

REGION CHAMPS

Bruins blaze way to 5A state tourney.

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Springtime in the City of Rocks a unique time.

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Black fly don't bother me

Like mosquitoes, these insects are trouble for Magic Valley.

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More wells could be shut down in Magic Valley

State issuing second curtailment notice in as many weeks

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Water Resources has announced plans to curtail more Magic Valley groundwater pumps.

Letters to 700 groundwater users will be sent out today, warning them that about 46,253 acres could be dried up by the state.

The news couldn't be much worse for pumpers: This is the second curtailment order issued in two weeks.

High and dry

The latest curtailment warning affects these groundwater districts: Aberdeen-American Falls Bingham Magic Valley North Snake Jefferson-Clark Carey Valley

"Well, I'm not surprised," said Lynn Tomlinaga of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators about the announcement.

A drought is predicted for this year, and surface water users with senior rights are demanding water owed to them by pumpers, users with junior rights.

Two weeks ago, the department announced plans to curtail water to 33,000 acres of Magic Valley farmland to free up water for Clear Springs Foods' Snake River Farm and Blue Lakes Trout Farm. But that curtailment order has been postponed by a judge.

"This situation definitely has similarities to the other (curtailment orders)," Tutthill said.

The director said that there is probably an overlap between the two cases, meaning that many of the same water users affected by the first order are also subject to the latest curtailment announcement. But Tutthill said the department is still crunching numbers and can't be sure about the overlap's extent.

Although this spring has been particularly troublesome for pumpers, it hasn't been much easier on Tutthill, who took office on a permanent basis last month.

Since then, he's threatened to issue the largest curtailment order in state history, and he's been summoned to court by several water groups.

He agrees that he's had a tough few weeks, but Tutthill won't say if it's bad timing or his style of management that's brought upon the troubles.

"I'll let you make that conclusion," he chuckled.

'The ultimate water showdown'

Idaho Power challenges Swan Falls; pivotal water agreement for judge to decide

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Claims to Idaho water just got a lot more complicated.

Idaho Power Co. has filed a response to an order seeking declaratory judgment regarding one

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of the most pivotal and influential water agreements in state history: Swan Falls.

The power company filed Thursday in 5th District Court a complaint and petition for declaratory judgment and injunctive relief, as well as two motions for stay.

The utility's latest filing — which is made against the offices of the governor, attorney general and the

Idaho Department of Water Resources — has set Idaho on a course for the ultimate water showdown, say those close to the case.

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The declaratory judgment case focuses on the 1984 Swan Falls

agreement in which Idaho Power subordinated a portion of its water rights to the state. The state says it can do as it likes with the excess water — leftover after Idaho Power uses a share for its hydroelectric plants.

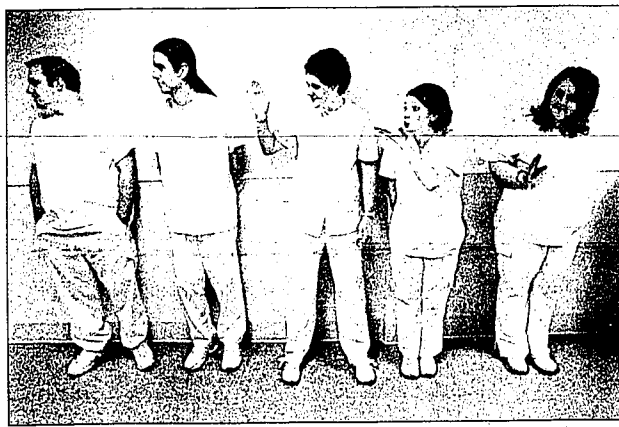
The power company disagrees. It says there have been mutual mistakes regarding that agreement, and it wants some of the water back.

According to the court papers, Idaho Power maintains "... the state of Idaho does not hold legal title to Idaho Power's water rights, and title to the water rights referenced in the

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Instead of worrying about a job after graduation, these grads have their

Futures already set



College of Southern Idaho nursing students from left, Josh Millpack, Cody Karel, Sarah Hurst, Lisa Jensen and Joanna Horling greet faculty members at the school as they walk by the graduating students before the ceremony Thursday night.

CSI holds graduation for nurses; many already have jobs lined up

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There will be more than 50 graduation ceremonies throughout the Magic Valley this month, but only one required its graduates to replace the black robe and hat with a pair of white nursing scrubs.

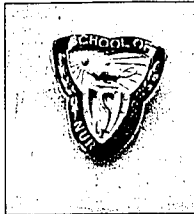
The College of Southern Idaho held its White Honors ceremony Thursday evening to recognize 62 students who graduated from the college's nursing program.

But it wasn't just the scrubs that set this graduation apart — it was the fact that almost every graduate had a

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job waiting for them. "Most of us accepted positions at St. Luke's (Magic Valley Regional Medical Center), so we will start the introduction process at the end of the month," said Steve Thomas, a graduate from the associate nursing program.

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The nursing pin awarded to Sherryn Barger Thursday night.

Deep cuts

Gooding School District proposes scaling back programs and staff

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer

GOODING — Several student program cuts are on the chopping block as the Gooding School District tries to reign in instructional expenses.

The failure of the supplemental levy in April has forced the school board to cut programs and possibly school staff in order to meet its fiscal budget.

During a tense school board meeting Wednesday evening, the district's leadership team — which is made up of building and district administrators — recommended that the board cut all out-of-state student travel, five employee contracts and several other expenses.

The proposed reductions would save the school district more than \$390,000. But they would also cut deep cuts to student services, including high school and elementary counselors, student clubs and academic curriculum.

Robert Stearns, superintendent of the Gooding School District, was not available for comment as of press-time Thursday. However, in an earlier interview, he told the Times-News that the district would have to cut costs without the money from the proposed supplemental levy.

According to a financial report from the Idaho State Department of Education, the Gooding School District had overspent its budget by more than \$918,000 since Feb. 2006. Most of the money was spent on instructional and classroom costs.

District officials say they were using cash reserves in order to reduce class sizes, but they say the district could not have afforded to deplete the reserve another year.

After voters rejected the supplemental levy, building administrators were asked to identify programs that could be cut.

Getting, staying hitched: U.S. divorce rate falls to lowest level since 1970

By David Gray Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — by the numbers, divorce just isn't what it used to be. Despite the common notion that America remains plagued by a divorce epidemic, the national per capita divorce rate has declined steadily since its peak in 1981 and is now at its lowest level since 1970.

Yet Americans aren't necessarily making better choices about their long-term relationships. Even those who study marriage and work to make it more successful can't decide whether the trend is grounds for celebration or cynicism.

Some experts say relationships are as unstable as ever — and divorces are down primarily because more couples live together without marrying. Other researchers have documented what they call "the divorce divide," contending that divorce rates are indeed falling substantially among college-educated couples but not among less-affluent, less-educated couples.

"Families with two earners with good jobs have seen an improvement in their standard of living, which leads to less tension at home and lower probability of divorce," said Andrew Cherlin, a professor of public policy at Johns Hopkins University.

America's divorce rate began climbing in the late 1960s and skyrocketed during the '70s and early '80s, as virtually every state adopted no-fault divorce laws. The rate peaked at 5.3 divorces per 1,000 people in 1981. But since then it's dropped by one-third, to 3.6. That's the lowest rate since 1970.

What's fueling that decline? According to 20 scholars, marriage-promotion experts and divorce lawyers consulted by The Associated Press, a combination of things.

The number of couples who live together without marrying has increased tenfold since 1960; the marriage rate has dropped by nearly 30 percent in past 25 years; and

Americans are waiting about five years longer to marry than they did in 1970.

Adding such factors together, Patrick Fagan of the conservative Heritage Foundation sees a bad situation.

"Cohabitation is very fragile, and when unmarried parents split, for the child it might as well be a divorce," Fagan said. "Among those who are marrying, there's increased stability, but overall the children of the nation are getting a rawer and rawer deal from their parents."

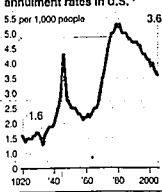
Other experts, however, are heartened by what they view as the increased

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Lower divorce rate

Divorce and annulment rates have declined since peaking in 1981. Roughly one in five adults have divorced at least once.

Yearly divorce and annulment rates in U.S., 5.5 per 1,000 people



SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS	Today	Tonight	Saturday
Partly cloudy and much warmer than average	Partly cloudy and quite mild	Scattered clouds and still very warm	
High 89	Low 52	88 / 52	

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Today: Partly cloudy and unseasonably warm. Highs in the mid 80s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and mild. Lows middle 40s.
Tomorrow: One more day of well above average temperatures. Highs in the low to mid 80s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Scenes from Jules Follor's play "Hold Me," performed by the Flier High School-Drama Department, 7:30 p.m., Flier Middle School auditorium, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with activity cards, 734-3780 or abblissum03@yahoo.com.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Mother's Day plant sale hosted by Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteers, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the front lobby of the medical center, 1501 Hiland Ave., Burley, 677-6555.

The Fifth Annual Flower and Plant Fundraiser Sale, including annuals, vegetables and hanging baskets, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Praise Chapel Christian Church, 1110 Eighth St., (next to Minidoka Memorial Hospital), 436-0449.

Mother's Day bake sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Burley Kayak, 1301 Overland Ave., proceeds to American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, 678-9051.

Mother's Day bake sale and raffle, including non-sugar foods and small, handmade items; hosted by volunteers of Parke View Care & Rehab to benefit the residents, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the lobby of the facility, 2303 Parke Ave., Burley, raffle tickets: \$1 each or six for \$5, 677-3073.

CELEBRATIONS

Castleford Community Centennial Picnic celebrating centennial graduations, hosted by Castleford PYO and Castleford Mens Club, 5 to 7 p.m., open to the community, 543-4565 or 543-8265.

FAMILY

"**Youth Options**," activities for ages 13-19, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, 52 733-8720.

GOVERNMENT

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

HEALTH

"**Abuse Is the Training for Addiction**," Dr. Sharon Custer, 6:30 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost, 734-6902.
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.
Al-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, no-fee: 1-866-592-3198.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, "Far Out Space Places" 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, 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@magiclevalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

COMING TOMORROW

ICON OF A MIRACLE

A statue of Our Lady of Fatima tours southern Idaho, reminding local Catholics of the meaning of the 1917 apparition.



SATURDAY IN RELIGION

OPINION

MINI EDITORIAL

What's that knocking sound?

In Boise, regular unleaded is rated 87 octane. In Twin Falls, most regular unleaded is 85 octane, forcing most people to buy more expensive mid-grade gasoline. Is there actually any demand for 85 octane gas here, or is there some other reason? Just a thought.

— KEVIN COURTNEY, copy editor

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YOUR MORNING
BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY

Idaho Power files water suit in district court

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More water pumps face curtailment

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Water Resources issued another round of letters Thursday warning 700 eastern Idaho groundwater users that their pumps could be shut down May 24 unless they can set aside enough water sought by users with more senior rights.

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School district expenses on chopping block?

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Black fly problems reemerge in valley

TWIN FALLS — Well before the West Nile Virus came to Idaho and spread itself through mosquitoes, a different pesky insect was already there with a different disease as an established annoyance for Magic Valley farmers. The effect of the black fly has been recognized as the evil partner to mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus, as the county decides whether to create an emergency vector abatement district.

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Twin Falls County to start drug campaign

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County recently received \$19,500 from the Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission to start a multimedia campaign to educate kids about underage drinking.

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Bowcut asks for sentence reduction

BOURLEY — Leslie Peter Bowcut, 33, who was convicted in 2002 of 14 counts of lewd conduct with a child under 16 years old and sentenced to 30 years to life, asked a judge to consider either re-sentencing him or reducing his sentence.

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Vandalism cuts power to Murtaugh, Hansen

MURTAUGH — Vandalism to a transformer cut electricity to 377 Idaho Power Co. customers in Murtaugh and Hansen at about 5:30 Thursday morning. City officials in Hansen said they weathered the outage without incident, but classes were canceled at all Murtaugh schools.

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OBITUARIES

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 Edith Roy Olson, 82
 Atta Regns Strand, 94
 Fred J. Dopita, 85

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CORRECTIONS

Kimberly Open House held May 18

The Beryl Ricket/Lani Tingey open house at Kimberly Middle School is May 18. The wrong date was published Wednesday due to incorrect information provided to the Times-News.

Man's name misspelled

Joe Tignan's name was misspelled in a May 9 outline. The Times-News regrets the error.

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School closed after suspicious men seen

BOULDER, Colo. — Police searched a high school room by room Thursday after a cook reported seeing two suspicious men in the building around dawn, both wearing camouflage and one in a ski mask. Authorities said no classes or groups were meeting in Boulder High School at the time. Police sealed off the building, and school officials canceled classes for the day.

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Unisex bathroom sparks debate at BSU

BOISE — A conservative group has criticized an Idaho university administrator for saying a new unisex bathroom in her school's student center would accommodate transgender people.

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Developer in trouble over sewage leak

HAYVIEW — A northern Idaho developer already under investigation for the destruction of kokanee salmon spawning beds in Lake Pend Oreille is now defending the failure to report a sewage spill into the lake. State and federal environmental officials say they are investigating the extent of a sewage leak caused when crews for developer Bob Holland were demolishing old boat houses in the small, waterfront town of Hayview.

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Historic documents donated to college

BOISE — A century-old, leather-bound court docket from the murder trial that followed the hooby-trap bomb assassination of Idaho Gov. Frank Steunenberg has been donated to Albertson College of Idaho by his descendants.

The docket, rescued from a trash bin more than a decade ago, includes the original complaint that led to the arrest of Harry Orchard, and union boss William "Big Bill" Haywood. Haywood was acquitted after being represented by Clarence Darrow, the era's legal star.

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Bomb kills young immigrant in Vegas

LAS VEGAS — Police released blurry freeze-frame images Thursday of a car that investigators think was used to shuttle a deadly bomb to a Las Vegas Strip resort where it exploded and killed a young illegal immigrant who had gotten off work at an all-night hot dog stand.

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NATION/WORLD



House rejects 9-month withdrawal from troops

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House defeated legislation Thursday to require the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq within nine months, then pivoted to a fresh challenge of President Bush's handling of the unpopular war. The vote on the nine-month withdrawal measure was 255-171.

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Man convicted of trying to steal secrets

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Jurors convicted a Chinese-born engineer Thursday of conspiring to export U.S. defense technology to China, including data on an electronic propulsion system that could make submarines virtually undetectable. Chi Mak also was found guilty of acting as an unregistered foreign agent, attempting to violate export control laws and making false statements to the FBI.

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Gonzales parries questions about firings

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales confidently deflected House Democrats' demands Thursday for details in the firings of U.S. attorneys, appearing ever more likely to survive accusations that the dismissals were politically motivated. Republican lawmakers rushed to Gonzales' defense as the attorney general denied charges that the firings last year were improper.

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Executives plead guilty to OxyContin ruse

ROANOKE, Va. — The maker of the powerful painkiller OxyContin and three of its current and former executives pleaded guilty Thursday to misleading the public about the drug's risk of addiction, a federal prosecutor and the company said. Purdue Pharma L.P. is president, top lawyer and former chief medical officer will pay \$634.5 million in fines, U.S. Attorney John Brownlee said.

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Study: Thin people may be fat on the inside

LONDON — If it really is what's on the inside that counts, then a lot of thin people might be in trouble. Some doctors now think that the internal fat surrounding vital organs like the heart, liver or pancreas — invisible to the naked eye — could be as dangerous as the more obvious external fat.

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SPORTS



Bruins blaze way to top area seed at state

TWIN FALLS — The dazzling glare bouncing around Bruin Diamond Thursday wasn't the sun. Rather it was the Twin Falls Bruins softball team as it continued to shine, winning the Region Four-Five-Six Championship and the top area seed to the Class 5A state tournament next week in Post Falls.

The Skyline Grizzlies got burned up in the Bruins' tight 7-2 state runner-up and the second seed to state.

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Trojan two-step: Raft River rules 1A track

GOODING — Same story, new names.

The last time Haft River High School failed to sweep the Class 1A District IV boys and girls track titles Nicole Harper, Reagan Ward and Ace Jones weren't even high school students. Thursday afternoon at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind track and field complex in Gooding, that trio and their Trojans teammates again proved that there's no being traditional. The Trojans boys — winners of the last three Class 1A state championships — scored a 14-point victory over second-place Carey, while the Trojans girls edged second-place Richfield by 12 points.

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Kimberly boys, Buhl girls win district titles

DEULO — The Kimberly boys won the Class 3A District IV track and field championships, finishing with 98 points. Flier placed second overall with 82 points. Gooding edged Deulo by half a point for third place, and Buhl rounded out the five-team district meet.

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Nurses

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Although most graduates will be employed in hospitals throughout the valley, some have accepted positions in hospitals as far away as Virginia. A nationwide shortage of trained nurses has many hospitals hiring graduates right out of college.

Coffin has been trying to keep up with the demand, but the current size of its facilities limits the number of students it can accept each year. However, that will change in coming years when the college completes construction on its \$21.1 million nursing and life-sciences building.

"I took me three years to actually get into the program," Thomas said. "The first year I applied, I never heard back from them, and the second year I applied I was put on a waiting list."

Still, many of the graduates, such as Thomas, say the small classes were a benefit because of the quality of instruction and the camaraderie that developed in the learning groups.

"In the small classes they develop friendships that will last a long time, and many of them will end up working together," said Janet Sandy, chairwoman for the associate degree nursing program.

And maybe that's why there were no tearful goodbyes at the White Honors ceremony — or maybe it was simply because they all knew they had jobs waiting for them.

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

Showdown

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Swan Falls Agreement is quieted ...

Idaho Gov. Jim Risch, serving as governor this week while Gov. Butch Otter is out of state, said the Idaho Power response is simply business as usual in the context of Idaho water.

"The only resolution," Risch said, "is a lawsuit that will settle this thing."

Idaho Power and the original 1944 agreement several times since it was signed, namely in 1994 when the utility objected to the state's proposal to use the water to recharge the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer. The issue arose again last year when Newcomb revisited the recharge question in the Legislature, but the bill fell short against Idaho Power's campaign to defeat it. This spring the company filed

papers in 5th District Court asking a judge to sort it out. Water experts agree that recharge could help stabilize the aquifer and reduce chances of future lawsuits. Idaho Power has said it needs the water to avoid raising costs for its customers.

The latest round of papers was sent to the governor's office, the attorney general's office and the Idaho

Department of Water Resources. None of those groups were prepared to give extensive comment so soon after receiving the documents. Idaho Power Co., which filed its response Thursday, said it was not prepared to comment on the issue either. But company Spokesman Dennis Lopez said, "This is only the first hell in what will probably be a long court case."

Divorce

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determination of many couples to make marriage work. Among them is Bill Chaussee of Child and Family Services of New Hampshire, which offers marriage-strengthening programs to a state where divorces dropped more than 25 percent between 2000 and 2005.

"People don't see marriage problems as some sort of stigma any more," said Chaussee. "They're really interested in learning how to stay married; a lot of them are realizing they need more skill."

Some states have made concerted efforts to combat divorce with publicly funded marriage education campaigns, although their effectiveness remains in question. In Oklahoma, 100,000 people have attended workshops since a marriage initiative began in 2001, but the latest divorce figures showed no drop, and the campaign's backers no longer stress their original goal of cutting divorce by one-third by 2010.

Wayne and Carol Sutton are among the couples who've gone to Oklahoma's marriage workshops; they attended a half-dozen sessions earlier this year in their hometown of Tulsa.

"This was a way to gain some insight," said Wayne Sutton, a longtime petroleum engineer whose wife also works in the energy industry. "They tell you to regenerate the closeness you had when you got married."

Sutton, 51, and his wife, 46, married in 1995 and have a 9-year-old son.

"We're like any marriage," he said. "We've had rocky periods and Cloud Nine periods ... We decided a long time ago were not going to desert each other; we were going to stay together no matter what."

The Bush administration believes such programs have merit — its Healthy Marriage initiative has disbursed more than \$200 million nationwide in the past five years. Bill Coffin, the Department of Health and Human Services' special assistant for marriage education, is convinced the programs are a factor in the declining divorce rate.

"The word is getting out that marriage doesn't have to be a crap shoot — it's not the luck of the draw," Coffin said. "It's how you deal with the inevitable conflict and anger in marriage."

He subscribes to the theory that better-educated, wealthier

er couples have better odds of success in marriage.

"What we're doing is making sure the poor have access to some help and support," Coffin said. "So many people never heard of marriage education before."

One of the researchers whose studies detected the "divorce divide" is University of Maryland sociologist Steve Martin. Comparing marriages from early 1970s to those of the late '90s, Martin found that the rate of breakups within 10 years of marriage dropped by one-third among college-educated women while remaining stable among less-educated women.

"Overall, marriages will become more stable only if the lower two-thirds of the population starts behaving like the top third," Martin said. "There's a lot of debate — is that possible? Can marriage training or other programs give all couples the sort of relationship skills that people imagine college graduates have?"

Stephanie Coontz, who teaches history and family studies at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., says divorces are dropping in the college-educated sector because many spouses "are learning how to negotiate marriages based on less rigid gender roles than in the past."

"College-educated wives are more likely to work than less-educated wives, and a recent study found that unlike the past, a wife's work now tends to stabilize marriage," she said. Glenn Stanton, a family policy expert with the conservative ministry Focus on the Family, suggested one factor behind the declining divorce rate was simply a societal revolution toward the high rates of recent decades.

"In the past 30 years, we've had more divorce than any culture has ever had," he said. "A lot of young adults now are coming out of the family upheaval of the 70s, and they're cobbling out of fear. They don't want to mess up the nice clean carpet of marriage — they saw their parents do that."

Amber Settle and her partner, Andre Berthäume, are opted not to marry even as they celebrate 10 years of living together and raise a 3-year-old daughter in Chicago. Each teaches computer science at DePaul University, each is 39, each has parents who divorced.

"We decided a long time ago that marriage wasn't for us," Settle said. "We have a number of friends who got married, and we've supported them. But it's not something we want to do."

Among their reasons, she said, was their belief it would be unfair to get married until same-sex couples across the country had the same opportunity. Observing her married friends, Settle sees some wonderful relationships and some on the rocks. Married or cohabiting, she said, "you have to work hard at a relationship to make it work."

The per capita divorce rate is different from another method of calculation — the percentage of marriages that will eventually end in divorce or separation. Many experts discount the popular notion that one of two U.S. marriages end in divorce, and suggest the breakup rate, which is hard to calculate, has stabilized in recent years at between 40 percent and 45 percent.

Gaetano Ferro of New Canaan, Conn., president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, says overall national trends haven't had a noticeable effect on his fellow divorce lawyers.

"I've been active in the academy two decades plus," Ferro said. "I've never heard anyone say, 'We're in trouble. There are fewer divorces.'"

But North Carolina divorce lawyer Lee Rosen, while reporting that business for his large firm is booming, says he has noticed a trend toward increased realism and civility among couples with marital strains. Many seek mediation as they split, and arrange for joint legal custody of their children.

"People are coexisting more peacefully, whether they stay together or come apart," Rosen said. "They are more contemplative and serious about their relationships, and I see people stay together who once would have allowed the marriage to unravel."



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NATION

OxyContin maker, executives say they misled the public about its risks

By Sue Lindsey
Associated Press writer

ROANOKE, Va. — The maker of the powerful painkiller OxyContin and three of its current and former executives pleaded guilty Thursday to misleading the public about the drug's risk of addiction, a federal prosecutor and the company said.

Purdue Pharma L.P., its president, top lawyer and former chief medical officer will pay \$63.5 million in fines for pleading guilty to the charges. The drug was less addictive and less subject to abuse than other pain medications, U.S. Attorney John

Brownlee said. The plea agreement settled a national case and came two days after the Stamford, Conn.-based company agreed to pay \$15.5 million to 26 states and the District of Columbia to settle complaints that it encouraged physicians to overprescribe OxyContin.

"With its OxyContin, Purdue unleashed a highly abusable, addictive, and



Brownlee

potentially dangerous drug on an unsuspecting and unknowing public," Brownlee said. "For these misrepresentations and crimes, Purdue and its executives have been brought to justice."

Purdue spokesman James Helms objected to any suggestion of ties between the plea agreement and the abuse of OxyContin.

"We promoted the medicine only to health-care professionals, not to consumers," he said in a statement.

Privately held Purdue learned from focus groups with physicians in 1995 that

doctors were worried about the abuse potential of OxyContin. The company then gave false information to its sales representatives that the drug had less potential for addiction and abuse than other painkillers, the U.S. attorney said.

Ken Jost of the Justice Department's Office of Consumer Litigation said this case should put pharmaceutical companies on notice that they won't be able to get away with breaking the law to make a profit.

"The things that they plot in their boardrooms, the things that they do behind

closed doors will not stay behind closed doors," Jost said. "We have the people, we have the resources. We'll take the time and we'll take the effort to find out what they did and how they did it."

Purdue Pharma said it accepted responsibility for its employees' actions.

"During the past six years, we have implemented changes to our internal training, compliance and monitoring systems that seek to assure that similar events do not occur again," the company said in a news release.

OxyContin, a trade name for oxycodone, is a time-

release painkiller that can be highly addictive. Designed to be swallowed whole and digested over 12 hours, the pills can produce a heroin-like high if crushed and then swallowed, snorted or injected.

From 1996 to 2001, the number of oxycodone-related deaths nationwide increased fivefold while the annual number of OxyContin prescriptions increased nearly 20-fold, according to a report by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. In 2002, the DEA said the drug caused 146 deaths and contributed to another 318.

Jury convicts engineer of conspiring to steal U.S. military secrets for China

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press writer

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Jurors convicted a Chinese-born engineer Thursday of conspiring to export U.S. defense technology to China, including data on an electronic propulsion system that could make submarines virtually undetectable.

Chi Mak also was found guilty of acting as an unregistered foreign agent, attempting to violate export control laws and making false statements to the FBI. Prosecutors had dropped a charge of actually exporting defense articles.

When the verdict was read, Mak at first showed no emotion but then appeared to hold back tears as defense attorney Marilyn Hednarski wept up and rubbed his back. Defense attorney Ron Kaye's face was flush.

Mak faces up to 45 years in prison when he is sentenced Sept. 10, Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Staples said. It took jurors close to three days to reach a verdict after a six-week trial.

The government accused Mak, a naturalized U.S. citizen, of taking thousands of pages of documents from his

defense contractor employer, Power Paragon of Anaheim, and giving them to his brother, who passed them along to Chinese authorities over a number of years.

Mak, 66, was arrested in 2005 in Los Angeles after FBI agents stopped his brother and sister-in-law as they boarded a flight to Hong Kong.

Investigators said they found three encrypted CDs in their luggage that contained documents on a submarine state power switch for ships and a Power Point presentation on the future of power electronics.

Mak's wife, brother and other relatives also have been indicted and are to go on trial together June 5.

Mak acknowledged during the trial that he copied classified documents from his employer and kept copies in his office. He maintained he didn't realize at the time that making the copies was illegal.

Kaye said the defense team still believes Mak is innocent.

"We believe the facts of the case have been manipulated, and we believe Mr. Mak didn't necessarily get a fair trial," Kaye said.

Reports of masked men lock down Colorado high school

By Colleen Slevin
Associated Press writer

BOULDER, Colo. — Police searched a high school room by room Thursday after a cook reported seeing two suspicious men in the building around dawn, both wearing camouflage and one in a ski mask.

Authorities said no classes or groups were meeting in Boulder High School at the time. Police sealed off the building, and school officials canceled classes for the day.

A four-hour search by 23 officers in three SWAT teams

found no signs of a break-in. Police Chief Mark Beckner said. The search included utility access tunnels under the building and at one point two officers could be seen on the roof, their rifles drawn.

Beckner said there was no indication the intruders were armed.

"This could be a spring, end-of-school-year prank. It could be a burglary, or it could be kids goofing around, or it could be more serious," Beckner said. "Given the times that we live in and recent events, we have to take all precautions."

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House rejects 9-month withdrawal for troops, agrees to guarantee funds only through July

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic-controlled House voted Thursday night to pay for military operations in Iraq on an installment plan, defying President Bush's threat of a second straight veto in a fierce test of wills over the unpopular war.



Pelosi

The 221-205 vote, largely along party lines, sent the measure to a cool reception in the Senate, where Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is seeking compromise with the White House and Republicans on a funding bill.

Under increasing political pressure from Republicans, Bush also signaled flexibility, offering to accept a spending bill that sets out standards for the Iraq government to meet.

"Time's running out, because the longer we wait the more strain we're going to put on the military," said the president, who previously had insisted on what he termed a "clean" war funding bill.

Bush and key lawmakers have stepped up expressions of frustration with the Iraqi government in recent weeks, and Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Ibrahim Saleh spent his day in meetings with key senators appealing for patience.

In a brief interview with The Associated Press, Saleh said the purpose of the meetings was to convey the "imperative of success against terrorism and extremism" in the Middle East.

Despite Bush's ability to sustain his vetoes in Congress — the House upheld his rejection of a troop withdrawal timetable last week — Democrats called for votes on two separate bills Thursday that challenged him on the

war. "Democrats are not going to give the president a blank check for a war without end," vowed House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California.

The first measure would have required the withdrawal of U.S. combat forces from Iraq within nine months. It fell, 255-171, with 59 Democrats joining almost all Republicans in opposition.

"This war is a terrible tragedy and it is time to bring it to an end," said Rep. James McGovern, leading advocate of the bill to establish a nine-month withdrawal timetable. "For four long, deadly years, this administration and their allies in Congress have been flat wrong about Iraq," said the Massachusetts Democrat.

Republicans argued that a withdrawal would be disastrous.

"Now is not the time to signal retreat and surrender. How

could this Congress walk away from our men and women in uniform," said Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif.

A few hours later, the House passed legislation providing funds for the war grudgingly in two installments. The first portion would cover costs until Aug. 1 — \$42.8 billion to buy equipment and train Iraqi and Afghan security forces.

Under the bill, it would take a summertime vote by Congress to free an additional \$52.8 billion, the money needed to cover costs through the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year.

"We reject that idea. It won't work," the president declared after a meeting with military leaders at the Pentagon.

Democratic officials, speaking privately, said Pelosi had agreed to allow the vote on the hope that her rank-and-file would then unite behind the funding bill.

Confident Gonzales parries Democrats, looking like a survivor of controversy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales confidently deflected House Democrats' demands Thursday for details in the firings of U.S. attorneys, appearing ever more likely to survive accusations that the dismissals were politically motivated.

Republican lawmakers rushed to Gonzales' defense as the attorney general denied any that the firings last year were improper.

The mostly muted five-hour hearing in front of the House Judiciary Committee was a sharp contrast to Gonzales' sometimes testy appearance three weeks ago when Senate Republicans questioned his competence to run the Justice

Department. One senator at that session joined a small GOP chorus saying he should step down.

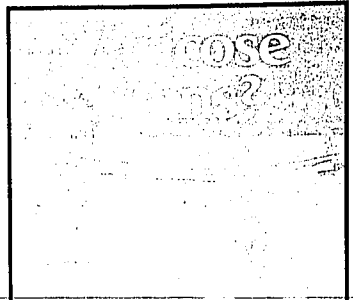
"I will work as hard as I can, working with this committee and working with DOJ employees, to reassure the American people that this department is focused on doing its job," Gonzales said Thursday.

"I will not satisfy exasperated Democrats, who accused Gonzales of being evasive."

"Your reputation is on the line, Mr. Attorney General. What do you have to say for yourself?" asked Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., adding that the "back stops at the top."

"I accept responsibility," Gonzales answered.

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EDITORIAL

Officials must defend Jerome County's interest

Two members of the Jerome County commission may not be comfortable trying to recover tens of thousands of dollars from a former colleague and two predecessors.

But that's not the point. County leaders should be more concerned with those who put them into office — the taxpayers and voters of the county. Hopefully, it's not too late for them to make that stand.

The commissioners agreed on Tuesday to take action in recovering close to \$70,000 of money illegally paid to former commissioners — Veronica Lierman, John Florrieta and Alvin Chojnacky. That money was paid under a system created by Lierman that was intended to document hours spent on the job as county leaders. Commissioners were paid a higher wage after a set period of hours per week, making it a type of overtime pay. Lierman earned \$51,857; Florrieta, \$16,200 and Chojnacky, \$125.

After a long state investigation done after a public citizen's request, the pay structure was called illegal by the state attorney general's office. Idaho laws do not allow county officials to pay themselves on an over-time basis.

State officials did not prosecute because, although the payments were illegal, they were made for work-related reasons. That explained why commissioners Charlie Howell and Joe Davidson — former colleagues of Lierman — are not fully convinced that the issue requires a full-court press. Both commissioners tried a month ago to step away from the issue, citing a conflict of interest, but county government experts said that was a bad move.

On Tuesday, the two commissioners sounded almost apologetic for deciding to act. But recovering the illegal payments has to be a priority for stewards of the public purse, especially when the deputy attorney general says former officials "have an obligation" to pay the money back. For former commissioners to defend their actions with mere fine-tune explanations don't suffice, either. Almost from the time the commissioners passed the pay structure in 2001, members of the public doubted its legitimacy. And just because the county's attorneys passed off on the plan doesn't mean it has the Good Housekeeping seal of approval.

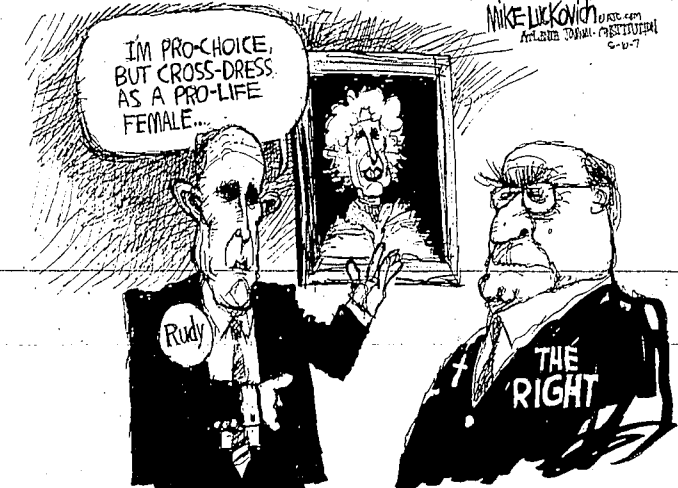
The delay to act on this pay issue — both by members of the current commission and the former prosecutor — has led to concerns over a statute of limitations. That technically could eliminate the possibility of recovering the money. Furthermore, Howell has also argued that the Idaho County Risk Management Program, the insurance firm that handles tort claims against counties, could defend the former commissioners and not Jerome County.

That argument isn't worth a plug nickel. ICRMP is paid by the counties and taxpayers to represent their interests in tort claims. How do the interests of former elected officials outweigh the legal interests of today's commissioners? The former officials don't get that protection once they leave public service.

Should the county be prevented from seeking those funds because of a legal technicality, or their own reticence, it will be their credibility on the line — not just that of former commissioners.

Our view:
Jerome County has an obligation to pursue payments from former officials.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rowe Pauls not the only one wanting accountability

To think Diana Rowe Pauls is the only one in Gooding asking for accountability of the school board or is unhappy with our current situation with our school district is uninformed and small-minded. We live in a small town and many are afraid to speak up for fear of being shunned by one's church members or being accused in the grocery store by an angry appointed school board member who questioned Diana's audacity to find a write-in candidate to run against Tim Pierson. If thought we live in a democracy and have a right to have our voices heard. This is the price patrons have had to pay to ask questions and/or exercise their rights.

While attending the meeting last week of concerned citizens, a positive movement in bridging the communication gap between the community and the school board, 28 other folks including school teachers, parents and grandparents were there also — not just me and Diana.

As for the failed school board here, Diana voted yes, along with many others. Community members either do not want the added tax burden or are concerned over the board's previous spending practices and mismanagement of funds. More than 400 voters voted against the levy and not one of those was Diana Rowe Pauls!

We are in the middle of an election. One of our own teachers is willing to be of service for the betterment of our kids: Maryanne Floyd — Zone 5. We also have a write-in candidate for Zone 4: Tracie Anderson. Because she is a write-in, one must spell her name correctly on the ballot. These candidates want to be part of rebuilding the community's trust with its school

board and be a part of the pro-active, positive change to get our district back on the right path.

Please vote May 15.
BRIDGET HURD
Gooding

Local Red Cross volunteers got more than a drill

Red Cross volunteers from the Magic and Treasure valleys attending a simulated disaster training exercise this past weekend in Meridian got more than expected — they responded to a major apartment fire in Ontario, Ore.

They will never forget what they learned, and the residents of that burned-out apartment will never forget the help they received.

The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho responded to the fire early Saturday (May 5) morning in Ontario. Twenty-four people were evacuated from the 10-unit apartment building. Twelve members of the Red Cross disaster action team participating in the shelter training were deployed to assist the fire victims and a Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle was on the scene. Spanish-speaking Red Cross officials were deployed to help fire victims.

DICK RUSH
Boise
(Editor's note: Dick Rush is the chief executive officer for the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho.)

Facts need to be straight on canoe incident

It's too bad that Cassidy Friedman didn't get the facts right about what happened on the bridge on April 29. Instead, everyone thinks the body fell right next to the canoers and they were forced to rescue her. In fact, there was a boater who had arrived on scene first and had warned the canoers not to bring their

women over because of the damage done to the body, yet they proceeded.

Now about the deputy's actions on the tickets. It was after the canoers were back at their vehicles that Sgt. Brown issued the citations. I know it doesn't make the story as good, but facts are facts! Also, a big thanks to Cassidy on the details of how the woman looked. I bet the family appreciated that.

NICOLE CHANDLER
Boise

Nuclear power has true potential for Idaho

Thank you for your editorial on nuclear power.

Nuclear power is the only power technology we have that is pollution free, CO2 free and potentially cheap. There is new technology being developed at the Idaho National Laboratory that can turn the world's highly enriched bomb-grade uranium (90 percent) into low-enriched uranium (20 percent) that can be used to produce safe, reliable power using the new Generation IV technology.

As good as wind and ethanol sound, they are not cheap. Please send some of your reporters to the INL to flesh out this story and hopefully educate the public on this exciting solution for our electrical and fuel needs.

DEL KOHITZ
Eden

Gooding candidate knows key issues

My name is Maryann Floyd, and I am currently running for the Gooding School Board. My interest in running as a school board trustee began four years ago when I felt the best interest of our students, staff and patrons were not being met.

I've been in education for nearly 20 years. I taught at a community college in New Jersey for five years and worked in the president's office. One of my responsibilities was to work with projections, growth and expenses for the college and develop the annual budget. The past 12 years I have worked as a mathematics teacher in the Gooding schools, along with fiscally managing the \$3.5 million After-School Programs from 2000 to 2005. These opportunities have given me a strong knowledge base regarding academic standards, policies, strategic planning, grant proposals and educational finances.

I understand the current issues facing our district. As a school board trustee, I understand the district's history and am willing to spend the time needed to be continually informed. I am familiar with educational finance, policy and research. If elected, I will bring a balanced perspective as an educator, parent and patron to the school board.

My main goals as a board member are:

- Rebuild the trust between community, staff, and students with the school board.
- Communicate the financial issues, decisions and school activities to the community.
- Support and encourage effective and technical programs.
- Encourage more public involvement.
- Support and appreciate all staff and their input.
- Be available and willing to listen to all community members and respect their democratic rights to be heard.
- I feel I am the best candidate for the position and would appreciate your vote on May 15 for school board trustee, Zone 5.

MARYANN FLOYD
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Republican Party spoiled with solid lineup of presidential candidates

WASHINGTON — There's a vacuum in the GOP we keep hearing, and Republicans aren't quite satisfied with their presidential choices.

Apparently, neither a veteran senator-war hero, nor a Harvard MBA/ID corporate governor, nor even a half-and-order 9/11 mayor is quite good enough for Red States. There's just something missing.

And what, one wonders, might that be? Exactly what *je ne sais quoi* would fill the alleged GOP void?



KATHLEEN PARKER

chief minority counsel for the Senate Watergate Committee, a U.S. senator who ran hearings on campaign finance controversies while chair of the Senate Government Affairs Committee from 1997-2001.

Like Ronald Reagan's, Thompson's acting career has featured strong manly roles — a CIA director, senator, FBI agent, chief of staff and rear admiral — as well as head prosecutor on "Law and Order." When Thompson spoke recently to the Orange County (California) Lincoln Club's annual dinner, he approached the podium to the

L&O soundtrack. In his speech, he came across as sincere, honest and straightforward — all the traits Americans crave in a candidate — and he talked folks.

"Even if we won't be going around in the woods trying to find any bears to kill, sometimes the bear visits whether you're looking for him or not," he said.

"What's not to love about Thompson? Apparently nothing, which may explain why the former Tennessee senator is polling in the top three among Republican candidates even though he's not officially running for president.

But is Thompson really the GOP savior? And more to the point: Does the GOP really need one?

ified with their choices that they were stuck with a roster of has-beens and also-rans. Spoiled and well fed, they're the party of Goldilocks in search of the perfect porridge.

The top three among those who have declared their candidacies — Rudy Giuliani, John McCain and Mitt Romney — are nobody's leftovers. Or anyone's audience. They're all leading men who belong to the thinly populated genre of sui generis — one of a kind.

Giuliani, America's mayor, was on Sept. 11, 2001, what Franklin D. Roosevelt was on Dec. 7, 1941. Before 9/11, Giuliani transformed one of the most dangerous cities in America into one of the safest.

He cleaned up Times Square and took on Wall Street, the Teamsters and organized crime.

Still, he's not quite hot enough? McCain is as true a war hero

as they come, having been a POW for five years in North Vietnam's infamous Hanoi Hilton. When he was offered an early release because of his family's influence (both his father and grandfather were admirals), he declined, opting to stay with his fellow American prisoners.

As a U.S. senator, he's led a variety of charges — for campaign finance and immigration reform — that have confirmed his status as a maverick, but also earned him the nickname of "RINO."

Republican in name only. He supports the war in Iraq even though it hurts him politically. But, well, he's just a little too hot.

Finally, Romney comes straight from central casting and the Reagan playbook. If government should be run like a business, as Reagan said, then Romney is without peer. During his single term as governor of Massachusetts (he didn't run for re-election), he lowered taxes and reduced unemployment. His first year, he closed the state's \$3 billion budget deficit, filed a balanced budget each year thereafter, and ended 2005 with close to a \$1 billion surplus. He also created a market-based reform to provide health insurance for every citizen without raising taxes.

But, there's just something about Mitt. He's beyond just right. He's 100 right — too good-looking, too rich, too successful.

On the other hand, maybe there's something about the Republican Party — that it can't stand prosperity. What if Romney has lost a vacuum, but an embarrassment of riches.

What they need isn't a savior but a good VP from the South. "Just Fred" may be just the ticket.

NATION

Informants' actions key in Fort Dix terror plot case

Entrapment defense seen as possible

By Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press writer

CIFERRY HILL, N.J. — He rallied against the United States, helped scout out military installations for attack, offered to introduce his comrades to an arms dealer, and gave them a list of weapons he could procure, including machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades. These were not the actions of a terrorist, but of a paid FBI informant who helped bring down an alleged plot by six Muslim men to massacre U.S. soldiers at New Jersey's Fort Dix.

And those actions have raised questions of whether the government crossed the line and pushed the six men down a path they would not have otherwise followed.

It is an argument — entrapment — that has been made in other terrorism cases, and one that has failed miserably in this post-Sept. 11 era.

One defense attorney on the case, Troy Archie, said no decision has been made on whether to argue entrapment, but based on the FBI's own account, "the guys sort of led them on."

Rocco Cipparone, a lawyer for another one of the defendants, said he will take a hard look at "the role of paid informants and how aggressive they were in potentially provoking or moving things along."

The Fort Dix Six were arrested earlier this week after a 15-month FBI investigation that relied heavily on two paid informants who secretly recorded meetings and telephone conversations in which the suspects talked of killing "in the name of Allah."

U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie defended the government's handling of the case. He and the FBI portrayed the defendants as Muslim fanatics who were nearly ready to strike. They were arrested Monday



U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie, center, surrounded by federal and state police officials, holds a news conference on the steps of the U.S. District Courthouse in Camden, N.J., Tuesday to announce the arrests of six foreign-born Muslims who are accused of plotting to attack Fort Dix.

night during what the FBI said was an attempt to buy AK-47 assault rifles, M-16s and other weapons.

Former FBI agent Kevin Barrows said prosecutors appeared to have done things right.

"They collaborated with surveillance, and they had a gun buy set up," Barrows said. "That further solidified the case, as opposed to it just being a tape of somebody saying, 'Yeah, I want to buy guns.' They worked this for a long time and the evidence seems really, really solid."

Prosecutors portrayed the six men — Sedar Latif, 23; Agrom Abduhalim, 24; Mohammad Ibrahim Shweir, 22; Dorian "Anthony" or "Tony" Duka, 28; Shain Duka, 26; and Eljvir "Eliis" Duka, 23 — as driven by hatred of America, a description disputed by relatives and acquaintances.

"I never in my wildest dreams imagined what they've been accused of," said Ismail Ibadat, trustee of the Islamic Center of South Jersey in Palmyra, where the Duka brothers worshipped.

The same documents that prosecutors used to build a case against the suspects also depict them as somewhat dis-

organized, lackluster plotters. And clumsy and amateurish, too. The FBI learned of the alleged plot when the men went to a Circuit City store and asked a clerk to transfer a jihad training video of themselves onto a DVD. Also, they mistakenly thought an AK-47 costs \$500, instead of \$1,500 to \$3,000.

Also, one of the men, Latif, called a Philadelphia police officer in November, saying that he had been approached by someone who was pressuring him to obtain a map of Fort Dix, and that he feared the incident was terrorist-related, according to court documents.

"It could be a defense, that he felt he was being pressured to do things and actually called law enforcement to report it," Suhail Mohammed, a lawyer and Muslim community leader in New Jersey who is not involved in the case.

Entrapment occurs when law enforcement officials entice others into committing a crime they otherwise would not have committed. Under the law, people cannot be convicted if they were entrapped. But there is no entrapment if a person is willing to break the law and law officers offer to help.

Government shells out \$445 million in grants for transit, port security

By Devin Barrett
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration on Thursday divided \$445 million in grants to protect commuters, shipping ports, and transit systems from terrorist attacks — a 10 percent increase from last year.

The Department of Homeland Security devoted most of the money to seaports and air transit: \$202 million for ports, \$155 million in grants to bus and rail lines, and \$48.5 million for critical infrastructure around the United States.

In the annual up-and-down of anti-terror grants to major ports, New York and San

Francisco did well, while Louisiana and Texas suffered setbacks.

"In many places there will be ebbs and flows in the funding," said DHS Deputy Secretary Michael Jackson.

Smaller amounts were distributed to protect the nation's passenger rail carrier Amtrak, and bus services like Greyhound and Trailways, as well as trucking and passenger ferry services.

Grant awards are closely scrutinized by city and state officials who measure their funding against previous years — though the bigger fight is usually over which cities are judged at highest risk of attack, and how much money they each get.

The exact grant amounts are based on applications from cities, and some, like Cleveland, didn't even bother to ask for port security funds, officials said.

"We gave them every chance, we mailed them the packet," said Jackson, who called the money distribution process "a combination of art and science."

New York City, which has complained of being short changed for years saying grants are spread around too widely, was a big recipient of transit and port aid again this year. The city and surrounding areas in New Jersey and Connecticut receiving about \$20 million, compared to \$79.5 million in 2005.

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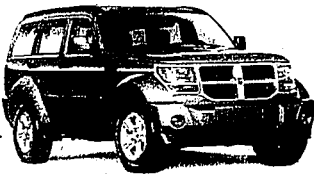
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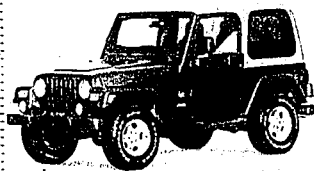
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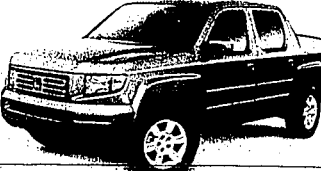
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Bruins blaze way to 5A state

Twin Falls softball wins region title

By Bradley Cole
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The dazzling glare bouncing around Bruin Diamond Thursday wasn't the sun.

Rather it was the Twin Falls Bruins softball team as it continued to shine, winning the Region Four-Five-Six Championship and the top area seed to the Class 5A state tournament next week in Post Falls.

The Skyline Grizzlies got burned up in the Bruins' light 7-3 to take runner-up and the second seed to state.

True to their recent form, the Bruins won their eighth straight with the efforts of every player. Pitching, fielding, hitting base running — all played an equal part in head coach Ken Johnson's first varsity championship at Twin Falls.

Although this conference title is Johnson's first, it is also a special one because he won it with seniors Natasha Brenner, Dusty Easter, and Alicia Simono. Johnson fostered these three players from the junior varsity ranks and hopefully will guide them through to the state title game. All that while they've played with passion and conducted themselves with class as they worked alongside the underclassmen.

"One of the biggest parts of our team is that we get along so well," Amber Petersen said. "There's not all the backstabbing and not all the drama that some teams have. We're that way socially, and it makes it a lot easier to play as a softball team."

The Bruins' commitment to strengthening themselves and their fielding was on display immediately as Skyline loaded the bases during the first inning. With no outs, the situation could have easily spiraled out of control, but Twin Falls found a way out of the inning with a precision double play.

"We wiggled off the hook. A couple of great defensive plays got us out of there," Johnson said.

Krystal Palmer hit the ball back toward pitcher Katelyn Fjeld, who chucked it to catcher Kalli McBride for out No. 1. To deny the Grizzlies its first run, McBride then hurled the ball down the first-base line to Simono, who made the catch before Palmer could reach base for out No. 2. The next batter, Kara Robuck, grounded out to shortstop Petersen to end the inning.

"It was nerve-racking," said



Bruins pinch-runner Sunshine Martinez slides safely into third base past Skyline's Kelsa Fisher during the first inning of their Region Four-Five-Six Championship game Thursday in Twin Falls.

Class 5A Region Four-Five-Six Softball Tournament

At Bruin Diamond, Twin Falls
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No. 4 Highland 10, No. 5 Madison 4
No. 3 Idaho Falls 11, No. 2 Skyline 1
Skyline 10, Madison 0
No. 1 Twin Falls 6, Highland 0

Skyline 9, Highland 0
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Skyline 6, Idaho Falls 4
Championship
Twin Falls 7, Skyline 3

McBride, who also caught Kelly Yates stealing second base to end the third inning. "It goes really fast. You can't think, you just do."

Twin Falls burned Skyline without mercy, soon after with four runs. Petersen beat the yellow ball for a triple to score Kim Dolecheck and Brenner, and Simono followed with a triple of her own to send home Petersen. Simono would score on error as Skyline failed to pick her off at third.

The Bruins would continue to provide run support off and on, but not quite as dramatically as the first inning. Easter hit 3-for-3

with a one-RBI double, and Sami Spencer hit a one-RBI double during the fifth. Fjeld singled to bring her home.

The championship also marked the 14th win for Fjeld, who is still on fire with a perfect 2007 season. After the anxiety-filled first inning, Fjeld settled down and didn't give Skyline much to work with. The Grizzlies usually went three up and three down on ground-out or fly-out situations during the middle innings. Unfortunately for Fjeld, Skyline eventually figured her

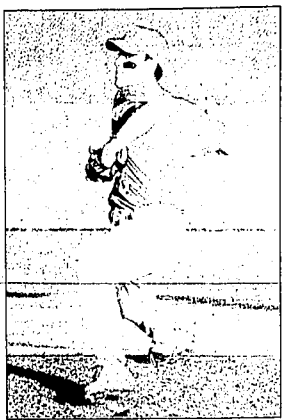
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Petersen earns scholarship award

Twin Falls softball ace Amber Petersen was selected as an "Interscholastic Star" recently by the Idaho High School Activities Association and The United Dairywomen of Idaho for 2007.

She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of her choice and be recognized at the IHSSA Hall of Fame banquet Aug. 1 in Boise. The United Dairywomen of Idaho will also contribute \$1,000 to the high school.

Petersen plays volleyball, basketball and is a school mascot for the Bruins. She is also active in Human Resources SLC, Magic Valley Junior Leadership, SWAT and FCA.



Minico pitcher Matt Tracy throws during the first inning against Century Thursday. The Spartans won 7-6.

Minico gets past Century for title

By Chuck Hunn
For the Times-News

RUPERT — There's never a dull moment in a night game at Warburton Field.

The Minico Spartans survived a frantic seventh-inning rally and won the Great Basin Conference baseball championship on Thursday.

Matt Tracy pined a complete game for the Spartans, striking out eight and walking three.

"He was really strong," Spartans coach Ben Frank said. "If you look at the hits they had, they had one down the line, that last one.

But the rest were just cap shots. He did a really good job keeping them off balance."

Dane Broadbent hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the first inning and drove in what would be the winning run in the bottom of the sixth with a single. Both teams tried to win the game early, as the Diamondbacks took advantage of some Minico errors in the first inning to score two runs. But the Spartans answered right back, as Cody Winnill smacked a double and Broadbent hit his shot off second pitcher Tyler Anderson.

Century picked up another run in the second inning as Trevor Houtsinger singled and Miles Prescott reached base on a Minico error. Kashi Helb hit down a sacrifice bunt to advance the runners, and Dylan Hierro's sacrifice grounder brought Houtsinger back the plate.

Minico retook the lead in their half of the second when Colby Andersen and Winnill hit back-to-back RBIs doubles, putting the Spartans up 4-3. Then the heavens closed for the Diamondbacks, as Tracy and the Minico defense held them scoreless for four innings.

The Spartans picked up a run in the fourth inning when Landon Barnes singled and later crossed the plate on a throwing error. Tracy helped his cause at the plate in the sixth inning with an RBI double and scored what became the game-winning run on Broadbent's single.

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It's a Trojan two-step: Raft River sweeps 1A track titles

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

GOODING — Same story, new names.

The last time Raft River High School failed to sweep the Class 1A District IV boys and girls track titles Nicole Harper, Reagan Ward and Ace Jones weren't even high school students. Thursday afternoon at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind track and field complex in Gooding, that trio and their Trojans teammates again proved that there's no beating tradition. The Trojans boys — winners of the last three Class 1A state championships — scored a 14-point victory over second-place Carey, while the Trojans girls edged second-place Richfield by 12 points.

Harper led the Trojans with victories in the girls' 100- and 200-meter dashes and ran the anchor leg on Raft River's winning 4x100- and 4x200-meter teams. The junior leads a young team that will look to claim its first state title since the Trojans rolled off a five-year title sweep between 1997-2001.

"We want to definitely make a statement at state," Harper said. "Let people know that we're here and we're ready to run. And that we're young and we can do good with the few that



Raft River senior Lindsay Hutchison (left) hands the baton off to junior Natalie Greenwood as the Trojans race toward their 4x200-meter relay win during Thursday's Class 2A/1A track meets in Gooding.

we have."

Despite practicing on a gravel track in the 177-person town of Malita, the Trojans rolled off 10 wins during the meet's second day, thanks in part to the friendly rivalry that exists between the Raft River boys and girls teams.

"The boys are always shining and

us girls are trying to get up there," Harper said.

Valley High School junior Zandrea Nelson was another girl that was always shining Thursday as the diminutive sprinter swept the 100-, 200- and 400-meter sprints before helping the Vikings win the Class 2A 4x100-meter relay. Nelson, a two-time

state champion at 400 meters, helped pace Valley to a runaway district title with 118 points to second-place Wendell's 37. Despite Nelson's early illness and the loss of standout distance runner Lisa Roemer to injury, the Vikings continued to rule the area 2A girls track scene.

"We've had a lot of girls step up," Nelson said. "A lot of girls who didn't think they could come out and trained hard. They're doing it. I'm really proud of them."

One of those Valley girls to step up this week was junior Shannon Sizemore who won both the 800- and 1,600-meter runs on Thursday to take the district's top seed in four events. Jack Lancaster paced the second-place Wendell Trojans with wins in the long jump and 300-meter hurdles.

Wendell ran away with another Class 2A boys district title as Cody Thuge swept the sprints and James Carrillo won the long jump. Glenn Ferry's Jesus Rodriguez won both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

Thursday's other standouts included Dietrich sprinter Jaren Stoddard and Raft River trio of freshman Whitney Holtman, junior Natalie Greenwood and senior Lindsay Hutchison who teamed with Harper in the Trojans' pair of relay wins.

Boise State University's Bronco Stadium and will start on Thursday, May 17.

Class 2A/1A District Meets

At ISDB track complex, Gooding
Thursday's results

Boys

Class 2A
(Top five individuals, top three teams qualify for state)
Event scores: 4. Wendell 112, 3. Carey 85, 2. Valley 81, 100 meters: 1. Jack Rodriguez, Carey 1:13, 2. Wendell 1:15, 3. Carey 1:16, 4. Valley 1:17, 200 meters: 1. James Carrillo, Carey 2:40, 2. Wendell 2:42, 3. Carey 2:43, 4. Valley 2:44, 400 meters: 1. Shannon Sizemore, Carey 5:58, 2. Wendell 6:00, 3. Carey 6:01, 4. Valley 6:02, 800 meters: 1. Shannon Sizemore, Carey 12:45, 2. Wendell 12:47, 3. Carey 12:48, 4. Valley 12:49, 1,600 meters: 1. Chris Ugo, Valley 5:18, 2. Carey 5:20, 3. Wendell 5:21, 4. Valley 5:22, 3,200 meters: 1. Jack Lancaster, Carey 11:15, 2. Wendell 11:17, 3. Carey 11:18, 4. Valley 11:19, 5,000 meters: 1. Jack Lancaster, Carey 22:30, 2. Wendell 22:32, 3. Carey 22:33, 4. Valley 22:34, 8,000 meters: 1. Jack Lancaster, Carey 36:45, 2. Wendell 36:47, 3. Carey 36:48, 4. Valley 36:49, 12,800 meters: 1. Jack Lancaster, Carey 59:15, 2. Wendell 59:17, 3. Carey 59:18, 4. Valley 59:19, 20,000 meters: 1. Jack Lancaster, Carey 1:58:30, 2. Wendell 1:58:32, 3. Carey 1:58:33, 4. Valley 1:58:34, 32,000 meters: 1. Jack Lancaster, Carey 3:07:45, 2. Wendell 3:07:47, 3. Carey 3:07:48, 4. Valley 3:07:49, 50,000 meters: 1. Jack Lancaster, Carey 5:06:30, 2. Wendell 5:06:32, 3. Carey 5:06:33, 4. Valley 5:06:34, 100,000 meters: 1. Jack Lancaster, Carey 9:55:15, 2. Wendell 9:55:17, 3. Carey 9:55:18, 4. Valley 9:55:19, 200,000 meters: 1. Jack Lancaster, Carey 19:44:30, 2. Wendell 19:44:32, 3. Carey 19:44:33, 4. Valley 19:44:34, 400-meter relay: 1. Carey 4:45, 2. Wendell 4:47, 3. Carey 4:48, 4. Valley 4:49, 800-meter relay: 1. Carey 9:30, 2. Wendell 9:32, 3. Carey 9:33, 4. Valley 9:34, 1,600-meter relay: 1. Carey 18:45, 2. Wendell 18:47, 3. Carey 18:48, 4. Valley 18:49, 3,200-meter relay: 1. Carey 36:30, 2. Wendell 36:32, 3. Carey 36:33, 4. Valley 36:34, 5,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 59:15, 2. Wendell 59:17, 3. Carey 59:18, 4. Valley 59:19, 8,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 98:30, 2. Wendell 98:32, 3. Carey 98:33, 4. Valley 98:34, 12,800-meter relay: 1. Carey 157:45, 2. Wendell 157:47, 3. Carey 157:48, 4. Valley 157:49, 20,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 256:30, 2. Wendell 256:32, 3. Carey 256:33, 4. Valley 256:34, 32,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 355:15, 2. Wendell 355:17, 3. Carey 355:18, 4. Valley 355:19, 50,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 554:30, 2. Wendell 554:32, 3. Carey 554:33, 4. Valley 554:34, 100,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 1:108:45, 2. Wendell 1:108:47, 3. Carey 1:108:48, 4. Valley 1:108:49, 200,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 2:217:30, 2. Wendell 2:217:32, 3. Carey 2:217:33, 4. Valley 2:217:34, 400-meter relay: 1. Carey 4:45, 2. Wendell 4:47, 3. Carey 4:48, 4. Valley 4:49, 800-meter relay: 1. Carey 9:30, 2. Wendell 9:32, 3. Carey 9:33, 4. Valley 9:34, 1,600-meter relay: 1. Carey 18:45, 2. Wendell 18:47, 3. Carey 18:48, 4. Valley 18:49, 3,200-meter relay: 1. Carey 36:30, 2. Wendell 36:32, 3. Carey 36:33, 4. Valley 36:34, 5,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 59:15, 2. Wendell 59:17, 3. Carey 59:18, 4. Valley 59:19, 8,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 98:30, 2. Wendell 98:32, 3. Carey 98:33, 4. Valley 98:34, 12,800-meter relay: 1. Carey 157:45, 2. Wendell 157:47, 3. Carey 157:48, 4. Valley 157:49, 20,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 256:30, 2. Wendell 256:32, 3. Carey 256:33, 4. Valley 256:34, 32,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 355:15, 2. Wendell 355:17, 3. Carey 355:18, 4. Valley 355:19, 50,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 554:30, 2. Wendell 554:32, 3. Carey 554:33, 4. Valley 554:34, 100,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 1:108:45, 2. Wendell 1:108:47, 3. Carey 1:108:48, 4. Valley 1:108:49, 200,000-meter relay: 1. Carey 2:217:30, 2. Wendell 2:217:32, 3. Carey 2:217:33, 4. Valley 2:217:34

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Although not driving, McNair charged in DUI case in Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Baltimore Ravens quarterback Steve McNair was charged with driving under the influence Thursday even though police said his brother-in-law was behind the wheel of the pickup registered to the former Tennessee Titan.

Although McNair was just a passenger, he was charged with a misdemeanor under a Tennessee law that prohibits a vehicle owner from letting it be operated by someone who is inebriated.

Police said officer Harold Taylor pulled over McNair's 2003 Dodge pickup just before midnight Wednesday because it was speeding. The driver, 31-year-old Jamie Cartwright, smelled of alcohol, failed a field sobriety test and refused to take a breath alcohol test, police spokesman Don Aarna said.

Cartwright said he was McNair's brother-in-law and acknowledged drinking at least two beers, police said.

The law used to charge McNair doesn't consider whether the vehicle owner was drinking, but only if the driver was impaired.



McNair

will give the third-year coach the highest salary in the Western Athletic Conference.

Thus has rejuvenated the Aggies program with consecutive winning seasons after being hired following a record in 2005-06. The Aggies finished 25-9 last season, won the WAC tournament and played in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1999.

"Our goal is to have him be a member of the Aggie family for a long time," athletic director McKinley Boston said Thursday.

The new contract provides a financial package worth \$160,000 per season and includes bonus opportunities.

MAGIC VALLEY

Champions Rodeo Camp scheduled

JEROME — Champions Rodeo Camp will be held at Jerome Country Fairgrounds in June. The junior camp for ages 8-13 will run June 10-11, while the senior camp for ages 14-19 will be June 12-14. Camp activities kick off Sunday, June 10, with a 6 p.m. barbecue. A 7 p.m. concert will follow. Cost for the barbecue is \$5 per person. CHC is a non-profit outreach of Amazing Grace Fellowship.

For more information about the camp, call 736-0727 or visit www.champsgroup.org.

Sports Shorts

National and Magic Valley briefs

all sports and cheerleaders on Tuesday, May 15, at Gooding High School. The cost is \$10. Those planning to play a sport during the 2007-08 school year should attend. Physicals for Boys' and Girls' Football (grades 5-12) will begin at 6:15 p.m. Physicals for high school athletes will begin at 7 p.m. Individuals must bring a physical form, eligibility form, insurance release form and drug/alcohol form. Parents wishing to help as volunteers or those needing forms may contact Joleen Toone at 934-4831 or 539-1313.

Jerome holds boys hoops camps

JEROME — The Jerome High School varsity boys basketball team and coaches will hold a camp for boys in grades 6-8 will be from 4-6 p.m. May 17-17 at Jerome High School. The cost for other camp is \$20 and includes T-shirt. Entry to the camp is available to the Jerome Recreation District or at Jerome schools. Contact Joe Messick at 731-8219 for more information.

Minico holds girls hoops camp

RUPERT — Minico High School Girls Basketball Camp will be held on May 29-31 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The camp is for girls

entering grades 5-11. Former Minico players now playing at the college level and current Spartan coaches will provide instruction. The camp is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon. For more details, contact Clint Stratman at 436-2721 or 670-4152.

Challenger Baseball program offered

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering a Challenger Baseball program designed for mentally and physically challenged youth ages 6-18. Challenger rules are flexible to meet the needs of the players. The season runs from May 15 to June 19 with games at 5:30 p.m. at Frontier Field. The cost is \$12 for those living within the city limits and \$15 for those who live outside city limits. Volunteers are needed. Anyone wishing to participate should call the parks and recreation office at 736-2265.

Hershey's track meet this Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The Hershey's Annual Track and Field Games will be held Saturday, May 12, at the Twin Falls High School Track.

Participants must be 9-14 years old as of December 31, 2007. A birth certificate showing proof of age is required for registration. Participants may register through Friday at Twin Falls Parks and Recreation from 8-9 a.m. on Saturday. Call 736-2265 for more information.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Thus to be WAC's highest paid coach

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SPORTS

Pistons rally from 19 down, take 3-0 series lead on Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — Tayshaun Prince and Chauncey Billups stepped up as just the right time and the Detroit Pistons are on the verge of another series sweep.

Prince scored 23 points and Billups added 21, and the Pistons rallied from a 19-point deficit to beat the Chicago Bulls 81-74 on Thursday night in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Pistons, who swept Orlando in the first round, will try to wrap up this one Sunday at the United Center. No NBA team has won a best-of-seven series after dropping the first three games, and only three major professional teams have done that: the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs, 1975 New York Islanders and 2004 Boston Red Sox.

After blowing out the Bulls in the first two games at the Palace of Auburn Hills, the Pistons trailed 44-20 at halftime. The Pistons led 55-38 midway in the third and 55-38 mid-way through the quarter.

Nash leads vote for All-NBA first team

NEW YORK (AP) — Steve Nash was a unanimous selection for the All-NBA team Thursday and was joined by Phoenix Suns teammate Andre Stoudemire on a squad made up entirely of Western Conference players.

Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki, San Antonio forward Tim Duncan and Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, the league's leading scorer, rounded out the first team.

It's a tough conference, Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Nash, the league's two-time defending MVP, received 129 first-place votes and 645 total points from the panel of 129 media members.

"You're playing with the best players in the world, and to be mentioned in the top group is something I'm very proud of," the point guard said.

Nash and Stoudemire are the first teammates to make the first team since Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal in 2004.

The center averaged 20.4 points and a career-best 9.6 rebounds for the Pacific Division champions.

"I appreciate everyone who

Wallace brought them back. Prince scored 13 points in the third quarter and Billups added 10. Wallace had a block in the closing seconds and hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to put Detroit within 61-60. He then put them ahead with a jumper just under two minutes into the fourth and added a 3-pointer that brought it to a five-point game midway through the quarter.

"I was encouraged. We knew at the start of the game we allowed them to take the first punch and we weren't as aggressive as we should have been," Billups said. Then he explained the comeback: "It was our defensive pressure. It allowed us to get in the passing lanes, get steals. We had settled too much in the second half we got aggressive and played Piston basketball."

Wallace had 16 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks for Detroit, and Richard Hamilton scored 20 in the quarter.

Lion Deng led Chicago with 21 points, but was just 8-for-22 from the field. The Bulls were 20-of-43

(33.7 percent) almost the same percentage (33.6) they managed in the first two games.

They came up short at the free throw line as well, missing 10 in the game, seven of those in the fourth quarter.

The Bulls outscored the Pistons 2-0 over the final 7:15 of the second quarter, turning a 22-22 tie into a 44-20 halftime lead. They led by 19 early in the third, but with the score 55-38 midway through the quarter. Detroit scored 12 straight points, eight by Prince.

Consecutive baskets by Chicago's Andre Nocioni made it 61-52 with 1:18 left in the quarter, but Billups answered with a 3 and Antonio McDyess followed with a layup. Wallace blocked Deng's baseline drive, forcing a shot-clock violation with 5.4 seconds left, and he hit the 3-pointer at the buzzer to pull the Bulls within 61-60.

His jumper just under two minutes into the fourth gave them their first lead since the opening quarter — 62-61. And Wallace's 3-pointer

made it 72-67 midway through the quarter.

After a basket by Billups, Kirk Hinrich hit a 3 to make it 74-70 with 3:56 left, but the Bulls couldn't get closer.

Ben Gordon scored 16 points for Chicago but was 4-for-16 from the field, while Hinrich had 13 points. Ben Wallace showed up at the arena about 1 hour, 15 minutes before tipoff and finished with five points, 12 rebounds and two blocks.

Notes: Ben Wallace would not say why he was late, telling reporters as he jogged from the court to the locker room after warming up before the game: "Talk to you after the game." Bulls coach Scott Skiles clearly was not happy about Wallace's late arrival. "It's disappointing to me if it's an exhibition game in October," he said. "I don't put any more emphasis on this game than any other one. It's something that I can't, right now at this moment, be distracted by personally. I have to get myself ready for the game."



Detroit Pistons guard Richard Hamilton drives on Chicago Bulls guard Ben Gordon during the first quarter Thursday in Chicago.

Jazz guard Fisher mentally, emotionally drained after daughter's cancer treatment

SALT LAKE CITY — Derek Fisher was looking forward to finally getting some rest on the Utah Jazz's flight to California.

Fisher was drained after practice Thursday, having spent the previous day in a New York hospital for his 10-month-old daughter's cancer treatment.

It all went well. Fisher made it in time to play and the Jazz won 127-117 in overtime. More importantly, little Tanum was recovering and may be able to keep her left eye.

"Physically, I'm OK. But mentally and emotionally I'm just exhausted," Fisher said.

Tatum was diagnosed last week with retinoblastoma, a cancerous tumor in her left eye. Fisher was excused from the team to deal with his daughter's illness, and the family flew to New York on Monday to see a specialist.

Fisher said he and his wife, Candace, had about 12 hours to decide how to treat the tumor. Doctors could remove the eye and try to get all the cancer, or treat it with a combination of surgery and chemotherapy, and hope she can keep her eye.

"The cancer could spread to the optic nerve, to the brain and throughout the rest of her body pretty fast," Fisher said. "That was our first concern — trying to save her life."

Tatum's twin, Drew, has no signs of the condition, which is one reason why Candace Fisher thought the light was reflecting oddly from Tatum's left eye. The Fishers took her to a few doctors before a pediatrician at the University of Utah recognized the problem.

Only 350 cases are diagnosed each year in North America, said Dr. Lynn Murphy, director of the retinoblastoma program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. He is not involved in the Fisher case. In most cases, patients lose the eye



Utah Jazz guard Derek Fisher celebrates in the final seconds during overtime against the Golden State Warriors Wednesday in Salt Lake City. The Jazz won 127-117, and led the series 2-0.

PLAYOFFS Game 3 Jazz vs. Warriors When: 7 p.m. TV: ESPN Line: Golden State by six

rather than undergo chemotherapy, but there are exceptions, Murphy said.

"That's a decision that doctors and parents make," he said. "The good news is 95 to 98 percent of children will grow up to live a long life."

Fisher, meanwhile, is back with the Jazz. He scored all five of his points in overtime after making a dramatic entrance in the third quarter at EnergySolutions Arena.

When the season ends, the Fishers expect to talk more about retinoblastoma.

"My wife and I definitely plan to try and help as many people as we can. I don't know how we'll be able to do this point," he said. "If there's a treatment out there, they should be able to get it. Some people can't afford to get it. Some people don't have the resources."

Warriors search for solution to Jazz back at home sweet home

OAKLAND, Calif. — Baron Davis and the Golden State Warriors have learned there's a big downside to having pulled off perhaps the biggest upset in NBA playoff history in the first round.

There are still three rounds to go — and they all require even more energy and mental toughness than the Warriors have mustered so far against the Utah Jazz.

"The emotions are crazy after you do something big like that," Davis acknowledged Thursday after the Warriors returned home from their first back-to-back losses since March in their opening games against the Jazz, who visit Oakland for Game 3 on Friday night.

"You don't try to have a letdown, but we're a young team that gets a lot out of the emotion we felt in the first round," Davis said. "Now we're trying to go back to work, and we're getting it. ... We need some energy and momentum, and hopefully coming home will bring that."

The Warriors are back to reality after their improbable triumph over the Dallas Mavericks, and reality wasn't pleasant for much of their up-and-down season.

Golden State's flaws were questionable depth, poor team-wide shot selection, awful low-post defense and spotty late-game execution — were exposed by the Jazz, who coolly overcame their own problems after blowing double-digit fourth-quarter leads in both games.

— The Associated Press

Griffey blasts 569th home run as Reds get big win over Astros

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 569th career homer Thursday, a two-run shot that tied him for ninth place on the career list and helped the Cincinnati Reds get a breakthrough 9-5 victory over the Houston Astros.

Houston won the first three games of the series, improving to 5-0 at Great American Ball Park this season.

Pitcher Woody Williams and the Astros make themselves at home when they come here. Williams called a vendor over to the dugout and bought four bags of peanuts during the first inning, sharing them with teammates.

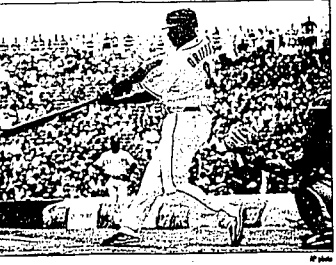
Cincinnati pulled ahead 7-0 after three innings against starter Matt Albers (11-2) and held on in spite of more bullpen struggles. Adam Dunn tied a three-run homer, his sixth in the last 11 games, and added a triple and a double, coming up one single short of hitting for the cycle.

Griffey had a sacrifice fly and a two-run homer off Albers that left him tied with Rafael Palmeiro on the career list.

Marlins 3, Dodgers 0

MIAMI — Josh Willingham hit a three-run homer off Derek Lowe with one out in the bottom of the ninth to give Florida the win.

Lowe (3-1) took a four-hitner into the ninth, but Hanley



Cincinnati Reds outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. hits a two-run home run off Houston Astros pitcher Matt Albers in the second inning Thursday in Cincinnati. Catcher Brad Ausmus is at right.

Ramirez wanted to lead off, and third baseman Wilson Betemit was charged with an error when he failed to come up with a grounder runner to the left.

Miguel Cabrera advanced the runners by tapping out to Lowe. Willingham then hit the first pitch over the scoreboard for his sixth home run, ending a tense game.

Pirates 6, Cubs 4

CHICAGO — Jason Bay homered and drove in three runs against Carlos Zambrano to lead Pittsburgh to the win.

Bay hit a two-run double in the first and led off the fifth inning with his fifth homer to help the Pirates (15-18) win

their first series since they swept the Cincinnati Astros on April 18-20.

Zambrano (3-3) gave up four earned runs and seven hits in six innings. He struck out six and walked two.

Rockies 5, Giants 3

DENVER — Aaran Cook neutralized Barry Bonds and knocked in a run with a sacrifice bunt in Colorado's win over the Giants.

Troy Tulowitzky hit a two-run double off Noah Lowry (4-3) in the third and scored from second base when shortstop Omar Vizquel threw wildly past third base after fielding Matt Holliday's bouncer.

American League Athletics 17, Royals 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Dan Johnson and Jack Cust each homered twice and Oakland routed Kansas City.

Danny Putnam hit his first major league home run and Eric Chavez also connected for Oakland. The A's set season highs for homers, runs and hits (18).

Johnson went 4-for-4 with two walks, driving in four runs and scoring four.

Rangers 14, Yankees 2

NEW YORK — Brandon McCarthy limited New York to

one run in 5 1-3 innings and pinch-hitter Victor Diaz hit his first career grand slam.

Mark Teixeira had four hits, including three doubles, and three RBIs for the Rangers.

Texas turned the game into a blowout with three runs in the seventh and seven in the eighth. Rangers closer Eric Gagne pitched a perfect ninth, his first action since straining a hip on April 22.

White Sox 3, Twins 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Jose Contreras pitched a five-hitter for his second straight win and Chicago won for the fourth time in five games.

A.J. Pierzynski, Ryan Sweeney and Pablo Ozuna hit RBI singles for the White Sox.

Contreras (3-3) struck out four and walked one. His other shutout was a three-hitter against Detroit on Aug. 11, 2006.

Tigers 7, Mariners 3

Detroit — Magglio Ordonez and Brandon Inge homered against struggling Seattle starter Jeff Weaver and Detroit won for the ninth time in 10 games.

Weaver (0-6), a former Tiger, gave up six runs in five innings for his second career shutout.

It's the longest losing streak of his career. He left the game

with a 14.32 ERA.

Angels 8, Indians 0

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Kelvin Escobar pitched a seven-hit and Gary Mathews Jr. hit a three-run homer in the third inning for Los Angeles.

Escobar (1-1) struck out nine and walked none to win his third straight start. It was his fourth career shutout and first since he did it for the Toronto Blue Jays on June 8, 2003, at Cincinnati.

Red Sox 8, Tim Lincecum 0

TORONTO — Tim Wakefield pitched seven shut innings and Boston routed up Roy Halladay in sending the Blue Jays to their ninth straight loss.

Mike Lowell homered for the third consecutive game for Boston.

Orioles 11, Devil Rays 6

BALTIMORE — Kevin Millar homered and drove in four runs and Coney Patterson had three hits and three RBIs for the Orioles.

Millar might have had six RBIs if not for an outstanding catch by Tampa Bay center fielder Rocco Baldelli. Still, Baltimore set a season high for runs and moved into second place in the AL East with its fifth win in seven games.

— The Associated Press

Earnhardt to leave DEI at end of season

MOORESVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. will leave the company founded by his late father at the end of the year in a shake-up certain to ignite a bidding war for NASCAR's most popular driver.

He told Dale Earnhardt Inc. on Thursday that he had decided to make the switch to another team when his contract expires, intent on going to a more competitive team.

"At 32 years of age, the same age my father was when he made his final and most important career decision, it's time for me to compete on a consistent basis and contend for championships now," Earnhardt said at a news conference. "I believe I'd have my father's blessing."

Earnhardt had asked for 51 percent ownership of the team now run by his stepmother, Teresa. Negotiations on a contract extension began before the season and have been tense all along. Earnhardt's sister, Kelley Earnhardt Fildego, had set a deadline to get the deal done by the end of the month.

"We never even got close," Earnhardt said from the JR Motorsports shop in Mooresville.

The stressed money is not the issue.

"It's not the guy who gives me the biggest paycheck. It's the person I feel like will allow me to accomplish what I want to in my career, on the race track, in this shop itself," he said. "There's some things you can't get with money, peace of mind and satisfaction in what you're doing every day... I'm seeking to have that peace of mind and that comfort to be able to really be an asset to somebody. I



NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. talks about his future during a news conference at JR Motorsports in Mooresville, N.C., Thursday. Earnhardt Jr. will leave the company founded by his late father at the end of the year in a shake-up certain to ignite a bidding war for NASCAR's most popular driver.

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Sitting next to his sister and wearing a T-shirt and an open collared shirt, Earnhardt said he leaves DEI with mixed emotions.

"I'm sad that I have to leave some employees that I got close to, leave some relationships," he said. "We're going to finish this year out, and I told my guys we're going to run hard. I don't want any excuses for us not giving our best effort. I plan on giving everything I've got like I always do, and hopefully that's what I'll get in return."

In a statement, Teresa

Earnhardt said DEI will thrive without Junior.

"While we are very disappointed that Dale Jr. has chosen to leave the family business, we remain excited about our company's future," she said. "Dale and I built this company to be a championship contender, and those principles still apply. Dale Earnhardt Inc. will win... This company has a great legacy and a bright future, built on loyalty, integrity and commitment."

Earnhardt said Teresa Earnhardt wasn't surprised when he told her of his decision. "I think now she's looking

around the corner to do what she needs to do to prepare her company and everything there for 2008," he said.

Earnhardt, too, must decide what's best for his future. He said he would like to continue to drive Chevrolets, which will limit his options. It's also likely his primary sponsor, Budweiser, will move with him to the new team.

"I believe our first choice would be to drive for another top competitive team," Fildego said. "Our last choice would be to form our own Cup team. If that was necessary, that would be what we would do."

"We're going to listen to



everybody," Earnhardt added. One possible suitor is Richard Childress Racing, always considered the most logical place for Junior to go. Childress and Dale Earnhardt Sr. were extremely close, and Junior has maintained a relationship with the car owner.

That makes sense to Darrell Waltrip, one of Dale Earnhardt Sr.'s friendly rivals who traveled from Nashville at Earnhardt's request to join him for Thursday's announcement.

"I've always thought RCR is just because of the Childress-Earnhardt relationship," Waltrip said. "I personally have always thought the racing world would be right if Dale Earnhardt Jr. drove the black No. 3 car."

RCR can add him as the fourth and final team NASCAR permits each owner. It would team him with Kevin Harvick, who replaced the elder Earnhardt following his 2001 death, and has openly invited Junior to join the organization.

"I've got to do a little soul searching on how I feel driving the No. 3 car," Earnhardt said.

It's also possible that RCR would lease JR Motorsports's engines should Earnhardt field his own team.

So could Hendrick Motorsports.

One of three Chevrolet teams better than DEI, Hendrick Motorsports has no room in its stable for Earnhardt.

Hendrick, winner of seven of the past eight Cup races, is already maxed out with four teams but could assist

Earnhardt by leasing him engines. Hendrick already leases motors to Clint Basing and Hoosier-CNC Racing, and Earnhardt recently got to feel their horsepower when he jumped into Kyle Busch's car during a race last month.

The wildcard could be Joe Gibbs Racing, another motor-fol three-car Chevy team that would pair him with buddies Tony Stewart and Denny Hamlin. Earnhardt and Stewart have worked wonderfully together on restrictor-plate tracks, and Earnhardt befriended Hamlin early in his career.

Gibbs is coach of the Washington Redskins, and Earnhardt is die-hard fan. He wore a Redskins cap backward Monday during a test session at Lowe's Motor Speedway, where he expressed frustration over the NASCAR-mandated DEI can't keep up with Hendrick's COI program.

"There are a lot of logical scenarios that people are going to put together," Earnhardt said. "We've seen quite a few scenarios over the last couple of days that were kind of amusing. Some right, some not so right."

Earnhardt and Fildego have been adamant their only goal is to help Junior win Cup championships, something he's been unable to do at DEI. He hasn't been a legitimate title contender since 2001. In 2005, he had a horrendous season when Teresa Earnhardt split up his crew, and he failed to make the Chase for the championship.

He rebounded last year by making the Chase, but was never a threat for the title.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Wind-blown day and a blustery leader

Sabbatini shares lead at Players with Mickelson

POINTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The wind was strong enough to knock branches from palm trees and keep Tiger Woods without a birdie on his card for the first time in four years. It really got blustery when Rory Sabbatini completed a 5-under 67 Thursday to share the first-round lead with Phil Mickelson at The Players Championship.

Sabbatini, a pint-sized South African, is not short on confidence, even after calling out Woods last week and losing to him.

"I think he's more beatable than ever," Sabbatini said.

In a grueling start on the refurbished TPC Sawgrass, where winds reached 39 mph and made the island green look even more terrifying, Woods wasn't much of a threat to anyone. He had only four good looks at birdie, three-puttered three times and had to save par from 90 feet behind the green on his final hole for a score of 75, matching his highest score at The Players.

It was his first round without a birdie since the opening round of the 2003 Masters.

"The greens are a little bit tricky to read," Woods said. "Different grain out there than we're used to, and I had a tougher time than the guys at the top of the board."

Mickelson had no problem. In his third week working with swing coach Butch Harmon, he birdied the first two holes and held it together with a nifty par save from an awkward slope around the seventh green to join Sabbatini at 67.

Chris DiMarco, winless in five years and now coping with a bum shoulder, shot 68 for his best round of the year. Peter Lonard was 3 under. Only 16 players broke par, and Retief Goosen had the only bogey-free round.

The famed par-3 17th played extremely tough, with 50 balls landing in the water. It broke the single-round tournament as co-leaders. Sabbatini and Mickelson represent a contrast in many ways, particularly their attitude toward the



Phil Mickelson chips to the seventh green during the first round of the Players Championship, Thursday in Ponte Vedra, Fla.

world's No. 1 player. Mickelson said this week that he relishes competing against Woods, and he has beaten him a fair amount, including three majors.

But he also realizes that he can never match Woods' record of 57 tour victories and 12 majors.

Sabbatini shows no fear, and is one of the few players who openly invites a chance to take Woods — even after last week's win at the Wachovia Championship, where Sabbatini had a one-shot lead until closing with a 74 to Woods' 69.

Sabbatini said he wanted Woods in the final group every week. "I'd like to play with him with a 75," Sabbatini said. "I want him to pick it up and we'll be up there late on Sunday."

Sabbatini, with three PGA Tour victories and a runner-up finish (with Woods) at the Masters last month, did his part. He chipped in for birdie on the 10th hole (he started at No. 10) for a rare birdie, and he was the only player among early starters to reach 6 under until dropping his only shot on No. 7 when he found a greenside bunker.

His obsession with Woods dates to a year ago, when Sabbatini won the Nissan Open. Woods withdrew on the weekend with the flu, although he was never in contention. Even so, Sabbatini said he had

heard whispers that his victory at Riviera didn't mean much because Woods wasn't around, and he was eager to prove himself last week.

"When people play with Tiger, they stand and watch the show and not participate," Sabbatini said. "I'm not someone to watch the show. I'm there to participate and win. I want to be paired with Tiger in the last group on Sunday here this week."

Sabbatini has been brash before. He was so irritated by the slow pace of Ben Crane at a tournament two years ago that he walked off the green in protest. When he was paired with Nick Faldo at The Players last year, his wife wore a shirt that read, "Keep Up."

But the timing of Thursday's remarks were odd. Woods, beat him by five shots last Sunday at Quail Hollow, and the world's No. 1 player has won nine of his last 12 starts on the PGA Tour.

What makes him so beatable?

"I've seen Tiger when he hits the ball well," Sabbatini said. "And I've seen Tiger when there's not a facet of his game that you're not amazed by. He's just not amazed, he's struggled out there. He had to battle for that win. And I think that made me realize... it's as beatable as ever. I've seen him when he figures it out. It's scary. I don't want to see that anymore. I like the new Tiger."

Woods was long gone after Sabbatini's comments, and he didn't have much of an explanation.

The Stadium Course might look the same — that green on No. 17 is still an island — but the grass is now Bermuda because of a move to May, and Woods relies heavily on his memory to read greens. He felt these were different, and it showed.

Lees sets course record at Michelob Ultra Open

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Sarah Lee tied the course record with an 8-under 63 to take a one-stroke lead over Mi Hyun Kim in the Michelob Ultra Open.

Lee, seeking her first victory in her 12th tour start, had nine birdies — including five in a row on the front nine on the River Course at Kingsmill. Kim, who heat hit of Famer Juli Inkster in a playoff Sunday in the SunGroup Championship in Oklahoma, had a bogey-free 64 in wind-free conditions.

Laura Davies and Birdie Kim opened with 65, Brittany Liconicome, Suzann Pettersen and Siy-Ah Lim had 66s, and Morgan Pressel, Natalie Gulbis, Grace Park, Stacy Prammanasudhi, Carin Koch and Amy Hung shot 67s. Defending champion Karrie Webb had a 68, and top-ranked Lorena Ochoa opened with a 70.

Zions leads at Valle Romano Open

MARBELLA, Spain — Australia's Matthew Zions shot a 6-under 65 to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Valle Romano Open of Andalusia.

The 28-year-old Zions, based in Denver, had eight birdies and a bogey on the Aloha Golf Club course. Spain's Alejandro Canizares opened with a 66.

— The Associated Press

Senators use late flurry to top Sabres

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Oleg Saprykin helped the Ottawa Senators further their label as underachievers and get a jump on the rival Buffalo Sabres.

After Ottawa squandered a two-goal lead, Saprykin snuffed a tie 7-41 into the third period of a 5-2 win Thursday in the opener of the Eastern Conference finals.

Dean McAmmond, Jason Spezza and Daniel Alfredsson had a goal and assist each, and Mike Fisher added a short-handed tally for the Senators, who improved to 9-2 this postseason.

It wasn't easy, considering the top-seeded Sabres rallied from a 2-0 deficit on goals by Maxim Afinogenov and Toni Lydman. Buffalo then wilted, allowing three goals — including McAmmond's empty-netter — in the final 12 minutes. It was the Sabres' most lopsided loss since a 4-0 defeat against Carolina in Game 4 of last year's conference finals.

Ray Emery shut the door on the NHL's most potent offense, stopping 18 shots, including a solid shoulder save on Adam Alai's snapper early in the third period. Emery also got a big assist from defenseman Anton Volchenkov, who blocked Daniel Briere's shot from the slot in the second.

Saprykin's goal came on what began as an interrupted play. He was set up by Teppo Numminen's clearing attempt at the left boards.

McAmmond led a pass into the slot, which Saprykin converted. It was a rebounder Dmitri Kalinin — redirected behind Ryan Miller.

Game 2 is at Buffalo on Saturday.

The Sabres sagged after Saprykin's goal, still allowed Spezza to score on a power play. He converted a rebound in front to put the game away with 4:12 remaining.

The Senators' special teams were the key, producing two power-play goals and one short-handed.



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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with afternoon temperatures well above average. Highs topping out in the upper 80s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and very mild for this time of year. Lows in the lower 50s.
Tomorrow: The unseasonable warmth continues. Highs in the mid 80s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and unseasonably warm. Highs in the mid 80s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and mild. Lows middle 40s.
Tomorrow: One more day of well above average temperatures. Highs in the low to mid 80s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various regions including Sun Valley, Northern Utah, and Twin Falls. Includes temperature ranges and weather icons for different areas.

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Yesterday's Weather. Each column contains weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, and Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

Table with 2 columns: Moon Phases and Moonrise and Moonset. Shows dates for New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon, and Last Quarter, along with specific times for moonrise and moonset.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today and Tomorrow. Lists weather forecasts for various cities including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

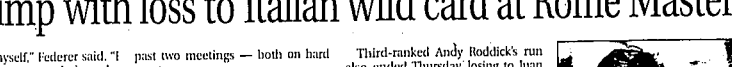
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today and Tomorrow. Lists weather forecasts for major US cities such as New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today and Tomorrow. Lists weather forecasts for major world cities including London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: 'When you develop your ability to balance your emotions, unexpected problems won't knock you off balance as easily, and you'll return more quickly to a positive outlook.'

Canadian City Forecast: Table with 2 columns: Today and Tomorrow. Lists weather forecasts for major Canadian cities like Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver.

Federer extends slump with loss to Italian wild card at Rome Masters

ROME (AP) — Roger Federer's surprising slump reached a new low. After losing to Guillermo Canas and Rafael Nadal in his previous three tournaments, Federer was defeated by an Italian wild card on Thursday.
Filippo Volandri beat the top-ranked Swiss 6-2, 6-1 in the third round of the Rome Masters, extending Federer's slide drought to four tournaments.
It's the worst stretch of Federer's career since ascending to No. 1 in February 2004.
'I don't know what's wrong, I have

to analyze it myself,' Federer said. 'I just didn't get my teeth into the match at all.'
Rome is a key clay-court warmup for the French Open, which begins May 27, and Roland Garros is the only Grand Slam that Federer hasn't won.
'It need to get back on the practice courts instead of the match courts,' Federer said.
Two-time defending French Open champion Rafael Nadal extended his clay-court winning streak to 74 matches with a 6-2, 6-2 win over 15th-seeded Mikhail Yuzhny.
Yuzhny had beaten Nadal in their

past two meetings — both on hard courts.
Nadal was examined by doctors Thursday for dizziness but appeared untroubled in his night match against Yuzhny.
Nadal is trying to become the first player to win the Rome tournament in three consecutive years. He beat Federer in a fifth-set tiebreaker in last year's final.
In the quarterfinals, Nadal will face fifth-seeded Novak Djokovic, who rallied in the second set to beat last year's Australian Open runner-up Marcos Baghdatis 6-2, 7-5.



Roger Federer wipes his forehead during a match against Italy's Filippo Volandri at the Rome Masters Thursday.

Large advertisement for Alltel wireless services. Features a Samsung phone, the slogan 'unlimited talk free text', and details about the 'my circle family choice plan'. Includes a 'Wafer' promotion for Samsung phones and a 'head-to-head' promotion for Alltel's network.



Power outage cuts electricity to hundreds; closes schools

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — An early morning power outage Thursday left hundreds of East End residents in the dark for nearly four hours.

Vandalism to a transformer cut electricity to 377 Idaho Power Co. customers in Murtaugh and Hansen at about 5:30 Thursday morning. City officials in Hansen said they weathered the outage without incident, but classes were canceled at all Murtaugh schools.

The outage left the entire town of Murtaugh without electricity and blacked out parts of Hansen, as well.

By 9 a.m., power had been restored to all, but 60 customers, said Anne Alevskis, a spokeswoman at Idaho Power. By 10:30, all customers were back online.

The outage affected customers between 3100 N. and 3700 E. and between 4200 E. and 4875 E.

The vandalized transformer was at Highway 30 and 3300 N.

County readies its anti-drug campaign

Commercials, film to highlight dangers of underage drinking

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — While anti-drug advocates continue to raise their voices to the statewide Idaho Model Project, Twin Falls County is preparing its own campaign to curb another common drug for teens.

The county recently received \$19,500 from the Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission to start a multimedia campaign to educate kids about underage drinking.

Local students, under the direction of Michael Clair, owner and operator of the Western-States College of Performing Arts and Humanities, will write, direct and star in commercials and a film that will air in the Magic Valley.

And since the request was made in January, Cable One has promised to match the \$10,000 set aside for commercial airtime.

In conjunction with leadership and drama classes at the Twin Falls High School, at-risk students on probation at the college will create five commercials and distribute a five-minute short film about underage drinking.

"We're engaging youth in trying to solve the problem," said Mark Brunelle, director of research and development for Twin Falls County. "That's the key."

Brunelle said the aim is to air finished commercials by fall. While several campaigns to curb alcohol abuse do exist, the advertising campaign would be the first in the Magic Valley to be solely multimedia-oriented.

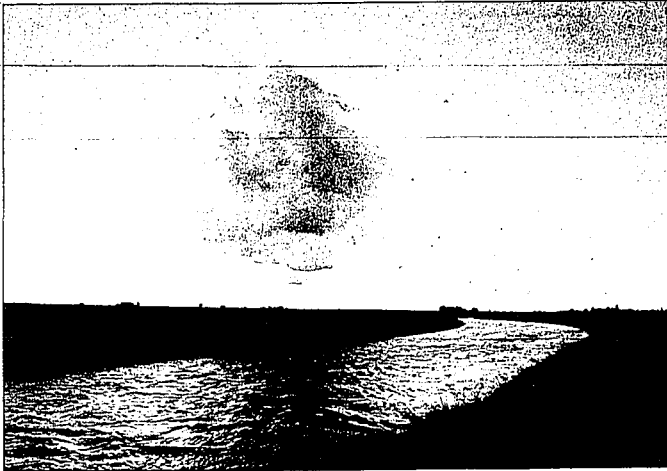
The county's juvenile probation department serves about 200 people a month.

Alcohol continues to be the main drug of choice among teenagers in the U.S., according to studies. Almost 20 percent of eighth-graders and 42 percent of 10th-graders said they have been drunk at least once, according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse.

"Either this year or next year or the very near future we're going to get vesicular stomatitis again."

— Joe Tugaw, a rancher and veterinarian

Little terrorists



Black flies are commonly found in areas with flowing water, like the canal system in the region.

Black flies, like mosquitoes, carry disease

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Well before the West Nile Virus came to Idaho and spread itself through mosquitoes, a different pesky insect was already here with a different disease as an established annoyance for Magic Valley farmers.

Black flies, with 40 species in Idaho, have been reported since the 1930s as a problem in Twin Falls County for owners of sheep, cattle and horses, but it's that absence of human element that has kept it generally unknown outside the agriculture community.

The effect of the fly has reemerged as the evil partner to mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus, as the county decides whether to create an emergency vector abatement district. The commissioners will discuss the move Monday, several days after hearing almost 30 county residents at a public hearing supporting it.

"Contrary to what many people think, the common black flies primarily bite livestock," said Ed Bechinski, a leading pest management professor at the University of Idaho. "For people, black flies are just going to be a nuisance."

Under a new state law, commissioners can form the district for up to two years with its own funding, and be reimbursed through a property tax raise. On Thursday

About black flies

Worldwide: 2,000 species
Idaho: 40 species
Primarily feed on livestock and wildlife
Control is aimed at larvae using a biological pesticide
Source: Cornell University Press

they said they were seeing if the state could provide the reimbursement instead.

The black fly focuses on domestic livestock and other warm-blooded wildlife, and typically gathers around the ears and face, causing infections, scabs or swollen skin. They come out during definite periods in early morning and in evenings.

Experts credit the black fly as a leading cause for vesicular stomatitis, which calls for a 30-day quarantine for animals in Idaho.

"It is a public health risk as well as a livestock industry risk," said Bill Barton of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's veterinary division. "We have a perfect set of circumstances for raising black flies. It has happened before, it happens every year and it will happen again."

Black flies are most rampant during crop season, but the county's pest control funding—about \$30,000—is applied to all insects, including mosquitoes, and is usually gone by August.

"By then we're usually out of money and we can't break the cycle," said Commis-



Photo courtesy of Bill University of Idaho

sioner Jerry Kramer. The flies breed in flowing water, unlike the still water where mosquitoes are found, and therefore need different chemical control.

"Perhaps more importantly, they have the ability to live in the irrigation canal system and can therefore travel to residential areas, Bechinski said.

"Either this year or next year or the very near future we're going to get vesicular stomatitis again," said Joe Tugaw, a rancher and veterinarian of more than three decades, who said he lost an animal to disease during an outbreak in the 1980s.

While animal deaths from the flies are considered rare, according to a report published by Bechinski, they

contribute to the economic losses to ranchers and farmers through reductions in animal weight when feeding becomes difficult.

"When the black fly becomes bad, gains fall to almost nothing," former state Sen. Laird Noh, a sheep herder from Kimberly, told the commissioners. "To ignore this anticipated risk is to be in a state of rather irrational denial."

Before this year, districts could only be formed during general elections—a move several counties have done. Twin Falls County voters have never had the chance to vote on forming a district, but the commissioners chalked that up to strange legal requirements.

Bowcut asks court to reduce sentence

Convicted child pornographer claims ineffective counsel and false testimony

By Laurie Welch
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Leslie Peter Bowcut, 33, who was convicted in 2002 of 14 counts of level conduct with a child under 16 years old and sentenced to 30 years to life, appeared in Cassia County District Court Wednesday, asking for post-conviction relief.

Bowcut asked Judge Barry Wood to consider either resentencing him or reducing his sentence to a term of 10 years.

Bowcut was an amateur photographer who went from shooting pictures of girls modeling clothes for catalogs to snapping sexually explicit photos that at times included himself. He pleaded guilty in late July 2002 to 14 counts of level and lascivious conduct with children under 16. Court documents said one series of photos involved a child as young as 2.

"Do you realize for a single count of level conduct with a child under 16 that you could get fixed life," said Blaine Cannon, Cassia County Deputy Prosecutor.

The request resulted in the case's sealed documents and pictures being opened for review by Bowcut and legal council on both sides to help prevent further petitions to the court. A family member of the victims said she was very upset about the decision to unseal the pictures.

The reasons Bowcut cited for the request included ineffective legal council, a sentence disproportionate to the offense, detectives using false testimony at sentencing, evidence used at sentencing being protected by the plea agreement and police questioning him without his attorney present.

Bowcut also claimed the sentence is cruel and unusual because the length was justified by his mental illness and no treatment is available in the prison.

Bowcut, who took the stand to testify, said photos and e-mails he provided to investigators to help catch others involved in a pornography ring were used against him during sentencing.

He also said an evaluation done for rehabilitation purposes was used against him in court and personal journals were seized from his jail cell.

Cannon said the Cassia County Sheriff's Department is still getting three to five calls

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YOUR WEEKEND



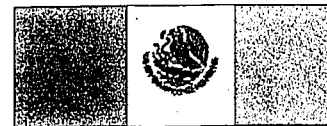
Dust in the wind

What: '70s classic prog-rock band Kansas will play Jackpot.
Where: Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
When: Today and Saturday, 8 p.m., and Sunday, 7 p.m.
How much: Tickets, which are \$45, \$50 and \$55, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.



Playin' our song

What: '90s Nashville hit Neal McCoy's country in Twin Falls.
Where: Jerome County Fairgrounds, Jerome.
When: Today, 8 p.m.
How much: Tickets, which are \$30, can be reserved online at <http://www.kruzersnightlife.com> or are available at Kruzers.



A party in Jerome

What: The 18th annual Fiesta de los Latinos will be held this weekend in conjunction with Jerome's centennial.
Where: Jerome County Fairgrounds, Jerome.
When: Today, Saturday and Sunday. Today there will be a Hispanic DJ contest, carnival, live country music with Johnny U, rock 'n roll music and Don's Mini-Train Rides. Saturday there's a carnival, a performance by cultural dancers from 1 to 3 p.m., a tamale-making contest at 3 p.m., free games from noon to 6 p.m., Don's Mini-Train Rides, live Mexican music and free milk, yogurt or cheese. On Sunday, there's a Mexican music concert and Don's Mini-Train rides.
How much: Most events are free. Carnival pre-sale tickets are \$15 at Oasls stores, the fairgrounds and at the gate.



Mother's Day concert

What: The Magic Valley Choral will perform its annual Mother's Day concert.
Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
When: Sunday, 4 p.m.
How much: Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and seniors, are available at Alene's Flowers in Jerome; Welch Music, the CSI Bookstore and Everybody's Business, all in Twin Falls, and at the door.

OBITUARIES

Fred J. Dopita

JEROME — Fred J. Dopita, 85, of Jerome, passed away May 8, 2007, in Jerome.

He was born July 20, 1921, in Plainville, Kan., the son of Charles Dopita and Minnie Fisher Dopita. He was raised in Buhl and Jerome.

Fred served his country during World War II in the United States Navy. He married Virginia Johnson on May 6, 1951, in Elko, Nev., and they made their home in Jerome. Fred spent most of his working



life as a blacksmith and a welder.

He is survived by his sweetheart of 56 years, Virginia Dopita of Jerome; his sister, Mary (Bill) Trent of Klamath Falls, Ore.; and his brother, Dale (Gloria) Dopita of Bocatote, Idaho. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and grandsons. He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, Edith Churchill Dopita; and two brothers.

A graveside memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 14, at the Jerome Cemetery, 900 W. Ave. 1 in Jerome. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory of Jerome.

Edith Rae Olsen

TWIN FALLS — Edith Rae Olsen, our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, age 82, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away peacefully at her home in the early morning hours of Wednesday, May 9, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was the wife of the late Raymond H. Olsen.

Rae was born on Nov. 25, 1924, in Ogden, Utah. She was the youngest of eight children and daughter of James Henry and Edith Almina (Appogood) Wright. Rae's talents were multifaceted. She enjoyed writing stories and poems, telling friends, working with numbers and especially singing. Rae had a beautiful voice and loved sharing her musical talent with her friends and family in the communities where she lived. Throughout her working career, Rae was employed by commercial credit, Sears Roebuck and Company and also served as office manager for many years for Twin Falls Community Lend start and Jan's Music Outlet.

Rae loved to travel, and she traveled to many parts of the



world. Although her travels took her far, her dream destination was Egypt. This dream always eluded her. Rae believed in re-incarnation and the eternal validity of the soul. Rae was a free thinker, open minded and loved to express her opinion. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all.

Surviving Rae is her son, Jan of Twin Falls; three daughters, Susan (Terry) Mayer of Boise, Myra (Darrell) Anderson of Frederick, Md., and Renee Charlton of Boise; Renee's children, Stacie Charlton of Boise, Sunni Charlton of Seattle, Wash., and Colia Kinney of Boise; one great-grandchild, Olivia Grace Vandermeer of Boise; two adopted grandsons, Joseph Touchette of Twin Falls and Jason Weckes of Boise; Her parents, four sisters, two brothers; her infant son, David Allen; and her loving husband, Raymond, whom she was married to for 51 years, preceded her in death.

The funeral for Rae will be Monday, May 14, at 1 p.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 1155 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Interment will be held following the service at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. Friends may call Sunday, May 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

SERVICES

Chad Ryan Osterhout of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Cloverdale Memorial Park in Boise (Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise).

Ralph Vernon "Bud" Fink of Burley, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Malad City Cemetery in Malad; friends and family may call from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at the Horley Funeral Home, 132 W. 300 N. in Malad (Bassman Funeral Home in Burley).

Jerry Dean Cannon took Rupert, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

John Brown Storrs of Boise and formerly of Picher, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the LDS 1 p.m. Saturday at the LDS Church, 2323 N. Maple Grove in Boise; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise and from noon to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Lueline Myrtle Sellen of Twin Falls, celebration of life at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Gordon H. Eickmann of Boise, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Alder-Wagoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Elisabeth Truesdell Bartlett of Rupert, memorial service at 7 p.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Allen Edmund Hendrix of Hagerman, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the LDS Church in Hagerman (Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Alta Regina Strand

TWIN FALLS — Alta Regina Strand, 93, passed away peacefully at The Caring Place on May 6, 2007.

Alta was surrounded by family and loving staff.

Alta was born the oldest of 10 children on Oct. 1, 1912, in the family farm in North Dakota. Alta and all of her siblings graduated from McHenry High School, and Alta went on to receive her teaching certificate. She married Alvin Strand on Aug. 1, 1937, and together they taught school until the start of World War II. Alta and Alvin moved in 1948 to California, where they settled in Glendale and together raised their family. Alta loved homemaking. She was an excellent cook and seamstress as well as an active volunteer in her community and church. Her involvement included the Cub Scouts, the Women's



Auxiliary Guild for Verdugo Hills Hospital, the Assistance League of Glendale, Salem Lutheran Church and the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Alta and Alvin moved to Twin Falls in 2000, living at Bridgeview. Alta continued her involvement with P.E.O. in Chapter 3E, playing bridge and attended the First Baptist Church.

Alta is survived by her husband of two years, Alvin; two sons, Doug (Nancy) Stead of Twin Falls and Steve (Pat) Strand of British Columbia; daughter, Judy Strand Hopkins of Santa Cruz, Calif.; one brother, three sisters, five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at White Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations can be made in Alta's memory to the Valley House of Twin Falls.

The family would like to publicly thank all the loving caregivers (past and present) who cared for Alta.

Amanda May Overmon

JEROME — Amanda May Overmon, 85, formerly of Jerome, passed away Monday, May 7, 2007, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital.

Amanda was born March 15, 1922 at Milan, Mo., daughter of Beulah Tharp Bartlett and Irl Halliburton Bartlett. The family moved from Missouri in 1937, settling in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Amanda was baptized into the Baptist Church. She enlisted in the Navy in 1944 as a Ships Cook 3rd Class, serving in the Bronx, N.Y., and Corpus Christi, Texas. She was honorably discharged in 1946. Amanda married Burnie Overmon in Avondale, Ariz., on March 9, 1946.

After living in Twin Falls for five years, the family moved to a farm southwest of Jerome. Here Amanda resided until 2004. She lived with her daughter in Rupert until her health declined. She then moved to Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center until her death.

Amanda belonged to the Retekahs of Jerome and the Westfield Women's Club. She



loved to garden and can all the food she grew. When she wasn't milking cows, working the fields, doing housework and caring for her family, she liked to relax by doing fine point embroidery. Many of her family and friends received the product of her handiwork.

Amanda is survived by two daughters, Eleisla (Randall) Whitney of Danville, Calif., and Neoma (Gene) Tibbets of Buhl, Idaho; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Russell (Marvina) Bartlett; and four sisters, Isabelle Wilson and Zola McFarland, both of Twin Falls, Mildred Kurtz of North Hollywood, Calif., and Aileen (Gene) Webb of San Gabriel, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

Amanda was preceded in death by her spouse, Burnie Overmon; her parents; sister, Wanita Sweet; and brothers Delwin Bartlett, Vernon Bartlett, Delbert Bartlett, Irl Bartlett and Robert Bartlett.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 E. Third, in Jerome, Idaho. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

DEATH NOTICES

Corinne K. Taylor

BELLEVEUE — Corinne Krenz Taylor, 48, of Shoshone, died Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at her Shoshone home.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Lawrence Heagle Park in Hailley; please dress casual. Cremation preceded the service. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel in Hailley.

Richard H. Miller

TWIN FALLS — Richard H. Miller, 79, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, May 10, 2007, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

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

Debbie A. Harmon

TWIN FALLS — Debbie Ann Harmon, 51, of West Magic, died Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at West Magic.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2241 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 14, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home. A full obituary will appear at a later date.

Ruby L. Green

CAREY — Ruby Lee Green, 98, of Carey, died Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at her home in Carey.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Wood River Chapel of Hailley.

Alewyn Goedhart

JEROME — Alewyn Goedhart, 75, of Jerome, died Thursday, May 10, 2007, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

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An Old Time 'Farm Festival' Saturday in Declo

DECLO — The National Pioneer Hall of Fame Foundation is sponsoring an Old Time "Farm Festival" Saturday in Declo.

Officials from this National Foundation will be on hand to issue a Pioneer Certification document to Ilay Hagby, the owner of the Pioneer Farm. Hagby will be honored at this "Farm Festival" for his excellent work in pioneer crafts and his outstanding efforts to preserve the pioneer heritage. The public is invited to this free festival.

This farm is one mile east and approximately 1/3 mile south of Declo (east and a little south of the Declo schools). This old pioneer farm is located next to Marsh Creek. Thousands of Oregon Trail Pioneers camped along this stretch of Marsh Creek in the Declo area more than 150 years ago. This Oregon Trail that ran through Declo has been called the "First National Free Way" because people walked (even if they had wagons) from coast to coast in pioneer times and this trail was the longest segment.

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their access to federal and corporate grants, will help Hagby continue to build this Pioneer Village in Declo. The foundation is a national non-profit foundation and they have received their national 501 (c) (3) designation.

The old Blacksmith Shop is finished and is a working operation. Hagby is a renowned blacksmith and pioneer craftsman. There are many pioneer tools and equipment on the farm. There is also a Buggy Shop that is open and functioning and producing buggies and pioneer sleds. The farm also has acres of land which is

worked by draft animals. The public is invited to visit these two shops and to watch horses pulling the farm machinery. Free guided tours will be conducted during this open house. The Foundation is restoring and repairing some pioneer wagons and making replicas of covered wagons at this Pioneer Farm and at other locations in Idaho and Utah. Horses and pioneer implements are also stationed at this location.

The Best Western Burley Inn has been a big supporter of the Pioneer Hall Foundation and has given the foundation a pioneer chuck wagon. Meetings and events have been held at this location. Bids will be given to visitors in the covered wagons. There is also an old bunk house and an old hardware store being established on location. The foundation is also developing pioneer farms, shops and a warehouse at other locations in Idaho and Utah.

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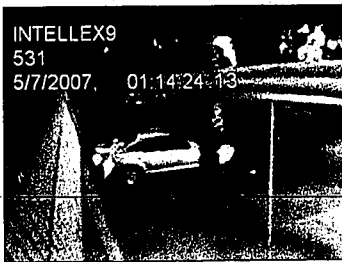
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Police release blurry image of car in Las Vegas Strip bombing

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Police released a blurry freeze-frame image Thursday of a car that investigators think was used to shuttle a deadly bomb to a Las Vegas Strip resort where it exploded and killed a young illegal immigrant who had gotten off work at an all-night hot dog stand.

"This is the vehicle that we believe is our suspect vehicle," Lt. Lewis Roberts said. "We can't really tell if anyone gets out of the vehicle, but it stays there for a little while and then backs up and leaves."

Surveillance cameras did not capture the bomber or the 4:11 a.m. blast, Roberts said. The license plate of what Robert said appears to be a silver two-door sedan is



This video frame grab from an Luxor hotel-casino security video camera provided by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department shows a suspect vehicle involved in the killing of casino hot dog stand employee Wilfredo Dorantes Antonio, 24, after a homemade bomb on his car exploded as he picked it up inside the Luxor hotel-casino's parking garage Monday.

not seen. The homicide commander said he expected progress would be slow in the case, which involves local, state and federal agencies in the U.S. and Mexico.

"At this point, we don't have a definitive motive for what happened here," Roberts said. "We have a victim that's a fairly young, Hispanic male working at Nathan's hot dogs (who) ends up being a victim of a

homicide — a horrible homicide — and at this point, we don't know why."

The explosion mortally wounded 24-year-old Wilfredo Dorantes Antonio and blew a 12-inch hole in his 1996 Dodge Stratus. Dorantes Antonio died at a hospital about two hours later of a head injury, the Clark County coroner said.

A woman who was with Dorantes Antonio escaped injury. Dorantes Antonio's relatives have described her as a girlfriend, while authorities refer to her as a co-worker at the Nathan's Famous hot dog stand inside the pyramid-shaped Luxor.

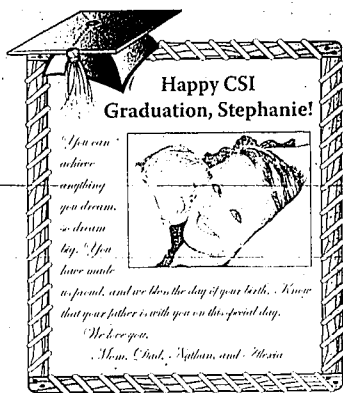
Police have said Dorantes Antonio was the intended target and the bombing was not a terrorist act or a mob hit. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said the motion-activated bomb blew up with the force of a stick of dynamite. Authorities have not disputed reports that the device was hidden inside a cup.

Foundation gives local libraries grants

HANSEN — The Hansen Community Library and Kimberly Public Library recently received a grant totaling \$1,500 from the Idaho Community Foundation for the purpose of digitizing the Kimberly newspapers to make them

more accessible to the public. The joint project began in 2005 as a centennial project for both communities.

The papers will be digitized and placed on a CD for easy access. The discs will be available for use at both libraries.



Gooding County Memorial Hospital's annual health fair Saturday

WENDLELL — Gooding County Memorial Hospital will hold its annual health fair from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the Wendell Middle School, 730 E. Main in Wendell.

The fair, held annually on the second Saturday in May, has become a health care tradition for residents of Gooding County and surrounding areas.

The event offers a wide variety of free health care screenings, numerous vendors dis-

playing products and services related to health care, a re-enactment of an accident by local police, fire, emergency medical services and medical helicopter services, blood work specials and extensive displays of health care services offered at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Infused work specials this year include a chemistry profile for \$35, which includes 32 tests that screen for thyroid, diabetes, cardiac risk, nutrition,

kidney, liver and a complete cholesterol analysis; a PSA for \$15, which screens for prostate cancer in men; and an HgA1c for \$20, which monitors long-term blood control in diabetic patients. Those wanting the chemistry profile will need to fast (nothing to eat or drink) for 12 hours prior to having their blood drawn.

This year's event will also offer a host of free testing and information including balance testing, stress cards, ultra-

sound demos, lifeline services, ear wax checks, seated massages, eye pressure testing, advanced directives, smoking cessation, free foot screening coupons, grip strength testing, visual field testing, surface EMG testing, body fat percentage testing, blood pressures and much more.

For more information, call 934-9884.

Burley man to celebrate 83rd birthday

BURLEY — Lynn Dalling of Burley will celebrate his 83rd birthday Saturday with a family dinner.



Dalling was born May 4, 1924, in Sugar City. He moved to Burley in 1961 to work for the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. He was promoted to manager of Idaho district manager of the Northwest territory. He was transferred to Yakima, Wash., at the closing of the plant in 1981 and bought produce from many states to supply A&P Food Stores throughout the U.S.

He retired from A&P and returned back to Burley in 1987. After returning to Burley he worked for Sun Valley Potatoes as a salesman and traveled some to visit customers in different areas of the United States.

At the age of 68 he decided to serve a mission for the church. Dalling and his wife Revola were called to the Maritimes Mission and served 18 months in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Dalling married Revola Haws June 19, 1946, in the

Idaho Falls LDS Temple and will celebrate 61 years of marriage next month.

The dinner will be hosted by their children Susan (Doyle) Price, Bill (Laurie) Dalling and Lynette (David) Lowry. They have 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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Bowcut

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a week from other law enforcement agencies who are finding pornographic pictures of his actions on the Internet. Cannon said the images will likely be traded on the Internet forever.

Bowcut said he realizes the abuse he inflicted hurt his victims, but he believes they have a memory of it. He said he believes he should have been charged with one count for each of his three victims instead of being charged with 14 counts.

During his arraignment he was charged with 38 counts and 24 of them were dropped during plea bargaining.

Bowcut was also prosecuted in a Fresno, Calif. federal court along with 19 others from the U.S. and Europe for conspiring to sexually exploit children by trading pornographic images on the Internet.

He was sentenced in April 2004 to 17 and a half years in a federal prison, to run concurrent with the 30 years to life sentence. He has been serving his prison time in Texas as an Idaho inmate. The hearing has been continued to May 30.

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Saved from dumpster, documents from 1905 assassination trial donated to Albertson College

BOISE (AP) — A century-old, leather-bound court docket from the murder trial that followed the 1905 assassination of Idaho Gov. Frank Steunenberg has been donated to Albertson College of Idaho by his descendants.

The docket, rescued from a trash bin more than a decade ago, includes the original complaint that led to the arrest of Harry Orchard and union boss William "Big Bill" Hayward.

Haywood, the leader of the Western Federation of Miners, was acquitted after being represented by Clarence Darrow, the era's legal star. Orchard

confessed, and died in the Idaho State Penitentiary in 1954, according to Albertson College.

Steunenberg was killed by a booby-trap bomb at his Caldwell home in 1905, historians say, because of his efforts to suppress labor union uprisings in the state. After his assassination, public officials asked for federal troops to deal with unrest.

The 1907 trial gained national attention. Idaho historians call it Idaho's "Trial of the Century."

The docket likely would have ended up in a landfill if not for Pat and Warren Widner,

amateur historians and collectors.

Their son, Canyon County Sheriff Chris Smith, who was then a deputy, called his mother and stepfather and told them old documents were being thrown out by the county.

"We jumped in the pickup and roared down to the courthouse," Warren Widener, now 80, told the Idaho Statesman. "We backed the truck up to the dumpster and pitched things in without knowing what they were."

They still have 27 other dockets taken from the trash. The one involving the assassi-

nation of Steunenberg they are selling to Bill Crookham, a descendant. The price has not been revealed.

The Crookham/Steunenberg families decided to donate the docket to the college. They have already donated other family documents.

Jan Bales, an archivist with the college, said the condition of the docket is 9.9 out of 10. It has unmarred brown leather, marbled paper and gold embossing.

She said she was astonished to receive the docket for the college's archives.

"I had to get up and walk around," she said.

"We backed the truck up to the dumpster and pitched things in without knowing what they were."

— Warren Widner, amateur historian and collector



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Two die in plane crash near Idaho border

NYSSA, Ore. (AP) — An experimental plane crashed Thursday in a field near the Idaho border, killing the two men aboard, authorities said.

The victims, both experienced pilots, were Lyndon Wheeler, 57, and Orville "Vard" Olsen, 71, both of Nyssa, said Malheur County Undersheriff Brian Wolfe.

A farm worker said he heard the plane fly over, but did not hear anything that would indicate it was having problems before it nosedived and crashed into the field, officials said.

Federal Aviation Administration investigators from Boise, Idaho, headed to the scene. KTVB-TV of Boise reported.

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BSU, conservatives debate what to call new restroom

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A conservative group has criticized an Idaho university administrator for saying a planned new unisex restroom in her school's student center will accommodate transgender people.

Boise State University, with more than 12,000 students in the state capital, is adding 66,000 square feet in a \$35 million student union building on campus beginning this month. It will add one unisex restroom that anyone can use; the restroom will afford users more privacy than traditional restrooms labeled "Men" and "Women."

Leah Barrett, the BSU student union's director, said she told a group of student lawmakers the new restroom would be suitable for people with disabilities, for families — and for transgender students. Transgender is an umbrella term that covers all people whose appearance and internal identity don't match their gender at birth.

"The role of a college union on a campus is to be the community center, where everyone feels comfortable and feels welcome to be who they are," Barrett told The Associated Press on Thursday. "That's our role, that's our philosophy."

Transgender people may fear harassment, violence and arrest when using traditional restrooms. Universities in Georgia, Arizona and Massachusetts have adopted restroom policies to address those concerns.

But this is conservative Idaho, which last year joined 25 other states in passing a constitutional ban on gay marriage.

"The school officially calls the restroom 'unisex,' but Barrett's transgender reference prompted the BSU College Republicans to call for clarification. 'We don't want the university to label this a transgender bathroom,' said Jonathan Sawmiller, 22, a BSU student senator and president of the school's College Republicans. He raised the issue in an April radio broadcast on a Boise AM station. "Since the media got hold of it, the university was told to stop referring to it as a 'transgender bathroom,' and to start calling it 'unisex,'" he said.

Sawmiller, who in early 2007 was defrocked by BSU President Boh Kustra with a claim that the school invited mostly liberal speakers, has enlisted the assistance of the Idaho Values Alliance, a conservative Christian group.

Drilling in Alaska petroleum reserve strikes oil

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Three exploratory wells drilled in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska struck oil, according to Canadian oil company Talisman Energy Inc.

Two of the wells, drilled on federal land about 60 miles southeast of Barrow, discovered geologic formations holding an estimated 300 million to 400 million barrels of "contingent resources," meaning oil that is technically recoverable but not economic, the company said.

The area of the discovery is remote, with no nearby roads or pipelines.

However, executives of Calgary-based Talisman, which operates in Alaska through its subsidiary FEX, were excited about the discovery.

"I am very encouraged by the results of our winter drilling program in Alaska, although disappointed that we did not have time to test the wells," Talisman chief executive Jim Buckee said in a written statement.

The company had to move its drilling rigs before the spring thaw, meaning the tests to assess the strength of the wells. The tests will be done next winter, Talisman said.

"Our view is, gender is assigned at birth," said Bryan Fischer, the Idaho Values Alliance leader. "There's no third or fourth or fifth option."

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N. Idaho Developer scrutinized for sewage leak

BAVVIEW, Idaho (AP) — A northern Idaho developer already under investigation for the destruction of kokanee salmon spawning beds in Lake Pend Oreille is now defending the failure to report a sewage spill into the lake.

State and federal environmental officials say they are investigating the extent of a sewage leak caused when crews for developer Bob Holland were demolishing old boat houses in the small, waterfront town of Bavview.

The project's engineer, Dennis Scott, of Meckel Engineering, said the amount of sewage spilled into the lake was minimal. He said the leak started when a 2-inch under-water sewer line connected to two float homes was snagged and cracked in late April.

The waste that entered the lake was probably less than what someone with a holding tank on their boat discharges into the lake, Scott said. "Unfortunately it wasn't reported, and that appears to be what the big deal is about. Within two hours it was fixed."

John Hindell, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, said the agency learned of the sewer line break Tuesday when a resident complained.

The investigation could be completed next week, but Hindell said the department is still looking for proof that the leak was minor.

Cutthroat trout still vanishing from Yellowstone

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Figures on the population of native Yellowstone cutthroat trout in the heart of the park show a steady decline continuing, with numbers the lowest since record keeping began in 1945. Counts taken at Clear Creek on the edge of Yellowstone Lake found 471 cutthroat last spring, according to information released Wednesday. The count at that location in the 1970s exceeded 70,000, later plunging to four figures and then three in 2005 and 2006.

Predatory, nonnative lake trout get much of the blame for the decline, with drought and disease also influencing. "We're deeply concerned, but we're working hard and trying to hold the line," said Todd Koel, chief fisheries biologist at Yellowstone.

National Park Service crews last year caught and killed a record number of lake trout that were in Yellowstone Lake. The number removed topped 60,000. Officials say about 198,000 of the nonnative trout had been removed since 1998.

The efforts, costing about \$400,000 a year, are scheduled to continue this summer. The goal is to give cutthroat enough of an edge to begin rebounding, Koel said.

About 40 species, including grizzly bears, bald eagles and otters, feed on cutthroat.

"They didn't give me a good explanation on why they think their conclusion is correct," Hindell said.

Holland's marina development project came under scrutiny last month when the state Department of Lands ordered work stopped after crews pounded steel beams through shallow spawning beds used by the lake's struggling kokanee salmon. State Department of Fish and Game officials said Holland had eight steel beams pounded into the beds on April 17, using a barge and tugboat in an area called Seaside Bay. At the time the work was being done, state officials said Holland had applied for but had not yet received the necessary permits.

Kokanee are a prized sport fish, but the fishery has been closed in the lake since 2000 because of low numbers. According to Fish and Game, 98 percent of the remaining

wild kokanee salmon spawning in the lake took place last fall where Holland had the work done.

Fish and Game scientists said the damage from the construction likely killed many small kokanee that had hatched but were still in the gravel. A survey of the area

found crushed fish and smashed eggs.

Holland's attorney, Steve Wetzel, said Wednesday that the employee responsible for approving the piling work had been fired and the company, Waterford Park Homes, is doing its own internal investigation.

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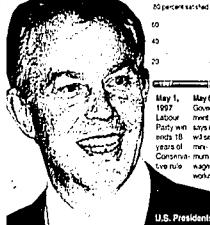
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A decade at No. 10 Downing Street

Tony Blair came to office with youth and optimism on his side, declaring "This is the first generation able to contribute the possibility that we may live our entire lives without going to war..." Events changed that.

Blair's likely successor says little about Iraq



LONDON (AP) — There was a long pause when Gordon Brown was asked once whether he, like Tony Blair, would have joined the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

As Brown stands on the brink of succeeding Blair as prime minister, the pressing question is what will the stern, crumpled Treasury chief who has overseen Britain's economic prosperity do about Iraq now?



Brown paid tribute to his longtime friend and rival hours after Blair announced Thursday that he would step down June 27 after a decade in power, calling Blair's achievements "unique, unprecedented and enduring."

Brown himself has discouraged expectations of change in Britain's approach to Iraq if, as expected, he takes over as

Labour Party leader and prime minister. "There will be no sense in which we seek to walk away from decisions we made," he said in an interview last month with Time magazine, speaking about Iraq.

"We made the decisions because we believed the collective security of the world required resolutions passed by the United Nations over 10 years to be upheld.

For his part, President Bush expressed confidence Thursday that Brown would continue to support the war.

"I believe that Gordon Brown understands the consequences of failure," Bush told reporters, adding that in conversations with Brown, he found him "to be easy to talk to, a good thinker."

But at least one analyst believes Brown could quickly spring some surprises. "Brown doesn't talk much, but when he does something he does it surprisingly and effectively," said Rodney Barker, a professor of government at the London School of Economics. Any big changes are likely to come quickly, Barker said.

resignation date. He was both apologetic and defiant. "I had on heart, I did what I thought was right," Blair told supporters at his Sedgelyield constituency in northern England.

Blair has stepped just short of openly endorsing Brown, a stern Scot who lacks Blair's charisma and common touch. The two men, who shared a house of Commons office as young backbenchers and together orchestrated Labour's return to political power in 1997 after 18 years of Conservative Party governments, have long been rivals as well as allies.

Political legend holds the two struck a deal in a London restaurant more than a decade ago under which Brown would stand aside as a contender for Labour's leadership in return for Blair's promise to step aside as prime minister midway through a second term in office.

If it was made, it is a promise Blair didn't keep.

Over the two have always maintained a common front. With Blair wounded by criticism over the Iraq war, they stuck together during the 2005 election campaign, at one point famously facing the cameras and eating ice cream.

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Sting and wife Trudie Styler, right, arrive at a Venice film festival event in Venice, Italy, last year.

Tribunal: Sting and his wife, wrongly fired pregnant chef

LONDON (AP) — An employment tribunal ruled Thursday that Sting and his wife, Trudie Styler, discriminated against their chef by firing her after she became pregnant.

The couple, who face having to make a substantial compensation payment, said they were "devastated" by the ruling. The level of compensation will be decided at a June 8 hearing.

Jane Martin, 41, said she had worked for the 55-year-old pop star and Styler for eight years, cooking meals for them and guests including Madonna and Elton John. She said Styler grew unhappy after Martin became pregnant in 2005, making her work long hours and growing angry when she took time off work because of illness.

Martin, who accused Styler of having a "grandiose ego," left her job under disputed circumstances in April 2006.

In its ruling, the panel at an employment tribunal in Southampton, southern England, said Martin had been unlawfully dismissed by Lake House Estate, Sting and Styler's management company, and was a victim of sexual discrimination.

The judgment said that although Styler "had tried to distance herself from various unlawful acts and have them carried out by minions on her behalf, who she sometimes looked at holistically, her involvement is clear."

"She is without doubt the driving force manipulating others to perform her dirty work," Styler said the couple planned to appeal.

"I am delighted that the tribunal's judgment makes this unjust and unfair attack on Sting and me," she said in a statement.

"Jane Martin was always treated well and generously as an employee, and we remain stunned at her actions and at the verdict of the tribunal."

Doctors: Thin people may be fat inside

LONDON (AP) — If it really is what's on the inside that counts, then a lot of thin people might be in trouble.

Some doctors now think that the internal fat surrounding vital organs like the heart, liver or pancreas — invisible to the naked eye — could be as dangerous as the more obvious external fat that bulges underneath the skin.

"Being thin doesn't automatically mean you're not fat," said Dr. Jimmy Bell, a professor of molecular imaging at Imperial College, London. Since 1994, Bell and his team have scanned nearly 800 people with MRI machines to create "fat maps" showing where people store fat.

According to the data, people who maintain their weight through diet rather than exercise are likely to have major deposits of internal fat, even if otherwise slim. "The whole concept of being fat needs to be redefined," said Bell, whose research is funded by Britain's Medical Research Council.

Without a clear warning signal — like a rounder middle — doctors worry that thin people may be lulled into assuming that because they're not overweight, they're healthy.

"Just because someone is lean doesn't make them immune to diabetes or other risk factors for heart disease," said Dr. Louis Teichholz, chief of cardiology at Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey, who was not involved in Bell's research.

Even people with normal Body Mass Index scores — a standard obesity measure that divides your weight by the square of your height — can have surprising levels of fat deposits inside.

Of women scanned by Bell and his colleagues, as many as 45 percent of those with normal BMI scores (20 to 25) actually had excessive levels of internal fat. Among men, the percentage was nearly 60 percent.

Relating the news to what Bell calls "TOFI" — people

who are "thin outside, fat inside" — is rarely uneventful. "The thinner people are, the bigger the surprise," he said, adding the researchers even found "TOFI" among people who are professional models.

According to Bell, people who are fat on the inside are essentially on the threshold of being obese. They eat too many fatty, sugary foods and exercise too little to work it off — but they are not eating enough to actually be fat. Scientists believe we naturally accumulate fat around the belly first, but at some point, the body may start storing it elsewhere.

Still, most experts believe that being of normal weight is an indicator of good health, and that BMI is a reliable measurement.

"BMI won't give you the exact indication of where fat is, but it's a useful clinical tool," said Dr. Toni Steer, a nutritionist at Britain's Medical Research Council.

Osama bin Laden's driver charged

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The U.S. filed charges of conspiracy and plotting support for terrorism Thursday against a Guantanamo detainee who worked as a driver for Osama bin Laden.

Salim Ahmed Hamdan is the third Guantanamo detainee to be charged under a new set of rules signed last year by President Bush after the Supreme Court rejected the previous system.

Hamdan, who is from Yemen, has been detained at Guantanamo since May 2002. It was his legal challenge that

forced the Bush administration and Congress to craft new rules for the military trials, known as commissions, for the men held at the Guantanamo Bay detention center in eastern Cuba.

He is expected to be arraigned in early June, when he can enter a plea to the charges. In the charging documents, the military said Hamdan conspired with bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders in the bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998, the attack on the USS Cole in 2000, and the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

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The setting sun illuminates some of the larger formations on the east side of Circle Creek Valley.

Matt Leidecker for the Times-News

Springtime in the City

It's a magical time in the City of Rocks

By Matt Leidecker
Times-News correspondent

Springtime in southern Idaho's City of Rocks is a magical time.

Many come seeking respite from a long, cold winter in the mountains.

While the foothills of the Pioneer range are still brown, the City of Rocks is alive with spring. New green aspen leaves rustle in a warm wind and wildflowers can be found tucked beneath the shadows of sagebrush. The finger tributaries of Circle Creek that wind among the granite walls are still flowing with water.

I used to go to the City of Rocks to climb, but my most recent trip would have a slightly different focus.

The City of Rocks occupies an isolated valley tucked into the Sawtooth National Forest of southern Idaho. Invisibile from the agricultural plains south of Burley, the dirt road accessing this National

About the City of Rocks

The City of Rocks National Reserve is part of the National Park System, but managed by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. The fee camping (\$12 per night) is managed by a reservation system, but non-reserved campsites may be available in early season or during mid-week. For camping reservations contact the IDPR at:

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Reserve climbs through a narrow, basalt gorge.

First-timers, now knowing what to expect, are intrigued by this sudden change in the landscape. The road climbs Emery Canyon to a small pass before dropping into Circle Creek Valley. Spectacular views look down into a convo-

luted landscape of granite spires and fins nestled among aspen and juniper pine trees.

I have been enchanted by this place since I first visited on a middle-school outdoor-program climbing trip. A novice climber, I followed Kirk

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Jody Leidecker pulls through the overhanging crux of Calamari.



Jason Powers enjoys the warm spring afternoon from the top of Too Much Fun.

OUTDOORS

Exploring the origin of King Hill's dry canyon

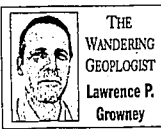
In our desert climate, it is not unusual to run across dry canyons; and some of them can sport impressive dimensions.

But when a canyon is well out of proportion to the anticipated flow of water, something is amiss. The canyon in question is found on the east side of the basalt covered plateau which forms the north Snake River canyon wall above Highway 30 in the King Hill stretch.

The canyon is nearly 3/4 mile long, 1/4 mile wide and 200 feet deep at the plateau rim. The basalt cap cut by this canyon appears to be about 140 to 200 feet thick and lies on top of a minimum 750 feet of unconsolidated Lake Idaho sediments.

How could a deep, wide canyon have formed in the solid basalt when the drainage through this canyon has essentially no headwater area today? Let's go back in time to explore one hypothetical scenario.

The ancestral Snake River, or a tributary — from now on, I'll just call it "the stream" so as not to suggest any specific source of water — runs across the now dry and exposed, sediments of Lake Idaho, the lake having drained some time before. The stream is flowing west along the south side of what will one day become the Bennett Hills. To the north, a mountainous reddish-brown landscape of rhyolite is sloping uphill very slightly to the north until it



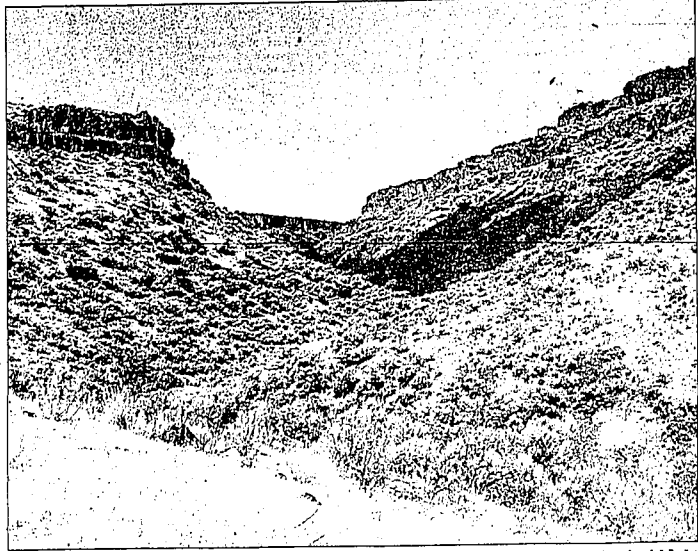
THE WANDERING GEOPLOGIST Lawrence P. Growney

meets the granitic highland of the Idaho Batholith at what is now the south side of the Camas Prairie.

At some point, basalt eruptions from newly activated fault fractures along the north side of the Snake River Plain and flows south across the flat, dry lakebed, filling the active stream channel which has increased 130 to 150 feet into the old lake sediments, and covering the ground elsewhere with a fairly thin layer. As the fiery wall displaces the water from the stream and continues to move south, the stream is forced south, flowing around the margin of the advancing basalt.

Once the eruption of basalt has stopped and the flows have cooled, the original stream channel is now filled with three or four layers of basalt. The stream now flowing along the southern margin of this basalt begins to cut a new canyon in the soft lake sediments. But as the stream floods, it occasionally rises high enough to flow across a portion of the basalt that originally displaced it.

These floodwaters focus their energy on the most erosive locations along the basalt surface. The waters incise side



The dry canyon cuts through the plateau above King Hill. Rounded boulders over one foot in diameter sit on the lip of the falls at the head of the canyon.

canyons and alcoves along the south edge of the basalt flow as they return to the main channel. Incision of our side canyon stops once the new stream channel becomes deep enough that the flood water is

unable to rise high enough to flow across the basalt, and we're left with a large incised channel where there is, essentially, no water flowing today. To see this feature, turn onto BLM Road, just west of

the Clover Creek bridge on Highway 30 about one mile east of King Hill, and proceed up the road to a high point on the road approximately 1.7 miles before the second cartleopard. The mouth of the

canyon will be very visible.

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Commissioners set spring Chinook season

For the Times-News

The spring Chinook fishing season in Idaho opens Friday, May 11.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission set a limited spring Chinook salmon season on the Clearwater River, Upper Snake River in Hells Canyon, Lower Salmon River and the Little Salmon River. They also set an opening date of May 26 on the Lochsa River.

Fishing will be open in all areas until Friday through Monday until July 16 — closing earlier if Fish and Game sees a biological need — except on the Little Salmon where the season will be open through Aug. 7 or "until further notice."

The season this year includes some new boundaries meant to improve management flexibility and slow the harvest, but with some important changes including: • In the Clearwater drainage a portion of the main stem from Cherylane Bridge to the Orofino Bridge is closed.

• The section from the Timezone Bridge to the mouth of the Little Salmon River is closed.

• The portion of the main stem Salmon River open to fishing this year is smaller. Anglers are encouraged to read the 2007 spring Chinook

salmon seasons and rules closely for detailed definition of waters open to fishing. The pamphlet is available at Fish and Game offices and license vendors.

This year the preseason expectation is for 27,700 adult Chinook to cross Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River in southeastern Washington, the last of the eight fall runs by that date. The remaining salmon's way up the Snake River to Idaho. That's about 5,000 fewer fish than the 2006 run of 32,664.

As of May 6 this year, 3,107 adult fish had crossed Lower Granite. The 10-year average is about 20,343 fish by that date. The run this year is late at Bonnaville and in the upper basin, but not as late as 2006. Still, despite low counts, timing of the numbers suggests that the run will meet the pre-season forecast.

It is still too early to estimate this year's fish state share for spring Chinook, but the forecast is good enough to open a season. The number of fish available to anglers this year will be based on the numbers returning beyond the nets of hatcheries, and that surplus will be split between tribal and nontribal fisheries.

The forecast of nearly 11,000 returning wild or unmarked hatchery Chinook is about 2,700 fewer than the 2006 return of 8,159. The 16,900 fish

forecast for marked hatchery fish is almost 7,500 fewer than the actual return of 24,505 fish in 2006. Surplus hatchery fish available for harvest in 2007 are also fewer than in 2006.

The 2007 harvests probably will be lower than in 2006 when anglers in Idaho caught 3,911 fish and kept 2,167.

Fishing will be permitted a half hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, local time. Chinook anglers will be allowed to keep one fish daily, have three in their possession and keep 10 for the season. Anglers must stop fishing when they have reached daily possession or season limits. It is unlawful to take or attempt to take salmon by snagging. They may use only barbless hooks no larger than five-eighths of an inch from point to shank.

In the Lochsa, salmon may be taken only with artificial flies and lures with barbless hooks and no bait.

Only Chinook marked with a scar from a clipped adipose fin may be kept.

All anglers, except residents younger than 14, must have a valid 2007 Idaho fishing license and salmon permit. Children under 14, including nonresidents, do not need a salmon permit if they are accompanied by a valid permit holder, but any salmon caught would count against toward

the permit holder's possession limits.

Fishing boundaries are: • Upper Snake River: From the Dog Bar boat ramp upstream to Hells Canyon Dam.

• Mainstem Clearwater River: From the railroad bridge at Lewiston upstream to the Cherylane Bridge.

• Upper Mainstem Clearwater River: From the Orofino Bridge upstream to the Kamiah Bridge.

• North Fork Clearwater River: From the mouth to Dwoishak Dam excluding the perimeter of Dwoishak Hatchery.

• South Fork Clearwater River: From its mouth upstream to the confluence of American and Red rivers.

• Lower Salmon River-Hammer Creek: From the Hammer Creek boat ramp upstream to the Time Zone Bridge.

• Little Salmon River: From a posted boundary at the mouth of the Little Salmon River upstream to U.S. Highway 95 bridge near Smokey Boulder Road.

• Lochsa River: From its mouth upstream to the Twin Bridges immediately upstream from the confluence of Crooked Fork and Colt Killed creeks.

All anglers are reminded to check the 2007 Idaho spring Chinook salmon fishing rules.

OUTDOORS BRIEFS

'Women in Nature' to climb local peaks

TWIN FALLS — Women in Nature is hosting its "Seven Peaks in Seven Weeks" event this summer and inviting more women to participate.

Joining with the Wild Education Fund, College of Southern Idaho and St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, WIN participants will hike Bald Mountain, Titus, Baker, Johnstone, Hyndman, Salzburger, Spitz, and Horstman peaks. The hikes begin June 16 and continue for seven consecutive Saturdays. There are no overnight stays and fitness levels from beginner to advanced will be accommodated.

Participants may choose which peaks they want to hike. The goals of this event are to give women more opportunities to get active outdoors and to bring awareness to health issues that greatly affect women, such as diabetes and heart health. Professionals will be available for volunteers who would like to know the differences in their blood glucose and cholesterol levels before and after the event.

Preconditioning hikes started May 3 and will continue for four more weeks. All women who are interested can call WIN president Sandra Bosteder at 539-3093, CSI Outdoor Program director Stacey Ward at 732-6697, or Wild Education Fund representative Jake Cowden at 837-6936.

Physical Education credits are available from CSI for these hikes. Costs to cover transportation and guide fees are \$40 per peak or \$200 for all peaks.

Rock climbing classes begin in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Interested in learning the basics of rock climbing or want to further your knowledge and skills? The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department may have a class for you.

Beginning participants learn basic tying in, belaying, rappelling and other climbing techniques. Intermediate climbers will work on harder climbs and learn basic ascending, self-rescue, anchor building and more.

Introduction to Rock Climbing is for ages 7 to 12. It will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. June 4 to 7. Cost is \$80.

Intermediate Junior Rock Climbing, for ages 7 to 12, will be from 1 to 4 p.m. June 4 to 7. The fee is \$80.

Rock Climbing for Teens and Adults will be from 6 to 8 p.m. June 4 to 7. Cost is \$50. All classes will be at Dierkes Lake. Register by May 30 at the parks and recreation department office, 136 Maxwell Ave., or call 736-2265 for more information.

Trips to explore Snake River around the valley

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department has several water sport activities beginning soon.

A Boat-on Boat Ride, a scenic trip from Centennial Park to Pillar Falls, is recommended for seniors and families with small children. Cost is \$15 per person; pre-registration is required. Meet at Centennial Park at 6 p.m. May 25.

Visit Box and Blue Heart Springs where they merge with the Snake River in a Thousand Springs Paddling Adventure starting at 11 a.m. May 19. The seven-mile trip from Banbury Springs to Silgars Resort takes about five hours. Bring a lunch; a cooler with ice and beverages will be provided. The fee is \$35. Pre-registration is required. Meet at put-in below the lower Salmon Falls Dam at 1:30 p.m. May 26.

A one-day Scuba Diving workshop will teach the basics through professional instruction and give participants the opportunity to try scuba diving. Participants must be at least 6 years old. The workshop is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. May 19 at the Twin Falls City Pool. The fee is \$20. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register for a class, call 736-2265 or stop by the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office at 136 Maxwell Ave.

— Staff reports

Four die while looking for a shellfish delicacy

PORT ROSS, Calif. (AP) — As abalone diver Joe Vuojuda prepared to don his wetsuit, hood and gloves on a rocky beach, he guessed about the shellfish delicacy that lures many to the frigid waters.

"To die for, just to die for," Vuojuda said.

The quest for the mighty mollusk is indeed deadly. Four people perished in the past week in California while pursuing abalone (pronounced ah-uh-LOH-nee), which is used in sushi and a variety of other Asian dishes and can sell for \$100 apiece on the black market.

Abalone hunters rapped down cliffs, clamber over treacherously slick rocks and disappear into dark, choppy waters to pry mollusks from the ocean floor.

"That's part of the fun, right? You get a little adrenaline

going," said one enthusiast, Ken Norton. "People get hurt, of course. People fall off rocks." But he added: "There's a little bit of danger in anything — driving around in your car."

All four deaths in California this year happened over a five-day span in Mendocino County, which usually records three or four abalone-related deaths during the entire April-through-November season. A new moon that drew large crowds to take advantage of unusually low tides, along with high winds that kicked up rough conditions, may have contributed to the latest deaths. The victims are believed to have drowned or died of heart attacks.

Because divers are allowed to use only a snorkel, some black out as they rush to the surface for air. Others get tan-

gled in themselves. Some get exhausted in the churning surf or overexert themselves prying the stubborn, snail-like creatures from rocks. Three years ago, a great white shark bit a diver's head off.

Veteran divers and even the rock-pickers who ply chest-deep waters tell of being surprised by powerful surf that has washed them over the rocks or swept them out to sea.

Anthony Kan said in 20 years of abalone picking he has seen two people die. One died from hypothermia and another drowned in the weeds. He nearly died himself when he tripped at the edge of a cliff, catching a handful of grass before going over.

"I was really lucky," the 69-year-old said. In Sonoma County, which sees a couple of diving-related

deaths a year, an abalone diver with a head wound was rescued April 15 after he fell down a 35-foot cliff.

On Saturday morning, Norton joined hundreds of wetsuit-clad hunters who scrambled down a grassy bluff and did an awkward dance over sea grass-covered boulders at Fort Ross State Historic Park where a reef juts into the Pacific and provides easy access.

Most used masks to search the shallows for easy pickings. Some groped the rocks for the large ear-shaped shells. The more adventurous swam out farther, where they bobbed up and down between breaths of air.

Some divers awoke as early as 4 a.m. to make the winding 30-mile trek north from the San Francisco Bay area to take advantage of the low tide.

Craters of the Moon to host a guided bird walk on May 19

Craters of the Moon will be hosting a guided bird walk on Saturday, May 19.

Spring migration will be underway and a variety of our feathered friends should be present in the park including the beautiful Mountain Bluebird, Idaho's state bird. Park Biologist and avid birder, Mike Ahnts will lead this spe-

cial hike. Like participants will meet at the visitor center on Highway 20/26/93, 18 miles west of Arco at 8 a.m. and walk approximately 4 miles. The hike will conclude at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Call the visitor center at 208-327-3257 to make a reservation for this walk or to obtain further information.

FISH AND GAME NOTES

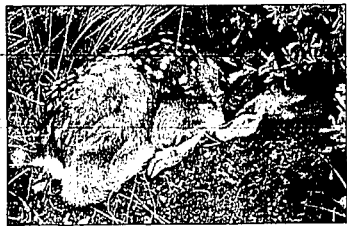


Photo: Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Leave baby animals alone

For the Times-News

HEROME — The end of May and first of June is the peak fawning and calving season for Idaho's deer, elk, and antelope. With campers and other outdoors enthusiasts heading out to the woods, well-meaning citizens often find baby birds and other animals that seem to be abandoned. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is asking people to leave them alone.

"We have people calling us or bringing baby animals to the office every year," said Regan Berkeley, Fish and Game Regional Wildlife Biologist for the Magic Valley Region. "Even though their intentions are good, it isn't the best thing for the animals."

Other animals often leave their young as they forage. If they return to their young to find people sniffling around, they will often leave the area and come back when the people are gone. If people have taken the baby animal, the mother will return to find their baby gone.

"If people bring young animals into the office we don't have many options," Berkeley said. "We can attempt to return them back to where they were found, and hope their mother finds them, or we can see if any area zoos

want them."

"During early summer, the baby is simply too young to survive on its own," she said. "Placing the animal in a zoo also doesn't always work, because zoos don't always have space for additional animals, particularly at this time of year."

If the animal is successfully placed in a zoo, it generally means the animal is removed from the wild forever. If neither returning the animal to the wild nor sending it to a zoo end up being good options, biologists have to consider whether euthanasia is the most humane thing to do.

"Basically, the only really good option is for the baby to stay in the wild in the first place," Berkeley said.

In addition, it is illegal for people to be in possession of wild animals. People found possessing a wild animal without a permit can be issued a citation, and the animal will be removed from their control. Animals raised in confinement are often destroyed because of the possibility of disease and lack of ability to survive on their own.

Smaller animals, like rabbits and birds, should also be left alone. In nature, mother knows best.

For more information, call 324-4359.

Apply for big game hunts now

The application period for this fall's deer, elk, pronghorn and black bear controlled hunts runs through June 5.

Hunters are being asked to apply early and avoid the last-minute rush. "Historically, the last of May is a high volume period for our license vending machines. Software glitches or communication interruptions tend to plague during this time," said Dave Parrish, Fish and Game Magic Valley Regional Supervisor. "This year could be particularly risky due to the fact we are changing our licensing equipment and system vendor the first day of June."

To entice hunters to apply early, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will be handing out one \$550 prize and one \$450 prize to two lucky winners who apply early.

Hunters who get their applications in by May 10 will be eligible to win \$550 in the May 15 drawing. Those who get their

applications in by May 20 will be eligible to win \$450 in the May 25 drawing. Applications in by May 10 also will be eligible for the May 25 drawing, except for the winner of the May 15 drawing.

Applications may be made by phone at 1-800-554-8685 or 1-800-824-3729, at Fish and Game offices, license vendors or on the Internet at: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. Others not applying for a controlled hunt may submit their name, age, address, and telephone number on a 3- by 5-inch piece of plain paper to: IDFG Early Application Contest, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707.

The drawing is funded by Outdoor Central — the new license system vendor and sponsored by the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The drawing encourages hunters to apply early and helps avoid last-minute congestion on license vendor computer terminals.

Rocks

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Bachman, the founder of Sawtooth Mountain Guides.

"I neglected to remove any of his expensive climbing protection from the crack, and arrived at the top without a locking carabiner or belay device (necessary items to get back to ground)."

"Not wanting to be a burden, I naively said, 'I can just wrap the rope around my shoulders and lower myself.'"

Kirk sagely, but firmly shook his head, "NO."

The next day, I struggled up an overhanging crack so challenging and rewarding that I wrote a college acceptance essay about the experience. I was hooked.

Since that initial trip, I have returned at least once a year. The area has evolved from the quiet springtime grazing valley for the ranching communities of Almo and Albion, to an internationally renowned destination for rock climbers. The notoriety has brought with it hoards of both climbers and non-climbers who enjoy the beautiful camping, mountain bike roads, and hiking trails that wind through Circle Creek Valley. It is now necessary to reserve your weekend campsite weeks or sometimes months in advance (see sidebar story).

For years, I have climbed out the beautiful granite fins and towers of "The City."

My mom, at age 55, used to spend weeks at a time camped in the valley. She explored the granite walls, meeting fellow climbers, and seeking out routes to challenge her newly found climbing skills. (One year, she even sought out and cut a Juniper Pine for our Christmas Tree). With her belay, I struggled up the infamous "Crack of Doom" and tried to follow her lead on the overhanging "Comin' In. I have introduced friends to the vertical world on the dappled surface and perfect cracks of "Elephant Rock."

Two weeks ago, we drove over the Emery Creek pass and down into the City of Rocks with our two-month old baby in tow. We didn't have a campground reservation, but fortunately in this early season we were able to find a site on the rim overlooking the "Inner City."

This time, our expectations were different. We weren't here to climb per se, but to experience a night away from home with our new child. We hoped to watch the sun set from a



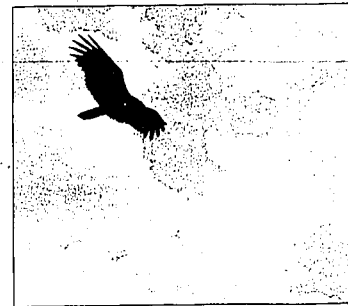
Sarah Leidecker enjoys the security of a classic city pothole, from one of many granite balconies overlooking the City of Rocks.

potholed granite balcony behind camp, relax in the morning, enjoy the warm spring weather, and hike the beautiful winding trails among the granite towers. Any time spent climbing in the vertical landscape would be an added bonus.

Later that afternoon, I did find myself picking a route through a short overhanging bulge on a long sunny climb. The surface of weathered red patina had eroded away in places, leaving large "jugs" for handholds. I was thankful for

the big holds as my upper body quickly tired after a leg-intensive ski season. As I basked in the warm sun on the rocky ledge I watched turkey vultures circle lazily above my head. Some passed

within 30 feet of my lofty perch. I listened to the wind and water flowing among the still budding aspen trees, and to the sound of my sleeping baby, content in the shade of a juniper tree.



Turkey vultures soar both above and below climbers on the routes at the City of Rocks.

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ANSWER: Tammy, the Bankruptcy Court won't put you in jail as long as you report this debt on your bankruptcy. Loans obtained through fraud or misrepresentation are not generally dischargeable in bankruptcy, but the Court will not declare the debt to be non-dischargeable unless the bank brings an action asking the Court to make such a determination. The bank has only a short period of time to file this action, and because of the time limitation and expense involved, the bank may not do so. If they don't, the debt WILL be discharged. If they do, the bank will likely receive an Order from the Court declaring the debt to be excepted from your bankruptcy discharge, and awarding the bank a judgment for the amount you owe as well as certain costs and fees. If the debt is discharged, you are under no legal obligation to repay. However, because of your intentional misrepresentations to the bank, you likely committed theft, a crime punishable by fine and imprisonment. The bank could prosecute you regardless of the outcome in bankruptcy Court, so you should make repayment arrangements ASAP!

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Drivers needed to keep on truckin'

Industry short of drivers, wants couples

Times-News

GOODING — On any given day, D&D Transportation Services has up to 95 semi-truck trailers on the road nationwide.

Three of those 18-wheel rigs are driven by married couples, a growing trend in the trucking industry.

"We do have married couples that drive together," Tim Young, the company's safety director and recruiter, said Thursday. "Most of them, their kids are raised. They can travel together."

Depending on how many miles they drive, Young said, a married team of drivers can earn up to \$70,000 annually.

"That's probably even a little low," he said. "For the ones who can make it work, it's a great thing."

But trucking industry, facing a worsening shortage of long-haul drivers, is launching an ad campaign for recruitment and is particularly interested in older couples.

It works for Jim and Eva Sider of Helen, Mont., who began traveling the country nearly 10 years ago.

Driving from California to New Jersey in two days, using layovers to visit historic sites in the South or ethnic restaurants in Chicago, the Siders pack in a lot — Back-in-Montana, the empty nesters who are in their



Schneider National drivers Jay, left, and Terri Lynch of Athens, Wis., talk about how one of them drives and the other stays as they sit in the cab of a Schneider National truck in Green Bay, Wis., recently. The married couple became a driving team about 15 years ago after he lost the lease on his grocery store in suburban Chicago and she left a job as a coats-and-dresses manager in a JCPenney store.

50s revel in the simple pleasures of home. It's a nice change from life in an 18-wheel truck.

Home is a place in Big Arm, along sprawling Flathead Lake in northwestern Montana. Paid by the mile, the Siders together earned more than \$100,000 last year as drivers for Watkins & Shepard Trucking Co. and have built a retirement account.

The United States has about 1.3 million drivers of long-haul, heavy trucks, roughly 20,000 fewer than needed, according to American Trucking Associations, an industry group based in

Alexandria, Va. A 2005 study by the associations' commissioned projects a shortage of 111,000 drivers by 2014, a gap attributed partly to retirements and inadequate recruitment, plus increased demand for trucking.

Branching out to a larger segment of the labor force is critical to the future of an industry long reliant on men working solo, said Ray Kuntz, Watkins & Shepard chief executive and incoming chairman of the associations. The study found drivers cited time away from home and unpredictable schedules for getting home as

reasons for quitting more often than money.

Long-distance haulers of general freight averaged \$17.62 an hour in February, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, which calls the job outlook favorable.

The trucking associations' national advertising campaign is being rolled out gradually, first in Montana, Minnesota and Oklahoma. Romanticizing the work, one billboard silhouettes trucks on a bridge at sunset and boasts, "My office has a better view than yours." A recruitment Web site, www.gettrucking.com, tells

The driver's seat

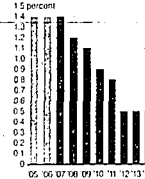
A trucking industry group predicts a shortage in truck drivers, attributing it in part to retirements and slowing growth in the overall work force.

Share of all truck drivers
Ages 55 and older

2004 17.7%
2014 22.7%

Ages 65 and older
2004 3.7%
2014 5.1%

Growth projection for the total work force (all occupations)
1.5 percent



SOURCES: American Trucking Associations, Global Insight

AP

visitors "the road is calling." The campaign includes TV commercials, print advertising and pitches at bus stops. A wrapping for truck trailers makes them into mobile signs with the message that driving a big rig is a great career.

"We are looking for the husband-wife team, folks looking for a second career, people who want to see the country," said Elisabeth Barna, a vice president for American Trucking Associations.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Market Watch

May 10, 2007

Dow Jones Industrials	-147.74
Nasdaq composite	-42.60
Standard & Poor's 500	-21.11
Russell 2000	-16.14
1,491.47	816.63

Stocks of local interest

Con Agra	24.25	▼	.67
Dell Inc.	25.44	▼	.60
Idacorp	32.84	▼	1.17
Lithia Motors	27.24	▼	.27
Micron	12.13	▼	.23
Supervalu	46.07	▼	1.57

Commodities

June Oil	61.81	▲	.26
(Light sweet crude by barrel)			
Live cattle	92.70	▲	.30
June gold	685.8	▼	15.7

For more, see page D5

JetBlue taps COO Barger as new CEO

Move comes after bad weather crippled company

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — JetBlue Airways Corp. replaced founder David Neeleman as CEO less than three months after operating snafus essentially shut down the carrier for days and frayed relations with customers.

The low-fare airline on Thursday appointed Chief Operating Officer Dave Barger as its new chief executive, effective immediately. Neeleman had been chief executive since 1998 and will retain his role as chairman.

The move comes after storms on Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day essentially shut JetBlue down, forcing the cancellation of nearly 1,700 flights and stranding thousands of travelers throughout the Northeast.

—to prevent a recurrence, JetBlue drafted a "customer bill of rights," the gist of which is that the company now issues vouchers to some customers who experience delays.

The canceled flights and vouchers cost JetBlue \$11 million, contributing to the company's first quarter loss of \$22 million, or 12 cents a share. That was an improvement over the year-ago quarter, but was less than analysts had originally expected.

Last month, JetBlue lowered expectations for the rest of the year.

In a statement, Neeleman characterized the change as "a natural evolution" of JetBlue's leadership structure.

Barger, 49, will retain his role as president. He joined JetBlue as president and chief operating officer shortly after Neeleman founded the airline in 1998.

—from staff and wire reports

Merck vaccine production problem means extra shot for kids

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Young children needing immunization against chickenpox and three other diseases likely will have to get an extra shot, due to manufacturing problems that have halted production of a four-disease combo vaccine made by Merck & Co.

Merck said Thursday that its ProQuad vaccine, which protects against measles, mumps and rubella as well as chickenpox, won't be available from about July until at least year's end.

"It's too early to say" at this point whether new (ProQuad) supplies will be available in 2008," said Mary Elizabeth Blake, spokeswoman for Merck's vaccines division.

However, the drugmaker expects to have plenty of two separate vaccines that cover the same diseases: Varivax, for chickenpox, and M-M-R II, for measles, mumps and rubella.

The federal government recommends children get each of those shots twice, once at age 12 months to 15 months and again between ages four and six years old, or — when available — they can receive the ProQuad vaccine twice.

Last year, the government recommended the second chickenpox shot because of outbreaks among schoolchildren, apparently due to waning potency of the vaccine.

Whitehouse Station, N.J.-based Merck is the only U.S. source for vaccines against the varicella zoster virus, which causes chickenpox in children and shingles in adults.

Blake said Merck decided to shift available supply of the key vaccine ingredient against chickenpox — but weakened varicella virus — from ProQuad to Varivax and its shingles vaccine, Zostavax.

The drugmaker recently informed the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of its decision.

"It makes sense to cut back on ProQuad first" because that requires more virus, said Dr. Lance Rodewald, director of the CDC's immunization services division.

Retailers post weak sales as gas prices, housing market has consumers cutting back

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — What was once a dull pain behind the eyes is threatening to become a full blown migraine for the nation's retailers. On Thursday, they reported one of their worst monthly sales performances ever, raising concerns that higher gas prices and a weakening housing market are eating away at consumer spending.

Given projections for more housing problems and higher fuel demand during the summer, prospects for retailers seem even dimmer.

"Consumers are not feeling quite as healthy from an economic standpoint as they did last year at this time," said John Morris, managing director at Wachovia Securities.

As retailers released their April sales figures, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. recorded a rare drop — the weakest performance since the nation's largest retailer began publishing monthly sales in 1990, according to John Simeley, a company spokesman. But April's disappointments crossed all segments of the industry, striking stores as varied as apparel retailer Abercrombie & Fitch Co. and Macy's operator Federated Department Stores Inc.

Analysts had already expected last month to be weak after an early Easter motivated many consumers to do their holiday shopping in March, siphoning away part of April's business. But sales were much weaker than expected, raising concerns that



Austin Wahle, 3, helps his mother, Beth, check out during a shopping trip to a Target store in Kingston, Mass., Wednesday morning. U.S. retailers released their April sales figures Thursday.

retailers will also see disappointing results in the months ahead.

The UBS-International Council of Shopping Centers sales tally of 53 stores posted a decline of 2.3 percent, the biggest drop since the index started tracking the data back in 1970. The tally is based on same-store sales or sales at stores open at least a year, which are considered a key indicator of retailers' health. Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the ICSC, called the drop in same-store sales a rarity, noting it marked the third time since 1970 that the overall index declined.

For the combined March and April period — which provides the best read on the spring selling season — the tally was up only 1.0 percent, below the 2.0 percent forecast.

Retail sales

April's sales were much softer than expected, raising concerns that retailers will see disappointing results in the months ahead.

Percent change in major retailers' sales compared to April 2006

April 2007	
Gap Inc.	-16.0%
Target Corp.	-6.1%
J.C. Penney	-4.7%
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	-3.5%
Federated Department Stores Inc.	-2.2%
Limited Brands Inc.	-1.0%
Costco Wholesale Corp.	7.0%
Saks Inc.	11.7%

NOTE: Sales include those from stores opened for at least a year. Reporting periods vary slightly.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Seminar planned in Burley on long-term care

BURLEY — A long-term care choices and financing seminar will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 19 at the Best Western Burley Inn, 600 N. Overland Ave. — The seminar is free, but pre-registration is required and must be in by Monday.

Those attending will learn to plan for changing health and independence in later life, advice on long-term care insurance, legal ramifications, what Medicare covers, who qualifies for Medicaid and nursing home quality.

Speakers will include Jim Fields, director of the College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging; Lyle Hansen, University of Idaho Extension educator for Jerome County; and Dennis S. Voorhees of Voorhees LaMure, who is certified in elder law. — For information or to register, call 878-9461.

Virginia company moving forward with Idaho project

LYNCHBURG, Va. — Alternate Energy Holdings said Thursday it has developed its Idaho Energy Complex Web site, www.idahoenergy.com.

The site will be used to keep investors and other interested people informed about the Idaho Energy Complex, the company said.

Idaho Energy Complex is a proposed commercial nuclear power plant/fuel generation facility that would be built near Grand View, which is about 120 miles northeast of Twin Falls.

Lynchburg, Va.-based Alternate Energy Holdings says it acquires private green energy companies, as well as develops and markets clean energy sources. Current projects include nuclear construction, bio-fuel generation, a system for removing

carbon dioxide from coal and natural gas plants emissions, and marketable lightning-harvesting technology for electricity production.

Pacific Ethanol posts first quarter earnings of \$2.9M

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Pacific Ethanol Inc. reported first-quarter earnings Thursday of \$2.9 million and net sales of \$99.2 million. The earnings per share equaled 5 cents.

In the same period last year, the company posted a loss of \$612,000 and net sales of \$39.2 million. Pacific Ethanol has an ethanol

plant in Madera, Calif., and has four additional plants under construction in Bourdon, Ore., Galipatria, Calif., Stockton, Calif., and Burley.

The company said it sold 37.5 million gallons of ethanol in the first quarter, nearly doubling its production in the same quarter last year.

"Our Madera plant and the Front Range facility have been consistent producers, and execution and progress on our construction projects in California, Idaho and Oregon continue on schedule," Neil Kohler, the company's chief executive, said in a statement.

—from staff and wire reports

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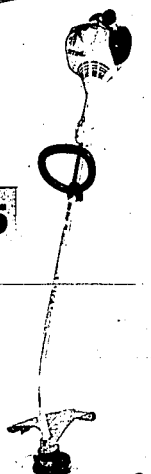
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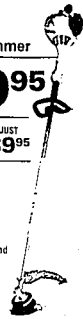


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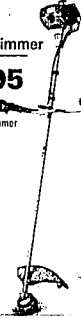
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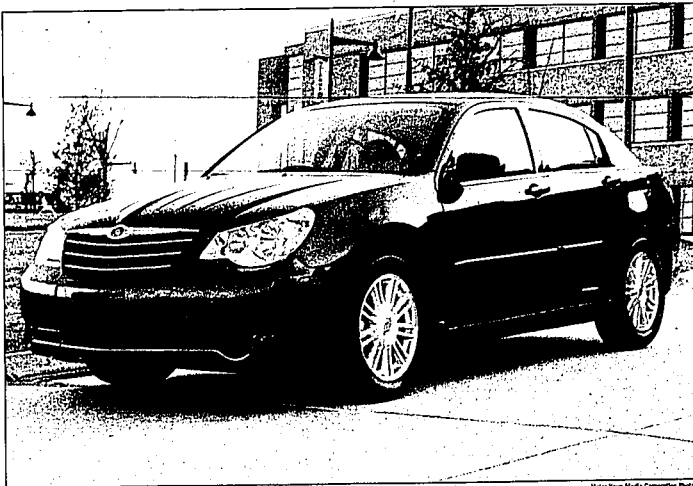
2007 CHRYSLER SEBRING SEDAN Corporate inspiration

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Boasting an all-new design and a fresh interpretation of the mid-size American sedan, Chrysler introduces the next generation Sebring. Stepping up to the plate of brutal market competition, the Sebring formula combines exterior design with interior craftsmanship and high-levels of safety, reliability, performance and fuel economy — a tall order.

Available in Base, Touring and Limited models, the new Sebring adopted a family resemblance inspired by the 2003 Chrysler Airfite concept shown at the Geneva motor show. The new look breaks with the wedge exterior shape that typified the vehicle since its debut as the Cirrus in 1996.

The base front-drive Sebring is equipped with a 2.4L four-cylinder engine provided by Global Engine Manufacturing Assembly (GEMA) of Daimler, Mich. GEMA is an engine manufacturing joint-venture between the Chrysler Group, Mitsubishi and Hyundai. Optional motors include two V6's — an enhanced 2.7L and a 3.5L high output. Torque is communicated to the asphalt through the standard 30TES/41TES four-speed automatic with overdrive or an upmarket 62TE six-speed automatic with



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adaptive electronic control or Auto Stick driver-interactive manual control.

The main attraction for the new Sebring is the high level of sophisticated electronics that is standard — from creature comforts to safety, handling and performance features. A cutting-edge Harmon/Kardon information, entertainment and safety navigation audio system raises the bar for the competition.

The best-in-class next-

generation navigation radio features a 6.5-inch Thin Film Transistor (TFT) display with a touch-screen panel that can support 16,000 colors, providing a three-dimensional appearance to graphics and animation, as well as multiple font sizes and styles.

The MyGIG system follows voice-activated commands and includes a 20 gigabyte hard drive with a Music Juke Box for organizing music and pictures on the hard drive.

On the road, the Sebring equipped with the base engine and automatic transmission provides balanced control, and precise handling at speed. Suspension hardware for the Sebring consists of a four-wheel independent system with MacPherson struts, coil spring over gas-charged shock absorbers and stabilizer bar in front, a multi-link configuration with coil springs, link-type stabilizer bar, gas-charged shock absorbers and an isolated rear-suspension

cradle at the rear.

Inside the clean and airy cabin, occupants are treated to a wide variety of comfort and versatility features such as a sliding center console armrest, standard 60/40 fold-flat rear seat with fold-out armrest, available fold-flat front passenger seat, available heated front seats — cloth or leather — and available remote start. Even the rear windows go all the way down.

2007 Chrysler Sebring by the Numbers

PRICING: The base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the 2007 Chrysler Sebring sedan starts from \$16,330 for the base model up to \$23,320 for the Limited. Destination charges add \$675.

WHEELBASE: 106.0; overall length: 190.6; width: 71.2; height: 59.0 — all measurements are in inches.

ENGINE: 2.4L four-cylinder — 173 hp at 6,000 rpm and 166 lb-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm; 2.7L V6 — 189 hp at 6,400 rpm and 191 lb-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm; 3.5L V6 — 239 hp at 6,400 rpm and 232 lb-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm.

TRANSMISSION: four-speed automatic with adaptive electronic control and overdrive; six-speed automatic with adaptive electronic control or Auto Stick driver-interactive manual control.

EPA FUEL ECONOMY: 2.4L four-cylinder — 24 city/32 hwy; 2.7L V6 — 22 city/29 hwy; 3.5L V6 — 19 city/28 hwy.

CARGO CAPACITY: 13.6 cu. ft.

SAFETY FEATURES: dual-stage front-seat-mounted side-impact airbags, side-impact head curtain airbags, remote keyless entry, the pressure monitoring system, four-wheel anti-lock brakes, automatic power door locks and engine immobilizer. Limited adds alarm system, fog lights and garage door opener.

Optional safety features include electronic stability system, navigation system, alarm system, remote engine start and daytime running lights.

WARRANTY: Basic: 3-year/36,000-mile, bumper-to-bumper. Roadside assistance: 3-year/100,000-mile. 24-hour.

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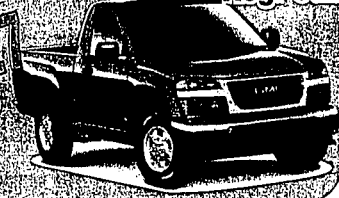
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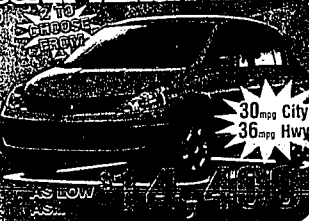


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The Wendell Rural Fire District will hold a public hearing at the office of the Wendell Rural Fire District, 75 S Idaho Street in Wendell Idaho on the 21st day of May 2007 beginning at 6:00 PM to consider the petition for annexation of the following areas:
East 1/2 T7S R14E S16, East 1/2 T7S R14E S20, All of T7S R14 E S21, All of T7S R14E S28, East 1/2 T7S R14E S29.
All interested persons are invited to attend and shall have an opportunity to be heard. Held on the 2nd day of May 2007
By Chof Bob Basley

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV 06-4072
Sheriff #2007232
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

The Bank of New York, as Trustee, pursuant to the Terms of a certain Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of March 1, 2000, related to Metropolitan Mortgage Funding, Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2000-A Plaintiff,
vs.
Bailey, Vernon V. and Cindy R.; United States of America, District Director of Internal Revenue Service; Community First National Bank; Hospital Contracting, Inc.; First Motor Credit Co.; Doyle Knouso And K & T Oil, Inc.; Slawidow Collections, Inc.; Primary Children's Medical Center; Idaho State Tax Commission; State of Idaho; Persons in Possession Or Claiming Right To Possession, Defendants

By Virtue of a Writ of Execution issued from this court, in this cause on May 10th, 2007, pursuant to a judgment rendered and entered on February 27th, 2007, in favor of The Bank of New York and against V. Vernon and Cindy R. Bailey. For the order in the judgment, I have attached and will sell the real property described below to satisfy the judgment against Defendants, in the sum of \$136,795.71 which represents the total money award to date, including judgment amount, interest, attorney's fees and costs associated.

The following property is described as: **TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST BOISE MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 13 EAST OF THE NORTH WEST QUARTER, AND THE WEST 30 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER LYING NORTH OF THE HIGHLINE CANAL.**
Commonly known as: 1349 East 3400 N., Buhl, Idaho 83316

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 5TH day of June, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., I will sell all rights, title and interest of the said Debtors, V. Vernon and Cindy R. Bailey, for the above described real property of public auction to the highest bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, to satisfy said Writ of Execution and all costs associated with the sale. The Auction will be held on the steps of the courthouse at N. Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301. The Sheriff, by Certificate of Sale will transfer the rights, title and interest of the judgment debtor in and to the property at the time the execution of attachment was levied. The Sheriff will give possession, but does not guarantee clear title, nor continued possessory right to the purchaser. A Sheriff's Deed will be provided at the end of the Redemption period for this property.
Dated: 5/9/07
Wayne Tinsley
Sheriff Twin Falls County

Friday, May 11, 18 and 25, 2007

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FOUND Cat, male tabby, 12 weeks. Has collar. Found in Jerome near high school on 420-4855.
FOUND exotic bird in Canyon Rim area of Twin Falls. Call 208-734-1317

FOUND herring pigeon, 2 rings on leg. In the Puuport area. Call 208-436-4440.

FOUND Lab cross female, 2 miles East of Jerome High School. Call 208-280-0192

FOUND Lab X, 3 month old male, black face. Call 208-438-9981

FOUND Lab young, black, female, Red & blue collar. Southwest of Jerome. Reat friendly. Call 208-324-2240

FOUND parker, green body, yellow head. Found in Mountain View Drive in Jerome. 404-9260

LOST cane, wooden with brass handle. Lost in Gooding on April 16. Reward offered. Call 208-934-4175

LOST Cat-Female, medium long-haired yellow/orange labby, 2 years old. Bawlin Lane area. 734-3285 (leave message)

LOST Chihuahua, female, tan/white, long hair, no collar, brown "Abby". Lost in Forest Street 208-358-0789

LOST dog, \$500 Reward for the return of our lost puppy. A beautiful female, reddish brown has blue collar with black. Lost in Buhl area. 208-731-2820

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LOST Hammer Wrench Hammer Golden Leaf Lost on 500 South Rd. in Jerome. Brown coat with bushy brown face, 8 months old/ll He was wearing a spike collar. Goes by the name "Gosoo". Call 208-308-7702/324-5654

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"Hollywood's like Egypt. Full of crumbled pyramids. It'll never come back. It'll just keep on crumbling until finally the wind blows the last studio prop across the sands."
— David O. Selznick

At most tables West took advantage of the vulnerability to open, giving North a real problem. Neither a direct nor a delayed overall of two hearts was likely to fare well today.

With 24 HCP in the North and South hands, it seems a shame to go down in a partscore when one might just as well go down in a game. This was the thinking of Walid El Ahmady and Tarek Sadek, who bid their cards to three no-trump in the auction shown.

El Ahmady received the favorable opening lead of the diamond eight. (A spade honor beats the game outright, and maybe West should have found it.) Nevertheless, life was still far from easy for declarer. He avoided the trap of ducking the opening lead around to his queen, which would have allowed East a chance to shift to spades.

Instead, he rose with dummy's diamond ace, led a club to his ace, then a heart to dummy's queen. Next he cashed dummy's top clubs, then led a diamond toward the queen in his hand. East could do no better than play a spade to his partner's jack. Now what was West to do? With no minor-suit cards to lead, he was unplayed. Declarer had to come to either a second heart or the spade king to go with his five clubs, two diamonds, and one heart, for a scintillating plus 600.

NORTH 65-11-A
 ♠ 10 2
 ♥ K Q 5 4 2
 ♦ A 7 2
 ♣ K J 7

WEST ♠ A Q J 9 4
 ♥ A 10 6
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ 10 4 3

EAST ♠ 7 5
 ♥ J 9 8 3
 ♦ K J 10 9 6
 ♣ 8 5

SOUTH ♠ K 6 6 3
 ♥ 7
 ♦ Q 4 3
 ♣ A Q 9 6 2

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: West

The bidding:
 South West North East
 2 NT Pass 3NT All pass
 *Shows diamonds

Opening lead: Diamond eight

BID WITH THE ACES 65-11-B
 South holds:
 ♠ 10 2
 ♥ K Q 5 4 2
 ♦ A 7 2
 ♣ K J 7

South West North East
 1♥ 2♣ Dbl. Pass

ANSWER: Rebid two no-trump, which shows a hand in this range with a club stop. You have several inferior options — inventing a diamond suit, rebidding hearts, or even passing for penalties — but two no-trump describes your hand-type precisely.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@midwestbridge.com
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502 Homes For Sale TWIN FALLS For sale by owner, plush town home, 1722 sq. ft., 4 bdrm., 3 bath, includes hot tub. \$169,000. 915-555-9155

502 Homes For Sale TWIN FALLS \$159,995 3300 Pineapple Call 208-733-6276 or 208-731-3474

518 Mobile Homes BUHL '97 double wide 3 bdrm., 2 bath, all new carpeted floor, new tiled central heater. \$50,000. 837-6304

602 Unfurnished Homes BUHL 2 bdrm., 1 bath, top of the line, \$500 deposit. 201 7th Ave. Call 208-212-1278

602 Unfurnished Homes KIMBERLY 2 bdrm., 1 bath, W/D hook up, garage, no smoking. \$500 deposit. 423-4276

602 Unfurnished Homes WENDELL brand new 3 bdrm., 2 bath, handicap accessible. \$750 deposit. 420-1212

602 Unfurnished Homes KIMBERLY 3 bdrm., 1 bath, \$150 + \$400 deposit. Call 208-731-0161

602 Unfurnished Homes SHOSHONE 1 bdrm., furnished, new kitchen, newly painted. \$325 mo. all utilities + cable paid. 208-539-4898

602 Unfurnished Homes TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm., 1 bath, kitchen appls., W/D hook up, barn. \$510. 341 3rd Ave. N. Call 208-735-0473

602 Unfurnished Homes TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm., 1 bath, 1 car garage, no smoking. \$375 mo. \$500 deposit. Call 208-224-5053

501 Open House TWIN FALLS OPEN HOUSE Fri. 4pm-6:30pm Sat. 10am-4:00pm

501 Open House JEROME 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 121'x125' lot, 1913 sq.ft. with 980 sq. ft. garage.

502 Homes For Sale BUHL 3 bedroom, 2 bath, finished basement, RV parking, one car garage.

502 Homes For Sale KIMBERLY SERENE SCENE 3 bdrm., 2 bath, one level family home on 1 acre.

502 Homes For Sale TWIN FALLS peaceful home on 7.5 quiet acres. 0.65 alfalfa/pasture, 13 miles south Blue Lakes.

502 Homes For Sale TWIN FALLS LOG CABIN HOME ON ONE ACRE minimum 1800 sq. ft. \$179,900 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 1500 sq. ft. Must sell!

502 Homes For Sale TWIN FALLS Now 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 1450 sq. ft., built on a cul-de-sac, large 2 car garage.

502 Homes For Sale TWIN FALLS 1932r new 1,000 sq. ft. square foot rambler, 3 bdrms., 2 baths. Finished, patio, main floor laundry, etc.

502 Homes For Sale TWIN FALLS adobe home, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath + bonus room. 920 2nd Ave. West. Call 208-285-2555

502 Homes For Sale TWIN FALLS 3 bedroom, 1 bath on large corner lot. Centrally located. One car garage/shed.

513 Acreage and Lots BUHL 5 to 14 acres. Well and seclusion. Starting at \$65,000. Call 208-843-4238

513 Acreage and Lots FILER 50 acres with water, 1800 sq. ft. house. \$275,000. 208-548-0393

513 Acreage and Lots TWIN FALLS OPEN HOUSE Seller Motivated! New home with upgrades on 1700 sq. ft., 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 2 car garage.

513 Acreage and Lots TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 1 floor. Move in ready 3 bdrm., 2 bath 1 floor. Call 208-734-4900

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521 Manufactured Homes BUHL Must Be Moved 1995 Gateway 1668 sq. ft. 3 bdrm., 2 bath, \$47,000. Call 208-535-0711

601 Furnished Homes 601 Furnished Homes 602 Unfurnished Homes 603 Furnished Homes 604 Unfurnished Homes

601 Furnished Homes HANSEN 2 bdrm., 1 bath, fully furnished, 1000 sq. ft. Call 208-733-0601

601 Furnished Homes HAZELTON NEW 3 bdrm., 2 bath, gas heat, patio, \$600. Call 208-733-0739

602 Unfurnished Homes JEROME 'HORSE PROPERTY' 2 bdrm., 1 bath, fully furnished, 1000 sq. ft. Call 208-308-3786

602 Unfurnished Homes JEROME 580 Smokey Mountain 2 bdrm., 1 bath, \$1,300 + \$1,300 deposit. Call 208-733-0601

602 Unfurnished Homes TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm., 1 bath, \$550 month + \$850 deposit. Call 208-539-7027

502 Homes For Sale TWIN FALLS 4BR 1.5BA w/1609 SF New paint & carpet. Detached garage. Directions: S on Blue Lakes E on Elizabeth One Way, Home on Left. \$139,900. MLS# 98286686

502 Homes For Sale TWIN FALLS Immaculate never lived on 1.2 acres all under grass and pastured. Beautiful established landscaping. 14x24 shop. This home is super clean, 2 1/2 bath floor plan, normal dining room, 3 bdrms., 2 1/2 baths. Call 208-733-6907

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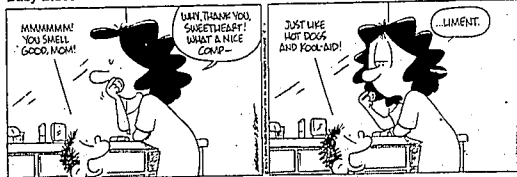
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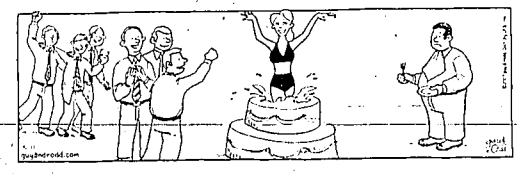
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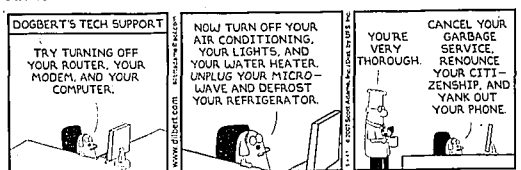
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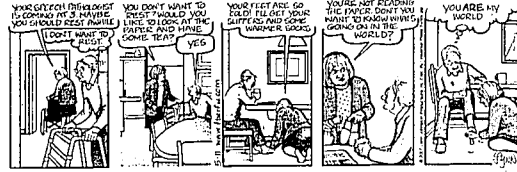
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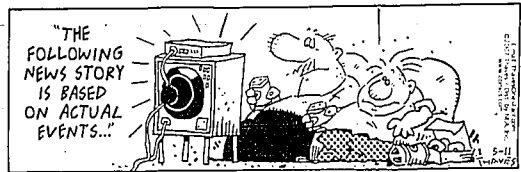
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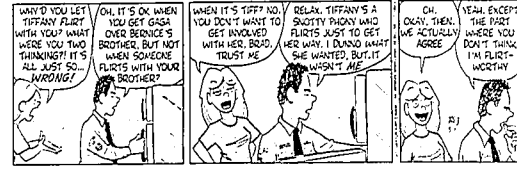
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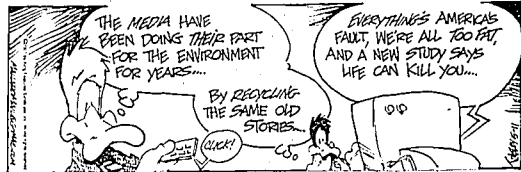
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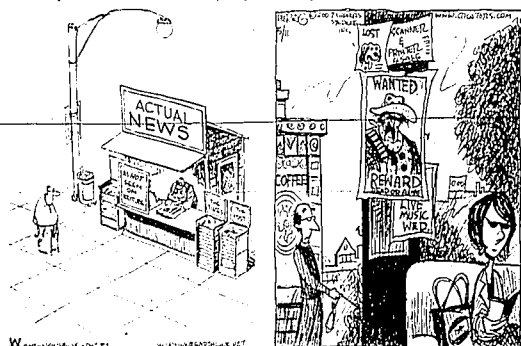


Non Sequiter

By Wilcoy

Strange Brew

By John Deering



Don't force your way to fix, Taurus

IF MAY 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your year ahead will bring you improved conditions and a better outlook on life if you wait until November to launch important plans. Be a stickler for details throughout June, as bills must be paid by the due date and the bosses' deadlines must be met. In August your energy levels could be lower than usual; be sure there is no environmental reason such as mold in the basement or anything disturbing your sleep. November is a good month to begin new projects, but next April is much better. That is when all your dreams can come true or a prayer may be answered.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Certain relationships can reach a state of critical mass. Your efforts to be sympathetic might be misunderstood or unappreciated. Seek peaceful soundings and environments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Banging your head against a brick wall doesn't get you to the other side. If you can't force your way through a problem then it is time to look for another solution. Hold off on business deals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you wish to raise your standard of living, you must associate with those who are a bit higher up on the ladder of success. You are known by your friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Adopting the latest new fad or craze can interfere with your plans. The latest and greatest innovation might promise much more than it can deliver. Stick to your guns.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A house built of stacked cards can easily fall down. There is always the temptation to add just one more card to the pile to show off your skills. Know when to be content with current accomplishments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Some people are a bit like the bull in the ring and willing to charge at anything that looks like a red flag. Don't get distracted by the competition or fooled by a passing challenge.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Wavering on principles means you are on shaky ground. With the moon in your sign you might give in to feelings of guilt or sympathy. It is better to remain steadfast than to change your opinion.

604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm.
2 bath duplex No. floor, \$675 mo. No pet/smoking. Call 208-735-0929

TWIN FALLS 3 bed-
room, 2 bath, 4-piece bath. Yard/garage. WD hook-ups, paid water/garbage, no pet/smoking. \$625 + dep. 510-853-4559

TWIN FALLS 312 West 3rd 1 bed-
room, 1 bath, \$500 month + \$300 deposit. 520 Hazlett 1 bdrm, 1 bath, \$350 month + \$350 deposit.

604 Unfurnished Apts. and Duplex

TWIN FALLS Remod-
ed 2 bdrm, 1 bath, AC & heating, carpet, fenced yard, no pets \$500. 208-731-8260

TWIN FALLS Remod-
ed 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 2300 sq ft duplex w/lockup, WD hook ups, fenced yard, garage w/lockup. \$575 mo. 510-853-4559

TWIN FALLS Spacious
2 bdrm, 2 bath, clean, all appls., new DW, close to CSI, avail. 601. \$625 + dep. Carpet, Leslie 224-3063 or 420-4022

608 Commercial Property

Office, Shop, Warehouse
• 277 - 12,000 ft. 734-4334

TWIN FALLS Office/
Shop space for rent, 3500 sq ft plus enclosed outside storage area and large paved parking lot. 2043 Kimberly. Please call 628-1739.

620 Dairy Cattle and Supplies

BULLS High quality
Holstein, registered bulls & open heifers 800lbs & up. Demc Call 208-859-8595

HOLSTEIN Bulls
Registered, service age. Bred for high cheese yields. Smokey Holsteins. \$749. 208-537-1148

JERSEY family cow,
3 years old, can be milked by hand or put calves on. Breke to load. Very quiet. Call 208-543-5112

630 Storage/Warehouse

JEROME 2,200 sq. ft.
storage or small shop with bath and heat. 12' overhead door. Call 208-961-8572

630 Wanted To Rent

TWIN FALLS
We are looking for a 1 or 2 bdrm home. Call 208-733-5688.

630 Agriculture

BURROS for sale.
Jenny and colt. \$300 a pair or \$200 each. Buck, very huge all. 208-885-3032

CIRCLE J ARROW
'94 4 horse stall load, padded dividers, bumper pad, excel. condition. \$5,500. Call 208-308-7631

630 Horse and Tack

APALOGOSA 12 year
old white mare. Great horse for exp. Rider. \$200. 208-448-4650

BARREL HORSE
finished, solid 5 winner older mare, great for serious HS/circle work. \$3,500. Also started black gelding very fast. Please call 208-252-5100

630 Livestock/Poultry

BULL (1) yearling
Longhorn. Good for 2007. Call 208-431-8641

BULLS raising and good for sale, balanced traits. Gem State Angus Ranch Call 208-731-0550

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