecular evi-

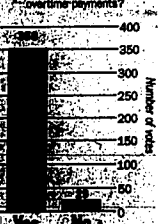
dence instead of the crude comparisons of bone shapes and sizes that experts now rely on. The first results, described in today's issue of the journal *Science*, show that the collagen protein in T. rex bone is extraordinarily similar to that of the modern chicken, confirming current thinking that dinosaurs' nearest cousins are birds.

But the approach promises to settle far more contentious debates about the

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### Final values poll results

Should Jerome County commissioners return illegal overtime payments?



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**TODAY'S FORECAST**

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Saturday
Partly cloudy	Increasing clouds	Developing showers
High 59	Low 35	66 / 38

**MINI-CASSIA**

Today: Partly cloudy skies. Highs, upper 50s to near 60. Tonight: Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy. Lows, 30s. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with developing showers. Highs, 60s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

**TODAY'S HAPPENINGS**

**ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

**Magie Philharmonic spring concert**, with Idaho State University director of bands Patrick Brooks conducting, 7:30 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, Burley, \$6 adults, \$5 senior citizens, \$3 students and \$15 families, 878-5464.

**BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS**

**Salad luncheon, crafts and baked goods sale**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Hall, Eight and I streets, Rupert, free-will donation (to support Lutheran Youth and the Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children), 436-4180.

**"Color Me Cured" dance**, with guest DJ "Juice" from Salt Lake City, sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho's Student Recreation Center staff, 9 a.m. to 1 a.m., in the CSI Student Union Building, \$5 (ages 18 and older), proceeds go to the American Cancer Society, 732-6221.

**"Freaky Friday" fundraiser**, presented by Hands On with pizza, soda, Bingo, glazing, firing, live music by Ethan Tucker and prizes to benefit Twin Falls High School IT Academy, 8 p.m. to midnight, 147 Shoshone St. N., Historic Downtown Twin Falls, \$13 plus tax or \$5 plus price of the piece, 736-4475 for reservations.

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Magie Valley Symphony League meeting**, open to all who wish to support the Magie Valley Symphony through marketing, receptions, ticket collection, youth promotions, or ushering (light refreshments served), 10 a.m., in the home of Elaine Bowen, 268 Heyburn Ave. W., Twin Falls, 734-5323.

**The seventh annual Hall of Fame Dinner and "Wizard of Oz" cast and crew party**, hosted by the Dilettante Group of Magie Valley, 6 p.m. no-host cocktails and 7 p.m. dinner (program to follow), Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, \$20 adults and \$8 youth (under age 18), 734-5511 or 736-7436.

**Wash Harbor board meeting**, update on Saturday Meal Program, 8:15 p.m., First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, open to the public, 735-8787.

**EXHIBITS**

**College of Southern Idaho Art Show**, the largest art show of the year, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, campus of C.S.I., Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

**"New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music"**, the Smithsonian Institute's Museum on Main Street exhibit, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, 878-7708.

**Twin Falls Senior and Junior high schools art-student-combined exhibit** in the Full Moon Gallery, "Floral Perspectives" in oil and acrylic by Rosi Ramirez-Eckert in the Galerie Pequeña; and photographic images by Jackie Piastino in the reception area and foyer, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., Historic Downtown Twin Falls, no cost, (208)734-2787.

**FAMILY**

**"Youth Options,"** activities for young people ages 13 to 19, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8720.

**GOVERNMENT**

**Twin Falls County commissioners**, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

**HEALTH**

**Red Cross Blood mobile**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., War Memorial Hall at Third Avenue and Idaho Street, Gooding, 934-5409 for appointment.

**College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit** program, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magie Valley locations: CSI gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Gym and Blaine County Campus Gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475.

**"Overcoming Co-dependency"**, 6:30 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 243 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603.

**"Abuse is the Training for Addiction,"** Dr: Sharon Custer, 6:30 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 243 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight loss support group, 4 p.m., the Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420-3823.

**AA/NO/Alateen** family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line: 1-866-592-3198.

**MUSEUMS**

**Faulkner Planetarium**, "Far Out Space Places" 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho Campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

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

**MAGIC VALLEY**



**Everywhere you look, there's a blue jacket**

**TWIN FALLS**— Almost overnight, the number of agricultural experts in Twin Falls County more than doubled. That's because the College of Southern Idaho once again is hosting the annual Idaho State FFA Leadership Conference. The event, which began Thursday morning and will continue through Saturday, brings in the best and the brightest from high school FFA organizations throughout Idaho.

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**Commissioners can't pass on recovering OT**

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**Hospital bans smoking — even in parking lot**

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**OBITUARIES**

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Brenda Blakeslee, 55  
Theodor "Ted" William Meyer, 85

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**CORRECTIONS**

**Dilettantes Hall of Fame dinner is tonight**

A story Thursday gave the wrong date for the Dilettantes' Hall of Fame Dinner. The event is tonight at 6 p.m. at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

**Money headline had wrong region**

The top headline in Thursday's Money section mistakenly included "Mini-Cassia" and should have read "Real estate market OK in Magic Valley."

The Times-News regrets the errors.

**IDAHO/WEST**



**Boise fighter squadron prepares to go to Iraq**

**BOISE**— About 200 Idaho Air Guard members, including a pilot, will be in a 2003 friendly fire incident that drew international attention, are making final preparations for their new mission in Iraq next month. The airman are part of the Boise-based 190th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron.

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**Groups may request elk ranch initiative**

**POCATELLO**— The president of an Idaho-based wildlife management and conservation group says he's talking with other organizations in the state about the possibility of a voter initiative to ban elk-hunting ranches. Kent Marlor, president of the Idaho Wildlife Federation, said the failure of the Legislature this year to regulate elk ranches has led to the discussion.

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**Program takes aim at predators on Internet**

**BOISE**— Federal and state officials have launched a program called Project Safe Childhood designed to protect children from sexual predators on the Internet. "It is not an exaggeration to say that we are in the midst of an epidemic of sexual exploitation of our children," said Attorney General Tom Moss said Wednesday.

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**Game wardens seek bear that mauled man**

**TETONIA, Idaho**— Idaho game wardens' tired traps, snares and fresh bait, but still came up empty in their first attempt to capture a grizzly bear that mauled an eastern Idaho man this week. The grizzly was suggesting the bear returned to the scene.

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**NATION/WORLD**



**Network pulls the plug on Don Imus**

**NEW YORK**— CBS fired Don Imus from his radio program Thursday in the finale to a stunning fall for one of the nation's most prominent broadcasters. Imus initially was given a two-week suspension for calling Rutgers women's basketball team "nappy-headed hos" on the air last week, but outrage continued to grow and advertisers bolted from his CBS radio show and its MSNBC simulcast.

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**Suicide bomber kills 8 in Iraqi parliament**

**BAGHDAD**— A suicide bomber slipped through the highest security net in Baghdad and blew himself up in the midst of lawmakers having lunch in the parliament dining hall Thursday. U.S. officials said eight people, including parliament members, were killed in the deadliest-ever attack in the American-guarded Green Zone.

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**Ohio man charged with joining al-Qaida**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio**— A federal grand jury indicted an Ohio man on charges of joining al-Qaida and conspiring to bomb European tourist resorts and U.S. government facilities and military bases overseas, officials announced Thursday.

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**Gonorrhea joins list of drug-resistant bugs**

**ATLANTA**— The sexually transmitted disease gonorrhea is joining the list of "superbugs" resistant to common antibiotics, leading U.S. health officials to recommend for the first time wide use of a new drug to avert a public health crisis. Gonorrhea can leave men sterile and put women at higher risk of getting the AIDS virus.

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**SPORTS**



**CSI softball hosting No. 11 North Idaho**

**TWIN FALLS**— This is exactly the kind of weekend for which the College of Southern Idaho added softball. The chance to go up against a nationally-ranked opponent and a prolific pitcher is also exactly the kind of test the 25-23 Golden Eagles feel they're ready to tackle. The Scenic West Athletic Conference-leading North Idaho College Cardinals come to Twin Falls with their No. 11 national ranking and 20-8 conference record for today and Saturday's four-game series at Twin Falls High School's Bruin Diamond.

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**CSI baseball stays atop SWAC standings**

**TWIN FALLS**— Tied atop the Scenic West Athletic conference and up four games for the right to host Region 18 first-round action at the oh-so-friendly confines of Skip Walker Field, Golden Eagles head coach Boomer Walker has to be feeling pretty comfortable about hosting last-place Colorado Northwestern Community College this weekend, right?

"You know what, I'd only be comfortable if we were up 13 games with 12 to play," Walker said. "Twelve games is still a lot. A lot could happen."

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**CSI forward Brandon Stores heads for TCU**

**TWIN FALLS**— College of Southern Idaho forward Brandon Stores signed a national letter of intent to play for the TCU Horned Frogs next season.

Stores averaged 13.6 points and 10.4 rebounds in his lone season at CSI, helping the Golden Eagles to a 30-7 record and fourth-place finish at nationals.

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**OPINION**

**MINI EDITORIAL**

**Who's that drunk on the cell phone?**

Ever watched Discovery Channel's series "Hydrabusters"? A recent episode tested the theory that driving talking on a cell phone are as impaired as they are when they're legally drunk. Guess what? It's not a myth anymore. It's time we legally require drivers to pull over when they talk on the phone.

— STEVE CRUMP, columnist

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## Arrests

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investigation. He said that although further investigations are underway and detectives are currently processing leads from the 11 arrests, Wednesday's bust was the big one officers were waiting on.

"This was basically the culmination of the investigation that's been on-going," Davis said.

The 10 men and one woman arrested and charged were arraigned Wednesday afternoon. Two have posted bond, eight remain in custody at the Blaine County Jail and one is in custody of immigration officers at this time. Those arrested were as follows:

- Jose Hurtado Jr., 24, of Halley, was charged with two

- counts of delivery of a methamphetamine, two counts of delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school and failure to affix drug tax stamps. Hurtado remains in custody on a \$100,000 bond.

- Juan Hurtado, 19, of Halley, was charged with delivery of methamphetamine, delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school and failure to affix a drug tax stamp. Juan and Jose are brothers. Juan also remains in custody on a \$100,000 bond.

- Carlos Moya-Diaz, 22, of Halley, was charged with two counts of delivery of cocaine and failure to affix drug tax stamps. Moya-Diaz posted a \$40,000 bond and is not currently in custody.

- Ramero Snow Hernandez, 20, of Halley, was charged with two counts of delivery of a methamphetamine and failure to affix drug tax stamps. Hernandez previously posted a \$15,000 bond following his initial arrest in March and remains in custody on a new bond of \$150,000.

- Francisco Vega-Salinas, 28, of Bellevue, was charged with two counts of delivery of a methamphetamine and failure to affix drug tax stamps. Vega-Salinas is in custody on a \$100,000 bond.

- Tristin P. Ontiveros, 30, of Halley, was charged with two counts of methamphetamine trafficking, delivery of methamphetamine and failure to affix drug tax stamps.

Ontiveros remains in custody on a \$100,000 bond with an immigration hold.

- Fidel Cornejo-Gomez, 26, of Ketchum, was charged with two counts of delivery of methamphetamine, delivery of cocaine and failure to affix drug tax stamps. Cornejo-Gomez remains in custody on a \$150,000 bond with an immigration hold.

- Refugio Regalado-Gil, 22, of Bellevue, was charged with delivery of methamphetamine and failure to affix a drug tax stamp. Regalado-Gil had not posted the original bond of \$30,000 and remained in custody since his arrest in March. He is now held on a \$100,000 bond.

- William Smith, 66, of Ketchum, was charged with

two counts of delivery of cocaine and failure to affix drug tax stamps. Smith is being held on a \$100,000 bond and law enforcement officials are investigating potential alias names and his immigration status.

- Erika Moya-Monjarras, 21, of Halley, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and child endangerment. Moya-Monjarras was released on a \$15,000 bond.

- Jorge Flores-Quintana, 24, was charged with delivery of methamphetamine, failure to affix a drug tax stamp and aid-

ing and abetting the delivery of methamphetamine. A warrant was issued for Flores at the time of the raid, although he was already in the custody of immigration authorities. Davis said he will be extradited back to Blaine County.

Davis said the raid was a multiple-agency operation with everyone working together. Agencies involved included Idaho State Police detectives, the Sun Valley Police Department, Blaine County Sheriff's office, Halley Police Department, Bellevue Marshals office, Ketchum Police Department, ICE and the FBI.

## Pay

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recovering the money. Howell said Chadwick's comments will "obviously" affect the situation, which indicates the commission could pursue the matter if the county can afford it.

The item will be added to the agenda next week and commissioners will continue to seek legal advice, Howell said.

"I don't think any of the commissioners are against having the money returned," he said. "I'm still trying to gather where we can or we can't go."

His comments indicate a change of opinion over the week when he called the situation a "non-issue" because the attorney general said the overtime approval, although could pursue the matter if the county can afford it.

Howell had also said he had a "personal conflict" because he felt Lierman was honest, an argument that Chadwick also said has no basis.

"There is not 'personal interest in the outcome,'" Chadwick said. "The interest is in the best interest of the county."

If commissioners pursue recovering the money, it's unclear if the case should be tried by the county prosecutor, one from another county, or by a private attorney.

County Prosecutor Mike Seib said he has a legal conflict because Lierman is a former client.

Chadwick declined comment on whether Seib does in fact have a legitimate conflict, but did confirm that commissioners reserve the right to appoint an attorney. Outside county prosecutors typically lend their services as a courtesy, but hiring a

private attorney in the civil manner could be costly to the county.

Howell's main concern is how the county can pay for a private attorney, especially "if I'm going to cost \$80,000 to go after \$70,000."

Seib said Thursday public attorneys in Lincoln and Cassia counties told him the case would be too large for them to handle.

## Soap

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to shove peanut butter in my mouth," Cora said with a chuckle.

But Rhonda Isaacs said Cora's illness is no laughing matter.

"I'll be honest, I was scared when the doctors first told us about it," Isaacs said. "For a long time she was the only person in Idaho who had hyperinsulin, and we didn't really know what we could do or how long she would live."

An uncertain future and the love between Isaacs and Cora prompted them to do several activities together — including a strange experiment in making soap.

Cora has to be careful about the soaps-and lotions she uses, because her skin reacts to certain chemicals used in common hygiene supplies. So about a year ago, Cora began making natural soaps and oils for herself.

Within months, the girl was selling her products to friends and family. Now buyers include a Sun Valley business.

"Everything she makes was actually created with her in mind," Isaacs said. "But she found out that they worked for other people, too."

Cora recently expanded her line to include a body scrubber with the soap already inside a natural sponge; soap

"For a long time (Cora) was the only person in Idaho who had hyperinsulin, and we didn't really know what we could do or how long she would live."

— Cora Isaacs' step-grandmother Rhonda Isaacs

sachets that can also be air fresheners in cars; and "Teen Queen" plempie treatment for girls and "Chick Magnet" for boys.

Cora plans to add natural toothpaste — as soon as she figures out how to make it.

To sell her products, she is renovating a recreational trailer at a roadside stand along scenic U.S. Highway 30. She expects it to "be operational by summer."

"Yeah, I got to get it out on the road by summer before all the tourists start driving by," she said, inspecting the remaining work on the trailer.

"That's going to be a good time to sell what I got." But she said she has to make more to keep up with growing demand.

And with an expanding line of products, both Isaacs and Cora are doubling their efforts to gather goat milk, rose hips, lavender and other items to supply the business.

As Cora explained her business grows, she became so excited that her voice rose in

pitch. She talked faster and dared from one subject to another.

Isaacs gave her a handful of chips.

"It's the symptoms of her illness, and it's something I have to watch for because she doesn't really even know if she's showing the symptoms," Isaacs said. "She can build up a lot of energy, and by the end of the day I'm so tired I just want to relax."

For that, Cora's special scents are just the thing.

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# CBS fires Don Imus over racial comments

By David Reiser  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Don Imus' racist remarks got him fired by CBS on Thursday, the finale to a stunning fall for one of the nation's most prominent broadcasters.

Imus was initially suspended for two weeks after he called the Rutgers women's basketball team "nappy-headed hos" on the air last week. But outrage kept growing and advertisers kept bolting from his CBS radio show and his MSNBC simulcast, which was canceled Wednesday.

"There has been much discussion of the effect language like this has on our young people, particularly young women of color trying to make their way in this society," CBS President and Chief Executive Officer Leslie Moonves said in announcing the decision. "That consideration has weighed most heavily on our minds as we made our decision."

Imus, 66, had a long history of inflammatory remarks. But something struck a raw nerve when he targeted the Rutgers team — which includes a class valedictorian, a future lawyer and a musical prodigy — after they lost in the NCAA championship game.

A spokeswoman for the team said it did not have an immediate comment on Imus' firing. But Imus was scheduled to meet with the team Thursday evening at the governor's mansion in Princeton, N.J., and the team was sent entering the mansion.

He was fired in the middle of a two-day radio fundraiser for children's charities. CBS announced that Imus' wife, Deirdre, and his longtime newsman, Charles McCord, will host Friday's show.

The cantankerous Imus once named one of the 25 Most Influential People in America by Time magazine and a member of the National Broadcasters Hall of Fame, was one of radio's original shock jocks. His career took flight in the 1970s and with a cocaine- and vodka-fueled outrageous humor. After sobering up, he settled into a mix of highbrow talk about politics and culture, with locker room humor sprinkled in.

He issued repeated apologies as press intensified. But it wasn't enough as everyone from Hillary Clinton to Barack Obama to Oprah Winfrey joined the criticism.

The Rev. Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson met with Moonves on Thursday to demand Imus' removal.

Firing shows double standard.

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Jackson called the firing "a victory for public decency. No one should use the public airwaves to transmit racial or sexual degradation."

Said Sharpton: "He says he wants to be forgiven. I hope he continues in that process. But

we cannot afford a precedent established that the airways can commercialize and mainstream sexism and racism."

In a memo to staff members, Moonves said the firing "is about a lot more than Imus."

"He has flourished in a culture that permits a certain level of objectionable expression that hurts and demeans a wide range of people," Moonves said. "In taking him off the air, I

believe we take an important and necessary step not just in solving a unique problem, but in changing that culture, which extends far beyond the walls of our company." It's also likely to trigger a wider debate about expression and forgiveness.

Some of Imus' fans have pointed to inflammatory statements made by Sharpton and Jackson in the past, or in the lyrics of popular music.

Losing Imus will be a financial hit to CBS Radio. The program earns about \$15 million in annual revenue for CBS, which owns Imus' home radio station WFAN-AM and manages Westwood One, the company that syndicates the show nationally.

One potential replacement: the sports show "Mike & the Mad Dog," which airs afternoons on WFAN.



The Rev. Al Sharpton, left, and NBC News President Steve Capus talk together after the NBC 'Today' television show in New York, Thursday.

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EDITORIAL

Illegal overtime dispute requires action in Jerome

When Idaho's highest legal office says former county officials took illegally-paid funds, that county's response should be ferocious as a heart attack: Get the money back.

Jerome County taxpayers should demand the return of some \$70,000 paid as overtime to former commissioners Veronica Lierman, John Eloorieta and Alvin Chojnacky, whether by voluntary repayment or a civil lawsuit.

This controversy would end if former commissioners would just pay the money back. But if they don't, current commissioners have an obligation to collect it. County residents have waited long enough for a response to this flawed use of the public purse.

The state attorney general's office concluded last year that the three former commissioners broke state laws by paying themselves overtime pay from 2001 to 2004.

The former commissioners approved the plan to pay themselves overtime wages when working beyond a certain number of hours per week. The overtime plan was introduced to give disclosure on work hours and to save money, and it was approved by county attorneys.

The pay plan was revised in 2004, but not before commissioners had tallied \$68,482 in overtime: Lierman paid herself \$51,857; Eloorieta got \$16,200; and Chojnacky, \$425.

County resident Lee Halper pressed the issue before the state and county attorneys repeatedly, leading to the AG's response last year. Deputy Attorney General Bill von Tegen said the state lacked sufficient legal basis to prosecute the former commissioners for criminal actions.

But the money was indeed an illegal payment since state laws require fixed salaries for commissioners, and prohibits overtime pay for elected officials. Von Tegen, in a concise letter written to then-prosecuting attorney Jon Nicholson in December, said former commissioners have an obligation to repay the money to the county.

Since then, Lierman has left office and Nicholson has resigned. Yet the county keeps dawdling over whether to pursue the money. Last week, current commissioners Charlie Howell and Joe Davidson, former colleagues of Lierman, recused themselves from the issue citing a "personal conflict." Howell even called it a "non-issue."

That left Diana Obenaus as the only commissioner willing to pursue civil litigation. Then on Monday, the commissioners claimed they didn't know which legal means they had to file a claim.

That's quite hard to believe. In his December letter, Von Tegen wrote that the county prosecutor and the current commissioners all have the authority "to proceed against the former board to recover any funds paid ... that were illegal."

That mandate was reaffirmed by Idaho Association of Counties Executive Director Dan Chadwick. "The fact is, they are former colleagues (of Lierman) is totally irrelevant," he told the *Times-News*. "That is not a conflict, plain and simple."

"There is not 'personal' interest in the outcome. The interest is in the best interest of the county." The commissioners have a clear choice to make in this case. Do they defend their predecessors and former colleague, or their constituents and the law? Their answer could speak volumes about their ability to serve the public good.

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Daddy Party, Mommy Camp in a panic

The mind reels at the mind. *The New York Times*' science section devoted itself on April 10 to the topic of desire, the myriad ways in which the human mind causes the body to get turned on.

It now seems that instead of desire leading to arousal, as researchers once believed, arousal may lead to desire.

The brain, as D.H. Lawrence once wrote, is a most important sexual organ, and men and women have extremely varied responses to sexual stimuli.

As Natalie Angier, *The Times*' biology expert, noted, research has shown that women differed from men "in the importance they accorded a man's physical appearance, with many expressing a comparatively greater likelihood of being aroused by evidence of talent or intelligence — say, while watching a man deliver a great speech."

This could explain why many Republican women are so frustrated. They have been deprived of the brisly excitement of hearing their men on the stump, delivering great speeches for quite some time now.

The Daddy Party, sick with desire for a daddy, is like a lost child, John McCain, handicapped by the Super announced Tuesday he has the support of Henry Kissinger. Why not just drink poison? As the *Boston Globe* columnist John Vennocchi slyly said, "Leave it to Mitt Romney



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to shoot himself in the foot with a gun he doesn't own."

Rudy Giuliani, already haunted by the specter of Bernard Kerik's corruption and Judy Nathan's conjugal confusion, on Tuesday made things worse. He did the same thing John McCain did in South Carolina in 2006, a sickening under the Arizona senator told "60 Minutes" Sunday that he did "for all the wrong reasons" and now regrets. As Marc Santora reports from Montgomery, Rudy said he would leave the decision about whether to fly the Confederate flag over the Alabama State Capitol to the people of Alabama.

Even cable news showed little interest in President Bush's big speech on Iraq on Tuesday, as he continued to exhort Democrats for hurling the troops by trying to get an exit strategy, a day after Muqtada al-Sadr's spokesman announced the Liberator as "the father of evil, Bush" while al-Sadr thrice burned and shredded American flags and shouted, "Leave, leave occupier."

Four years ago, the conservative commentator Kate O'Beirne thrilled at the sight

of Bush strutting in his flight suit and mocked Bill Clinton's doughy thighs, noting, "Women don't want a guy to feel their pain, they want a guy to clean the gutters." But on "Meet the Press" Sunday, she sorrowfully admitted that Republicans had lost their national security swagger because of Iraq, and now have "a real brand name problem" and "a competency problem."

"It used to be people thought they might not much like big government, but they can run it," she said of her party's leaders. "Now they seem to like it fine, but not be able to run it at all." A point underscored by this week's *Time* cover: "Why Our Army Is At the Breaking Point."

As Adam Nagourney and John Broder report in Wednesday's *Times*, Republican leaders are despondent and jittery as they watch their major candidates strain in sycophantic ways to prove their ideological credentials even as they see W's administration and war turning into an ever-tightener noose. Watching the Democrats fund their advantage with alarm and astonishment, they concede it will be tough to hold the White House.

Nagourney and Broder quote Mickey Edwards, a former Republican congressman from Oklahoma who now lectures at Princeton, saying that the party does not have any candidates who are com-

pellent. "I just don't know," he adds, "how they can run hard enough or fast enough to escape the gravitational pull of the Bush administration."

Except for Larry Birdhead, all the "Who's your daddy?" bro to this week belongs to Senator Obama, who told David Lerman he would not be Hillary's second on a ticket, and who remarkably managed to beat her on a primary fundraising with a more democratic and recyclable pool of donors.

That feat of strength led to the hilarious spectacle of Terry McAuliffe, who had been using the Bush-Cheney line of you're-with-us-or-against-us to try to bully Democratic fat cats into giving solely to Hillary, telling ABC's Jake Tapper: "Ultimately, forget the money. You've got to get the votes. And right now, Hillary wins in that category."

Like the panic in the Daddy Party, the crazed sputtering in the once-dominant Mommy Camp is something to behold.

Hillary has been wielding Bill as a bludgeon on support and money. If you were ever behind him, you'd better fall into line behind her. But doesn't that undermine her pretention of herself as a self-reliant feminist aiming to be the first Madame President? If you can only win by leaning so heavily on your man for your miracle, isn't that a benign form of paternalism?

Maureen Dowd writes for the *New York Times*.

The pursuit of happiness — in English

I've been taking lessons to learn Spanish for a while now, and it's given me a new understanding of how difficult it is to learn a new language. And there's no question that if I lived in a Spanish-speaking country and had to study and work and shop in Spanish as I struggled to learn the language, the challenges would be greater. But there's also no doubt that the rewards would be greater, too. Mastering the language of a country opens doors of opportunity, plain and simple.

In the United States, English is by no means our only language, but it is the language of economic success and upward mobility. More important, it is the language of our national unity and political discourse. And just as opportunity is the birthright of all native-born Americans, it becomes the inheritance of all new Americans. But this is nothing more than a nice sentiment if we don't do all we can to encourage and help new Americans learn English.

Among the ways we can do this as quickly as possible is to replace bilingual education programs in our public schools with intensive English instruction

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and abolish the federal mandates requiring multilingual and government documents.

Passions sometimes run high in this topic. I learned that firsthand recently because of a poor choice of words when talking about this subject. That's understandable. After all, there are 31 million Spanish speakers in the United States. There are also millions of Americans whose first language is Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, Hindi or Farsi, to name just a few. They are all justifiably proud of their language and their cultural heritage.

Still, it's important that we not allow passion to rule the debate. Too often, sincere expressions of support for English as our unifying language are interpreted as a lack of support for welcoming and respecting new Americans. For example, those who support "English-first" are often mistakenly portrayed as supporters of "English-only." English-first supporters believe that English should be the official

language of the government but that other languages are fine in communities and commerce. In contrast, English-only advocates want to outlaw all languages other than English.

Clearly, these two positions are very different. Promoting English-first is not — and should not be — disrespectful of other languages. In fact, supporting English instruction for immigrants demonstrates our confidence in their ability to pursue happiness here and contribute to their families, communities and new country. As a part of any comprehensive immigration reform, we should renew our commitment to making sure that all new immigrants have the opportunity to learn English. In public schools, children should have intensive English instruction rather than bilingual classes. For adults, we can adopt something similar to a program Israel has for its new immigrants. There, every new resident is entitled to 500 hours of intensive Hebrew language instruction paid for by the government. History and civics training could be added to the program.

Equally important, we must

abolish federal rules requiring that government documents — including ballots — be printed in multiple languages. These multilingual documents discourage immigrants from learning English as rapidly as possible, limiting their ability to engage in a truly common political culture. Rather than capturing opportunities for them, these mandates limit them.

We must never lose sight of the self-evident truths affirmed at our founding: that we are all created equal — citizen and non-citizen alike — and that we are each endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights, among them life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If we are to live out these truths, new immigrants deserve our respect, not our condescension. They deserve the opportunity to pursue happiness in the United States, that comes with speaking English.

Meanwhile, I'm going to keep working on my Spanish. It's hard, but I'm making progress — poco a poco.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich is a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

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LETTER

High-rise tower on rim won't fit in Twin Falls

To planning and zoning and the city council: This is not California, Seattle, Wash., or New York. This is a rinky-dink Twin Falls, Idaho. Take a look at our Rock Creek Canyon rim. It looks ugly to me; look ugly to you? Now look at what you are allowing to happen at the Snake River Canyon rim. It's looking uglier to me; is it looking prettier to you? And now you are considering a 10-story building to climb? Tell us how many showers, tubs, toilets and jacuzzis will go into this building? How much water will this building take? The one that wants this building will more than likely

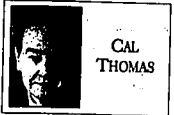
leave once it's built, and we the citizens will have to look at this eyesore for the rest of our lives. So tell us, is this wise? While we the citizens struggle for our water, the rich guy will be laughing his way, all the way to the bank without a care. MERRIE MORGAN, Twin Falls

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# Firing of Don Imus shows free speech has a double standard

Talk show host Don Imus has been fired by the CBS radio network because the shock jock touched the "third rail" of free speech: he insulted African Americans, some of whose self-appointed "leaders" have a direct line to the media to express their outrage.

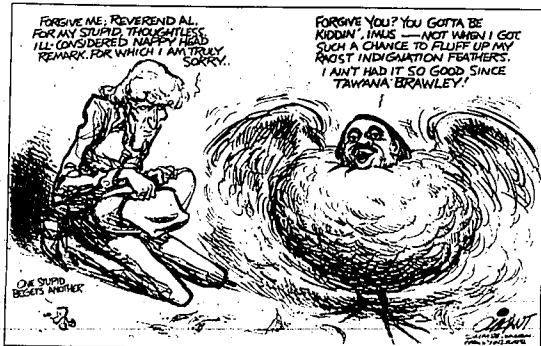


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In the past, networks have stood against onslaughts from conservative political and religious groups outraged by program content, but they quickly caved when confronted by campaigns led by Rev. Al Sharpton and Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Imus' remarks about black women on the Rutgers University female basketball team were the same kind of stuff (and worse) that one can hear in hip-hop "music." Hip-hop "artists," who are mostly black men, frequently demean black women. Their lyrics approve of rape and other violent acts against black women, who are referred to as "bitches" and "b—s," and other names that cannot be printed here.

Imus' comments about the Rutgers women were offensive by the standards that



used to exist in America. The hypocrisy comes when people who have "pushed the envelope" beyond what used to be called acceptable boundaries of taste and community standards now appeal to the standards they helped to eliminate. Corporate executives who trade in the worst of the hip-hop filth are not required to apologize or stop polluting the airwaves as well as minds and hearts with their filth. That's because it makes them gods of money and money covers a multitude of "sins."

The hypocrisy extends to

Jesse Jackson, who appeared on Fox News Channel. In an interview with John Gibson, Jackson criticized Imus for his remarks. It would have been a good moment for Gibson to ask Jackson if he felt empathy for Imus, since Jackson once called New York City "Hymeltown," which many regarded as an anti-Semitic slur, but Gibson did not bring it up.

Like Michael Richards, who launched a racist tirade at an audience member during stand-up comedy routine, Imus is now doing the apology tour. He groveled on

Sharpton's radio show, saying he meant no offense and acted as priest and penitent by declaring himself "a good man."

It will never satisfy until people whose careers are built on taking offense have extracted his last pound of flesh and worn out their welcome on the cable TV shows. That will happen when the media tire of the Anna Nicole Smith story.

Where are the First Amendment defenders in all this? They have fled Imus as if he's radioactive. Jackson suggested that the famous jour-

nalists who appear on Imus stop slandering him in order to register their displeasure over his remarks. Will they? Most are liberals who might be expected to share the outrage over Imus' comments. But all have egos and the striking they get from Imus, along with the feedback they receive from those who matter to them, may overcome any reluctance they might otherwise have to appear on his show.

During the 1980s, social conservatives who tried to control pornography, including that subsidized by the National Endowment for the Arts, were told such things were the price we must all pay for a "healthy First Amendment." Artists must be free to express themselves, if certain people object to what is on TV, they can change channels, or turn it off.

Why aren't these keepers of the First Amendment flame coming to the defense of Don Imus? It's because they have a double standard. Evangelical Christians, practicing Roman Catholics, politically conservative Republicans, home-schoolers and others who are not in favor among the liberal

elite are frequent targets for "hate." Anything may be said about them, and it frequently is. But let someone insult the left's "protected classes," be they African Americans, homosexuals or to a lesser extent, adherents to the religion of "global warming," and they must be silenced and punished.

Was Don Imus racially insensitive and offensive? According to my standards, he was. But my standards no longer matter. They have been thrown overboard in favor of a different philosophy. Call it "Anything Goes." Look up the lyrics to that classic Cole Porter song and you have the mentality that passes for contemporary communication and entertainment.

If the Imus case went to trial, no jury in the land would convict him because the prosecutor would not have a universal standard by which to hold him accountable.

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## LETTERS

### Students can pay their lunch bill easily

This letter is in response to Thomas N. Thompson, an attorney from Salt Lake City, concerning the brown bag lunch for students who don't pay their lunch bill, even when there is the possibility to get it for free by filling out some paperwork, paid for of course by tax dollars. I am not a lawyer, so my response will be short with not too many fancy words and quotes.

I pay for my lunch, but I'm not happy about the amount, but I pay it. A good portion of that goes to public schools. I also pay tuition at a private school for my son to go to school with smaller class sizes and more individual attention. I also must supply my son lunch every day, either by sending a "brown bag" or participating in a co-op lunch program, none of which is sponsored by tax dollars. If my son forgets his lunch, then he is offered a cup of noodles for sale by the school for 50 cents. I don't feel sorry for parents who can't keep track of their children's very reasonable lunch bill, and the kids should just be glad they got to eat. If Mr. Thompson feels so bad for these kids, perhaps he can offer to pay their outstanding balance, or is he just sending a letter in an attempt to do some good by Idaho (and for some potential clients)?

ROBERT REEDER  
Twin Falls

Multiple choices available for schooling kids

I would like to provide clarification about an article that referenced the Idaho Virtual Academy ("Home educating families gather, join groups of peers," April 8). The article did

not capture the clear and important differences between the Idaho Virtual Academy and private home-schooling.

The Idaho Virtual Academy is a public virtual charter school authorized under the Idaho State Charter Commission. IDVA has a board of directors that is the governing body for the school, providing oversight of the school's operations. Our public school employs Idaho-certified, NCLB highly qualified, teachers to provide direct instruction, curriculum support and services to students and parents. Teachers and students are located across the state and are matched according to their geographical

region. IDVA is an accredited public school within the state of Idaho, and IDVA course work can be transferred to any school in the state.

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Adequate Yearly Progress last year.

There are many wonderful choice options for families in the state of Idaho: traditional brick-and-mortar public schools, charter schools, virtual charter schools and private home school. It is important for parents to know and understand the differences among these options so that they can make the best choice for their child. More information on the Idaho Virtual Academy can be found at [www.idhova.org](http://www.idhova.org).

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(Editor's note: Cody Claver is the head of the Idaho Virtual Academy.)

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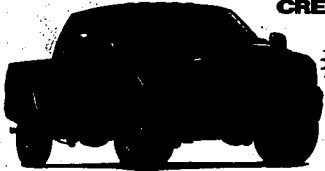
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College of Southern Idaho softball player Jody Zillner, right, jokes with teammate Jenna Volgmanns Thursday afternoon at the end of their practice in Twin Falls.

## CSI softball hosts first-place NIC

### No. 11 Cardinals four games up on Eagles

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — This is exactly the kind of weekend for which the College of Southern Idaho added softball.

The chance to go up against a nationally-ranked opponent and a prolific pitcher is also exactly the kind of test the 25-23 Golden Eagles feel they're ready to tackle.

"That's why we did all the work in the fall and all the games — 48 — that we've played up to this point," CSI head coach Nick Baumert said. "That's why we put all the time in: So we can be successful in a weekend like this."

The Scenic West Athletic

Today: CSI (25-23, 16-12 SWAC) vs. No. 11 North Idaho College (32-15, 20-8 SWAC), Bruin Field, DH, 1 p.m.  
Last time they met: The Golden Eagles and Cardinals split a regular-season SWAC series earlier this year in Coeur d'Alene with CSI winning the first two games before the Cardinals rebounded with two Saturday wins to earn the split.

On the horizon: The Golden Eagles are in Twin Falls for the rest of the regular season, hosting Colorado Northwestern Community College next weekend and the Community College of Southern Nevada in two weeks.

Conference-leading North Idaho College Cardinals come to Twin Falls with their No. 11 national ranking and 20-8 conference record for today and Saturday's four-game series at

### Eagle Eyes

**CSI season leaders**  
Batting Average — Rachelle Noren .394; Rachel Evans .393, Rns — Noren 41; Evans, Jalena Williams 38. RBI — Williams 39; Anna Sorrell 38. H — Noren 50; Evans 55, 28 — Evans 13; Holmes, Williams 12, 38 — Katelynn Warren 4; Belinda Turley, Williams 3, HR — Holmes, Sorrell 8; Turley 7, SB — Noren 10; Evans, Turley, All Spear 8.  
Pitching Record — Lacey Bowman 3-1; Stephanie Holmes 2-5, SV — Holmes 2; three with 1, ERA — Bowman 2.05; Jody Zillner 2.44, IP — Zillner 103.1; Holmes 80 2/3, SO — Zillner 82; Holmes 78. Opponents' average — Bowman .209; Zillner .248.

Twin-Falls High School's Bruin Diamond:

A 32-15 season record and a team loaded with experience from last season's trip to the NJCAA Division I

National Tournament make the Cardinals heavy favorites on paper. Look closer though and it's easy to see just how much has changed since an upstart CSI club surprised the Cardinals on March 9-10, splitting a four-game series in Coeur d'Alene. Since that benchmark series in the brief history of CSI softball, both teams have posted identical 11-5 SWAC records with the Eagles posting a 15-5 overall mark while the Cardinals have gone 15-7.

"I think last time they weren't ready for us," CSI freshman shortstop Rachel Evans said of NIC. "I don't think they knew we were going to do as well as we did. I don't think they realized that we were just as ready for them."

The Golden Eagles won't sneak up on anyone from here on out as the first-year program has played well

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## Home, sweet Skip for Golden Eagles

### CSI baseball hosts final regular-season home series

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Tied atop the Scenic West Athletic conference and up four games for the right to host Region 18 first-round action at the oh-so-friendly confines of Skip Walker Field, Golden Eagles head coach Broomer Walker has to be feeling pretty comfortable about hosting last-place Colorado Northwestern Community College this weekend, right?

"You know what, I'd only be comfortable if we were up 13 games with 12 to play," Walker said. "Twelve games is still a lot. A lot could happen."

Today: No. 17 CSI (32-11, 20-8 SWAC) vs. Colorado Northwestern CC (13-29, 3-25 SWAC), Skip Walker Field, DH, 1 p.m.  
Last time they met: The Golden Eagles swept four games from the Spartans earlier this season in Rangely, Colo., winning 6-3, 4-2, 4-3 and 9-0.

On the horizon: The Golden Eagles hit the road to finish the regular season, playing the College of Eastern Utah in Price, Utah, next Friday and Saturday, before wrapping up the regular season in Henderson, Nev., taking on the Community College of Southern Nevada in two weekends.

On the radio: The weekend's games will

Indeed, there's a lot of baseball to be played in the final three weeks of the SWAC regular season which continues today as the No. 17 Golden

### Eagle Eyes

be broadcast live on 1270 AM KTRF.  
CSI season leaders  
Batting Average — Grant Kveder .349; Tony Altavilla .319, Rns — Nik Guneson 35; Altavilla 34, RBI — Guneson 31; Kveder 20, H — Kveder 45; Altavilla 43, 2B — Altavilla 14; Kveder 11, 3B — Kveder 4; Altavilla 3, HR — Guneson 5, SB — Kveder 25; Guneson 14.  
Pitching Record — Adam Umburg 6-1; Jordan Latham 7-2, SV — Johnson 7; Oatman 3, ERA — Trent Johnson 0.93; Jason Oatman 1.47, IP — Latham 57; Umburg 51, SO — Latham 49; Umburg 44, Opponents' average — James Wallace .135; Justin Smith .192.

Eagles put their 32-11 record and 20-8 conference mark up against the 11-

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College of Southern Idaho outfielder Grant Kveder clips his hand during a game against Western Nevada Community College last weekend.

## Stores headed for TCU

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sometimes persistence does pay off.

For more than two years, Chris Crutchfield kept in contact with a slim, 6-foot-8 forward out of Youngstown, Ohio. Through his own travels as an assistant coach at New Mexico State University and Texas Christian University, Crutchfield watched and called as Brandon Stores felt his way through junior college hoops at Panola (Texas) Junior College and the College of Southern Idaho.

Thursday afternoon, Crutchfield's long courtship of Stores came to an end as the Golden Eagles No. 3 scorer signed a national letter of intent to play for the TCU Horned Frogs next season.

"It's been there everywhere where other coaches have stopped calling," Stores said. "He was still the one calling, like, 'Wherever I go, I want you.'"

Stores averaged 13.6 points and 6.4 rebounds in his lone season at CSI, helping the Golden Eagles to a 30-7 record and fourth-place finish at nationals. He credited the CSI coaching staff for helping him improve both on and off the court in his lone year in Twin Falls, where he has been exposed to a number of different opportunities he hadn't experienced before.

"It's been great," Stores said. "I didn't play basketball. That's what I try to tell a lot of people. I played two years in high school. I played my junior and senior years, so you know, playing four years, I'm kind of behind everybody."

"It's been fun though, traveling. I wasn't used to all this travel, so going to different places was fun because I hadn't been to a lot of places besides Ohio."

Stores joins a Horned Frogs team that finished with a 13-17 record this season, but struggled against conference foes during its second year of Mountain West Conference play. Stores hopes to give his new team an improved presence in the post and contribute as early as possible.

"Nothing's promised, so I just have to go in there and work hard," he said. "But I think I can have an impact on that conference."

While Stores will have to wait and see how he'll fare at the NCAA Division I level, he can't wait for the opportunity.

"I'm actually really excited," Stores said. "They've been on me for a long time, so I know they're happy. That makes me excited to go there after this year."

### Keppay inks with Utah

The NICAA's leading scorer, Tyler Keppay, made his decision official on Thursday, signing his national letter of intent to play for the University of Utah. Keppay averaged 27.9 points per game as a sophomore at the College of Eastern Utah.

## Filer softball team splits wild twinbill with Hornets

By Chuck Hens  
For the Times-News

DECLO — The Declo Hornets and the Filer Wildcats split a thrilling softball doubleheader Thursday at Declo High School with the Hornets winning the first game 10-7 and the Wildcats staving off a white-knuckle seventh-inning rally to win 15-14 in Game 2.

In the opener, Filer got on the board early with two runs in the top of the first inning against Hornets starter Jayme Manning. But Declo struck back, tying the score in their half of the first on a two-RBI single from Jessica Puentes. Sarah Silcock followed with a base hit that advanced Fuentes, then Kelsie Peterson hit an RBI single to score Fuentes. Declo padded its lead with four more runs in the second inning.

Trailing 9-2, the Wildcats would strike back in the sixth inning with three runs

only to have the Hornets answer with two of their own. But Filer put together another rally in the top of the seventh. Holly Hansing hit a single and stole second base, then Lea Williams hit an RBI single and was able to reach second as the Hornets tried for the out at home. Williams stole third base, and Hanehy hit a single to drive her in. The rally was terminated, however, when Marli Manning threw Hanehy out trying to steal second and secure the win.

"It's an improvement for us, but we've got a long way to go," Declo coach Pat Manning said after the first game. "There were a lot of errors, a lot of things that they shouldn't have done out there. But hopefully they'll clean those up and move forward from here."

Jayne Manning recorded seven strikeouts and batted 3-for-4 in the win. In Game 2, the Wildcats appeared ready to even things up. They jumped

on Hornets starter Geary for six runs in the first two innings, with Emily Hughes hitting an RBI-double in the first and reaching home on a throwing error.

Filer got a big boost in the top of the third inning against Declo reliever Kyle Bingham. McKenzie Hinkle and Jazz Sackett both drew walks, then advanced to second and third on a dropped pitch. Bron also drew a walk that loaded the bases. Shelby Nutting then hit an RBI single, followed by Hall's two-RBI double. Natalie Hughes brought Nutting in with a sacrifice bunt, and Hansing drew a walk. Hall was picked off at third while Hughes advanced to second, which set up an RBI double by Hanehy.

The Wildcats added three runs in the top of the seventh and looked to have the game well in hand with Hall in the circle. But the Hornets still had something left in the can, scoring nine runs over the final two innings to make

things interesting. The Hornets' rally finally ended when a short fly ball by Shelby Koyle was caught by Filer for the game's final out. "Just not quite enough soon enough," Pat Manning said of the Game-2 finish. "But it was good to see them come back and hit the ball a little bit."

Declo plays the Twin Falls JV team today, then hosts Wendell for a doubleheader April 17 at 4 p.m.

Game 1	
Declo	7
Filer	14
1st inning: Declo, 1-0; Filer, 1-0	
2nd inning: Declo, 1-0; Filer, 1-0	
3rd inning: Declo, 1-0; Filer, 1-0	
4th inning: Declo, 1-0; Filer, 1-0	
5th inning: Declo, 1-0; Filer, 1-0	
6th inning: Declo, 1-0; Filer, 1-0	
7th inning: Declo, 1-0; Filer, 1-0	
8th inning: Declo, 1-0; Filer, 1-0	
9th inning: Declo, 1-0; Filer, 1-0	
Extra Innings: Declo, 1-0; Filer, 1-0	
Total: Declo, 7; Filer, 14	

Game 2	
Filer	15
Declo	14
1st inning: Filer, 1-0; Declo, 1-0	
2nd inning: Filer, 1-0; Declo, 1-0	
3rd inning: Filer, 1-0; Declo, 1-0	
4th inning: Filer, 1-0; Declo, 1-0	
5th inning: Filer, 1-0; Declo, 1-0	
6th inning: Filer, 1-0; Declo, 1-0	
7th inning: Filer, 1-0; Declo, 1-0	
8th inning: Filer, 1-0; Declo, 1-0	
9th inning: Filer, 1-0; Declo, 1-0	
Extra Innings: Filer, 1-0; Declo, 1-0	
Total: Filer, 15; Declo, 14	



Filer's Kristy Hall pitches in Game 2 a doubleheader against Declo on Thursday at Declo High School.







GOLF

# Weary Masters champ starts slowly

## Kelly, Els out in front early at Hilton Head

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Masters champion Zach Johnson says he came to the Verizon Heritage to win. Johnson's third play Thursday showed otherwise.

After three days of celebrity meetings and TV guest appearances, the weary Johnson shot an up-and-down 70 at Harbour Town Golf Links. He was seven strokes behind Jerry Kelly, the first-round leader at 8-under-63. Ernie Els was second at 65.

Still, Johnson's smile rarely left during his morning round, even as made two bogeys and a four-putt double bogey. Crowds applauded his every move. Johnson gratefully acknowledged the praise, yet eager to get the focus back on his course work.

"I didn't come here just to show up. I'm going to try and win. I'm going to play my ball and I'm going to play hard," Johnson said. "It felt good to start competing again. That's my business life."

Johnson got dramatically better last week when the 31-year-old Iowan outlasted the field at difficult Augusta National to beat Tiger Woods, Rory Sabbatini and Retief Goosen by two strokes. Since then, Johnson has appeared with David Letterman, met presidential candidate Barack Obama and gotten congratulatory calls from fellow Regen High alum, former NFL MVP Kurt Warner.

And the adulation didn't stop at Harbour Town. Johnson was greeted with cheers at nearby Hilton Head's "Masters," a teen fan shouted, Johnson, grinning, flashed a surfer's "hang 10" sign.

He was surrounded by TV cameras on the round, pro Billy Andrade waved him with congratulations. "Thanks, buddy," Johnson said.

"Johnson says he's done his best the past 72 hours to remain the same, humble, unassuming family man from Cedar Rapids."

"I'm not a rock star," Johnson said. "Far from it."

Most Masters winners don't usually fly the drive to South Carolina's coast for this week's start. Kelly, who shot 69 was the last to try and pair Harbour Town's tartan winner's coat with the green jacket.

Johnson started quickly with a birdie on his first hole, the 10th. By the time he rolled in a birdie on the par-5 second, Johnson was 3 under and hot on Kelly's heels. That's when Johnson's whirlwind week took its toll.



Ernie Els watches his chip for an eagle attempt on the fifth hole during Thursday's first round of the Verizon Heritage golf tournament at Harbour Town Golf Links on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Johnson's approach on the third hole dribbled off the back, leading to a bogey. He three-putted from 65 feet on the par-3 fourth hole for a second straight bogey.

After a crowd-pleasing eagle on the par-5 fifth, Johnson blew up on No. 6, four-putting from 35 feet for a double-bogey 6.

"I miss. I miss. I miss. I make," said Johnson, parroting Jose Ballesteros' famous explanation for his Augusta four-putt nearly two decades ago.

"Obviously that was just a complete mental lapse. So, whatever."

Kelly, three shots behind Johnson last week, threatened to steal the Harbour Town spotlight from the new Masters champ. When Kelly knocked in a 4-foot birdie putt on his 15th hole, No. 6, he stood 9-under par with an outside shot to break 60.

The run ended two holes later after Kelly put his approach into a bunker and could not save par.

Kelly was glad for the sunny, mild conditions after last week's major Augusta chill.

"I wouldn't put this golf course that far away from Augusta, but it just shows how difficult Augusta was," Kelly said.

He usually plays well at Harbour Town — he has six top-10 finishes in eight previous trips and that continues Thursday. Els opened the round going birdie-eagle, then fotted a sand shot on the par-3 17th to move two strokes behind Kelly.

Johnson's visit here was a shot in the arm to a tournament minus major draws such as Woods and Phil Mickelson. Jim Furyk, No. 2 in the world, heads a field that includes just three of the world's top 10 players.

"The only adjustment I think is that Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were just a whirlwind," Johnson said. "I won a very prestigious event. But at the same time, you've got to stay in the present."

## With Sorenstam out, Ochoa takes aim at No. 1 ranking

REUNION, Fla. — Lorena Ochoa would prefer a head-to-head victory against Annika Sorenstam to become No. 1 in the women's world rankings.

The 25-year-old Mexican star might have to settle for gaining the top spot a different way — with Sorenstam injured and out of the mix.

Ochoa shot a 6-under 66 in the opening round of the Glen Open on Thursday, tying Laura Davies for the lead and moving a step closer to supplanting Sorenstam atop the rankings.

"I would love to be playing, yes," Ochoa said. "So I guess right now it's the way it is. But I think I better keep playing good and just take advantage of that. But I wish her all the best. Hopefully she will be back soon."

Sorenstam will be sidelined at least a month because of a ruptured disk in her back. She withdrew from the Glen on Thursday and planned to see a neurosurgeon in Miami to figure out what to do next.

"I've been playing with quite a bit of pain for the past several weeks," Sorenstam said in a statement. "I couldn't take it much more and decided it was time to see a doctor."

Sorenstam, a 10-time major winner, said doctors discovered a ruptured disk and a bulging disk. It marked the first significant injury in her 13-year career that includes 69 PGA victories.

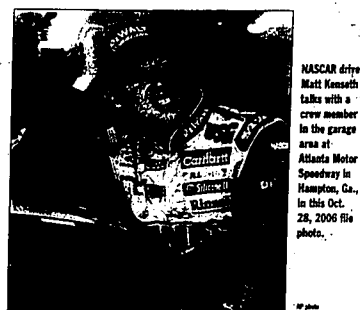
Sorenstam was never a factor in the first major of the year, the Kraft Nabisco Championship two weeks ago. She shot 8-over 296 for her highest 72-hole score in a major in nine years.

Ochoa could have taken over the top spot in the rankings with a victory there. But she tied for 10th after closing with a 72.

The 43-year-old Davies, a 20-time winner whose last four victories came in 2005, made five birdies and an eagle en route to her lowest round of the year.

Brittany Lincicome, in the same group as Ochoa, fed off her playing partner's success and won a 2005 title at 5 under. Na Ri Kim, Sherry Turner and Mi Hyun Kim were 4 under.

— The Associated Press



# Kenseth surging since Daytona — up to 4th

FORT WORTH, Texas — Matt Kenseth was already behind before the first race, and wasn't in much better shape after it.

When his car failed inspection again after qualifying at the Daytona 500, Kenseth was penalized 50 points. Then with a chance for a likely top-10 finish, he crashed on the final lap of the season opener.

Five races later, Kenseth has made quite a comeback — moving from 40th to fourth in NASCAR's Nextel Cup points with 836, 130 behind leader Jeff Gordon.

"When I look at how everything went, I don't think we can be what we are," said Kenseth, the 2003 series champion. "To have only had five races since then, I don't think we could ask for much more than that."

Kenseth won the second race in California, just as he did a year ago when he was the Nextel Cup runner-up to champion Jimmie Johnson.

And he hasn't finished lower than 11th since, moving within one shot and 37 points in the standings of where he was at the same point in 2006.

Now Kenseth has a chance to make up even more ground.

After Nextel Cup's Easter break, the series is back Sunday in Texas, the high-banked 1.5-mile track where Kenseth is one of 12 different winners — in 12 races.

Kenseth won at Texas in 2002, and has three top-10 finishes there in six races since without finishing worse than 18th. He was second last spring, following a third-place showing in the track's first fall race in 2005.

"I've always liked the high-banked fast race tracks," Kenseth said.

Sure he does, because he's had a lot of success on those. Before the last two short-track races in NASCAR's Car of Tomorrow at Martinsville and

Bristol, Kenseth finished third at Atlanta in his Roush Fenway Racing Ford. While Texas is factor, Atlanta is very similar and owned by Bruton Smith.

"It's always been challenging. It's kind of an enigma because it's kind of a flat entry to the corner," Kenseth said of Texas.

"I really liked it after the track's widened out. ... There are a couple of grooves here, and that's what makes it a lot more fun."

Kenseth also looks forward to this weekend because he gets to drive his "old" car again.

Texas is the only track in a four-race span where the Car of Tomorrow isn't being used.

The COIs return for Phoenix: "Once they get rid of them, you won't hear all the talk about it because that will just be what we need," Kenseth said.

"The car of today just drives so much better and has so much stick and just looks more like a race car, compared to that new car."

In get back to Texas should be a good feeling. Even if our car isn't running good, it will still be a good feeling," he said.

## Ragan wins Busch pole in Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas — David Ragan earned his first NASCAR Busch Series pole Thursday night, edging Busch.

Racing teammate and series pole leader Carl Edwards, Ragan ran a lap of 191.063 mph on the 1.5-mile, high-banked Texas track, nearly 2 mph faster than Edwards, who qualified second for the O'Reilly 300 on Saturday.

The fifth of 44 drivers who have won a pole in the series tried to qualify Edwards posted an early lap of 189.354 mph. That looked as if it would hold, with nobody getting any closer says Means at 187.872 mph until Ragan took the track pole.

— The Associated Press

# Williams, Jankovic, Golovin in quarters at Family Circle

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Venus Williams advanced to the Family Circle Cup quarterfinals Thursday, routing China's Chan Yung-Jan 6-2, 6-1.

Williams, unseeded and in her fourth tournament since recovering from a wrist injury earlier in the year, reached 125 mph with her serve and needed just over an hour to win the

match on a bright, breezy day on the green clay at Daniel Island.

In Friday's quarterfinals, Williams, ranked No. 23, will face Anaëli Medina Garrigues of Spain, a 6-4, 7-5 winner over eighth-seeded Li Na of China.

Williams won in Memphis in her return, advanced to the third round in Miami and made the quarterfinals last week at Amelia Island.

"I've been off so long and I'm eager to play and I'm eager to get my ranking up and want to play matches," she said. "I'm excited about the snowball effect."

Second-seeded Jelena Jankovic of Serbia defeated Mara Santangelo of Italy 6-3, 6-0 in 47 minutes, losing only six points in the second set.

Jankovic will meet Katrina Srebotnik of Slovenia, a 7-5, 7-6(5), winner over Zheng Li of China, in the quarterfinals.

Fourth-seeded Dinara Safina of Russia also won in straight sets, defeating 12th-seeded Dominguez Lino of Spain 6-2, 6-2. Safina will face Tatiana Golovin of France, a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 winner over Peng Shuai of China.

— The Associated Press

# Softball

above most expectations. CSI is hitting a conference-best .340 in SWAC games while NIC is a close second at .312. The main difference in the last time these teams met and this week's series will be the availability of NIC ace sophomore pitcher Kelcey Cavin, who was suspended by the team for the last series. NIC's workhorse has compiled a 17-6 record on the season and struck out 215 batters in 154 innings pitched. With both teams' mix of potential shut-down pitching and power offense, it's anyone's guess what kind of games the weekend will provide.

"I'd like to say I know," Baumer said. "I think it could be a little bit like our Snow weekend last weekend where you get a game that's 9-7 or something like that, then you get a 2-1 game. Our key is going to be finding ways to win both those type of games."

Jwin Falls High graduate Justine Williams and the NIC offense boost eight hitters batting over .300 on the season and the Cardinals have hit a SWAC-high 33 home runs in conference play. However, CSI has the weapons to go toe-to-toe with NIC, offensively. Evans is hitting .393 on the year, including a SWAC-best .440 in conference competition. Evans says that CSI's typical success for a first-year team is due largely to the extra efforts of the Golden Eagles players and coaches.

"I think everybody on the team works really hard," she said. "Being on this team, I see how everybody stays after all the time. They just want to work hard and everybody's taking extra reps, trying to do everything really well."

While Baumer has met his team's success with a sort of modest amusement, there's nothing about his final goal for the final three weeks of the regular season.

"We would like to make a run at the league



CSI player Ali Spear fields the ball Thursday during practice in Twin Falls.

leaders and obviously win the region and see if we can host," he said. "I think that's our goal in the next three weeks. It would take a big effort to do that."

Baumer's amusement? That comes along with being in a position to realistically dream that big.

"It's exciting for us, putting ourselves in that position, being a first-year program," Baumer said. "It's kind of like, I like it. Are we supposed to be here?"

# Baseball

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29 (3-25 SWAC) Spartans. Today and tomorrow's four game conference series marks the last time in the regular season the Golden Eagles will defend their home field. The goal: Sweep the Spartans and stay in good position to make sure that Saturday's last game won't be the final game played at Walker Field this season.

"This weekend, definitely, with four wins would boost us for the next two road series," CSI sophomore right fielder Brad Mady said. "I think we'll be in pretty good with four wins and then come out big against Eastern (Utah) and Southern Nevada."

While the tendency would be to look toward the looming showdown in two weeks with a Community College of Southern Nevada team that is tied atop the conference standings with CSI, the Golden Eagles know they can't look past a Spartan team that played them tough in the season's earlier series in Rangelco, Colo. CSI swept the series, but with wins of 6-3, 4-2, 4-3 and 9-0.

While the three narrow wins may mean this won't be a cakewalk, four wins — narrow or not — would be just fine for CSI.

"You can't take anything for granted here in conference, and these games are as big as our games last weekend or our games the following week-

"You can't take anything for granted here in conference, and these games are as big as our games last weekend or our games the following weekend."

— CSI head coach Boomer Walker

end," Walker said. "Because this time of year, you just have to find a way to win games."

Winning games has been exactly what CSI has had the trouble doing at The Skiff, where Walker says his team plays visibly looser and with more confidence than on the road. CSI has posted an impressive 17-3 home record this season. This weekend, the Golden Eagles have a chance to give their sophomore players a nice boost on sophomore day and run their season home record to 21-3, which Walker said would be one of the best finishes in school history.

"I'd like to leave here with the four wins," Mady said. "I know all the sophomores want to win this last little home stand."

CSI will again have the serv-

ices of sophomore catcher Grant Vickers who will return from a concussion, and sophomore pitcher James Wachon will miss one more week while he tries to regain strength and range of motion in his injured throwing arm.

"We know we need James," Walker said. "We know our chances of winning this league without him are real slim. We don't want to push it. If it were anyone else's weekend, that guy would try to find a way to fight through it, but we'll rest him another week."

A CNKC team that carries a 2-1 record in batting average and a team ERA of 6.6 isn't going to scare CSI by any means, but the Spartans have recently shown that they're capable of throwing a wrench in opponents' plans of sweeping CSI. CNKC swept the Spartans last weekend, but Colorado Northwestern split 2-2 with the College of Eastern Utah the weekend of the CSI's goal, so it makes sure that doesn't happen and take four more steps in the direction of being back at The Skiff for the May 3-5 first round of the Region 10 Tournament.

"I'm definitely going to miss playing here, but I know we'll be back," Mady said. "We're going to host for sure. We'll be back."

TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: A mix of sun and clouds with near average temperatures. Highs, upper 50s.
Tonight: Increasing clouds to turning mostly cloudy. Lows, mid 30s.
Tomorrow: Developing showers later in the day. Highs, 60s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today Tonight Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday
High 59 Low 38 68/36 53/34 61/36 66/38

BURLEEV/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: Partly cloudy skies. Highs, upper 50s to near 60.
Tonight: Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy. Lows, 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with developing showers. Highs, 60s.

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Temperature Precipitation Humidity Barometric Pressure Sunrise and Sunset Pollen Count

IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A low pressure comes in from the west, the clouds will start to increase.

MOON PHASES Moonrise and Moonset
U. V. INDEX
Regional Forecast National Forecast World Forecast

BOISE
All moisture comes in from the west, the clouds will start to increase. Late tonight into Saturday expect mostly cloudy skies and cooling showers. The rain clears out Sunday.
NORTHERN UTAH
Warmer temperatures and partly cloudy skies are the way today and Saturday. Another front on Sunday will bring in more spring showers.

REGIONAL FORECAST
City Today Tomorrow
Boise 59 32 68 36
Nampa 53 34 61 36
Pocatello 53 34 61 36

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"The pain struggle, courage and confidence by every athlete in which you really step to lead, there is no doubt. You must do the thing you think that is best."

CANADIAN FORECAST
City Today Tomorrow
Calgary 53 24 56 40
Edmonton 53 24 56 40
Vancouver 48 42 48 38

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP
A map of the United States showing weather patterns with temperature and precipitation indicators.

USOC to decide between Chicago and Los Angeles

NEW YORK (AP) — Pacific Ocean or Lake Michigan. Sunset Strip or Magnificent Mile. LA, glitz or Chicago brown.
One of America's two iconic cities will get the nod Saturday as the country's candidate to host the 2016 Olympics. Although winning this part of the selection process will be something to celebrate, it will only be the start of the hard work.

40-minute presentations before the vote.
In Los Angeles, the USOC would have a candidate with major venues already in place — a spruced-up LA Coliseum would host opening and closing ceremonies and track — and a long record of hosting big events, including the 1984 Olympics, the first to turn a profit.
There's also the glitz factor. But the Summer Games have already been there twice, and the typical concerns about LA sprawl and logistics certainly will factor in.

DA apologizes to Duke players, but lawyers, family don't accept

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The local prosecutor who charged three Duke lacrosse players with raping a stripper apologized to the athletes Thursday and said the North Carolina attorney general's decision to drop the case was right.
"The extent that I made judgments that ultimately proved to be incorrect, I apologize to the three students that were wrongly accused," Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong said.
On Wednesday, Attorney General Roy Cooper not only dropped all remaining charges against the players, Steve Seligmann, Collin Finnerly and David Evans, but pronounced them innocent and said they were the victims of Nifong's "raging rush to accuse." Cooper branded Nifong a "rogue" prosecutor who was guilty of "overcharging."



Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong speaks at a news conference at the Durham County Judicial Building in Durham, N.C., in this July 28, 2006, file photo.

has inflicted on so many people," Finnerly said.
When asked if he accepted the apology, Finnerly said: "I do not. Too little, too late."
Evans' attorney, Joseph Cheshire, accused Nifong of engaging in "revisionist history" with his statement.
"It's not an apology. It's an excuse. It's an attempt at an excuse," Cheshire said. "It's not an acceptance of responsibility. It's a self-serving attempt to excuse bad behavior."
Also Thursday, Cooper said in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" that will air this week that the accused continued changing his story during his office's review of the case.
"We started out knowing we had a problem ... and the way it turned out, it was much worse than we thought," Cooper said in excerpts released by CBS. He also said he was offended by Nifong's conduct.

HORSE RACING
Hard Spun set for Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Hard Spun passed his test at Churchill Downs and will return in three weeks for the Kentucky Derby.
The 3-year-old colt handled the dirt track with ease during a Thursday morning workout, which was what trainer Larry Jones needed to see to be committing to run in the Derby on May 5.
"He went over the track very nice and came back very fresh afterwards," Jones said. "That was going to be our determining key, just to see how much it took out of him having to fight the track and there apparently was no fight to it. He just kind of slipped across, which is great."

to Keeneland to train on its synthetic surface.
Jones had considered Saturday's Blue Grass at Keeneland as a final prep, but changed plans. With a goal of running in the Derby, he wanted to find out if Hard Spun could handle the Churchill Downs track.
If he didn't, the choice would have been the Lexington Stakes at Keeneland on April 21, skip the Derby, and then the Preakness.
Now, Jones is preparing to saddle his first Derby starter.
"I've got three weeks to really get the jitters, because up to now it was just kind of a dream — now it can feel like a reality," said Jones, a native of Hopkinsville, Ky.
Street Sense has trainer confident for Blue Grass
LEXINGTON, Ky. — So far, Street Sense has done everything right for trainer Carl Nafzger.
At a 2-year-old, the bay colt closed out a championship season with a dazzling 10-length victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.
In March, a bigger and stronger Street Sense opened his 3-year-old campaign by nosing out Any Given Saturday in the Tampa Bay Derby after a stretch-long duel.
Now comes the final race in Nafzger's master plan to get his colt to the Kentucky Derby — the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland on Saturday.
"He's been an exceptional colt up to now," Nafzger said Thursday morning at Churchill Downs in Louisville, where Street Sense trains. "If he keeps going, he'll be an unbelievable colt. But it gets tougher from now on."
Nafzger doesn't seem worried. The 65-year-old trainer who won the 1990 Derby with Unbridled expects nothing short of victory. His next morning: Street Sense is the 4-5 odds-favorite in a seven-horse field.
"A win is what I want," Nafzger said. "A second or third does not mean we're out of it, but we want to win."
— The Associated Press

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## Rural Idaho counties get money to manage growth

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Many cities in Idaho are feeling the brunt of growth with more subdivisions, congested traffic and overwhelmed elected officials.

Help is on the way.

More than \$600,000 in federal, state and local funding has been set aside for ongoing assistance in rural Idaho, including one county in the Magic Valley that will get at least \$30,000 in federal aid.

Idaho Commerce and Labor has

already begun allocating \$250,000 that the state Legislature approved last year, and is in the process of dividing \$300,000 from a recent federal grant.

Bellevue, Carey, Fairfield and Camas County are among the state's 12 beneficiaries receiving state aid for the past few months. Blaine County, like Teton County, will receive only state funding because the average income is too high for federal funding.

The bulk of the money will go to smaller and lower-income parts of the state. A rural city is defined as

having fewer than 10,000 people.

In January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture approved a \$300,000 request for the federal Rural Community Development Initiative; it will go to 21 other cities that were denied state money. Camas County will receive between \$30,000 and \$35,000 from federal funding.

The state funds have already begun to help cities in planning and zoning, the management of subdivisions and comprehensive plans, said Greg Seibert, an economic development specialist with Commerce and Labor.

"We're mixing and matching where we can and where we're not allowed to give the money," Seibert said. "It takes a little of the maneuvering of the funds to meet what we need it to do and meet the requirements of the grants. With the state dollars we don't have any limitations where we can use those."

The difference between the two kinds of funding is that while the state itself chose the cities getting state money, the federal government determines by its own standards the recipients of the grant.

Initial state funding comes as a

match by the cities putting forth a dollar per capita. The city of Bellevue put forth \$2,400 and officials have already begun two training sessions with the Association of Idaho Cities.

"It's a very positive step because we have limited funds for housing our expertise in some of the departments," said Craig Eckles, Bellevue's planning and zoning administrator.

— *Government reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at (208) 735-3204 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.*

## Growing new leaders



Kylee Cossley and Kirstie Thompson, both of North Gem High School in Bancroft, take a break in the lobby of the Fine Arts Center as they wait to enter the auditorium during the Idaho State FFA Leadership Conference at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

"It's taught me to be more outgoing," said Kylee of the FFA convention. "Yeah, I've learned a lot of leadership skills," Kirstie added.

## Buhl revives utility rate committee

City looking for citizen volunteers

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**BUILH** — Buhl's utility rate committee will now include a representative of the public.

The City Council took the action this week, amending an ordinance. Previously the panel consisted of a mixed bag of industrial, commercial and city delegates. The ordinance was changed so that the fire chief would no longer hold a committee seat, making room for a resident to serve.

All positions are filled by mayor appointment.

The rate committee has been a "semi-functioning" sounding board to the city for years, Council President Bob Vandewater said. Its latest project included providing the city with feedback for the \$23 million in water and wastewater bond issues passed last year.

"Primarily they will help determine water and wastewater rates should they need to be changed," Vandewater said. "Once they make their input they then take their recommendation to the council for consideration."

With so many utility projects now underway in the West End, city officials are calling on the group to meet more frequently and are looking forward to having all interests heard when utility rates need adjusting.

"One area the committee was lacking was residents," Mayor Charles Sheridan said. "We needed a better cross-section of water and wastewater users."

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## Buhl wants you

Residents interested on serving with the rate committee can call Buhl City Hall at 543-6650.

## FFA organization meets at CSI for leadership conference

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Almost overnight, the number of agricultural experts in Twin Falls County more than doubled.

That's because the College of Southern Idaho once again is hosting the annual Idaho State FFA Leadership Conference. The event, which began Thursday morning and will continue through Saturday, brings in the best and the brightest from high school FFA organizations throughout Idaho.

Although the National FFA is almost 80 years old, officials say the organization is

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— Allison Touchstone, Idaho State FFA advisor

changing as it attracts more students seeking leadership opportunities.

For almost five years, FFA experienced a decline in membership as some students lost interest and schools scrapped the program. However, a little more than a year ago, membership numbers started to grow again.

"The membership is much more than just agricultural

producers," said Allison Touchstone, Idaho State FFA advisor. "It encompasses leadership, preparation for careers in agriculture and other fields, and also personal growth."

She said students from suburbs are now joining the organization for resume-building opportunities and to be part of a tradition. Currently about one-third of the group's members are first-

generation FFA participants. But students involved in the FFA say it's not an easy undertaking.

Because the organization is intra-curricular, students must spend time in and out of school to compete in FFA competitions. They must memorize the creed, learn new skills and prove their knowledge at local and state competitions.

"We believe in the future of

agriculture," said Ott Clark, 19, a state reporter for the FFA from Snake River High School near Blackfoot, as he recited the FFA creed.

And more than 3,000 FFA members throughout Idaho feel the same way as they wear their blue jackets with pride.

"The jackets were developed in 1930 and they are a tradition," Touchstone said. "Some of the kids here even have their great-grandfather's FFA jacket."

Times-News writer Joshua Palmer covers education. He can be reached at jpalmer@magicvalley.com or at (208) 420-0526.

## Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Salmon	64%	63%
Big Wood	47%	44%
Little Wood	25%	22%
Big Lost	41%	40%
Little Lost	53%	52%
Hayley Fork/Teton	65%	64%
Upper Snake Basin	67%	65%
Oakley	73%	70%
Salmon Falls	62%	59%

As of April 12

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

## Free ATV fire-risk check held Saturday

**KIMBERLY** — The U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management will conduct free spark arrester inspections for off-road motorists from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Rock Creek Race Track, 3618 E. 3100 N.

The inspections are part of a larger effort by the departments to educate the public about fire prevention.

The Forest Service says motorized vehicles, particularly those without spark arresters, start numerous fires each year.

## YOUR WEEKEND

### Strike up the band

What: Magic Philharmonic's spring concert will be held tonight, under the direction of Idaho State University music professor Patrick Brooks.

Where: King Fine Arts Center, Burley.

When: 7:30 p.m.

How much: Tickets, which are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for students and \$15 for families, are available at the door.



### A country classic

What: Ray Price will do two shows a night in Jackpot.

Where: Cactus Pines Resort Casino.

When: Today and Saturday, 8 and 10 p.m.

How much: Tickets, which are \$30, \$25 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

### Dilettantes' dinner

What: The Dilettante Group of

the Magic Valley will hold its annual Hall of Fame dinner tonight.

Where: Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.

When: Cocktail hours starts at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m., with a program to follow.

How much: Tickets, which are \$20 for adults and \$8 for those 18 and under, are available at the door.

### 'Glorious' concerts

What: Magic Valley Chorale will perform five versions of "Gloria," including all 10 movements of a "Gloria" by Vivaldi and a composition by Twin Falls native Randy Cox.

Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.

When: Saturday, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 4 p.m.

How much: Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students, are available at City Office Supply, Everybody's Business, Welch Music and the CSI Bookstore in Twin Falls and at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome.



OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

DEATH NOTICES

David E. Halbert Sr.

RUPERT — David E. Halbert Sr., 69, of Rupert, died Monday, April 9, 2007, at the Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center in Rupert. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 13, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Burley, with John Leonard officiating. Burial will follow at the Allam Cemetery. A potluck dinner will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Burley Senior Citizen Center. No public viewing is planned. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Thomas E. Dryden

SANDPOINT — Thomas E. "Tom" Dryden, 69, of Sandpoint and formerly of Jerome, died Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at his home after a long battle with cancer. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 620 Schweitzer Cut-off Road in Sandpoint, with President Buss Hiatt conducting. Interment will follow at Pack River Cemetery in Sandpoint. Friends may call from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, April 13, at Coffelt Funeral Service in Sandpoint. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at [www.coffeltfuneral.com](http://www.coffeltfuneral.com).

Steven E. Hayslip

GOODING — Steven E. Hayslip, 55, of Gooding, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at his residence. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 16, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. Burial will follow at the Hart Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the funeral home.

Claudette E. Shindle

NAMPA — Claudette Elaine Shindle, 69, of Nampa, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at her home due to natural causes. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 16, at the Nampa LDS 4th Ward Chapel, 121 N. Canyon St. in Nampa. A viewing will be from noon to 12:40 p.m. Monday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Zeyer Funeral Chapel in Nampa.

Paul Victor

TWIN FALLS — Paul Victor, 85, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, as the result of an automobile accident. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Ruby Victor

TWIN FALLS — Ruby Victor, 84, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, as the result of an automobile accident. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Allice McIntyre

TWIN FALLS — Allice McIntyre, 79, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Zelma A. Garrison

TWIN FALLS — Zelma A. Garrison, 93, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Curtis R. Hall

BURLEY — EOD2 (DV/PI) Curtis Ralph Hall, age 24, of Burley, joined our Heavenly Father on Friday, April 6, 2007, while protecting others in a place near Kirkuk, Iraq.



He was serving as a member of the United States Navy, where he was a member of the Explosives Ordnance Disposal, Mobile Unit 11 Detachment 1 based at Whidbey Island, Wash. This was his second tour in Iraq. He was born June 10, 1982, in Burley, Idaho, to Clarence "Ron" and Pamela Hicken Hall. Curtis gained his early education in Burley, attending Dwyer's Elementary, Mountain View Middle School and both Burley Junior and Senior High schools. He was very active in school-sponsored groups. He played the trombone in the band, sang with the Bel Canto Choir and played football briefly, but his true passion was for basketball. He was proud to wear the green and white jersey of the Burley Bobcats, and he remained forever faithful to them. In the new millennium, he was among the first to graduate from the new high school in the year 2000. He then went to the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls for a semester before following in his father's and older brother's footsteps by joining the Navy on Aug. 27, 2001.

He was the youngest of five children but, as the saying goes, the best is always saved for last. And it was definitely true in his case. As a young child, he was well loved and easy to be around. He worked his way through high school at both King's and Stokes Grocery as a stock boy. All who worked with him were amazed at the outstanding work ethic for such a young man. It was truly his same work ethic that made him the successful sailor he was and will always be remembered for.

He was and will always be remembered for.

Curtis was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the doctrinal training he received there is what was at the core of his personality and lifestyle. Curtis was generous, kind and nonjudgmental. He loved new people and new adventures and always had a story to tell. His humble nature and easy way instantly drew people to him and, even if he was a hero, he was very modest about it. Such was the time when he, at the age of 14, assisted in the rescue of our father. The terrible accident on the Salmon River in the summer of 1996 proved beyond any doubt the true character and hero that was inherent in Curtis. He later went on to receive his Eagle Scout Award as well as the National Lifesaving Award of Merit from the Scouting program. The courage, commitment and integrity he learned as a Scout made it an easy transition for him to trade his trucks and toys of boyhood and his Scout khakis for something he felt would make a difference in the world. He traded for the United States Navy dress blues.

Curtis is survived by his parents, Ron and Pam Hall of Burley; his siblings, Robert (Tina) Hall of Montrose, Colo., and Robert (Tina) Hall of Blackfoot and Randy Hall of Dillon, Mont.; and his grandfather, Ralph Hicken of Burley. His brother, Michael Hall; his grandmothers, Clara B. Hicken, and Frances Hall; and grandfather, Clarence E. Hall, preceded him in death.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 16, at the Burley Station of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2050 Normal Ave., with Bishop Guy Redder officiating. Full military honors will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from noon until 12:40 p.m. Monday at the church.

Colleen Nordin

BURLEY — Colleen Nordin, 67-year-old Burley resident, died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at her home in Burley.



She was born Feb. 19, 1940, in Selling, Okla., the daughter of Joseph and Iola. She worked at Camp Hambrick. On Dec. 12, 1955, she married Vernon Nordin in Fresno, Calif. They moved to Idaho in 1972. Colleen had worked at the Meridian Development Center and as a secretary at the Office on Aging. She loved sewing, reading and gardening. Colleen was an active member of the Episcopal Church and, in 1995, she was ordained a deacon.

Survivors include her husband, Vernon of Burley; four children, Mrs. Randy (Nancy) Korb of Burley, Mrs. Mikkel (Gwen) Hayden of Boise, Robert Nordin of Star and Colleen Nordin of Phoenix, Ariz.; four sisters; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at St. James Episcopal Church, 2000 Oakley Ave. in Burley, with the Rev. Harry Baibring III, officiating and the Rev. A. Thomas Kennedy preaching. Inurnment will be in the St. James Episcopal Church Columbarium. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

SERVICES

Glendora "Dodie" Busby of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Roy Elmer Islam of Bellevue, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Bellevue Cemetery (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

George Ray Tate of Idaho Falls and formerly of Hagerman, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1480 Jefferson Ave. in Idaho Falls (Wood Funeral Home in Idaho Falls).

Geraldine A. "Gerry" Harms of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Ghabel Azadi of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls).

Susan Kobe of Halley, rosary and vigil at 7 p.m. today at the Wood River Chapel in Halley; funeral Mass at 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles

Catholic Church in Halley.

Robert A. Meulman of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert United Methodist Church; graveside service will follow at the Burley Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Mary Ann Walters Winkquist Densley Coyne of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Russell Henry Jensen of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Rose Ivan Dedman of Carey, graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Carey Cemetery (Wood River Chapel of Halley).

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magvalley.com](mailto:obits@magvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to [www.magvalley.com](http://www.magvalley.com) and click on "Obituaries."

Brenda Blakeslee

FILER — Brenda Blakeslee, 55, of Filer, passed away at her home on Sunday, April 8, 2007.

Brenda was a loving mother and grandmother. She was a long-time employee of the U.S. Post Office and will be missed by many.

Office and will be missed by many.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made at U.S. Bank to help cover costs of accumulated medical bills and funeral arrangements.

Theodore 'Ted' William Meyer

KENNEWICK, Wash. — Theodore "Ted" William Meyer died March 26, 2007, at a hospital in Kennewick, Wash.



He was born Dec. 13, 1951, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. He lived and started school in Spokane, Wash. Then the family moved to Reno, Nev., then spent a short time in Wells, Nev. Then the family moved to Jerome, Idaho, where he went to school until starting his working career. Ted was a hard-working cement finisher, where he worked around the construction industry and in the family business. Ted was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome, Idaho, at an early age.

Ted enjoyed hunting, fishing, dog racing and hot rods, and he loved to watch all sports, including baseball, football and basketball. He was a caring, patient (at times) and generous man. Ted was very devoted to his family and

especially his mother. He loved to have a good time. Ted worked steadily until a cancer of his chest. Radiation treatments at this time burned his lungs. Complications from this gradually slowed his ability to have a functional life. His lungs became less and less until they stopped.

Ted is survived by his parents, Herbert W. and Mary C. Meyer of Kennewick, Wash.; brothers Val "Rocky" Meyer of Kennewick, Wash., Randy (Jane) Meyer of Nampa, Idaho, and Ronnie Meyer of Baker City, Ore.; nieces and nephews, Chris Meyer, Mark Stephens and Teresa Meyer and their son Caleb, Elizabeth Meyer and her daughter Ariyanna, Dakota Meyer, Jessica Meyer, Judy and her daughters Kolby and Taylor; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and a special friend, Lucia Metzger of Kennewick, Wash. Ted was preceded in death by one brother, Eugene Tony Meyer.

A memorial service was held March 30, 2007, at the Columbia Memorial Funeral Chapel in Pasco, Wash. A second service will be held in Jerome at a later date.

Minidoka County American Red Cross hold blood drive

Times-News

RUPERT — Despite the fact that there were many cases of flu and it was Presidents' Day, the second American Red Cross blood drive of 2007 took place Monday, Feb. 19, at the Rupert Civic Building. A total of 108 residents turned out to net 100 pints. This is very good, however, more people need to participate in order to make the goal of 105 units to supply the needs at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. The following 10 men and women received gallon pints: one gallon, Gene Hansen and Laura Fessenden; two gallons, Dan Lloyd and Norma Claidger; three gallons, Dan O'Donnell; and six gallons, Evelyn Fassett. Organizers offer congratulations to all of the donors for giving the gift of life. Many people participate to make these events happen. The Minidoka Memorial volunteers aided the donors during the drive. Methodist Ladies Organization hosted

and served the canteen. Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks members unloaded and reloaded the Red Cross vans, a committee of six local ladies made the reminder calls to all of the donors, and the Rupert 5th Ward young women delivered posters throughout Minidoka County, and other individuals who always are there to help make the drive a success.

All of the above deserve the thanks of the local residents, organizers say.

They made it possible for everyone in Minidoka County to rest assured that care is being given to their possible needs.

The next drive will be held May 19 at Rupert Civic Building. There is never enough blood to cover the oft-times desperate need. Call Ann to find out the particulars of donating, and also to make an appointment, at 436-1344.

Tammy Ingram donated the prize of a box of chocolates for the free donor drawing which was won by Richard Pfeiffer.

Cassia parade seeks themes

BURLEY — The Cassia County Parade committee announced its annual theme contest. Names submitted need to be related to the general topic of Cassia County

Entertainment. Deadline is April 16. A cash prize of \$50 will be awarded to the person with the winning theme.

Send entries to, Kim Raze, 177 S. 250 E., Burley, ID 83318.

Rock and gem show this weekend

GOODING — The Petrified Watermelon Pickers Club are holding a Rock and Gem Show from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Gooding Recreational Center Gymnasium located on the campus of the Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind, 1450 Main St. Trophies will be awarded for best earth science display

by school group or student. The show will also feature demonstrations, rock dealers, grab bags, silent auctions, door prizes, and displays. Admission is free. The show is being sponsored by Stallknecht-Morgan Construction and Counting House. For more information, call 365-1653 or 324-3700.

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# Task force aims to stop online predators

BOISE (AP) — Federal and state officials have launched a program called Project Safe Childhood designed to protect children from sexual predators on the Internet.

"It is not an exaggeration to say that we are in the midst of an epidemic of sexual exploitation of our children, brought on largely by the Internet and new technology,"

U.S. Attorney Tom Moss said Wednesday at a news conference in Boise to announce the program.

The U.S. Department of Justice program aims to educate parents and teens about Internet dangers, and to increase cooperation among law enforcement agencies in finding and prosecuting child pornographers and

Internet predators.

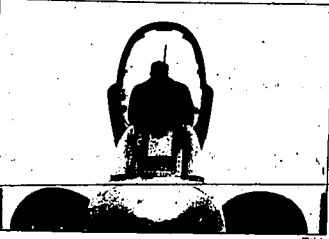
Moss said an estimated 50,000 predators are "trolling for child victims on the Internet" at any given time. The Spokesman-Review reported.

In Idaho, there are 20 such cases being investigated or prosecuted, said Jim Peters, assistant U.S. attorney.

Peters said child pornogra-

phy involves "crime scene photos of children being raped. These are gruesome photos that are being traded over the Internet."

Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said parents can help protect their children from Internet predators by being aware of what their children are doing on the Internet.



Maho Air National Guard Maj. Ron Hodges climbs out of the cockpit of a B-10 Warthog jet following a two-hour training flight Wednesday in Boise. The 1500th Fighter Squadron will be deploying to Iraq in early May.

## Pilot in friendly fire case part of Air Guard deployment to Iraq

BOISE (AP) — About 200 Idaho Air Guard members, including a pilot involved in a 2003 friendly fire incident that drew international attention, are making final preparations for their new mission in Iraq next month.

The airmen are part of the Boise-based 190th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron. Two of the unit's A-10 pilots were involved in the death of British soldier Lance Cpl. Maty Hill.

Hill, 25, was killed and at least four others wounded when at least one U.S. jet fired on his convoy in the southern Iraq city of Basra on March 28, 2003.

The U.S. military hasn't released the names of the A-10 pilots, who were cleared of wrongdoing by the military. But a British inquest found the incident unlawful and the leak of a damaging cockpit video set off a media frenzy earlier this year.

One of the pilots will be deployed next month because of his extensive combat experience. Air Guard spokesman 1st Lt. Tony Vincelli said. The other pilot is retired.

When the squadron returns to Iraq, pilots will fly A-10 Warthogs equipped with a package of new cockpit

technology designed to improve communication with ground commanders and lower the risk of friendly fire mistakes, Vincelli said. The cockpits now feature color display systems, text messaging software and infrared technology for night flights.

"If they can reduce the chance of a friendly fire incident by even 1 percent, it's worth it," Vincelli said.

Some of the pilots will fly the A-10s to Iraq, while others will be transported on civilian and military planes. The squadron will focus on providing close air support for ground troops, Vincelli said. For security reasons, the exact location of the squadron's deployment will not be made public.

For many, the trip overseas is nothing new.

For 1st. Col. Kirk Kingsley, one of the unit's senior pilots, the deployment to Iraq marks his fifth overseas assignment. Although the friendly fire incident is a memory that's impossible to forget, he said it will not affect how the squadron performs its mission.

"Our job is to protect and serve and to (friendly fire) is the worst thing that can happen," Kingsley said.

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Communication with the entire community is key, he said.

"Having the committee in place and educated on what is going on is a way to get that information out to the community," Sheridan said. "It can field questions and gather comments to bring back for discussion."

In other council news, residents will be seeing a special message in upcoming water bills explaining the need for more foster parents in the area.

Jeremy SasserCollins, a foster family coordinator, explained that while Idaho has an 84 percent child-parent reunification rate (well over the 50 percent reunification rate nationally), social ills such as

methamphetamine abuse could lower the score.

"We are hitting a cross point," SasserCollins said. "With the meth problem of the area we are getting sometimes four to six kids at a time that need foster care."

Volunteers are needed, he said, and asked the city for support—encouraging them to insert a message into water bills about the need for foster parents and how they can help.

"I think we'd be happy to that, at the very least," Sheridan said.

Blair Koch, covers the Buhl City Council and can be reached by e-mail at [blairkoch@gmail.com](mailto:blairkoch@gmail.com) or by calling 316-2507.

## SHELTER DONATION



Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteers selected the Mt. Cassia Shelter for Women and Children as a community service project for 2006. Their goal was to support some of the personal hygiene needs for those entering this facility. The volunteers purchased tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo and other items that would fit in a tub bag. Pictured making a donation are Leola Nantzches, vice president; Marjory Nees, president; Pam Harris, director of the Mt. Cassia Shelter for Women and Children; and Lorraine Rogers, treasurer.

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## Idaho Press Tribune appoints new publisher

NAMPA (AP) — The Idaho Press-Tribune is getting a new publisher.

Rick Weaver, 54, will assume his new role in July, the newspaper reported Thursday.

Weaver is currently publisher and president of the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*, of Bozeman, Mont., where he has worked for the last nine years.

Weaver replaces Stephanie Pressly, who served the *Press-Tribune* for 2 1/2 years. Pressly will take over Weaver's post at the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*.

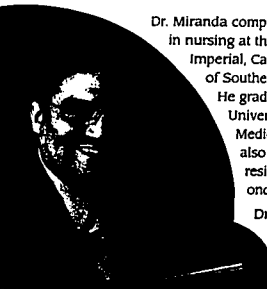
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# Wildlife group eyes voter initiative on elk ranches

POCATELLO (AP) — The president of an Idaho-based wildlife management and conservation group says he's talking with other organizations in the state about the possibility of a voter initiative to ban elk hunting ranches.

Kent Marlor, president of the Idaho Wildlife Federation, said the failure of the Legislature this year to regulate elk ranches has led to the discussion on the voter initiative within the Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Council.

The council is made up of some 30 organizations, most of which deal with hunting and fishing issues. He said they are concerned about such things as domestic elk escaping from the ranches, the possible spread of disease, and fair-game ethics.

"(Lawmakers) didn't even have one bill that made it anywhere near close to passage," Marlor told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Last session, some elk ranchers blocked a plan endorsed by the Idaho Elk Breeders Association that would have licensed elk farms, saying it was a violation of their property rights. More rigorous Democrat-backed plans

also failed, such as one to outlaw shooter bull ranches where wealthy hunters shoot bulls behind high fences.

The Elk Breeders Association did not immediately return a call from the AP on Thursday.

The elk breeding industry is regulated by the state Department of Agriculture. "When I have to be frank about this, I don't think the Department of Agriculture has the ability financially or staff-wise to take care of the problems," Marlor said.

To place an initiative on the ballot, some 46,000 signatures would be needed. Marlor estimates more would be needed after signatures from people who aren't registered to vote are excluded.

"We'd have to go out and collect about 60,000 signatures," Marlor told the Idaho State Journal. "You just can't do something like this half way. These things are not cheap."

If the groups decide to go ahead, they would have until April 30, 2008, to collect the signatures.

Idaho has 78 ranches that raise elk for meat and antler velvet. Seventeen also allow fenced hunts for trophy bulls.

# Search goes on for grizzly bear that attacked man near home in E. Idaho

TETONIA (AP) — Idaho game wardens tried traps, snares and fresh bait, but still came up empty in their first attempt to capture a grizzly bear that mauled an eastern Idaho man this week.

Yet there is evidence suggesting the bear returned to the scene of the attack.

When wardens arrived Thursday morning, they found one of the traps sprung and signs that a freshly planted deer carcass had been eaten, said Steve Schmidt, supervisor for the Idaho Fish and Game Upper Snake River Region.

Timothy Henderson, 33, was reported Thursday from wounds he received when the bear attacked him outside his rural Tetonida home Tuesday night, about five miles from the Idaho-Wyoming border.

Henderson was reported in good condition at an Idaho Falls hospital with deep bite and claw marks

on his head, shoulders, back and buttocks.

Authorities said Henderson was attacked by the bear moments after stepping outside his home to look for his barking dog.

Schmidt said Henderson did the right thing when attacked: He stayed on the ground, curled in a fetal position to protect vital organs, and didn't engage the bear. After the bear left, Henderson walked back to his house and was later flown to the hospital.

Wardens believe the grizzly was attracted by a moose carcass that was found in an area of thick cover about 50 yards behind Henderson's home.

It's the same place wardens laid traps, snares and the

roadkill deer.

"The trapping team is optimistic that the bear will continue to return and feed on the moose and deer carcasses," Schmidt said. "Therefore, efforts to trap the bear will continue in earnest."

Teton County Sheriff Kim Cook said Thursday he was calling in reinforcements to help trap the bear, but won't stage an all-out hunt.

"Ultimately, I don't want to drive it out of the area and become someone else's problem," Cook said.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has the authority to manage grizzly bears, granted the state permission to remove the bear from the wild to protect public safety. No

decision has been made on the animal's future. If it is captured.

Grizzly attacks in Idaho are rare. This was the first since July 3, 2006, when a female grizzly attacked a hiker near the western border of Yellowstone National Park.

Grizzly bears have been protected for decades under the Endangered Species Act, but the federal government has proposed removing them from that list, citing steady increases in the population in and around Yellowstone National Park.

Federal biologists say the bear population has grown from 4 percent to 7 percent a year, since the mid-'90s and that more than 600 grizzlies now live in that region.

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# Prosecutors say Ohio man in alleged bomb plot was dedicated to al-Qaida

By Matt Leisinger  
Associated Press writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Federal authorities say an Ohio man so dedicated to committing violent jihad that he angrily told a fellow al-Qaida member that the terrorist group should never consider scaling back military operations.

In a letter to his future wife, Christopher Paul even reflected on his desire to one day raise "little mujahideen," or holy warriors, according to a federal grand jury indictment.

Paul, 43, a U.S. citizen and Columbus resident, was arrested Wednesday outside his apartment. The indictment announced Thursday charges him with providing material support to terrorists, conspiracy to provide support to terrorists and conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction.

The government alleges that Paul spent years providing money and training to others who would join him in plotting to bomb European tourist sites and U.S. military bases overseas. According to the indictment, he spent time



Paul

Learning hand-to-hand fighting and how to use grenades and assault rifles at an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan in the early 1990s.

Friends say that sounds nothing like the man they know.

"From the things I know, he is a loving husband and he has a wife and parents in town," said Ahmad Al-Akhras, vice chair of the Columbus chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. "They are a good family together."

Al-Akhras said his group will work to make sure Paul's constitutional rights are respected.

The investigation into Paul spanned four years, three continents and at least eight countries, FBI agent Tim Murphy said. Paul could face life in prison if convicted on the weapon of mass destruction charge.

Paul appeared Thursday before U.S. Magistrate Terence Kemp, who set a hearing

Friday on prosecutors' request that Paul be held without bond. Paul's lawyer, Don Wolery, declined comment.

Bill Hunt, first assistant U.S. attorney, declined to say whether any of the alleged plots were carried out. People whom Paul associated with in Europe have been arrested, he said.

A friend of Paul's, Hisham Junhawi, 32, said he found the charges hard to believe.

"I don't think it's even close to his personality to act upon something like that," he said at the courthouse. "He's a very kind person. You would meet him on the street and he would want to hug you with the heart that he has."

The indictment says Paul traveled to Germany about April 1993 to train co-conspirators to use explosives to attack European and U.S. targets, including government buildings and vacation spots frequented by American tourists.

It does not name specific resorts or buildings that might have been targeted, but gives U.S. embassies, military bases and consular premises in Europe as examples.

# New Jersey governor breaks leg, ribs in motorcade crash

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — Gov. Jon S. Corzine underwent surgery Thursday night after suffering several broken ribs and a broken leg when his motorcade was involved in a car accident, a doctor said.

A trooper and an aide to the governor also were injured in the crash, which happened shortly after 6 p.m. on the Garden State Parkway. All three were taken to Cooper University Hospital in Camden.

Dr. Steven Ross, head of trauma for the hospital, said at a news conference that Corzine was still in surgery for the break to his left leg around 10 p.m. EDT Thursday night. He was in critical condition, authorities said, but his injuries were not considered life-threatening.

State Senate President Richard Codey will serve as acting governor while Corzine is hospitalized.

The crash occurred when a pickup truck on the right

shoulder of the highway swerved then came back onto the highway, said State Police Superintendent Rick Fuentes. Another pickup in the right lane swerved into the passenger side of the sport utility vehicle.



Corzine

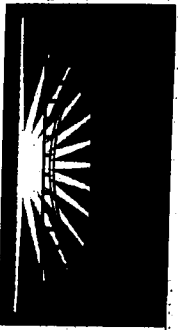
which Corzine was riding, he said.

"It looks as if the trooper did a tremendous job doing what he could to maintain control of that vehicle," Fuentes said.

The condition of the trooper and the aide were not immediately available.

At the time of the crash, the governor was on his way from Atlantic City to his mansion in Princeton to take part in the meeting between Don Imus and the Rutgers University women's basketball team.

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# Officials say gonorrhea is increasingly drug-resistant

By In-Rul Cheung  
Los Angeles Times

Highly drug-resistant gonorrhea has been spreading rapidly across the U.S. and new accounts for 13 percent of all cases of the sexually transmitted disease, federal researchers said Thursday.

In a survey of 26 areas around the country, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found particularly high rates of drug resistance in Long Beach, Calif., Orange County, Calif., San Diego, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Honolulu.

Drug-resistant infections accounted for at least 25 percent of all cases in those areas.

"That's a really dramatic trajectory in terms of emerging resistance," said Dr. John M. Douglas Jr., director of the CDC's Division of Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention.

The CDC on Thursday urged doctors to stop using a powerful class of antibiotics — fluoroquinolones — that until now has been the primary treatment for the disease in most parts of the country.

The agency now recommends a single class of antibiotics known as cephalosporins.

"We have a very efficient class of drugs left, but if they go away and resistance marches on to other antibiotics, then we're really in trouble," Douglas said.

Gonorrhea, caused by the bacterium *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, is the second most commonly reported infectious disease in the U.S. after chlamydia.

In 2005, about 340,000 cases were reported.

The disease can lead to severe complications in women, including infertility. It also increases the risk of acquiring other sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.

Gonorrhea can be treated with antibiotics, but the bacterium has been developing resistance to the first drugs to fight it when introduced in the 1930s.

The CDC began recommending fluoroquinolones in 1993. Around 2000, fluoroquinolone-resistant gonorrhea began emerging in Hawaii and California.

Health officials believe it originated in East and Southeast Asia and spread through the U.S. first among gay men and then heterosexuals.

Hawaii and California soon asked doctors to stop using fluoroquinolones because of drug-resistant forms of the disease continued to spread.

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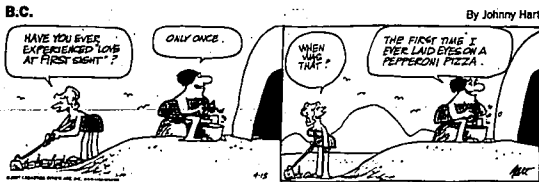
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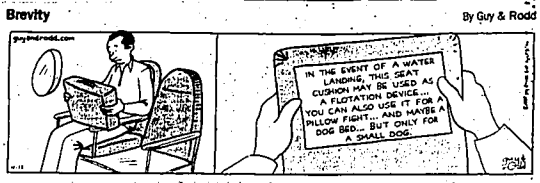
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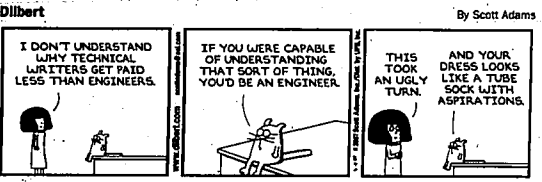
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Charity begins at home, Virgo

IF APRIL 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Between now and the end of July, take care of existing obligations to the best of your ability—but don't sign contracts, add to your debt load or begin any important new project. By August your street smarts and street credit hit a high note. However, for the best success, plan to start new enterprises, move to a new home or start a new job in November. Whoever or whatever enters your life in November could be extremely beneficial over the long term. By the spring of 2008, your life may revolve around an important romantic relationship or a new job.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can't play both sides against the middle. The only reason to avoid ladders and black cats is so they don't distract you from a favorite pastime. Stick to what makes you happy.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): If you possess certain high-minded principles, then stick to them. Buy things of good taste or great beauty and you will be pleased with the results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Wish upon a star. Belief in things you don't understand or

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can't see could be called faith—or superstition. No matter which choice you make people will be glad to hear your views.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): A loved one might need to honor an old debt but that might leave you feeling left out or abused. There is no reason to make a mountain out of a tiny molehill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): No apologies, no regrets. You may be called upon to go the extra mile for a friend. If you start quarreling about what a shadow on the wall represents, you can lose sight of the substance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Charity begins at home. Benevolent instincts make it easy to forgive those who have not been fair. Strike a compromise and be generous if you want to fatten your hungry piggy bank.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take the high road when dealing with questions of moral standards or ethics. You will earn respect and help your reputation by adhering to your convictions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The truth shall set you free. All you must do is act honestly and sincerely. People will be more likely to grant favors or give you a recommendation if under these celestial conditions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make a choice. The past can affect the present only to the extent that you allow it to. You may let the past become a building block in a firm foundation or a bad and chain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A certain friendship may have reached its expiration date. Don't tempt fate by trying to breathe life into a dead issue. Group activities or public causes can create extra responsibilities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Culture warriors curvy spars. If your traditionalist upbringing is colliding with progressive beliefs, you could experience internal conflict. Find ways to strike a happy compromise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): On this Friday the 13th, you might hear news that lightens your heart or overhear something that brightens your day. A new acquaintance may offer prophetic advice.

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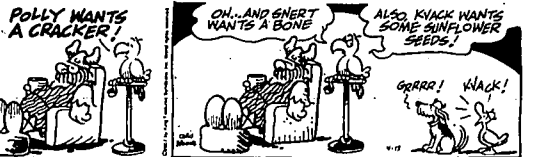
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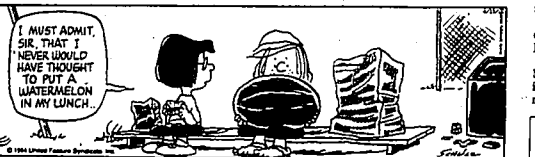
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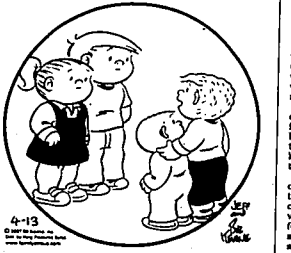
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By Hank Ketchum



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

By Bill Keane



# Young man won't stop moping after losing love of his life



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** One of my sons, "Clayton," is his cat's 20s — tall, slim, handsome and intelligent. He dated a girl in high school, "Julie," who was the love of his life. They broke up and got back together several times, until she finally moved on and married a nice young man. Clayton graduated from college and has a well-paying job. The problem is, all he does is go to work and stay in his room watching TV (yes, he's still at home with my wife and me) until it's time to go back to work. Really, does he even eat dinner with us.

He does go to church on Sunday mornings, but speaks to no one, even though people try to talk to him. Several people his age, male and female, have approached him trying to strike up a conversation, but he is rude to them and won't even say hello.

He refuses to go to restaurants with us because he "might see someone" he knows. He says that Julie was the only girl for him, and it's not Julie then he isn't interested in anyone — ever. Any suggestions? We don't necessarily want him to date if he doesn't want to, just to have some friends, male or female, and get a life.

— **DISTURBED DAD IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DEAR DISTURBED DAD:** I do have one. Your son needs

some professional counseling in order to get on with his life. The behavior you have described is not normal. Clayton could be chronically depressed or even mentally ill. Please don't let the status quo continue any longer. See that he gets the help he needs.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a single, 32-year-old woman with an older sister who has 12 grandchildren from her three kids.

No matter how hard I try to be fair to all the kids, their parents and grandmothers get angry at me for splitting the children into groups and not taking them all together all the time.

I try to split up the outings into age-appropriate activities, but that apparently isn't good enough. They insist that I am not being entirely fair to the group.

Abby, I admit I sometimes am a bit of a jerk, particularly the three soon-to-be-teenage girls, over for slumber parties a little more often than I do the others — but that's because they are growing too old to want to spend

time with their aunt, and I want to take advantage of whatever precious time I have left with them. The little ones will have their turn as pre-teens, too.

Is there something wrong with splitting them up into smaller groups so I can spend more time with each instead of simply baby-sitting or playing referee? Am I asking too much to expect the parents of the younger children (ages 7 and under) to explain to them that they are just too little to go some place with the promise of an outing just for them?

If you think I'm being unfair, I'll have to stop all the slumber parties because I just can't handle all the kids' tantrums, not if you agree with me. How do I get their parents to chill out?

— **FRUSTRATED AUNT IN INDIANA**

**DEAR FRUSTRATED AUNT:** There's an old saying, "There are none so blind as those who will not see." In other words, you can't force people to accept something they will not accept.

You don't need to be sorry for your "shortcomings," which seem perfectly reasonable to me. Entertain the kids as often as you can, comfortable with, and stop apologizing. From where I'm sitting, you are a loving and attentive aunt, and the children are lucky to have you in their lives.

# Pope preaches in Sarajevo, 1997

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 13, the 103rd day of the year. There are 262 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On April 13, 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

**On this date:**  
In 1598, King Henry IV of France endorsed the Edict of Nantes, which granted rights to the Protestant Huguenots. (The edict was revoked in 1685 by King Louis XIV, who declared France entirely Catholic again.)  
In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland.  
In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born.  
In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded in New York. (The original museum opened in 1872.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Movie director Stanley Donen is 83. Former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., is 74. Actor Ed Waggner is 72. Actor Edward Fox is 70. Playwright Lanford Wilson is 70. Actor Paul Sorvino is 68. Movie and TV composer Bill Conti is 65. Rock musician Jack Casady is 63. Actor Tony Dow is 62. Singer Al Green is 61. Actor Peter Onofri is 57. Actor William Sadler is 57. Singer Pablo Bryson is 56. "L.A. Night" host Conan O'Brien\* band leader/rock musician Max Weinberg is 56. Bluegrass singer-musician Sam Bush is 55. Rock musician Jimmy Destri (Blondie) is 53. Singer-musician Louis Johnson (The Brothers Johnson) is 52. Comedian Gary Kroeger is 50. Actress Sandra Santiago is 50. Rock musician Joey Kramer is 49. Actor Lou Wagner is 42. Rock musician Marc Ford is 41. Reggae singer Capleton is 40. Actor Rick Schroder is 37. Singer Lou Bega is 32. Actor-producer Glenn Howerton is 31. Actor Courtney Peldon is 26. Pop singer Nellie McKay is 25.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.  
In 1957, the jury-deliberation movie drama "12 Angry Men," starring Henry Fonda, opened in New York.  
In 1959, American pianist Van Cliburn won the first Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition in Moscow.  
In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for "Lilies of the Field."  
In 1966, Pope John Paul II visited a Rome synagogue in the first recorded papal visit of its kind.  
In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago

River.  
Ten years ago: With tanks, sharpshooters and thousands of police deployed to protect him, the pope's first public appearance in Sarajevo. He preached forgiveness during a mass in Sarajevo. Figer Woods became the youngest person to win the Masters tournament, but if you agree with me, how do I get their parents to chill out?

Five years ago: Venezuela's interim president, Rafael Ángel Calderón, resigned a day after taking office in the face of protests by thousands of supporters of the ousted president, Hugo Chávez.  
One year ago: Confessed al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussawi expressed no remorse for his role in the Sept. 11 attacks as he took the stand for the second time in his death-penalty trial in Alexandria, Va. British author Dame Muriel Spark died in Florence, Italy, at age 88.

## THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"The true test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops — no, but the kind of man the country turns out."  
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

For a defensive challenge today, I suggest you cover the South and East hands, then defend as West against four hearts. You lead the club king, on which East contributes the two. Since partner has agreed to give count on the lead of a king, you know that East has either a queen or club. What should you do now? At the table West felt he knew the exact distribution of the two unseen hands, so was able to cash the diamond ace, give his partner a diamond ruff, and take a club return to the ace, give a second diamond ruff, taking the contract two down.

How did West know that his partner held a singleton diamond? The key was that East-West were using weak two-bids in the majors. East was relatively unlikely to have six spades; otherwise, he would have opened with a weak two — especially at this vulnerability.

So South had four spades. She could not have five spades and four hearts, as then she would have opened one spade rather than one no-trump. South was known to hold four hearts, leaving two for East. Since East had an odd number of clubs, he had to have three, three, or four. If East had only three clubs, then South would have four clubs, along with four hearts and four spades, would leave only a singleton diamond. But a 4-4-4-4 shape would not constitute an opening one-no-trump bid. Therefore, East had five spades, five clubs, two hearts — and only one diamond.

WEST	NORTH
♠ 2	♠ J 9 8 6
♥ 10 9 8	♥ J 3
♦ A 10 2	♦ Q 6 5
♣ A K 10 4	♣ J 9 7 5 2
	SOUTH
	♠ A 10 7 5
	♥ A K 4 2
	♦ K 7 3
	♣ Q 3

Vulnerable: North-South  
Deal: East

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1NT Pass 2♥ Pass  
2♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Club king

BID WITH THE ACEN			
South holds:			
♠	A 10 7 5		
♥	A K 4 2		
♦	K 7 3		
♣	Q 3		
South West North East			
Deal	Pass	2♥	Pass
	Pass	4♥	All pass

ANSWER: I suggest that passing is your best action here. You have some extras, but not enough reason to bid on when your partner has heard you double and has denied any real game interest. If you consider a typical decent hand considering you say a Q-J fourth of hearts and the spade king — you are high enough already. And who is to say partner has that much?

Thought for Today: "In most things success depends on knowing how long it takes to succeed." — Charles Louis de Montesquieu, French philosopher (1689-1755).

WORLD

# Taiwanese zoo worker has arm reattached after crocodile attack

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A zoo worker had his forearm reattached Thursday after his colleagues recovered the severed limb from the mouth of a 440-pound Nile crocodile, an official said.

The crocodile severed Chang Po-yu's forearm on Wednesday at the Shaoshan Zoo in the

southern city of Kaohsiung when the veterinarian tried to retrieve a tranquilizer dart from the reptile's hide, zoo officials said.

The Liberty Times newspaper said Chang failed to notice the crocodile was not fully anesthetized when he stuck his arm through an iron rail to med-

icate it. As Chang was rushed to the hospital on Wednesday, a zoo worker shot two bullets at the crocodile's neck to retrieve the forearm, said Chen Po-tsun, a zoo official.

"The crocodile was unharmed as we didn't find any bullet holes on its hide," Chen said.



A Taiwanese policeman lives at a crocodile after it bit off the lower left arm of a veterinarian in an attempt to recover the lost limb, unseen, Wednesday at the Shaoshan Zoo in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.



British Broadcasting Corporation correspondent Alan Johnston is seen in this undated photo taken in the Gaza Strip. Johnston, a native of Scotland, was abducted at gunpoint in Gaza City on March 12.

## TV networks run joint program calling for release of kidnapped BBC journalist

By Mohammad Dargham  
Associated Press writer

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Three international news networks held a joint broadcast Thursday calling for the release of BBC journalist Alan Johnston a month after he was kidnapped by Palestinian gunmen in Gaza City.

The 25-minute broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corp., Al-Jazeera and Sky News — with a contribution from CNN — was part of a day of public events meant to put pressure on the kidnapers, including an appeal from Johnston's father to "let my son go. Now. Today."

Alan Johnston, a Scotland native who was abducted at gunpoint March 12, has been held longer than any other foreigner kidnapped in Gaza. Johnston, the only foreign reporter based in Gaza, was snatched just weeks before he was scheduled to end his three-year stint there. There has been no sign from him since, and no word from his captors.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas told the BBC on Wednesday he had "credible evidence that Alan was safe and well." BBC director general Mark Thompson said during a news conference in Ramallah Thursday.

Abbas aide Saeb Erekat said the Palestinian president had been reassured that Johnston was alive, and Abbas "is exerting every possible effort to ensure his release."

"I have never been more ashamed as a Palestinian than when I feel torn with the continued abduction of Johnston," Erekat said.

The so-called "Day of Action" on behalf of Johnston was organized by the BBC to ensure that his plight is not forgotten.

In a morning news conference in London, the journalist's father, Graham Johnston, read an appeal to those holding him.

"You have families. Please think about what this is doing to my family," he said.

He also told his son not to worry about his family and to maintain hope.

"Chin up, my son," he said.

Later, the BBC, Sky and Al-Jazeera English cut into their regular programming in the afternoon for a joint broadcast focusing on Johnston.

The 25-minute commercial-free live broadcast was anchored by Jeremy Bowen, the BBC's Middle East editor, from the main square in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

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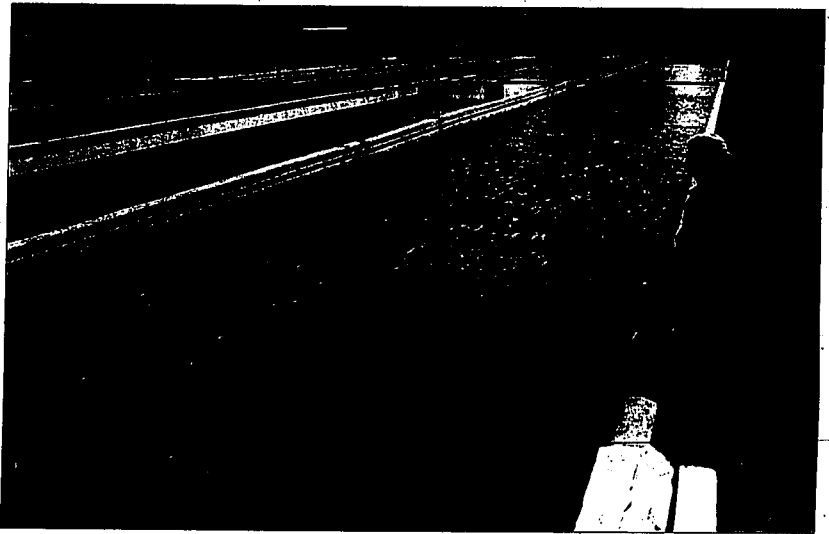
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Blessed by spring water at a near-perfect 59 degree temperature, the facility can grow lots of fish to help enhance the supply. Originally constructed in the late 1940s, the department's largest state trout hatchery annually produces around 3.2 million fish, ranging from fingerlings to catchables, which stock Idaho's streams, lakes and reservoirs.

According to the Hagerman hatchery's manager Joe Chapman, nearly all the fish that go through the facility arrive from somewhere else as fertilized eggs. These "eyed" eggs are incubated in small raceways inside a covered building. After hatching and upon achieving a certain size, the tiny fish are promoted to larger outside "nursery" raceways, and then finally graduate to the largest concrete containmentments, all with that nurturing spring water flowing around them.

As might be expected, the species most well represented at the hatchery is the rainbow trout. Bred such that the offspring are triploid, or having an extra set of chromosomes, these trout cannot reproduce themselves or breed with wild fish upon release.

In the last several years, a "yel-



Hatchery Manager Joe Chapman studies soon-to-be released 'yellow' rainbow trout.

### Story and photos by Mike Cothorn

low" rainbow trout has been obtained from a local private hatchery. Exactly the same but for the color, this trout has become widely popular due to the fact it's more visible to anglers, and when landed, receives lots of "oohs" and "aahs" for its uniqueness.

Other species fill more specialized niches. Half a million coho salmon are usually shipped to Cascade Reservoir each year. They head out in two bunches: four-inch fish leave in the spring and seven-inchers make a fall departure.

An exotic fish from Pennsylvania,

the tiger muskie, is used primarily to control over-populated brook trout waters throughout the state. These fierce predators, a sterile cross between northern pike and muskie, can be found locally in Dog Creek Reservoir.

Regardless of the species raised at the hatchery, all require constant supervision and monitoring from the first day they arrive until they reach their final destination. Bacteria, viruses, and other sicknesses can move rapidly through the concentrated populations and can cause serious mortality in a short amount of time.

Chapman points out other threats not related to sickness. Coho, a schooling fish, can in certain situations pack themselves so closely together that many may suffocate. A change in diet at crit-

ical periods can also make the tiger muskie, already cannibalistic, turn to each other more readily as a food source.

Once ready to be transported to public waters, many factors influence any species' shipping date. While most fish are released in the spring, they cannot just be trucked

out after a few warm March days stimulate anglers' desires. The water temperature at the release sites needs to be at least 42 degrees, which sometimes arrives later than desired, at least for Chapman. By April, he's usually

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Dakota Nelson shows off his family's efforts at catching the stocking program's end product.



The predatory tiger muskie is often raised for placement into over-stocked brook trout water.

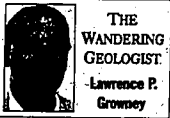


Marlee Cox and great-grandchildren Caytan and Calston view large rainbow trout, muskie, and sturgeon at the hatchery's showpond.

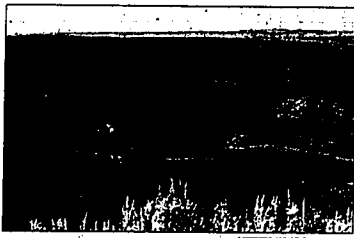
OUTDOORS

# Basalt lava abundant in Bennett Hills

A large area of dissected basalt lava flows can be found in the Bennett Hills between Bliss and Hill City. This is a landscape of broad, tilting surfaces and near-vertical crevasses dipping uphill to a crest of nearly 7,000 feet.



THE WANDERING GEOLOGIST  
— Lawrence P. Grouney



A view to the south across the west edge of the collapsed lava bridge.

Access to this area is afforded by the Clover Creek Road that runs between Bliss and Hill City. The road traverses basalt flows to about 5,400 feet where it crosses the basalt/ryholite contact zone and rises the rest of the way to the pass, at 5,750 feet, over rhyolite.

At the confluence of Clover and Squaw Creeks, the uppermost rhyolite is a nearly white, loose to slightly compacted altered pumice ash resting on a thick series of welded rhyolite flows and buried under one or two thin basalt flows. Due to its higher erosion, the ash unit forms more gradual slopes while the basalt and rhyolite form near vertical cliffs.

It appears that Squaw Creek had carved a narrow valley with a central deeper canyon

about thirty feet deep parallel to and just west of its present course before the basalt was erupted.

This old channel did not cut entirely through the soft ash which at this location was about one hundred feet thick. When the basalt erupted from a volcano just to the west and flowed across this area, it blanketed the surface with a layer about twelve to fifteen feet thick except where it filled the old channel and valley. Where it filled the channel, the basalt created a north-south oriented linear pile just over thirty feet thick and a thinning wedge away from the channel toward the west. Squaw Creek reestablished its canyon further to the east where it is found today, eventually cutting

through the soft ash and into the welded rhyolite below.

The history of Clover Creek above its confluence with Squaw Creek is a little less clear. It almost appears that the present course of Clover Creek didn't even exist until after the eruption of the lava that filled the Squaw Creek channel.

The redirected Clover Creek, now flowing east instead of south, was required to flow across the lava-filled canyon and valley of Squaw Creek. The thick lava "dam" would have created a waterfall in the channel of Clover Creek that would have produced churning at its base, scouring out the ash to create a cave beneath the basalt dam.

Once the dam was under-

mined, Clover Creek continued to erode the loose ash out from under the lava dam valley-fill portion of the basalt cover as the removal of the ash continued upstream under the basalt. This would have created a large void under the basalt and a lava bridge may have existed for a short period of time until enough of the ash had been removed that the whole thing collapsed.

Visiting the site today, you can see the large blocks of basalt lying in the Clover Creek canyon and, looking closely, you may be able to see small patches of the underlying soft, light-colored ash peeking between the blocks in places. Looking at the mesa that forms the north canyon wall, notice how the valley-fill portion of the basalt thins to the west away from the thick canyon fill nearer Squaw Creek. This may define the limit of the old Squaw Creek stream valley.

There is no obvious route to the overlook. If you have a map of the area, the closest trailhead point is where the road curves to the west and then a half mile walk across sage and basalt.

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# Jerome rod, gun club holds Sunday event

JEROME — The Jerome Rod and Gun Club will hold a shoot on Sunday. Competition begins with a 9 a.m. sign-up, and a shotgun start at 10.

This is a 100-target event. Cost is \$20 for members, \$23 for non-members; \$14 for juniors under 18; and \$17 for non-member juniors.

First-timers who have never shot sporting clays at Jerome Gun Club get their first 50 targets free.

The club is located ¼ mile east of Highway 93, mile marker 64, or 11 miles north of the junction of Highway 93 and I-84.

On Saturday shoot that will end on April 7, was a great success.

Thanks to all who made this possible. The club will begin its second annual Sporting Clays league on Saturday, April 21. It consists of 300 targets that are shot over six weeks. This event is on Saturdays only, with 50 targets per week. Individual scores per week, and team scores, will be tallied.

Our next scheduled shoot will be May 5. For more information, call Kenny Siemens at 733-6045.

## Outdoor briefs

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## St. Helens presentation takes place at museum

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho geology professor Shawn Wilsey will present "Mount St. Helens: Then and Now" at the Herrett Forum at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Rick Allen Community Room at the Herrett Center on the CSI Campus.

Wilsey, an avid outdoorsman and rock climber in addition to his CSI responsibilities, has studied Mount St. Helens extensively since the eruption in 1980 that re-awakened Washington state's volcano.

"I have seen some dramatic changes occur in the crater over the past 14 years, and I'll have some photos from my ascent of the mountain last August," Wilsey said of his presentation. He also will talk about the 2304 eruption and other volcanoes in the Cascade Range.

Admission is free, and the public is invited. The Herrett Forum is sponsored by the Idaho Humanities Council and local partners.

## Parks and Rec slates three outdoor events

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department has planned three events for outdoors enthusiasts.

A geological tour will take participants to a site that exposes them to nearly the entire geologic history of the Snake River Plain in less than a mile. In a two-mile round-trip walk on a sandy road is required to reach the area. Participants should bring a snack and plenty of fluids and meet at 10 a.m. April 28 at the parks and recreation office, 136 Maxwell Ave. Cost is \$35. Pre-registration is required.

A one-day scuba diving workshop will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. April 21 at the Twin Falls City Pool. Participants, who must be at least 8 years old, will learn the basics of scuba diving. A professional instructor will have an opportunity to try scuba diving. Cost is \$20. Register at the parks and recreation office.

## Audubon society to discuss changes in soil

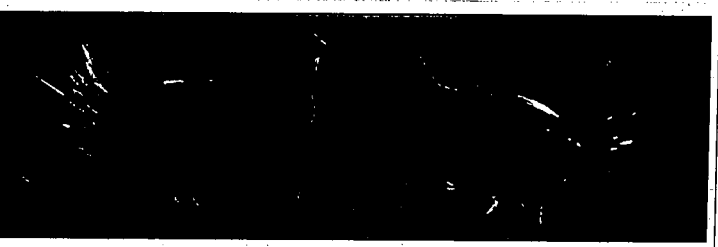
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Two sage grouse roosters on the periphery of the "Mating Grounds" where grouse come to mate, challenge each other for hens, March 25, south of Rockland. According to Dave Delehanty, an associate professor of Biology at Idaho State University, an elaborate dance performed each spring by male sage grouse is part of a process known as sexual selection. It entails passing on traits that don't offer an immediate survival benefit but have a reproductive advantage.

# Dance of the sage grouse

By Bill Schaefer  
Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — Blame it on the female for the male's extreme behavior. According to Dave Delehanty, an associate professor of biology at Idaho State University, an elaborate dance performed each spring by male sage grouse is part of a process known as sexual selection. It entails passing on traits that don't offer an immediate survival benefit but have a reproductive advantage.

At first sight, it seems too strange and absurd. Here in the Curlew National Grasslands, 20 miles south of Rockland, out in the middle of what was once Idaho's undisturbed sagebrush steppe, now lies a combination of sagebrush, cheatgrass and barren patches where cattle graze on grasses and slake their thirst.

It is here and throughout the high deserts of the West that sage grouse roosters and hens play out a spring ritual as old as the hills that line the Curlew

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Valley. It is in these dancing grounds, called leks, that the sage grouse come to mate. The roosters put on a show of extraordinary plumage, inflating and popping their air sacs, all to impress the fickle hens, hoping to be chosen as a mate.

According to Delehanty, the female is in charge of the mating ritual. That is why sage grouse behavior is so extreme. They (males) can't force a female to pick him. They have to compel a female to pick him. Females make the mating decision," Delehanty said while discussing grouse behavior on the lek.

"The grouse mating system is called lek polygyny, one male and many females. Females will often select the same male," Delehanty

said. "One male will often get 80 percent or more of the copulation on the lek."

In the hierarchy of a lek, there will be an alpha male that attracts a majority of the females, and the other males will surround the alpha's lek and try to catch the eyes of the females with their dancing. Hens will breed after the first winter of life but males typically do not have the size, stamina or social dominance for two to three years.

"It takes a few years for the male to work through that system to occupy the center position," Delehanty said.

Each rooster's lek measures a few square meters. Lek is a Swedish word meaning "to play." In a lek, the roosters gather to advertise and attract females to breed. The hens

come to observe the roosters and examine the health and physiological quality of the roosters by their dancing.

"But these are tough days for sage grouse survival. A lek these days is lucky to have 20-30 roosters whereas pioneer observers reported seeing leks of 200-300 roosters.

It is estimated that more than 90 percent of the sage grouse historical range has been converted from sage steppe to agricultural use. According to Delehanty, sage grouse persistently return to the site of their leks.

"In Bancroft they built a road over a lek, and the birds still return to the site," Delehanty said.

Habitat loss, habitat degradation and habitat fragmentation, combined with West Nile virus, and a population boom of ravens, have impacted present sage grouse populations.

"I think that Idahoans should cherish and protect their sagebrush steppe. If we value our wildlife heritage," Delehanty said.

## Sun Valley closes season; fewer skiers hit slopes

SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley's 71st ski season closed April 8. A total of 362,317 skier visits were logged for the season.

In 2006, the resort posted its most successful year with 420,517 skier visits in 152 days. This season lasted 137 days.

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# Number of federal workers cut at National Bison Range

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is reducing the number of federal workers at Montana's National Bison Range, citing a lack of funding, and is moving some of the animals to federal reserves in other states.

The decisions complicate the relationship between the federal government and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, which own the rangeland.

In December, the Interior Department abruptly canceled an interim plan that had allowed the tribe a role in managing the range. Later that month, the

department reversed that decision, saying it would re-establish that relationship in 2007, under certain conditions.

But the new contract is still being negotiated, according to the Interior Department, leaving future control of the range up in the air.

"We don't have a contract right now," said Dean Rundle, a refuge supervisor for the Fish and Wildlife Service. "Because the range is currently under federal supervision, it is eligible for nationwide cuts in staffing within the National Wildlife Refuge System."

Rundle said the government has currently authorized 17.5 jobs on the range. The cuts, effective immediately, will bring the number of full-time employees down to 6.3.

Because many of the current jobs are vacant and some workers are planning to change jobs anyway, Rundle said, the agency will not have to lay off any workers. Temporary and seasonal workers will pick up the slack, he said.

In a statement, Mitch King, the agency's Mountain-Prarie regional director, said the range has "played an

essential role in the conservation of American bison for nearly a century."

"It is important, however, to remember that the National Wildlife Refuge System is constantly changing and adapting to meet the nation's conservation challenges, including operational realities that require we focus on our core mission and trust responsibilities," King said. "The changes at the range reflect this reality."

The Fish and Wildlife Service began moving some of the bison among ranges late last year, to better manage the bison.

## Idaho F&G plans carp rule changes

BOISE (AP) — Commercial fishermen would sometimes be able to use gill nets to fish for carp under new rules proposed by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Under the proposal, the department director would be able to approve the use of gill nets by commercial fishermen for some species, including carp. The gill nets would only be used for nongame species and

the nets would have to be clearly marked with buoys and emptied at least once every 16 hours. The net fishing would only be allowed on a case-by-case basis after the director determined that the targeted fish was the primary species in the water and that other methods of catching the fish were not required.

The department is accepting public comment on the proposed change, officials said.

— compiled from staff reports



# Poachers beware. California has a ... CSI team for wildlife

By Rene Tempest  
Los Angeles Times

ORICK, Calif. — An hour before dusk, when the redwood shadows on the popular Brown Creek hiking trail are long and dark, a mountain lion spring from a huckleberry bush. Jim Hamm's back, gripped his face with giant claws and tore at the back of his skull with its fangs.

Looking at the ghastly photographs a few hours later, wildlife forensics specialist Jim Banks shook his head. "Damn near scalped him," Banks muttered.

Miraculously, Hamm, 70, survived, largely because of the courageous intervention of his wife, Nell, a slightly built 65-year-old who struck the mountain lion repeatedly with a heavy branch and stabbed it with a ballpoint pen until it released its hold.

After the attack, hunters summoned to the scene in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park north of Eureka had shot and killed two mountain lions. The urgent task for Banks and his colleague, geneticist Jeff Rodzen, was to determine if one of them was the attacker.

Like the popular TV crime show, Banks and Rodzen form a kind of wildlife CSI team, cracking cases in their state Department of Fish and Game forensics laboratory outside Sacramento, the state capital.

In 1995, the lab became one of the first state wildlife facilities in the country to use DNA evidence to positively identify wild animals that attack humans and livestock, and to prosecute poachers.

In recent years, Banks, 69, and Rodzen, 31, have used DNA to track illegally harvested bear gallbladders and Sacramento River sturgeon caviar thieves. Having built a comprehensive DNA file on the state's deer population, their next project is to genetically map depleted red abalone populations.

In animal-attack cases, their work exonerates animals nearly as often as it convicts them.

In fact, one of the first things that worried Banks about the Jan. 24 mountain lion attack was that it would spawn a wave of false reports in other parts of California. Sometimes, he said, these are covers for human foul play. A number of alleged bear and mountain lion attacks that Banks has investigated over the years actually turned out to be homicides.

In one 2003 incident in Trinity County, officials were trying to classify the victim as a mountain lion casualty. The man, found partly devoured on an alpine ledge, supposedly had been a hunter. But when Banks examined the scene, he noticed that the dead man was wearing tennis shoes instead of boots and had no backpack for his supplies and ammunition. The body was surrounded by a bear and coyote scat, but none from a mountain lion.

Banks recommended an autopsy — and the grateful coroner discovered three bullet holes in the man's head. The carnage to the body was done by coyotes and bears after his death.

In Jim Hamm's case, the type of perpetrator was never in question. According to game warden Paul Welden, the first on the scene, the mountain lion or mountain lions were still lurking nearby.

Welden and a park ranger walked into the darkened forest, each carrying a flashlight and a 12-gauge shotgun. Welden was startled when the ranger blurred suddenly. "I've got eyes in the bushes right here."

Soon, both men saw a mountain lion moving in the huckleberries and ferns only 30 feet away.

They contacted local professional hunters Jace Comfort and Blue Millsap, and Millsap released his coonhounds into the woods. The dogs treed two mountain lions, a male and a female, both of whom Millsap killed with his .30-30 rifle.

But until blood, hair and saliva samples taken from the mountain lions and the victim



Wildlife forensics specialist Jim Banks, left, and geneticist Jeff Rodzen examine dead terns at their Fish and Game laboratory outside Sacramento, Calif. The lab uses DNA evidence to positively identify wild animals that attack humans and livestock, and to prosecute poachers.

could be matched, supervising game warden Lt. Rick Banko had to assume that a dangerous big cat was still at large. He closed the section of the popular state park where the attack occurred.

Another warden, Paul Cardoza, drove all night in his pickup to reach the forensics lab with the first Millsap kill — the 68-pound mountain lioness — and Hamm's blood-soaked clothing and backpack. He was waiting outside the Fish and Game gate in Rancho Cordova when Banks and Rodzen arrived the next morning.

"The mountain lioness measured 6 feet 6 inches from tail tip to head," Wearing surgical gloves, the two investigators hovered over the cat's body, stretched out on a stainless-steel table in the lab's necropsy room. They swabbed samples from the lioness' mouth and chest and from under the leathery folds of skin at the base of her retractable claws.

"Cats are meticulous about cleaning themselves," Banks explained, "but they have trouble reaching this area around their claws. If we find human blood, this is the most likely place."

Banks had hoped there might be some obvious physical sign linking the lioness or the larger male lion — who arrived later in the day on a Fish and Game plane — to the attack. The investigators had the bent ballpoint pen that Nell Hamm had used to fend off the attack but could find no mark on either animal.

"This could be a tough one," Banks said.

"A real whodunit," said state wildlife veterinarian Pamela Swift, who ordered both animals tested for rabies.

Inside the Fish and Game regional headquarters on the American River east of Sacramento, opinion was divided among those who thought the attacker was the lioness, the lion — or neither.

Banks, who has 35 years' experience in criminal and wildlife forensics, favored the lioness. Swift was betting on the male.

The wildlife detectives knew that a lot was at stake. A speedy determination would keep public fears in check. It might even save the lives of other

mountain lions. "If we don't get the right cat," said Swift, "then everyone out there will be packing guns and shooting cats and claiming self-protection."

For Banks and Rodzen, the first step toward solving the mystery was to determine whether human blood was on one of the mountain lions.

When the scientists arrived at the lab the next morning, they had the good news they had hoped for — and they had narrowed the investigation to a single mountain lion.

The human antibodies had reacted to all of the samples from the mountain lioness. The male lion's samples were negative.

Based on this result, Banks was able to call game warden Banko at Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata, where Jim Hamm was being treated for his wounds.

"We are now certain that it is the female lion," Banks told him. "Most of her front paws had human blood. We don't know for sure yet that it is the victim's blood, but what are the chances of a lion walking around with another human's blood on its paw?"

The results were enough to reopen the trail and reassure the public. "Once we had this, I knew we were golden," Banko said.

Several days later, DNA samples tested at the Fish and Game lab and, for extra confirmation, at UCLA's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, produced conclusive evidence.

It fit found on Hamm's shirt was from the mountain lioness. Blood found on the lioness' chest and paws matched Hamm's. "Everything turned out as we expected," Banks said.

Banks' introduction of forensic science into wildlife management has made him a hero to the state's 250 game wardens — and the bane of poachers. Today, wardens say, most poachers faced with DNA evidence just plead guilty.

"Jim Banks is God," said Welden, who works out of Crescent City. "When Jim gives an answer, it is the answer. When Jim says it, it is the truth."

Before Banks and DNA, said Banko, "All we had was a gut

feeling that some poacher had left behind. Now we can say for sure that it is the same animal as the meat we find in someone's freezer. It's changed the whole ballgame."

Over the last decade, Banks and Rodzen have used DNA evidence to break elk poaching rings, round up sturgeon caviar collectors on the Sacramento River and investigate the mysterious drowning of several hundred immature terns in Long Beach Harbor.

They also conducted a major DNA study of the state's deer population that allows them to determine within a few miles the home habitat of a slain deer. In the next year, faced with the proposed reopening of commercial abalone fishing on San Miguel Island off the Oregon to the Mexican border, Science has made a believer out of Ronnie Vaughn, a 39-year-old Orick resident who was one of the first poachers convicted in California through DNA evidence.

Vaughn's case dates to 1995, when the head of a protected Roosevelt elk was found on the beach outside Orick. Banko, then a junior warden, was assigned the case but was at a dead end until someone tipped him off that Vaughn was serving elk steaks at his Orick home.

Banko went to Vaughn's trailer park home, where he found a "bloody elk steak" on a plate inside the refrigerator. At the lab, Banks was able to match the DNA from the steak with the head found on the beach.

"That was the first time I went to jail in my life. 30 days and a \$1,250 fine," said Vaughn, who has had subsequent run-ins with the law, including being caught harvesting redwood from state parkland.

"I'm an outdoorsman," shrugged Vaughn as he fished for steelhead in the creek near his home on a recent afternoon.

"Me and game wardens have been having run-ins and playing hide-and-seek all my life," he said. "A lot of us around here are that way. But this DNA has caught us up and passed us by. Anyway, I'm through with poaching, that's for sure."

# Deer foundation slates fundraiser

For the Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — People who love mule deer, mule deer hunting, or just want to help mule deer can attend the 11th Annual Mule Deer Foundation Fundraiser and BBQ May 5, at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

"It is always a great time," said Dan Hansen, State Chairman for the Mule Deer Foundation and Wendell resident. "The food is great; we have tons of prizes and we are raising money for mule deer — how much better could it be?"

**Mule Deer Foundation**  
Fundraiser and BBQ  
May 5, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds

Happy hour begins at 4 p.m. Dinner at 5 p.m. For more information call Ron Bishop at 324-5719 or Dan Hansen at 733-7270. Mule deer fundraiser in Filer on May 5.

"The doors will open at 3 p.m. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. with B-B-Q Tri-Tip Steak. Dishes, salad and a dinner roll as the main course. The meal will be topped off with Dutch oven desserts.

Tickets range in price from \$225 for a sponsorship, which includes: a regular membership, two dinner tickets, \$100 in raffle tickets, and a 1-in-10 chance of winning a Browning A Bolt Medallion rifle. A regular membership and two dinners cost \$75, with children between 8-12 years old costing \$10 each.

"The money all goes to a good cause," said Hansen, "it is all earmarked for mule deer habitat improvement programs, mule deer research, or helping mule deer in some way."

In the Magic Valley, Mule Deer Foundation members have been instrumental in the effort of improving mule deer habitat. More than \$6300 has

gone to the purchase of bitterbrush this year alone.

"Last year, club members cooked meals for more than 400 volunteers who planted 36,000 bitterbrush plants across the Magic Valley's mule deer winter range. This year they are planning meals for more than 500 volunteers that are working toward planting 55,000 plants."

"It is a huge effort, but working with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game on this project has provided our chapter and membership some great satisfaction," Hansen said.

"We know we are doing something good for mule deer around the areas that we hunt and live."

Buy tickets early. Seating is limited to 250 people and those purchasing tickets before April 21 will be eligible to the early bird price of a traditional raffle order.

For more information on the banquet, call Ron Bishop at 324-5719 or Dan Hansen at 731-7270.

# Endangered pygmy rabbits becoming treats for predators

EPHRAATA, Wash. (AP) — The 20 endangered pygmy rabbits that were reintroduced to the wild with great fanfare last month aren't faring so well.

The state says 14 of the 20 rabbits have been killed by predators.

Four of the rabbits released on March 13 remained at the Sagebrush Flat Wildlife Area as of

Tuesday, said David Hays, pygmy rabbit coordinator for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Hays said two males were removed earlier this month and will be returned at the end of April.

The other 14 rabbits are believed to have fallen victim to predators, mainly coyotes, but also hawks and owls, Hays said.

# Hatchery

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using all the available raccoons near full capacity and would really like to see them go elsewhere. In addition, fertilized eggs will soon be arriving for next year's crop, depending even more on his attention.

The stocked fish's destination is hopefully determined a year in advance. Doug Megargie, Fish and Game's regional fisheries manager, places orders to Chapman on size, number, and forecasted location.

According to Megargie, past catch rates for specific waters are obtained from creel surveys and returns of jaw tags by

successful anglers. Areas with the best catch rates, along with waters predicted to be the least affected by adverse conditions like drought, then receive the highest priority for stocking.

In the end, 40 percent of all fish released at the Inngaman State Fish Hatchery stay in the Magic Valley. Whether released as something ready to be hooked, or fish that might need a little time to grow, the program's success depends on as many fish possible getting caught.

But that won't happen unless anglers play a part by grabbing their favorite gear and getting a line wet.

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Briefing with the boss

Employer support of National Guard and Reserves drums up local business participation

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

JEROME — At the end of April and through the beginning of May, some 250 Magic Valley residents now serving in the Army National Guard and Reserves will return to their families.

After a brief vacation, these folks will be contacting their bosses so they can return to work. Some employers, either ignorant of the law or just ignoring it, may tell them that they no longer have jobs.

The ESGR wants you

For more information about how you can support local troops, visit the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Website at www.esgr.mil

Li Col. Tom Rasmussen, commander of the Idaho National Guard's 16th Brigade Troops Battalion, said it's heartwarming for a soldier returning from war to receive support from the community and their employers — especially since it can be a great disruption for an organization to abruptly lose part of its workforce.

"We appreciate when our soldiers can come home and get their jobs back," Rasmussen said.

Sometimes employers do more than they have to for deployed workers.

Gooding Police Chief Jeff Perry was presented the "Above and Beyond Award" during the event for his role in taking care of an officer on duty.

Sgt. Trent Lykins was deployed with the Marines to Iraq last August. After he left, some suspects in a case he had been working on before his deployment began harassing his family.

situations occurred at my home," Lykins said. "I had a wife and two little boys back home and I was helpless to do anything about it. I couldn't concentrate. With that in mind, I called the chief and he had a couple of motion lights installed at the home and posted officers there 24/7. I was able to cut my deployment in half, given the circumstances, and I came home the next day. The chief really went above and beyond."

Perry shrugged off his actions off as "the right thing to do."

"We are a family-oriented department," he said. "It is our job to take care of the soldiers' families and homes while they are away, as well as hold their positions for them for when they return. We would have done that for anyone."

The Gooding Police Department is familiar with reservists and Guard members being deployed.

Besides Lykins, another officer — has served abroad and a third may go soon.

"We just hired another and I am sure at some point he will be deployed," Perry said.

"When he returns," he will be taken care of just like the other ones have been."

Perry is also in the running for the national Patriot Award for the way he handled Lykins' situation.

Dianna Obenauer, Jerome County commissioner and Idaho Region 5 director of ESGR, explained that the group just wants business support.

"Our organization has been dormant down here for awhile," she said. "This luncheon was the first effort at getting the visible. By bringing these public officials and executives together we can garner enthusiasm and support for when our troops return."

The military's support and should be a homecoming, by both the community and their employers.

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Getting a good deal

Mini-Cassia residents pay less for electricity than national average

By Laurie Welch For the Times-News

Residents in Rupert, Burley and Heyburn are getting a pretty good deal on their electrical rates, considering what others across the county are forking out.

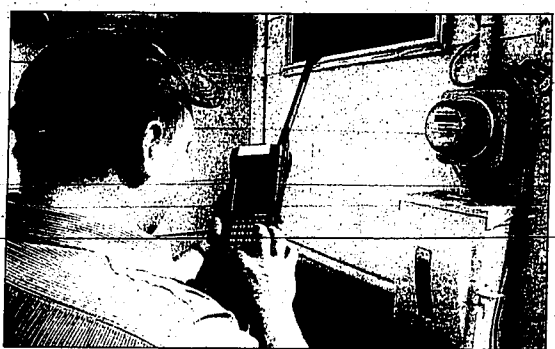
Rupert takes the tri-city comparison for its low rate charged to some 3,100 homes at 5.20 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). Heyburn is close behind, offering its 1,103 customers a rate of 5.22. Burley's 3,651 households pay 5.78 cents, only slightly higher than the state average of 5.67. These figures were supplied by officials in each city.

While Mini-Cassia residents are paying some of the lowest electrical rates in the country, others across the nation are paying an average of 9.81 cents per kWh. Connecticut leads the pack in the contiguous states at 17.91 cents, and Hawaii comes in at a whopping 21.94, according to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) December 2006 report.

All three local cities supply residents and business and industries with power purchased from Bonneville Power Administration. The cities' cost for power can fluctuate almost daily depending on factors like cost and availability of fuel, construction and maintenance for power plants, supply and demand, global events and weather. Costs can also be affected by state and local taxes.

When city council members set electrical rates, it can be quite a balancing act to determine a fair price for city customers without going in the hole if BPA's prices go up, said Rupert's Interim Director of Public Works Dennis Andrew. DOE officials say the biggest factor in determining electrical costs is how much electricity a household uses a month. To some extent this can be controlled by turning off lights, turning down thermostats, insulating the home and buying energy efficient appliances and lights.

Figuring out what a customer pays for just the elec-



Paul Kazanek pines in the reading from a Rupert resident's electrical meter. According to the U.S. Department of Energy's December 2006 electric report, Idaho offers the lowest average residential rate at 5.67 cents per kWh. Oklahoma comes in second at 6.15, Utah 7.30, Washington 7.10, Oregon 7.55, Montana 8.07 and Wyoming 7.49.

tricity on a city utility bill can be tricky. Most bills include charges for other services like garbage pick-up, sewer, water and the city's base electrical charge — a service charge that covers maintaining customer records, meter reading and billing.

Other charges that can appear on the bill include service fees for disconnect notices, extra charges for yard lights and possibly state and local taxes. The base charge appears on the bill even if the customer does not use any electricity that month.

In Rupert the base charge of \$15 is rolled into the usage calculation and has prompted officials to consider changing the city's billing system to help clarify that charge for customers. In Burley the residential base charge is \$8, in Heyburn it is \$9.59.

Customers can figure out the electrical usage portion of a city utility bill by multiplying the number of kilowatt hours used in the home by the city's rate. Instructions on how to read a meter can be found on the DOE Web site www.eere.energy.gov/kids.

The cost of electrical power

Comparing the cost of the national average monthly residential electrical use (938 kWh in 2006):

- Rupert \$48.78
• Heyburn \$48.96
• Burley \$54.22
• Nationwide average \$92.02
• Hawaii \$205.80

money-back.

"It's just progression and it needs to be dealt with at this time," said Carmi Maxey, city clerk.

Residents questioned city council members recently about the policy that retained electrical deposits indefinitely or until a resident disconnects service. The council responded by requesting the city office gather information and move toward updating city policy to bring it more in line with neighboring cities.

"We did a lot of research to find out what other cities were doing," Maxey said.

City policies dealing with electrical deposits vary some what, and both Heyburn and Burley refund deposits after a period of on-time payments of monthly bills.

"The council has been discussing it and is moving toward refunding the deposit after a period of time if the customer has a good payment record," said Dennis Andrew,

Electrical deposit policies

Burley: Twice the monthly bill. If the bill is paid on time for a year, the deposit along with interest is credited to the bill. Heyburn: \$200. If the bill is paid promptly for two years, the customer can leave the deposit on file to be applied to the bill during a financial pinch; apply it to the amount or pick it up in cash. No interest is paid. Rupert: \$200. The policy is undergoing revision after residents complained about the city retaining deposits indefinitely or until service was disconnected. No interest is paid.

interim public works director. Andrew said the move forward will create a lot of extra work for employees in the city office as they try to unroll each account. Some accounts date back more than 60 years. Deposits on file range from the 1940s rate of \$5 to today's \$200.

The purpose of an electrical deposit is to reduce city loss when customers leave without paying the final bill after service is shut off.

Maxey said the city has about 10 to 15 electrical service shut-off and turn-on requests each month, which can fluctuate due to seasonal workers.

World Bank president admits 'mistake' in helping friend with job transfer

By Jeanine Aversa Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz acknowledged Thursday that he erred in helping a close female friend get transferred to a high-paying job. "I made a mistake for which I am sorry," he said.

The growing controversy has overshadowed major development meetings this weekend and is raising fresh questions about whether Wolfowitz will stay on the job.

At issue is the generous compensation of a bank employee, Shaha Riza, who has dated Wolfowitz. She was given an assignment at the State

Department in September 2005, shortly after he became bank president.

"In hindsight I wish I had trusted my original instincts and kept myself out of the negotiations," Wolfowitz said.

He said he met Thursday morning with the World Bank's board and that members were looking into the matter. He declined to discuss what actions, if any, the board could take.

"I proposed to the board that they establish some mechanism to judge whether the agreement reflects a reasonable outcome," he said, referring to Riza's transfer. "I will accept any remedies they propose."



World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz takes his seat prior to a news conference at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) building in Washington, Thursday.

Jobless claims hit highest level in two months

By Martin Crousinger Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose last week to the highest level in two months.

The unexpected spike was blamed on the Easter holidays rather than fundamental labor market weakness.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that applications for jobless benefits totaled 342,000 last week, up 19,000 from the previous week.

The increase, which followed a rise of 13,000 the previous week, was much larger than forecast and pushed total claims to the highest

level since the week of Feb. 10.

But analysts attributed the surge to problems in adjusting the data for changes in layoff patterns that reflect different times each year for school breaks and the Easter holidays.

In other economic news, the nation's major retail chains reported better-than-expected sales in March. However, there were concerns that rising gasoline prices could lead shoppers to curtail their spending in coming months.

Wal-Mart Stores, whose customers cut back on shopping because of high gas prices last year, warned about a tough sales environment this spring, while Federated Department Stores Inc. said

its first quarter sales will come in at the low end of expectations.

In another report, the price of imported goods rose by 1.7 percent in March, the biggest jump in 10 months. The Labor Department said the spike in import prices was driven by a 9 percent rise in the cost of imported petroleum, the largest increase in this category in 11 months. The price of non-petroleum imports rose a more modest 0.3 percent.

Import prices, which are closely monitored by the Federal Reserve for indications of rising inflation pressures, had posted a tiny 0.1 percent rise in February and had actually fallen by 1.1 percent in January.

Convicted felon: Using stolen identities to apply for tax refunds easy

By Ann Abrams Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A man serving prison time for fraud told Congress Thursday that using stolen identities to apply for tax refunds was "an easy way to make money quickly."

"The system in my eyes is inviting criminals like myself to steal from the IRS, banks, et cetera," Evgeny Dimitrov Soukas said in testimony before the Senate

Finance Committee.

Soukas, 28, serving nearly eight years in prison for defrauding the government, banks and individuals of \$1.1 million, said he was puzzled why the Internal Revenue Service doesn't require PIN numbers or use of mother's maiden name when filing electronically or seeking information from IRS call centers.

The head of the IRS told the panel that stopping identity thieves isn't simple, but the senators weren't satisfied.

In a heated exchange, Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., asked IRS Commissioner Mark Everson why he didn't carry out Soukas' suggestions.

Turning to Soukas, Baucus said his criminal acts were "not a mark of your accomplishment. It's a mark of the government's failure to protect taxpayers."

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, top Republican on the panel, also faulted the IRS, saying it was "not reaching out

to help the taxpayers who fall victim, but is instead interrogating them as though they were the crooks."

Everson said he would study new electronic safeguards but cautioned that there was a trade-off between adding new protections and efforts to make taxpaying more consumer friendly. "If you stop everything that you think is questionable, then you will be damaging the interests of many legitimate taxpayers," he said.

Market Watch

Table with market data for April 12, 2007. Includes Dow Jones Industrials (12,852.96), Nasdaq composite (2,480.32), Standard & Poor's 500 (1,447.80), Russell 2000 (815.05).

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## 2007 DODGE DURANGO SUV

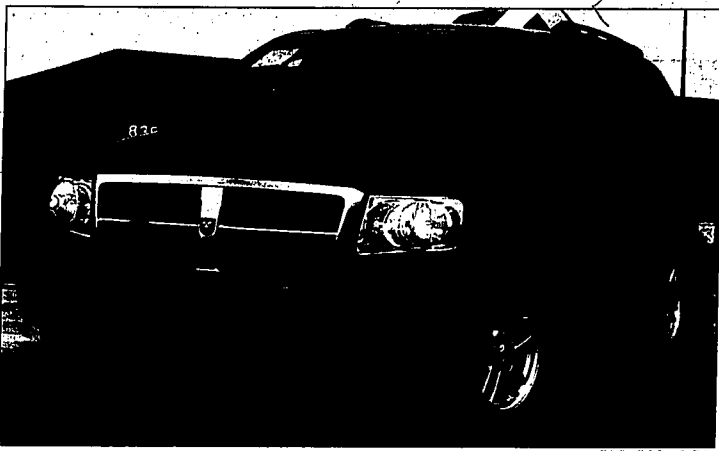
# New look, better performance, increased comfort

By Ken Chamber, Jr.  
Motor News Media Corporation

Equipped with an all-new, more powerful exterior design and a plethora of new convenience features, Dodge keeps the heat on the marketplace with the introduction of the full-size Dodge Durango SUV. Exterior changes and enhancements include the following: new front and rear fascias - body mounted - to eliminate gaps for a more precise look; new front fenders, grille, hood and headlamps; new body side moldings; new liftgate light bar that incorporates the Dodge logo; and new, larger rearview mirrors that are heated and folding.

Available in SXT, SLT, Adventurer and Limited trim levels, power for the Durango is generated by a 3.7L V6 - the base engine for the line. An optional 4.7L V8 gains EMS compatibility this year, earning an FFV (Flexible Fuel Vehicle) designation. Dodge also offers the optional 5.7L HEMI V8 engine with the automaker's Multi-Displacement System (MDS).

Consumers may choose between two- or four-wheel drivetrain configurations. Torque for the V6 is communicated to the wheels through a 42RLE four-speed automatic transmission with overdrive, while the V8 engines are bolted to a 5-45RFE five-speed automatic gearbox. Dodge offers two different transfer cases for the all-wheel drive systems - the single speed NV141HD (standard with the 4.7L V8) or the two-speed NV244HD (standard with the 5.7L V8 HEMI). Power is transferred to the ground via a four- or five-speed



### 2007 Dodge Durango SUV by the Numbers

**Features:**  
The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2007 Dodge Durango SUV is \$26,299 for the SXT, up to \$53,825 for the Limited. 4WD. Destination charges add \$745. **MSRP BASE:**

314.5 wheelbase; 200.0" width; 78.0" height; 73.3" measurements in inches.

**Engines:**  
3.7L V6 - 210 hp at 5,200 rpm and 225 lb-ft of torque at 4,200 rpm; 4.7L V8 - 235 hp at 4,500 rpm and 300 lb-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm; 5.7L HEMI V8 - 335 hp at 6,200 rpm and 370 lb-ft of torque at 4,200 rpm.

**TRANSMISSIONS:**  
four-speed automatic, five-speed automatic.

**EPA FUEL ECONOMY:**  
3.7L V6 - 18 city/21 hwy; 4.7L V8 (RWD) - 14 city/19 hwy, (4WD) 14 city/18 hwy; 5.7L V8 (RWD) - 15 city/20 hwy, (4WD) - 14 city/19 hwy.

**CRUISE CAPACITY:**  
102.4 cu. ft.

**PAYLOAD CAPACITY:**  
1,750 lbs.

**TOWING CAPACITY:**  
6,050 lbs.

**SAFETY FEATURES:**  
Dual front airbags, head curtain side-impact airbags, front seat mounted side-impact airbags, electronic stability control, brake assist, electronic roll mitigation, trailer sway control, full-size spare tire, four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, automatic power door locks, remote keyless entry and all-terrain traction control. SLT adds engine immobilizer, fog lights, automatic headlamps, Homelink universal transmitter and tire pressure monitors. Limited adds alarm system, rear parking sensors and power adjustable pedals.

**WARRANTY:**  
Basic: 3-year/50,000 miles, bumper-to-bumper. 100,000 miles/5-year powertrain. 5-year/100,000 miles/3-year corrosion.

automatic gearbox.

Underway, the Durango equipped with the optional 4.7L V8 FlexFuel engine is a delight to drive. Willingly responsive and easy to handle at speed, the FlexFuel prime mover gives the motorist additional options with regards to the daily operating costs of the Dodge SUV.

The foundation of the Durango is a platform featuring hydroformed and fully boxed frame for added stiffness and refinement. The steel vehicle body is mounted on the frame with 10 rubber isolates. The suspension hardware is bolted

to this foundation and includes upper and lower "A" arms torsion bars, gas-charged monotube shock absorbers and a stabilizer bar in front. Live axle, link coil with Watt's linkage, gas charged monotube shock absorbers and stabilizer bar in the rear.

Inside the cabin is a delight for driver and passengers. The driver enjoys a commanding view of the road, with large, easy to read displays, intuitive fingertip controls and switches. Seating is roomy and comfortable from front to rear. Side view mirrors are large for easy viewing, while the center console is versatile, including a power point, storage, arm rest and dual grippy cupholders. Durango's rear doors open some 64 degrees to facilitate ingress and egress to the second and third row seating positions. Second row seating is a 40/20/40 split bench seat with a fold and tumble design. Additionally, the rear doors feature windows that fully retract to let all the air in. Access to the optional two-passenger third-row 60/40 seat is further aided by hand grips built into the sides of the "C" pillar, making ingress and egress easier. The rear hatch is a light-

weight, one piece unit that permits access to the rear cargo area. Second and third rows fold virtually flat with the cargo floor for outstanding cargo carrying ability.

Safety enhancements for 2007 include the Electronic Stability Program (ESP) combined with roll-sensing side-curtain airbags that is now standard across the Durango line. Ultrasonic rear parking assist is now standard on the top-of-the-line Limited models. A power rear liftgate and remote start are available options.

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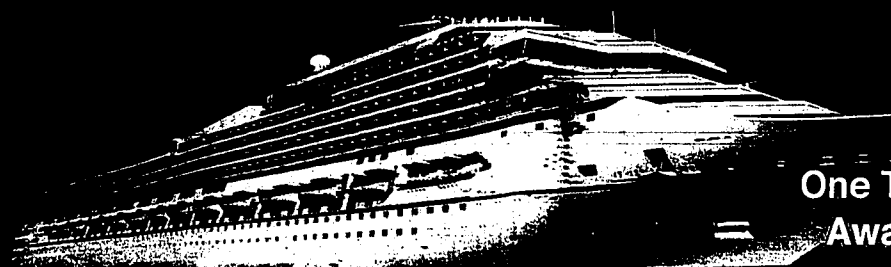
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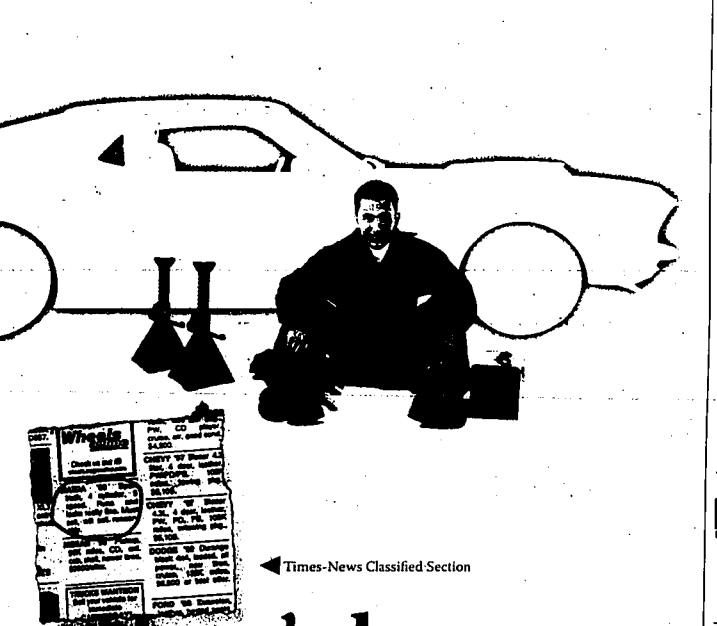
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Answer: " " " " (Answers tomorrow)

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**NAPA Pony Stocks:** 1. Jason Whited; 2. Dustin Wilson; 3. Lou Anders; 4. Kristi Fehring; 5. Randy Grubbs; 6. (tie) Shawn Nice and John Uri; 8. Brent Fehring; 9. Bruce Henry; 10. Josh Pitz.

**Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks:** 1. Craig Nuthak; 2. Jim Shirley; 3. Jim Howard; 4. Desi Ahrens; 5. Brian Lopez; 6. John Hoogendoorn; 7. Mike Dawson; 8. (tie) Steve Edens, Michelle Rouse; 10. Kame Nuthak.

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Construction is already underway on a hospitality area at Magic Valley Speedway, just one of the projects new owner Eddy McKean has in the works for the facility.

## New owner behind the wheel at Magic Valley Speedway

By Linda Brittan  
*Times-News* correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — With the start of the 2007 season, a very long chapter in the books of the Magic Valley Speedway is ending and a new one is about to begin. The track is different, the pits are different, some of the racing rules are different and, most notably, the ownership has changed hands.

On March 30, it was announced that Eddy and Lynnette McKean of McKean Racing completed the purchase of the speedway from Steve York. York had been owner/promoter of the track since its inception in 1986, evolving the facility from a dirt track to a NASCAR sanctioned asphalt track which now has the capability of seating more than 3,000 spectators. Over the past 21 years, York has also made improvements with more restrooms, concession stands, new lighting for the track and a large scoreboard with a transponder scoring system.

However, former racer Eddy McKean has been working fast and furious to add even more to the facility.

The pit area has been expanded and additional concrete pads for the race cars are already in place. McKean believes this will be a big plus for the drivers who often spend several hours in the pits before race time setting up their rides.

"I've been to a lot of races out there and I know what it's like having to work in the dirt," he explained. "I think this is going to be better for the racers."

Additionally, McKean has set aside a designated parking area for the sponsors and work is underway on a hospitality pavilion. Soon he hopes to have work completed on a tech building in the pits.

"The inspection building will be a little more of a private and cleaner area for the techs," McKean said. "There's also going to be restrooms and a concession stand in there."

One of the most obvious changes for MVS fans will be to the infield, where McKean has built an additional oval track approximately one-fifth mile in length. The barriers have been removed and protective concrete walls have been built around the light poles. Plans are to have several different racing classes compete on the new smaller track.

As far as track personnel, McKean reports that while there will be some changes, most of the speedway employees will return to their jobs this season.

"I'd say 85 percent of the people who worked here last year are coming back this year — very little change," he said.

As for former track owner Steve York, his plans are somewhat undetermined at this point.

"I will try and help Eddy all I can," he said. "At least until he no longer needs my services. But obviously I have to leave my options open, because I don't really know what Eddy would like for me to do, nor have we formally agreed on a particular employment aspect. I have researched some other opportunities. Yes. Do I know which one I want to do? No. But I like the zip code here."



McKean

# MVS right on track for 2007 season

By Linda Brittain

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — With the sale of Magic Valley Speedway to McKean Racing, transformations not only to the facility but to the weekly racing program are quickly taking shape.

Some of the old favorites are back, but new concepts will also be introduced to the drivers and fans in the 2007 season.

The Pepsi Premier, Budweiser Grand Nationals, NAPA Pony Stocks, Quale Electronics Hornets and Queen Bees will all return this season, along with the addition of a new class, the Teen Bees. The Teen Bees will run in the three- or four-cylinder cars, but the drivers must be a minimum of 14 years old and no more than 15 years of age before the first event.

The schedule has also expanded for the class, with eight races on tap for the Hornets' and Queen Bees along with 10 races for the Teen Bees. Additionally, there are four "enduro" races scheduled for the Hornets, which will consist of 200-lap events taking place on a Thursday evening in June and July along with Memorial and Labor

Day weekends.

This year the Hornet division drivers will also be eligible for NASCAR monetary awards at the end of the season along with the Premier, Grand Nationals and Pony Stocks divisions.

New for the Grand Nationals division this year is the crate motor, which will now be allowed in the class. A major revision in the rules is that beginning this season, the Intermountain Pro Trucks will be allowed to race alongside the Grand Nationals if they choose. Pitting cars against trucks in a 25-lap main event race will be something that MVS has not seen in the past. The idea is to pump new life into the class which has dwindled in numbers in recent years.

"The Grand Nationals will have a lot of rule changes with them," said new MVS owner Eddy McKean. "I thought it was a do-or-die thing, but in the long run, I think it will help them out. We'll see. This year will tell."

With the exit of the Northwest Series from the NASCAR program, the Rocky Mountain Challenge drivers will have an additional night added to the MVS schedule and are slated to run five events at the Twin Falls track this season. The Intermountain Pro Trucks will



Both the Rocky Mountain Challenge Series, above, and Intermountain Race Truck classes, below, are set for five events at MVS this season.

also run five events at MVS, with the first race set for Saturday night.

Look for the Super-Sixes to make five appearances as well, while the Legend cars will make three rounds at the track this season.

For fans who like nothing more than crash-crashing and smashing, rest assured that the trailer races will return with two events, July 3 and August 25. The bus races which were introduced last season will also be on tap for the same nights. "Change is good, but I don't want too much change," McKean said.



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# MVS enjoying benefits of being NASCAR sanctioned

By Linda Brittain  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing was formed in 1948 by William France, Sr. who envisioned a sanctioning body for the sport which would benefit drivers and fans alike. Since then, NASCAR has grown into one of the most popular sports in the United States and draws no signs of slowing down.

NASCAR began sanctioning short tracks in 1982 and today nearly 60 tracks in the United States and Canada belong to the Whelen All-American Weekly Racing Series program. The tracks range in size from five-eighths to one-quarter mile with the racing events run on either asphalt or dirt.

Magie Valley Speedway has been with the sanctioning body since 1991, when promoter Steve York decided NASCAR was the way to go.

"Obviously I'm not from here, I'm from the south," York said with his noticeable southern accent. "Racing is big down there and NASCAR was very big. In 1986 when we started the track, no one knew very much about racing in southern Idaho. As people started to learn about racing, I felt the absolute best sanctioning body in the United States was NASCAR. That also happened to be the one people who had any inkling about racing knew about."



The NASCAR banquet at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, Nev., is a highlight for the feature division champion.

There are other sanctioning programs offered to short tracks such as American Speed Association or the United Speed Alliance racing, but York believed an important aspect NASCAR offered the drivers was in the insurance program.

"It was by far and away the best insurance available," York said. "We did it more for the drivers than anybody."

The program provides coverage to all who have a valid NASCAR license should they be injured while participating in a

NASCAR-sanctioned division race.

However, there are other advantages to having NASCAR sanctioning than just the widely known name and insurance benefits.

"There are some drivers that have moved on that the fans would have never seen had we not been NASCAR sanctioned," York added. "Our drivers get a lot of recognition they would not get if it were not a NASCAR track."

Additionally, the NASCAR Whelen All-American Weekly Racing program will award prize money to not only the feature division drivers, but to other NASCAR classes which race at MVS.

But for the feature division champion, a trip to the NASCAR banquet at the conclusion of the season is a highlight for any driver. The banquet has been held in cities such as Orlando, Fla., Nashville, Tenn., and last November the awards ceremony took place at the Mandalay Bay Hotel Resort in Las Vegas, Nev.

"That was quite an experience. It was kind of overwhelming," Bobby Latham III said of his trip to the NASCAR banquet at Magie Valley Speedway points champion for 2006. "You walk in and everything was all top-notch classy stuff. When we were standing there on stage everyone gave us a standing ovation it was one of those things that I'll remember for the rest of my life. It was awesome."

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# Local residents see NASCAR dream come true

## Peggy and Walt Hamby of Hollister meet Tony Stewart at Las Vegas Motor Speedway

By Linda Brittain  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — As an avid NASCAR fan, Hollister resident Peggy Hamby spent many Sunday afternoons watching Nextel Cup events on television just like millions of other racing enthusiasts across the country. And like so many of those fans, Hamby longed to attend a race in person. She wanted to soak up the sights and sounds and get caught up in the enthusiasm of the crowd as they cheered on their favorite driver. It was an experience she could only imagine as the race was being broadcast from hundreds of miles away.

"I've wanted to go to the race in Vegas for the last four or five years," Hamby said. "But we hadn't been able to afford it."

Hamby had undergone gall-bladder surgery and was diagnosed with coloidal cancer. Her dreams of attending a NASCAR race had to be put on hold.

"This year it metastasized into my bones and my doctor explained, "And they basically told me it was terminal."

But thanks to some caring members of the Magic Valley community, Peggy and her husband Walt "Red" Hamby, who is also a big racing fan, were able to have their NASCAR dream fulfilled after all.

Lori Donaldson, general manager of the Twin Stop Chevrons where Walt and Peggy are employed in Hollister, knew of Peggy's situation and got things rolling. She contacted Magic Valley Speedway promoter Steve York, who was able to secure tickets with special wheelchair accommodations for Peggy to the NASCAR races on March 10-11 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Donaldson then presented the tickets to the Hambys at an employee gathering during the Christmas holidays and Peggy knew that in just a few months she and Walt could finally be able

to say they were going to be at a Nextel Cup race in person.

"She definitely shed a few tears that night," Walt said.

Tickets in hand, the Hambys made the trek south in March and were met with one of the most beautiful sun-filled weekends the Las Vegas racing events have seen in several years. It was there on that bright Saturday afternoon that Peggy had what she describes as her "Make-a-Wish for an Adult" dream take another turn.

As the Hambys stood in the busy infield shortly before the Sam's Town 300 Busch Series event, Peggy and Walt met up with Nextel Cup champion driver Tony Stewart, who gave the Hambys something not many fans will ever experience — a few personal minutes shortly before he jumped into his car for the start of the race.

"We were behind the stage where the Busch drivers were being introduced and then he (Stewart) came over and visited with us," Peggy said.

As the conversation took place with Stewart on the greener-than-television grass of the infield, photos were snapped and autographs from the champion driver were collected.

The Hambys later took their seats in the stands, taking with them more than they ever imagined possible on their first trip to a NASCAR program.

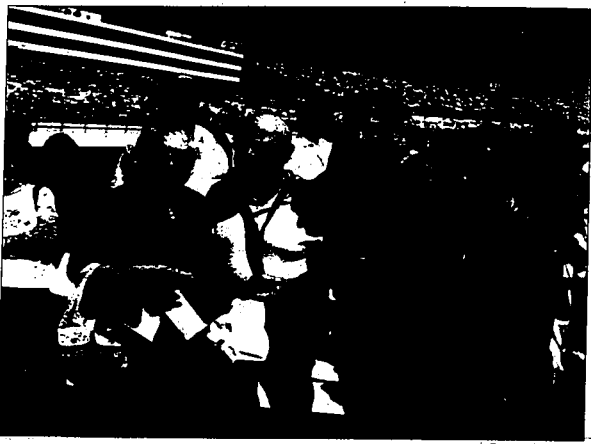
"It's a very, very personable person," said Peggy of Stewart.

And if the Hambys weren't the biggest Tony Stewart fans before, they certainly were afterward, for there's always room for another favorite driver. Certainly Stewart picked up two new fans that weekend.

"I'm more leaning toward Tony, but one of our favorites is Dale Earnhardt Jr.," Walt admitted.

Peggy nodded, but quickly added, "But after meeting Tony, I'm more so for Tony."

It was York who was able to arrange the meeting with Stewart,



Peggy and Walt Hamby, NASCAR Nextel Cup champion driver Tony Stewart and Lori Donaldson (from left) pose for a photo in the infield at Las Vegas Motor Speedway March 10.

after mentioning Peggy's health issues to the driver at a promoter's meeting in Daytona Beach, Fla., late last year.

"I knew it would be very special to her to go into the garage area," York said. "After the meeting I told Tony Stewart what the situation was, that I was working with NASCAR to try and get Miss Hamby in the pits and would he spend a minute or two with her. He said, 'Absolutely.'"

Stewart was true to his word, and with just a few minutes of his time, stepped away from the spotlight and instead let it shine upon someone he knew could use a little brightness in her life.

"York sums Stewart's character up this way: "The truth is Tony Stewart can be very outspoken," he said. "It's very competitive. In 2005 he was in New York on stage because he had more points than any of the other drivers. But I'd say that day in Las Vegas, when he met with Peggy, that's what made him a champion, not points."

That Sunday the long-time residents of the tiny town with an approximate population of 250 took their seats among nearly 150,000 fans and experienced a Nextel Cup race the way it was meant to be. Fast and loud.

Where were they sitting we could see the whole track," Peggy said. "And everyone there was just

so awesome. Anything you needed they would just go out of their way to help you. The best part about the weekend was the whole thing. The crowd, seeing the drivers and equipment up close and, of course, meeting Tony."

Walt Hamby agreed. "The difference between seeing it on TV and being there live... is the vibration of the engines of the guys going by. You can feel it," he

said. "And the comradery amongst the people at the track is great. You become race fans and race friends no matter who your favorite driver is. We would definitely go again. But the biggest thing was watching her." Walt said nodding toward Peggy.

Stewart may have finished second in the race that day, but he came in first in the hearts of Peggy and Walt Hamby.

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# Moving up: Latham accelerates into new territory

By Linda Brittan

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — After capturing the feature division title in the Pepsi Premier Series in 2006, Bobby Latham III would likely be one of the top contenders for the track championship at Magic Valley Speedway this season. However, Latham has his sites set on a new goal this year. Namely, a championship run in the Rocky Mountain Challenge Series.

Actual newcomer to the feature division series at MVS last season, Latham accomplished what often has taken others years to achieve. But with the Premier Series track championship under his belt, the 21-year-old driver says he is ready to take that experience to a new level.

"Being the track champion my first year was pretty awesome. I couldn't ask for much more," Latham said. "I learned a lot and my crew got more comfortable with the car and that helped for moving up like we're going to do this year."

The RMCS schedule includes five races at MVS this season, meaning home-track advantage could certainly play into Latham's hand in his bid for the RMCS championship.

"I definitely learned that patience pays off big time," he said. "There's a lot of times I'll be out on the track behind somebody and I knew something was going to happen. Then someone else comes charging through the field, passes me and gets in a wreck. (Patience) is something that I will definitely take with me wherever I go."

Latham won the track championship at MVS on the final night of the season with past series champion Steve Jones, who had a three-point lead in the points going into the night, sidelined at the hospital following emergency surgery. But Latham had already proven to be a strong figure throughout the season, finishing the year tied with Jones with four main-event wins, while driving his way to eight Top-5 finishes.



Bobby Latham III captured the feature division track championship in his first full year of competition at Magic Valley Speedway in 2006.

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# Nuthak's Thunder cruises into 2007 season

By Linda Brittan  
Times-News correspondent

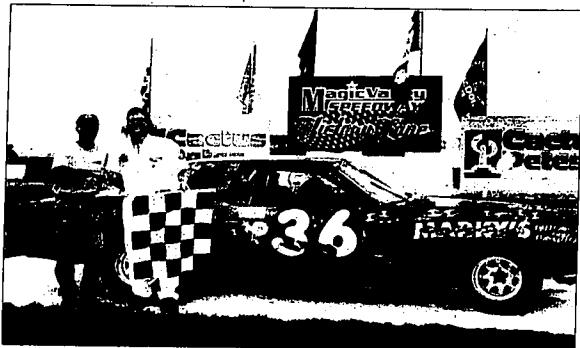
TWIN FALLS — Craig Nuthak knows how important it is to put in the best performance possible every time the gas pedal hits on a main-event race. Nuthak recited to three wins at Magic Valley Speedway in 2006, but perhaps even more impressive is the fact the current Magic Valley Pipe Thunder Stocks track champion drove to 12 Top-5 finishes.

While Nuthak knew he had a good car going into the season, the track championship was not something he thought was in the bag.

"I figured I had a Top-3, maybe a Top-5 car," Nuthak said. "Whether I thought I had a car that could win the championship? ... I at least thought I could be a contender. The big thing is consistency. Last year, I was very consistent. Out of the 16 races I only had one that was not a Top-5 finish."

That day came on May 13, 2006, when Nuthak finished eighth in the main, but his perseverance in the following races helped him capture the points leading into the final five events of the season. He never let go of that advantage.

Nuthak's ability to advance reli-



Thunder Stocks driver Craig Nuthak (left) secured his first track championship last year at Magic Valley Speedway.

able finishes was just what he needed in his hunt for the championship last season, as each driver has a good shot at bagging a trip to victory lane each time out.

"Nobody completely dominates the class year after year," Nuthak said. "We had eight or nine different winners last year."

Many new competitors to the sport choose to get their feet wet

in the Thunder Stocks division as the drivers are not charged an entry fee to race from week to week but also receive no purse money for racing in the event. However there are rules to fol-

low, and the Thunder Stock cars are not overlooked when it comes to enforcing the regulations.

"The techs have a job to do," Nuthak explained. "And they do a good job. We all know the rules, and if we're bending the rules, then we should fix it. I will say that every time the track has deemed something illegal on my car and they've made me fix it that night, I've always ran a better race than I had previously. So I compliment the track on making me legal so I can run faster."

This year, thanks to a rule change, Nuthak will be allowed to compete again in the Thunder Stocks division and plans to return to the field in the role of defending champion. However, repeating as champion will prove difficult as Nuthak anticipates missing some events this season. But the goal this year for the 38-year-old driver is not really any different than it was at the beginning of last season. He simply wants to race and have fun doing it.

There is however, something he would like to see more than once this go-around.

"I hope my wife (Kamie) gets in the winner's circle more this year."

Nuthak said. "I think she really deserves it. She's come a long way."

# Lopez set for another round in Grand Nationals

By Linda Brittan  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Louis Lopez went into the final race of the 2006 season third in the point standings in the Budweiser Grand Nationals Division. He was seven points behind leader Jerry Rice and three points back of Jerry McKeon. But after 25 laps Lopez had helped everyone remember that as long as you have a shot, anything can happen.

Lopez not only won his fourth main-event race the final night of the season at Magic Valley Speedway, he also captured his second track title in the division in as many years, this time in dramatic fashion. His championship was won by just one point — the narrowest margin of the four NASH classes.

Lopez says his 2006 championship was even more satisfying than his title run in 2005 when he had a substantial lead going into the final race.

"It's probably more gratifying coming from behind just because you have to overcome all these obstacles and hope that the other guys finish behind you," Lopez said. "But all the circumstances did fall in place for me and I was able to get it. I think it made it a little sweeter that way. That was



Louis Lopez drove his way to back-to-back championships at Magic Valley Speedway in the No. 55 Grand Nationals car.

the fastest any car had ever been that night. It was the perfect time for it to get

fast." But that was last year and the 2007 sea-

son at Magic Valley Speedway will see some significant changes in the Grand Nationals division. One of those is an option in the type of power the cars can carry under the hood. Lopez, however, is confident he's made the right choice in his decision to make a switch to a factory scaled engine.

"They did change the rules on us, and I have upgraded to the crate motor," Lopez said. "I think the guys with the regular motors are going to a little gun on a horsepower so I think the crate motors are the advantageous way to go."

A more noticeable rule change for fans and drivers alike will be the opportunity for the race trucks, after a few adjustments, to compete alongside the Grand Nationals on the Saturday night events.

Lopez not only is wide open to the new challenge the addition to the series may bring, he all but draws a line in the sand when it comes to calling out the competition.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing a few trucks out there this year to come out and play," Lopez said emphatically. "The more the merrier."

However, Lopez, believes, the Grand Nationals will be able to carry their own

# Whited returns to starting gate in Pony Stocks

By Linda Brittain  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — NAPA Pony Stocks driver Jason Whited captured the division title by the widest point margin of any of the four NASCAR class track champions at Magic Valley Speedway in 2006, finishing the season with a 46-point lead over runner-up Dustin Wilson.

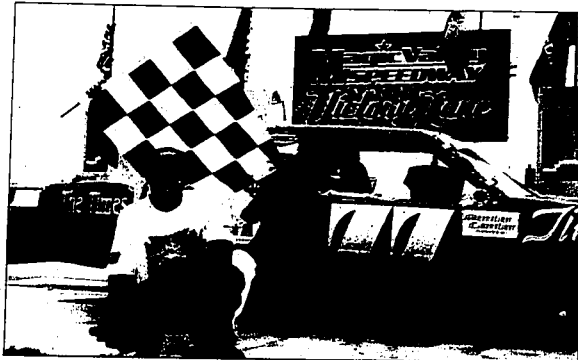
Whited also won the most main-event races of any driver in any of the weekly racing classes at Magic Valley Speedway with five victories and seven Top-5 finishes.

"It was an awesome season for us. It was unbelievable," Whited said. "We managed to stay out of trouble most of the time. It was a real good year and everybody got along."

Coming off such a solid season last year, it wouldn't be unreasonable to assume Whited might pick up in 2007 right where he left off with his championship car. Instead, the 26-year-old driver decided the time was right to break in a new ride.

"I guess I was just bored over the off-season," Whited said. "So we cut up the old car and built a new one. The old car was kind of bent up, but it was fast. I'm hoping that a straight car will be even faster."

Now entering his fifth season in the Pony Stocks division, Whited



Jason Whited won five main-event races in the 2006 season at Magic Valley Speedway while capturing his first track title in the NAPA Pony Stocks division.

knows the ups and downs racing can bring to any driver in the weekly racing series. That's especially true late in the year at MVS when the points are tightened up in the chase format, putting the title up for grabs in the final five races of the year to the Top-10

drivers in the division. It was pressure that Whited was well aware of as this past season came down to the wire.

"There were a few times when I was pretty nervous especially after they reset the points," Whited said. "You never know

from there even if you have a huge lead there toward the end. We just had a good run going and there was some bad luck for some real, really good guys. That last race felt pretty good, but before that, I was counting points every day."

Whited knows the competition will be strong once again throughout this season.

"I think Josh (Pitzi) will do well this year just because of his bad luck last year. If he gets that out of the way he's going to be fast," said Whited. "Dustin Wilson, he came out of nowhere last year. He's really going to be the one to watch. That class is so competitive the way it was, anyone can win out there. It's just luck."

With a new car to coax along this season, Whited also realizes he's taking a gamble when it comes down to his chances to repeat his 2006 track championship.

"If I would have kept the same car, I'd say they were real good," he said. "But with this new car, now I don't really know. I hope we come out fast but we might be tweaking on it all season. That's my biggest fear: bringing out a new car after having a championship one and having everybody give me hard time because I cut up my good car."

## Latham

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As Magic Valley Speedway features the division champion, Latham received an invitation to the NASCAR Weekly Racing Series banquet held in Las Vegas this past November where he was honored along with track champions from across the country.

Along with his strong showing in the Premier Series, Latham also proved to be a viable force in the Rocky Mountain Challenge Series races he entered at MVS, winning the 75-lap July 1 race.

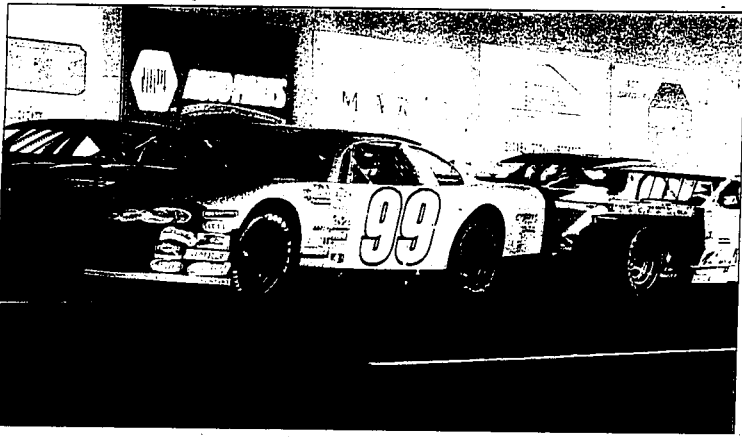
This season, Latham intends to put his main focus on the RMCS title, foregoing the two-event races he participated in last season when the Premier Series and Rocky Mountain Challenge Series races were held on the same night. Latham does, however, intend to run a limited schedule in the Premier Series at MVS.

"We're running for the champ-

ionship this year in the Challenge Series," Latham said. "We'll be concentrating on that."

With that said, Latham has also fastened up a deal with Thompson Motorsports in Jerome and is looking forward to driving in at least five NASCAR Grand National West Series races this year, collecting as much driving experience as possible.

"I'm really excited about that," Latham said. "It's a big jump from the local stuff and what our things I did last year, but we'll see how it goes. My goals though, and some might say that I'm out of my mind, are that I'd like to win a championship every year that I'm in a series. Last year I won the Premier Division here. I'd run in the Challenge Series this year and hopefully win a championship there, and maybe move up to the West Series and win a championship there. I know it's a long shot but that's my personal goal."



Sponsors are a big part of auto racing on any level and it's obvious at Magic Valley Speedway, Idaho's only NASCAR sanctioned track.

## MVS drives view sponsors as 'business partners'

By Linda Brittan  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — They're everywhere you look. Everywhere from beer to breakfast cereal. Buy this cell phone plan. Eat this kind of candy.

Sponsors have long been a big part of NASCAR racing, with the corporate message branded on every car, uniform and piece of equipment possible.

NASCAR fans are loyal and protective of their favorite driver's bumper, and the drivers have no shame in mentioning their sponsors as many times as possible or casually taking a sip from the bottle of Pepsi they just happen to have with them while they're on camera.

On the local level, things are not quite as intense. Nonetheless, the connection between driver and sponsor is invaluable.

## Lopez

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weight in the division and predicts new speeds will be reached in the racing action this year for the street stock-type cars.

"The Grand Nationals are definitely going to be faster this year," he said. "It's going to be

Magie Valley Speedway Pepsi Premier Series driver El Woodhall, manager of Snake Harley-Davidson in Twin Falls, sees his relationship with his supporters as more than just a sponsorship agreement.

"They are really advertising partners," Woodhall said. "It's a good way to get their name out there. They see it on the car and they get their name called out there (at the track) every Saturday night. We also go out and do personal appearances to help get their name out as much as possible."

The loyalty goes both ways. "I think about my sponsors when I go buy gas or go out to eat," Woodhall said. "I try to show my support for them, too."

David Patrick, who runs Patrick Farms, a farming operation in Twin Falls, is going into his third year of racing in the Premier division. Patrick says outside mone-

tary support is, of course, appealing, but going out and getting it is another thing.

"I don't enjoy that very much," he said. "I never enjoy asking for money. But I learned over the last few years that the more you hit, the more notice you get and the more yeses you'll get. The people I talk to first are the people I do business with. But for me, where I do business with a lot of gas companies, it's harder for them to justify getting into that kind of publicity."

In the end, Patrick puts a substantial amount of his own dollars into his hobby of choice.

"They (sponsors) amount to about a third of what I put in," Patrick said.

Steve York, Magie Valley Speedway promoter over the past two decades, also realizes the value of a good business partner when it comes to billboard and class sponsors at the speedway.

"I think the people that have been involved with the race track over the last 21 years have exposed their businesses to the most loyal sports fans of all," York said. "Sport fans are loyal to sponsors and all the studies say race fans are even more loyal than any other race fan."

"Most of them feel the fans of the speedway appreciate their support of the speedway and the sport they love and they tell them that when they go into their business."

York says he values the connection he has had with the supporters of the speedway over the years, and feels the same alliance with them as Woodhall.

"If it weren't for the support of the sponsors, MVS would not be anywhere near as successful or as nice of a facility as it has been without their help," he said. "Actually they're business partners, not sponsors."

a lot of fun."

But will Lopez have enough for a threepeat in the division?

"It's hard to say," he admitted. "It depends on how stout the trucks are when they show up. I think they have a better suspension

advantage, but we may have a little advantage in our gearing. I think my chances are fair. If I have to play catch-up all year, then, oh well."

But it's no secret that Lopez has already been there and done that.

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May	19	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
May	26	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
May	28	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
Jun	2	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
Jun	9	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
Jun	16	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
Jun	23	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
Jun	28	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
Jun	30	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
Jul	3	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
Jul	7	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
Jul	14	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
Jul	21	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
Jul	26	Thunder, Hornets, Trucks
Jul	28	Premier, Grand Nationals, Pony, Queens, Super Sixes
Aug	4	Platt 200 NASCAR RMCS, Premier, Pony, Teens
Aug	11	Premier, Grand Nationals, Thunders, Queens
Aug	18	Grand Nationals, Pony, Thunders, Hornets, Trucks
Aug	25	Grand Nationals, Pony, Queens, Super Sixes, TRAILER RACE
Sep	1	Holiday Hornet 300, Teens
Sep	8	NAPA 150 NASCAR RMCS, Premier, Pony, Hornets
Sep	15	Premier, Grand Nationals, Thunders, Queens, Teens

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